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JANUARY & FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

It's been a long, cold, and snowy few months, but take heart—spring is just around the corner! Warmer days and exciting adventures are on the horizon, making this the perfect time to start planning your next getaway. Whether you're dreaming of sandy beaches, vibrant cities, or breathtaking ocean views, we have the perfect trip waiting for you.

If you're still looking for a 2025 cruise, you're in luck! We have some incredible sailings available, from tropical escapes to bucket-list voyages. Looking ahead, our 2026 lineup is already set, and we're working on making 2027 even more spectacular. Plus, 2025 is an exciting year for cruising with brand-new ships making their debut, including MSC World America, Princess Cruises' Star Princess, NCL Aqua, Celebrity Xcel, and Virgin Voyages' Brilliant Lady, just to name a few. These cutting-edge vessels will redefine cruising with innovative experiences, stunning accommodations, and next-level entertainment.

Stay warm, and let's get your next adventure on the calendar!



FEATURED CRUISE OF THE MONTH: 7-NIGHT CARIBBEAN & BAHAMAS CRUISE OVER THANKSGIVING

Join us for an unforgettable 7-night Caribbean & Bahamas adventure aboard Princess Cruises' newest ship, the Star Princess, setting sail from Fort Lauderdale on November 22, 2025. Be among the first to experience this spectacular vessel, designed for elegance, comfort, and cutting-edge innovation. With spacious accommodations, world-class dining, and exciting entertainment, Star Princess is the perfect setting for a Thanksgiving getaway at sea!

This incredible itinerary takes you to three tropical destinations: Princess Cay, Princess Cruises' private paradise with white sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters; Amber Cove, a stunning Dominican port filled with culture and adventure; and Grand Turk, known for its turquoise waters and rich history. Whether you're looking to relax, explore, or indulge, this cruise offers something for everyone. Pricing starts at \$3,116 per cabin, based on double occupancy. Terms and conditions apply. Don't miss your chance to set sail on one of the most anticipated ships of 2025—reserve your spot today!

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New Year's Ahoy with The SmokyMtnBears

The SmokyMtnBears kicked off an unforgettable New Year's adventure with a road trip to Atlanta, a flight to San Juan, and a luxurious stay at Aire de Olive before setting sail on Virgin Voyages. The pre-cruise festivities included a group dinner at the stunning OLV 55 rooftop restaurant, a mixology class at Ron del Barrilito, and an intimate evening at Carli's Fine Bistro, where live piano music set the perfect tone for the trip ahead. With a variety of excursions from rainforest hikes to historical explorations, our group embraced the beauty of Puerto Rico before embarkation day arrived.

Once onboard, the celebrations continued with group dinners, cocktail parties, and exclusive experiences like "Another Rose," an immersive dinner show. Whether indulging in gourmet dining at The Wake, dancing the night away at themed parties, or relaxing during scenic sea days, every moment was a blend of adventure and camaraderie. The New Year's Eve celebration in Barbados was a standout, Scarlet Night fun around the pool deck, plus all the great dinners, and a lively countdown to 2025 on the pool deck.

As the voyage wrapped up, our farewell brunch at The Wake provided a final chance to toast to new friendships and cherished memories. While some travelers headed home, others extended their stay in San Juan to soak up a little more paradise. From the stunning destinations to the exceptional company, this journey was the perfect way to welcome the new year. Until the next adventure, your SmokyMtnBears at The Connected Traveler.



2025

Highlighted Cruises

**These are just a listed of suggested cruises. There are more on the website-
www.theconnectedtraveler.com**

March 28- April 4, 2025

Transatlantic : South Hampton to Boston on NCL-Aqua



April 12-19 2025

7 Night Caribbean & Bahamas-MSC World America



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-MSC-World 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 Crauses-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

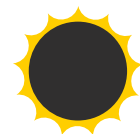


June 24-July 3, 2026

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