

Tailored travel for the culturally curious.

7 TIPS TO ADD MORE JOY TO YOUR CRUISE

Compliments from Celeste, your trusted Travel Designer





Ahoy there! Thanks for your interest!

I'm Celeste, owner and founder of Indulgent Voyages. We are a boutique travel agency that specializes in small ship, expedition, river and ocean cruises. We tailor travel itineraries for the culturally curious who love to spend time on the waterways of the world and beyond.

We are happy to share with you our top 7 tips for adding joy to your cruise experience. We would love to get to know you more, make sure to follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram! Let's get to the list...read on!



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#1 Pre and Post Cruise Stay

WE RECOMMEND 2 NIGHTS PRE AND POST FOR MOST DESTINATIONS

Of all the tips we can share, this one enhances your trip in a huge way. When you lengthen your trip on the front end by a day or 2, it gives you the benefit of adjusting to the time change and adds a buffer for delayed flights and the off chance your luggage was misdirected. Spending a little extra time in your first city is a bonus, getting your trip started off in an unhurried manner. You delight in the exemplary service and amenities of our highly recommended boutique hotels where you will be away from the crowds and have the privacy and quiet you relish. Adding a day or 2 on the end of your cruise allows you time to adjust your mental state to getting back to real life. You will feel much more at ease getting on the plane for your return travels home with a heart full of gratitude and joy at your fabulous travel experience.



#2 Small Ships, the Best Kept Secret

RIVER SHIPS WITH LESS THAN 200 & OCEAN LINES WITH LESS THAN 800

While our goal is to match you to the cruise line that matches your travel style, we know that most travel experiences are more joyful and personal when the number of passengers is lower. We know this by personal experience in our own travels. The destinations you travel to often dictate available ship options. Getting into the nooks & crannies of the destinations allows you to explore more than just the usual tourist spots. You will see the value of this smaller ship experience in the inclusiveness of the offerings, some often including airfare and adult beverages. There's a perfect itinerary and small ship for you. Let us be the matchmaker!



#3 Start your cruise in Business Class or First Class

FARES THROUGH YOUR TRUSTED TRAVEL ADVISOR ARE USUALLY BETTER THAN PUBLISHED FARES

The longer the journey, the more you should consider enhancing your air journey. Rather than your vacation beginning when you get to your destination, your vacation starts at the airport! You'll be able to enjoy faster check-in, lounge access, more room on the aircraft and better dining options, not to mention the elevated service! Many ocean cruise lines we work with are inclusive of flights, often river lines will have a moderate upcharge. The comfort class is also a possibility which would be an upgrade from economy.



#4 Balcony Cabins are pure joy!

THERE ARE JUST TOO MANY REASONS TO NOT OPT FOR THE BALCONY CABIN

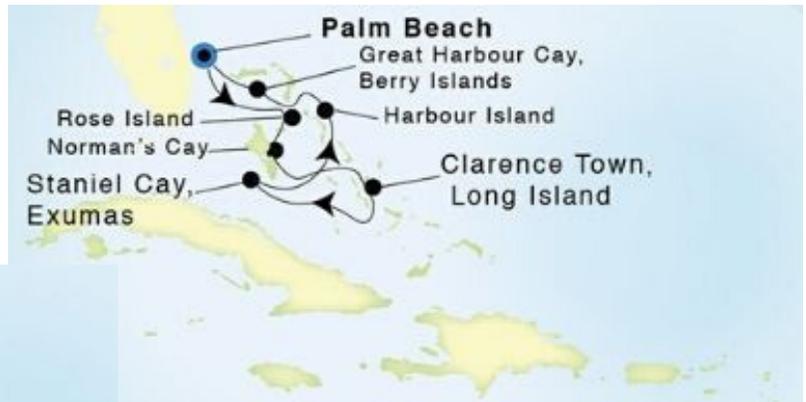
Balcony cabins offer so much to enhance your time on the water. Located higher on the vessel, balcony cabins and suites bring you to the water. Hearing, seeing and smelling are all senses that add positively to any experience, especially cruising. Just opening the door has the sound of the waves lapping the ship. Opening the curtains in the morning to see what new port is right there to discover, the grandeur of a mountain range or a set of locks bringing you from one country to the next. Smelling the fresh sea air and watching the moonlight dancing on the horizon before bedtime is a treat. Just imagine breakfast on the balcony watching a new city or town come to life, taking a moment to enjoy a glass of bubbly and canapes before dinner or how about a nightcap on the balcony all the while smiling at the precious moments that are yours to cherish, forever. That's joy!



#5 Back to Back Cruises

WE KNOW THE CRUISELINES THAT SPECIALIZE IN THIS FEATURE

You might have seen calm, not-in-a-rush cruisers on a past cruise. You are hurrying off the ship and there are passengers sitting around without a care in the world! At first you think they're bound to be late disembarking or maybe they live close to the port? The little secret is that they likely booked a back to back cruise! These type of itineraries ooze relaxation. The crew already knows you, now that is a treat! You will experience a different itinerary and there could be incentives staying with the same cruise line. If this is something that appeals to you, we can specifically look for these types of sailings. We have our favorites!



#6 Book your Next Cruise Onboard

ATTEND A SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON BOARD FOR MORE INFO

There really isn't anything more joyous than knowing you have another voyage to look forward to once you step off the ship. For those that can't get enough of traveling, cruise lines want you back and are always able to offer you some incentive in return for a lesser deposit and your loose commitment. These days, they give you plenty of time to select your perfect voyage if you are unsure at that time. Often, promotions can be combined with what you've selected on board. There usually is plenty of flexibility in your choices. Just remember to secure your booking before the last evening of the cruise. Once you get ashore, the offer will have expired. Your Travel Advisor is often in the loop and will help you complete your plans when you're ready. Another cruise, that's joyous!



#7 Let's VIP you!

DRIVE UP THE VALUE OF YOUR VACATION AND FEEL THE JOY

Virtuoso is the travel industry's leading luxury network, spanning over 26 countries and 9,000 travel advisors. Virtuoso advisors like us, specialize in creating unique experiences you can't find online or plan yourself. Our connections to properties and itineraries around the world are unparalleled. Virtuoso advisors can maximize the value of any trip through their connections, relationships, knowledge, advice, creativity, and advocacy. We often save you money. Benefits can vary by cruise line with the Virtuoso Voyages program. The benefits can also vary by property and experience, but generally Virtuoso travelers receive preferred rates at hotels, upgrades upon arrival (if available), Virtuoso-only amenities (spa credits, shopping credits, etc.), daily breakfast for two, and early check-in/late checkout. By using a Virtuoso Travel Advisor you can drive up the value of your trip through our knowledge of properties, connections, personalized planning, and collaboration with your traveling party.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR OFFER

Now that you know how to add more joy to your voyages, we would like to offer you a [complimentary pre-planning session](#).

- Unsure about planning a cruise vacation in the current climate?
- The task of planning takes too much time? Reclaim that time, leave the planning to us.
- You have a group to travel with but do not know where to start?
- Can't decide on a destination? Let us help you prioritize.
- Is researching overwhelming? We can cut through that noise.

Working with a trusted Travel Advisor will enhance your trip and provide you unparalleled service and advocacy. We are a full service agency and can arrange everything from your front door to your return home.

[Click here to schedule your complimentary session!](#)



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