



Ultimate Floating Seminar Cruise 2009 – Newsletter 2

Hello Again Fellow Cruisers

The current sleep countdown is around 138 sleeps until we set sail.

Feedback

We are delighted with the comments that we have received from those who took some time out to let us know what they thought of the newsletter, and also to received a number of questions.

If there is anything that you would like to know more about, please send us an email, because you can be sure that others will also be hoping for more information.

Shopping Time For The Girls

Remember ladies that in Australia the winter sales period is just about upon us.

This might be a great time for you to take advantage of lower prices to stock up on some of those items of clothing and footwear that may come in absolutely essential for the forthcoming trip into the northern late autumn and early winter season.

Items you may wish to think about are scarves, beanies, gloves and Parka for wearing out on deck and around London and Paris. You may also wish to think about winter boots.

And don't forget the kids!

Questions and Answers

One of the things that we plan to help you with each week is to provide answers to the questions that any of you ask.

Q. *If I decide to arrive in London on the day that the ship sails, how am I going to get to the cruise terminal at Southampton?*

A. The Southampton Cruise Terminals are about 80 miles from London and 65 miles from Heathrow Airport.



There are two main options for getting from Heathrow Airport to Southampton – coach and rail.

It seems that coach travel with National Express is faster, cheaper and more convenient than using the rail system.

Both rail and coach services terminate in central Southampton, and you will need to transfer to a taxi service to the cruise terminals. The trip time is about 5 minutes,

and we are informed that the cab fare is about £8.

National Express Coaches depart from Heathrow as shown on the following table:

Depart	Arrive	Duration
Heathrow	Southampton	
07:00:00	08:45:00	1hr 45min
08:00:00	09:25:00	1hr 25min
09:50:00	11:45:00	1hr 55min
10:50:00	12:35:00	1hr 45min
11:50:00	13:45:00	1hr 55min

Single fares (after all, we don't need return ones for this cruise) on the National Express Coaches are about £15.20 (with approximately half this price for seniors over 60).

To reach the coach terminal at Heathrow, it will probably be necessary to transit from Terminal 4 to the central transit hub. The Heathrow Connect train runs (free) between Terminal 4 and the central area every 15 minutes.

Q: *What should I do if I'd like to share a cabin rather than paying an upgrade fare?*

A: Contact us and let us know that you are looking for someone to share with. We are keeping a list of those looking to share, and are happy to act in the role of unofficial matchmakers. We will pass on information allowing two of you to make contact with each other, and then rely upon both of you agreeing with the proposed arrangement.

Q: *Do I need to get back to you with information if you try to contact me?*

A: We have been trying to make contact with many of you, leaving phone messages and sending emails, but there are some who haven't been back in touch with us yet.

We can't proceed with booking any staterooms until we have confirmation that you are planning to come on the cruise and deposits have been processed for every passenger travelling.

Those people who have pre-purchased a cruise berth as part of a marketing pack also need to make contact to confirm that they plan to travel.

Stateroom allocations are progressing faster than we anticipated, and there is a risk that anyone who delays may find that their choice of stateroom is severely limited.

Q: *Why haven't I received a copy of the first newsletter?*

A: The email autoresponder system will send out a broadcast message only to those who have confirmed that they wish to receive messages from us.

As we receive and process your name, we send you an email via aWeber which asks you to click on a link within the message to confirm that you are happy to receive these messages.

Until you have clicked on the link, you are not on the official mailing list.

For anyone who is looking for a newsletter that hasn't been received, you should visit our website at:

<http://www.cruisemarketer.com> and click on the **newsletters** tab on the menu.

You'll then be able to download your chosen document.

Q: *Can we get a list of all of the other people travelling on the cruise?*

A: Unfortunately it isn't possible to do this under the privacy laws that operate in Australia.

Q: *How much spending money should we consider bringing?*

A: You won't need cash on the ship.

The ship operates on a "cashless" system, meaning your boarding card, (also known as your SeaPass card), acts as a charge card to make all onboard purchases.

Most guests activate the SeaPass account, with a credit card to have these purchases charged to at the end of their cruise.

Additionally, the SeaPass system may be activated with traveler's checks, debit cards with a Visa or MasterCard logo, or cash.

Travelling Over There

We've been busy checking out the current fares on offer for your travel over to the cruise.

The table below summarises the fares listed on the internet as at today.

At the moment, the most cost effective option is to travel via the US, and fly across to London before the cruise.

Remember that if you'd like to leave this part of the trip to a professional, contact our recommended travel agent, Josh Zuker at the Flight Centre office at Waverley Gardens in Victoria.

You can contact Josh by email to: josh.zuker@flightcentre.com.au or by phone on (03)-8543-1777

Best fare deals discovered as at: 07/07/09

		Fares from	
Sydney to New York			
Qantas	\$A 1341		via Los Angeles
Delta	\$A 1016		via Los Angeles
United	\$US 937		Via San Francisco
Sydney to Los Angeles			
Qantas	\$A 1135		direct
Delta	\$A 910		direct
United	\$US 975		Via San Francisco
V Australia	\$A 899		direct
Sydney to London			
Qantas	\$A 2239		via Singapore
Air China	\$A 1647		via Beijing
Etihad	\$A 2046		via Abu Dhabi
Emirates			
Malaysia	\$A 1701		via Kuala Lumpur
Los Angeles to London			
Air New Zealand	\$A 567 O/W		direct
New York to London			
Aer Lingus	\$A 496 O/W		via Dublin
Continental	\$A 791 return		direct