

THE CRUISE IN CREW

WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Friends,

Maybe many of you have had so little to eat over the Christmas festivity period that you should be considering booking a cruise! Chance would be a fine thing! We have pleasure in enclosing our new, 2010/11 fourth edition Cruise In brochure, with this very small Newsletter. The introduction copy on Page 2 of the brochure says much about what we have to offer. Please look at our website offers regularly. The prices of any cruise sailing within the next 6 months can change rapidly and regularly, but they rarely come down on what our early bookers would have paid. If we haven't got the ship or sail date you want, please don't think we don't sell it. We do. Just ring and ask. We'll even tell you if there's a reason we haven't featured it! We look forward to a healthy, happy 2010 for us and all of you, our friends. Hope to see many of you on the Holland cruise in April or chat with you on the phone! Above all, have a great cruising year.

RIVER CRUISE UPDATE APRIL 10th 2010

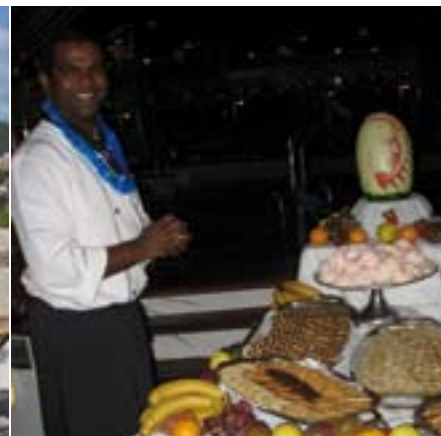
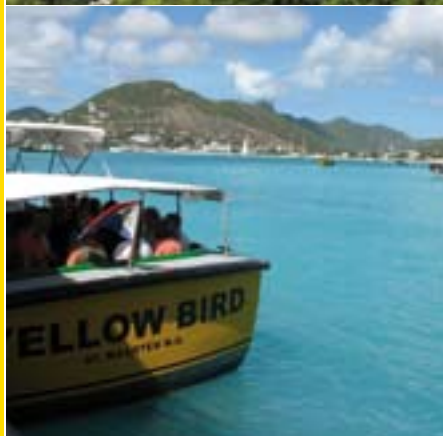
As we write this newsletter, we're glad to report the sailing is now 60% sold out over the two weeks it has been on sale. The Bruges add-on is a very popular option, probably because it involves complete security of coach transfers from door-to-door, so to speak, not to mention two lovely days in a beautiful town in springtime. For those of you who like trains, the five night cruise fits the bill and the Eurostar 08.57 train allows plenty of time to change at Brussels to the International Amsterdam train which will reach Rotterdam Central with plenty of time to spare. Likewise, the return journey allows a leisurely ride - let the train take the strain! All of our musical entertainment is now in place for a really excellent five night cruise. If you need the details again, please refer to brochure pages 20 and 21. See you there!

GLOBESPAN FLIGHTS - SERVING SCOTLAND NO MORE

The position of Globespan has been pretty precarious over the last months if not years, but it was the only way of getting our Scottish friends out from the localities of Glasgow and Edinburgh. Sadly, no longer. Globespan went into administration today, 17th December. We had been explaining time and time again to friends on the phone that they had reduced flying days to three a week, taken one airport out completely and it was dangerous to even consider booking even with extra nights added in Barcelona. What we were unaware of, is that Royal Caribbean had been using Globespan flights for their 2010 cruises. We were lucky. We booked no seats on Globespan for the coming year. Now, Scottish friends, you know why. Which leaves a void in the market, because you have no routes whatsoever flying directly to any of the ports in Europe that serve our 4 and 5 star cruise ships other than Jet2 who have added Venice but at extremely high pricing. Maybe they know a thing or two! We know it's a nightmare. It will only get worse and is the same for many areas now in the UK. We believe in making the journey part of your holiday as easy as possible, by at least getting you there the same day on a direct routing and not on a charter. We are monitoring the situation closely and will always report back if there are changes in the market. Which brings us on to.....

HOW DO WE GET TO ROME?

Impossible from Scotland, but may be getting a little easier from other airports! Already we have flights supplying access to many cruises from Civitavecchia that go from Gatwick, Stansted, Heathrow, Manchester and Dublin. Liverpool was always on our routings but now flying days have been reduced to three times a week, Monday Thursday and Saturday. This means that, on many dates, you can now stay in Rome pre or post cruise, still dependent on flying days though, enabling you to use the new double decker train service between Rome Central and Civitavecchia and become a bespoke traveller. The same also goes for Bristol flights which leave in the afternoon thus a mandatory stay has to be made in Rome. So, if you want to discuss any cruises that go from Rome, especially Celebrity Equinox or Queen Victoria, you may now want those extra nights in Rome to complete your enjoyment!



A CARIBBEAN ESCAPE

Steve and Julie accompanied this 100-strong Cruise In group on Celebrity Constellation to the Caribbean, and the following report was kindly written by one of our clients, Sue Daniel, to whom we say thank you. Allan & Pam Pickup kindly contributed the photographs.

"Leaving behind the winter hardships of the UK, over 100 lucky Cruise In customers, set off to the islands of the Eastern Caribbean: St Thomas, St Maarten, Antigua, St Lucia, Barbados, Aruba and Curacao. Spiriting us away to within 15 miles of Venezuela, and skirting past Cuba on our way home, we enjoyed a festival of Caribbean cultures. There were sheltered and beautiful pirate bays to excite our imagination, although nothing in comparison to the pirate treasures of the jewels displayed in the ports of call, enticing us to bargain with the shop keepers to bring some of that sparkle back to our dull winter life. Our journey began at Miami.

Welcomed aboard with a glass of champagne from a smiling crew member, within minutes we were relaxed and ready for the 'sail away' party. Two days at sea gave us time to see and experience the onboard facilities. First stop St Thomas and a carnival atmosphere as we left the ship to take a trip around the small, beautiful island. The guide was passionate in his desire to show the locations offering stunning photographic views, including Magens Bay, considered one of the top ten beaches of the world. After the trip we sought refuge from the heat in the cool air-conditioned jewellery shops, smiling and nodding to fellow passengers engaged in bartering for a tempting diamond ring or pendant. St Maarten offered



more shopping opportunities after the water taxi took us to the pier. We could easily combine a sightseeing trip, shopping in the main parade, a snooze on the beach sun beds and a dip in the cool waves of the Caribbean Sea. Sheer bliss! Antigua was full of verdant vegetation and we Brits nodded appreciatively as we were shown the new Test Match venue that was so embarrassingly underwater in the 2009 summer series! Nevertheless there was affinity between the islanders and us, both passionate about cricket. Nelson's Dockyard

was a haven of peace and tranquility with beautiful yachts moored in the harbour. We watched enviously as we sipped yet another Pina Colada or Rum Punch, each of us drifting away on our fantasy cruise. Shirley Heights demonstrated the stunning landscape of the island as well as the advantages of such a spot to watch for enemy vessels sailing into the waters. St Lucia was the epitome of a Caribbean island. Roads twisted around high cliffs and mountains were cloaked with the green rain forest. The dense trees and undergrowth became both intriguing and forbidding and was a reminder of the novel 'Lord of The Flies'. Here there was opportunity to take trips to engage with nature whether appreciating the abundance of vegetation from an aerial canopy or snorkeling in the clear waters. The volcano bubbled with sulphur and as we walked into the crater we were pleased to recognise the smell of rotten eggs, indicative of the safe level of gasses. We then went to a waterfall cascading into a pool where we were permitted to bathe in a style reminiscent of the Bounty TV ads. Barbados offered contrasting beauty from the developed tourist areas, ranging from grand hotels and white beaches edging the Caribbean Sea, to the aptly named 'Little Scotland' on the Atlantic coast which was more rugged and dramatic. The waves rolled rhythmically onto quiet beaches between rocky peninsulas. Tourists are advised to avoid the lethal currents here and it has become an area popular for the natives of Barbados to seek refuge from the high energy lifestyle of the Caribbean coast. After a day's sea rest, Constellation moored at Oranjestad in Aruba, a different island, barren and flat, reminiscent of films like 'Rio Grande' or 'The Magnificent Seven'. Rocks and boulders litter the landscape and vegetation is mainly cacti. As with every other island, the fine hotels and luscious golf courses contrasted with the rock formations to give an uncanny feel. The pretty, colourful main town was a reminder of the Dutch influence. Curacao, the final island, was a delight. To reach it you could walk over the pontoon bridge or take a ferry. Cafes line the water side and in the heat of a November day, many enjoyed watching the harbour activities as well as enjoy a refreshing drink. And, of course, there was the final opportunity for shopping. After two more sea days it was back to Miami and saying our farewells to fellow passengers. Each of us had independent arrangements before our night flight home. Some sought the sanctuary of a hotel, while others toured Miami or experienced the wilderness of the Everglades. Back home, in the cold and damp, sitting looking at photographs beside a roaring fire, we wonder if it was all real or was it just a Caribbean dream?"

Sue Daniel

AZAMARA CHANGES NAME.....AND MORE!



Azamara has, as of early December, changed its name to Azamara Club Cruises. If you have booked with us for any sailing on Azamara Quest or Azamara Journey leaving after 9th April 2010 you will automatically receive all benefits within the price you have paid. If you have paid gratuities we will arrange to credit your booking back with this sum. Above all, if you haven't booked on any Azamara cruise that we are featuring in our new brochure, you will receive all of the new benefits within our price and will not have it re-priced to the new system pricings. The main changes to benefits and services onboard are as follows:



Gratuities included in the price

Free branded bottle water available throughout the ship

Free house wine at lunch and dinner

Free speciality coffees and teas

Free shuttlebus service to and from ports of call where available

Self-service laundry

Destination-influenced entertainment and enrichment programmes

Butlers only to suites. Experienced stateroom attendants servicing all other cabins

Don't forget to look at the sailings in our brochure, especially the repositional from Copenhagen to Barcelona. With only 694 passengers per sailing, I'm sure you will adore the country house style experience!

FANCY DUBAI AND INDIA IN 2011?

Well, here's the chance! Two dates; 4-star Brilliance of the Seas; and your wardrobe aboard your floating hotel, allowing you to stop off at some destinations you may not have even considered! At least that way you'll know if you want to go back for a cultural holiday to the astonishing Indian subcontinent. Mumbai, Bombay as was, is a world in itself. You have an overnight stop there. Even this gives time only for a glimpse of the wealth of cultural and architectural highlights of an astonishing city.

Regards and best wishes from Cliff and the Crew at Cruise In.



13 NIGHT DUBAI AND INDIA

Enjoy our first ever luxury cruise from Dubai to India, following the historic trade routes on the sun drenched Brilliance of the Seas. Whilst enjoying the finest international foods & wines, you will leisurely cruise to Oman to enjoy the spice & frankincense

markets. Relax in the spa whilst you sail across the Arabian Sea to India. Ready yourself for amazing sights & sensations to be found at the three exciting stops you will be making at Cochin, Goa & Mumbai. Your two days spent in Mumbai, formerly Bombay, will be an eye-opener in itself. Then you can take more time to relax as Brilliance of the Seas cruises back to Dubai.



Price per person based on twin occupancy includes direct scheduled return flights from London, port & air taxes, full board & entertainment on cruise. Regional airports available at a supplement and subject to schedules.

Stateroom Grade Price per person	Cruise In Price	
	27 March	8 April
Interior Q	£1299	£1249
Ocean View I	£1519	£1459
Balcony E2	£1799	£1749
Balcony D2	£1849	£1789

**13 NIGHT
FROM £1249
27 MARCH 2011
8 APRIL 2011**

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Muscat, Oman
Cochin, India
Goa, India
Mumbai, India (overnight)
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