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Dear Mr. Kester,

On behalf of the more than 750 employees at Vacations To Go, I'd like to start by wishing you a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a joyous holiday season. Please note that our office will close early on Christmas Eve and will remain closed on Christmas Day. We will resume our normal hours on Monday, December 26.

If you are fortunate enough to be cruising this week, you might want to check out my personal tribute to Clement Clarke Moore's '['Twas the Night Before Christmas](#)', so you'll know just what to expect.

Alan Fox
Chairman & CEO

Have you included travel among your New Year's resolutions? Many people do, and we are proud to offer all the best ways to see the world -- at a discount.

From cut-rate [Caribbean cruises](#) to [Antarctic expeditions](#), and from [British Isles tours](#) to [South African safaris](#), Vacations To Go can help you make your 2017 travel resolutions a reality.

Here are some of the most popular options in the world today, for your consideration. Just click any highlighted vacation for prices and itineraries.

Discover the cultural and culinary treasures of Rome, Florence and Venice on a [tour of Italy](#), or see the colorful canyons and mesas of the American Southwest on a [tour of national parks](#). Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef or witness a sunset at Uluru (Ayers Rock) in [Australia](#), or take in the stunning views of the Cliffs of Moher in [Ireland](#).

You also can opt for a tour that visits multiple countries in the same trip, like [Brazil, Argentina and Chile](#), [Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic](#) or [Norway, Sweden and Denmark](#).

Explore [London](#), [Singapore](#) or [Hong Kong](#) at your leisure with an independent package that includes hotel accommodations, transfers and some sightseeing. With some packages, a local host will be available to answer your questions and help you make the most of your free time.

Visit fishing villages set amid majestic fjords on a [Norwegian coastal cruise](#), or go to the heart of the rainforest on an [Amazon River cruise](#). Beautiful Old World cities like Vienna and Budapest are featured on a [Danube River cruise](#), while [Rhine River sailings](#) showcase lush vineyards and stately castles.

Explore one of America's true historic treasures on a [Mississippi River voyage](#) aboard a modern-day steamboat, with visits to Civil War battlefields, restored plantation homes and picturesque towns. Learn about the intriguing cultures and histories of Cambodia and Vietnam on a [Mekong River cruise](#), or see the extraordinary Three Gorges Dam on a [Yangtze River vacation](#).

You can meet the endangered mountain gorillas of Volcanoes National Park on a [Rwanda safari](#) or witness the [Great Migration](#) in Tanzania. Experience first-hand the ancient ruins of [Machu Picchu](#) in Peru or the spectacular natural beauty of [French Polynesia](#).

See flora and fauna species not found anywhere else on Earth during a [cruise of the Galapagos Islands](#). Or add an intriguing new Caribbean cruise destination, [Cuba](#), to your travel wish list.

Ride through a stunning landscape of mountains, waterfalls and glacial lakes on a [Canadian Rockies train tour](#). You also can join a tour that allows you to take part in a special event or festival, like the [Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta](#) in New Mexico or the [Edinburgh Military Tattoo](#) in Scotland.

For lazy days on white-sand beaches, there's no better value than an [all-inclusive resort vacation in Mexico, Jamaica](#) or the [Dominican Republic](#), combining accommodations, activities, meals and beverages in one upfront price.

Of course, we'll always bring you the best cruise bargains in the [Bahamas, Caribbean, Bermuda, Alaska, Hawaii](#), the [Mediterranean, Northern Europe](#), the [Panama Canal](#) and more.

And, if you're ready for the ultimate vacation on Earth, check out our [world cruises](#). These globe-trotting getaways typically depart in January, and we have itineraries ranging from 50 to 180 nights.

No matter where or how you wish to travel in the coming year, the professional travel counselors of Vacations To Go are standing by to help.

Next, let's look at some **terrific money-saving offers from Celebrity, Norwegian, Oceania, Crystal and Star Clippers**.

These offers include free shipboard credits, which can be used toward onboard purchases not covered in the cruise fare, like shore excursions, spa treatments and boutique purchases.

Celebrity has reduced rates by up to 79% for Vacations To Go customers. Book an ocean-view cabin or higher on nearly every sailing in 2017 -- including seven-night Caribbean cruises on the Celebrity Equinox -- and receive a shipboard credit of up to \$450 per cabin, plus choose one of the following perks: 1) an additional shipboard credit of up to \$300 per cabin, 2) free gratuities, 3) a free Classic Beverage Package that includes alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages or 4) unlimited Internet. Book a suite and get all four perks. [See dates and prices](#).

Norwegian is offering our customers huge savings of up to 85%, as well as exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$200 per cabin on nearly all 2017 departures. Book an ocean-view cabin or higher on select sailings and choose two of the following amenities: 1) a beverage package for two, 2) a specialty dining package that includes up to four meals for two guests, 3) 250 minutes of Internet or 4) a shore excursion credit of \$50 per cabin, per port. [See dates and prices](#).

Oceania is offering Vacations To Go customers big discounts -- save up to 84%. Also enjoy shipboard credits of up to \$1,000 per cabin and free unlimited Internet, plus your choice of either free drinks, an additional shipboard credit of up to \$800 per cabin or up to four free shore excursions on select sailings. Certain departures get all offers. [See dates and prices](#).

Crystal has this exclusive offer on select sailings for our customers: Save up to 76% and receive shipboard credits of up to \$2,000 per cabin. On other departures, choose one of the following amenities: A discount of up to \$1,000 per cabin, an air credit of up to \$1,100 per cabin or a shipboard credit of up to \$1,250 per cabin. Your upfront Crystal fare includes gratuities, fine wines, Champagne, premium spirits and nonalcoholic beverages. **Book by January 8.** [See dates and prices](#).

Star Clippers is offering our customers discounts of up to 65% aboard its masted tall ships, as well as a one-category upgrade, free gratuities and a shipboard credit of \$150 per cabin. **Book by December 31.** [See dates and prices](#).

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

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) **Bahamas**, 7 nights on Norwegian, departs New York Feb 26, starting at \$479, save 75%, [FastDeal # 21504](#)
- 2) **Mexico**, 7 nights on Carnival, departs Los Angeles Feb 11, starting at \$579, save 68%, [FastDeal # 10216](#)
- 3) **Caribbean**, 9 nights on Celebrity, departs Fort Lauderdale Feb 18, starting at \$769, save 60%, [FastDeal # 10523](#)
- 4) **Transatlantic**, 14 nights on Holland America, departs Fort Lauderdale Mar 30, starting at \$699, save 74%, [FastDeal # 24792](#)
- 5) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Windstar, departs St. Maarten Jan 21, oceanview starting at \$1,279, save 76%, [FastDeal # 14595](#)
- 6) **Mediterranean**, 7 nights on MSC Cruises, departs Rome Feb 13, starting at \$510, save 53%, [FastDeal # 18618](#)
- 7) **Asia**, 11 nights on Norwegian, departs Singapore Jan 5, starting at \$539, save 78%, [FastDeal # 20194](#)
- 8) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Oceania Cruises, departs Miami Feb 1, balcony starting at \$2,149, save 69%, [FastDeal # 13548](#)
- 9) **Tahiti/French Polynesia**, 7 nights on Paul Gauguin Cruises, departs Papeete Jan 21, oceanview starting at \$2,445, save 50%, [FastDeal # 11866](#)
- 10) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Silversea, departs San Juan Feb 10, suite starting at \$4,550, save 23%, [FastDeal # 22492](#)

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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