



Literature Festival at Sea Eastbound Transatlantic 7 nights ♦ November 28, 2026 ♦ M632

Find yourself in literary heaven, surrounded by authors, journalists, historians, and fellow book lovers, on this seven-night sailing dedicated to the power of the pen.

- ♦ **Author book signings** – Feeling inspired by one of our speakers? You can take their words home with you. Browse their books at the onboard shops and get them signed by the authors during your voyage.
- ♦ ***The Times and Sunday Times*** – Throughout the week, you'll find yourself mingling with and listening to some incredible *Times* journalists. Why not join some of them, along with authors, to delve into the day's headlines and the news stories behind them?
- ♦ **In conversation with...** – Chaired by one of our speakers, these sessions take a deep dive into an author's life and career. Learn all about their time before writing and find out what brought them to this path, their road to getting published, and what they're working on now.
- ♦ **Workshops and more** – Fanatical wordsmiths and aspiring writers will be delighted to find multiple workshops, designed to get you up close and personal with authors and help you hone your craft.



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Curated by the programming team of *The Times* and *Sunday Times*, our Literature Festival at Sea is a unique voyage that celebrates the written word in its many forms. Enjoy a daily dose of news from *Times* journalists. Lose yourself in thought-provoking conversation at Q&A sessions. Meet your favorite writers at intimate book signings. Listen as literary greats dissect everything from art and film to history and politics. You could fill every day on board with all kinds of literature-based activities and experiences.



♦ **Bettany Hughes**

Bettany is an award-winning historian, author, and broadcaster. Her books include *Venus and Aphrodite*, the Sunday Times bestselling *Istanbul*, *The Hemlock Cup*, *Helen of Troy*, and her latest, *The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World*.



♦ **Linwood Barclay**

Linwood is an international crime and thriller author with over twenty critically acclaimed novels to his name, including the number one best-seller *No Time For Goodbye*. With sales of over seven million copies globally, his books have been sold in more than 39 countries and many of his books have been optioned for film & TV.



♦ **Sophie Raworth**

Sophie has worked on BBC's national news bulletins for the past 20 years, presenting the BBC News at One, Six, and Ten. She's worked on numerous current affairs documentaries including Panorama and has presented a number of other programs including Watchdog, Watchdog Daily, Child of our Time, Tomorrow's World, and Crimewatch.



♦ **Natalie Haynes**

Natalie is a Sunday Times bestselling writer and broadcaster. She is the author of novels *The Amber Fury*, *The Children of Jocasta*, *A Thousand Ships*, *Stone Blind*, and *No Friend to This House*. In 2015, she was awarded the Classical Association Prize for her work in bringing Classics to a wider audience.



♦ **Peter Frankopan**

Professor of Global History at Oxford University, Peter also serves as Director of the Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research and a senior research fellow at Worcester College in Oxford. He is also Professor of Silk Roads Studies and a bye-fellow at King's College, Cambridge.



♦ **Philippa Perry**

Lady Perry is a British integrative psychotherapist and bestselling author. She is The Observer Magazine's Advice Columnist and is currently writing her first full length novel (about a psychotherapist who solves crime) due to be published in 2026.



♦ **Philippe Sands**

Philippe is Professor of Public Understanding of Law at UCL, visiting professor at Harvard Law School, and a practising barrister at 11 KBW. He has been involved in many significant international cases in recent years, including Pinochet, Congo, Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Iraq, Guantanamo, Chagos and the Rohingya.

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