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Subject: Terrific Cruise Offers -- Free Shipboard Credits, Drinks or Gratuities Plus Huge Discounts

Dear Mr. Kester,

I'd like to start today by offering you a complimentary issue of any of the magazines published by our parent company, Vacation Publications.

For a complimentary issue of **Vacations**, filled with new vacation ideas for travelers of all ages, [click here](#)

For a complimentary issue of **Travel 50 & Beyond**, tips and best buys for travelers over 50, [click here](#).

And for a complimentary issue of **Where to Retire**, the only guide you'll need to find the ideal setting for your retirement, [click here](#).

I'm pleased to tell you about some **money-saving offers that we've negotiated with Holland America, Princess, Carnival, Cunard and Regent**. They include free shipboard credits, which are as good as cash on the ship and can be used toward onboard purchases not covered in the cruise fare, like spa treatments and bar purchases.

Holland America is offering Vacations To Go customers huge discounts -- save up to 84% -- as well as shipboard credits of up to \$800 per cabin on select voyages. On some cruises, you can receive a free beverage package that includes alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages, a free dinner for two in the Pinnacle Grill specialty restaurant and reduced deposits. Past guests may see better rates on select sailings. **Book by October 30.** [See dates and prices.](#)

Princess is offering our customers markdowns of up to 77% and reduced deposits of just \$100 per person. Select sailings from January to May qualify for a shipboard credit of up to \$385 per cabin. And, on most cruises in May and beyond, you can receive free gratuities and a dinner for two in a specialty restaurant. Past guests may see better rates on select sailings. **Book by October 26.** [See dates and prices.](#)

Carnival is offering our customers deep discounts of up to 82% for departures through 2017. Plus, receive exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$200 per cabin on certain cruises including all upcoming European sailings on the brand-new Carnival Vista. Past guests may see better rates on select trips. **Book by October 25.** [See dates and prices.](#)

Cunard is offering our customers exclusive shipboard credits of up to \$800 per cabin on a variety of sailings. Select voyages in May 2016 and beyond qualify for free prepaid gratuities -- book a suite and get prepaid gratuities and free drinks, too. Past guests may see discounted rates on certain sailings. **Book by October 29.** [See dates and prices.](#)

Regent is offering our customers rates reduced by up to 81% and shipboard credits of up to \$800 per cabin. If you are a first-time Regent guest, receive an additional \$200 in shipboard credits when you **book by October 31**. Fares for Regent vacations include unlimited shore excursions, gratuities, unlimited beverages including fine wines and premium spirits and, on select sailings, unlimited Internet (valued at \$30 a day). [See dates and prices.](#)

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

One of the hottest trends in travel is taking the entire family to sea. I'm not talking about just the immediate

family -- cruise ships have been the best vacation venue for parents with kids since the first megaliners launched over 20 years ago with video arcades, designated kids areas, planned activities and youth counselors.

No, I'm talking about the mother of all family get-togethers, the multigeneration, extended-family reunion. With grandma and grandpa, aunts and uncles, adult children, college students on breaks, teens, pre-teens and toddlers -- even in-laws.

Far-flung relations from different states or countries, running the gamut of tastes, interests and physical capabilities, are finding vacations at sea are just the ticket to a great reunion.

I've arranged three of these reunions for my own extended family over the years, and I have fond memories of them all. On our first trip, when my son was only 2 years old, we all met in Miami for a sun-and-fun cruise to the warm Caribbean. A few years later, we reconvened in beautiful Vancouver for a more active and adventurous Alaska Inside Passage cruise. And several years after that, we explored the history, culture, architecture and food of great European cities on a cruise of the Mediterranean.

For that third trip, I coordinated our flights so that we all connected in the Atlanta airport and flew together to the departure port in Barcelona, making the trip less stressful for those in our group who had never been to Europe.

When I recall these trips, I vividly remember how stress-free they were. Unlike the classic out-of-town reunion, no one is the "host" and no single person is responsible for keeping everyone happy and entertained. The list of possibilities for fun and excitement is far greater on a cruise than anywhere else.

If a floating family reunion is on your horizon, here are some things to keep in mind.

First, if you will need eight or more cabins, you may qualify for a "group" discount. Most cruise lines require at least eight double-occupancy cabins for this rate, but occasionally the requirement drops to as low as five cabins, especially on six-star, luxury lines.

Second, you will need to book early in order to qualify for group discounts and to be assured that there will be space for your entire group. Most cruise lines offer group rates starting a year or more prior to departure, and withdraw them five or six months in advance of departure. It is not possible to establish a new group at the last-minute, though it is sometimes possible to add cabins to an existing group close to departure.

Third, cruise groups often qualify for special perks or freebies. These can include a cocktail party, bon voyage gifts or shipboard credit, which can be used for anything on board -- from souvenirs and specialty dinners to spa treatments and shore excursions. As an added bonus, families also can reserve onboard space for private gatherings.

Finally, if your group books at least eight double-occupancy cabins through our Group Department, one member of your group **will cruise for free** (this does not include air or port charges), or you can reduce everyone's discounted group rate by a prorated amount. Sometimes the organizer of the trip takes that freebie, but frequently it is shared among all guests.

To help you find the perfect family getaway at the best price, visit our family travel website, [FamilyCruise.com](#). There, you can read about which lines offer kids-only facilities and activities and find the answers to your family's most important cruise questions.

And when you're ready to book your cruise, we have a Group Department that specializes in bookings of five or more cabins. They are experts in handling family reunions, church and civic groups, alumni associations, business conferences and seminars at sea. To speak to someone in our Group Department, call 800-338-4962, prompt 2.

Here are all the best cruise deals worldwide in the next 90 days, organized by region:

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Here are all the best cruise deals worldwide in the next 90 days, organized by cruise line:

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Viking Cruises
Voyages of Discovery
Voyages to Antiquity
Windstar

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 San Juan Jan 24, starting at \$439, save 75%, **FastDeal # 16034**
- 2) **Mexico**, 7 nights on Princess, departs Los Angeles Jan 31, starting at \$499, save 29%, **FastDeal # 34087**
- 3) **Caribbean**, 7 nights on Celebrity, departs Fort Lauderdale Jan 24, starting at \$649, save 59%, **FastDeal # 30045**
- 4) **Bahamas**, 7 nights on Norwegian, departs New York Nov 8, oceanview starting at \$649, save 54%, **FastDeal # 10605**
- 5) **Middle East**, 7 nights on Royal Caribbean, departs Dubai Dec 21, starting at \$664, save 61%, **FastDeal # 30348**
- 6) **South America**, 10 nights on Oceania Cruises, departs Rio de Janeiro Dec 12, starting at \$1,999, save 79%, **FastDeal # 17751**
- 7) **Tahiti/French Polynesia**, 7 nights on Windstar, departs Papeete Nov 20, oceanview starting at \$2,799, save 59%, **FastDeal # 29745**
- 8) **Caribbean**, 10 nights on Regent, departs Miami Nov 12, suite starting at \$4,399, save 65%, **FastDeal # 26505**
- 9) **Mediterranean**, 7 nights on Silversea, departs Rome Nov 2, suite starting at \$4,650, **FastDeal # 22049** (Silversea does not provide brochure rates for this cruise, so we are unable to show a savings percentage.)
- 10) **Caribbean**, 12 nights on Seabourn, departs Fort Lauderdale Nov 9, suite starting at \$4,999, save 76%, **FastDeal # 11852**

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**.

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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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