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APRIL NEWSLETTER

Spring has sprung, and it's the perfect time to start planning your next great escape! Flowers are blooming, the days are getting longer, and adventure is calling—from the Caribbean's turquoise waters to the sun-soaked Mediterranean, the glaciers of Alaska, and beyond. Whether you're craving island vibes, European charm, or rugged natural beauty, there's still time to book that unforgettable summer cruise. Let The Connected Traveler help you find the perfect ship, cabin, and itinerary to make this your most exciting summer yet!

But don't stop at summer! It's also time to start thinking ahead to fall and winter getaways. Halloween escapes, Thanksgiving with your chosen family, magical Christmas markets, and unforgettable New Year's celebrations are all waiting for you. And looking even further ahead? Our 2026 cruises are already turning heads—with epic itineraries, exclusive hosted groups, and unbeatable experiences. Take advantage of low deposits and flexible monthly payment plans now, so you can reserve your spot and pay over time. Trust us—you don't want to miss what we've got in store!



FEATURED CRUISE OF THE MONTH: HALLOWEEN WITH THE BEARS

Our Featured Cruise of the Month is a spooky good time you won't want to miss! Join The SmokyMtnBears on Royal Caribbean's brand-new Star of the Seas—the highly anticipated sister ship to the record-breaking Icon of the Seas. This Halloween Cruise sets sail roundtrip from Port Canaveral, October 26–November 2, 2025, and promises a week of thrills, chills, and unforgettable fun at sea. As the newest member of the Icon Class, Star of the Seas brings jaw-dropping entertainment, dazzling design, and next-level experiences for all kinds of cruisers.

We'll be making magical stops at Perfect Day at Coco Cay, historic San Juan, and vibrant Philipsburg, St. Maarten. With pricing starting at just \$1,898 per person*—and flexible payment plans available—it's the perfect time to lock in your cabin. Whether you're in it for the costume contests, the beach clubs, or the non-stop onboard adventure, this Halloween is going to be legendary.

*Terms and conditions apply. Pricing is per person based on double occupancy and subject to change until booked.

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Experience "Mystical Maya" A Luxury LGBTQ+ Valentine's & Palentine's Cruise



The Connected Traveler is thrilled to announce an extraordinary collaboration with The Queer Nomads, Lexie Shaibu-Lenoir and Aisha Shaibu-Lenoir, for an unforgettable luxury Valentine's cruise aboard Regent Seven Seas' Grandeur. Set sail on February 9, 2027, this exclusive journey, titled "Mystical Maya," will immerse guests in the wonders of the ancient Mayan world while providing an elegant and welcoming space for LGBTQ+ travelers. Designed to celebrate community and connection, the voyage will feature exclusive events, enriching excursions, and world-class luxury aboard one of the most stunning cruise ships at sea.

This one-of-a-kind experience will include tailored social gatherings, immersive cultural excursions, and engaging discussions led by The Queer Nomads. Guests can look forward to a welcome mixer, a Queer Nomads panel sharing inspiring travel stories, private themed parties, and expert-led tours to iconic Mayan sites like Chichén Itzá and Cozumel. With Regent Seven Seas' renowned all-inclusive service, travelers will enjoy gourmet dining, luxury accommodations, and unparalleled hospitality throughout the journey. Deposits as low as **\$500 per cabin**, and bookings are already open, with spaces expected to sell out quickly. Pricing is MUCH CHEAPER than online. This is the time to try this ALL INCLUSIVE (INCLUDING SHORE EXCURSIONS) LUXURY CRUISE.

We are honored to collaborate with Lexie and Aisha of The Queer Nomads to create a truly unique and inclusive experience for the LGBTQIA+ community. Regent Seven Seas' Grandeur provides the perfect backdrop for a journey that celebrates diversity, connection, and the beauty of travel. Similarly, Lexie and Aisha Shaibu-Lenoir emphasized the importance of creating safe and joyful spaces for LGBTQ+ travelers, where they can celebrate their identities and forge lasting connections. Don't miss this opportunity to sail in style, embrace new adventures, and celebrate love and inclusivity. Visit theconnectedtraveler.com to secure your spot today!



The King's Birthday Cruise on Norwegian Cruise Lines

Our celebration of the King's birthday kicked off in true New Orleans fashion — with three days of food, fun, and French Quarter charm! We hit up our favorite restaurants like **Acme Oyster Bar**, **Felix's Restaurant and Oyster Bar**, and **Monty's on the Square**, savoring all the oysters, po' boys, and gumbo we could get our hands on. New Orleans always delivers when it comes to flavor, music, and that unbeatable Southern hospitality — it's the perfect place to start any vacation, especially one as special as this .

From the Crescent City, we boarded the **Norwegian Getaway** — a vibrant ship that packs in everything you'd expect for a Spring Break sailing. And yes, there were kids everywhere, bringing lots of energy and a few lines at the buffet. But once we settled in, the Getaway lived up to its name with plenty of space, entertainment, and relaxation. Dining in the Main Dining Room, **Manhattan's**, was an absolute highlight — the food was consistently delicious, and the service was top-notch every night. We also took Stephanie, our BDM's, advice and dined at two of the ship's Specialty Restaurants: **Cagney's**, where the steak was melt-in-your-mouth perfect, and **Teppanyaki**, which was just as fun as it was flavorful.

One of the most unforgettable parts of our cruise was our stop in **Roatán**. Not only is the island absolutely stunning, but we had the amazing opportunity to visit a wildlife sanctuary where we got to hold sloths — and yes, it was just as magical as it sounds! Their slow movements and sweet faces made it a moment we'll never forget. There's so much more to share about this trip — from the sights to the sips and everything in between — so be sure to check out the full story in our Travel Guide at www.theconnectedtraveler.com.



2025

Highlighted Cruises

**These are just a listed of suggested cruises. There are more on the website-
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May 4-9, 2025

A Virgin Celebration-Miami-Virgin Voyages-Valliant Lady



May 18-29, 2025

A Virgin Celebration-Athens-Virgin Voyages-Resilient Lady



July 8-15, 2025

**Eastbound Transatlantic Cruise-New York to South Hampton
Cunard-Queen Mary 2**



July 22-27, 2025

A Virgin Celebration-Lisbon-Virgin Voyages-Scarlet Lady



July 27- August 6, 2025

Portsmouth to Iceland & Norway-Virgin Voyages-Scarlet Lady



August 17-30, 2025

Portsmouth to Ireland, Scotland & More-Virgin Voyages-Resilient Lady



Sept 10-15, 2025

Brilliant Lady MerMaiden-New York City-Virgin Voyages-Brilliant Lady



Sept 16-29, 2025

Spain Intensive Voyage-Azamara-Journey



Sept 20-27, 2025

7 Night Caribbean & Bahamas-MSC World America



October 4-15, 2025

11 Day Inaugural Western Mediterranean-Princess-Star Princess



October 7-12, 2025
Caribbean Harvest Cay & Cozumel-NCL-Aqua



October 12-19, 2025
Caribbean Great Stirrup Cay & Dominican Republic-NCL-Aqua



October 26-November 2, 2025
Halloween with the Bears-MS-CWorld America



November 12-17, 2025
A Journey to the Caribbean Harbourages-Explora Journeys



November 18-23, 2025
Maiden Voyage-Bahamas & Mexico-Celebrity Cruises-Xcel



November 22-29, 2025
7 Day Caribbean & Bahamas-Thanksgiving Cruise-Princess-Star



December 13-20, 2025
Prague Advent Magic-Viva Cruises-Swiss Ruby



December 26-Jan 5, 2026
Glorious Southeast Asia-Oceania Crauises-Sirena



December 27-Jan 3, 2026
7 Day Mexican Riveria-Princess-Royal Princess



December 27-Jan 3, 2026
Valiant New Year's Ahoy-Virgin Voyages-Valliant Lady



 New Cruise Ship

 SmokyMtnBears
on Board

 Luxury Cruise

 New Year's Eve



Virgin Voyages



Advent Cruise



Intensive Cruise

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February 14-21, 2026

7 Day Western Caribbean & Bahamas-Princess-Star Princess



March 21-28, 2026

7 Day Hawaiian Interisland-NCL-Pride of America



April 7-12, 2026

Brilliant Lady LA MerMaiden-Virgin Voyages-Brilliant Lady



April 25-May 9, 2026

New York Transatlantic to Spain-Virgin Voyages-Valliant Lady



April 26-May 10, 2026

Transatlantic to Spain & Morocco-Virgin Voyages-Scarlet Lady



May 9-21, 2026

TransPacific-Toyoko to Alaska-Azamara-Pursuit



May 24-31, 2026

English Channel Discovery-Oceania Cruises-Marina

June 11-23, 2026

Inside Passage Food & Canadian Coasts-Virgin Voyages-Brilliant Lady



June 20-27, 2026

Caribbean: Great Stirrup Cay-NCL-Luna

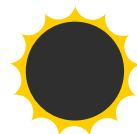


June 24-July 3, 2026

Baltic-Germany & Poland-NCL-Sun

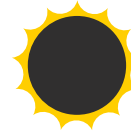
August 8-22, 2026

14 Day Spain, France & Portugal-Solar Eclipse-Princess -Sky Princess



August 8-15, 2026

7 Day Mediterranean with Solar Eclipse-Princess-Star Princess



September 20-27, 2026

8 Day Inside Passage-Princess-Sun Princess



October 29-November 6, 2026

Cruise Along the Coast of Brazil-Swan Hellinic-SH Vega

November 21-December 2, 2026

Cook Islands & Society Islands-Paul Gauguin



December 1-8, 2026

Danube Christmas Delights-Viking Cruises-Jarl



New Cruise Ship



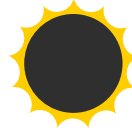
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Advent Cruise



Virgin Voyages



Eclipse Tour



Valentine's Day

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February 9-16, 2027

Mystical Maya-Regent Seven Seas-Grandeur



April 22-28, 2027

6 Day Pacific Wine Country-Princess-Royal