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## PLEASE JOIN US

Remember to reflect on how hot we were in July when we are shoveling the white stuff in January. Here at Klingerman Travel, we were hot on planning your next vacation. We came up with some great destinations for our 2011 escorted groups.

Our cruise each winter out of Cape Liberty, New Jersey to the Caribbean has become so popular, we're doing it again this February. Our motorcoach will deliver you right to the ship, so you can start your vacation pronto – with no airport hassles. We really like the ports that Royal Caribbean chose for this sailing.

Every bucket list should hold the Panama Canal. Join us in March and you'll know what I am talking about. I sailed through the canal several years ago and planned on watching movies in my cabin – but then we passed through the first lock. I didn't want to leave the ship's rail. It was awesome, to use an overused word.

If you're a landlubber, we are again visiting the Emerald Isle of Ireland. For a one-week trip, we've managed to hit the favorite stops. You even get to stay in a castle! This is a good time to visit, with the dollar so strong against the Euro.

Inside this issue you'll also find information on our river cruise. This is becoming a very popular way to travel. Think about it, you only unpack once, and your sightseeing excursions are included. They even include wine with your dinner. What a way to go.

If you think group travel is not for you, think again. You get the advantages of transportation from New London/Old Saybrook, a tour escort to turn to if a problem should arise, and you can meet some nice people, or do things on your own. Take a look inside.

*Judy*

**Judy Klingerman Wood**



## CRUISING THE AMAZING PANAMA CANAL...AND BEYOND

The historic opening of the Panama Canal occurred in 1914, but even today it remains one of mankind's most remarkable engineering achievements – often referred to as the “Eighth Wonder of the World.”

Although only 40 miles from shoreline to shoreline, the ingenuity and tenacity of the canal's creators is evident with each and every movement of the complex system of locks that make the canal possible. Today, a “cruise between the seas” – the Atlantic and Pacific – can be an extremely fascinating journey, exploring the diverse cultures of Central America and visiting a variety of tropical paradises in South America, Mexico and the Caribbean along the way.

During the canal crossing there are many splendid sights, including the impressive Gatun Lake, which covers 163 square miles and accounts for about half of the canal's length. When it was created, Gatun was the largest manmade lake on earth (until the Hoover Dam came along).

The scenic beauty of the lush green jungle often obscures some of the more interesting places along the canal. The colorful city of Casco Viejo was a stronghold against pirates during the French attempt at building a canal in the 1800s. It is rich in history and still radiates an atmosphere of old French sophistication.

Beyond Panama, one of the most anticipated ports of call on this cruise is Costa Rica. Visitors can enjoy a variety of adventurous excursions here, including riding a zip-line through the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve. Nature lovers are wowed at Tortuguero National Park on the northern Caribbean coast and other preservation areas that are home to some 850 species of birds and more than 200 species of mammals.

All this and more can be experienced aboard Princess Cruises' *Coral Princess* on a special escorted cruise departing March 15, 2011. Call Klingerman Travel for more information and to make reservations.



## THE PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT

Spaniards conceived the idea in 1502. By linking the Pacific and the Atlantic over the Isthmus of Panama, the long sailing route around South America could be avoided and the wealth of the Indies more readily obtained. But for centuries no one felt bold enough to embark on the ambitious project. It was a Frenchman, Ferdinand de Lesseps, who eventually tackled the job of starting to build a canal in 1879. Sadly, the 10-year project failed miserably due to poor planning and financial difficulties.

But in 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt revived the dream. The United States purchased the French holdings in Panama for a record \$40 million and construction began. For more than a decade, despite diseases such as malaria, pneumonia and tuberculosis, as well as poor sanitation and unbearable temperatures which sometimes rose to 130 degrees, hardy workers toiled in their massive concrete basins. Thousands lost their lives.

Finally in 1914, the rewards of their efforts were realized. The Canal was officially opened. Even today it remains one of the greatest engineering feats in history; a triumph of human ingenuity and of the human spirit.

Those who take the 50-mile Canal journey return significantly impressed. During the nine-hour transit, ships pass through a series of locks, raising the mighty vessels 85 feet above sea level. The ships are then guided by electrical locomotives called mules, and continue to sail along Gatun Lake, the largest manmade lake in the world.

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## AMSTERDAM CITY OF CANALS

Considered the world's most cosmopolitan city when it was the wealthiest during the 17th century Golden Age, Amsterdam, the official capital and cultural center of Holland, intrigues visitors with its wealth of museums, canals, bridges and unique architecture – and, of course, its deeply rooted Dutch ancestry.

Known as the “Venice of the North,” Amsterdam sits three feet below sea level and has more than 100 canals and 1,100 bridges. Small houseboats and floating flower shops line the canals.

To truly get the feel of the city, it is best to walk along its major avenues, narrow cobblestone streets and canals. At night the scene is especially romantic, as Amsterdam's many bridges become aglow with lights and waterways reflect images of the tightly knit buildings lining them. Be sure to duck into one of the many “brown cafes” to sample the ale.

A canal boat tour is one of the most peaceful ways to see the city's 17th century merchants'

houses, bridges, church spires, houseboats and locks. But with a selection of at least 40 museums and art galleries, one cannot overlook Amsterdam's cultural side. Of particular interest is the Rijksmuseum, which houses a great variety of art collections, and the Van Gogh Museum, which has dedicated an entire floor to the master. Be sure to also make time for a sightseeing stop at Anne Frank's House and Museum.

If you're fortunate enough to be in the Netherlands during its eight weeks of Tulip Time, you'll undoubtedly enjoy an excursion southward to the 70-acre Keukenhof Gardens. This is one of the most impressive public gardens in the world, with more than seven million tulips of every size and color, along with sculptures and other works of art in exotic outdoor displays and within the massive glass pavilion.

In the Netherlands, culture and art flourish and friendliness prevails. And you're never far from a picturesque byway.



## RHINE RIVER CRUISE

### LUXEMBOURG TO AMSTERDAM

Featuring Koblenz Flower Show

September 20-30, 2011

Escorted by Gene & Alice Klingerman Stickney

**From \$3,999** per person, double occupancy plus \$245.20 port charges, taxes and airport fees



Highlights on this wonderful cruise include Luxembourg city sightseeing, a seven-day cruise on the luxury river ship *MS Amalegro*, a visit to the Reichsburg Castle, the Palatinate National Garden Show, Rhine Gorge scenic cruising, the Gutenberg Museum, wine tasting, a walking tour of Cologne, and much more!

#### What's Included:

- Services of tour escorts
- Roundtrip motorcoach to airport, including gratuities to driver
- Roundtrip airfare
- Transfers in Luxembourg and Amsterdam
- Two nights five-star hotel accommodations in Luxembourg, including breakfast daily
- Seven nights deluxe cruise accommodations in outside cabin
- All meals and entertainment on cruise
- Wine with dinners
- Sightseeing as detailed in itinerary
- Use of bicycles at ports
- Cocktail reception

#### What's Not Included:

- Lunches and dinners in Luxembourg
- Gratuities aboard ship
- Cost of mandatory U.S. passport valid until Dec. 31, 2011



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April 13-20, 2011

**\$1,899** per person, double occupancy plus \$124 airport fees and taxes

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#### What's Included:

- Roundtrip motorcoach from New London and Old Saybrook
- Gratuity to driver
- Roundtrip airfare
- Full breakfast daily except day of arrival
- Four hotel dinners
- Visit to an Irish family's sheep sheering ranch
- Luxury coach in Ireland and driver/guide
- Sightseeing

#### What's Not Included:

- Cost of mandatory U.S. passport
- Meals not listed
- Gratuities to Irish driver guide
- Cost of recommended insurance

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# VIRGIN ISLANDS PARADISE

When the first signs of fall announce the arrival of winter's austere temperatures in North America, many travelers' hearts and minds turn to the south, toward the Caribbean, where clusters of islands beckon with warm, lazy days and azure seas.

The U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI), located in the vast crescent chain of the Caribbean Islands, are made up of many small cays and islets, but it is St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix which are most visited.

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, is the capital of the U.S. Virgin Islands. World renowned for the finest duty free shopping, a bustling port and exotic architecture, St. Thomas provides a wonderful balance of city excitement with the tropical beauty of vivid green landscapes melting into cobalt blue seas.

St. John, on the other hand, is an absolutely pristine island. It has been called "the Virgin Islands' most virgin" isle. This island is romantic and quiet by design, with little to distract you from its natural allure. Rimmed with some of the most beautiful

beaches in the world, St. Johns' coastline, especially Trunk Bay, is a must for snorkelers.

Southwest of St. Thomas is the charming island of St. Croix, famous for the town of Christiansted with its narrow streets and 18th-century Danish buildings.

Northeast of the U.S. Virgin Islands lie the 50 plus British Virgin Islands (BVI), 16 of which are inhabited. Because these islands are somewhat remote, one can still find an empty beach, undiscovered reef and bountiful fishing.

Tortola, the hub of the BVI, has mountain peaks covered with tropical green plant life dotted with wild flowers of every striking color. Virgin Gorda, the second most popular island in the BVI, is famous for the Baths, a massive tumble of boulders and extraordinary caves, which provide an exceptional place to swim and snorkel.

With their close proximity to the United States, a vacation in the U.S. or British Virgin Islands is just what anyone could wish for in the cold winter months.

## A WINTER ESCAPE



### ON ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S EXPLORER OF THE SEAS

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**What's Not Included:**

- Gratuities to shipboard staff (approx. \$117)
- Shore excursions
- Cost of mandatory U.S. passport
- Fuel surcharge if in effect during time of sailing

## CRUISE THE PANAMA CANAL



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- Two cocktail parties on cruise
- Gratuities to bus driver to/from Bradley

**What's Not Included:**

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- Gratuity to pier porter
- Any fuel surcharge that might be added by the cruise line
- Shore excursions

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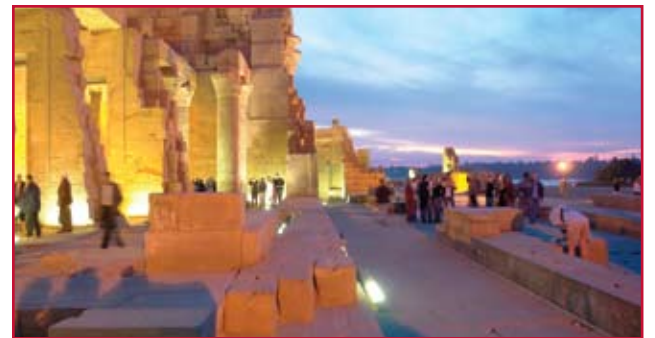
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