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Dear Mr. Kester,

Here are a few **money-saving offers that we've arranged with Celebrity, Oceania, Disney, Seabourn and MSC**. They include shipboard credits, which are as good as cash on board and can be used to pay for almost anything not included in the upfront cost of the cruise, like spa treatments and shore excursions.

**Celebrity** is offering our customers huge discounts on last-minute Caribbean sailings -- save up to 71%. Plus receive an exclusive shipboard credit of up to \$175 per cabin on select voyages in 2016. [See dates and prices.](#)

**Oceania** is offering our customers fantastic discounts of up to 82% and shipboard credits of up to \$600 per cabin on many sailings. Plus, enjoy free unlimited Internet and your choice of either free drinks, an extra shipboard credit of up to \$1,000 per cabin or up to five free shore excursions. Select departures include all of these offers. [See dates and prices.](#)

Vacations To Go is offering our customers exclusive discounts of up to \$1,000 per cabin on **Disney** cruises. [See dates and prices.](#)

**Seabourn** is offering our customers fantastic savings of up to 87%. Plus, select voyages qualify for shipboard credits of up to \$750 per cabin. The upfront price of a Seabourn vacation includes open bars, fine wines at lunch and dinner and gratuities. [See dates and prices.](#)

**MSC** has reduced fares by up to 69% for Vacations To Go customers, and kids sail free on select dates. Plus, receive a shipboard credit of up to \$300 per cabin on eligible MSC Divina cruises in 2017 and beyond. [See dates and prices.](#)

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

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Several brand-new ships that have been sailing in Europe since their inaugurals earlier this year will reposition to Florida home ports in a few months for cruises to the Caribbean.

In November, Holland America's [Koningsdam](#) and Royal Caribbean's [Harmony of the Seas](#) arrive in Fort Lauderdale, and the [Carnival Vista](#) begins its cruises from Miami (after a brief presence in New York City for two departures). Meanwhile, in mid-December the ultra-luxurious [Regent Seven Seas Explorer](#) will move to Miami for the winter.

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**Seabourn** has banned smoking on stateroom balconies. The new policy goes into effect on November 28 aboard the Seabourn Quest, December 4 on the Seabourn Encore, December 5 on the Seabourn Sojourn and December 7 on the Seabourn Odyssey.

Smoking in staterooms, most public areas and on guest balconies now is widely prohibited throughout the industry, although many ships have designated smoking zones. Among the major cruise lines, only **Holland America** and **Costa** still allow guests to light up on their verandas.

To see detailed smoking policies for all the cruise lines we represent, [click here.](#)

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**Attention Singles!** Travel in style as part of a casual and fun-loving group on our hosted singles cruises. These trips are filled with mixers, games, group shore excursions, "single-mingle" dining and more.

One of the most commonly asked questions we receive about our hosted singles sailings is: "I'm over 50 -- are there any cruises for me?" The answer is, yes! The average age for our singles departures is approximately 55. However, we do occasionally schedule cruises specifically for those in their 20s, 30s and 40s.

Another question we hear often: "Aren't these cruises all about finding romance?" That's not the focus of these vacations (although it can happen). What you should expect out of these cruises is the opportunity to meet new friends in a relaxed, fun environment. Vacations To Go's singles cruising program has turned into a community of like-minded people who travel with one another over and over. It's common for singles to plan future trips together because of the lasting relationships they build on board our cruises.

There's still space on these upcoming departures:

Pack a costume for the **October 30** Halloween cruise from Los Angeles on the **Carnival Miracle**.

Our **December 3** Caribbean cruise from Miami aboard the **Celebrity Reflection** visits Cozumel, Grand Cayman and more.

**December 3** voyage on the **Ruby Princess** leaves from Los Angeles for ports along the Mexican Riviera.

Board the **Caribbean Princess** in Fort Lauderdale for a **December 30** New Year's Eve cruise.

To see all hosted singles cruises, with trips planned through December 2017, [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](#).

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**Costa** has added a few unique crew members to the **Costa Diadema**: Five humanoid robots, each named Pepper, entertain and interact with guests aboard the ship's seven-night Mediterranean sailings. Each 4-foot-tall robot is programmed to recognize human emotions through voice and face recognition and can communicate in English, Italian and French. They'll answer questions about the ship and ports, dance with guests and pose for pictures. Five more Peppers are scheduled for the **Costa Fascinosa** in September.

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**Carnival** has announced the first acts for its 2017 **Carnival LIVE concert series**. Country music stars Tim McGraw and Little Big Town and comedians Jay Leno and Jeff Foxworthy will perform aboard select departures. Tickets range from \$30 to \$80 for general admission.

And, **Disney** will debut "Frozen, A Musical Spectacular" on **Disney Wonder cruises from Galveston**, starting November 10. The stage show will feature familiar songs from the hit Disney animated film "Frozen."

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After a six-month feasibility study, **Crystal** has determined that the 64-year-old SS United States cannot be returned to oceangoing service. The cruise line had hoped to rebuild the historic liner, dubbed "America's Flagship," to meet current maritime rules and modern cruising demands. While the ship is structurally sound, the technical and commercial challenges were "insurmountable," according to Crystal.

Crystal has donated \$350,000 to the SS United States Conservancy, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the vessel.

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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.

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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 Nov 13, starting at \$399, save 76%, [FastDeal # 23306](#)
- 2) **Bermuda**, 7 nights on Norwegian, departs New York Sep 11, starting at \$499, save 76%, [FastDeal # 20886](#)
- 3) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs Galveston Sep 25, starting at \$499, save 80%, [FastDeal # 24441](#)
- 4) **Mexico**, 10 nights on Princess, departs San Francisco Oct 5, starting at \$699, save 67%, [FastDeal # 11665](#)
- 5) **Caribbean**, 10 nights on Celebrity, departs Fort Lauderdale Oct 27, starting at \$799, save 62%, [FastDeal # 11438](#)
- 6) **Alaska**, 7 nights on Princess, departs Anchorage Sep 17, starting at \$779, [FastDeal # 23618](#) (Princess does not provide brochure rates for this cruise, so we are unable to show a savings percentage.)
- 7) **Tahiti/French Polynesia**, 7 nights on Windstar, departs Papeete Sep 23, oceanview starting at \$2,199, save 68%, [FastDeal # 19362](#)
- 8) **Canada/New England**, 7 nights on Crystal, departs Quebec City Oct 18, balcony starting at \$3,240, save 67%, [FastDeal # 37243](#)
- 9) **Mediterranean**, 7 nights on Silversea, departs Rome Nov 8, suite starting at \$3,450, save 50%, [FastDeal # 29541](#)
- 10) **Caribbean**, 11 nights on Regent, departs Miami Nov 15, suite starting at \$4,199, save 70%, [FastDeal # 15289](#)

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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