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Subject: Latest Cruise Discounts from Vacations To Go plus Alan Fox Reports on Regent's New Seven Seas Explorer

Dear Mr. Kester,

Last month, on a warm and cloudless night in the harbor of Monte Carlo, **Regent Seven Seas Cruises'** new ship, **Seven Seas Explorer**, was christened by her godmother, Princess Charlene of Monaco. The ceremony was followed by a performance by renowned Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli, the most successful classical solo artist of all time.

The next day, the ship set sail on a pre-inaugural cruise that visited glamorous ports in Italy, Spain and France. Alan Fox was on board and his report is below.

I've just returned from Monte Carlo and the christening and pre-inaugural sailing of **Regent Seven Seas Cruises'** first new ship in 13 years, **Seven Seas Explorer**. I could not turn down an invitation to see what Regent is calling "the most luxurious ship ever built."

A claim like that sets expectations pretty darn high, but I'm here to report that the stunning Seven Seas Explorer does not disappoint. From the moment you step on board, you will find opulence and extravagance at every turn.

With a price tag of more than \$450 million, the highest price ever for a luxury ship, Seven Seas Explorer boasts nearly 2,500 pieces of artwork, including two original Picassos, and one of the highest space-per-passenger ratios in industry history.

The ship features 473 crystal chandeliers, including several large and exquisitely designed masterpieces in restaurants and public areas that are as much artwork as lighting.

Holding a mere 750 passengers, the all-suite, all-balcony accommodations are elegantly decorated and exceedingly comfortable and include the largest balconies at sea.

The best of the best?

The \$10,000-a-night Regent Suite, largest suite on the ship at 4,443 square feet. There you will find two spacious bedrooms and balconies, an in-suite spa including sauna and steam room, two and a half marble-and-stone bathrooms, an outdoor Jacuzzi, a Steinway Arabesque piano by high-end furniture designer Dakota Jackson and a \$150,000 Savoir No. 1 bed with eiderdown duvet.

It must take a lot of willpower just to leave the room in the morning.

If the Regent Suite is out of the question but you're still determined to sail on the most luxurious ship ever built, a quick scan of all scheduled sailings reveals starting rates of \$421 to \$837 per person, per night, depending on the destination and which suite categories are still available.

To put those prices in perspective, keep in mind that Regent is one of only four six-star cruise lines and the most all-inclusive of them all. Here's some of what the upfront price on a Regent cruise covers:

- Unlimited shore excursions
- Unlimited beverages including fine wines and premium spirits
- Prepaid gratuities
- Meals at specialty restaurants

- Unlimited WiFi
- Fitness programs, sauna and steam rooms in the spa
- Onboard activities including expert guest lectures, theater performances and daytime entertainment
- Butler service in Penthouse Suites and higher, included iPad in suite and iPod docking station
- In-suite mini-bar replenished daily
- 24-hour room service, with dinners served course-by-course during restaurant hours

People booking a similar-size suite on a lower-rated ship may find that their total bill is equal to, or higher than, the Regent rate when the cost of all these "extras" has been added.

For most cruise lovers, food is all-important and Seven Seas Explorer's dining options are varied and tantalizing.

Compass Rose is Regent's signature dining room, featuring the finest in contemporary cuisine, Versace place settings and a breathtaking blue chandelier. Local specialties that change with the cruise destination are served alongside health-conscious options and vegetarian dishes.

Sette Mari at La Veranda offers a casual, indoor-and-outdoor dining experience with an extensive menu of Italian delicacies.

In addition, the vessel has three gourmet specialty restaurants.

Pacific Rim offers a wide array of raw and cooked delicacies celebrating the culinary traditions of Asia.

Chartreuse is a classic French restaurant with a modern twist.

Prime 7 is an elegant steakhouse with meat and seafood specialties.

If no expense has been spared in the creation of Seven Seas Explorer, none is spared in her operation, with one officer or crew member for every 1.36 passengers. That amazing ratio enables the kind of pampering and individualized attention one might hope for on a six-star vessel. I found friendly and efficient officers and crew at every turn.

Jason Montague, the president and COO of Regent Seven Seas Cruises, calls Seven Seas Explorer the "next evolution of the Regent experience," and it is indeed that. The line's other ships are evolving too, and by early 2017, the company will have spent \$125 million to update every suite and many common areas on the Navigator, Voyager and Mariner.

In 2020, a sister ship to Seven Seas Explorer will be launched; details on that vessel are still to come.

I've always believed that a cruise ship delivers a better overall vacation value than any land-based option, in every price or quality category. To win that competition in the luxury segment, a ship must offer accommodations and service that match or exceed that of the best hotels and resorts, and dining options equal to the best gourmet restaurants on land. Seven Seas Explorer does just that, while delivering quality entertainment and educational experiences, the excitement of being at sea and the ease and wonder of having a new city or island or country pull up to your door every morning.

Is Seven Seas Explorer the most luxurious ship in the world? She has my vote.

Alan Fox
Chairman & CEO

Seven Seas Explorer will sail in the Mediterranean until repositioning to the Caribbean for the winter. The vessel will return to Europe in 2017 to sail in both the Mediterranean and in Northern Europe, between April and November.

Right now, Vacations To Go has discounts up to 72% on Seven Seas Explorer. [See dates and prices.](#)

In addition, Regent is offering our customers discounts of up to 84% across its six-star fleet. Also receive exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$1,200 per cabin. **Book by August 22.** [See dates and prices.](#)

To see photos or a slideshow of Seven Seas Explorer, [click here.](#)

Here are a few more **money-saving offers that we've negotiated with Royal Caribbean, Holland America, Paul Gauguin Cruises and Cruise & Maritime Voyages.** They include shipboard credits, which are as good as cash on board and can be used to pay for almost anything not included in the upfront cost of the cruise, like bar drinks and shore excursions.

Royal Caribbean has reduced fares by up to 85% for our customers. Also enjoy exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$200 per cabin. Kids sail free on a variety of cruises to the Caribbean, Bahamas, Bermuda and more when you **book by August 18.** [See dates and prices.](#)

Holland America is offering Vacations To Go customers big discounts on a variety of last-minute departures, with savings of up to 87%. As a bonus, get shipboard credits of up to \$100 per cabin. [See dates and prices.](#)

Paul Gauguin Cruises is offering our customers newly reduced rates on its sailings in French Polynesia -- save up to 73%. **Book by August 20.** [See dates and prices.](#)

Cruise & Maritime Voyages is offering Vacations To Go customers discounts of up to 80%. Also receive exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$3,000 per cabin on select sailings. **Book by September 16.** [See dates and prices.](#)

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

Here are all the best cruise deals worldwide in the next 90 days, organized by region:

- [Africa](#)
- [Alaska](#)
- [Alaska Cruise & Alaska Tour](#)
- [Alaska Cruise & Canada Tour](#)
- [Antarctica](#)
- [Arctic](#)
- [Asia](#)
- [Asia Cruise Tours](#)
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- [Bahamas](#)
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Norway
Pacific Northwest
Panama Canal
Repositioning
River Cruises
South America
Tahiti/French Polynesia
Transatlantic
World

Here are all the best cruise deals worldwide in the next 90 days, organized by cruise line:

Azamara Club Cruises
Blount Small Ship Adventures
Carnival
Celebrity
Costa Cruises
Croisières de France (CDF)
Cruise & Maritime Voyages
Crystal
Cunard
Disney
Fathom
Hebridean Island Cruises
Holland America
Hurtigruten
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Oceania Cruises
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Quark Expeditions
Regent
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SeaDream Yacht Club
Silversea
Star Clippers
Swan Hellenic
Viking Cruises
Voyages of Discovery
Voyages to Antiquity
Windstar

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

- 1) **Mediterranean**, 7 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs Venice Nov 12, starting at \$399, save 85%, [FastDeal # 20642](#)
- 2) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Carnival, departs San Juan Oct 16, starting at \$479, save 63%, [FastDeal # 23123](#)
- 3) **Alaska**, 7 nights on Holland America, departs Anchorage Sep 18, starting at \$499, save 80%, [FastDeal # 29921](#)

- 4) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Norwegian, departs Miami Sep 10, starting at \$499, save 71%, [FastDeal # 13100](#)
- 5) **Mexico**, 7 nights on Princess, departs Los Angeles Nov 5, starting at \$549, save 67%, [FastDeal # 13253](#)
- 6) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs Galveston Sep 11, starting at \$499, save 72%, [FastDeal # 24408](#)
- 7) **Canada/New England**, 10 nights on Holland America, departs New York Sep 7, starting at \$599, save 83%, [FastDeal # 11489](#)
- 8) **Greek Islands**, 10 nights on Celebrity, departs Rome Sep 30, starting at \$799, save 71%, [FastDeal # 10168](#)
- 9) **Tahiti/French Polynesia**, 7 nights on Windstar, departs Papeete Sep 2, oceanview starting at \$2,199, save 70%, [FastDeal # 19146](#)
- 10) **South America**, 12 nights on Oceania Cruises, departs Buenos Aires Nov 7, starting at \$2,719, save 78%, [FastDeal # 10973](#)

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](#).

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