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Subject: This Week's Top Cruise Bargains plus New Deals on Viking River Cruises

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.

Today, I'm pleased to present **money-saving offers from Royal Caribbean, Norwegian, Costa and Ponant**. They include shipboard credits, which can be used toward onboard purchases not covered in the cruise fare, like shore excursions and spa treatments.

Royal Caribbean is offering our customers savings of up to 86% and exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$450 per cabin on nearly every voyage -- including an extra shipboard credit on select Caribbean voyages of six to nine nights when you **book by January 31**. Plus, select European cruises qualify for a free drinks package (including alcoholic beverages). [See dates and prices](#).

Norwegian is offering our customers discounts of up to 80%. Book an ocean-view cabin or higher on nearly any voyage and choose two of the following amenities: 1) free drinks, 2) a free Specialty Dining Package for two, 3) 250 minutes of Internet access or 4) a shore excursion credit of \$50 per cabin, per port. On Hawaii sailings, pick one of these: 1) the free Specialty Dining Package, 2) free prepaid gratuities or 3) the shore excursion credit. **Book by January 31**. [See dates and prices](#).

Costa has slashed rates by up to 80% for Vacations To Go customers. Also receive exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$800 per cabin on a variety of sailings. Kids sail free on select departures. **Book by February 1**. [See dates and prices](#).

Ponant is offering our customers reduced rates, plus an exclusive shipboard credit of \$500 per cabin on select Alaska voyages. [See dates and prices](#).

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

The small ships of **Viking River Cruises** travel the rivers of the world. The company's ships feature an airy, elegant Scandinavian style and are designed to dock in the heart of small towns, bringing you closer to top sights.

The upfront rate includes a river-view stateroom, daily shore excursions and cultural immersion, Internet service and all onboard meals (with complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks at lunch and dinner).

Viking is offering our customers these irresistible deals, which must be **booked and paid in full by January 31**:

Fly for free from select gateways in certain cabin categories, **plus companion cruises for free** on select sailings in Europe.

Companion cruises for free plus save \$2,000 per couple (\$1,000 per person) off round-trip airfare from select gateways on Europe departures.

Click here to see all Viking offers, including early booking deals for 2017.

The company has gained industrywide attention for its 190-guest Viking Longships, which feature environmentally friendly hybrid engines, solar panels, organic herb gardens and the indoor/outdoor Aquavit Terrace, where passengers can enjoy the views and dine alfresco. Half the staterooms boast full-size balconies.

Brand-new Viking itineraries for 2016 include **Castles & Legends**, which visits beautiful Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany and the Old World cities of Salzburg, Vienna and Budapest, and **Lyon & Provence**, which showcases destinations along the Saone and Rhone in southern France. **Click here** for all new Viking itineraries.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a travel alert for destinations with active outbreaks of Zika virus, including Mexico and certain countries in Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

Zika virus is transmitted by mosquitoes. The illness is generally mild with symptoms of fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The first confirmed case in the Americas of Zika virus infection was reported in Brazil in May 2015; it has since spread to more than 20 countries. Although hospitalization is rare, there have been reports of poor pregnancy outcomes in babies of mothers who were infected with Zika virus while pregnant, prompting the CDC to upgrade its alert for people traveling to those regions.

The CDC is currently urging pregnant women and women trying to become pregnant to reconsider travel plans to areas where Zika virus is active. For a complete list of Zika-affected areas, **click here**.

All travelers are being urged to take extra precautions to avoid mosquito bites. The CDC recommends using insect repellents, especially those containing DEET, which provides long-lasting protection, and suggests that travelers wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever possible. In addition, use air conditioning and window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside, and consider sleeping under a mosquito bed net.

For more information on Zika and the alert, please see the CDC's website **here**.

Here's some of the latest industry news...

Holland America's Eurodam has emerged from a dry dock with new features, including two music venues (Lincoln Center Stage for nightly chamber music and Billboard Onboard for upbeat shows by pianists, a guitarist and DJ) and the Gallery Bar, which offers cocktails amid eclectic art.

Royal Caribbean has revealed the entertainment lineup for the **Harmony of the Seas**, due in May. Guests can keep up with the social scene at Rydell High during productions of "Grease" and follow the adventures of Marvin Columbus (Christopher's fictional, down-on-his-luck cousin) at "Columbus, The Musical!" -- a nod to the style of Monty Python's "Spamalot." The Studio B rink will host dazzling, high-tech shows on ice.

Crystal Cruises has released its luxury river cruise itineraries in Europe. The inaugural sailings of **Crystal River Cruises** will take place on the redesigned Crystal Mozart, which begins sailing the Danube in July. Four newly built vessels will follow in 2017, allowing Crystal to add trips on the Rhine, Main, Seine, and other rivers. Itineraries will focus on longer stays and overnights in port and feature more daytime cruising than normally seen on river sailings.

Carnival Corp. released a sustainability report highlighting environmental initiatives across its 10 brands.

They include 10 goals for reducing the environmental footprint over the next five years. Among the commitments: further reducing carbon dioxide emissions. In 2014, Carnival announced that it had met an earlier goal to reduce emissions from shipboard operations by 20%, a year ahead of schedule.

Attention Singles! Travel in style as part of a casual and fun-loving group on our hosted singles cruises. It's last call for our **March 6** cruise to the Caribbean for singles in their 20s, 30s and 40, which departs from Miami aboard the **Norwegian Getaway**. Or, join us on Royal Caribbean's **Allure of the Seas** for a tropical sailing from Fort Lauderdale on **August 21**.

These trips are filled with mixers, games, group shore excursions, "single-mingle" dining and more. To see all 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](#).

We'll also be hosting a **singles beach resort getaway** at the Grand Oasis Sens Cancun in Mexico on May 14-19. The upfront rate at this all-inclusive resort includes your room, meals, alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages, entertainment and activities.

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

Click below for best cruise deals departing US and Canada ports:

Baltimore, MD
Bayonne, NJ
Charleston, SC
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Galveston, TX
Honolulu, Oahu, HI
Houston (Bayport), TX
Jacksonville, FL
Los Angeles (Long Beach), CA
Los Angeles (San Pedro), CA
Miami, FL
New Orleans, LA
New York City, NY (All ports serving...)
Port Canaveral, FL
San Diego, CA
San Francisco, CA
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Seattle, WA
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
Tampa, FL
Vancouver, BC, Canada

Click below for best cruise deals departing major ports worldwide:

Aruba
Athens (Piraeus), Greece
Auckland, New Zealand
Barbados
Barcelona, Spain
Beijing (Tianjin), China
Bergen, Norway
Brisbane, Australia
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Cape Town, South Africa
Caracas (La Guaira), Venezuela
Cartagena, Colombia
Colon, Panama
Copenhagen, Denmark
Curacao
Darwin, Australia
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Durban, South Africa
Fort-de-France, Martinique
Genoa, Italy
Glasgow (Greenock), Scotland
Hong Kong
Istanbul, Turkey
Kirkenes, Norway
La Paz, Mexico
La Romana (Casa de Campo), Dominican Republic
Lima (Callao), Peru
Lisbon, Portugal
London, England (All ports serving...)
Malaga, Spain
Margarita Island, Venezuela
Marseille, France
Melbourne, Australia
Monte Carlo, Monaco
Montevideo, Uruguay
Naples (Capri), Italy
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England
Osaka, Japan
Papeete, Tahiti, Society Islands
Perth (Fremantle), Australia
Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy
Rotterdam, Holland
Santiago (Valparaiso), Chile
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Sao Paulo (Santos), Brazil
Savona, Italy
Shanghai, China
Singapore
St. Maarten
St. Martin
Sydney, Australia
Tokyo (Yokohama), Japan
Trieste, Italy
Ushuaia, Argentina
Venice, Italy

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 Norwegian, departs New Orleans Feb 7, starting at \$399, save 77%, **FastDeal # 23394**

2) **Mexico**, 7 nights on Princess, departs Los Angeles Feb 27, starting at \$479, save 39%, **FastDeal # 34030**

- 3) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Carnival, departs Miami Apr 24, starting at \$499, save 70%, [FastDeal # 29350](#)
- 4) **Australia/New Zealand**, 7 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs Sydney Feb 27, oceanview starting at \$499, [FastDeal # 19425](#) (Royal Caribbean does not provide brochure rates for this cruise, so we are unable to show a savings percentage.)
- 5) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Princess, departs Houston Apr 10, starting at \$599, save 20%, [FastDeal # 12275](#)
- 6) **Alaska**, 10 nights on Norwegian, departs Vancouver May 5, starting at \$949, save 69%, [FastDeal # 16766](#)
- 7) **Caribbean**, 10 nights on Celebrity, departs Fort Lauderdale Mar 25, starting at \$899, save 64%, [FastDeal # 30130](#)
- 8) **Mediterranean**, 7 nights on Oceania Cruises, departs Athens May 5, oceanview starting at \$1,599, save 79%, [FastDeal # 11076](#)
- 9) **Norway**, 14 nights on Cruise & Maritime Voyages, departs London Feb 16, starting at \$1,389, save 78%, [FastDeal # 17263](#)
- 10) **Tahiti/French Polynesia**, 7 nights on Windstar, departs Papeete Feb 12, oceanview starting at \$2,799, save 59%, [FastDeal # 13683](#)

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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