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Subject: Terrific New Cruise Deals -- plus -- When to Book Your Cruise

Dear Mr. Kester,

We've negotiated the following **money-saving deals with Norwegian, Princess, Holland America, Oceania, Crystal and Windstar**. They include free shipboard credits -- most exclusive to Vacations To Go - that are as good as cash on the ship and can be used toward onboard purchases not covered in the cruise fare, like boutique purchases and spa treatments.

Norwegian is offering our customers savings of up to 79% and exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$100 per cabin on select sailings from April through June on its three newest, most innovative ships -- the Norwegian Breakaway, Norwegian Getaway and Norwegian Escape. In addition, book nearly any Norwegian cruise and choose one of the following offers: 1) free drinks, 2) a free Specialty Dining Package for two, 3) 250 minutes of Internet access or 4) a shore excursion credit of \$50 per cabin, per port (for a maximum of four ports, starting and ending ports not included). On Hawaii sailings, pick one of the following: 1) the free Specialty Dining Package, 2) free prepaid gratuities or 3) the shore excursion credit. **Book by January 17.** [See dates and prices.](#)

Princess is offering Vacations To Go customers huge discounts -- save up to 74%. Also enjoy shipboard credits of up to \$685 per cabin on a variety of upcoming cruises in Alaska, the Panama Canal and more. Past guests may see better rates on select sailings. [See dates and prices.](#)

Holland America has reduced rates by up to 83% for our customers. In addition, receive exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$250 per cabin on nearly all departures. Past guests may see better rates on select sailings. **Book by January 26.** [See dates and prices.](#)

Oceania is offering Vacations To Go customers markdowns of up to 81% and exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$1,925 per cabin on many departures. Plus, on select voyages receive free unlimited Internet and your choice of either free drinks or up to five free shore excursions. [See dates and prices.](#)

Crystal is offering Vacations To Go customers discounts of up to 87% and exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$1,100 per cabin on most sailings. Gratuities, fine wines, Champagne, premium spirits and nonalcoholic beverages are included in the upfront rate of these luxury cruises. **Book by January 31.** [See dates and prices.](#)

Windstar is offering our customers exclusive discounts of up to 76% on an array of sailings. This line's three masted sailing ships and three power yachts offer casually elegant atmospheres. All voyages feature a complimentary onshore private event, such as a private feast on the beach in Tahiti or a Champagne reception at Monaco's Grand Casino. **Book by January 21.** [See dates and prices.](#)

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

I regularly receive emails from customers asking when they should book to ensure they get the very best price for their cruise. The truth is, the best time to book can vary depending on your destination, the number of people in your party and a few other factors.

Generally, though, I recommend waiting until about 60 to 90 days before departure to book. Most ships will be marked down around this time, and these prices usually prove to be the lowest ever offered for that departure -- lower than early bird discounts, and lower than prices available within the last couple of weeks.

Most cruises departing between now and the end of March have been marked down to the lowest rate that will be available, so if you are planning to cruise during this period, it's time to shop and give us a call. For a

list of the very best deals still available during this time frame, [click here](#).

If you're planning to cruise after the first quarter of the year, you may want to wait to see if deeper discounts develop before booking. There are, of course, a few notable exceptions. Here they are:

First, families hoping to travel during the peak June-August period and needing one stateroom that accommodates more than four people (often called a "family suite") or two staterooms with a private connecting door should book now. Such staterooms are few in number and will be filled far in advance of departure because of the soaring demand for cruises among families. You can use our **Find A Cruise Ship** tool to identify which ships offer such staterooms by [clicking here](#). (Keep in mind that two staterooms may cost less than a family suite.)

Staterooms that accommodate three or four passengers are more plentiful but still limited in number, and summer sailings for families needing these staterooms should be booked no later than the end of March. Virtually all cruise ships built in the past 20 years have at least a few cabins that will accommodate three or four travelers.

Next, families and other groups needing eight or more cabins should book now for all departures between now and the end of August, as arranging cabins close to one another can become more problematic as departure approaches. You can book any time in the next couple of months if you are sailing in the traditionally slow fall season. [Click here](#) for more information about group cruises.

Finally, those who must cruise on a specific ship on a specific departure date may want to book now. Being flexible on ship and date and watching our site regularly for price cuts (especially our world-famous [90-Day Ticker](#)) will net the lowest price, but any particular sailing could sell out early, without resorting to deep discounting. Don't wait too long holding out for an additional discount if only one sailing will suit you.

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

- [Africa](#)
- [Alaska](#)
- [Antarctica](#)
- [Arctic](#)
- [Asia](#)
- [Asia Cruise Tours](#)
- [Australia/New Zealand](#)
- [Australia/New Zealand Cruise Tours](#)
- [Bahamas](#)
- [Baltic](#)
- [Bermuda](#)
- [British Isles](#)
- [Canary Islands](#)
- [Caribbean](#)
- [Europe Cruise Tours](#)
- [Galapagos](#)
- [Greek Islands](#)
- [Hawaii](#)
- [Mediterranean](#)
- [Mexico/Central America](#)
- [Middle East](#)
- [Northern Europe](#)
- [Norway](#)
- [Pacific Northwest](#)
- [Panama Canal](#)
- [Repositioning](#)
- [River Cruises](#)
- [South America](#)
- [South America Cruise Tours](#)

Tahiti/French Polynesia
Transatlantic
World

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

American Cruise Lines
Azamara Club Cruises
Blount Small Ship Adventures
Carnival
Celebrity
Costa Cruises
Croisières de France (CDF)
Cruise & Maritime Voyages
Crystal
Cunard
Disney
Hebridean Island Cruises
Holland America
Hurtigruten
Lindblad Expeditions
MSC Cruises
Norwegian
Oceania Cruises
P&O Cruises
Paul Gauguin Cruises
Ponant Yacht Cruises
Princess
Pullmantur
Quark Expeditions
Regent
Royal Caribbean
Seabourn
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) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Carnival, departs Miami Apr 17, starting at \$519, save 69%, [FastDeal # 29311](#)
- 2) **Mexico**, 7 nights on Norwegian, departs Los Angeles Jan 31, oceanview starting at \$419, save 80%, [FastDeal # 22608](#)
- 3) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Princess, departs Fort Lauderdale Feb 27, starting at \$599, save 29%, [FastDeal # 18791](#)
- 4) **Australia/New Zealand**, 7 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs Sydney Feb 27, starting at \$622, [FastDeal # 19425](#) (Royal Caribbean does not provide brochure rates for this cruise, so we are unable to show a savings percentage.)
- 5) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Celebrity, departs San Juan Jan 30, starting at \$639, save 50%, [FastDeal #](#)

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6) **South America**, 7 nights on Pullmantur, departs Sao Paulo Jan 24, starting at \$573, [FastDeal # 15922](#) (Pullmantur does not provide brochure rates for this cruise, so we are unable to show a savings percentage.)

7) **Transatlantic**, 13 nights on Norwegian, departs Miami Apr 19, starting at \$949, save 70%, [FastDeal # 14322](#)

8) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs Tampa Mar 19, starting at \$609, save 84%, [FastDeal # 31938](#)

9) **Panama Canal**, 14 nights on Celebrity, departs Santiago Mar 13, starting at \$1,049, save 69%, [FastDeal # 14459](#)

10) **Mediterranean**, 12 nights on Holland America, departs Rome Apr 15, starting at \$1,099, save 78%, [FastDeal # 10664](#)

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](#).

For discounts of up to 50% at hotels and all-inclusive resorts, [click here](#).

For the lowest rates on Africa safaris from budget to luxury in quality, [click here](#).

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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