



Welcome to the BC Retired Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association Travel Newsletter!

Over the last couple weeks, we've seen vast improvements across the country as it relates to a reduction in COVID cases, increased vaccine administration, and restrictions in many provinces slowly starting to ease. Will this be the beginning of normal life returning? Will this be the kickstart that we need for us to explore the world comfortably again? We hope so and believe so!

**We understand there is some uncertainty in the world as it relates to international travel in the near future; especially with current restrictions and requirements. At this time, members should make their travel decisions based on what their local Provincial Health Officer/Government is advising, followed by the Canadian Government. Through our assistance we will provide our best guidance when booking future travel.*

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BCRPVPA GROUP DEPARTURE!

Splendours of Europe River Cruise | Amsterdam to Budapest
Departure: July 6th-22nd, 2022



Gerald and Ann Soon, Marsha Arnold and Celina Mau invite you to join them on a river cruise across Europe.

Pack and unpack only once as you on some of Europe's most famous rivers; the Rhine, Main and the Danube! Experiencing 5 exciting European countries; Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary!

*Early Bird Discount of \$1500 + \$100 Trip Merchant Member Benefit!
With 6 more joining this BCRPVPA Group Departure, everybody will be upgraded to the "Extended Drinks Package" – Unlimited Draft Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks on-board (no mini-bar) and 50 Euros On-board credit per person.

Open to Family and Friends of BCRPVPA Members!

To learn more about this trip or to book, click below for more details:

[SPLENDOURS OF EUROPE RIVER CRUISE: JULY 6, 2022](#)

UPCOMING ONLINE PRESENTATION & GROUP DEPARTURE

ONLY 4 ROOMS REMAINING!

Explore Southern Africa

New Group Departure Date: October 14-29, 2022



South Africa is one world in one country with 11 official languages, full of dramatic scenery, ecosystems and unique cultures. This trip will appeal to a variety of travelers with diverse interests: Safaris, wineries, excellent restaurants, colonial cities and spectacular natural scenery!

We cap off this trip of a lifetime with one of the great natural wonders of the world – Victoria Falls!

Highlights:

*4 Nights in Cape Town at the Portwood Hotel located adjacent to the

- famed Victoria & Alfred Waterfront
- *Gondola trip to the top of Table Mountain
 - *3 Nights in Stellenbosch known as the wine region of South Africa
 - *3 Nights at the Kapama River Lodge within the Kapama Private Game Reserve
 - *5 Included Safari Game Drives to see the Big 5
 - *Witness some of the most dramatic scenery in South Africa with a drive along the Panorama Route
 - *3 Nights at the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge
 - *Optional Post-Tour Extension to Botswana and Chobe National Park

Join this trip of a lifetime! For full trips details and pricing, click the link below:

[EXPLORE SOUTHERN AFRICA - OCTOBER 14, 2022](#)

Come learn all about this hosted Trip Merchant Journeys Small Group departure to South Africa and Victoria Falls with an Optional Extension to Chobe National Park in Botswana! We will be limiting this group departure to 24 participants.

Joining us will be a special guest from South Africa to talk all about this trip!

Register for our online presentation: Thursday, June 24th at 9am PST / 10am MST / 12pm EST

[REGISTER HERE](#)

RECORDED ONLINE PRESENTATIONS
Colombia & Celestyal Cruises!

May 27th - Colombia Tourism Presentation
Also featuring the Sofitel Legend Santa Clara Hotel & Avianca Airlines



After this presentation it was very clear that people's perception of this destination has changed. This is a must see country and it has a lot to offer! Watch this detailed online presentation and be surprised with all that Colombia has to offer!

To watch this inspiring recorded online presentation, click the button below and type in the passcode: **colombia123!** *(be sure to enter exactly as shown, including the exclamation mark)*

[WATCH RECORDED ONLINE PRESENTATION](#)

Group Departure Details - Only a \$10 deposit to reserve your spot! Click below for full trip details. Starting to fill up!

[DISCOVER COLOMBIA GROUP DEPARTURE - MARCH 7TH, 2022](#)

**May 20th - Celestyal Cruises
The Greek Islands & Mediterranean**



We had a great presentation with Celestyal Cruises back on May 20th with lots of interest in Greece. Celestyal Cruises is the main home-porting cruise operator in Greece and the preeminent cruise line serving the Greek Islands and East Mediterranean.

To watch this recorded online presentation, click the button below and type in the passcode: **celestyal1\$** (be sure to enter exactly as shown)

[WATCH RECORDED ONLINE PRESENTATION](#)

Featured Trip Departure: *Idyllic Aegean* – *May 21st, 2022*

7-Night Cruise: Athens, Kusadasi, Rhodes, Crete, Santorini, Milos and Mykonos!

Inclusions:

- *All-Inclusive Classic Drinks
- *Complimentary Onboard Dining
- *Excursion - Acropolis of Lindos & Citadel of the Knights
- *Excursion - Ancient Ephesus

- *Onboard Entertainment
- *Onboard Gratuities
- *Shuttle Bus - Mykonos Old Town

+ *Add on an Optional 7 Day/6 Night Pre Land Tour: Full day city tour of Athens – Corinth Canal – Epidaurus - Nafplion, - Mycenae – Olympia – Delphi – Meteora – Temple of Zeus - \$1799 CAD per person, based on twin share | Private trip secured with 15 or more guests! Email us at info@tripmerchant.com for full itinerary and details! No deposit required at this stage for this Pre-Cruise tour!*

For full details on this Idyllic Aegean cruise itinerary, click below:

[IDYLLIC AEGEAN: 7-NIGHTS](#)

ALL PAST RECORDED PRESENTATIONS:

[CLICK HERE FOR RECORDED PRESENTATIONS](#)

FUTURE GROUP DEPARTURES

*Featuring a **newly recorded presentation** on our Eastern Europe trip
(second departure date)!*

BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE - Enchanting Eastern Europe | Land and River Cruise
Second Departure Date: June 30th, 2022



Experience this combination land and river cruise itinerary that visits 8 European Countries! All meals are included during the river cruise portion as well as unlimited wine and beer from 11 am to Midnight each day! All tipping included from start to finish! So many WOW experiences on this exciting trip!

Book by July 1st and receive early booking prices!

Emerald River Cruise Offer: Super Early Bird Savings Offer! Pay in Full 1 year in Advance for Category C and Above on River Cruise portion and Save 10%! + Save \$1250 Early Bird Savings + \$100 Trip Merchant Member Discount + *Complimentary Deposit Protection Included + **Reduced Deposit Amount – Expires July 1st, 2021 (or until sold out)

***Flexible booking terms and conditions.**

ENCHANTING EASTERN EUROPE - JUNE 30, 2022

New Recorded Online Presentation:

To watch this newly recorded presentation with Trip Merchant & Emerald Waterways, focused specifically on this June 30th, 2022 departure date from Bucharest to Prague, click below! Type in this passcode to view: **easterneurope123!** *(be sure to enter exactly as shown, including the exclamation point)*

[WATCH RECORDED ONLINE PRESENTATION](#)

Albertan Explorer
Featuring Jasper, Banff, Lake Louise and Kananaskis
October 1-6, 2021



Book by June 30th, 2021 and Save \$300 CAD per person!

**For full details on this group departure and the many inclusions,
click the button below:**

[ALBERTAN EXPLORER: 5-NIGHTS](#)

Interested in Sicily, Italy?

***We plan to be releasing more details on this April 2022 departure in our next newsletter! If you are interested in this destination and would like to be added to the priority list before we showcase this trip in an upcoming newsletter, please email us at info@tripmerchant.com.**

VARIOUS TRIPS/OFFERS



Star Clippers Offers

Complimentary pre-paid gratuities + a choice of \$600 CAD onboard credit per cabin or a complimentary two-cabin category upgrade. *Choose your favorite amenity now - offer ends June 30, 2021. 6 and 7 night itineraries from \$1580 CAD per person.*

Rates are per person, in CAD based on double occupancy and do not include airfare, port charges, or transfers. Promotion includes your choice of either a \$300CAD per person onboard credit (\$600 maximum per cabin; solo travelers paying supplement receive \$300CAD) OR a 2-cabin category upgrade (categories 2-6 only; lower cabin category must be available at time of booking); Singles

paying supplement may receive their choice of perks listed above. Other terms and conditions apply. Only on select itineraries and departures.

Calling all Solo Travelers!

*Waived Single Supplements

*Select 2022 Departures: 3-11 Nights (Asia, Mediterranean and Caribbean)

*Rates starting as low as \$1050 CAD

Below features various cruises with Star Clippers on the Star Clippers page (please note: not all cruises itineraries apply to the above promotions, but we can explore program options with you):

STAR CLIPPERS

Portugal - Long Stay

February 15-March 10, 2022 departure date (22-Nights), with Morocco pre-tour extension.

PORTUGAL LONG STAY: STARTING AT \$1699 CAD

Collette Offer Coming Soon...

Collette's Sizzling Summer Sale!

Book between June 21 – 30th and you can save up to 25% off select tours*

Stay tuned!

Belize Long Stay

February 1, 2022 departure date (21-Nights)

NOW SOLD OUT!

COLOMBIA TRIP CONTEST LAST MONTH TO ENTER!



In order to enter this contest for your chance to **win a 5-night hotel stay at the Sofitel Hotel (in Cartagena, Colombia), including airfare from Toronto, click the button below!**

**Please note: Only one entry per person. Must be a member of an association Trip Merchant partners with. Contest expires June 30th, 2021. Other terms and conditions apply.*

[COLOMBIA TRIP CONTEST](#)

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

Please visit this page to see the most recent news or updates related to COVID-19 and travel.

Updates:

*Over 60% of the Canadian population has received at least one dose of the vaccine!

*Vaccinated visitors to the front of the line for July 1 target in
Newfoundland & Labrador reopening plan

*Air Canada has Rome flights starting July 2 that don't require quarantine
in Italy

*Airline trade groups urge Canada to put border-reopening plans in
motion by June 21

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)

Contact us at info@tripmerchant.com or 1-800-481-9739 ext. 0



Stay safe. We'll be ready when you are!