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The Cruise News from Open Waters Travel



Hi friends,

I love sharing a few cruise travel ideas, tips, and inspiration for your next adventure. From new ships and itineraries to insider tips I've picked up along the way, I'll be sending a short monthly update with things I think fellow cruise lovers will enjoy.

New to Cruising? Start Small

If you've never taken a cruise before, my best advice is to **start with a shorter 3-4 day cruise**. It's a great way to see if you enjoy the cruise experience before committing to a full week or longer itinerary.

Another helpful tip when choosing your cabin: if you're unsure how you'll feel on a ship, try to book a room **mid-ship and on a higher deck**. These cabins tend to feel the most stable when the ship is moving.

And if you're someone who feels a little claustrophobic, I usually recommend **avoiding inside cabins** and choosing an **oceanview or balcony cabin** instead. Having natural light and a view can make a big difference in how comfortable your room feels.

A short "test cruise" is often all it takes for people to realize how relaxing and fun cruising can be. And from there, many cruisers start



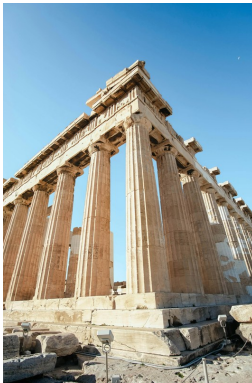
can be. And from there, many cruisers start planning their next adventure right away.

Destination Spotlight: Mediterranean Cruises

The Mediterranean is one of my favorite cruise regions because you wake up in a **new historic city almost every day**, with very few sea days.

Some of the most popular stops include:

Athens



Barcelona



Rome



Dubrovnik



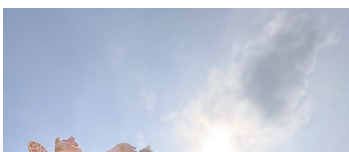
It's an amazing way to see multiple countries without constantly packing and unpacking.

EXPERT TIP: If you're cruising the Mediterranean, try to arrive at least **one day early** before the ship sails.

Flights are long and delays happen, and missing a cruise ship is far more stressful than missing a flight.

My Personal Travel Moment

Most of you know that I just came back from a 3 week trip to Asia where we sailed on Holland America's Westerdam. If I'm honest, I was a little scared of the adventure that laid ahead. I had never been to Asia and I wasn't sure if I would be able to handle the food and the traffic and the language barrier. And I must





say, my fears were largely unfounded. I found every city we visited to be charming, and wonderful in all the right ways. And the people that we met were beyond lovely. So much so that I cannot WAIT to return. The only big negative is the 17 hour flight over!

If you ever wanted to see that area of the world, contact me. I can definitely help you find a cruise that lets you see the sights you are most interested in!

A Brand-New Ship is Coming

If you enjoy sailing on brand-new ships, keep an eye on the upcoming **Norwegian Luna** from Norwegian Cruise Line.

Launching in 2026, Luna is the newest ship in NCL's next-generation Prima-Plus class and will start with Caribbean sailings from Miami before expanding to other itineraries. In 2027 the ship will even sail from New York to Bermuda, which is a really fun itinerary because it includes overnight time in Bermuda.

One tip many cruisers don't realize: the newest ships usually sell out the best cabins first, especially balcony and specialty suites.



Ready to Book?

Call me, text me, hit me up on Facebook or Instagram or reply to this email if you have questions or want to book.

REMEMBER: I share my commissions and I **NEVER** charge a booking fee.

PS: If you've already booked a cruise, you can often transfer the reservation to me and I can add onboard credit for you.

Happy travels,
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