

# European Travel Consultants September 2007 Update

Dear Friends,

I am so excited to share our plans with you for 2008. Spring and summer have been busy planning your adventures as well as traveling on our own.

Barry and I traveled to Berlin in July and fell in love with its old-fashioned charm: temperatures in the 70s, clean streets, and friendly faces all around. It was so refreshing to be in a major European city without crowds of American tourists. We rarely heard English spoken, but as soon as we smiled and said "bitte, sprechen-sie English?" virtually everyone we met returned the smile and answered our questions in perfect English. Many of you know that the Doggett family is famous for our speedy visits through museums, but Berlin was somehow different. The wonderful audio guides, coupled with unbelievable antiquities, meant our time in Berlin exceeded expectations. I highly recommend a visit.

The miserable exchange rates with both the Euro and the British Pound make cruising an extremely cost-effective way to tour Europe these days. The security of knowing the cost of the trip in advance - in dollars - plus the convenience of one stop unpacking, makes cruising more appealing than ever. For this reason, we are pleased to offer two cruises for our OTPYG travelers next year.

In April 2008 we will be traveling with **Viking River Cruises** on a 9 day cruise through Holland and Belgium. We will begin in Amsterdam, aboard the 150 passenger Viking Pride, with stops in Brussels, Brugge, the world famous Keukenhof Tulip Gardens, and much more. All sightseeing and private guides are included in the extremely reasonable tour price.

In August 2008 we will cruise on the Baltic to Saint Petersburg aboard the **Regent Seven Seas Voyager**. Our journey will start in Copenhagen, and end in Stockholm, two less visited European cities, and worthy of a few days on each end. The highlight will be our three days in Saint Petersburg, including the opportunity for a private visit to the Hermitage, before it is open to the public. Barry and I have taken this cruise and can vouch for how special it is.

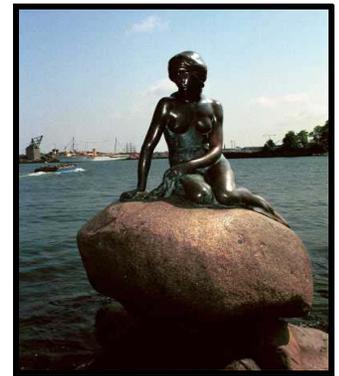
Next month—October 2007— Barry and I will accompany 12 couples on a **Windstar** cruise sailing from Barcelona to Lisbon. We look forward to revisiting Barcelona, an amazing architectural city. Our cruise will continue through the straits of Gibraltar with a stop in Morocco before ending in Lisbon. As with all our group cruises, we can arrange private sightseeing guides throughout the trip, especially in our pre and post cities. Windstar remains an outstanding way to travel, especially in the Greek Isles. We hope to offer you more opportunities on Windstar in the future. Tahiti anyone???

Thank you all for the faith you continue to show in our company. Planning your individual family trips is always so rewarding and we look forward to having another opportunity to help your family very soon. Call us—we plan great vacations!

Suzanne

## Travel Tip

Label any valuables (ipod, blackberry, camera) that you plan to use on the plane. If you accidentally leave anything behind, there's a better chance of it being returned.



The Little Mermaid  
Copenhagen, Denmark



Hermitage Museum, Russia

**DON'T FORGET TO  
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF  
OUR WORLD-WIDE  
EXPERTISE!!**

**WE ARE PLEASED TO  
RESEARCH & BOOK:**

- CRUISES
- ESCORTED TOURS
- BIKE TOURS
- GOLF TRIPS

**WITH NEVER ANY  
CONSULTING FEES**

**CRUISE THE BALTIC SEA**  
**Aboard the *Seven Seas Voyager***  
**August 16—23, 2008**

Join us to sail the sparkling waters of the Baltic: from the lively atmosphere in Copenhagen and the understated sophistication of Stockholm, to the medieval cobbled lanes of Estonia, we will be immersed in the charm and history of this region. The highlight of our trip will be our three days in St. Petersburg, with private excursions to the world famous Hermitage Museum and Catherine's Palace with its stunning Amber Room. Also, we have arranged for an optional three day excursion to Berlin, available pre/post sailing.

We have secured a limited number of cabins on the *Voyager*, a luxury ship that caters to only 700 passengers. Don't delay—this cruise ship always sells out!! Call us soon for more complete information to ensure you are part of our group.

**OUR ITINERARY  
 FROM COPENHAGEN  
 TO STOCKHOLM**



***In our mailbox:***

*"Thank you for planning the trip of our dreams. The daily pace, the guides, the charming inns—everything you did made our trip memorable, easy and fun for our entire family. We can't wait to work with you again."*

D.L., Novelty OH



***Tulips and Windmills River Cruise***  
**in the Netherlands and Belgium**  
**April 16—25, 2008**

A perfect multi-generational trip is to combine Holland's annual tulip splendor with visits to two of Europe's most beautifully preserved medieval cities—Brussels and Brugge. We will have private guides escorting us through Amsterdam's *Rijksmuseum*, and guided walks through the charming towns along the way. We will sample Dutch cheeses and Belgian chocolate...what more can one ask for? We will cruise in deluxe river-view cabins on the *Viking Pride*, with only 150 passengers. Call or email for full details. Our space is limited to only ten cabins for this very special springtime adventure: how about mothers/daughters???



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