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POSTCARDS

A Newsletter for the Clients of Travel Junction

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Notes of Steel

"Spring forward; Fall back!" The clocks have been set back, and the long, cold nights and short, cold days are upon us. The Solution - go south to The Islands where the daytime temperature is 80 degrees. We can arrange a Caribbean cruise or an island experience where there is sunshine every day.

In August I went to Cancun and discovered a Rivera Maya hidden secret. **The Eldorado** properties have three adult resorts and three family resorts called **Azul**. They even have non-inclusive condominiums called **Azul Five** right on the beach. I compared these properties to **Sandals** and **Beaches** and was very impressed.

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.

TRIVIA

Please read this issue carefully. Look for the answer to this trivia question: Where did the yo-yo originate, and for what is it still used? 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 December 31, 2011.

NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM & PARIS featuring historic Bruges & Floriade 2012

APRIL 30 - MAY 10, 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.

DOUBLE \$4099 SINGLE \$5099

Rates are *per person* and include round-trip air from Pittsburgh International Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$150 (subject to increase until paid in full) Hotel Transfers

**Other dates are available - please contact us!*

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.

Cruises with Royal Caribbean



Adventure of the Seas

January 15, 2012
7 Nights - Southern Caribbean

Ports of Call

San Juan, Puerto Rico
St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands
Philipsburg, St. Maarten • St. John's, Antigua
Castries, St. Lucia • Bridgetown, Barbados
Cruising • San Juan, Puerto Rico

Starting at \$641.04



Voyager of the Seas

February 11, 2012
7 Nights - Western Caribbean

Ports of Call

New Orleans, Louisiana • Cruising
Cruising • Falmouth, Jamaica
George Town, Grand Cayman
Cozumel, Mexico • Cruising • New Orleans, Louisiana

Starting at \$659.16

This cruise is escorted by Alice Steel. This ship became the world's largest cruise ship when it entered service in November 1999. Its features include an ice-skating rink and a rock-climbing wall.

NEW PASSPORT FEES

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.

DISNEY FREE DINING PLAN

Buy a NON-DISCOUNTED MAGIC FOUR WAP PACKAGE

FOR 4 NIGHTS AND 5 DAYS AT SELECT

DISNEY VALUE RESORTS AND GET A

FREE QUICK-SERVICE DINING PLAN.

OR BUY A NON-DISCOUNTED MAGIC FOUR WAP PACKAGE

FOR 4 NIGHTS AND 5 DAYS AT SELECT DISNEY MODERATE,

DELUXE, OR DELUXE VILLA RESORTS AND GET A

FREE DISNEY DINING PLAN.

BOOKING WINDOW: NOW - DECEMBER 17, 2011

CONTACT US FOR TRAVEL WINDOW DATES

Book the vacation of your dreams with us!

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**



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 QUIANT
WINE-MAKING VILLAGE OF GRINZING.



\$3999.00
BOOK BEFORE
MARCH 7, 2012



Tropical Costa Rica Apple Vacations 7-night packages

4 nights Riu Guanacaste all-inclusive

3 nights Escorted Tour to the Mighty Arsenal Volcano - Stay in the Hotel Magic Mountain - Tour the Arenal Hanging Bridges and Tabacon Hot Springs - Cano Negro Wildlife Refuge Boat Tour

Package prices for January 2012 from \$3507.86

Included: Air from Pittsburgh on Delta, Entrance Fees to National Parks, 3 breakfasts, one lunch, one dinner

Apple Vacations is having sales for vacations to Mexico and the Caribbean during the months of February and March 2012. Call for prices and specific dates. The yo-yo originated in the Philippines, where it is used as a weapon for hunting.



Stop by the Travel Junction booth at these Bridal Shows!

Sheraton - Cranberry - January 8, 2012 - Noon till 4:00 p.m.

Seven Oaks Country Club - Beaver - January 29, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.



9-DAY CRUISE INCLUDES:
4 FULL DAYS AT SEA
STOPS IN
FORT CANAVERAL,
KEY WEST,
NASSAU, COCOCAY

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE BY DECEMBER 24, 2011