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Subject: Money-Saving Offers from Holland America, Carnival, Oceania, Costa & Disney

Dear Mr. Kester,

Some cruise lines offer additional discounts for Vacations To Go customers who live in certain states or provinces (**regional discounts**), customers who are **55 or older**, **airline employees**, **police**, **firefighters**, **EMTs**, **teachers**, active and retired **military personnel** and cruise **past passengers**.

Vacations To Go offers a feature, unique in the cruise industry, that allows us to show you every special discount for which you are eligible, whenever you browse our site. These special rates don't apply to every sailing, but when they are in effect, they are the lowest available.

If you have not recently updated your Vacations To Go Account to make sure you see the biggest discounts for which you are eligible, please [click here](#) to do so now. It will take only a moment.

This week, we've arranged the following **money-saving offers from Holland America, Carnival, Oceania, Costa and Disney**. They include shipboard credits, which can be used toward onboard purchases not covered in the cruise fare, such as shore excursions and spa treatments.

Holland America is offering our customers huge discounts of up to 78% off a variety of departures this year plus shipboard credits of up to \$100 per cabin. Past guests may see better rates on select sailings. [Click here](#) for dates and prices.

Carnival is offering Vacations To Go customers fantastic markdowns -- save up to 84% on departures through the end of the year. Past guests may see better rates on select sailings. [Click here](#) for dates and prices.

Oceania is offering our customers savings of up to 77% and shipboard credits of up to \$600 per cabin. Book a balcony cabin or higher on select voyages in May 2016 and beyond and receive free Internet, free prepaid gratuities and up to five free shore excursions. [Click here](#) for dates and prices.

Costa is offering our customers discounts of up to 83% on a wide variety of sailings through the end of 2015. [Click here](#) for dates and prices.

Vacations To Go is offering customers shipboard credits of up to \$100 per stateroom on select **Disney Cruise Line** voyages. Start planning your fall vacation now and celebrate the seasons at sea with two limited-time holiday celebrations: **Halloween on the High Seas** in late September and October, and **Very Merrytime Cruises** in November and December. These sailings include special holiday-themed parties, activities, enchanted stage shows and more -- all included in the cruise fare. These sailings are included in this offer. [Click here](#) for a full list of dates and prices.

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

The modern-day paddle wheelers of the **American Queen Steamboat Company** sail the Mississippi, Ohio and Tennessee rivers in the heartland and the Columbia and Snake rivers in the Pacific Northwest. Every cruise includes complimentary wine and beer at dinner and bottled water, soft drinks and specialty coffees throughout the voyage.

Vacations To Go customers can take advantage of a fantastic 2-for-1 deal: [Companion cruises for free](#) on

select sailings this year. **Book and pay in full by July 31.**

Or, **save \$800 to \$1,000 per couple** (\$400 to \$500 per person) off 2016 departures when you book and pay in full.

The 432-passenger **American Queen** is the largest riverboat sailing overnight on the Mississippi River and its tributaries. All of this ship's sailings follow a theme. Celebrate the joys of summer (complete with apple pie, lemonade and kite-flying off the top deck) on last-minute **Good Old Summertime** departures. **Big Band Swing** cruises departing this September feature singer Lynn Roberts, who has worked with the Dorsey Brothers, Harry James and Doc Severinsen.

On the Columbia & Snake rivers, the 237-guest **American Empress** glides through a magnificent panorama of waterfalls, mountains and canyons. Learn about explorers Lewis and Clark at various historic sites, visit a winery and explore the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center.

[Click here](#) to see all American Queen Steamboat Company itineraries as well as additional savings.

A big announcement from **Crystal** this week: Under its new owners, Genting Hong Kong, the six-star line will expand into yacht cruising, river cruising and jet travel, and it will add new ocean liners to its fleet.

The three-year timeline starts with the debut of the Crystal Esprit in December 2015. The 62-guest, 3,300-ton yacht will boast a two-passenger submarine, jet skis, kayaks and other water toys on board. It will sail weeklong, warm-water itineraries in the Seychelles, Dubai and the Adriatic Coast.

In 2017, Crystal will inaugurate around-the-world jet tours on its own Boeing 787 Dreamliner. The plane, which would typically seat 300, will be configured to accommodate just 60 guests in fully reclining, business-class seats. Itineraries of about 28 days will whisk travelers to 10 or 12 remote and alluring destinations, and accommodations will be provided in top hotels and resorts. Crystal also will launch a river cruise program, with six-star service and world-class dining, in 2017.

Finally, the line will introduce the Crystal Exclusive Class -- three 1,000-passenger "expedition-capable" ships that will be built to sail in polar waters. The first will be delivered in late 2018. Cabins will start at a minimum 400 square feet, and crew size will be upped to 1,000 members to provide a 1-to-1 crew-to-guest ratio. And for anyone who dreams of calling a luxury ship home, each vessel will have 48 residences of 600 to 4,000-plus square feet on the top deck, complete with private restaurant and other facilities.

Attention Singles! Our hosted singles cruises are an excellent way to travel in style as part of a casual and fun-loving group. We have some great trips planned in a variety of destinations.

Bermuda, famous for its pink-sand beaches, is the destination for our August 28 sailing from Boston. The Norwegian Dawn docks at Bermuda's King's Wharf from about 11 a.m. on Sunday until 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. [Click here](#) for info

On September 12, depart from Venice on the Norwegian Jade and sail the **Mediterranean**. [Click here](#) for more info.

Or join one of our popular **Halloween sailings**: Sail from Fort Lauderdale on Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas to St. Maarten, St. Kitts and San Juan ([click here](#) for info), or board the Ruby Princess in Los Angeles and cruise to Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan and Cabo San Lucas ([click here](#) for more info). Both sailings depart October 25.

To see our full lineup of upcoming hosted singles cruises, [click here](#).

Note: Single travelers who can't take advantage of one of our hosted singles cruises should still check out our exclusive list of low (and no) single-supplement cruise departures by [clicking here](#).

Silversea announced that it will offer at least one hour of **free Wi-Fi** per day to all passengers in all staterooms and public spaces starting in January 2016. Guests in select higher-end suites will receive unlimited free Wi-Fi.

Norwegian will introduce à la carte dining at four specialty restaurants on its new **Norwegian Escape**. No longer will an upfront cover charge include all courses of the meal. Instead, each item on the menu will be individually priced at La Cucina, Le Bistro, Cagney's Steakhouse and Bayamo. For example, appetizers in the steakhouse will run from \$4.99 to \$7.95, and main courses from \$17.99 to \$29.99.

Moderno Churrascaria and Teppanyaki will retain their cover charges (\$19.95 and \$29.95). Guests also will have 11 complimentary dining venues on the ship, which debuts in October.

The line will start offering à la carte pricing at the Ocean Blue restaurant on the **Norwegian Breakaway** and **Norwegian Getaway** starting October 3. The new pricing will be rolled out to specialty restaurants fleetwide on January 1, 2016.

Celebrity has appointed 37-year-old Kate McCue as the captain of the 91,000-ton, 1,950-passenger **Celebrity Summit**. She is the first American woman to helm a mega-ton cruise ship. Capt. McCue will take command of the Summit in August.

Here's a list of specialty cruises, discounts and resources we offer. Some are available only to certain types of travelers, and others are available to all Vacations To Go customers. Click the links below for more information:

[Age 55+ Rates](#)
[EMT Discounts](#)
[Firefighter Discounts](#)
[Grand Voyages](#)
[Hosted Singles Cruises](#)
[Interline Rates](#)
[Military Rates \(U.S. and Canadian\)](#)
[Past Passenger Rates](#)
[Police Discounts](#)
[Teachers' Rates](#)
[Travelers with Special Needs](#)

Discount programs like these can be issued or withdrawn at any time by the cruise line, and are not normally combinable with one another. Always tell your Vacations To Go cruise counselor if you qualify for a military or interline discount, are a past passenger of the line you are calling about, or if anyone in the cabin will be 55+, so that he or she can make sure to check for any additional discounts to which you may be entitled.

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 Oct 17, starting at \$389, save 78%, **FastDeal # 26886**
- 2) **Alaska**, 7 nights on Princess, departs Anchorage Aug 3, oceanview starting at \$599, save 61%, **FastDeal # 27441**
- 3) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Celebrity, departs Fort Lauderdale Oct 29, starting at \$609, save 50%, **FastDeal**

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- 4) **Canada/New England**, 9 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs Bayonne Sep 10, starting at \$637, save 57%, [FastDeal # 21245](#)
- 5) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Norwegian, departs Miami Sep 5, starting at \$549, save 63%, [FastDeal # 23445](#)
- 6) **Alaska**, 12 nights on Celebrity, departs Vancouver Aug 23, starting at \$949, save 60%, [FastDeal # 16317](#)
- 7) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs San Juan Sep 26, starting at \$439, save 64%, [FastDeal # 30957](#)
- 8) **Hawaii**, 7 nights on Norwegian, departs Honolulu Aug 1, oceanview starting at \$899, save 80%, [FastDeal # 17146](#)
- 9) **Mediterranean**, 10 nights on Oceania Cruises, departs Monte Carlo Oct 14, starting at \$2,599, save 74%, [FastDeal # 26717](#)
- 10) **Tahiti/French Polynesia**, 7 nights on Windstar, departs Papeete Oct 23, oceanview starting at \$3,054, save 58%, [FastDeal # 29741](#)

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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