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Subject: Terrific New Cruise Deals plus Save Now on U.S. River Cruises

Dear Mr. Kester,

As a child, my vacation wish list was simple -- a beach -- and I trusted my parents to take care of the details. We went once a year, every year, and life was never better than when I was sunburned and waterlogged.

There was one notable exception to the tradition, the year I turned 14. We piled into the station wagon for a two-week odyssey to visit what seemed like every historic region, town and monument on the entire East Coast. It was a 2,500-mile-long history and geography lesson.

But as inhumane as it seemed at the time, that monstrous road trip did have an impact on me. Somewhere out there I caught travel fever, and I've never been able to shake it.

Fortunately, thanks to the cruise industry, parents no longer have to choose between "fun" and "education" when planning a family vacation. Cruises offer both in abundance, to travelers of all ages. Families have benefited from the industry's focus on kids and the proliferation of itineraries to fascinating places throughout the world.

Kids will find the fun they crave at the ship's pool, aqua park, sports courts, gaming rooms, youth centers and teen clubs. ([Click here](#) to see more on cruise line kids' programs.) Adults can attend onboard lectures and classes on sea days and immerse themselves in local culture, customs and cuisine while in port. And wherever you roam via ship, you will do it in style and comfort.

Come to think of it, my vacation wish list is still simple. As a kid, all I needed was a beach. Now all I need is a ship.

Alan Fox
Chairman & CEO

We've negotiated the following **terrific cruise offers with Celebrity, Cunard, Regent and Windstar**. These specials include free shipboard credits, which can be used toward onboard purchases not covered in the cruise fare, like shore excursions, spa treatments, photos and boutique purchases.

Celebrity is offering our customers savings of up to 73%. Plus, book ocean-view cabins or higher categories on select sailings and receive one of the following three amenities: 1) free drinks, including alcoholic beverages, 2) free gratuities or 3) a shipboard credit of up to \$550 per cabin. You'll get all three amenities if you book a balcony cabin or higher in Alaska or Europe. In addition, for a limited time, **Celebrity has slashed rates on select European voyages exclusively for Vacations To Go customers** who'd like to explore this fascinating region. **Book by March 1.** [Click here](#) for dates and prices.

Cunard is offering our customers exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$1,340 per cabin on applicable sailings, plus pay a reduced deposit. Book a suite and receive the \$1,340 in shipboard credits per cabin, free gratuities, up to nine bottles of wine, a dinner for two in a specialty restaurant, up to 960 minutes of Internet access, two photos and a coffee card good for 20 complimentary specialty coffees. Past guests may see discounted rates on select sailings. **Book by February 28.** [Click here](#) for dates and prices.

Regent is offering Vacations To Go customers savings of up to 67% and exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$900 per cabin on applicable departures. Receive free unlimited shore excursions, free prepaid gratuities, free unlimited beverages including fine wines and premium spirits and, on select sailings, free unlimited Internet (valued at \$30 a day). Customers paying with American Express Platinum or Centurion cards can

receive an additional \$300 to \$500 shipboard credit per cabin. **Book by March 2.** [Click here](#) for dates and prices.

Windstar is offering our customers exclusive rates -- save up to 80% on select sailings. [Click here](#) for dates and prices.

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

The **American Queen Steamboat Company** offers voyages in beautiful, modern-day paddle wheelers along the Mississippi, Ohio and Tennessee rivers in the heartland and on the Columbia and Snake rivers in the Pacific Northwest.

The company is offering Vacations To Go customers fantastic savings on select U.S. river cruises: [Companion cruises for free](#) when you **book and pay in full by March 15**.

Every cruise includes complimentary wine and beer at dinner. Bottled water, soft drinks and specialty coffees are available throughout the cruise.

The 432-guest **American Queen** cruises the Mississippi River and its tributaries. It's filled with contemporary comforts, yet the staterooms and public areas reflect 19th-century elegance, with antiques, Tiffany glass and polished mahogany. You'll visit the vibrant cities that were born along the waterway, like Memphis and St. Louis. Other ports of call can include Natchez, famous for its antebellum homes and beautiful gardens, and Hannibal, which you'll tour through the eyes of hometown author Mark Twain.

The 237-passenger **American Empress** navigates the Columbia and Snake rivers, treating guests to nature's splendor at its very best: deep canyons, soaring mountains, plunging waterfalls and lush, green fields. At historic sites, you'll learn about Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery through their interactions with the Nez Perce people and Native American interpreter Sacajawea. In The Dalles, visit a winery housed in an old wheat mill, and when the ship calls in Stevenson, take a ride to the Bonneville Dam.

[Click here](#) to see all offers from American Queen Steamboat Company, including free cabin upgrades, waived single supplements and free pre-cruise hotel nights.

By far, the most popular page at [VacationsToGo.com](#) is our world-famous **90-Day Ticker**. Here, you'll find all the very best last-minute bargains, right up until the day of departure -- we list every deep discount until it sells out or the ship sails. Right now, you can find terrific deals **discounted by up to 88% or more**.

We've been publishing this list since 1984, when Vacations To Go opened its doors and first convinced cruise lines that they should take whatever they could get for an unsold cabin rather than let it sail empty. We are the very best in the world at locating last-minute cruise deals and frequently sell them out before other companies even hear about them.

We also offer our **Find A Bargain** search tool, which allows you to search for deals as far in advance of the departure date as you wish and lets you create a list of options that meet your criteria. You can see all the bargains from a nearby port that you wish to depart from, or every great deal in the region you wish to visit. You can search by preferred departure month, cruise line, cruise ship, length of cruise, port you wish to visit or any combination of these, and you'll be presented with a customized list of possibilities.

For even more options, use our **Custom Search** and you'll be able to select the type of cabin you're looking for, the price range you prefer, the ship rating and the passenger capacity. This tool is my personal favorite - it's where I start when I'm looking for deals for my own family.

Cruises have been the hottest and fastest-growing segment of the travel industry for at least the last two decades, largely due to the value and convenience they offer to travelers. So, it should come as no surprise

that the fastest-growing segment of the resort industry, for many of the same reasons, is the **all-inclusive resort**.

All-inclusive resorts represent a great value, simplify the dining aspect of the vacation and make budgeting a breeze. For one upfront price, you get accommodations, meals, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and many activities. And, like many of the larger cruise ships afloat today, most of the larger all-inclusive resort properties feature multiple restaurants, state-of-the-art spas and fitness centers, children's programs and day-to-night activities and entertainment.

All-inclusive resorts are centered in the Caribbean, the Bahamas and Mexico, and Vacations To Go represents all of the major all-inclusive resort chains, like [Palladium](#), [Iberostar](#), [Palace](#), [Barcelo](#), [AMResorts](#), [Excellence](#), [Karisma](#), [Oasis](#), [Occidental](#), [Riu](#), [Melia](#), [Hard Rock](#), [Sandals](#) and [Beaches](#).

To learn more about all-inclusive resorts, to see pictures of the properties we represent and to shop for a great rate on your next land-based resort vacation, please visit our dedicated all-inclusive resort site, www.All-InclusiveResort.com.

Here are the best cruise deals in the next 90 days, organized by port of departure.

Click below for best cruise deals departing US and Canada ports:

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[Honolulu, Oahu, HI](#)
[Houston \(Bayport\), TX](#)
[Jacksonville, FL](#)
[Los Angeles \(Long Beach\), CA](#)
[Los Angeles \(San Pedro\), CA](#)
[Miami, FL](#)
[Montreal, QC, Canada](#)
[New Orleans, LA](#)
[New York City, NY \(All ports serving...\)](#)
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[Portland, ME](#)
[Providence, RI](#)
[San Diego, CA](#)
[San Francisco, CA](#)
[San Juan, Puerto Rico](#)
[Seattle, WA](#)
[St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands](#)
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Click below for best cruise deals departing major ports worldwide:

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[Bergen, Norway](#)
[Berlin \(Warnemunde\), Germany](#)

Bombay (Mumbai), India
Brisbane, Australia
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Cape Town, South Africa
Caracas (La Guaira), Venezuela
Cartagena, Colombia
Colon, Panama
Copenhagen, Denmark
Curacao
Darwin, Australia
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Durban, South Africa
Fort-de-France, Martinique
Genoa, Italy
Hamburg, Germany
Hong Kong
Istanbul, Turkey
Itajai, Brazil
Kiel, Germany
Kirkenes, Norway
Kobe, Japan
La Romana (Casa de Campo), Dominican Republic
Lima (Callao), Peru
Lisbon, Portugal
Liverpool, England
London, England (All ports serving...)
Malaga, Spain
Marseille, France
Monte Carlo, Monaco
Naples (Capri), Italy
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England
Nice (Villefranche), France
Papeete, Tahiti, Society Islands
Paris (Calais), France
Perth (Fremantle), Australia
Portsmouth, England
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy
Rotterdam, Holland
Salerno, Italy
Santiago (Valparaiso), Chile
Sao Paulo (Santos), Brazil
Savona, Italy
Shanghai, China
Singapore
St. Maarten
St. Martin
Stockholm, Sweden
Sydney, Australia
Tokyo (Yokohama), Japan
Trieste, Italy
Tromso, Norway
Venice, Italy

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 18, starting at \$469, save 73%, **FastDeal # 16106**

- 2) **Alaska**, 10 nights on Norwegian, departs Vancouver May 7, starting at \$449, save 74%, [FastDeal # 23683](#)
- 3) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs San Juan Mar 28, starting at \$599, save 44%, [FastDeal # 37915](#)
- 4) **Panama Canal**, 14 nights on Celebrity, departs Santiago Mar 15, starting at \$1,199, save 64%, [FastDeal # 19528](#)
- 5) **Mediterranean**, 7 nights on Azamara Club Cruises, departs Barcelona May 14, starting at \$2,949, save 39%, [FastDeal # 16680](#)
- 6) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on MSC Cruises, departs Miami Apr 4, starting at \$379, save 66%, [FastDeal # 11749](#)
- 7) **Mexico**, 7 nights on Carnival, departs Los Angeles Apr 18, starting at \$499, save 72%, [FastDeal # 36445](#)
- 8) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Windstar, departs St. Maarten Mar 14, oceanview starting at \$1,299, save 74%, [FastDeal # 16995](#) (Windstar will not allow this rate to be shown on the Internet -- please call us at the number below for information or reservations.)
- 9) **Tahiti/French Polynesia**, 10 nights on Oceania Cruises, departs Papeete Mar 25, starting at \$3,049, save 71%, [FastDeal # 19974](#)
- 10) **Asia**, 7 nights on Crystal, departs Singapore Mar 9, oceanview starting at \$2,850, save 50%, [FastDeal # 14315](#)

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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Once you've found a FASTDEAL, call us toll free at 800-338-4962 (US and Canada) and a cruise counselor will attend to your needs. International customers, please email or call us at +1-713-974-2121.

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