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From the President

The Value of Luxury Cruising



Allow me to extend my warm wishes to you and your loved ones for a wonderful beginning to 2008.

As you think about your choices for the new year, perhaps you would like to consider sailing throughout Europe in luxurious style and comfort. From medieval castles and regal Baltic landscapes to ancient monuments and captivating Mediterranean coastlines, *Crystal Symphony* and *Crystal Serenity* explore these treasured destinations with expert finesse.

Aboard our ships — considered by many to be the very best in the world — unpack only once as you travel on destination-rich itineraries and take comfort in knowing that the ever-increasing Euro won't diminish your enriching adventure as everything — including excursions ashore — is paid by you in U.S. dollars.

Whether dreaming of a first-time visit or longing to return, a European vacation with Crystal Cruises allows you to side-step the unpredictable Euro exchange rates without sacrificing luxury, superior service and unique adventures. And, don't forget you will enjoy unrivaled experiences on Crystal such as:

- Exceptional dining, including the cuisines of renowned celebrity chefs;
- Spectacular entertainment, from elaborate productions, to a thriving casino and a variety of personal enrichment programs; and,
- Engaging Crystal Adventures[®], our extensive collection of shore tours, complimentary shuttle service in most ports of call, multiple-day overland excursions and pre- and post-cruise extended land programs.

As you chart your travel plans for the coming year, perhaps you will join me for the annual President's Cruise, which will set sail on August 24, 2008. This year's adventure will take us through the "Isles of Antiquity," with many special events, gifts and surprises planned for you. I am looking forward to sailing with you on what will surely be a memorable trip. Discover more details about this exciting opportunity on page 5.

As always, Crystal continues to invest in bringing you new entertainment and onboard programming so that each time you travel with us you may discover something new and exciting. Our newest show, *Gotta Dance*, is featured on page 14, offering you a peek at this spectacular and innovative production.

Looking ahead, it's hard to believe that 2009 will mark our 14th annual World Cruise, and *Crystal Serenity's* 106-day *Pacific Circle Celebration* promises all of the grandeur and excitement for which our world voyages are known. Turn to page 8 for a preview of this epic journey.

On behalf of all of us at Crystal Cruises, we hope you enjoy this issue of *Passport* — and we hope to welcome you back on board very soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregg L. Michel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gregg L. Michel
President
Crystal Cruises

Crystal Penthouse with Verandah



Quarter Notes



Thanks to You — the World's Best Once Again

Without a doubt, one of the many things that make Crystal unique is the continuous support from our guests in appreciation of our efforts to provide the best luxury cruising experience in the world. It is particularly gratifying, as well as motivating, when you, our guests, continue to reward the efforts of our onboard and shoreside staff with the title of World's Best.

For the 11th consecutive year, Crystal has received the incredible honor of Best Large Ship Cruise Line selected by the readership of *Condé Nast Traveler* magazine. Whether it is cruise lines large or small, hotels, resorts or cities, your votes allowed us to sail ahead and outscore our closest competitor by more than five points.



Left to right: Lisa Hughes, *Condé Nast Traveler*; Phornsiri Manoharn, Tourism Authority of Thailand; Robert Katz, Vail Resorts; Gregg L. Michel, president, Crystal Cruises; and Klara Glowczewska, Editor, *Condé Nast Traveler*.

With a score of 94.1, Crystal outdistanced its rival cruise lines for the top honor of Best Large Ship Cruise Line. This most recent award marks the 14th year that we have been so honored — more than any other cruise line in history.

At the presentation of the 2007 awards in New York this fall, Crystal's President, Gregg L. Michel, and Sr. Vice President of Sales, Bill Smith, attended the festivities and accepted the honor for Crystal Cruises. Following the ceremony, Michel noted, "In this very competitive global travel industry, we are honored to be recognized as the best by discriminating travelers. Receiving this recognition for so many years from the very people who purchase our vacations is a testament to the consistency and innovation of the Crystal product, as well as the dedication, creativity and enthusiasm of our exceptional staff."

This honor is truly a tribute to the ladies and gentlemen on board Crystal Symphony and Crystal Serenity who provide the exceptional service and genuine hospitality for which we have become known. It is also thanks to the ongoing loyalty and support of our gracious Crystal guests. We couldn't do it without you.

May We Help You with Your Bags?

Are you dreaming of a day when you can travel to the far corners of the world . . . without your luggage? Dream no more! Crystal Cruises has entered into an exclusive new alliance with Luggage Concierge, offering easy door-to-door baggage service between your home and Crystal's exotic ports of call around the world.



Luggage Concierge has established a dedicated phone line for Crystal guests, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Arrangements for luggage shipment can be made by calling 877-231-6408 or registering at www.luggageconcierge.com/crystal. Crystal also provides a link at crystalcruises.com, which will direct you to the Luggage Concierge online booking engine.

"Whether traveling to Miami or Mumbai, baggage-free travel offers guests a new level of comfort, ease and convenience by avoiding long lines and annoying waits at airport check-in counters, baggage security and baggage claim areas after long, tiring flights," says John Stoll, Crystal's director of land programs. "This service offers the ultimate luxury: less time tangled up at the airport, which translates to more time relaxing aboard the ship and exploring the world's most exciting cities."

As an added benefit, Crystal Society members will receive a 20% discount on luggage shipments to and from their Crystal voyage, as well as a 10% discount on luggage shipments for other non-cruise-related leisure travel if they book directly through Luggage Concierge.

Also included in the door-to-door round-trip service is automatic insurance coverage of up to \$1,500 for all luggage shipments within the U.S., and up to \$2,000 coverage for international luggage shipments. In addition, Crystal guests utilizing the new Luggage Concierge service will receive personalized tracking and delivery notification of their baggage through their preferred choice of phone, fax or e-mail.





Sorrento, Italy

Journey to the “Isles of Antiquity” with President Gregg Michel

Crystal Cruises’ President, Gregg L. Michel, invites you to join him and his wife, Adriana, in the Mediterranean for the 2008 President’s Cruise on Crystal Serenity.



This annual opportunity is marked throughout by several special touches. Guests are greeted at a Gala Welcome Aboard Party and will receive a commemorative gift to celebrate their unique voyage. The president will continue the tradition of his

memorable question-and-answer session, a popular event for years. He will also extend to all guests the option of taking part in the president’s shore excursion.

The 12-day sailing departs Athens/Piraeus on August 24, 2008. Guests will have the chance to explore the white stone villas of Greece, revisit the ancient history of Kuşadası, and bask in the warm Mediterranean spirit of Sicily. Plus, an overnight in Sorrento provides plenty of opportunity to admire its beautiful bluffs. The voyage is completed in Civitavecchia — gateway to the grandeur of Rome.

Guests will be inspired by special lecturers as part of the Crystal Visions® Enrichment Program. One of the lecturers joining the president will be Tom Lippman, a former Middle East bureau chief of *The Washington Post* and frequent commentator for radio and television. His insight into Middle Eastern affairs is the basis of his most recent book, *Inside the Mirage: America’s Fragile Partnership with Saudi Arabia*.

More exciting details about this fascinating adventure will be announced in the near future.

Get Your 2009 Cruise Guide

Crystal Cruises’ 2009 Cruise Guide will be available soon. Call 877-405-2623 to order your copy, or visit crystalcruises.com today for a preview of all the fascinating places Crystal will visit next year. Maiden calls for 2009 include Trogir, Croatia; Kiel, Germany; Komodo, Indonesia; Sihanoukville, Cambodia; Petropavlovsk, Russia; Lipari, Italy; and Sinop, Turkey. Contact us today for your copy!



Komodo, Indonesia

Mediterranean Magic

New discoveries, enriching themes and exceptional value — yes, you can have it all in 2008

Who among us doesn't dream of exploring the Mediterranean? Its incredible museums and monuments, its dramatic art and architecture, its breathtaking scenery, its delectable food and wine. Whether taking your first journey to this classic destination or planning a return visit, Crystal Cruises reveals the magic of the Mediterranean with 19 destination-rich itineraries this summer.

As you begin to chart your travel plans for 2008, consider the extraordinary value of a Crystal cruise vacation, because you will see the Mediterranean on the U.S. dollar, effectively sidestepping the high exchange rates of the Euro. Add to that the new ports of call, exciting theme cruises and new pre-cruise hotels, and your Mediterranean vacation is a dream come true.

The Mediterranean at Its Best

From the southernmost reaches of the Greek Isles to the northern point of the Iberian Peninsula, Crystal Serenity explores the Mediterranean from April through October with seamless finesse and expert detail. Itineraries range from seven to 12 days, offering you the luxury of choice. And with each featuring at least one overnight stay in some of the world's most fascinating cities, the itineraries also give you the luxury of time.

Crystal Serenity explores three new ports of call in Spain: Valencia, renowned for its art, architecture and Spain's national hero, El Cid; Cartagena, with its Roman roots and magnificent castle; and La Coruña, known as the city of glass for its many glazed window balconies and glass galleries lining the harbor. Nestled along the Ionian Sea just north of Greece, the idyllic seaside town of Sarande, Albania, is also a maiden call.

Crystal's 2008 Mediterranean collection showcases itineraries that appeal to a wide variety of interests, with several cruises offering dedicated enrichment themes:

- A 12-day Arts & Antiquities cruise from Athens to Rome (October 6-18, voyage 8324) exploring the Greco-Roman empire



with an overnight in Cairo and a chance to visit ancient Ephesus;

- A golf enthusiast's dream cruise from Barcelona to Lisbon via the Canary Islands (October 30 to November 11, voyage 8326) featuring a visiting PGA Pro and optional play at prestigious courses;
- Three Wine & Food Festival cruises showcasing the talents of celebrity chefs and wine experts — 12 days from London to Rome (May 7-19, voyage 8310), 12 days from Monte Carlo to Venice (July 31 to August 12, voyage 8318), and 12 days from Rome to Barcelona (October 18-30, voyage 8325); and
- Crystal's annual President's Cruise, a 12-day journey from Athens to Rome hosted by President Gregg L. Michel (August 24 to September 5, voyage 8320).

Crystal's team of destination experts has added new luxury properties to its already impressive collection of pre- and post-cruise hotel options:

- The iconic Molino Stucky Hilton located on the island of Giudecca offers stunning views of Piazza San Marco in Venice;
- The Hotel Monaco and Grand Canal boasts an enviable canal address, across the street from Harry's Bar and just steps from St. Mark's Square;
- Rome's Hotel Hassler has an unbeatable location atop the Spanish Steps and is recognized as one of Europe's premier hotels;

- The Hotel Majestic, in the very center of Barcelona, is situated amid world-class shopping and Gaudí monuments and is within walking distance to Las Ramblas; and
- The Hotel Casa Fuster, a landmark building in the heart of the L'Eixample cultural area, offers panoramic views of Barcelona.

For those wishing to explore farther afield, Crystal Adventures Extended Land Programs have been carefully planned to make sure you enjoy the same level of quality, luxury and service as found aboard Crystal Serenity. Consider these exciting options available before or after your cruise:

- A 5-night journey into a world of ancient castles, palaces and monuments in two of Central Europe's most delightful cities, Prague and Budapest (from Rome);
- A 5-night exploration of Vienna, Austria's capital city, and Salzburg, birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (from Venice); and
- A 3-night escape to one of Italy's most renowned resort hideaways, the 16th-century estate of Ville d'Este at Cernobbio on Lake Como.

Visit destinations that keep your camera poised and your breath drawn in awe, and let award-winning Crystal Serenity extend that sense of wonder to the high seas. Experience the Mediterranean with the World's Best this summer.





World Cruise 2009 Sets Sail for Ever-expanding Horizons

During early January, guests departed Los Angeles for our much-anticipated World Cruise 2008. "This is our best World Cruise to date," says Bill Smith, Crystal Cruises' senior vice president, sales and marketing.

Yet even as Crystal Serenity has left for her 108-day voyage, we are already looking ahead to next year. "World Cruise 2008 is going to be a fantastic voyage," Smith says. "And World Cruise 2009 will be even better."

Smith, along with teams in other departments such as Land Programs and Entertainment, share the same goal: to expand the horizons of our World Cruise, year after year. Says Bret Bullock, vice president of entertainment, "While every Crystal Cruises voyage is extraordinary, we really pull out all the stops to make our World Cruise the most special event of the year. World Cruise 2009 will be no exception."

Setting sail January 21 for a 106-day voyage, World Cruise 2009 brings new experiences — new ports, new shore excursions, and new onboard and shoreside events — to the grand tradition of Crystal's simple luxury and classic service. The itinerary is round-trip Los Angeles, something everyone at Crystal is excited about. "Being able to embark and disembark in a U.S. port is something guests have expressed an interest in," says Smith. "We listened to our guests and developed an itinerary that is already getting very positive reaction from travel agents and previous World Cruisers."

Another highlight of the itinerary that has people talking is the seventh and final leg of the journey, which features Alaska. Explains John Stoll, director of land programs, "We haven't been to Alaska since 2005. We're currently developing some very exciting land programs, which may include excursions into



Denali National Park, home of Mt. McKinley, the highest mountain in North America."

New heights will be reached on board as well. Over 200 speakers, entertainers and instructors will be on board to enrich the cruise experience. Our popular Yamaha and Berlitz programs, for instance, will take advantage of the nearly three-and-a-half-month itinerary by offering progressive classes, allowing guests to build on their knowledge throughout the cruise. Says Bullock, "When guests disembark after 106 days, it will be like 'Wow, I really learned something!'" Other avenues for learning include expanded Bridge instruction and our engaging Masterpiece Art Program.

Legacies at Sea, a memoir writing course that debuted on our 2007 World Cruise, will also be offered, but in an expanded and multi-tiered format. "We are still in the planning stages and more details will

be forthcoming soon," says Bullock.

"But this imaginative and tremendously successful program is an indicator of just how special our World Cruise enrichment opportunities are."

High-caliber celebrity speakers, who in the past have included such stars as Olympian Dorothy Hamill; Air Force fighter pilot Scott O'Grady; personal finance expert Jane Bryant Quinn; and renowned football coach Don Shula, reflect Crystal Cruises' commitment to creating an unparalleled travel experience.

"World Cruise 2009 is definitely port intensive," says Smith. "But I like to call the voyage 'experience intensive.' Everything from shore excursions to enrichment to entertainment to cuisine, and of course, the destinations, comes together to bring guests a World Cruise they will always remember."

Wellness on the High Seas

A balanced approach to fitness



When you think about taking a cruise, the thought that comes to mind is *indulge*. Put away the schedules and planners, sleep until you feel like waking up, catch up on your reading, be waited on hand and foot.

Something else that may come to mind is another type of luxury, time. Plenty of time to take a brisk walk, work out at the gym, get into shape or get into better shape. And surely, with the ringing in of the New Year and the formulation of annual resolutions, living a healthful lifestyle is on the minds of many.

Considering your options for the coming year, it seems one of the best places to be pampered, become truly relaxed, stretch and strengthen the body, and yes, even lose weight, is on board a Crystal Cruises ship.

Lose weight on a cruise? Bret Bullock, vice president of entertainment, says yes, it is actually quite common. With a continued and heightening awareness of health-related concerns, Crystal Cruises is dedicated to providing an environment conducive to healthy living. "We offer a wide range of excellent activities to promote wellness, and guests are welcoming these options and taking full advantage of them."

Bullock is referring to the Wellness pillar of our Creative Learning Institute, a program that reflects our guests' increasing interest in health and well-being. "People are exercising more, but it goes beyond just working out. People are taking a holistic approach. They are strengthening the mind, body and spirit."

Mind. Body. Spirit. If that sounds like a good name and focus for a Theme Cruise, you are right. Our Mind, Body & Spirit theme debuted in 2007, and has enjoyed a tremendous response from our guests. For 2008, this theme will be featured on voyage 8230, a 15-day South America cruise, and voyage 8329, an 11-day Panama Canal cruise.

"Mind, Body & Spirit is a comprehensive and well-rounded program," says Bullock. "We offer an immersion into the theme, with all departments involved. Guests enjoy a diverse balance of activities, interactive seminars, events, lectures, dining options and land programs."

One of our most popular onboard lecturers is Dr. Susan M. Joy, director of women's sports health at the Cleveland Clinic. Guests interested in fitness and well-being are always eager to tap into Dr. Joy's expertise. On one voyage, for instance, guests not only crossed the Atlantic, they also navigated the complexities of choosing nutritional supplements, designing a

successful exercise program and using the latest fitness equipment.

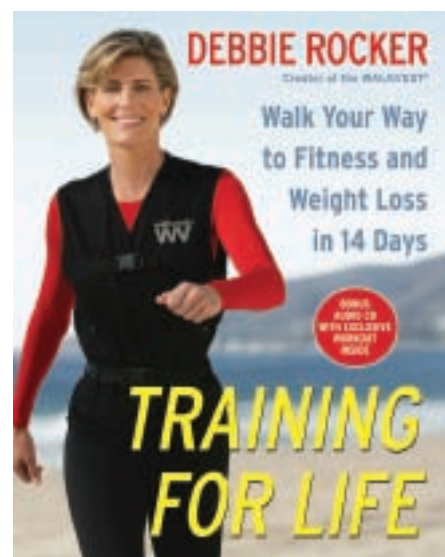
Debbie Rocker is another favorite among guests. A celebrity fitness trainer, former professional athlete and one of the original developers of spinning, Rocker teamed up with Crystal Cruises to take walking to the next step. The resulting program, a Crystal exclusive called "Walk on Water" (WOW), features Rocker's revolutionary weighted *WALKVEST*® and takes advantage of each ship's 360° Promenade Deck.

Rocker explains that the vest provides more than just physical benefits for guests' daily walks. "The mental aspect is fantastic," she says. "The vest puts people in the frame of mind of working out. It's an adjustment of attitude. Guests feel and act like they are training, rather than just going for a stroll."

For Rocker, the mental aspect of training is no small thing. "I'm a big proponent of 'working in' as well as 'working out.' My philosophy is to precondition thinking while reconditioning the body."

Wellness, as viewed by Rocker, Bullock and our guests, really does extend beyond the physical. It is a state of mind. In addition to challenging the body with activities like paddle tennis or weightlifting, guests can rejuvenate the mind with visits to our Feng Shui-inspired Crystal Spa. Voted the best cruise line spa by the readers of *Condé Nast Traveler* in the magazine's 2007 readers' poll, the spa offers treatments ranging from a Yin Yang Facial with essential oils to Aroma Stone Therapy using heated volcanic basalt stones. Of course, one of the most therapeutic aspects of the Crystal Spa is the expansive ocean view.

Whether you take Pilates or Tai Chi, learn about nutritional supplements with Dr. Joy, or enjoy healthful doses of bonding and fresh air with Debbie Rocker's WOW program, you will find the resources and expertise you need to maintain and improve your well-being with Crystal Cruises. That is our commitment to you.



DEBBIE ROCKER WRITES THE BOOK ON FITNESS

Fitness expert Debbie Rocker, who developed Crystal's exclusive Walk on Water program, continues to fine-tune her exercise programs. "Today, being in shape is not about training longer and harder, it's about training better and more efficiently."

Rocker's fitness philosophy is expounded upon in her newest book, *Training for Life: Walk Your Way to Fitness and Weight Loss in 14 Days*. In its pages, you'll learn about walking basics, dietary suggestions and upper body workouts that tone muscles, build bone density and speed weight loss. "Walking is the path not only to weight loss," says Rocker, "but also to increased cardiovascular strength and reduced stress and anxiety."

Training for Life: Walk Your Way to Fitness and Weight Loss in 14 Days is available in bookstores and online at walkvest.com.

The Best of Crystal Cruises

It's time to plan your next Crystal cruise and you're wondering where to go next. Maybe you've been considering an overland tour, or an extended land program, but aren't sure which to choose. To assist, we've dug into our archives and reviewed the Quality Assurance questionnaires guests complete at the end of each voyage, and are pleased to share with you "The Best of Crystal."

From our most popular Crystal Adventures shore excursions to our favorite pre- and post-cruise hotels, these are the places and the experiences YOU have selected as your favorites. The ones that year-in and year-out continue to tug at your heartstrings — or at least those of your fellow Crystal Society members — and inspire your passion for travel. So here you have it, our own version of the World's Best Awards — as determined by you!

Itineraries

Each year, Crystal offers more than 60 destination-rich cruises. These routes are the tried-and-true favorites, balancing popular ports of call with newer, undiscovered places:

1. **Copenhagen to Stockholm:** three days in St. Petersburg, fairy-tale castles, emerald-green forests, intricate waterways
2. **Monte Carlo to Venice (and reverse):** a connoisseur's collection showcasing the crown jewels of the Mediterranean — Italy, France, Spain and Greece — accented with calls along the sun-kissed shores of the Dalmatian Coast
3. **Hong Kong to Beijing (and reverse):** a three-day inclusive program in Beijing; a two-day stay in Shanghai; an overnight in Hong Kong; and in 2008, the excitement of China hosting the Olympics
4. **Hong Kong to Singapore:** overnights in Ho Chi Minh City and Bangkok allow time for inland explorations to Hue, Da Nang and Hanoi in Vietnam; Angkor Wat in Cambodia; and Luang Prabang and Vientiane in Laos
5. **Singapore to Dubai:** an itinerary with bookends in two of the hottest travel

destinations and chances to see India's famed Taj Mahal

Crystal Adventures Shore Excursions and Overland Adventures

Whether discovered on a day trip or during a multiple-day Overland Adventure, these are the must-see places on every world traveler's list:

1. **Antarctica** (Punta Arenas; day trip)
2. **Agra & the Taj Mahal** (Cochin and Mumbai)
3. **Moscow** (St. Petersburg)
4. **Petra** (Aqaba; day trip)
5. **Luxor & the Valley of the Kings** (Safaga)
6. **Machu Picchu, Peru** (from the port of Guayaquil)

Honorable Mentions: Crystal Adventures Shore Excursions

- A night at the Mariinsky Ballet (St. Petersburg)
- Private visit to the Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel (Rome/Civitavecchia)
- Hot-air ballooning over Stockholm
- Flight on a MiG 29 (St. Petersburg)
- Helicopter flight to the Dolomites (Venice)

Extended Land Programs

Sometimes you just need more of a destination to truly immerse yourself in the culture, the beauty and the history:

1. **Magnificent Iguazu Falls** (5 nights; Buenos Aires)
2. **Mystical Machu Picchu** (5 nights; Valparaíso)
3. **Xi'an & the Terra Cotta Warriors** (5 nights; Hong Kong)
4. **Ecological Wonders of Costa Rica** (4 nights; Caldera)
5. **Galapagos Discovery** (5 nights; Valparaíso)

Pre- and Post-Cruise Hotels

Selected for their location, level of service, ambiance and attention to detail, our partner hotels feature the type of sophistication you associate with a Crystal cruise. Many are destinations unto themselves with rich histories, famed architecture, and storied visits by noted guests and celebrities. Here are your favorites:

1. **Grand Hyatt** and the **Burj al-Arab**, Dubai
2. **Renaissance Chancery Court** and **Dorchester**, London
3. **InterContinental** and **The Peninsula**, Hong Kong
4. **Costa Rica Marriott**, San Jose, Costa Rica
5. **Grand Hotel Parco Dei Principi** and **St. Regis Grand Hotel**, Rome, Italy



Machu Picchu, Peru

Introducing *Vivre Voyager* — the Art of Life at Sea

Exclusive catalogue offered only on Crystal Cruises



The joys of exploring the world by ship are many — discovering new destinations, experiencing new cultures, meeting new people and, of course, collecting new treasures. We take our special finds home and surround ourselves with pieces of the world — elaborate or delicate, but always authentic. And with each new piece discovered, we preserve the memory of our own unique experience.

With a shared passion for the best things the world has to offer, Crystal Cruises is pleased to debut a new luxury lifestyle catalogue, *VivreVoyager*. Exclusive to Crystal Cruises, the catalogue will be available throughout the year on both ships. It showcases a meticulously edited collection of the world's finest selections for women, men, children, the home and gifts, interspersed with engaging articles on some of the world's most notable names. *VivreVoyager* celebrates the world in which we live, and more importantly, how we live in it.

Conceived by Eva Jeanbart-Lorenzotti, CEO and founder of the 10-year-old luxury lifestyle collection known as *Vivre*, *VivreVoyager* embarks on an exciting journey, offering a global perspective on

travel that inspires, cultivates and nurtures all forms of creative expression.

On your next Crystal cruise, we invite you to peruse the pages of *VivreVoyager* and step into a world of sheer fabulousness — a dreamy presentation of life's special treasures, assembled with a keen eye that is always on trend, but never trendy. The richly designed catalogue, boasting gorgeous photographs, includes more than 150 of the world's most well-loved brands, many of which create exclusive offerings sold only through *Vivre*.

The premiere issue of *VivreVoyager* debuted aboard Crystal Serenity and Crystal Symphony this past fall. The section "In Vivre" spotlights the people, places and things that inspire us and provides a snapshot of the catalogue's eclectic, engaging and entertaining style. Here you find a mix of observations, such as the new trend toward 'laughter yoga'; travel secrets; Saratoga Springs in the fall; designer must-haves, Naeem Khan's sterling silver tank and tunic; and everything in between, from Guerlain's limited-edition face powder to French fashion icon Maurice Renoma's well-worn leather club chair encased in an acrylic box — price available upon request!

Other sections such as "Little Obsessions" and "Style Notebook" keep readers on the cutting edge of fashion and style, while noted names in fashion, art, photography and journalism contribute to each issue with feature stories — in this case, a profile of style icon Donna Karan, and Q&A with superstar chef Gordon Ramsay. A must-read for all is the closing page, which shares the secrets of today's hottest style-makers.

In Jeanbart-Lorenzotti's own words: "*Vivre* is to create an experience where you will never fail to discover something new to inspire and delight. It might be the work of a new artist whose handcrafted pieces will be a treasured addition to your collection, a timeless gift that perfectly expresses your appreciation for a special friend, or fabulous jewelry or fashions that help create your signature style . . . pieces that you will wear again and again, this season and for seasons to come."



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You Gotta See *Gotta Dance*

A behind-the-scenes look at Crystal Serenity's next big show



Sachiko Hattori, a member of the Crystal Ensemble

You've walked into the theatre to see dancers stretching, adjusting their hair and costumes, checking makeup, getting drinks of water. The musicians are warming up. Lights are being adjusted. Everyone is on stage primping, joking, preparing.

Have you just completed a clandestine mission to get a peek at rehearsals? Or are you on a tour of the ship, with your guide at the helm, pausing to say a few words about Crystal Serenity's entertainment before moving on?

No, you're watching the new and completely unique production, *Gotta Dance*.

Premiering aboard Crystal Serenity in mid-December 2007, *Gotta Dance* is a gotta see. "This show has a whole different look," says Bret Bullock, vice president of entertainment. "All performers are on stage, all the time. The production incorporates not only dancers, but musicians and vocalists. It's very exciting."

Christopher Escamilla, production coordinator, operations, explains it this way: "*Gotta Dance*

closes the distance between performers and audience. Guests will 'encounter' a theatrical space. Limbering up, adjusting sound and lighting, costume changes — it's all part of the show. Nothing is backstage behind the curtain. The veil is completely lifted."

The idea for this innovative show was inspired by people we consider experts in theatrical production: you. Responding to popular onboard stage productions such as *That's Dancin'*, guests found themselves intrigued. Explains Escamilla, "Our audiences wanted to know the stories behind the dancers — how dancers come to Crystal Cruises to do what they love, which is dance, dance, dance. Guests wanted to learn more about how dancers bring different cultural and artistic interpretations of dance to the stage. Crystal Cruises has been listening, and the result is *Gotta Dance*."

Not only does the production take a new slant on backstage versus center stage, it also takes a new approach to music. According to Escamilla, Crystal Cruises understands that guests, many of whom

are Baby Boomers, have musical tastes that run more to the contemporary. "Cole Porter and Irving Berlin are standards," he says, "but this show takes music into a new direction. The interpretation of the music is a harmonious blend of updated and classic."

Like the performers who break the typical barriers between audience and stage by entering the spaces within the house, the music bridges the space between notes and meaning. "The music heightens the audience's awareness of how verse and tune connect with different styles of dance," Escamilla says.

With *Gotta Dance*, everything, it seems, has a deeper significance, even the production's name. Its meaning, though straightforward, is symbolic. "The name was inspired by our dancers' declarations at auditions and rehearsals," says Escamilla. "For them, dancing is a form of expression that is in their DNA. It's in their blood; it's a passion."

In other words, they *Gotta Dance*.



Portrait of an Artist

Putting it together bit by bit



Gayle Davis

While the singers and dancers are working on the choreography that will become *Gotta Dance*, Gayle Davis is coordinating her own show. Her studio, located in an artsy Los Angeles neighborhood with views of the Hollywood sign, has two garages filled with racks of patterns — an organized chorus line complete with pictures and labels. Sewing machines stand at the ready. Her assistant, Bertha, is at her side.

Their partnership is a well-practiced dance — sewing machines humming while the clock in the background relentlessly counts down the deadline — providing the tempo to accompany their work.

Backstory: An Artist in the Making

“I’ve danced my whole life,” says Davis about her career — her passion — which has always been centered around dance. “I did a television series, and I still take ballet classes and go salsa dancing. So creating costumes for Crystal Cruises is a perfect extension of my dance life.”

Her love of dance shows, not only in her meticulous construction of the costumes (she will be crafting about 50 for *Gotta Dance*), but also in the process itself.

“Everyone knows me in downtown LA,” she says. “It’s an incredible place for finding just the right beads, fabric and trim. Things aren’t just brought to me in my shop. I go out and find them. It’s a wonderful scavenger hunt.”

Fun though it is, her scavenger hunt is not the type from childhood, marked by boisterous pronouncements of having found the prize. “I get very quiet,” explains Davis. “I get into that ‘zone’ when I get very focused. If the storeowners ask, ‘What can we help you with, Gayle?’ and I just keep moving, they know: ‘She’ll find it. She’s on a mission.’”

Falling in Love with Lycra

Flashback — the 1970s and ‘80s. Disco and aerobics are sweeping the nation. Stepping into the spotlight with these new dance crazes is an innovative fabric called spandex, also known by its popular brand name, Lycra.

Davis reflects on her early romance with stretch fabric. “Lycra is an *amazing* innovation.

Davis, “She has an incredible understanding of stretch material. She is the ‘Lycra artist.’ And because she’s a dancer, she understands what it’s like to wear stretch fabric . . . to be at one with a costume as you move across the stage.”

Davis admits she has the touch. “You have to have a feel for stretch fabric. I have that feel. It’s my specialty.”

No wonder Davis calls her aptitude for working with stretch a “feel.” Compared to other fabrics, which you can measure, cut and tailor in straight lines and precise inches, stretch fabric — well, stretches — requiring something akin to instinct to incorporate it into a costume.

Stretch also requires customized equipment. “Sewing machines have to be set up for Lycra. Even the thread has to be stretch,” explains Davis. “But that’s one reason I love the fabric. You have to understand it, and if you do, it will behave beautifully for you.”



Leotards used to be knits made from wool. Lycra changed the look and feel of dance fabric and of dance itself.”

What makes stretch fabric so amazing is exactly what the name suggests — it stretches. Yet that unique characteristic also makes it a challenge to work with.

Christopher Escamilla, Crystal Cruises’ production coordinator, operations, says of

A Happy Ending for All

In the end, it is all about everyone being happy. Of Gretchen Goertz and Kathy Orme, Crystal’s two artistic directors, Davis says, “I so respect their talents. My goal is to make them happy, and I want the dancers to feel great in their costumes. Maybe it sounds cliché, but when the designers and dancers are happy, I am happy.”

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8311	May 19	11	Rome/Civitavecchia to Venice	\$4,420	\$3,960
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8313	Jun 6	7	Athens/Piraeus to Venice	\$3,290	\$2,845
8314	Jun 13	12	Venice to Barcelona	\$4,895	\$4,385
8315	Jun 25	12	Barcelona to Venice	\$4,995	\$4,475
8316	Jul 7	12	Venice to Athens/Piraeus	\$5,515	\$4,941
8317	Jul 19	12	Athens/Piraeus to Monte Carlo	\$5,322	\$4,752
8318	Jul 31	12	Monte Carlo to Venice	\$5,322	\$4,752
8320	Aug 24	12	Athens/Piraeus to Rome/Civitavecchia	\$5,322	\$4,752
8321	Sep 5	7	Rome/Civitavecchia to Venice	\$3,175	\$2,735

All fares shown are per person in U.S. dollars, double occupancy for Category C, include Crystal Society savings, and do not include port, security and handling charges or airfare. A fuel surcharge of \$7 per person, per day, will be added to all 2008 cruise fares not paid in full prior to January 1, 2008. *Early Booking savings are reflected only in fares for voyages 8317 through 8321 and must be paid in full 6 months prior to sailing date.

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Crystal Serenity in Geiranger Fjord, Norway

To enhance your travels in the skies, Crystal Cruises will debut a new premium Business Class travel option with Eos Airlines from New York/JFK to London/Stansted Airport for voyages 8212, 8213, 8215, 8216, 8217, 8220, 8221, 8309 and 8310. Eos provides the ultimate in comfort and service with just 48 seats, all fully reclining, on the entire aircraft.

For the more value-oriented traveler, a new Premium Economy option is available through British Airways and Scandinavian Airlines on round-trip flights between U.S. gateways and London, Copenhagen and Stockholm. With more legroom and exclusive services — all for a lower cost than Business Class — the Economy option doesn't skimp on comfort.

Congratulations to Our New Centurions

100 Cruises with Donald & Molly Clark

In honor of recently achieving their 100th cruise Milestone, we are highlighting the travels of Mr. Donald and Mrs. Molly Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark first sailed with Crystal Cruises in 1991 on an Alaskan cruise on board Crystal Harmony. It was at the suggestion of their longtime travel agent that they decided to cruise with Crystal.

Throughout their 16 years of sailing with Crystal, the Clarks have been on 106 cruises. Their favorite areas of the world to visit include the Mediterranean, South America, Africa, Australia and New Zealand. In the near future, they hope to visit Egypt to see the spectacular pyramids.

On board the Crystal ships, they have experienced many memorable moments and particularly enjoy relaxing, reading, watching the stage shows and playing the slot machines in the casino. And what brings them back to Crystal is the friendliness of the crew and the people they meet on board.

We look forward to seeing Mr. and Mrs. Clark on cruise #107!



Front row, left to right: Mrs. Nita Borick, Mrs. Molly Clark, Mr. Donald Clark, Mrs. Shirley Dunesky.

Back row, left to right: Chief Engineer Lars Sollien, F&B Manager Johannes Lorenz, Captain John Okland, Crystal Society Hostess Kellie Hachten, Vice Captain Rolf Sandvik, Cruise Sales Consultant Randal Villalobos, Hotel Director Herbert Doppler.

Celebrating Milestones



Don Loudon's 150th Milestone Dinner | November 10, 2007 | Voyage 7228
Front row, left to right: Mrs. Carolynne DeMott, Mrs. Cathy Williams, Mr. Don Loudon, Mrs. Molly Murphy, Ms. Rebecca Kaufman.

Back row, left to right: Hotel Director Herbert Doppler, Cruise Sales Consultant Randal Villalobos, Dr. Graham Sivyer, Sr. Vice President Thomas Mazloum, Mr. Jack Williams, Crystal Society Hostess Kellie Hachten, Cruise Director Scott Peterson, Mr. Christofer Bratloff, Mr. George DeMott, Head Sommelier Brigitta Fuereber.



Pauline Hoff's 193rd Milestone Party | November 3, 2007 | Voyage 7326
From left to right: Director of Guest Relations and Loyalty Programs Mary-Catherine Wilks, Captain Glenn Edvardsen, Mrs. Pauline Hoff, President Gregg Michel, Crystal Society Hostess Jamie Brown, Cruise Director Rick Spath.



Thorne Corse's 152nd Milestone Dinner | February 23, 2007 | Voyage 7304
Front row, left to right: Mrs. Laura Corse, Mr. Thorne Corse, Captain Otto Nergaard, Ms. Suzi Case.

Back row, left to right: Rabbi Morris Herschman, Crystal Society Hostess Jamie Brown, Cruise Consultant Nikki Andrew, Mrs. Ivy Relkin, Mr. Stanley Relkin, Geri Herschman, World Cruise Hostess Krista Pope, Mr. John Mentis.

President's Cruise 2007

An operatic interlude

Crystal Cruises President Gregg L. Michel hosted the 2007 President's Cruise during voyage 7326, Sunsets & Spices. The cruise departed from Rome and sailed through the Canary Islands.

Guests had the rare opportunity to experience a private opera performance at the Gran Theatre del Liceu in Barcelona, Spain. The performance was followed by a mid-day reception during which the guests had a chance to mingle and get acquainted with the performing artists.



A Memorable Crystal Moment

During this shore excursion, Mrs. Annette Smason (center) had a chance to catch up with (from left to right): Mrs. Lori Mazloum; Mr. Thomas Mazloum, senior vice president, hotel operations; Mrs. Adriana Michel; and Mr. Gregg Michel, president. This voyage marked Mrs. Smason's 54th cruise with Crystal.

Toasting Beautiful Music

Joined by opera singer Ms. Gloria Lopez (right), Ms. Imogene Shiplett (left) and Mr. Bill Lawson (center) raise their glasses in a toast to a memorable day at the opera.



Delighting Our Crystal Guests

Opera singer Mr. John Ramos shares a touching moment with guest Ms. Katharine Chipre as (left to right) Mr. Gregg Michel, Mrs. Adriana Michel, Mrs. Lori Mazloum, Mr. Thomas Mazloum, Mrs. Mary-Catherine Wilks and Mrs. Annette Smason look on.

The Ultimate Vintage Room Dinner

Crystal Serenity — October 11, 2007 — Voyage 7324



Master Class from a Master Chef

Master Chef Anton Mosimann, OBE, provides an explanation of the evening's menu to Mr. Dimitrios Retzepoglov and Mrs. Rowena Kirland at the Ultimate Vintage Room Dinner. In addition to being the genius behind Mosimann's London, he holds a Royal Warrant for catering to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales.



Salut!

Mr. Curt and Mrs. Annette Loomis prepare to enjoy a glass of wine during the dinner held on Crystal Serenity. Guests sailing on voyage 7324 had the unique opportunity to indulge in a special menu prepared by Master Chef Anton Mosimann and rare wines poured by Master Sommelier Fred Dame.



Celebrating an Eventful Evening

Among the guests savoring the unique culinary talents of Chef Mosimann were Mr. Robert and Mrs. Rowena Kirland.

Around the Globe

With our Crystal Society members



Insight to the World of Film

Actor Bruce McGill provided insightful commentary on the film industry during the Film & Theatre Theme Cruise on voyage 7222. Mr. McGill has appeared in numerous films including *Animal House*, *Runaway Jury* and *Cinderella Man*.



A Harmonious Meeting: Gary and Our Guests

Mr. John and Mrs. Marilyn Dessamer spent a few moments with internationally known flautist Gary Arbuthnot on Crystal Symphony during voyage 7222.



Continuing the Discussion on "Great Musicals to Great Movies"

Mrs. Jan Wahl was featured as one of the special guest lecturers during the Film & Theatre Theme Cruise on voyage 7222. Following the lecture, Ms. Wahl spent time chatting with some of our Crystal Symphony guests, including Mr. Irving Chasen.

***Phantom of the Opera* Star Visits Crystal Symphony**

Mr. Albert Greene visits with renowned musical star Ms. Dale Kristien following her performance on board during voyage 7223.



Music of the Night

Ms. Kristien brought her sensational singing talent to Crystal Symphony. She is best known for her portrayal of Christine Daaé in the musical *Phantom of the Opera*.

Introducing New Society Hostess Jane Self



Crystal Cruises is pleased to welcome aboard our newest Crystal Society Hostess, Jane Self.

Born in Kingston upon Thames, United Kingdom, Jane spent most of her formative years traveling and living abroad with her parents. Later, she attended boarding school in Northumberland, England. She now has two daughters, Katherine and Georgina. Throughout her career, Jane has spent 40 years in sales and customer service, and is also a member of Toastmasters, the organization dedicated to the improvement

of communication, public speaking and leadership skills. While Jane may be new to Crystal Society, she is not new to cruising or to Crystal Cruises. In 2004 and with the support of her family, she decided to travel and explore the world. Jane joined Harding Brothers in August 2005, and held the position of retail sales assistant. She was also part of the successful team on board for the 2006 World Cruise.

Jane's interests include learning about different cultures and people, antiques and sampling fine wines. In fact, when she travels, one of the things she most looks forward to is trying local wines. And, whether it is swimming, sailing or scuba diving, she enjoys all activities associated with being at sea.

Jane can't wait to be part of the Crystal family once again. "To be given the opportunity to return as the Crystal Society Hostess is an even greater privilege and a challenge, and I am looking forward to it with great excitement. A guest once said to me, 'Returning to Crystal each time is like coming home.' That's how I feel, too."



An Evening with Marlin Fitzwater

Guests on board Crystal Symphony during voyage 7226 were treated to a lecture by Marlin Fitzwater, the only press secretary in U.S. history to be appointed by two presidents. Mr. Fitzwater served for almost a decade as the public relations strategist to Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.



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