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Dear Mr. Kester,

I'm happy to present a few **money-saving offers that we've negotiated with Norwegian, Holland America, Cunard, Pullmantur and Ponant**. 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 bar drinks and shore excursions.

**Norwegian** is offering our customers huge discounts of up to 81% and exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$240 per cabin on nearly all remaining 2016 voyages. Plus, book an inside or ocean-view cabin and pick one of the following perks, or book a balcony cabin or suite and pick two perks: 1) free drinks, 2) a free specialty dining package, 3) 250 minutes of free Internet or 4) a \$50 shore excursion credit in each port. **Book by April 3.** [See dates and prices.](#)

**Holland America** has reduced rates by up to 81% for our customers. Plus, get exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$750 per cabin, free gratuities for two and a \$100 per cabin beverage cabin on select sailings. Book a suite and also receive 200 minutes of free Internet. Past guests may see discounted rates on select sailings. **Book by April 12.** [See dates and prices.](#)

**Cunard** is offering Vacations To Go customers exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$500 per cabin on most departures. Certain European, trans-Atlantic and Canada/New England sailings also qualify for free gratuities. Past guests may see discounted rates on select voyages. **Book by April 6.** [See dates and prices.](#)

**Pullmantur**, which caters to Spanish-speaking cruisers, is providing some big discounts -- save up to 84%. Drinks now are included in the upfront rate (excluding Brazil itineraries). [See dates and prices.](#)

**Ponant** is offering our customers rates reduced by up to 42%. Get exclusive rates and a shipboard credit of \$200 per cabin on select Alaska voyages when you **book by April 15.** [See dates and prices.](#)

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

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Last Monday, March 21, Carnival Corp. was granted approval to sail **round-trip voyages from Miami to Cuba** via its newest cruise company, **Fathom**. The seven-night sailings begin May 1 and depart every two weeks. Our customers who book these trips will be among the first U.S. travelers to visit Cuba by ship in more than 50 years.

These sailings not only add an intriguing new cruise destination in the Caribbean, they also provide a rare opportunity to see the authentic Cuba, a place where many say time has stood still. Cruise visitors can photograph the well-kept classic American cars, sample Cuban rum, dine at family restaurants called *paladares*, tour Spanish and French colonial sites, see Ernest Hemingway's home and favorite fishing village and meet local artists, musicians, shopkeepers, farmers and more.

There are 12 types of authorized travel that allow Americans to visit Cuba legally; Fathom is an authorized sponsor of "people-to-people travel," one of the dozen categories. Passengers must participate in cultural people-to-people exchanges while in port, and Fathom helps cruisers fulfill this requirement by including culturally immersive excursions in the upfront fare.

Travelers spend two days in Havana, one day in Cienfuegos (known for its broad seaside boulevard and historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site), and one day in Santiago de Cuba, the 16th-century capital of the Spanish colony of Cuba.

Talks on Cuba's history, culture and customs -- plus Cuban-inspired music, films and food -- help prepare passengers for this unique experience as they sail toward Havana aboard the 704-passenger Adonia. Built in 2001 for now-defunct Renaissance Cruises, it was renovated in 2011 and is going through another refurbishment this spring.

Guests will find all the creature comforts of cruising -- restaurants, lounges, bars, pool, spa and gym -- and many balcony cabins among the accommodations. Kids age 8 and older are welcome aboard, but there are no children's programs or facilities.

The day after Fathom received approval for its cruises to Cuba, a representative from the company flew to our offices to conduct a series of training sessions for our travel counselors. Fathom has also extended this offer just to Vacations To Go customers: **Get exclusive rates, pay a 50% reduced deposit and receive free shipboard credits of up to \$660 per cabin** on most departures. **Book by April 30.** [Click here](#) to see dates and rates for Fathom cruises to Cuba.

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**Celebrity Cruises** brings its unique style of "modern luxury" to destinations worldwide, from small-ship explorations of the wildlife-rich Galapagos Islands to voyages in popular regions like the Caribbean, Alaska and Europe aboard its five Solstice-class ships -- Solstice, Equinox, Eclipse, Silhouette and Reflection -- that accommodate more than 2,800 guests. The Solstice ships delight vacationers with unusual touches, like the Lawn Club, an expanse of real grass on the top deck, and the Hot Glass Show, which displays the skills of glassblowers.

The line recently invested \$16 million in the refurbishments of two other ships. The Celebrity Summit has just emerged from its dry-dock revitalization, following on the heels of the October 2015 refreshment of the Celebrity Infinity. Both vessels now sport revamped Penthouse and Royal suites and the line's signature, Italian-inspired steakhouse, the Tuscan Grill. They also feature a stylish new rooftop terrace on the 12th deck. By day, its cabanas and comfortable seating provide an alfresco area for relaxing. By night, it's the setting for the line's new onboard offering, A Taste of Film, where diners enjoy dishes inspired by the movie.

Hundreds of activities take place throughout a Celebrity cruise -- pick your favorites and plunge in. You can show off your cooking skills in a Top Chef at Sea Quickfire Challenge, take a mixology class, learn how to dance the salsa, join an arts and crafts workshop or show up for a Zumba session. Kids have their own supervised, age-appropriate activities as well: Toddler Time for little ones under age 3, the Fun Factory for children ages 3 to 11, and the X Club for teens.

Head to the Canyon Ranch SpaClub for pampering treatments that draw from Eastern cultures and traditions; make time for the Persian Garden, too, a sanctuary of aromatherapy-infused steam grottoes and heated, mosaic-tiled loungers. You'll also find well-equipped fitness centers and classes in yoga, stretching, indoor cycling and more.

Celebrity's exceptional culinary offerings range from the classic, French-inspired fare of Murano and clean spa cuisine of Blu to casual eateries like the Oceanview Cafe, where you'll find sushi, pizza, stir-fry dishes, salad bars and other options. The line is known for its creative take on dining, particularly on certain Solstice ships: At Qsine, guests order artfully prepared dishes from iPads, while at the outdoor Lawn Club Grill, you can work alongside one of the ship's chefs to help prepare a meal for your party.

Throughout each Celebrity ship, you'll find a cool, contemporary ambience. The cruise line recently swapped traditional formal night attire for the less dressy "evening chic." This means a cocktail dress or skirt, pants or designer jeans with an elegant top for women, and for men, pants or designer jeans with a dress shirt, button-down shirt or sweater -- sport coat or blazer optional.

Celebrity is offering our customers huge discounts -- save up to 79%. Book an ocean-view cabin or higher on select sailings and choose two of the following: 1) a shipboard credit of up to \$400 per cabin, 2) free gratuities, 3) a free Classic Beverage Package that includes alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages or 4) unlimited Internet. [See dates and prices.](#)

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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](#)  
[Regional Deals](#)  
[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 Miami Apr 10, starting at \$439, save 74%, [FastDeal # 29349](#)
- 2) **Mexico**, 7 nights on Norwegian, departs Los Angeles Apr 10, starting at \$369, save 81%, [FastDeal # 32371](#)
- 3) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs Galveston May 8, starting at \$499, save 83%, [FastDeal # 14977](#)
- 4) **Pacific Northwest**, 11 nights on Celebrity, departs San Diego May 11, starting at \$999, save 55%, [FastDeal # 11243](#)
- 5) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Princess, departs Fort Lauderdale Apr 10, starting at \$599, save 29%, [FastDeal # 29706](#)
- 6) **Alaska**, 7 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs Anchorage May 27, starting at \$798, save 30%, [FastDeal # 14550](#)
- 7) **Transatlantic**, 8 nights on Cunard, departs New York May 17, balcony starting at \$999, save 55%, [FastDeal # 28997](#)
- 8) **Tahiti/French Polynesia**, 7 nights on Windstar, departs Papeete Apr 22, oceanview starting at \$1,899, save 72%, [FastDeal # 14039](#)
- 9) **Mediterranean**, 7 nights on Crystal, departs Athens Apr 24, oceanview starting at \$2,215, save 64%, [FastDeal # 21732](#)
- 10) **Baltic**, 10 nights on Azamara Club Cruises, departs Stockholm Jun 23, starting at \$2,499, save 66%, [FastDeal # 33465](#)

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](#).

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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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