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### FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

# Travel Trends for 2018

**By Stephanie Turner, CTC** President & CEO, Brentwood Travel

Little did I know in 1973 when I came in to help answer the phones at Brentwood Travel that my life would totally change. I have traveled the world and I continually see how it keeps changing. That's what makes travel so exciting. It's not just about the places we see, it's also about the people we meet along the way. Thanks to technology, air travel and television the world has changed. More people are curious about exploring the world.

In the '70s and '80s, Florida and the Caribbean were the hot spots, along with California. Disney was also a popular destination for us. More people were starting to go to Europe thanks to group charters, which made Europe – before the Euro – affordable.

Fast forward to today and what do I see? Our number one destination is Mexico, with nonstop charter service. You get on the plane here and in less than three hours you've arrived at your beach destination for an all-inclusive week in the sun. You pay one price and get accommodations, all meals, beverages, hotel transfers and



non-stop airline transportation. Everyone likes a relaxing getaway, whether for three days or a week. It's a great vacation value, with the popularity of these types of trips continuing to grow.

I also see a huge trend for Europe. Most of our clients have ancestors who originated in this area. Everyone wants to see Paris, the most beautiful city in the world, or travel through Italy and experience everything from wonderful cuisine to the statue of David and a gondola in Venice.

The greatest growth is in the amazing river cruises, with ships that have less than 200 passengers and ply the rivers in the interior of Europe. Sail the Danube to visit Prague, Vienna and Budapest. The amazing Rhine itineraries will take you to Amsterdam and Basel with stops in Cologne, Rudesheim and Strasbourg. Fall in love with French rivers like the Seine and experience the Normandy Beaches,

my most moving trip to date. Or explore the Rhône River in the south of France, starting in Lyon, visiting picture book towns as you sail to Avignon. These cruises include almost everything – meals, wines, shore excursions. Ready to see the world in a new way? Give us a call and get started!



## FEATURE STORY

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## Maria Maria More Choices **NALON** in 2019 with WATERWAYS

The world is a constantly changing place – destinations, activities, travel personalities, experiences - so AVALON WATERWAYS is introducing new features for 2019 to make your river cruise tailored to you!

#### AVALON CHOICE

Not everyone travels the same way or wants to experience the same excursion on their trip - so why should you have to? Avalon Waterways recognizes each traveler is different and they give you the options to pick how you explore on your adventure with Avalon Choice. Each European river cruise you take in 2019 will give you the option to choose between Active, Discovery or Classic excursions each day. So what's the difference?

If you enjoy more energetic options while traveling,



Travel Consultant Julie Skrainka and her husband on Avalon Visionary.

then Active excursions are perfect for you. You'll be able to go on guided jogging, biking, paddling or hiking tours throughout various scenic locations to explore the landscapes up-close and personal. With Discovery excursions, you can delve into what interests you the most - from cooking or painting classes, to even conducting your own symphony - you'll be truly immersed in the destination's culture. Lastly, see and hear about each destination's most iconic sites with Classic excursions for a more traditional travel experience.

If you enjoy more energetic options while traveling, then Active excursions are perfect for you.

#### **ADVENTURE AWAITS**

Whether you're looking for something to do during your free time onboard or explore the land on your own, Avalon Waterways' new Adventure Hosts and Adventure Centers are there to help. Your Adventure Host will be on each ship starting in 2019 to help you maintain your active lifestyle, with optional excursions on shore, to lead complimentary active classes on the Sky Deck and to offer advice for other activities you can enjoy.

To make your free time more personalized, your Adventure Host will also be present at the Adventure Center so you can checkout special equipment (free of charge!) to use during your stay. You'll be able to choose from several options, including bikes, yoga mats, walking sticks, maps, picnic baskets and more.

Now it's time to get tech savvy; Avalon Waterways will also be launching AvalonGo, an exciting new app that opens so many possibilities for you on your trip. You'll be able to find schedules, daily itineraries, dining and entertainment options, post photos, and even have access to GPS so you can always find your way back to the ship while ashore.

#### **REINVENTED SHIPS**

In 2019 Avalon is saying out with the old ships and in with a new one!



To make way for Avalon Envision, Avalon Waterways will be retiring Avalon Affinity, Felicity and Luminary. Avalon Envision will still include all of the same beautiful elements that makes Avalon so special – Panorama Suites, featuring wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows; complimentary Wi-Fi; Adventure Center and Avalon Adventure Host; but it will also allow for FlexDining venues. With FlexDining you'll now be able to choose when you eat and where you eat, with no more reserved dinner times or tables.

To book your spot on one of their itineraries that will take you to Europe, Asia, South America (and new for 2019 – India!), contact the AVALON WATERWAYS experts at Brentwood Travel.



\*Offer valid 6/8 - 6/22/18. Other restrictions apply.

## **RIVER CRUISING**

## Sail Throught Europe's UNIW RLD. Christmas Markets with BOUTIQUE RIVER CRUISE COLLECTION

'Tis the season to already be thinking about the holidays, and what better way to get in the Christmas spirit than by sailing through Europe's most spectacular Christmas markets? This December, get ready for **UNIWORLD BOUTIQUE RIVER CRUISES** to show you the magic of the holidays on two fabulous itineraries – Classic Christmas Markets and Rhine Holiday Markets.

#### CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MARKETS

On your first day in Frankfurt aboard *River Queen*, you'll explore Römer Square and its landmark skyscraper, Main Tower. Then you are off to see Frankfurt's Christmas Market in Old Town, which is one of the largest in Germany. It's full of gorgeous treasures, a vintage carousel and a beautifully illuminated Christmas tree.



Travel Consultant Maggie Groene – Christmas Market in Germany

In the village of Wertheim, Christmas comes to life with its gingerbread-like houses and festively decorated cobblestone streets. Here you'll get the chance to twist your own pretzels or visit the ruins of Wertheim Castle.

While visiting the Franconian village of Würzburg, you'll have the opportunity to explore the Würzburg Residence, a 300-room UNESCO World Heritage site. Following your visit, walk around Würzburg's Christmas markets with its wooden booths, glassblowers and wood carvers.



Your ship will dock in the Bavarian town of Kitzingen and you will head to Rothenburg, a medieval town with gorgeous Gothic churches. Here you can wander around one of the oldest Christmas markets for special gifts.

At the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bamberg, roam around the city that survived WWII and visit their Christmas markets, which consist of four markets – the traditional at Market Square, a medieval cultural program, and two that focus on local arts and crafts.

#### **RHINE HOLIDAY MARKETS**

Prepare to leave Basel aboard S.S. Antoinette and begin a tour of Switzerland's second largest city. Here you can see more than 100 illuminated Christmas trees and you can make a wish in the town's Wish Book.

Strasbourg calls itself the "Capital of Christmas" and for good reason – its Christmas tree in Place Kleber spreads through 10 neighboring locations. While visiting you can go on a "Taste of Christmas" walking tour and try some decadent Christmas cookies.

"Fröhliche Weihnachten," or "Merry Christmas!" – you're now in Heidelberg, Germany! Here you can either explore the university town and see castle ruins or visit a candlelit tasting room and sample different elixirs made from wine vinegars.

In Mainz and Rüdesheim, you'll visit both Christmas markets in these cities where you will experience life-sized Nativity scenes, the Gutenberg Museum, and the 200-year-old St. Nicholas Christmas Market.

On your last day you will visit Cologne and see the city's seven Christmas markets with 160 wood pavilions for a variety of gifts. You will also be able to visit the city's cathedral – a UNSECO World Heritage site.

Brentwood Travel Consultant Maggie Groene visited the Christmas Markets of Germany and loved sampling the food. "My favorite part was the Glühwein (hot wine) and the endless amount of local treats!"

Get a head start on your holiday shopping by booking your river cruise through Europe's Christmas markets – the Brentwood Travel staff can't wait to assist you!

## **RIVER CRUISING**

## Celebrate D-Day's 75th Anniversary with

Seventy-five years ago, the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control occurred on Normandy Beach, which was one of the most infamous battles during World War II and is better known as D-Day. More than 425,000 Allied and German troops were killed across five beaches on a 50-mile stretch of France's Normandy region. Millions of people visit Normandy Beach each year to pay their respects and to learn more about the events that occurred so long ago. VIKING RIVER CRUISES invites



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Travel Consultant Micky Gaona's husband Ralph at Omaha Beach

you to explore this historic area while sailing on their "Paris to the Heart of Normandy" itinerary.

Upon your arrival in Normandy, your knowledgeable guide will take you through the Normandy coast and pass through Courseulles-sur-Mer, a town where Canadian troops unloaded supplies. You will also see Juno and Gold Beach where troops came ashore, followed by a visit to Arromanches Debarkment D-Day Museum – the temporary Mulberry Harbor that moved large volumes of troops. At the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial above Omaha Beach, you will be able to pay your respects to the U.S. soldiers that lost their lives and walk among thousands of white crosses.

Brentwood Travel Consultant Mickey Gaona visited Normandy Beach and



she was overcome with emotion. "Normandy is a very moving experience. Seeing the beaches, bunkers and foxholes brings to life the bravery of our military. We visited the museum with photos and memorabilia. We also visited the gravesites of many of the fallen. The emotions we felt were overwhelming. Sadness for the fallen, but so proud of the lives that were saved due to their bravery and strength," said Gaona.

Your river cruise adventures don't end just in Normandy; your Viking Longship will take you to four other exciting ports, including Paris (roundtrip), Vernon/Giverny, Rouen and Les Andelys. Start your trip in "The City of Light" – Paris. Your local guide will take you to one of the most iconic sites in the world, the Eiffel Tower, followed by visits to École Militaire, Orsay Museum, the Latin Quarter, Notre Dame Cathedral, and drive past the Louvre and the Champs-Élysées.

When you arrive in Vernon, you will be transported to Giverny, the hometown of the famous impressionist painter Claude Monet. Tour his home and the beautiful Japanese gardens that inspired many of his paintings,



followed by a guided trip through Vernon.

In the capital of Normandy, Rouen, you will spend your afternoon walking through Old Town viewing the incredible Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral and see the courthouse where Joan of Arc was sentenced to death.

On your last full day you will enjoy Les Andelys, which is known for its breathtaking castle, Château Gaillard. Tour through the castle and enjoy a scenic walk before returning to Paris.

Celebrate and honor this historic occasion by booking your river cruise to Normandy with VIKING RIVER CRUISES. Our Brentwood Travel staff has the knowledge and experience to make sure your trip is one to remember!

**BRENTWOOD** TRAVEL EXCLUSIVE OFFER:

# \$200 ONBOARD CREDIT

### for any future Viking River or Ocean cruise\*

\*Offer valid 6/6 - 6/27/18. Other restrictions may apply.

## **OCEAN CRUISING**





Travel Consultant Dianna Paridon with her husband Bill in Alaska No camera lens can really capture the beauty and sheer awe of what it feels like to sail through Alaska. **REGENT SEVEN SEAS CRUISES** allows you to the explore America's last frontier with all-inclusive cruises and inviting expeditions of discovery.

By offering free unlimited shore excursions in Alaska, Regent lets you get to know this inspiring destination for yourself. To enhance your Alaskan experience, each cruise features guest lecturer Terry Breen, published Alaska specialist who has

been sailing the Inside Passage for over 20 years.

Luxury cruising in Alaska is an experience that will feed all the senses. Here are our recommended reasons why Alaska should be on your travel bucket list:

#### THE WILDLIFE

The sighting of a humpback whale is a true "wow" moment and, if lucky, you might catch sight of an orca on a boat tour of Kenai Fjords National Park.

#### **THE WILDERNESS**

Denali National Park is the nation's third largest, and a few of the best ways to take in the grandeur is by rafting, a breathtaking flightseeing tour, bicycling, or by four wheels.



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#### **THE MOUNTAINS**

In terms of experiences, nothing can top the exhilaration of that first scenic glimpse of Mt. McKinley, especially on the deck of *Seven Seas Mariner*.

#### **THE GLACIERS**

A sight unseen by even the most seasoned traveler, the glaciers of Alaska can be best appreciated by ice climbing, hiking or kayaking.

#### THE UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

See the wilderness through the eyes of a team of huskies and experience the thrill of dog sledding or try your luck panning for gold.

Dianna Paridon, Travel Consultant, cruised Alaska and came back with unforgettable memories. "If you are looking to take a vacation filled with adventure, ever-changing spectacular scenery, fresh coastal seafood, and unforgettable sightseeing, an Alaska cruise is for you," recommends Paridon. "I think of Alaska as one moving postcard!"

A unique Alaskan itinerary with Regent is the 12-night *"Wondrous West Coast"* voyage departing on September 18, 2019. Onboard



Seven Seas Mariner, you will start your journey in Vancouver and cruise the Inside Passage, with excursions in Ketchikan, Juneau and Sitka as well as a visit to Hubbard Glacier. You will then travel to charming Victoria, Canada for a visit to the visually delightful Butchart Gardens before ending your cruise in star-struck Los Angeles.

Call Brentwood Travel for an unforgettable Alaskan cruise with **REGENT SEVEN SEAS CRUISES**, offering the finest in luxury with unlimited shore excursions, prepaid gratuities, unlimited beverages, and so much more.

EXCLUSIVE OFFER:

## \$200 BONUS SHIPBOARD CREDIT

per suite when mentioning this offer for any 2018-2019 voyage\*

\*Offer valid 6/4 - 6/29/18. Restrictions may apply.

## OCEAN CRUISING Innovating Modern Cruising Again with Norwegian Encore

## NCL NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE®

#### Shout "Bravo!" for NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE's most innovative and

modern ship ever — Norwegian Encore. Packed with one amazing experience right after the other, Norwegian Encore will launch in fall 2019 with unforgettable vacations from its homeport in Miami.

Norwegian Encore will feature seven-day Eastern Caribbean itineraries with stops in vibrant Puerto Rico and the sparkling beaches of the British Virgin Islands; or you may choose to sail across the mighty ocean on an 11-day transatlantic voyage from London to Miami with excursions in



Travel Consultant Micky Gaona and her husband Ralph in Alaska with NCL

lush Ponta Delgado. Each sailing will offer a perfect mix of leisure activities, culture immersion and adventurous experiences.

This expertly designed ship allows for the most expansive views at sea. You will marvel at the panoramic views from the two-story Horizon Lounge, offered exclusively for guests of The Haven. The Observation Lounge includes a full-service bar and spectacular views spanning two decks. *Norwegian Encore* will also feature a vast range of delicious dining options and some of the best entertainment at sea.

In 2016, Brentwood Travel Consultant Mickey Gaona enjoyed a Norwegian Cruise Line adventure to Alaska. "The entertainment onboard was awesome!

They have music venues all around the ship that offer a wide variety of shows," Gaona recalls. "Over the course of the cruise we saw a women's quartet, a rock group, an easy-listening show and a five-piece Motown group that really had the boat rocking!"

When it's time to wind down. Norwegian Encore will be ready with a broad range of modern accommodations designed for the way you vacation. Hidden at the top of the ship, The Haven features well-appointed accommodations as well as 24-hour butler service. concierge service and private sundeck. The Haven Spa Suite provides even more pampering with a luxourious experience at sea. Each suite will allow easy access to the fitness center as well as complimentary access to the thermal spa.

Norwegian Encore's inaugural sailing will coincide with the opening of the state-of-the-art PortMiami Terminal. The new terminal is designed to give passengers an enjoyable embarkation and disembarkation experience that closely mirrors the experience onboard Norwegian's ships. Already dubbed the "Pearl of Miami," the all-glass building will also have an attached parking garage with 1,000 parking spaces. The PortMiami Terminal will also feature a lounge and service area to welcome large groups and charters.

With some of the newest ships in the industry, Norwegian Cruise Line currently boasts the youngest fleet



among major North American cruise lines. Thanks to a wide range of revolutionary features and interactive experiences, you're guaranteed a vacation like no other.

Contact Brentwood Travel to learn even more benefits when cruising the Caribbean with the newest and best ships from NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE.

# EXCLUSIVE OFFER:

## FREE AT SEA CHOOSE UP TO FIVE FREE OFFERS:

Unlimited Beverage Package\* Specialty Dining Package\* Internet Package\* Shore Excursion Credit\* 3rd & 4th Guest Sail Free\*

\*Choices and onboard amenities based on sailing and cabin category; other restrictions apply.

### **OCEAN CRUISING**

# Around the World Your Way with OCEANIA CRUISES Your World. Your Way:

A global adventure on a luxury cruise ship will stir the imagination of any traveler with a sense of exploration. And dreams will come true during the "Around the World in 180 Days" itinerary with **OCEANIA CRUISES**.

This will be a voyage unlike any other as *Insignia* departs Miami on January 8, 2020 to explore 95 ports on four continents across 27 time zones. This journey features Oceania Cruises' most expansive focus ever on Japan, with nine intriguing ports of call. And for the first time ever on an Oceania Cruises' global journey, *Insignia* will circumnavigate South America and explore the breadth of Alaska from the Aleutian Islands to the Inside Passage.

During this voyage, passengers will visit 38 countries with an indulgent 17 overnight port visits. Highlights during this incredible journey will be the newly expanded Panama Canal from Miami to San Francisco. You will explore picturesque ports in Central America, Mexico and Baja California, then circle South America to the cloud-kissed ruins of Machu Picchu and the samba beat of Rio de Janeiro.

Next, *Insignia* makes a transatlantic journey to South Africa. You will discover off-the-beaten-path ports in Senegal, Gambia, Ivory Coast and Ghana. You will also get the chance to spot Africa's magnificent wildlife during a three-day safari adventure.





## During this voyage, passengers will visit 38 countries with an indulgent 17 overnight port visits.

Your exploration continues along the dramatic landscapes and worldclass cities throughout Asia, including visits to Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam and China. You will also visit numerous destinations throughout Asia including overnights under the dazzling lights of Beijing and Kyoto.

While in Russia, you may choose to explore the remote city of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, which is surrounded by volcanos and only accessible by air or sea. You will then have the chance to explore rugged Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. The grand odyssey concludes with a Panama Canal transit, inviting you to explore the best of The Americas.

Traveling the globe offers the experience to taste the finest cuisine in the world. Inspired by legendary Master Chef Jacques Pepin, Executive Culinary Director for Oceania Cruises, the talented chefs will create culinary masterpieces from around the world. You will also enjoy an array of special dining events that will highlight authentic local fare, including fresh sushi while sailing the Sea of Japan and a colorful Carnaval-style deck party along the coast of Brazil.

Exceptional value has always been

a hallmark of Oceania Cruises. A sample of special amenities include complimentary dining at all specialty restaurants and 24-hour room service, access to Canyon Ranch SpaClub, free medical services, unlimited Internet, as well as impeccable service.

Although the 180-day voyage is the centerpiece journey, there are several flexible options. Choose from five other curated itinerary options, embarking in either Miami or San Francisco and ranging up to 200 unforgettable days.

Contact Brentwood Travel to awake each day to new delights and surround yourself in the luxuries of **OCEANIA CRUISES** during the "Around the World in 180 Days" journey!

EXCLUSIVE OFFER: \$200 SHIPBOARD CREDIT per stateroom for all Oceania Cruises

sailings\*

\*Offer valid 6/4 - 8/4/18. Other restrictions may apply.

## **OCEAN CRUISING**



From an exhilarating, sky-high dinner cantilevered 16 decks above the ocean to an immersive fusion of flavors, the latest culinary hot spots are on **CELEBRITY CRUISES'** newest ship Celebrity Edge. These dining experiences are like nothing guests have ever experienced at sea and combine cutting-edge technology, animation and dining.

There are plenty of tempting options on *Celebrity Edge* with 29 world-class venues. Culinary choices include four main dining restaurants, two exclusive Suite and AquaClass restaurants, six brand new specialty restaurants, four complimentary dining venues, and 11 bars and lounges. Guests are invited to embark on a cross-continental culinary journey and explore the world without leaving the table.

Celebrity has redesigned the main dining experience on *Celebrity Edge* to include not one but four complimentary restaurants. Each restaurant has a distinctive design and ambience inspired by a specific region of the world. Menus in every restaurant feature signature dishes and selections that change nightly to showcase the inspiration of the destination.

Tuscan Restaurant will satisfy with featured Italian-inspired dishes,

including freshly made pastas. Normandie Restaurant will feature French favorites. In the Cyprus Restaurant – a nod to Celebrity's Greek heritage – guests will enjoy flavorful Mediterranean fare. And it's all familiar in the Cosmopolitan Restaurant, featuring new American cuisine. The main dining menus offer Celebrity's largest selection of dishes ever, plus regionally inspired wines and crafted cocktails.

At night the lights are dimmed, and an entirely new experience is served at Le Grand Bistro. An animated 3D character appears right on guests' plates and prepares each course they'll be enjoying right before their eyes. Celebrity is the very first cruise line to partner with TableMation Studios to bring an immersive fusion of entertainment and dining like nothing guests have ever experienced at sea.

With Celebrity Traditional Dining, guests choose early or late seating, which allows them to enjoy dinner at the same table with the same waiter every evening. With this option, you will be assigned to one of the four main restaurants, while having the ability to experience the others upon request.

Perhaps you would like a bit more freedom to explore each restaurant? Celebrity has renamed its Celebrity Select Dining program to Celebrity Select Dining Plus and will allow guests to dine when and where they'd like each evening. Through



this program you can make reservations in any of the four restaurants at your desired time.

*Celebrity Edge* will be making her first sailing November 21, 2018. The ship will spend her inaugural season sailing alternating seven-night Eastern and Western Caribbean itineraries. Beginning in 2019, *Celebrity Edge* will then transport guests to the stunning vistas of the Mediterranean with a range of seven- to 11-night sailings from iconic cities like Barcelona and Rome.

CELEBRITY CRUISES' newest ship is designed to leave the future behind. Contact Brentwood Travel to book your next cruise on this truly innovative ship.

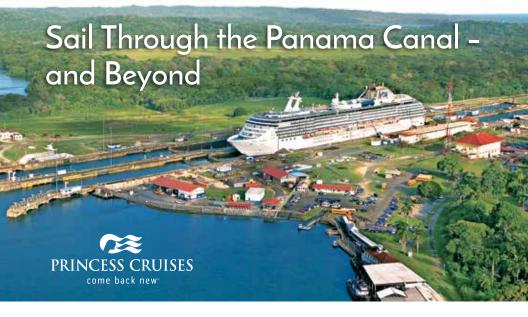
EXCLUSIVE OFFER:

ONBOARD CREDIT

for balcony and higher staterooms on 2019 *Edge* sailings\*

\*Offer valid 5/30 - 6/30/2018. Other restrictions apply.

## **OCEAN CRUISING**



In 1914 the American-built waterway that connects the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean was created to cut vessel sailing distances by nearly 8,000 miles. This 50-mile-long passage uses special locks to lift ships 85 feet above sea level; today that includes cruise ships.

**PRINCESS CRUISES** was the first cruise line to sail the Panama Canal in 1967 and today they are the #1 cruise line sailing to this incredible destination – with more sailings than any other cruise line, on ships designed specifically to sail the historic locks. With over 50 years of experience, you'll encounter the diverse cultures of stunning landscapes of the region exactly the way you want



Travel Consultant Ann Fendelman with her sister-in-law and son on Coral Princess

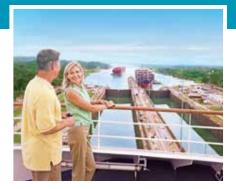
to with Princess Cruises.

There are three different ways you can explore the Panama Canal with Princess: 10-day roundtrip sailings from Ft. Lauderdale, 15 to 19 days from Los Angeles to Ft. Lauderdale (ocean to ocean), or 19 days roundtrip from Los Angeles. Both *Island Princess* and *Coral Princess* were designed just for the Panama Canal and they were built with 700 balcony rooms, making sure that no matter what you always have the best view of the locks.



When you're not sailing through the canal you'll be on land exploring some of Central America and the Caribbean's most stunning destinations, including Panama, Costa Rica, Colombia, Mexico, Guatemala, Antigua and other breathtaking islands. Princess wants to make sure you have the most immersive experience while exploring this incredible region, so they have created Discovery at Sea shore excursions in conjunction with "Discovery" and "Animal Planet." These are unique tours that you can only encounter with Princess, which provide enriching experiences and encounters with some of the most unique animals on Earth.

In Panama City, go on a thrilling small watercraft excursion through the Miraflores Locks for an in-depth view of the canal operations and Gatun Lake; get up close and personal with sloths at the world's first sloth-only sanctuary in Costa Rica; while in Cartagena, Colombia, get a unique perspective of Cartagena's 500-year history with a panoramic tour and a visit to San Felipe Fortress; in Antigua, go on an exhilarating zipline adventure through the rainforest.



In November 2017, Brentwood Travel Consultant Ann Fendelman sailed on *Coral Princess* through the Panama Canal. "Princess does a great job in the Panama Canal. They have so many activities onboard for the days at sea and they bring experts onboard to talk about the canal," stated Fendelman.

The Panama Canal is a bucket-list destination that's an absolute must see. Our staff has experienced the wonders of the locks and now it's your turn. Contact us today and be sure to take advantage of our exclusive offer with **PRINCESS CRUISES**!

# EXCLUSIVE OFFER:

- Free All-Inclusive Beverage package when booking a Balcony or above\*
- Specialty Dining when booking a Mini-Suite or above\*

### \$100 refundable deposit\*

\*Offer valid 6/4 - 6/11/2018. Other restrictions apply.

## **OCEAN CRUISING**

# Symphony of the Seas is Ready for Your #AdventureSquad

In April 2018, **ROYAL CARIBBEAN**'s Symphony of the Seas set sail and became the world's largest cruise ship, with 22 restaurants, 24 pools and 2,759 cabins. It has all the greatest hits you would expect for a Royal Caribbean ship, plus revolutionary new firsts, making it the new "sound of adventure."

RovalCaribbean

The ship will spend the summer traversing the Mediterranean with voyages to Spain and Italy. Starting in autumn, *Symphony of the Seas* will move its home base to Miami, Florida, and launch a series of Caribbean cruises.



Travel Consultant Dawn Ryan and her husband Tom in Nassau with Royal Caribbean

*Symphony of the Seas* is over-flowing with ways to fill your time while traveling from destination to destination. Gear up for a glow-in-the-dark laser-tag faceoff in Battle for Planet Z<sup>SM</sup>. Catch a wave on the FlowRider surf simulator. And race down The Perfect Storm<sup>SM</sup> dueling waterslides.

In the new and exclusive "escape the room" experience, time is ticking as you attempt to find hidden clues needed to solve a collection of puzzles. With only 60 minutes on the clock, the suspense builds as you collaborate with your team to unravel the mystery of the Rubicon!



Symphony of the Seas is also home to the Ultimate Abyss, the tallest slide at sea. This is the experience for only the bold and bravest to venture into. Step to the edge and plummet 10 stories into the mysteries of the deep.

An Oasis Class favorite, the Boardwalk neighborhood onboard Symphony of the Seas will introduce new twists to one-of-a-kind venues to entertain all ages. At Playmakers Sports Bar & Arcade, catch the game while sipping craft brews or rediscover your favorite classic arcade games. If it's a visual feast you're craving, head to the AquaTheater to catch the high-diving performances at the brand-new show HiRO. Or satisfy your sweet tooth at Sugar Beach, a candy and ice cream shop with very tempting treats!

For more culinary creativity, venture down the rabbit hole at Wonderland. The story begins as you "brush" the menu and find your element – Wind, Ice, Fire, Water, Earth and Dreams. Each selection comes with a choice of small and shareable plates as well as many sensory surprises.

A feel-good favorite returns to Royal Caribbean in the brand-new production of *Hairspray*. Mix big hair, big dreams and all the right moves and you've got one of the biggest Broadway hits of our time. Winner of eight Tony Awards, *Hairspray* is back and you can't stop the beat!

In 2016, Royal Caribbean launched Harmony of the Seas and Travel Consultant Dawn Ryan was chosen to represent Brentwood Travel on the inaugural sailing. "This was the first cruise that I've ever experienced, and a lot of my expectations were blown away," Ryan recalls. "I also was assuming that due to the size of this ship and the large capacity, it would be crowded. However, we had absolutely no problems navigating the ship and we never felt like there were tons of people all around. And there was so much to see and do!"

You'll never run out of amazing experiences, thrilling adventures, or places to treat your taste buds on **ROYAL CARIBBEAN**'s *Symphony of the Seas*. Contact Brentwood Travel to be one of the first to sail on this fantastic ship!

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## **OCEAN CRUISING**





Marketing Associate Allison Harper and her family, Holland America Line

This September, **HOLLAND AMERICA LINE** will begin an innovative approach to cruising for travelers who are looking for thoughtful and immersive ways to see the world. With EXC In-Depth Voyages, each journey offers guests a variety of themes and choices to tailor their exploration.

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Offered exclusively on *ms Maasdam*, itineraries range from 12 to 34 days. World-renowned experts, local scholars and customized Zodiac tours will allow guests to delve deeper into

destinations with innovative and engaging experiences. Guests are free to focus on one area of interest or combine their passions through onboard enrichment and captivating shore activities.

Topics include photography, science and nature, arts and culture, food and wine, history, and active exploration. A day at sea could include a lecture on Captain Cook (history and perspective), discovering the indigenous breadfruit (food and wine), growing coral (science and nature), and a traditional tattoo design workshop (arts and culture). Guests are encouraged to choose to do as much or as little as they like from the menu of daily options.



EXC programming on board is designed to bring guests together with similar interests and offer interactive activities, destination insight, and cultural encounters to make each cruise more engaging and meaningful. And junior cruisers are welcomed to take part in their own activities geared towards them.

Since EXC In-Depth Voyages are designed with added emphasis on the destination and onboard learning, evening entertainment will reflect the local culture instead of mainstage production shows. Dining options will now include local chefs, locally sourced ingredients and local traditions to enhance the culinary offerings appreciated by Holland America Line guests.

ECX In-Depth Voyages will also feature Zodiac inflatable boat tours so guests may enjoy opportunities to intimately explore less-accessible sites and wildlife habitats. A mix of onboard experts and local guides co-guide Zodiac outings to enrich the experience for guests.

"When I traveled with Holland America Line to Alaska, a highlight for me was a journey on a Zodiac boat to view the nesting area of bald eagles," says Allison Harper, Brentwood Travel's Marketing Associate. "The opportunity to see these amazing birds in their natural habit felt like a real adventure and it was the farthest North I have yet to travel!"

Other shore-side activities focus on offering memorable experiences like photographing the colors of a Tahitian market (photography), taking a guided walking tour in search of the Komodo dragon (active exploration), and watching the platypus playing in Australia (science and nature).

The ports on EXC In-Depth itineraries were selected to evoke curiosity and inspire wonder. The *ms Maasdam* will visit 154 ports in 36 countries on 12 individual cruises, with guests having the opportunity to explore locales like Easter Island, Pitcairn Island, Java, the Maldives, the Marquesas and Nuku Hiva. Twenty-eight ports are maiden calls or have not been visited by Holland America Line ships in many years.

Contact Brentwood Travel today to book a real adventure with HOLLAND AMERICA LINE and an EXC In-Depth Voyage.



## OCEAN CRUISING A New Ship is on the HORIZON



Brentwood Travel is proud to welcome **CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE** to the Ensemble Travel Group family, making them a new preferred supplier with our agency. With this new change for us also comes some exciting changes for Carnival, including the unveiling of their newest ship – *Carnival Horizon*.

*Carnival Horizon* is now the 26th ship in the Carnival fleet that is sure to amaze. This new cruise ship is packed with indoor and outdoor activities, unique entertainment, exciting nightlife, gorgeous accommodations, fabulous itineraries, and more.

There's nothing quite like spending your days at sea while relaxing and



Marketing Associate Missi Wilson, Carnival Cruise Line

having fun on the lido deck. In SportSquare, ride a bike while suspended in the air on SkyRide, try your hand with mini-golf at SkyGreens, or get competitive by playing soccer, volleyball, ping-pong, or basketball. Need to cool off from that hot sun? Take a splash at one (or all three!) of their specialty outdoor pool areas – the Havana Bar & Pool, an exclusive retreat with Cuban flair that turns into a dance spot in the evening; Dr. Seuss Waterworks, complete with a "Cat in the Hat" waterslide; or relax in a hot tub at the Serenity Retreat (sorry kids, adults only at this one!).

The fun doesn't stop when you head inside, though! Sit down and enjoy a movie at one of their two IMAX Theatres; give it all you got while competing on stage at "Lip Sync Battle," which includes backup dancers, choreographers, lighting and props to prove you're the greatest entertainer onboard; enjoy Carnival's Playlist Productions that each include a different theme - Soulbound's New Orlean's-flavor R&B, Celestial String's unique take on classical music, Amor Cubano's classic-Latino sizzle, and Vintage Pop with Prohibition-era-jazzmeets-modern-hits performance. Looking for something a little more intimate? Then take some time for yourself at the Cloud 9 Spa by getting a massage, facial, body wrap, or even sit in a thermal suite.

*Carnival Horizon* has eight specialty restaurants and three dining areas that will guarantee to satisfy any craving. Two unique dining experiences you can have onboard is by visiting Guy's Pig & Anchor Bar-B-Que Smokehouse/ Brewhouse – a restaurant created by Guy Fieri that's full of freshly smoked bar-b-que and a line of Parched Pig craft beers that are brewed on the ship; or you can visit "The Chef's Table" for an intimate dining experience prepared by the cruise chef, followed by a tour of the galley.

Brentwood Travel's Marketing Associate Missi Wilson experienced her first cruise with Carnival and has



been hooked on cruising ever since. "Sailing with Carnival introduced me to a whole new form of travel and I immediately fell in love. I loved waking up every morning at a different island, laying out on the lido deck with a cocktail in my hand, and not to mention their amazing chocolate melting cake – yum!"

Space on *Carnival Horizon's* itineraries to The Bahamas, Bermuda, the Caribbean, and on transatlantic journeys are going quick. Contact Brentwood Travel to book your stateroom and to take advantage of our exclusive offer today!

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Travel Consultant Michelle Busse at Breathless Riviera Cancun

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beaches where you can chill with a cocktail or get your body moving at DJ-hosted pool parties. For some time alone, you can "breathe deep" at their world-class spas offering an array of special treatments. At night, get ready to enjoy lively music, dancing, themed parties, thrilling shows, and more.

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Brentwood Travel Consultant Michelle Busse is known around the office for her knowledge of Unlimited Luxury<sup>®</sup> resorts. In 2017 she traveled to Breathless Riviera Cancun and she feels that the resort has something for everyone. "It truly is breathtaking. It has different bars, restaurants without dining reservations, great shows and pools," stated Busse. "Since it's an adult-only resort it's the perfect place for couples to getaway and mingle with other people."

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## LAND VACATIONS



## Introducing Pixar Pier at *Disneyland*® Resorts

The wonderful worlds of Pixar get a new home at Disney California Adventure Park when Pixar Pier opens on June 23, 2018, transforming the area that is now Paradise Pier with the thrilling, new Incredicoaster, four new imaginative neighborhoods, the new Lamplight Lounge, plus exciting entertainment, themed food and beverage, and merchandise. Guests will experience Pixar stories and characters in incredible new ways on this seaside waterfront at the Disneyland Resort.

The first-ever Pixar Fest, a celebration of friendship throughout the Disneyland Resort, begins April 13, 2018. For a limited time, guests will enjoy the new fireworks show, "Together Forever – A Pixar Nighttime Spectacular,"

the return of "Pixar Play Parade," appearing for the first time at Disneyland Park; the return of "Paint the Night," performing this time at Disney California Adventure, and new Pixar elements added to each of those parades. The fun continues with friends from Disney•Pixar films, creatively themed food and beverage items and merchandise that's exclusive to Pixar Fest.

At Pixar Pier, guests will enter Disney California Adventure's newest land through a dazzling Pixar Pier marguee - topped with the iconic Pixar lamp later in the year. Beloved Pixar stories are introduced in this land through four whimsical neighborhoods. The first neighborhood is inspired by Disney•Pixar's "The Incredibles," which opens with the new Incredicoaster. Permanently transformed from the attraction that was California Screamin'. Incredicoaster invites guests into a mid-century, modernstyle loading area where they will board vehicles with a distinctive, new look. New character moments, new scenes and special effects, and an exciting musical score connect the attraction's story to Pixar's "The Incredibles 2," which opens in theaters June 15, 2018.

The neighborhood inspired by Disney•Pixar's "Toy Story" includes the popular Toy Story Mania! attraction. Another new neighborhood is inspired by Disney•Pixar's "Inside Out," and a new "Inside Out" family-friendly attraction is scheduled to open in that neighborhood at a later date. celebrates a collection of guestfavorite Pixar stories. Mickey's Fun Wheel transforms into a newly-themed Pixar attraction, allowing guests to enjoy the beautiful sights of Pixar Pier from 24 new gondolas – each one decorated with a beloved Pixar pal. The midway games are also inspired by Pixar characters, including favorites from "A Bug's Life," "La Luna" and "WALL-E".

Another exciting location opening at Pixar Pier on June 23 is the new Lamplight Lounge, an elegant vet fun gathering place for the entire family at the entrance of Pixar Pier. Lamplight Lounge will serve California casual gastro-pub cuisine that is playfully presented, along with unique signature cocktails and a guestfavorite: Lobster Nachos. The seaside lounge will contain a full bar with picturesque waterfront views of Paradise Bay from both upstairs and downstairs. At night, outdoor seating will provide views of the illuminated Pixar Pier and "World of Color."

The remaining areas of the original Paradise Pier – including Paradise Gardens, Silly Symphony Swings, Jumping Jellyfish, Goofy's Sky School, Golden Zephyr and The Little Mermaid ~ Ariel's Undersea Adventure – become a new land called Paradise Park.

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