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POSTCARDS

A Newsletter for the Clients of Travel Junction

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Notes of Steel

At this time of the year, almost everyone is tired of nature's gray and white palette. Now is the time to go to the Caribbean and enjoy some real sunshine. Apple Vacations offers non-stop air to Cancun or Punta Cana twice a week. Call TRAVEL JUNCTION for the best deals.

Recently, I went to Miami to see two cruise ships of the Norwegian Line. I visited the Norwegian **Epic**, which has 180 single staterooms and villa rooms to accommodate families. The **Epic** has an ice bar where the glasses are never washed. After ice glasses are used to serve beverages, they are allowed to melt away. The Norwegian **Pearl** rotates between the Eastern Caribbean and the Western Caribbean during the winter. The **Pearl** has 17 dining options and 3-bedroom villas which accommodate eight passengers. It also has bowling lanes and many activities for children, including a water slide. In 2013, Norwegian Cruise Line will have a new ship called **Breakaway**, which will be at home in New York City. On your next cruise, think about Norwegian.

Are you looking for something unusual? Join me on the **Polar Bear Safari** on October 31, 2012. Read the details on page 3. The space is limited and fills quickly. Call today and deposit \$500.00 per person, and join me as I remove another item from my "bucket list."

Collette 2012 brochures are now available for Europe, Australia, and North America. Call the office for brochures, and read about the **Floriade** experience in the next column - it is extraordinary!

Call us, come to the office, or find us on "The Web" or FACEBOOK.

Steve Steel

NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM & PARIS featuring historic Bruges & Floriade 2012

APRIL - JUNE 2012

11 days - 13 meals: 9 breakfasts and 4 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Amsterdam • Candlelight Cruise • Keukenhof
- Brussels • Floriade 2012 • Bruges • Paris • Giverny
- Eiffel Tower Dinner • Seine River Cruise

FLORIADÉ is the World Horticulture Expo held once every ten years in the Netherlands. "Floriade 2012" presents visitors with the opportunity to enjoy the world's most exquisite and exceptional flowers, trees, fruits and vegetables in a 165-acre country setting along the German border. The daily cultural program includes musical shows, dances representing countries around the world, theatre, and sustainable architectural designs that have never been seen before.

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2-4	Convent Hotel, Amsterdam
Day 5-7	Crowne Plaza, Brussels
Day 8-10	Les Jardins du Marais, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used

"Leisure Stays" are tours in which the itineraries are designed to allow for multiple-night stays in two or more cities. This allows you a more leisurely pace and more time to explore the destinations on your own.

TRIVIA

Please read this issue carefully. Look for the answer to this trivia question: What are "dragées"? The first client to call, give the complete answer and where it appears in this newsletter, and book an individual package (minimum of \$2500) will receive \$100 toward the cost of the trip from TRAVEL JUNCTION. The contest is over April 30, 2012.



South Africa and Eastern Botswana Explorer

The best of both worlds featuring safaris in TWO countries!

This ten-night itinerary includes:

- * A four-night stay in Cape Town at the Commodore Hotel, situated in the heart of the Victoria and Albert Waterfront
- * Two nights safari in the Thornybush Game Reserve, South Africa
- * A night in the Limpopo Province en route to Botswana
- * Three nights in Mashatu Game Reserve, Botswana

Let Travel Junction arrange this once-in-a-lifetime adventure for you!



DRIVE TO BALTIMORE, MARYLAND!

NO AIR TRAVEL NEEDED!

Carnival Line - Pride

OCTOBER 7, 2012

7-DAY EASTERN CARIBBEAN

DEPART FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

PORTS OF CALL:

GRAND TURK, HALF MOON CAY,
BAHAMAS & FREEPORT

RETURN TO BALTIMORE, MARYLAND



OCEANVIEW STATEROOMS FROM
\$1682.48 FOR TWO PEOPLE
\$841.24 FOR ONE PERSON



Book the vacation of your dreams with us!

NEW PASSPORT FEES

Passport services are now provided in some local US Post Offices - **but not all**. Phone your local branch to determine if the passport services are available there or where the most convenient location is. You must make an appointment at a US Post Office branch to do all necessary paperwork to obtain your passport. PLAN AHEAD!

The US State Department has imposed new fees for many of its passport-related products and services. The total cost of a new passport has increased from \$100 to \$135 for adults (age 16 and older). Renewals for adults have increased from \$75 to \$110. Extra Visa Pages are \$82.

Adult Passport Book (first time).....	\$135
Minor Passport Book (first time).....	\$105
Adult Passport Book Renewal.....	\$110
Minor Passport Book Renewal.....	\$80

The complete rules and fee chart can be found on the Passport Page of the State Department's Website.

Honeymoon?
Wedding?
Anniversary?

Sandals
Love Is All You Need



Holland America *ms Nieuw Amsterdam*
Mediterranean Empires Cruise

July 18 - 30, 2012 (12 days)

Experience the Mystery and History of Ancient Greece

July 18	Venice	Board & Overnight
July 19	Venice	Depart 2:00pm
July 20	Kotor, Montenegro	11:00am - 5:00pm
July 21	At Sea	
July 22	Athens, Greece	8:00am - 5:00pm
July 23	Istanbul, Turkey	4:00pm
July 23	Cruising the Dardanelles	
July 24	Istanbul, Turkey	Depart 5:00pm
July 25	Mykonos, Greece	1:00pm - 11:00pm
July 26	Ephesus, Turkey	7:00am - 7:00pm
July 27	Santorini, Greece	8:00am - 5:00pm
July 28	At Sea	
July 29	Split, Croatia	8:00am - 4:00pm
July 30	Venice, Italy	Arrive 7:00am

Balcony Cabins from \$3089.64
 Oceanview Cabins from \$2489.64
 Inside Cabins from \$2189.64

Prices listed are per person. Cruise and tax included.
 Air and Insurance NOT included.

Pre- and Post-Cruise Packages are available.
 Deposit of \$600.00 per person required to hold reservation. Final payment due May 1, 2012.



GREAT AMERICAN STEAMBOAT COMPANY

THERE IS NO BETTER TIME TO RESERVE SPACE ABOARD THE AUTHENTIC AMERICAN ICON AND TO BE AMONG THE FIRST LUCKY TRAVELERS TO MAKE HISTORY AS THE GRAND AMERICAN QUEEN RETURNS TO THE WATERWAYS OF AMERICA'S HEARTLAND.

SAMPLING OF ITINERARIES

Roundtrip New Orleans	Nts	Theme
April 13-19, 2012	6nts	Southern Culture
May 22-29, 2012	7nts	Springtime on the River
May 29 - June 4, 2012	6nts	Springtime on the River
June 4-9, 2012	5nts	Southern Culture
June 9-16, 2012	7nts	Southern Culture
June 16-21, 2012	5nts	Southern Culture

INCLUDED AT NO EXTRA COST

- Shore excursions to fascinating cities
- One night luxury hotel stay & transfers
- Complimentary bottled water and soft drinks
- Complimentary wines and beers with dinner
- Sumptuous dining with regional cuisine by famed chef Regina Carboneau
- Champagne welcome reception and Gala Dinner
- Hot and cold canapes at cocktail hour every evening

CONTACT US FOR OTHER DATES, PORTS, AND THEMES.

Tundra Lodge Adventure

October 31 - November 6, 2012

7 Days - 6 Nights

Winnipeg, Manitoba / Churchill

Stay at the unique Tundra Lodge designed for Polar Bear observation! Inquisitive bears often approach the lodge, which features rows of windows and fenced observation decks to accommodate our own curiosity. Our unique location, combined with half-day excursions in special all-terrain vehicles, affords the best possible wildlife experience in the Churchill area. In addition to polar bears, we may see caribou, Arctic fox, ptarmigan, and snowy owls. Plus, Churchill has some of the world's most concentrated aurora borealis activity.



Join Us!



\$6695.00 per person includes:

- Air from Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 2 nights at the historic Fort Garry Hotel
- 3 nights Tundra Lodge



RUSSIAN RIVER CRUISE

JULY 2012



11 Days - 9 Nights Accommodations
 - 9 Breakfasts - 8 Lunches - 9 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS:

Moscow - Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, "the Underground Palace"
 St. Petersburg - St. Isaac's Cathedral, Admiralty Tower, the world-famous Hermitage Museum

EACH NIGHT ABOARD SHIP, YOU WILL ENJOY ENTERTAINMENT AND DELICIOUS CUISINE! STARTING AT \$1989 LAND ONLY \$4249.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES AIR FROM PITTSBURGH

Join Alice to visit St. Petersburg!



THE ALPINE COUNTRIES

AUSTRIA, GERMANY, SWITZERLAND
 SEPTEMBER 6 - 17, 2012
 13 DAYS - 11 NIGHTS
 ACCOMMODATIONS
 11 BREAKFASTS - 7 DINNERS

MOZART DINNER CONCERT,
 SALZBURG WALKING TOUR,
 MIRABELL GARDENS, THE GOLDEN ROOF

SERVICES OF A
 PROFESSIONAL TOUR MANAGER
 BAGGAGE HANDLING
 FROM HOTEL TO HOTEL

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

SHOP FOR WORLD-FAMOUS
 HAND-CARVED CUCKOO CLOCKS
 WHEN YOU OVERNIGHT IN GERMANY'S
 BEAUTIFUL BLACK FOREST REGION.

SAVOR DINNER AND
 ENTERTAINMENT IN THE QUAIN
 WINE-MAKING VILLAGE OF GRINZING.

\$3999.00

BOOK BEFORE
 MARCH 7, 2012



Discover the Best of Panama!

Experience a 7-Night Guided Tour

Escorted Tour Highlights

- *Panama City - City Tour, Casco Antiguo, Miraflores Locks/Panama Canal
- *Rainforest - Monkey Island Boat Tour, Embera Indigenous Tour through jungles of Chagres River
- *Beach - Days at leisure on Inclusive Plan

Tour includes 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 5 dinners.
 The best time for this adventure is January through April.



Stop by the Travel Junction booth at the Bridal Show!

Sheraton - Cranberry - June 3, 2012 - Noon till 4:00 p.m.

Dragées (drah-zhay) are the little silver beads or pellets used to decorate cakes.



Norwegian

• Cruise Line

• • Epic • •

• • December 8, 2012

7-day Eastern Caribbean

Miami, St. Maarten, St. Thomas, and Nassau

Balcony Stateroom from

\$1016 per person

Inside Stateroom from

\$750 per person

(Air and transfers additional)

