



Ultimate Floating Seminar Cruise 2009 – Newsletter 6

Hello Again Fellow Cruisers

The current sleep countdown is around 109 sleeps until we set sail.

Please Let Us Assist You

Remember that we're here to assist, offer you advice and find solutions to any problems. Please contact us by phone or email when anything comes up that you feel we can help you with:

If you're one of the group who have booked more recently, and haven't been on the newsletter mailing list since the beginning, remember that to visit our website and download any that you have missed, just visit:

<http://www.cruisemarketer.com/> and click on "Newsletters" on the menu bar.

If you receive an invitation from us to join our mailing list, then please click on the link included in the invitation to automatically receive future newsletters.

Stateroom Bookings

We need to have received the following from anyone who wishes to book a stateroom:

- the names of all passengers
- the dates of birth of any children
- the deposit for all passengers

We're unable to process a request for a stateroom allocation until all of these are

in place.

Warm Clothing

It's still winter sales time over here, so don't miss out on the chance to stock up on some of the things that you'll need to keep yourselves warm and cozy whilst away.

Special Anniversary Requests

If anyone in your party has a special celebration during the cruise that you would like to share with our group, please let us know, so that we are able to pass this information on to the cruise line in plenty of time for them to make your day just that little bit more special.

Special Dietary Needs

If any of you have specific dietary needs, then it is worth while telling us about them so that we can again pass this information on to Royal Caribbean.

The cruise line will do its best to meet your specific needs during the cruise.

Questions and Answers

Q: *What sort of currency do we need for the ship while we are on the cruise?*

A: During the cruise, you will operate on a "virtual cash" basis, with your stateroom key card being used as a charge card for all transactions on board.

As a component of the paperwork involved with the final issue of cruise tickets, Royal Caribbean will require you to nominate a payment mechanism to cover the costs of incidental charges.

As a result, you won't need to carry any form of currency with you during the trip, except of course for the times spent ashore during your shore excursions.

Q: Should I be considering this new "Cash Passport" that is available through Post Offices?

A: The Cash Passport is a new product from Travelex that has been developed to be used as a replacement of the traveler's cheque.

It is a Visa debit card system that can be pre-loaded with cash in any of four currencies, and reloaded online or at a number of offices around the world.

Claimed advantages of the Cash Passport are that it is simpler to use than the traveler's cheque, more secure than a card linked to a bank account, and that it can be replaced if mislaid or lost overseas. The product also provides you with two cards, so that you have a spare one available if one is lost or stolen. (Hint: don't keep both of these cards together during your trip).

We recommend that you look at this as an option if you feel that you may be uncomfortable using bank issued cards during your travels.

To check out the costs associated with using a cash passport, visit:

<http://www.cashpassport.com.au/faqs.html>

Q: Has my booking been processed yet?

A: All bookings received that have the information we require have been passed on to the cruise company.

We will notify you individually with booking confirmation over the next couple of

weeks.

Q: Who is responsible for visa and ESTA processing?

A: The passenger is responsible for all activities relating to obtaining visas and ESTA certification for entry into the US.

For those who feel they would like some assistance with this aspect, you can talk with Josh Zuker at Flight Centre, who is more than happy to assist any of his clients.

Q: When does the ship leave Southampton, and what time does it dock at Fort Lauderdale?

A: The time of departure of our cruise from Southampton cruise terminal at 5:00 pm, and is scheduled to arrive in Florida at Fort Lauderdale at 6:00 am.

The latest time for embarkation at Southampton is around 2:00 pm.

Royal Caribbean recommends that passengers should not book flights out of Fort Lauderdale before noon on the day of arrival.

LONDON – Getting Ready For Your Big Adventure

The United Kingdom has decided to "go it alone" as far as currency is concerned.

Whilst most of the countries in the European Union (EU) have decided to transfer to the "Euro" as the common currency standard for the region, you will definitely need pounds and pence if you are to do any shopping or eating in London.

Remember that this is the only part of the trip where this currency is used, so you are probably advised not to stock up too heavily in sterling currency.

Also be aware that the cost of doing almost anything in the UK is much higher than in most other places. Examples of this are:

There are a number of “must see” experiences, particularly if this is your first visit to England.

These include:

- Buckingham Palace
- Thames Embankment
- Tower of London
- Docklands
- Covent Garden
- Knightsbridge – shopping
- City sightseeing coach tour

The following websites will help you to find activities that will help you to gain the most from your stay in London:

<http://www.londonpass.com>

<http://www.londontown.com/attractions/>

Sharing Your Stateroom

We're still looking for people wishing to share a stateroom with another member of our cruise group. Please email us at info@cruisemarketer.com

if you want to find someone to share with.

“Fare Watch”

Once again, we've worked our way through the current airfare offerings, so that we can continue to provide you with regular updates on what is currently on offer.

The table below summarises the fares listed on the internet as at Thursday August 6th.

Remember that you always have the opportunity to leave this part of the trip to a professional. If you wish to do this, we recommend that you should contact our recommended travel agent, Josh Zuker at the Flight Centre office at Waverley Gardens in Victoria.

Best fare deals discovered as at: 06/08/09

	Fares from	
Sydney to New York		
Qantas	\$A 1185	via Los Angeles
Delta	\$A 1145	via Los Angeles
United	\$AU 1741	Via San Francisco

Sydney to Los Angeles		
Qantas	\$A 962	direct
Delta	\$A 1182	direct
United	\$US 788	Via San Francisco
V Australia	\$A 1287	direct

Sydney to London		
Qantas	\$A 2276	via Singapore
Korean Air	\$A 2385	via Seoul (42 hr)
Etihad	\$A 2301	via Abu Dhabi
Emirates	\$A 2743	via Dubai
Malaysia	\$A 1975	via Kuala Lumpur

Los Angeles to London		
Air New Zealand	\$A508 O/W	direct

New York to London		
Aer Lingus	\$A 492 O/W	via Dublin
Delta	\$USD 671	return direct

Josh has asked us to let you know that V-Australia is currently offering special deals to the west coast of the US. This special must be booked and paid in full by 8th August.

V Australia – East Coast Australia to Los Angeles \$1450

Air New Zealand – LA to London \$650

Total: \$2100 per person incl taxes/fees. (child discount applies)

Fare is subject to availability / conditions apply, and is valid ex Melbourne, Sydney, & Brisbane, though flying via the East Coast will differ.

Additional flight from Fort Lauderdale to Los Angeles can be purchased from Southwest Airlines.

You can contact Josh by email to:

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