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by Jan Ross, Social Media Director, The Travel Authority

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

- Mark Twain

In 1977, a TV show premiered that would have a huge impact on the travel industry. As Captain Stubing welcomed passengers aboard and Cruise Director Julie McCoy made sure they had a wonderful time during their cruise, viewers began to think that they too could sail to exotic locales like Puerto Vallarta. If you are a baby boomer like me, you recognize two of the characters from "The Love Boat" and if, like me, this show made you yearn to hit the high seas, you may have already chosen cruising as your travel preference. But if not? Now is truly the time to experience cruising.

With great prices and a huge choice of home ports to sail from and fabulous destinations to sail to, cruising is your best choice for any sort of vacation from a romantic getaway to a family reunion. And if you are going to cruise, I suggest you sail in style and ultra-luxury with Silversea Cruises on their new ship, The Silver Spirit.

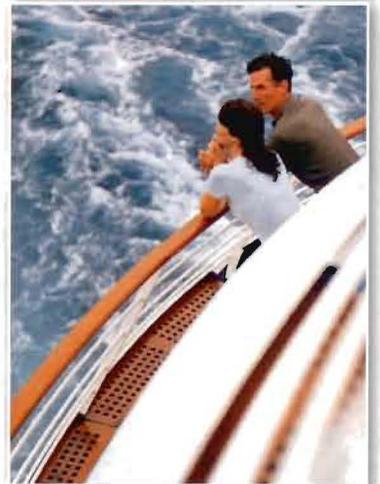
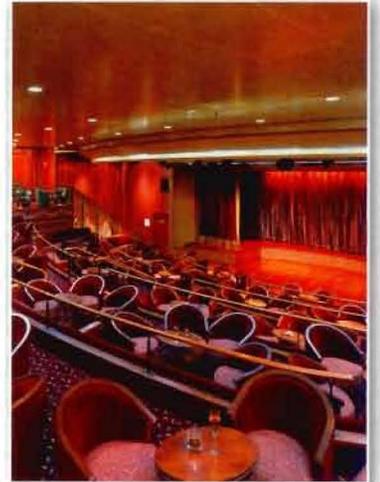
Silversea provides a unique travel experience aboard elegant, small ships which can visit more remote,

less-known ports and bring you close to wonderful cities. Fabulous ocean-view suites, well-traveled international guests, and an all-inclusive lifestyle onboard mean you can enjoy exquisite gourmet dining, unique shore excursions and relaxing or stimulating experiences onboard – take your pick. Have a pampering day at the spa or attend presentations by celebrity chefs, wine experts, renowned authors, destination specialists, authorities on world affairs and more. You never have to worry about a gratuity because, with Silversea, all gratuities are included.

When we set out on our first cruise, we knew that, as a couple whose highlight of the week is a lovely meal in a fabulous restaurant, we were not going to be happy with a hot dog-and-hamburger kind of trip. We had researched all the different cruise lines and found that the culinary experience on the Silversea ships was absolutely second to none. They not only serve meals, they serve an unforgettable culinary experience. Everyone has their own personal preferences when it comes to a culinary experience and this is precisely why cruising is wonderful because you have so many choices.

The Silver Spirit offers you six dining venues, each one unique and each one offering delicious choices, as well as in-suite dining. Silversea has arranged a partnership with the Grand Chefs Relais & Châteaux who offer innovative dishes and world-renowned wines. Unlike other cruise lines where you are assigned seating at a certain time, an open-seating policy allows you to choose when you want to dine and who you want to share your table. Also unlike other cruise lines, which charge for each glass of wine, champagne, spirits, bottled water or soft drink, these are all complimentary with Silversea.

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the process of getting the OPMC certification accredited. However, Nysten explained those working to get the certification may not be at that point in the process to contact the ABMS for the accreditation of the new certification. He also noted that there are many specialties that are not accredited and are still used in medical training.

The Obesity Society expects the new certification examination will be complete by March 2010.

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Our second criteria for cruising was a beautiful, spacious suite and on the Silver Spirit, which will set out on an inaugural voyage in December, 2009, every cabin is a suite - some of the largest suites in their fleet. We love having a verandah when we cruise and 95 percent of the suites on the Silver Spirit have teak verandahs. Another feature that appeals to those of us who love a hot, relaxing bubble bath (and I include myself in that category!) is that all the suites also have a full-size tub. We love a suite because we spend a lot of time in our room. We are those people who are watching a movie on the wonderful flat-screen TV with DVD player and satellite reception in a Silversea suite after dinner. But if you want to enjoy the nightlife? You are in luck because the Silver Spirit also has a show lounge with full-scale production shows and other performances, a casino, dancing to live music and movies on deck. You will never be bored on this ship!

If you are now completely intrigued with the idea of cruising, you will want to know that Silversea has some incredible deals right now, with prices discounted up to 60% for some sailings in 2010. And, as unbelievable as it sounds, they will also pay your airfare from a number of gateways, including Atlanta and Chicago, to get to their embarkation ports!

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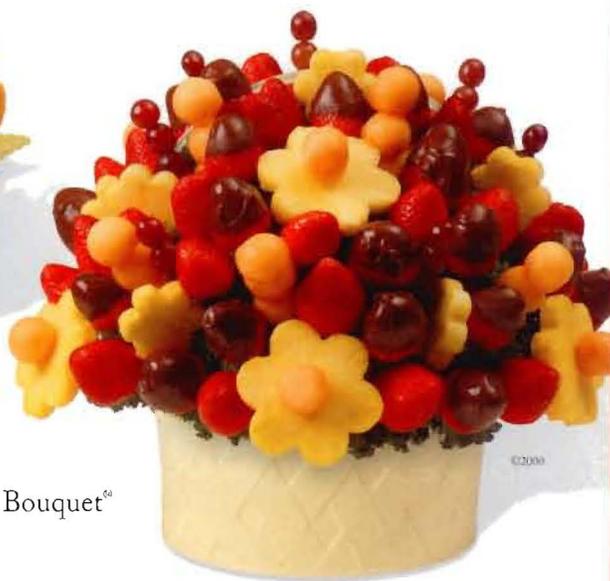
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