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Globus *escorted tours give you many inclusions – VIP access to the must-see attractions, special behind-the-scenes experiences that enhance your destination, and free time to enjoy as you wish. Tours include first-class seats on high-speed trains, free Wi-Fi on an air-conditioned deluxe motorcoach with extra leg room, restroom and roomy, comfortable seats. Get free airport transfers when you book an air-inclusive vacation. Enjoy each destination fully, staying at superior hotels selected for comfort, beauty and proximity to key sites. With Globus' vast insider knowledge, expert Tour Directors and Local "Step-On" Guides make your tour memorable and enriching.*

The Colosseum, Rome, Italy

For more than 85 years, the Globus family of brands has been providing a variety of vacations that address the needs of today's diverse traveler with amazing vacation experiences, full of discovery and insight. It all began when a young man purchased a rowboat to transport visitors across Lake Lugano, Switzerland. Who would have thought that this single rowboat would launch one of the world's leading global travel companies?

Today, the Globus family of brands has more than 32 offices around the world and offers itineraries all over Europe, North America, South America, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Africa. Combined, Globus brands' **Cosmos, Monograms** and **Avalon Waterways** carry well over 500,000 passengers a year, making Globus a leading operator of guided vacations worldwide.

Whether you choose a fully escorted tour, independent vacation package or river cruise vacation, with **Globus, Cosmos, Monograms** and **Avalon Waterways** you get unmatched value, insider knowledge and world-class service with every journey.

Cosmos escorted tours offer savvy, value-minded travelers the most affordable travel packages to the world's most fascinating places – places like the snow-capped peaks of Switzerland, sunny Spain, the ancient splendor of Greece, festive France and the beautiful British Isles. If you want to focus on one specific region, these in-depth packages are an excellent choice. Expert Tour Directors help you learn about an area's distinct flavor and history. For single travelers, Cosmos offers a "guaranteed share" basis on certain vacations.

Monograms is independent travel, simplified. With Monograms, your vacation can be exactly what you want it to be – without the endless hours of research and scheduling. They have done all the work to build just the right all-in-one package – your choice of the right hotels in the heart of the action, including sightseeing, the most efficient transportation, a Monograms local host and much more. Spend a week in London & Paris or add another city – customize it your way. Everything you need for the perfect vacation is included in one package – personalized by you.

Avalon Waterways is celebrating its 10th Anniversary of River Cruises and Small Ship Cruising. Whether you'd like a romantic mini-break, an in-depth 24 day exploration or something in between, with Avalon you get to choose the cruise that reveals the very best of Europe, Southeast Asia, China, Egypt, the Galapagos Islands, the Peruvian Amazon or the U.S. – and you get to choose it your way! On an Avalon Waterways river cruise, "included" is the name of the game. They are proud to offer the Avalon Choice; an exciting concept in river cruising that gives you the freedom to personalize so many elements of your cruise.

Whether you're a first time Globus guest or a Journeys Club Member, we can assist you with dates and itineraries.

The Aloha State

Sharon Flick

Blue Sky tours HAWAII
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For most Americans, Hawaii is still a dream destination as most Americans dream of going to Hawaii at least once in their lives. Hawaii offers a one-of-a-kind cultural experience. The Aloha spirit radiates throughout the islands. Most people will recognize many of the iconic images of Hawaii. From Diamond Head to Pearl Harbor, from Volcanoes National Park to the big waves of Oahu's North Shore, Hawaii represents everything that most travelers seek in a vacation.

The four main Hawaiian Islands visited are: **Oahu**, known as "The Gathering Place", is the heart of Hawaii. From the moment you touch down in Honolulu to the shopping and night life in Waikiki, the island has something for everyone.

Maui, known as "The Magic Isle", has been voted "Best Island" by the readers of Conde Nast Traveler for more than a dozen years. Highlights include great beaches, charming towns, fantastic golf courses and the easiest access to whale watching.

Kauai, known as Hawaii's Island of Discovery is also called "The Garden Isle". It is the oldest and the greenest of the most commonly visited Hawaiian Islands. It offers a very laid-back atmosphere offering kayaking, hiking the Waimea Canyon and some of the best beaches on the planet.

Hawaii's **Big Island** also known as "The Island of Adventure", is the biggest of the islands and is still growing every day. Hawaii is the youngest island in the chain and is home to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and offers an incredible range of adventure.

Blue Sky Tours offers a variety of itineraries on the various islands of Hawaii. Warwick Travel can match your tour with your budget along with good advice, as most of our agents have visited the islands of Hawaii..

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Dee King

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India has many obvious attributes to appeal to American visitors, including a wealth of historical and cultural attractions as well as spa and wellness programs.

The country of India is located in South Asia, bounded by the Indian Ocean on the south, the Arabian Sea on the south-west and the Bay of Bengal on the southeast.

Collectively known as the Golden Triangle, the cities of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur showcase India's rich Mughal and Rajput heritage imposing forts, sumptuous palaces and gleaming marble temples and tombs, such as the exquisite Taj Mahal – a monument of love built by a king in everlasting memory of his beloved queen.

Located only 8½ hours from London, India is one of the most accessible countries in the world for guaranteed winter sun. Being so easy to get to, many people hop over to Delhi for the weekend to go shopping, as they might do in the U.S. to shop in New York! This subcontinent is not a 'new' destination and has been luring tourists and travelers for many centuries. Similarly, tourism is no longer in its infancy and its infrastructure has developed enormously over the last few years. There is no country in the world where you will find such glorious palace hotels, small family run forts, fabulous five star retreats and people with an inestimable and overall desire to please, whose very nature is friendliness and generosity.

Call the travel professionals at Warwick Travel to learn more about the various tours in India with Insight Vacations: (757) 599-3011, (757) 229-7854 or (800) 462-3204.

Amy Hill

Scenic Scandinavia

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Taking You Personally

Thrusting into the North Sea and Baltic, with the Artic Circle to the north and continental Europe to the south, the kingdoms of **Denmark, Norway** and **Sweden** share a common culture and a long history. In the captivating capitals of Copenhagen, Oslo and Stockholm, savor the essence of Scandinavia – seaside and woodland beauty, traditional and cutting-edge arts, fresh fish & game and best of all, warm-hearted people.

Built on several islands a stone's throw from Germany, Copenhagen has a Western Europe feel and a Scandinavian spirit. Stroll the Stroget – the world's longest pedestrian street. Don't miss the Little Mermaid, the statue inspired by Hans Christian Anderson's sad fairytale. Enjoy Tivoli Gardens with 40 restaurants, three open-air stages and countless rides.

On to Norway: island hop along the coast, passing spectacular fjords and islands. Visit Bergen and board a train that ascends to 3.000 scenic feet above sea level. On to Oslo, visiting the medieval fortress of Akershus, the Royal Palace and the Vigeland Sculpture Park.

Crossing the border into Sweden, you will reach the island-ringed capital, Stockholm, graced with art-filled mansions and gilded royal palaces. Stockholm mixes the trendy and the traditional, the new and the old, with panache.

Brendan Vacations escorted tours happen May to October. Call to book yours!

Adventures with Nancy

Nancy Alligood, CTC

2014

September 2–14: Oceania "Classic Continental" Cruise Join Nancy on a 12-night voyage on the Oceania Marina from Amsterdam to Barcelona visiting ports in London (Dover), UK; Saint-Malo, Lorient & Bordeaux, France; Oporto & Lisbon, Portugal; La Coruna, Seville, Malaga, Valencia & Barcelona, Spain. Optional 2 night pre-hotel package in Amsterdam and 1 night post-hotel package in Barcelona. **2 for 1 Cruise Fare, FREE Airfare from a major gateway & $350 SBC per stateroom.** From $5,499. Call Nancy!

Adventures By Disney

Marcia Harris, CTA

"Family" has a world of meanings. Whether you're looking for a way to bring together generations, get closer to your teenager or take a romantic getaway, Adventures by Disney has just the trip.

For families with teens, ABD is designed with just the right balance of family time and time with other teens discovering the world with Adventure Guides.

For adults only, it is the perfect way to celebrate an anniversary, birthday or other special occasion.

For the whole family, it is filled with special opportunities to share unforgettable moments and strengthen bonds between grandparents, parents and children.

Combine the excitement of an Adventures by Disney vacation with the enchantment of a Disney Cruise Line Mediterranean cruise. Discover the best of every port when you embark on an unforgettable journey the whole family will enjoy. Throughout your vacation, you'll enjoy exclusive activities and VIP privileges – both on and off the ship – that only Adventures by Disney can provide. With two Adventure Guides taking care of all the details, you can focus on what really matters – being together.

Call your travel professionals at Warwick Travel for information and itineraries – the 2014 brochures are here.

RHS Garden Holidays

Janis Belch, CTC

Collette Vacations is introducing a new collection of One-of-a-Kind Garden Holidays for 2013/2014 with the renowned **Royal Horticultural Society** offering the world's greatest gardens along with the thrill of travel – a beautiful combination!

Eleven artfully crafted itineraries include The Gardens of London, The Beauty of Britain, Floral Wonders of South Africa, Portugal's Gardens, New Zealand's Garden Route, Gardens of American History, Historic Gardens of America's Northeast, Eternal Gardens of Rome, Gardens and Villas of the Italian Lakes, The Beauty of Japan and Gardens of the Loire.

You will enjoy an expertly planned and professionally guided tour led by one of Collette's experienced Tour Managers along with carefully selected hotels, local cuisine as well as extended hotel stays.

These tours are available for individuals, garden clubs and children over the age of 12 years. For more information and a detailed itinerary, please call one of the travel professionals at Warwick Travel: 757 599-3011, 757 229-7854 or 800 462-3204.

Spotlight: Gerry Siekirski

Gerry Siekirski

Gerry began her travel career with Gulliver's Travels in Newport News in 1981 and has been specializing in groups for over 30 years. She joined Warwick Travel in 1989 as an owner and group specialist. Her husband Zee's military career gave them the opportunity to travel all over the world plus living in England, Germany and the Philippine Islands.

She continues to enjoy adventure and has escorted groups to many wonderful destinations. Once you travel with Gerry, you will continue to travel with Gerry — she is one of a kind!

From Africa to China to South America and beyond, Gerry will guide you through the adventure of a lifetime. She is a walking travel wikipedia! Please check Gerry's latest 2014-2015 adventures listed on our back page.

Las Vegas: The City of Lights

If you haven't visited Fremont Street recently, prepare to be wowed. The world-famous Fremont Street Experience – historic casinos, glitz for glitz sake and hi-tech video, is one of America's most popular vacation destinations, Vegas is an over-the-top shrine to luck. Everyone should experience it at least once!

Call the travel pros at Warwick Travel to plan your Las Vegas getaway.

Manitoba: Polar Bear Adventure

Kim Gambino

What would you do if you came face to face with the largest land camivore on earth? For locals in Churchill, Manitoba, used to sharing their land with polar bears, it means calling the 24-hour bear hotline and there is also a bear patrol around the clock! Meanwhile, tourists in the tens of thousands welcome the real life encounters with the majestic polar bears in their natural tundra habitat.

Churchill is a small northern town dubbed the "polar bear capital of the world" for attracting bears that wait till the Hudson Bay freezes during fall so they can hunt for their favorite seal meal.

Your tour begins in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Then, on to Churchill, a community that lies at the timber line between two "ecotones", boreal forests to the south and Arctic tundra to the north. While there, you will take your seat inside a tundra vehicle, mounted on all-terrain tires to let you travel safely and in comfort over snow and ice as you observe these spectacular animals in the wild as well as snowy owls, white foxes and the power of a sled dog.

This great adventure takes place the end of October and early November each year. With only five departures and limited availability (groups averaging 30 guests), you must plan ahead. Call the travel professionals at Warwick Travel for an itinerary and more information on this Polar Bear Adventure: 757 599-3011, 757 229-7854 or 800 462-3204..

Cruise News

Homeport Cruising from Norfolk - 2013

CARNIVAL CRUISE LINES

Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Glory, Oct 13, Oct 20 & Oct 25. Call for lowest rate.
Cruise-To-Nowhere: 2 Nights on the Glory, Oct 17. Call for lowest rate.
Last Norfolk Sailings! Call now if you want to cruise from Norfolk.

Homeport Cruising from Baltimore - 2014

ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

Bahamas 8-Night Cruise on the Grandeur, March 28. From $769.
Bermuda 6-Night Cruise on the Grandeur, April 26. From $727.
Bahamas 7-Night Cruise on the Grandeur, May 2. From $646.
Bermuda 7-Night Cruise on the Grandeur, May 9, 23 & June 6. From $816.

Special Cruise Promotions - 2014

CUNARD

Baltic 14-Night Cruise on the Queen Victoria, May 9, Roundtrip South Hampton. From $2,849.

Norway 8-Night Cruise on the Queen Mary, May 26, Roundtrip Hamburg. From $1,632.

DISNEY CRUISE LINE

Bahamas 3-Night Cruise on the Dream, Jan. 9 – 30 available most sale dates), Roundtrip Port Canaveral. From $525.

Bahamas 4-Night Cruise on the Dream, Jan. 26 & Feb. 2, Roundtrip Port Canaveral. From $700.

HOLLAND AMERICA LINE

Western Caribbean 7-Night Cruise on the Nieuw Amsterdam, Jan. 26. Roundtrip Ft. Lauderdale. From $919.

Panama Canal 14-Night Cruise on the Veendam, Feb 8, San Diego to Ft. Lauderdale. From $2,179.

Pacific Treasurers 14-Night Cruise on the Oosterdam, Mar. 2, Roundtrip Sydney. From $1,899.

Alaskan Explorer 7-Night Cruise on the Westerdam, Aug. 2, Roundtrip Seattle. From $1,334.

NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE

Hawaiian 7-Night Cruise on the Pride of America, Jan. 4 & Feb. 22, Roundtrip Honolulu. From $1,529.

Eastern Caribbean 7-Night Cruise on the ALL NEW Getaway, Mar. 8 & 29, Roundtrip Miami. From $849.

OCEANIA CRUISES

Journeys Under the Sun 21-Night Voyage on the Regatta Mar. 29, Rio de Janeiro to Miami. From $5,499. **FREE AIR,** 2 FOR 1 Rates & Special Amenities Apply.

Journey Through The Americas 16-Night Voyage on the Marina, May 6, Lima to New York City. From $4,999. **FREE AIR,** 2 FOR 1 Rates & Special Amenities Apply.

Cliffs & Coves 10-Night Voyage on the Nautica, May 16, Rome to Marseille. From $3,499. **FREE AIR,** 2 FOR 1 Rates & Special Amenities Apply.

Scandinavian Treasures 10-Night Voyage on the Marina, June 21, Stockholm to Copenhagen. From $3,999. **FREE AIR,** 2 FOR 1 Rates & Special Amenities Apply.

PRINCESS CRUISES

Panama Canal 11-Night Cruise on the Coral Princess, Jan. 19 & Mar. 15, Roundtrip Ft. Lauderdale. From $1,539.

Eastern Caribbean 7-Night Cruise on the Royal Princess, Mar.16 & Apr. 13, Roundtrip Ft. Lauderdale. From $849.

Alaska Inside Passage 7-Night Cruise on the Golden Princess, May 17, Roundtrip Seattle. From $999.

REGENT SEVEN SEAS CRUISES

Chilean Fjord Escapade 20-Night Voyage on the Mariner, Feb 8, Lima to Buenos Aires. From $13,999. **FREE AIR,** 2 FOR 1 Rates & Special Amenities Apply.

Vietnam & Land of the Dragon 15-Night Voyage on the Voyager, Feb. 19, Singapore to Hong Kong. From $11,499. **FREE AIR,** 2 FOR 1 Rates & Special Amenities Apply.

Transatlantic Passage 18-Nights Voyage on the Mariner, Mar. 10, Rio de Janeiro to Barcelona. From $7,499. **FREE AIR,** 2 FOR 1 Rates & Special Amenities Apply.

Pink Sands & Palms 10-Night Voyage on the Navigator, Jan. 14, Roundtrip Miami. From $4,499. **FREE AIR,** 2 for 1 Rates & Special Amenities Apply.

Indian Ocean Adventure 20-Nights on the Voyager, April 8, Bangkok to Dubai. From $14,499. **FREE AIR,** 2 for 1 Rates & Special Amenities Apply.

ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

Norway 8-Night Cruise on the Independence, May 17, Roundtrip Southampton. From $817.

Canada/New England 7-Night Cruise on the Brilliance, Sept. 21, Roundtrip Boston. From $679.

Queensland 11-Night Cruise on the Rhapsody, Oct. 28, Roundtrip Sydney. From $1,179.

SEABOURN

Caribbean Hideaways 7-Night Cruise on the Pride, Feb. 23, Roundtrip St. Thomas. From $3,475.

Amazon & Atlantic Passage 29-Night Cruise on the Quest, May 7, Manaus to Barcelona. From $12,071.

Heart of the Mediterranean 12-Night Cruise on the Sojourn, May 1, Venice to Barcelona. From $6,315.

Unless otherwise noted, fares are cruise only, per person rates based on double occupancy; subject to availability and capacity controlled by the cruise line. Government fees, taxes and airfare are not included unless specifically stated in offer.

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Every Journey Tells A Story

And there is so much to tell you about the total Globus experience. Warwick Travel has been thrilling clients with Globus experiences for decades. Let us show you how.

EUROPE

A Globus or Cosmos tour is the perfect way to enjoy Europe. It's planned by travel experts who know the ins and outs, the do's and don'ts, the best time, best place and best ways to experience Europe.

Globus helps you get out there and really experience Europe! They take you behind the scenes to spotlight what makes your destination unique – and to introduce you to its local flavors.

Offering over 400 vacations to more than 70 countries might be enough for some companies, but for Globus, it's only the beginning! In 2013, they added 11 exciting new itineraries that explore Iceland, Scandinavia, the Baltics, Russia, Ukraine and Eastern Europe featuring Albania, Macedonia and more!

UNITED STATES & CANADA

From North to South to East or West, there is a Globus or Cosmos tour designed just for you throughout the United States & Canada. Meet Iditarod champion Marin Buser and his sled of dogs at Happy Trails Kennels; tour the Gloria Ferrer wine caves and enjoy a tasting of their sparkling wines; visit Tatanka to learn "The Story of the Bison," and experience the richness of the Lakota people, a Plains Indian buffalo culture; enjoy a traditional lobster & seafood bake on Cape Cod; spend time with an Amish family when you visit their country store & farm or visit Punalu'u Bake Shop to sample Hawaii's famous sweetbread.

RELIGIOUS TRAVEL

Drawing more than 16 million travelers, faith-based tourism is one of the top travel trends today. More and more travelers are interested in exploring sites with unique spiritual significance. On religious journeys, travelers are looking for a meaningful vacation experience – one where they can explore the roots of their faith by walking in the footsteps of their spiritual leaders while gaining a deepened sense of wisdom about the world. Globus & Cosmos religious vacations are now available for 2014.

CUBA

Globus introduces special 2013 & 2014 *People-to-People Cuba Programs*. Shrouded in mystery for the past 50 years, the island nation of Cuba is waiting to be rediscovered.

You can be among the first American travelers in five decades to visit Cuba as Globus presents this rare opportunity to experience the colorful history and lively culture of this captivating country. From its beautifully adorned churches and vintage cars to its world-renowned cigars and lush tropical climate, Cuba will transport you to a bygone era. Discover a place filled with friendly people, eager to share their heritage and culture…and people-to-people educational exchange programs designed around daily interactions with local residents that deliver insight into past, present and future. Through conversation with Cuban people, you will experience the trip of a lifetime from the educational, cultural and personal encounters that await!

MONOGRAMS From a relaxing 4-day getaway to a 16-day multiple destination vacation – Monograms can personalize your vacation – your way! Where you stay plays a big role in your vacation enjoyment. Plan ahead and make your journey a memory you'll share with friends and family...we can help you figure out which destination you want to see if you haven't decided, so you can view the must-see sights with expert local guides and hear about the local heritage. At each destination, your vacation will be exactly what you want it to be.

What's the best way to get around town? What are the local specialties and dining possibilities? When's the best time to visit a museum? Count on a local host to give you a warm welcome, to share local insights and suggestions for getting off the beaten path and to answer your vacation questions as they pop up. Do it your way at your speed!

AVALON WATERWAYS

Choose where and when you want to go and for how long. Whether you'd like a romantic getaway, a mini-break from the routine, an in-depth 24-day exploration or something in between, with Avalon you get to choose the cruise that reveals the best of Europe, Southeast Asia, China, Egypt, the Galapagos Islands, the Peruvian Amazon or the US on a river cruise or small-ship cruising – your voyage, your way!

Call the travel professionals at Warwick Travel who will assist you with the vacation of a lifetime!

The World is Waiting!

Clients' Corner

Corin Owermohle
Saylorsbirg. PA

For my first trip to Italy, Globus Tours offered a wonderful, varied itinerary that took us all over northern Italy – from the metropolis that is Milan, we traveled to smaller cities like Parma and Lucca, to the gorgeous coastal towns of Cinque Terre & Portofino and finally circling back up to Turin before returning to Milan. During our 10-day trip, we sampled many Italian specialties – prosciutto ham, parmesan cheese, 100 year old balsamic vinegar, spumante, risotto and more. Globus offered special tours to many of the factories that produced these foods and it was a unique experience. I went on the additional excursions throughout the tour and enjoyed each one. Of course, traveling on Warwick Travel's special groups with Gerry is always highly recommended – she takes care of everyone and everything!

Judy & Jack Lawson
Hampton VA

Jack and I want to thank Kim and Warwick Travel for another outstanding trip – Grand Canyon, Sedona, Lake Powell, Bryce and Zion. We had reservations about going on a group tour but with your great planning and Caravan's beautifully organized package, we would do it again tomorrow. All hotel accommodations were outstanding, food was first class and there was always tremendous hospitality. The sightseeing was awe inspiring. We went places and saw sights we would never have found on our own. We both fell in love with our tour director, Peter Howarth. His wealth of knowledge was astounding and his sense of humor kept us constantly yearning for more. He took care of all of our needs, checking in and out, and always made sure everyone and everything was accounted for. He was well known and very well received everywhere we went. The motor coach was very comfortable and our driver, Paul, was outstanding; kind, courteous, caring.

Kim, thank you for all that you did for us, planning the trip, making our flight reservations, making our hotel reservations for our extended stay in Las Vegas and for always being there for us with our many questions and concerns. Once we left home we did not have a worry in the world because it all went just like clock work and was all mapped out with no flaws. It was truly a great experience. Warwick Travel is the best!

Please send Warwick Travel your highlights from a recent favorite vacation we helped you arrange. We'd like to include it in an upcoming issue: warwicktravel@warwicktravel.com.

Newport News Nonstop to Cancun

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Saturday, February 8 through April 19, 2014, Apple Vacations will offer Non-stop Saturday Morning 7-Night Departures from Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport to Cancun!

Your All-Inclusive Apple Vacation package will include airfare, resort accommodations, transfers, all meals, all drinks, activities, entertainment, hotel taxes, hotel baggage handling, service charges and a variety of watersports. What better way to plan a getaway, whether it's just the girls, just the guys, golf buddies, romantic couple, reunion or family vacation than with Apple Vacations and Warwick Travel!

Surrounded on three sides by lagoon, bay and Caribbean Sea, Cancun offers a fabulous vacation experience for one and all. Fly to Cancun and enjoy a scenic drive south to Riviera Maya! Visit Chichen Itza, one of the NEW Seven Wonders of the World, where you will learn about the ancient Mayans.

Call the travel professionals at Warwick Travel for more information and to plan your Cancun vacation direct from Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport: 757 599-3011, 757 229-7854 or 800 462-3204.

The Appeal of European River Cruising…

Nancy Alligood, CTC

Have you ever taken a European River Cruise? Would you like to take a European River Cruise? If not, why not!

The popularity of river cruises is off the charts. More and more travelers are choosing riverboat travel to enjoy the small towns along the way. With fewer than 200 passengers per ship on average, river cruising is more laid back and intimate than ocean cruising. There are no lines to embark, debark or wait for meals. They feature a long list of amenities like fitness centers, spas, coffee bars, internet centers, libraries and onboard pools. Guest staterooms and suites are furnished with comfortable beds, TVs, phones, windows, French balconies and VIEWS. The size and configuration of river vessels guarantees that every stateroom has a coveted river view. Calm, shallow waters mean no motion sickness. You barely feel the movement of the boat as it glides along.

European river cruises allow the traveler to experience the grandeur and magnificence of the continent from the vantage point of its grand waterways, seen from a comfortable, beautifully appointed vessel.

Daily excursions are included: Step off the riverboat, and you're in a beautiful little town. Enjoy the region's culture and heritage with top-notch local guides. Each day brings its own separate adventure. Many of Europe's rivers are lined with scenic paths perfect for exploring the towns and villages along the banks of the river.

On a river cruise, you easily gain access to the beautiful cities of Paris, Venice, Amsterdam, Budapest, Vienna and even Moscow, to name a few. The rivers take you there – the Rhine, the Main, the Danube, the Seine, the Rhone, the Elbe, the Douro – you will experience their timeless beauty and grace as you sail to the heart of destinations you can only see along Europe's great waterways.

As for dining experiences, the chefs highlight regional cultures and traditions throughout your cruise. You'll try wonderful local wines, included with your meals. Every meal is part of the journey! After dinner, an area themed schedule of evening entertainment awaits: from local folk music and dancing to classical quartets. The various entertainers perform regional music and share the traditions of their culture. Experts in local history and culture share their knowledge on art, music and architecture with wonderful lectures on board.

Thanksgiving to Christmas is a popular time in Germany and Austria to visit the classic Christmas Markets by way of a riverboat cruise on the beautiful "Blue Danube". (Book now, this is one of our guaranteed sell-outs.)

If you've never been riverboat cruising and want to plan a trip, Warwick Travel has all the details about what the different companies offer and can save you a lot of time planning your dream vacation. How do you know which cruise line, which river, which ship and which cabin? If you call the cruise lines, do you expect to get unbiased information about another cruise line?

Call the trusted travel professionals at Warwick Travel. They are well informed on all cruise lines and can assist you in making decisions for your personal comfort and style. After all, this is their full time profession - they do it every day!

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Travel Tidbits

Abercrombie & Kent is introducing their new *2014 Marco Polo Club Invitational Journeys* that focus on off-the-beaten path destinations and unique festivals rarely seen by outsiders. Limited to just 18 guests, every MCP Journey features guaranteed departures, complimentary internet access during hotel stays and their exclusive Traveling Bell Boy service, which transfers your luggage from door to door.

Collette Vacations and Warwick Travel are offering a National Parks of America tour from August 23 - September 3, 2014. It begins in Scottsdale, Arizona, and ends in Rapid City, North Dakota. Highlights: Lake Powell, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Salt Lake City, Jackson Hole, Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks, Old Faithful, Sheridan, Bighorn Mountains, Mount Rushmore & the Crazy Horse Memorial.

Cunard Line is offering *Up To 2-for-1 Fares on Select Sailings* on Transatlantic Crossings, Panama Canal, Mediterranean & Red Sea, Cape Town & Canaries, South Pacific, South Africa & Australia, Australia to Asia & Indian Ocean & Arabia Sea Cruises through September 1, 2013.

Holland America Line is offering *Explore Your World with Four Extraordinary Offers* when you book select 2014 sailings (and December 2013 Holiday cruises). You will receive a FREE Signature Beverage Package or a Beverage Card (depending on cruise selected); a FREE specialty restaurant dinner; FREE or reduced cruise fares for 3rd or 4th guests; 50% reduced deposit.

Travel Impressions is offering the *4th Night Free in Curaçao This Fall!* With a heritage that is both European and African, Curaçao has many wonders for you to explore. Every fourth night is free this fall in Curaçao at participating hotel island-wide. Four nights from $304 per person.

Call the travel professionals at Warwick Travel to take advantage of these great specials: 757 599-3011, 757 229-7854, 800 462-3204.

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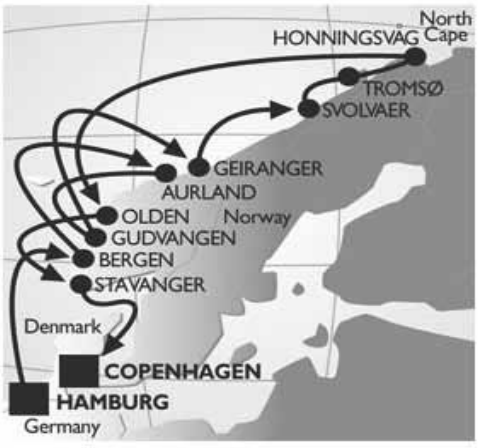
February 10: Timeless Wonders of Vietnam, Cambodia & the Mekong
Join Gerry on Uniworld's Vietnam, Cambodia-Angkor Watt, Mekong Delta Riverboat tour for an exotic 2 week adventure. Relax on the beautiful New Orchid riverboat (only 60 guests) for 7 days, and then explore the lost temples in the jungle area of Angkor Watt while savoring the 5 star Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa. As if this is not enough, we fly to Hanoi for 2 nights staying at the breathtaking Westlake Intercontinental Hotel with the option to extend a night on Ha Long Bay in a luxury junk! Been there, done that and it is Awesome! We already have 20 "Adventurers" on board! Call Gerry now for a brochure and to make your $200 per person deposit. Limited cabin space—early booking savings $200 per person.

June 14: NORWAY'S FJORDS and the North Cape. Cruise with Gerry and Zee on the Azamara Journey for 2 weeks from Hamburg to Copenhagen. This is one of the most interesting and beautiful itineraries for the fjords in Norway. Already have a great group of "Adventurers" ready to sail - hope you will join us. Visit ports of call in Bergen, Aurland (Flam), Gudvangen, Geiranger, Svolvaer, Tromso, Honningsvag, Olden and Stavanger, Norway. ***Come enjoy the land of the "Midnight Sun" with us!*** Call Gerry for an Azamara brochure... the JOURNEY only has 694 passengers…it is wonderful!



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February: Amazon Cruise in Peru from the beginning of the "Amazon" - a new boat that only takes 30 passengers. Call to get your name on the list now.

September: A Riverboat Cruise from Bordeaux, France or a Cruisetour from Prague to Paris. Sounds Exciting! If interested, call to add your name on the list.