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Oceania Cruises is the world's leading culinary and destination-focused cruise line. Formed in 2002 with a fleet of three ships, Oceania is now celebrating its twentieth anniversary and has grown to 7 beautiful intimate ships calling on more than 450 marquee and boutique ports across Europe, Alaska, Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, New England-Canada, Bermuda, the Caribbean, the Panama Canal, Tahiti, and the South Pacific. Their fleet of warm and luxurious ships consists of Regatta, Insignia, Nautica & Sirena which accommodate 684 guests, Marina & Riviera which accommodate 1250 guests and the all-new Vista coming out in April 2023 which will accommodate 1200 guests. There is an additional 1200 guest Allura Class ship on order for delivery in 2025.

Each of the four smaller ships will now feature 14 Solo Oceanview Staterooms, plus those that debuted to a sell-out success on Vista earlier this year. Oceania Cruises is reinforcing its commitment to solo travelers.

On-board life consists of gracious personalized service, country club casual ambiance that is elegant yet relaxed, a multitude of enriching activities that reflect the varied interests of those with an appreciation for the finer things in life, the Canyon Ranch Spa Club featured on board every ship offering massages, facials, other spa treatments plus complimentary fitness classes, wellness lectures and vegan and spa

cuisine options in the restaurants. You will enjoy a Monte Carlo-style casino, production shows, headline entertainers, stylish boutiques, a well-stocked library, Internet center and more.

Complimentary unlimited soft drinks, bottled water, cappuccino, espresso, teas, and juices are available throughout the ship and in all suites and staterooms. On board Marina, Riviera, and Vista, you will find The Culinary Center offering a variety of cooking classes at the first hands on cooking school at sea.



Oceania Marina

Their superb gourmet restaurants serve delectable dishes and offer a remarkable array of choices from Continental cuisine, Asian cuisine, French Cuisine, and authentic Italian to inventive American creations at Vista's new signature restaurant, Ember. Every restaurant on board is complimentary and features open seating so you may dine wherever and whenever suits your taste and schedule; however, reservations are required at their specialty restaurants.

As you sail from one captivating destination to the next, Oceania

Cruises' commitment to culinary excellence shines from beginning to end. Their menus are the most expansive and diverse at sea featuring an incredible spectrum of world flavors as well as an Executive Chefs Food & Wine Pairing available every evening and featuring the chef's selection of exquisite dishes specifically curated for their complementary and contrasting flavors.

Exuding the perfect blend of small ship luxury and timeless style, their ships become your ultimate sanctuary during your voyage. Luxe residential furnishings, bespoke artwork and designer accents create a sophisticated and affable ambiance and welcome you back after each adventure ashore. From the Aquamar Spa + Vitality Center and multiple gourmet restaurants to your luxurious accommodations, you'll discover all the comforts of home and more.

Oceania Cruises is truly a five-star product and positions the line as the cruise company of choice for travelers seeking a truly refined and casually elegant travel experience. Whatever corner of the globe beckons you; Oceania Cruises takes you there in comfort and style.

The Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel can assist you with your dream destination along with all the benefits of booking an Oceania Cruise.



Switzerland: Europe's Crown Jewel

Linda Waynick



Visit Switzerland on an 11-Day Tauck Train Adventure starting in Geneva and ending in Lucerne. Enjoy spectacular scenery, quintessential Swiss villages, and snowcapped mountains. Travel high into the mountains by cogwheel train for awesome views of the legendary Matterhorn.

Visit Italy's Lake Maggiore and Lugano. Journey through the ever-changing scenic landscape as you cross between Italy and Switzerland along the old Roman Via Regina, savoring views of beautiful Lake Como before climbing into the mountains and crossing the Maloja Pass as you continue to St. Moritz.

Ride Switzerland's world-famous Glacier Express high into the Swiss Alps and view majestic mountains from a panoramic domed observation car, traveling past silver streams, massive peaks, lush valleys, and glacial lakes.

In a section of the Bernese Oberland known as Switzerland's "jewel in the crown," you will climb through the Alps by cogwheel train to the Jungfrauoch, a viewing point in the Bernese Alps at an altitude of 11,362 ft above sea level.

On to Bern, Switzerland's capital city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site where you will enjoy a "Taste of Switzerland" lunch at Bellevue Palace hotel. Continue to Lucerne, one of Europe's premier cities for the next two nights where your journey ends.

For a detailed itinerary, call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel to make an appointment and learn more about this fabulous travel adventure. Travel takes place during May, June, July, Aug & Sept 2023.

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Williamsburg VA 23185

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Seating is limited



Irish Adventure

Amy Hill



Maximize your vacation time with this amazing 8 or 9-Day Irish Adventure that takes in all the major highlights of Ireland, north and south, roundtrip Dublin.

Set out on a panoramic tour of Dublin's highlights including 18th-century Georgian houses with brightly painted doors, tranquil parks, and historic O'Connell Street.

Continue to Waterford where you will visit the House of Waterford Crystal. Then on to Blarney to visit the Blarney Castle and kiss the famed Blarney Stone.

Discover Ireland's most popular scenic drive, the Ring of Kerry as you proceed to Killarney. Head to the Cliffs of Moher, towering sea cliffs that soar 700 feet above the Atlantic, as you continue to Galway.

Explore the northern coastline as you travel through Donegal and Derry to the Giant's Causeway and Belfast where you will visit Titanic Belfast and learn about the ill-fated ship through state-of-the-art displays. End up back in Dublin for 1 or 2-nights where you will enjoy all that Dublin has to offer.

For more information, call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel and plan your 2023 Irish Adventure.



Pacific Northwest River Cruising

Dee King



Experience dramatic scenery and relive the daring exploits of frontiersmen and adventurers. It is here that history thrives in the parade of a quiet land, uplifted by the rocky cliffs and ripened trees that stretch from the ground below. Soothing waterways lead to wine country and allow the ever-moving world around you transform into a vessel of tranquility and peace – ripe for adventuring.

As you cruise on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, the landscape transforms from a majestic wall of spruce and pine to rolling hills speckled with vineyards and cherry trees. Here, Mother Nature presents her purest expression of life – untamed, spiritual, and free – a divine adventure!

No language can accurately capture the serenity of the Pacific Northwest. Its spirit flows more freely than poetry and says more than anyone could. It glides smoothly against the land's borders, and during it all invites you to experience a moment, a memory, a revelation that is yours alone to enjoy.

Your Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel are ready to assist you for this adventure of a lifetime.



Wild + Wonderful Alaska

Janis Belch

ALEXANDER
+ROBERTS™

Set along the wooded banks of the tranquil Chena River in Fairbanks, your Alaska adventure begins with a small group – never more than 16 guests.

Tour the city and visit a farm in the Goldstream Valley where you will join the owner and her reindeer to explore the boreal forest.

Board the Alaska Railroad and relax with 360-degree views through the glass dome as you head for Denali. Join a naturalist for an excursion into Denali National Park where you will view grizzly, moose, caribou, sheep, and wolves.

Journey on by rail to Talkeetna where you can take an exciting Jet Boat Ride on the Susitna River or enjoy a Zipline Adventure through the forest.

Travel into the Matanuska-Susitna Valley and discover a land of pure Alaska wilderness where you will visit a musk ox farm and tour the Alaska Native Heritage Center with a Native Alaskan. Surrounded by mountains, you will enjoy a ride on the Aerial Tram to the 2,300-foot peak of Mt. Alyeska.

All of this and more awaits you on this 9-day guided tour in June, July & August 2023. Your Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel can give you the day-by-day itinerary.



The Colorado Rockies

Emily Barker

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guided by travel

Adventure awaits as you explore the towering peaks and rolling meadows of Colorado and Utah. This 9-Day Tour (featuring four national parks) opens in the “Mile High City” of Denver.

Travel through Boulder, a scenic university town known for its iconic landmark...the striking, reddish-brown foothills known as the Flatirons. Your adventure in Rocky Mountain National Park starts on the Trail Ridge Road, the highest paved, continuous highway in North America. It's a drive that should be on everybody's bucket list.

Make a scenic drive from Denver to Grand Junction, passing through many of Colorado's famous ski resorts. Continue along the monument's historic Rim Rock Drive to see a colorful panorama of deep, sheer-sided canyons and high rock towers.

Visit Canyonlands National Park and view the vast landscape of gorges carved by the mighty Colorado River. From the Island in the Sky mesa – sandstone cliffs that soar 1,000 feet above the surrounding canyons – take in the seemingly endless views.

Head south to Silverton, a former silver mining town and now a National Historic Landmark hidden high in the San Juan Mountains. Then it's “all aboard” the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad.

On to Mesa Verde National Park (UNESCO) where you will join a local guide on a drive through the park viewing the famous Spruce Tree House, one of Mesa Verde's best preserved cliff dwellings and Cliff Palace.

Continue to Colorado Springs making your way through San Juan National Forest and the Rio Grande National Forest. Visit Pike's Peak where you will board the Pike's Peak Cog Railway viewing animals in native habitat.

For a more detailed itinerary, contact a Travel Advisor at Warwick Travel.

At Your Service:

Your Warwick Travel Staff

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for Thanksgiving

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December 26, 2022

for Christmas



Cruise News



Homeport Cruising from Norfolk - 2023

CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE

Bahamas 6-Night Cruise on the Magic, May 14-20, 2023
 Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Magic, May 20-25, 2023
 Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Magic, May 25-30, 2023
 Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Magic, May 30-Jun 4, 2023
 Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Magic, Jun 4-9, 2023
 Bahamas 6-Night Cruise on the Magic, Jun 9-15, 2023

Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Magic, Sep 30-Oct 5, 2023
 Bermuda 4-Night Cruise on the Magic, Oct 5-9, 2023
 Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Magic, Oct 9-14, 2023
 Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Magic, Oct 22-27, 2023

Call Warwick Travel for special rates & amenities: 757-599-3011

Ocean Cruises – 2023

ATLAS OCEAN VOYAGES

Reykjavik to Edinburgh 8-Night Cruise on the World Traveller
 Sep 18, 2023. Visit Isafjordur, Akureyri & Seydisfjordur, Iceland;
 Torshavin, Faroe Islands & Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, UK.

AZAMARA CRUISES

Canary Islands Intensive Voyage 7-Night Cruise on the
 Onward • Mar 11 & 18, 2023 • Roundtrip Gran Canaria. Visit
 Funchal, (Madeira), Portugal; Santa Cruz de la Palma, San Sebastian de la
 Gomera Island & Tenerife, Canary Islands.

CELEBRITY CRUISES

Ultimate Southern Caribbean 10-Night Cruise on the Beyond
 Dec 1, 2023 • Roundtrip Ft. Lauderdale. Visit St. Martin; St. Lucia;
 Barbados; Antigua; St. Kitts & Nevis.

CELESTYAL CRUISES

Idyllic Aegean 7-Night Cruise on the Crystal
 May 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2023 • Roundtrip Athens. Visit Thessaloniki,
 Greece; Kusadasi, Turkey; Crete, Santorini, Mykonos & Milos, Greece.

HOLLAND AMERICA LINE

Alaskan Explorer, 7-Night Cruise on the Westerdam
 May 14, 2023 • Roundtrip Seattle. Visit Juneau, Sitka & Ketchikan,
 Alaska & Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE

Canada & New England 7-Night Cruise on the Joy
 Sep 8 & 22, 2023 • Quebec City to Boston. Visit Charlottetown,
 Prince Edward Island; Sydney, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia; Portland
 & Bar Harbor, Maine.

PRINCESS CRUISES

Alaska Voyage of the Glaciers Southbound 7-Night Cruise on
 the Sapphire, Majestic or Grand • May, Jun & Jul 2023. Cruise
 Hubbard Glacier & Glacier Bay National Park & visit Skagway, Juneau,
 Ketchikan before cruising the Inside Passage.

REGENT SEVEN SEAS CRUISES

Royal Lands 10-Night Cruise on the Splendor
 May 23, 2023 • Roundtrip London. Visit Saint-Malo, Brest, Lorient,
 Bordeaux & Biarritz, France; Bilbao & Gijon, Spain.

ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

Norwegian Fjords 8-Night Cruise on the Jewel
 May 4, 2023 • Roundtrip Amsterdam. Visit Olden, Flam, Geiranger,
 Alesund & Kristiansand, Norway.

VIKING OCEAN CRUISES

Ancient Mediterranean Treasures 7-Night Cruise
 Jun-Aug 2023 • Istanbul to Athens. Visit Istanbul, Troy, Ephesus,
 Turkey; Rhodes, Heraklion & Athens, Greece.

River Cruises – 2023

AMA WATERWAYS

Blue Danube Discovery 7-Night Cruise on the AmaViola
 Apr 29, 2023 • Budapest to Nuremberg. Visit Budapest,
 Hungary; Bratislava, Slovakia; Vienna, Durnstein & Melk, Austria;
 Passau, Ragensburg & Nuremberg, Germany.

AMERICA CRUISE LINE

Maine Coast & Harbors 7-Night Cruise on the American Eagle
 May 27, Jun 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023 • Roundtrip Portland. Visit Bar
 Harbor, Bangor, Camden, Rockland, Boothbay Harbor & Bath.

AVALON WATERWAYS

Mekong Discovery 7-Night River Cruise on the Avalon Saigon
 Feb – Nov 2023 • Ho Chi Minh City, Siagon to Phnom Penh,
 Cambodia. Visit various places along the Mekong.

TAUCK RIVER CRUISES

Rendezvous on the Seine 9-Night Cruise on the MS Sapphire
 Apr – Oct 2023 • Paris to Roue, France. Visit Versailles, Beaches
 of Normandy, Giverny, Etretat & Rouen.

UNIWORLD BOUTIQUE RIVER CRUISES

Douro River Valley 7-Night Cruise on the S.S. Sao Gabriel
 Apr – Nov 2023 • Roundtrip Porto, Portugal. Visit Regua &
 Pinhao as you cruise the Douro River Valley; Salamanca, Spain; Barca
 d'Alva & Guimaraes, Portugal.

VIKING RIVER CRUISES

New Orleans & Southern Charms 7-Night Mississippi Cruise
 Dec 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2023 • Roundtrip New Orleans. Visit New
 Orleans, Darrow, St. Francisville, Natchez, Vicksburg & Baton Rouge.

Unless otherwise noted, fares are cruise only, per person rates based on double occupancy; subject to availability and capacity controlled by the cruise line.
 Amenities apply. Government fees, taxes and airfare are not included unless specifically stated in offer.



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Introducing the New Oceania Vista **Your World From A New Perspective**

Step aboard Vista and you'll discover a dramatic new way of seeing the world. Vista invites you to savor the journey on a ship whose captivating beauty and stylish design evoke the wonders you'll discover ashore. Stunning interiors and harmonious spaces reflect a fresh, new perspective through organic elements inspired by the land and sea. Sail to fascinating destinations in faraway lands while enjoying The Finest Cuisine at Sea® and personalized service that distinguish every ship in our fleet along with several unique firsts in the realms of dining, accommodations, and guest experience.

Mediterranean Visions 14-Night Cruise on the Vista

May 6, 2023 • Lisbon to Venice. Visit Seville, Malaga, Cartagena, Palma de Mallorca & Barcelona, Spain; Provence, France; Monte Carlo, Monaco; Rome, Sorrento & Messina, Italy; Dubrovnik, Croatia & Venice, Italy.

Ancient Adriatic 12-Night Cruise on the Vista

May 20, 2023 • Venice to Athens. Visit Split, Croatia; Bari, Italy; Kotor, Montenegro; Mykonos, Kavala/Philippi, Rhodes & Santorini, Greece; Istanbul & Ephesus, Turkey.

Greek Isles Odyssey 10-Night Cruise on the Vista

Jun 1, 2023 • Athens to Istanbul. Visit Santorini, Heraklion & Rhodes, Greece; Limassol Cyprus; Bodrum, Antalya, Rhodes, Ephesus, Bozcaada & Istanbul, Turkey.

Greek & Italian Artistry 10-Night Cruise on the Vista

Jun 25, 2023 • Rome to Athens. Visit Naples & Sicily, Italy; Valetta, Malta; Istanbul & Kusadasi, Turkey; Mykonos & Santorini, Greece.

Roman Treasures 10-Night Cruise on the Vista

Jul 15, 2023 • Venice to Rome. Visit Split & Dubrovnik, Croatia; Athens, Mykonos, Santorini & Cephalonia, Greece; Sicily & Salerno, Italy.

Roman Rivieras 10-Night Cruise on the Vista

Jul 25, 2023 • Rome to Barcelona. Visit Naples/Pompeii, Messina, Florence/Pisa/Tuscany, Italy; Valletta, Malta; Monte Carlo, Monaco; Saint-Tropez & Provence, France; Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

Autumn Vistas 11-Night Cruise on the Vista

Sep 18, 2023 • New York to Montreal. Visit Newport, Rhode Island; Boston, Massachusetts; Bar Harbor, Maine; Saint John, New Brunswick; Shelburne & Sidney, Nova Scotia; Saguenay, Quebec City & Montreal, Quebec.

Colonial America 15-Night Cruise on the Vista

Sep 29, 2023 • Montreal to Miami. Visit Montreal, Quebec City & Saguenay, Quebec; Sydney & Shelburne, Nova Scotia; Bar Harbor & Portland, Maine; Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts; New York, New York & Charleston, South Carolina.

Inaugural Panama Canal 16-Night Cruise on the Vista

Oct 16, 2023 • Miami to Los Angeles. Visit George Town, Grand Cayman; Cartagena, Columbia; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Corinto, Nicaragua; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Acapulco, Cabo San Lucas & Ensenada, Mexico.

Panama Canal Adventure 16-Night Cruise on the Vista

Nov 3, 2023 • Los Angeles to Miami. Visit Ensenada, Cabo San Lucas & Acapulco, Mexico; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Corinto, Nicaragua; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Cartagena, Columbia & George Town, Grand Cayman.

Caribbean Wanderlust 12-Night Cruise on the Vista

Dec 18-30, 2023 • Roundtrip Miami. Visit St. Barths; Roseau, Dominica; Barbados; St. Lucia; Antigua; San Juan, Puerto Rico & the Bahamas.



Agent Spotlight:

Alice Stokke

Please welcome Alice Stokke to the team of Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel.

Alice is a UVA graduate and former attorney who has traveled to over 40 countries and completed over 20 sailings on most major cruise lines. In addition to Europe and other international destinations, she is a certified Hawaii and Disney specialist and has led groups to international and U.S. destinations.

She has visited many Disney resorts – Florida, California, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Tokyo. Hawaii is a favorite escape as she enjoys the culture, beauty, and relaxed pace of the Hawaii Aloha Spirit.

She loves cruising and thinks it's a great way to experience new destinations as cruises make everything simple – you board the ship, unpack, go to sleep and when you wake up the next day, you're in a totally new place that you get to explore!

She has extensive experience with group travel. Whether you're planning a family reunion, a special interest trip or a group of friends interested in a cruise or visiting a destination, she can take the stress out of your group travel plans.

Warwick Travel is excited to have Alice join our team. Please give her a call, make an appointment, and come in to discuss your next travel adventure!



Gerry's Adventures

Gerry Siekirski

2023

JANUARY 18 – FEBRUARY 7: SOUTH AMERICA - PATAGONIA & GLACIERS

Join Gerry & Zee on a great South America adventure cruise for 21 days on Oceania's 1250 passenger MARINA from Buenos Aires, Argentina to Santiago, Chile via Antarctica. WOW! Visiting 2 continents on 1 cruise.

We have 24 fun adventures on this cruise. Limited space available. Veranda staterooms start at \$5900 with Airfare included from major gateways.

MAY 11 – 23: MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE – ISTANBUL TO LISBON

Cruise 12 days on Oceania's beautiful MARINA with Gerry & Zee from Istanbul to Izmir, Santorini, Argostoli, Malta, Barcelona, Alicante, Malaga, Cadiz with an overnight in Lisbon. Will plan 2 nights pre in Istanbul, a mystical magical, magnificent city!

OCTOBER 16 – NOVEMBER 1: INAUGURAL PANAMA CANAL CRUISE - MIAMI TO LOS ANGELES

Sail on Oceania's newest ship the VISTA on a 16-day voyage near home! The VISTA holds 1200 passengers in a splendid, elegant atmosphere with the "finest Cuisine at Sea". Oceania's gourmet cuisine is curated by world-renowned Master Chef Jacques Pepin. An awesome ship with an awesome itinerary!

Cruise with Gerry & Zee in the Caribbean to Grand Cayman, Cartagena, Colombia – through the Panama Canal to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Acapulco, Cabo San Lucas, Ensenada-Mexico then fly home from Los Angeles. We have 44 fun travelers booked on this cruise which is already sold-out over a year ahead of sailing. Gerry can waitlist, and it usually opens. Rates start at \$5300 and include airfare, transfers & cruise. Call Gerry NOW-refundable deposit \$500 pp.

Clients Corner

Tammy Sommer - Hampton, VA

Warwick Travel Service is a pleasure to work with, especially since I usually have a concept of what/where/when I want to travel, but have many unanswered questions. The Staff are always friendly and courteous and actively listen to help me better plan my travel. I have booked with Emily Barker and am always...always...thrilled with my package with her. Emily is knowledgeable and very helpful!

Andrea Storch - Yorktown, VA

In 2019, when we began considering a trip to France, a friend recommended Warwick Travel. Linda was wonderful in helping us consider all our river cruise options. We booked a trip for Aug 2020 and obviously, the pandemic had other plans. Linda took away so much of the stress - she confirmed our bookings and then took care of all the arrangements for the cancellations and refunds in 2020 and again in 2021. It was an emotional roller coaster, but we were finally able to go in

July 2022. The trip was amazing, and everything worked out perfectly - the flights with adequate layovers, the pre-tour hotel, and every second of the cruise were memorable. Even the weather cooperated! The entire family had a great, stress-free vacation. We are ready to book another!!

Stewart Nelson, CAPT, SC, USN (Ret) - North Salt Lake, UT

The purpose of this note is to convey to you both our appreciation and thanks for not only the effort Dee King put in to make our river cruise last month one of the best vacations we've ever had, but also to let you know just how much of a difference she has made in handling our other travel requirements over the years. Dee has been our "go to" travel agent since before our retirement. She is our travel agent of choice. We know when she is setting up our travel it will be done right, and we will have no worries. For you at Warwick Travel Service – "she is a keeper."

Rhine River Cruise: Amsterdam to Milan

Travel is back and away we went!



By Nancy B. Alligood, CTC, Warwick Travel Service

In June, I escorted a group of Warwick Travelers on a 7-night Rhine River Cruise from Amsterdam, the Netherlands, to Basel, Switzerland, where we disembarked our vessel, boarded a train through the Swiss Alps and spent three nights in Milan, Italy. It was a long overdue travel adventure.

Amsterdam is a city of canals and houseboats, where the bicycle is king. One must be on guard when crossing a street or standing on a corner, as the bicycle has the right of way. You will find a mecca of art museums to visit as well as the Anne Frank House. We enjoyed a canal boat ride followed by a guided tour of the Rijksmuseum, where we viewed the famous 1642 painting, *The Night Watch*, by Rembrandt.

The Rhine River is famous for fairytale castles and picturesque landscapes of valleys dotted with medieval villages. Dutch delicacies of herring, cheeses and stropwafels were enjoyed, as well as German beer and Alsatian cuisine.

As we cruised the Rhine, our first stop was Dusseldorf, where some of our group enjoyed a walk through the Old

Town of the city, sampling culinary and gastronomic specialties along the way. Others went on a Craft Brew Hall Tour and Tasting or a guided bicycle ride along the river, viewing a wide range of architecture from various periods.

Our next day was a leisurely day on board, gazing at a variety of striking castles, lush vineyards and cozy hamlets scattered along the UNESCO protected Middle Rhine Valley called The Romantic Rhine.

Arriving in Wiesbaden that evening, we disembarked by the beautiful Schloss Biebrich Palace for a sparkling wine reception, followed by a three-course dinner with live music.

The next morning, we arrived in the village of Gernersheim, where we boarded our bus to Heidelberg. We took a funicular from the castle to the city center, where we enjoyed lunch of handcrafted beer, traditional white sausages and German pretzels.

After traveling overnight through the locks to Strasbourg, France, some of us took the biking tour through



Germany



Duomo di Milana



Warwick Travelers at Schloss Biebrich Palace in Wiesbaden

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the Black Forest that

included lunch and the Famous Black Forest Cake. Others chose the Alsatian Sampler, the best of the French region including lunch and wine tasting.

In Basel, some chose a day of touring Zurich, the world capital of banking and home of Swiss chocolate, with a traditional lunch in a historic guild house. Others explored the Old Town of Basel with a local guide.

The next morning, we took a high-speed train through the beautiful Swiss Alps. We crossed the border into Italy, arriving in Milan, known as the global capital of fashion and design and home to upscale culinary delights at high-end restaurants.

The following morning, we took a bus tour followed by a walking tour through the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, an elegant shopping arcade named after the first king of Italy. We later visited the Duomo di Milana, a 14th-century cathedral for a private tour to include a walk on the roof. The roof is topped by 135 delicately carved stone pinnacles and the exterior is decorated with 2,245 marble statues. It is an awe-inspiring piece of work.

That evening, we visited the Santa Maria delle Grazie Gothic Church, where we had a private tour of Leonardo da Vinci's most famous painting, *The Last Supper*.

Our last day took us to the beautiful villas and villages of Lake Como, located in Northern Italy's Lombardy region, an upscale resort area known for its dramatic scenery set against the foothills of the alps. Lunch consisted of a six-course meal at a family-owned trattoria followed by a private boat cruise on Lake Como with views of the lakeside towns with ancient stone bell towers and opulent villas.

What an adventure! It had been almost three years since our Rhine River Cruise was planned and we were ready.

Yes, travel is back! Contact your local travel advisor and start planning your next adventure. ◀

Nancy B. Alligood, CTC is general manager/owner of Warwick Travel Service, Inc. Reach her at 757-599-3011 or n_alligood@warwicktravel.com.



EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISING

Rhine Enchantment, Amsterdam to Milan...

Five countries, three hotel nights in Milan, and a distinctively inclusive 7-night cruise along the Rhine... Stay three nights at Hotel Principe di Savoia in Milan and discover the gems of star-studded Lake Como by private boats. Embark Tauck's ship in Basel for your journey along the Rhine, where ancient castles, medieval villages and lush vineyards beckon. Dine like royalty in Biebrich Palace, walk through history in Heidelberg and indulge in endless onboard delights on a riverboat custom-made for comfort and camaraderie.



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*Seasons Greetings & Happy New Year
from your Warwick Travel Team*



From left to right: Susan Adams, Amy Hill, Linda Waynick, Alice Stokke, Nancy Alligood, Gerry Siekirski, Janis Belch, Emily Barker & Dee King.

Not Pictured: Morag Richards