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Subject: Huge Carnival Cruise Line Discounts -- Save up to 71%!

Dear Mr. Kester,

I want to make sure our customers who are **past passengers of Carnival** know about this fantastic deal from the line: Save up to 71% and get shipboard credits of \$50 per cabin on a variety of sailings this summer. Plus, select departures qualify for a free upgrade within cabin type. Past guests may see discounted rates on select cruises. **Book by June 12.** [See dates and prices.](#)

Here are some great **money-saving offers that we've negotiated with Norwegian, Silversea, Fathom and Cruise & Maritime Voyages.** They include shipboard credits, which are as good as cash on the ship and can be used toward onboard purchases not covered in the cruise fare, such as shore excursions and spa treatments.

Norwegian is offering Vacations To Go customers big savings of up to 81% and exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$400 per cabin on most 2016 Bermuda, Europe and Caribbean departures. **Book by June 17.** [See dates and prices.](#)

Silversea is offering exclusive savings of up to 50% for Vacations To Go customers. On select sailings, choose either a shipboard credit of \$1,500 per cabin or a two-category upgrade. Silversea fares include onboard gratuities, complimentary beverages (including wine and spirits) and butler service. **Book by June 30.** [See dates and prices.](#)

Fathom is offering our customers fantastic deals on newly released voyages through 2017 -- save up to 85% and enjoy exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$500 per cabin. [See dates and prices.](#)

Cruise & Maritime Voyages has reduced fares by up to 80% for Vacations To Go. Get shipboard credits of up to \$3,000 per cabin on a variety of upcoming sailings. **Book by June 15.** [See dates and prices.](#)

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

I often hear from readers who want to cruise aboard a small ship, one with fewer passengers (500 or under, for example). These vessels offer a more intimate onboard experience and more personalized service.

Because of their small size, they can drop anchor in small harbors and coves and call at seaside towns that larger ships can't access. They often offer unique, interesting itineraries. Several lines, particularly those that specialize in expedition cruising, include shore excursions in the fare.

The ships themselves are easy to navigate -- after a day or two on board, you likely won't have any problems remembering where the dining room is, or where to go to disembark.

Speaking of disembarkation, it's much quicker on a small ship with fewer passengers to process, as is check-in and embarkation.

Small-ship cruising may not be for everyone, of course. Families with young children won't always find dedicated youth facilities, programs or counselors. Onboard recreation and entertainment can be limited -- no water parks, Broadway-style productions or day-to-night organized activities.

But there likely will be low-key musical entertainment, a full spa or spa services of some sort, cozy lounges

and inviting outdoor deck spaces.

We represent 19 lines that operate ships with maximum passenger capacities of 500 guests or fewer. They include expedition ships, masted sailing ships, six-star luxury vessels and sleek yachts. I've listed all of them below -- click the links for itineraries, dates and rates.

American Cruise Lines has ships that carry 49 to 104 travelers on itineraries in Alaska, New England, the Pacific Northwest and other U.S. locales.

The 88-guest vessels of **Blount Small Ship Adventures** have shallow drafts that allow them to sail in less than 7 feet of water and retractable pilot houses that enable them to slip under low bridges. Each also has a bow ramp, so guests can disembark right onto the shore.

Celebrity has one small ship, the 98-guest **Celebrity Xpedition**, and it cruises the wildlife-rich Galapagos Islands. I sailed aboard the Xpedition and thought it was a very comfortable and upscale ship, one of the best in the region.

Crystal sails the six-star, 62-guest yacht **Crystal Esprit** in the Seychelles, Middle East and Mediterranean. It has its own two-passenger submarine and a water-sports platform for water skiing, kayaking and more.

Hebridean Island Cruises operates the 50-passenger **Hebridean Princess**, which calls at off-the-beaten-path ports in the British Isles.

Hurtigruten sails the Norwegian coast and to Antarctica and the Arctic. Three ships have small passenger capacities: **Fram** (318), **Spitsbergen** (320) and **Lofoten** (400).

Lindblad Expeditions accommodates 28 to 148 travelers on its ships. Most embark on expedition-style cruises, but the sailing vessel **Sea Cloud** -- built in 1931 by financier E.F. Hutton and his cereal heiress wife, Marjorie Merriweather Post -- offers leisurely cruises in the Caribbean and Mediterranean.

Paul Gauguin Cruises welcomes 332 guests aboard the **Paul Gauguin** for cruises of French Polynesia from Tahiti.

Pearl Seas Cruises operates the 210-passenger **Pearl Mist** in the Great Lakes and along the Canada/New England coast.

French company **Ponant Yacht Cruises** operates four 264-guest ships and one 64-passenger masted yacht, providing a casually elegant ambience and gourmet cuisine.

Quark Expeditions carries 12 to 199 adventurous travelers to Antarctica and the Arctic on its ships, which sport ice-strengthened hulls for navigating polar waters. The smallest, **Hans Hansson**, was a Baltic Sea rescue boat before being refitted as a passenger vessel in 2005.

Six-star line **Regent** has one ship that accommodates 490 guests, the **Seven Seas Navigator**. It covers a variety of destinations on its lengthy voyages, which include two world cruises in 2017 and 2018.

Seabourn also provides six-star voyages on its all-suite, 450-passenger ships, which boast a yacht-like atmosphere and claim a high ratio of space per guest.

Highlights of cruising aboard the 112-guest yachts of **SeaDream** include the alfresco Balinese Beds, raised above the ship's railing for unobstructed views, and the Champagne and Caviar Splash, a beloved ritual on Caribbean cruises.

Seven of the nine ships of **Silversea** have small passenger capacities, ranging from 100 to 382. These luxury vessels sail worldwide -- in Alaska, Asia, the Arctic, the Galapagos, Europe and more.

Star Clippers has three masted sailing ships that accommodate 170 to 227 travelers. The company is building a fourth vessel, designed for 300 guests, for launch in 2017.

Swan Hellenic compares the ambience aboard the 350-guest **Minerva** to an intimate country house hotel. It

sails to less-visited ports in Europe.

The [Aegean Odyssey](#) carries up to 378 culturally curious travelers on cruises for [Voyages to Antiquity](#), focusing on the history, art and traditions of destinations in the Mediterranean.

[Windstar](#) has three sleek sailing ships (148 to 310 guests) and three 212-passenger power yachts. All boast water-sports platforms at the stern for windsurfing, sailing and other activities. Offering a casually elegant experience, Windstar cruises to alluring destinations like Tahiti and the Greek Isles and offers complimentary onshore private events, like lunch at a Sicilian winery.

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](#)
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[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 New Orleans Sep 4, starting at \$439, save 74%, [FastDeal # 23289](#)
- 2) [Alaska](#), 7 nights on Holland America, departs Anchorage Jun 26, starting at \$449, save 82%, [FastDeal # 18323](#)
- 3) [Greek Islands](#), 7 nights on Celebrity, departs Istanbul Jun 18, starting at \$499, save 81%, [FastDeal # 15261](#)
- 4) [Mediterranean](#), 7 nights on Norwegian, departs Venice Jun 25, starting at \$649, save 68%, [FastDeal # 20581](#)
- 5) [Caribbean](#), 7 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs Galveston Jun 19, starting at \$999, save 72%, [FastDeal # 24171](#)
- 6) [Norway](#), 7 nights on Pullmantur, departs Trondheim Jun 25, starting at \$499, [FastDeal # 11655](#)
(Pullmantur does not provide brochure rates for this cruise, so we are unable to show a savings percentage.)
- 7) [British Isles](#), 9 nights on Cruise & Maritime Voyages, departs London Jul 6, starting at \$1,129, save 67%, [FastDeal # 13751](#)

8) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Norwegian, departs Miami Jun 19, starting at \$699, save 61%, [FastDeal # 20559](#)

9) **Alaska**, 10 nights on Oceania Cruises, departs Vancouver Aug 21, starting at \$2,949, save 65%,
[FastDeal # 20510](#)

10) **Northern Europe**, 12 nights on Crystal, departs London Aug 6, oceanview starting at \$3,825, save 66%
, [FastDeal # 37231](#)

For the best last-minute cruise specials in the next 90 days, please visit our world-famous [90-Day Ticker](#).
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