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Subject: Huge Carnival One-Day Sale -- Book on December 12!

Dear Mr. Kester,

I'm starting today's newsletter with a **fantastic one-day sale from Carnival** for our customers: Pay deeply discounted rates on select last-minute voyages, for savings of up to 80%. Also pay 50% reduced deposits on a variety of departures. Past guests may see better rates on select sailings. **This offer is only available to book today, December 12.** [See dates and prices.](#)

This week, I'm happy to present **four fantastic offers from Princess, Regent, Windstar and Costa**. They include shipboard credits, which are as good as cash on board and can be used toward purchases not covered in the cruise fare, like shore excursions, boutique purchases and gratuities for the crew.

Princess is offering our customers huge discounts -- save up to 79%. Plus, pay a reduced deposit of \$100 per person and get shipboard credits of up to \$600 per cabin on sailings from summer 2017 to spring 2018. Book a balcony or suite and also receive one free dinner in a specialty restaurant. Past guests may see better rates on select sailings. [See dates and prices.](#)

Regent is offering our customers fantastic savings of up to 84%, as well as shipboard credits of up to \$800 per cabin. Regent fares include unlimited shore excursions, gratuities, unlimited beverages including fine wines and premium spirits and unlimited Wi-Fi. [See dates and prices.](#)

Windstar has reduced prices exclusively for Vacations To Go; also enjoy a shipboard credit of \$100 per cabin. On select sailings, choose one of the following perks: 1) a premium beverage package for two, 2) unlimited Wi-Fi, 3) an onboard credit of up to \$1,000 per cabin or 4) a complimentary one- or two-night hotel stay before or after the cruise. **Book by December 23.** Cruises aboard Windstar's casually elegant ships include a complimentary onshore private event, like a beach party in St. Lucia or lunch at a Sicilian winery. [See dates and prices.](#)

Costa is offering our customers discounts of up to 78%. Select voyages also qualify for shipboard credits of up to \$400 per cabin. Plus, kids sail free on select departures. Costa offers Italian-style hospitality, cuisine and entertainment aboard its fleet of 11 liners, which sail itineraries in the Caribbean, Mediterranean and other destinations worldwide. [See dates and prices.](#)

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

Today, I'll tell you about our expedition cruises. These unique sailings visit remote locales, off-the-beaten-path ports and places of pristine natural beauty with great opportunities for observing wildlife up close. Among popular destinations are the Arctic, Antarctica, the Galapagos Islands and the Amazon.

Itineraries emphasize onshore exploration, often with experts like naturalists, wildlife specialists and biologists. It's common to embark from your anchored ship in small yet sturdy motorized inflatable crafts like Zodiacs or Polarcirkel boats for shore landings. On an Antarctica cruise I took a few years ago, we boarded 10-guest Zodiacs and cruised amid icebergs to rocky beaches occupied by colonies of penguins and lounging elephant seals.

The destination is the main focus of an expedition cruise, and you won't head there in a ship sporting the latest and greatest water parks, sports complexes and Broadway-style productions. The ships are small, and sometimes they are purpose-built for the region. For example, the vessels that head to Antarctica and

the Arctic have strengthened hulls designed for navigating ice-packed waters.

Some of the lines we represent specialize exclusively in expedition cruising, while others devote specific ships or itineraries to this more adventurous style of travel. Some companies -- like Silversea, Ponant and Celebrity -- have merged the exploratory aspects of expedition cruising with high-end ship experiences that provide superb dining, accommodations and service.

Below are companies that specialize in expedition travel or have ships that embark on expedition-style cruises.

Celebrity offers expedition trips in the wildlife-rich Galapagos Islands, about 600 miles west of Ecuador. I sailed aboard the 98-passenger [Celebrity Xpedition](#) and found it to be a very comfortable and upscale ship. Celebrity will add two more vessels here in March: the 16-guest [Celebrity Xploration](#) and the 48-guest [Celebrity Xperience](#).

[Hurtigruten](#) offers explorer cruises to Antarctica, the Arctic, Greenland and Iceland. The 318-passenger [MS Fram](#) is its expedition flagship, with a strengthened hull, iceberg search lights and access to deck space at the front of the vessel for amazing views. The line recently debuted Discovery Style Voyages in Antarctica aboard the 1,000-passenger [MS Midnatsol](#). These trips are less rigorous than Hurtigruten's true expeditions and introduce travelers of all ages to this southernmost wonderland of wildlife and ice.

[Lindblad Expeditions](#) traces its intrepid spirit to adventure travel pioneer Lars-Eric Lindblad. He's credited as the first travel company owner to take curious guests where only scientists had gone before, including the Antarctica in 1966 and the Galapagos in 1967. His son, Sven-Olof, founded Lindblad Expeditions in 1979, and on its ships of 28 to 148 guests you can follow migrating whales to Mexico's Baja Peninsula, seek sloths and spider monkeys in the rainforests of Costa Rica and cruise the narrow inlets of Alaska's Inside Passage.

[Ponant](#) offers high-end expedition cruises in Antarctica and the Arctic, and on certain departures in other parts of the world like the South Pacific, Indonesia and South America. On ships with casually elegant ambiances and French-inspired cuisine, you can cruise the [Chilean fjords](#), to the [northernmost reaches of Canada](#) or amid the [islands of New Caledonia](#), for example.

[Quark Expeditions](#) has traveled to the ends of the Earth for 25 years, heading to Antarctica in winter and the Arctic during summer months. Vessels have ice-strengthened hulls and carry 12 to 199 guests. Its North Pole ship, [50 Years of Victory](#), is the most powerful icebreaker in the world and has a helicopter for aerial sightseeing.

[Seabourn](#) offers expedition-style excursions called Ventures by Seabourn in select ports on some of its six-star cruises. They are led by scientists and naturalists in Northern Europe, Antarctica, the Amazon region of Brazil and, next year, Alaska. Guests set out in Zodiacs or double sea kayaks launched from the ship's marina to explore secluded inlets, scenic islands and wildlife-rich waters.

Silversea is a six-star line with an expedition division. Passengers aboard the [Silver Explorer](#) and [Silver Discoverer](#) will find personalized service, suite accommodations and meals inspired by Relais & Chateaux as they cruise to such destinations as the Maldives, Japan and Norway's Svalbard archipelago. In the Galapagos Islands, the [Silver Galapagos](#) is staffed by a mostly Ecuadorean crew, and menus often feature Ecuadorean specialties. The [Silver Cloud](#) will be refurbished as an ice-class vessel for polar sailings that will begin next November.

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

Click below for best cruise deals departing US ports:

[Baltimore, MD](#)
[Bayonne, NJ](#)
[Charleston, SC](#)
[Fort Lauderdale, FL](#)
[Galveston, TX](#)

Honolulu, Oahu, HI
Jacksonville, FL
Los Angeles (Long Beach), CA
Los Angeles (San Pedro), CA
Miami, FL
Mobile, AL
New Orleans, LA
New York City, NY (All ports serving...)
Port Canaveral, FL
San Diego, CA
San Francisco, CA
San Juan, Puerto Rico
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
Tampa, FL

Click below for best cruise deals departing major ports worldwide:

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Antigua
Auckland, New Zealand
Barbados
Barcelona, Spain
Bergen, Norway
Bombay (Mumbai), India
Brisbane, Australia
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Cape Town, South Africa
Cartagena, Colombia
Colon, Panama
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Durban, South Africa
Fort-de-France, Martinique
Genoa, Italy
Grand Canary Island, Canary Islands
Hong Kong
Kirkenes, Norway
La Paz, Mexico
La Romana (Casa de Campo), Dominican Republic
Lanzarote, Canary Islands
Lima (Callao), Peru
London, England (All ports serving...)
Mahe, Seychelles
Male, Maldives
Marseille, France
Mauritius (Port Louis)
Melbourne, Australia
Montevideo, Uruguay
Panama City, Panama
Papeete, Tahiti, Society Islands
Perth (Fremantle), Australia
Phuket, Thailand
Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica
Puerto Limon, Costa Rica
Punta Arenas, Chile
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy
Santiago (Valparaiso), Chile
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Sao Paulo (Santos), Brazil
Savona, Italy

Shanghai, China
Singapore
St. Lucia
St. Maarten
St. Martin
Sydney, Australia
Tenerife, Canary Islands
Ushuaia, Argentina

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 San Juan Mar 5, starting at \$479, save 62%, **FastDeal # 13191**
- 2) **Bahamas**, 7 nights on Norwegian, departs New York Feb 26, starting at \$479, save 75%, **FastDeal # 21504**
- 3) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs Galveston Mar 19, starting at \$531, save 73%, **FastDeal # 31901**
- 4) **Mexico**, 7 nights on Princess, departs Los Angeles Feb 11, starting at \$549, save 68%, **FastDeal # 22997**
- 5) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Celebrity, departs Fort Lauderdale Feb 5, starting at \$649, save 57%, **FastDeal # 15398**
- 6) **Mediterranean**, 11 nights on Norwegian, departs SingaporeBarcelona Feb 2, starting at \$749, save 72%, **FastDeal # 10735**
- 7) **Asia**, 12 nights on Princess, departs Singapore Dec 27, starting at \$699, save 65%, **FastDeal # 14651**
- 8) **Tahiti/French Polynesia**, 7 nights on Windstar, departs Papeete Jan 6, oceanview starting at \$1,479, save 80%, **FastDeal # 25532**
- 9) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Oceania Cruises, departs Miami Feb 18, balcony starting at \$2,099, save 69%, **FastDeal # 13561**
- 10) **South America**, 9 nights on Crystal, departs Lima Jan 30, oceanview starting at \$2,665, save 50%, **FastDeal # 10843**

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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