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Against a background of magnificent vistas and spectacular oceans, the iconic red and black funnel of a Cunard Queen illustrates the timeless and distinctive tradition of the Cunard Line.

Cunard, currently celebrating its 175th anniversary, inaugurated the first regularly scheduled Transatlantic Crossing in 1840 with its first flagship, *Britannia*, and also launched the first World Cruise itinerary in 1922 aboard its ship *Laconia*.

Through *Transatlantic Crossings*, *Exotic Cruises* and *Full World Voyages* itineraries, Cunard takes great pride in providing travel experiences that continue to engage and intrigue guests and further differentiate their product in the luxury cruise market.

In addition to exceptional itineraries, Cunard's three Queens—Queen Mary 2, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria—are widely known for their luxurious accommodations and for providing guests with true luxury on a grand scale.

From the exclusive *Grill suites* with private dining and tailored concierge services to *Britannia* staterooms, supplied with fine Penhaligon's toiletries and nightly turndown service, each enclave affords the perfect setting for you to experience the elegance of British tradition...while exploring new destinations or old favorites.



The majestic
Queen Mary 2
leaving New York City

The Majestic Queens



CUNARD

On board, guests have the opportunity to revel in world-class enrichment and entertainment offerings with Blue Note Records' *Jazz at Sea* themed sailings, an internationally acclaimed Insights Programme, featuring speakers curated by *The New York Times* and the first-ever *Transatlantic Fashion Week* voyage, featuring the founder of New York Fashion Week.

Christened by Her Majesty the Queen in 2004, Cunard's flagship Queen Mary 2 defines luxury travel for the 21st Century and continues a 175-year legacy of transatlantic travel. Queen Mary 2 made her 200th Transatlantic Crossing in July of 2013.

Cunard offers guests a distinctly modern cruise experience: the traditions and legacy of the line's illustrious history offer a fresh take on luxury. From *Exotic Cruises* and *Full World Voyages* to a *Transatlantic Voyage*, guests aboard Queen Mary 2, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria experience luxury on a grand scale.

Cunard tailors intimate experiences with accommodations such as the Queens Grill and Princess Grill Suites, and guests can enjoy large-scale entertainment and productions on board.

Guests are continuously enchanted by Cunard's Transatlantic Crossings. Not only does a Transatlantic Crossing service speak to Cunard's rich history, but Cunard remains the only line with regularly scheduled transatlantic ocean liner service between the UK and the US.

While some guests take the Transatlantic voyage to get from one side of the pond to the other, there are other travelers who see it as a bucket list experience—to cross the Atlantic the way their ancestors traveled, or to sail on the awe-inspiring Atlantic Ocean.

You're never short of dining alternatives aboard a Cunard Queen. There's the Mediterranean-inspired *Todd English* restaurant on Queen Mary 2 or the French cuisine of *The Verandah* on Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth.

Canyon Ranch SpaClub, aboard Queen Mary 2, offers signature treatments. The Royal Spa on Queen Elizabeth or Queen Victoria lifts you to another level of relaxation.

Dressing up on Cunard is simple. Gentlemen, bring a jacket; on formal nights, add a tie. For the ladies, a cocktail dress will fit right in.

Cunard is a proud member of World's Leading Cruise Lines. Let the graceful Queens escort you across stunning waters while offering premier White Star Service and introducing you to their cherished British heritage. Here, you are royalty!

For information about the Queens, or to book a voyage, call the professionals at Warwick Travel: (757) 599-3011, (757) 229-7854 or (800) 462-3204.



Costa Rica A Family Affair

By Kim Gambino

Take a family adventure vacation to Costa Rica, where you will overnight in San Jose before flying on to Tortuguero. Stay in a rustic lodge nestled in a tropical forest on the Caribbean coast. Board a riverboat to explore the "Land of the Turtles."

You will visit a working pineapple plantation to learn how this exotic fruit is grown and prepared. Take a sky tram high into the mountains, where you will get thrilling views of the rainforest's canopy as you soar along on a zipline or opt for a guided nature walk for a closer look at the amazing jungle flora and fauna. Meet members of the Maleku tribe and learn about their endangered culture. Relax in the volcano-fed Hidalgo-Hot Springs before enjoying an outdoor meal of local fare.



Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island

By Dee King

A legacy of seafaring gems...seaside shanties, picturesque fishing hamlets, colorful 19th-century timber homes and wildlife-rich waters, British Empire history at the Halifax Citadel, the poignant face of 20th-century Canadian immigration, Charlottetown of Green Gables fame and seabird and whale watching off Digby Neck on the Bay of Fundy are some of the experiences you will have when you visit Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island with Tauck.

Your journey begins in Halifax, where you'll overnight at Prince George Halifax Hotel. Pass through hamlets and harbor towns en route to Lunenburg, whose 19th-century wooden homes have been named a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Visit the lovely towns of

Your adventure will include a whitewater rafting experience of the Tenorio River. Enjoy a catamaran excursion – swim, snorkel and spend time on the beach or out on the waves enjoying watersports.

An adventure in Central America includes majestic mountains, lush green valleys, spectacular rainforests and famed archaeology. When you travel with Adventures by Disney, you make lasting connections with people and places you visit. This particular adventure is suggested for children 8 and older with a minimum age of 4.

Call or visit the travel professionals at Warwick Travel to learn more about Adventures by Disney destinations.



Peggy's Cove and Mahone Bay. Enjoy a private tour and dinner at the star-shaped Citadel National Historic Site.

On to Prince Edward Island by ferry, where you will take a tour of Charlottetown or a drive to see the rare mobile sand dunes of Prince Edward Island National Park. See salt marshes rich in wildlife, freshwater ponds, dramatic bluffs and quaint fishing villages on the island. Cross the Confederation Bridge to the province of New Brunswick, continuing on to Nova Scotia where you will enjoy whale watching and seals at Digby Neck.

For more information, call the professionals at Warwick Travel as this 8-day adventure only takes place in July, August, September & early October 2016. From \$2,890 plus airfare.



By Sharon Flick

Hawaiian Adventure



Aloha! Your adventure begins in Honolulu, where you will be welcomed with a traditional Hawaiian floral lei and transferred to your Waikiki Beach hotel. Relax and "hang loose"—you are in Hawaii!

The next day begins with an historic journey to Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial as well as exploring the rest of the island of Oahu.

On to Kauai, known as the "Garden Isle"—the oldest island in the chain. Visit Kilohana Plantation and ride on an authentic historic railway. Stroll along the beach or take advantage of your resort's activities. Travel to breathtaking Waimea Canyon, carved thousands of years ago by rivers and floods where each of the lines in the canyon walls represents a different volcanic eruption or lava flow.

Maui, the "Valley Isle", is next on your journey: you'll visit the stunning Iao Valley and view the 2,000-foot-high Iao Needle, one of Maui's famous natural landforms. Stroll through the historic streets of Lahaina, once home of the world's largest whaling fleets. Travel through sugarcane fields to the shores of Kaanapali. Take an optional cliff-side drive on the legendary Road to Hana. Enjoy a traditional Polynesian luau in Maui. Extend your tour with a 2-night package on The Big Island, famous for its volcanoes.

Hawaii is like no other place on earth! Your 10-day Collette Hawaiian Adventure starts at \$3,499 including 13 meals and internal flights. Call Warwick Travel for more information or to plan your 2016/2017 adventure!

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Prepare for the Looming Passport Crunch

The passport crisis of 2007 is about to return in 2016. With many of those documents set to expire over the next 24 months, coupled with an increase in Americans traveling abroad, Passport Services at the US State Department is warning travel advisors to make sure the first thing they ask clients about is the status of their current passport.

Please check the status of your current passport – to include 6 months validity from

travel dates. If you have a passport expiring in early 2017 and you are traveling in late 2016, renew your passport 10 months before travel dates. If you are applying for the first time, apply right away. Adult passports are valid for 10 years. Passports for children under 16 are valid only for 5 years.

Effective January 2016, if you run out of visa pages, you will have to obtain a new passport instead of having additional pages inserted.

Two options will be available: either 28 or 52 pages, with no difference in cost.

Current passport fees:
Adult - \$135; Renewal - \$110
Child - \$105

For assistance, call the travel professionals at Warwick Travel who will gladly guide you through this procedure.



Adventures with Nancy

By Nancy Alligood, CTC

2016

Aug 4-15 Oceania Royals & Vikings, London Roundtrip (Southampton) on the Oceania Marina. Visit Newcastle, UK; Edinburgh, Scotland; Londonderry & Belfast, Northern Ireland; Dublin, Ireland; Liverpool, UK; Cork, Ireland & Portland, UK. Spend a few days in London prior to the voyage and visit iconic landmarks. Amenities include **2 for 1 Cruise Fare, FREE Air (major gateways), Prepaid Gratuities, 4 FREE Shore Excursions & FREE Internet (1 per stateroom)**. From \$5,399. Limited space available. Call or email if interested: n_alligood@warwicktravel.com



French Country Waterways

By Janis Belch, CTC



Slip away to the French countryside...a land of tranquil beauty, shaped by legend and tradition and mellowed by the patina of time.

For over 25 years, American owned and operated French Country Waterways has been cruising the canals and rivers of France. Truly unique voyages of discovery, their luxury hotel barge cruises provide one of the most relaxing and refreshing vacation experiences—cruising the regions of Burgundy, Upper Loire, Alsace-Lorraine and Champagne.

One of France's finest assets is the endless diversity of her landscape. Beyond her famous cities is a land of striking contrasts, from sloping vineyards to dramatic mountain peaks, from forested hunting grounds to quaint villages nestled into lush farmlands. From this exceptional variety, French Country Waterways has selected their canal cruise regions, each one rich in history and culture.

2017

Feb 13-21 Cruising the Galapagos Islands with Tauck on a BBC Earth Journeys Expedition Adventure. This journey will take you up-close to amazing wildlife such as blue-footed boobies, sea lions, iguanas, penguins and more as you explore the remote Galapagos Islands with expert naturalists on a 9-day trip featuring a 6-night Galapagos cruise aboard the expeditionary-style yacht Isabela II. As of this date, the itinerary and price for this journey has not been finalized.

Save the date—more information to follow. I will be in touch with those who have expressed interest when I have information.

Please call or email Nancy to add your name to the list. Limited space available—this will be a small group.

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Or, relax on deck, sipping a fine wine while the beautiful French countryside slowly unfolds before you. Cruising on a French Country Waterways luxury barge gives you a rare insider's perspective of provincial France. Their five deluxe barges have been carefully designed and outfitted to provide unparalleled passenger comfort.

Plan ahead as the barges only hold 8-18 passengers. Combine April in Paris with the Best of Burgundy and save \$600 per stateroom (double occupancy) if reserved on one of their April 2016 departures. The travel professionals at Warwick Travel are available to assist you with details, prices and the region of your choice.

Spotlight:



Linda Waynick

Linda Waynick

Linda began her travel career in 1974 in a local agency where she worked for 11 years before going to work for Piedmont Airlines and

United Express at Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport.

In 1992, Linda joined Warwick Travel Service, eventually becoming Corporate Manager; which, after 12 years, took her to the position of on-site corporate travel agent at Jefferson Lab for several years. In 2009, her career brought her back to the world of leisure travel. Then, in September 2013, Linda returned "home" to Warwick Travel, where she intends to stay.

Linda spent many years living in Hawaii and loves to talk about the Hawaiian Islands. She and her husband, David, often travel to Las Vegas for a quick getaway. She also loves cruising in the Caribbean.

Her 2 grandchildren are the light of her life and she and David often take weekend trips to North Carolina for family visits.

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Cruise News



Homeport Cruising from Norfolk - 2016

CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE

Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Sunshine, June 10 & 15. From \$599

Bermuda 5-Night Cruise on the Sunshine, Oct 23. From \$554

Eastern Caribbean 8-Night Cruise on the Sunshine, Oct 28. From \$669

Homeport Cruising from Baltimore - 2016

ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

Bermuda & Bahamas 9-Night Cruise on the Grandeur, May 12, June 9, July 7. From \$853

Bermuda 5-Night Cruise on the Grandeur, June 18, Sep 10 & 24, Oct 8. From \$530

Canada & New England 9-Night Cruise on the Grandeur, Sep 15. From \$735

Southern Caribbean 12-Night Cruise on the Grandeur, Nov 28 & Dec 10. From \$809

Holidays in the Antilles 12-Night Cruise on the Grandeur, Dec 22. From \$1,179

Special Cruise Promotions - 2016

AZAMARA CLUB CRUISES

Irish Sea & British Open 11-Night Cruise on the Quest, Jul 11, Dublin to Southampton. Golf arrangements and tickets to the British Open available. From \$5,359

CELEBRITY CRUISES

Greece, Turkey & Italy 11-Night Cruise on the Reflection, Jun 6 & Aug 8, Roundtrip Rome. From \$1,889

Adriatic & Mediterranean 7-Night Cruise on the Constellation, Jun 24, Venice to Barcelona. From \$1,329

Scandinavia & Russia 14-Night Cruise on the Eclipse, Jul 3 & 17, Roundtrip Southampton. From \$2,525

Scandinavia & Russia 12-Night Cruise on the Silhouette, Jul 25, Roundtrip Amsterdam. From \$2,249

HOLLAND AMERICA LINE

Alaska 7-Night Cruise on the Westerdam, July 9, Roundtrip Seattle. From \$1,334

Alaska 7-Night Cruise on the Nieuw Amsterdam, July 9, Roundtrip Vancouver. From \$2,234

Alaska Triple Denali 12-Night CruiseTour, July 20, Anchorage to Vancouver. From \$2,923

Viking Sagas 7-Night Cruise on the Koningsdam, July 31, Roundtrip Amsterdam. From \$1,489

Northern Isles 14-Night Cruise on the Koningsdam, Aug 14, Roundtrip Amsterdam. From \$2,839

NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE

Eastern Caribbean 7-Night Cruise on the Escape, May 14, July 9, Sep 17, Roundtrip Miami. From \$639

Hawaii 7-Night Cruise on the Pride of America, May 14 & Sep 24, Roundtrip Honolulu. From \$1,639

REGENT SEVEN SEAS CRUISES

Celestial Crossing 14-Night Cruise on the Navigator, Mar 17. Miami to Barcelona. All Inclusive including Free Air, 2 for 1 Rates & Special Amenities. From \$4,999

Taste of the East 20-Night cruise on the Voyager, April 12, Singapore to Dubai. All Inclusive including Free Air, 2-for-1 Rates & Special Amenities. From \$12,999

Glacial Grandeur 10-Night Cruise on the Mariner, May 8, San Francisco to Vancouver. All Inclusive including Free Air, 2 for 1 Rates & Special Amenities. From \$5,599

REGENT SEVEN SEAS CRUISES *continued*

Caribbean Dawn 10-Night Holiday Cruise on the Explorer, Dec 18, Roundtrip Miami. All Inclusive including Free Air, 2 for 1 Rates & Special Amenities. From \$6,299

OCEANIA CRUISES

Portraits of the Past 10-Night Cruise on the Nautica, May 10, Rome to Barcelona. Free Air, 2 for 1 Rates, Free Shore Excursions & Special Amenities Apply. From \$3,799

Majesty of Alaska 10-Night Cruise on the Regatta, May 20, Vancouver to Seattle. Free Air, 2 for 1 Rates, Free Shore Excursions & Special Amenities Apply. From \$2,799

Greek & Turkish Charms 10-Night Cruise on the Sirena, June 3, Istanbul to Athens. Free Air, 2 for 1 Rates, Free Shore Excursions & Special Amenities Apply. From \$4,399

Spring Serenade 12-Night Cruise on the Riviera, May 21, Venice to Barcelona. Free Air, 2-for-1 Rates, Free Shore Excursions & Special Amenities Apply. From \$5,999

PRINCESS CRUISES

Alaska Off The Beaten Path 14-Night CruiseTour on the Island Princess, May 11, Fairbanks to Vancouver. From \$1,974

Alaska Denali Explorer 10-Night CruiseTour on the Star Princess, May 25, Anchorage to Vancouver. From \$1,574

Alaska Denali Explorer 10-Night CruiseTour on the Star Princess, July 16, Vancouver to Fairbanks. From \$2,024

Mediterranean & Adriatic 7-Night Cruise on the Royal Princess, Aug 27, Athens to Barcelona. From \$2,898

ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

Eastern Caribbean 7-Night Cruise on the Allure, June 5, Roundtrip Ft. Lauderdale. From \$929

Bermuda 5-Night Cruise on the Anthem, June 11, Sep 3 & 17, Oct 1, Roundtrip Cape Liberty. From \$776

Western Mediterranean 7-Night cruise on the Harmony, Aug 7 & 14, Roundtrip Barcelona. From \$1,297

Canada & New England 9-Night Cruise on the Anthem, Sep 9, Roundtrip Cape Liberty. From \$1,643

Western Caribbean 7-Night Holiday Cruise on the Harmony, Dec 31, Roundtrip Ft Lauderdale. From \$1,519

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



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Queen Mary 2 Queen Elizabeth Queen Victoria Special Cruise Promotions - 2016

Eastbound Transatlantic 8-Night Cruise on the Queen Mary 2, May 27, New York to Southampton. From \$1,461

The Fjords 7-Day Cruise on the Queen Victoria, May 22, Roundtrip Southampton. From \$1,537

Baltic Highlights 14-Night Cruise on the Queen Mary 2, May 31, Roundtrip Southampton. From \$4,415

"Short Break" (Guernsey Island/Bruge) 4-Night Cruise on the Queen Victoria, Jun 5, Roundtrip Southampton. From \$720

The Fjords 9-Night Cruise on the Queen Elizabeth, Jun 14, Roundtrip Southampton. From \$1,974

Westbound Transatlantic 8-Night Cruise on the Queen Mary 2, Jun 23, Southampton to New York. From \$1,508

Independence Day 5-Night Cruise on the Queen Mary 2, Jul 1, Roundtrip New York. From \$1,309

Mediterranean 7-Night Cruise on the Queen Victoria, Jul 2 & Aug 13, Rome to Venice. From \$1,395

Greek Isles 17-Night Cruise on the Queen Elizabeth, Jul 5, Roundtrip Southampton. From \$3,161

Eastbound Transatlantic 9-Night Cruise on the Queen Mary 2, Aug 9, New York to Hamburg. From \$1,869

Iceland & The Fjords 14-Night Cruise on the Queen Elizabeth, Aug 16, Roundtrip Southampton. From \$3,066

Westbound Transatlantic 7-Night Cruise on the Queen Mary 2, Sep 20, Southampton to New York. From \$1,414

The Canary Islands 12-Night Cruise on the Queen Elizabeth, Nov 7, Roundtrip Southampton. From \$1,936

Eastern Caribbean 12-Night Cruise on the Queen Mary 2, November 26, Roundtrip New York. From \$1,984

Caribbean Celebration 12-Night Cruise on the Queen Mary 2, Dec 22, Roundtrip New York. From \$2,316

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Clients' Corner

Danny Layman & Linda Pickett Tappannahock VA

Cruising with Cunard...Linda and I have sailed on the Queen Mary 2 three times. Twice across the Atlantic and once on a five day "short break" cruise to Halifax and Boston. We really enjoyed our time on this wonderful ship. We have had cabins ranging from inside to Club balcony to a Princess suite. To us, the Princess suite was worth the extra money for the express check in if for no other reason but the inside cabin was comfortable too.

Our primary goal in using the QM2 is point to point transit to Europe (we have the time and, so far, have not taken to flying). Cunard is truly an "old school" company. Their ships reflect that philosophy. On the QM2 you can partake of many activities or just relax and decompress for seven days. The service is friendly but not overbearing. The food and dining choices are varied (from buffet to sit-down formal) and the food is very good. The ship is pretty big but has a cozy, comfortable feel.

We always contact Linda Waynick at Warwick Travel to make any final arrangements. We have found that she has access to many resources that are not available to us. Plus, she has a wealth of experience with the "ins and outs" of air travel, cruises and tours. However, the main advantage to using Warwick Travel and Linda is the flexibility we have to take advantage of offers that arise after we have actually made a booking.

Phyllis & Fred Kohlman Newport News VA

Borgund, Norway is a nice old town; new town just on other side of the river in walking distance of 5 minutes or less. I loved the character of these buildings and old alley ways. The Christmas shop was interesting, but the building itself was the main attraction, with slanting boards and a "drunken" staircase.

Food in all three countries - Norway, Denmark & Sweden was excellent.

Copenhagen was worth the extra two days. We enjoyed the Wasa Ship Museum and the Wasa King Vasa's castle in Stockholm. The Flam railway was fun and full of waterfalls and mountain scenes. The ferry ride and the cruise on the Sognefjord and Naeroyfjord were highlights.

We walked everywhere when we had free time and felt perfectly safe. Great trip for anyone interested in photography.

Globus was tops in all aspects. Thank you so much, Kim, for your help in arranging our vacation.



Le Clos du Cypres Villa in Provence

By Amy Hill

Provence, France is a sunny region of verdant mountains and azure coastline. Quaint hilltop villages; fashionable, lively towns; medieval fortresses and Roman ruins; and fields of rosemary and lavender made famous by painters.

Ideally situated between the Mediterranean and the Alps, the region is geographically diverse with a wide variety of attractions.

Le Clos du Cypres can accommodate six couples with six large, air-conditioned bedrooms; each with private bath. Enjoy a heated pool in a large garden. A well equipped

kitchen has many amenities. The tastefully decorated living room is perfect for relaxing with sofas, satellite TV, DVD and CD players, a HIFI system, iPod docking, fireplace and terrace. The dining area has a large table that seats 12.

Centrally located in the hamlet of Le Paradou, the villa is walking distance from the village of Mausanne and is near tourist sites and restaurants.

Save \$100 per couple if booked by March 31, 2016. Call the professionals at Warwick Travel for more information and pricing.



Gerry's Adventures

Gerry Siekirsi

2016

July 13: Oceania Baltic Cruise!
Join **Gerry & Zee** on Oceania Marina 10-night sailing: Copenhagen to Stockholm July 13-23. Ports of call: Warnemunde (visit Berlin), Klaipeda, Lithuania; Riga, Latvia; Helsinki; Tallinn, Estonia; 3 days in St. Petersburg, Russia and disembark in Stockholm. Amenities include 2 for 1 Cruise Fare, FREE Airfare from major gateways, Complimentary Gratuities, FREE Internet in each stateroom and 4 FREE Shore Excursions. Space is limited—call soon, as all ocean view and inside cabins are sold out. From \$5,750.

November 1: South Africa

Join Gerry on a Safari Adventure to South Africa for 2 weeks in November. Itinerary includes 4 nights in Cape Town, 3 nights Safari on private reserve, 2 nights Victoria Falls and 3 nights Botswana Safari at Chobe National Park. Flyers will be available in January. The price will be approximately \$10,000 plus, per person, which includes all flights, transportation and accommodations. Gerry has a lot of clients interested in this adventure! Call now to add your name to the waiting list or email: g_siekirsi@warwicktravel.com



The Island of Anguilla

By Laura Hill

Tucked away in the northern Caribbean lies Anguilla, a British Overseas Territory. Sixteen miles long and three miles wide at her widest point, she is ringed with 33 unrivaled white sand beaches and crystal clear turquoise waters. In Anguilla, high style meets low-key island elegance. It has earned a reputation for its contemporary-vibe, world-class accommodations and mouthwatering cuisine, making it an idyllic escape for sophisticated travelers.

Cap Juluca, overlooking the mountains of St. Martin, is designed for romance and privacy; the resort fronts on the Caribbean. 70 rooms include beachfront balconies or patios. Its white villas with arches, domes, turrets and parapets

are surrounded by lush tropical gardens.

Malliouhana, an Auberge Resort, is an historic oceanfront Caribbean resort with 46 spacious guestrooms, that feature custom furnishings and original artwork.

CuisinArt Golf Resort & Spa, a beachfront resort, is nestled on a crescent curve of Rendezvous Bay with views of the Caribbean and St. Maarten. It has 91 expansive, luxurious suites and seven villas an 18-hole Greg Norman golf course, five restaurants and chef's table as well as cooking classes.

For more information or to book one of these 5-Star Resorts, call the travel professionals at Warwick Travel.





Prague: A Magical Atmosphere to Behold

By Nancy Alligood, CTC

Having returned from Prague with a group of Warwick Travelers, I would like to share our experience with you. For many of us, this was our first visit to Prague.

The Bohemian allure and fairytale features of Prague make it a perfect destination for vacationers who want to immerse themselves in culture—and this we did!

Prague, the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic, is the 15th largest city in the European Union. It is known as the City of a Hundred Spires, and is a UNESCO monument and one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is situated in the northwest of the country on the Vltava River and is home to about 1.24 million people. The city experiences warm summers and chilly winters. Prague has the lowest unemployment rate in the European Union.

A visit to Old Town Square and the Astronomical Clock was a must. Every hour, hundreds of tourists from all over the world with cameras ready, gather in front of the Old Town Hall to enjoy a fascinating mechanical performance, which in the Middle Ages was considered one of the wonders of the world.

The Prague Astronomical Clock, which for 600 years has been one of the greatest treasures of the city, still amazes people with its apostles: moving statues and visualization of time like no other instrument in the world. It is possible to tell from the clock dial what day it is and its position in the week, month and year. The Astronomical Clock also tracks Central European, Babylonian and Sidereal time—the last clock in the world to do so!

A walk through Prague's Jewish Quarter (*Josefov*) was next on our list. Few European cities can boast a better preserved Jewish Ghetto than Prague, with its six synagogues, a Jewish Town Hall and the Old Jewish Cemetery (founded in 1479), one of the largest Jewish cemeteries in the world. Due to limited space and Jewish custom, it is impossible to disturb old graves, so the cemetery has been covered with earth several times to create new

graves on top of the old ones. Now there are 20 layers in some places.

Josefov continues to be a lively place and is home to a thriving Jewish community. We continued the day with a walk along the Vltava River, returning to our hotel.

We then visited the Charles Bridge, which you can enter from Old Town or the Lesser Quarter side, nestled into the hills below the Prague Castle. The bridge and the Gothic towers at both ends never cease to fascinate artists, photographers and poets, who pay homage to it in their works. With the silhouette of Prague Castle in the background and the gallery of Baroque statues on both sides, it is a beautiful and pleasant stroll across the bridge—a Gothic gem that has joined the two banks of the Vltava for over 650 years.

Prague Castle is one of the largest castles in the world, dating from the ninth century. Our tour was like a walk through a textbook on architecture. You can wander around its courtyards, palaces, museums and gardens all day long and admire the overwhelming beauty of a place that has been the seat

of Czech kings, emperors and presidents for a thousand years. Monumental St. Vitus Cathedral, one of the most beautiful cathedrals in Europe, dominates the castle grounds. Upon entering it, you will find yourself in a place where time has literally stood still. The beautifully decorated interior created by medieval masters is lit to perfection by the rays of sunlight that stream through the beautiful stained glass windows. Prague Castle offers something for everyone. A must!

No visit to Prague would be complete without a dinner cruise on the Vltava River. We enjoyed a lovely evening, beautiful weather, charming friends, great live music and delicious food. The sights along the Vltava at night were amazing.

Add Prague to your bucket list—you will not be disappointed. And if you are a beer drinker, you will appreciate Czech beer. It has a centuries-old history, and its traditions of production have been passed down from generation to generation.

Enjoy everything Prague has to offer! It's an experience to remember.

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Above: Prague Castle and the Charles Bridge at night.

Below: The Prague Astronomical Clock.



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