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Subject: New Cruise Discounts for Age 55+

Dear Mr. Kester,

This week, we've arranged some great deals for our customers who are 55 and older. Eight cruise lines are offering additional discounts on sailings in many regions. As always, these rates are for new bookings only and subject to availability. Only one person in the cabin must be 55 or older in order for all to qualify for the discount.

For deals on the Fun Ships of **Carnival**, [click here](#).

For discounts on the premium ships of **Celebrity**, [click here](#).

For deals on the innovative vessels of **Royal Caribbean**, [click here](#).

To immerse yourself in the Spanish culture of **Pullmantur**, [click here](#).

For sailings with **Croisières de France**, which caters to a French-speaking clientele, [click here](#).

To experience the Italian-style cruising of **Costa**, [click here](#).

For the culturally rich voyages of **Swan Hellenic**, [click here](#).

To visit exotic, unique destinations with **Voyages of Discovery**, [click here](#).

Or, for 55-plus discounts by region, click any of the following destinations:

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We've also negotiated the following **money-saving deals with Norwegian, Celebrity, Seabourn, Pullmantur and Cruise & Maritime Voyages**. They include free shipboard credits that are as good as cash on the ship and can be used toward onboard purchases not covered in the cruise fare, like shore excursions and spa treatments.

I'm particularly excited about this first deal from **Norwegian**, because it is only being offered to customers of Vacations To Go: Save up to 81% and **get four free amenities**.

Here are the details: Book a balcony cabin or suite on select Caribbean voyages aboard the Norwegian Getaway or Norwegian Spirit and receive a shipboard credit of up to \$50, free drinks, a free specialty dining package and 250 free Internet minutes. Or, book a balcony cabin or suite on select European cruises on the Norwegian Epic, Norwegian Jade or Norwegian Spirit and get a shipboard credit of up to \$75, free drinks, free specialty dining and a \$50 shore excursion credit in each port.

On nearly every other Norwegian sailing, those in ocean-view cabins and higher can choose two perks (free drinks, specialty dining, 250 Internet minutes or the \$50-per-port shore excursion credit).

Book by February 22. [See dates and prices.](#)

Celebrity is offering our customers huge discounts -- save up to 79%. Plus, book an ocean-view cabin or higher on nearly any cruise departing from April 2016 to April 2017 and choose two of the following: 1) a shipboard credit of up to \$500 per cabin, 2) free gratuities, 3) a free Classic Beverage Package that includes alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages or 4) unlimited Internet. [See dates and prices.](#)

Seabourn has reduced rates by up to 85% for our customers, plus certain sailings qualify for shipboard credits of up to \$500 per cabin. Seabourn fares include open bars, fine wines at lunch and dinner and gratuities. [See dates and prices.](#)

Pullmantur, which caters to Spanish-speaking travelers, is offering Vacations To Go customers savings of up to 85%. Plus, take advantage of new rates as low as \$299 per person in the Caribbean, where your cruise also includes free drinks. [See dates and prices.](#)

Cruise & Maritime Voyages is offering our customers savings of up to 71% off departures in the Caribbean, British Isles and more. Get shipboard credits of up to \$3,000 per cabin on select trips. [See dates and prices.](#)

As always, these offers are for new bookings only and subject to availability. Restrictions may apply.

Crystal Cruises is stepping in to save a revered American ocean liner: the 64-year-old **SS United States**. Crystal has signed an option to buy "America's Flagship" from the SS United States Conservancy, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the historic vessel, and will study the feasibility of returning it to luxury oceangoing travel. Crystal hopes to rebuild the ship to meet current maritime rules and modern cruising demands.

Launched in 1952, the 60,000-ton SS United States is the largest vessel entirely built in the U.S. and was considered a symbol of post-war American innovation and design. It could, if needed, quickly be converted into a navy troop ship capable of traveling 10,000 nautical miles without refueling. To this day, it holds the record for the fastest trans-Atlantic crossing by a passenger liner, an achievement made on its maiden voyage.

The SS United States was retired in 1969 and has been rusting at a Philadelphia dock since 1996. The monthly upkeep was becoming burdensome for the conservancy, which began exploring options to sell the vessel for scrap. Luckily, Crystal answered the SOS to save this American icon.

Avalon Waterways has some big savings on European river cruises for Vacations To Go customers. These first two offers must be **booked by April 5**.

[Fly for free](#) from select gateways on certain 2016 and 2017 departures.

[Save \\$3,000 per couple](#) (\$1,500 per person) off applicable 2016 itineraries.

And, **book by March 15** to also receive [free airport transfers](#) in Europe on all 2016 river cruises.

Fares include onboard meals made with locally sourced ingredients, Wi-Fi access, guided sightseeing, sparkling wine at breakfast and soft drinks, beer and wine at dinner. Guests learn about the destination through activities called Local Favorites, like food and wine tastings and demonstrations by artisans.

More than 80% of the cabins aboard Avalon's Suite Ships in Europe are 200-square-foot Panorama Suites - 30% larger than the average river cruise cabin, according to the line. Because accommodations are larger, there are fewer staterooms on board, which means there are fewer passengers enjoying more space

throughout the ship.

Each Panorama Suite has a wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling window that slides open to let in the fresh air. And it's all about the view on an Avalon ship: The beds face those huge windows, so you'll wake up to beautiful vistas.

Royal Caribbean's [Oasis of the Seas](#), [Allure of the Seas](#) and upcoming [Harmony of the Seas](#) all feature unique balcony cabins that overlook two interior "neighborhoods," Central Park and the Boardwalk. Starting November 5, passengers who book these staterooms will get some extra perks.

Cabins facing the Boardwalk will come with a meal for four at Johnny Rockets, unlimited soft drinks for two throughout the voyage and a private experience on the ship's rock-climbing wall.

Passengers who book cabins facing garden-like Central Park will get a free bottle of red wine and a complimentary lunch for two at the Italian specialty restaurant.

Hurtigruten, a company known for its explorer cruises, debuts its Discovery Style Voyages in Antarctica this fall. Embracing a sense of fun, learning and adventure, these trips are less rigorous than a true expedition and introduce travelers of all ages to this spectacular, southernmost wonderland of wildlife and ice.

Itineraries take place aboard the casual and comfortable MS Midnatsol, built to cruise polar seas. It ventures through the deep fjords of Chile, then navigates Cape Horn and the Strait of Magellan before reaching Antarctica. Guests board landing craft with members of an expedition team for excursions ashore, where they can photograph leopard seals, mingle with penguins, hike on glacial ice or kayak through pristine waters.

Back on the ship, amenities include a Jacuzzi, sauna, sundeck, lounge with panoramic views, bars, library and fitness center. Review the day's highlights through films and photos in the Media Room or visit the science lab to participate in field experiments, perhaps viewing 3 million-year-old ice through a microscope. The Young Explorers Antarctica program educates curious kids about the continent's wildlife and icebergs.

[Click here](#) to view all sailings aboard the MS Midnatsol.

Hurtigruten also is famous for its voyages along the Norwegian coast -- [save up to 25% off summer trips](#) when you **book by February 28**.

Congratulations to **Holland America**, which has raised more than \$4.7 million for cancer research and support thanks to the onboard 5K charity walks that it has held on every sailing since 2006. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society and five other cancer organizations in Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, Germany and the UK.

Hundreds of thousands of passengers and HAL employees have participated in the walks, which take place on a ship's decks on sea days. Depending on the vessel, it takes nine to 12 laps to reach the 5K mark.

Celebrity chef Curtis Stone has opened his first restaurants at sea aboard two **Princess** ships, the [Ruby Princess](#) and [Emerald Princess](#). As its name suggests, SHARE by Curtis Stone will serve up dishes meant to be split by friends and family at the table. Look for tempting menu items like pasta with roasted Alaskan crab, chili and parsley and butter-poached lobster with caramelized endive. SHARE also will find its way onto the Sun Princess in April.

I have scanned all the sailings in the next 90 days, and listed below are all the deepest discounts according to type of cabin.

Inside Cabins

[Click here](#) to see all sailings offering **inside cabins** for at least 65% off.

Oceanview Cabins

[Click here](#) to see all sailings offering **oceanview cabins** for at least 65% off.

Balcony Cabins

[Click here](#) to see all sailings offering **balcony cabins** for at least 60% off.

Suites

[Click here](#) to see all sailings offering **suites** for at least 55% off.

Here are today's **Top 10 Cruises**, brand-new specials from the world's best cruise lines. **Click the FastDeal # for details.**

- 1) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Carnival, departs Miami Apr 10, starting at \$489, save 71%, [FastDeal # 29349](#)
- 2) **Mexico**, 7 nights on Norwegian, departs Los Angeles Apr 10, starting at \$579, save 70%, [FastDeal # 32371](#)
- 3) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Celebrity, departs San Juan Apr 16, starting at \$549, save 54%, [FastDeal # 30203](#)
- 4) **Mediterranean**, 7 nights on Holland America, departs Barcelona Apr 10, oceanview starting at \$619, save 84%, [FastDeal # 22563](#)
- 5) **Alaska**, 7 nights on Princess, departs Vancouver May 14, starting at \$699, save 62%, [FastDeal # 21108](#)
- 6) **Australia/New Zealand**, 9 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs Brisbane Feb 26, starting at \$727, save 61%, [FastDeal # 16668](#)
- 7) **Transatlantic**, 14 nights on Oceania Cruises, departs Miami Apr 11, starting at \$2,299, save 76%, [FastDeal # 10908](#)
- 8) **Tahiti/French Polynesia**, 7 nights on Paul Gauguin Cruises, departs Papeete Mar 12, oceanview starting at \$2,845, save 73%, [FastDeal # 20060](#)
- 9) **Greek Islands**, 12 nights on Crystal, departs Athens May 1, oceanview starting at \$2,345, save 78%, [FastDeal # 22265](#)
- 10) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Regent, departs Miami Mar 10, suite starting at \$4,674, save 62%, [FastDeal # 15933](#)

For the best last-minute cruise specials in the next 90 days, please visit our world-famous **90-Day Ticker**. To search for discounts of up to 82% on cruises departing more than 90 days from now, [click here](#).

To save up to 40% with escorted and independent tours, [click here](#).

For river cruises up to 50% off, [click here](#).

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