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Where has the month gone! February always seems short to me, but when you're busy, it seems to just fly by!

A lot has happened in the last month since our last newsletter. Disney Cruise Line© has announced the remainder of its 2014 schedule which led us to choose another ToAD sailing. We will have a group sailing on the October 4, 2014 Southern Caribbean sailing out of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Ports include Antigua, St. Lucia, Grenada, Barbados and St. Kitts. Contact me at tracy@travelonadream.com for more information. Deposits on most staterooms are fully refundable until August 6, 2014.

We wanted to bring your attention to a new reservation transfer policy for all Disney Destinations to travel agents. You can only transfer reservations that are not paid in full and only within 30 days from the date you first hold the reservation. It is always better to book your reservation initially with us, however if you aren't able to do so, contact us as soon as possible so we can get you the new transfer form.

This month we wanted to take a different approach to our newsletter. We wanted to review each of the Disney ships and go over the itineraries offered in 2014. Contact your Travel On A Dream agent or email info@travelonadream.com to book your 2014 date.

Disney Fantasy

Disney Fantasy is the newest of the Disney Cruise Line Fleet, making her maiden voyage on March 31, 2012. Very similar to her sister ship, Disney Dream, the Fantasy was modified in some ways to provide more entertainment options with a new pool for

adults called Satellite Falls and a family splash area called Aqua Lab. The decor on the Disney Fantasy is art nouveau, like the Disney Wonder.

Disney Fantasy will be continuing 7 night sailings out of Port Canaveral for 2014. Sailings will alternate Eastern and Western Caribbean for much of the year until early November. Ports of call on the Eastern Caribbean include St. Thomas, St. Maarten and Castaway Cay, with San Juan being added in late 2014. Ports of call on the Western Caribbean include Cozumel, Grand Cayman, Costa Maya and Castaway Cay early in 2014. In May, Falmouth, Jamaica will replace Costa Maya. In November, the Fantasy will alternate Eastern Caribbean itineraries.



Disney Dream

Disney Dream had her maiden voyage on January 26, 2011, just a little over a year prior to her sister, Disney Fantasy, but more than 10 years after the Disney Wonder. Guests were excited to see the new Disney ships and Disney did not disappoint! The Disney Dream increased capacity by nearly 50% making her one of the largest ships on the market.

Still offering outstanding children's programming that Disney is known for, the Dream expanding on its offerings. The also added the Aqua Duck, the first of its kind water coaster on a cruise ship! Disney also expanded its adult dining options with the addition of Remy, a French restaurant inspired by Ratatouille.

Disney also included a lot of new technology in the ships including RFID cards to gain access to staterooms, virtual portholes in all inside rooms and enchanted art. A major upgrade to the popular Animator's Palate allowed guests to interact with Crush from Finding Nemo over dinner.

Disney Dream cruises year round from Port Canaveral with 3 and 4 night sailings to the Bahamas including stops at Nassau and Castaway Cay. Through mid-November, 3 night sailings depart on Thursdays and 4 night sailings depart on Sunday, however, this will shift around Thanksgiving to Fridays for 3 night sailings and Mondays for 4 night sailings.



All Disney cruises departing from Port Canaveral include a stop at Disney's private island paradise, Castaway Cay. This Bahamian island offers so much for everyone in the family to do from swimming and snorkeling, to biking and other sports, and shopping, eating and drinking. What more could you want?



Disney Wonder

The Disney Wonder was the second Disney cruise ship, making her debut in August 1999. Styled in art deco like the Disney Dream, the Wonder is virtually identical to the Disney Magic. During a dry dock in 2010, however, a new area was added to the top of the Wonder called Outlook Bar. This area was enclosed in glass allowing guests to view the areas they are cruising to without going outside in the elements. This was a necessary addition as Disney would start offering Alaskan cruises in 2011.

In 2014, Disney will again offer Alaskan cruises from Vancouver. If you have not done an Alaskan cruise in your life, put it on your bucket list! Better yet, get it booked today! I always thought that I wouldn't like Alaska because, despite living in the North, I don't like the cold and snow. We did the first Disney Cruise to Alaska so I could "learn" more about this destination for my clients. I fell in love! I even said "I could live here." Breathtaking is one way I would describe this destination and that doesn't even begin to scratch the surface.

In 2014, Disney will start with a 9 night cruise which will include Sitka, Alaska, a new destination for

Disney. After that sailing, they will resume 7 night sailings from Vancouver through the season.

During the beginning of 2014, Disney Wonder will be sailing out of Miami, alternating 5 and 4 night sailings to the Bahamas and Western Caribbean. Many, though not all, of the sailings include a stop at Castaway Cay. Just prior to the Alaskan sailings, the Disney Wonder will make a return trip through the Panama Canal to San Diego, offer a 2 night weekend cruise from San Diego and then a repositioning cruise to Vancouver with a stop in San Francisco.

After Alaska, Disney Wonder will again reposition to San Diego, and then continue through the Panama Canal to Port Canaveral. If you have never gone through the Panama Canal, again, put this on your bucket list! This is an amazing adventure that everyone should experience.

Once in Port Canaveral, Disney Wonder will have three sailings which each include two stops at Castaway Cay – two five night sailings and one four night sailing. All three of these itineraries are different.

After this, Disney Wonder sailings have not been released, however, we suspect she will be going in for an extended dry dock (like the Disney Magic will experience this fall) and then we expect that she will pick up the Western Caribbean sailings dropped by the Disney Fantasy for the remainder of the year.



Disney Magic

Finally we come to the Disney Magic. She is the first of the Disney Cruise Line Fleet, coming online in 1998. We have cruised mostly on the Disney Magic over the years, mainly because until 2011, she was really the only ship of Disney's cruising 7 nights or longer (with one exception with the Disney Wonder). However, since 2009, we have not been back to the Disney Magic.

In the fall of 2013, the Disney Magic will undergo an extensive dry dock. We have heard many rumors about what will be done from changing themes of restaurants, to adding technology found on the Dream and Fantasy, to more entertainment. We are so excited about the changes that we have booked the first cruise following dry dock on October 20, 2013, sailing out of Miami for five nights with two stops at Castaway Cay. This will be the next ToAD cruise with Disney and we hope you'll join us!

In early 2014, Disney Magic will alternate 3 and 4 night sailings to the Bahamas from Port Canaveral with stops at Nassau and Castaway Cay. Sailings will be on Fridays and Mondays.

In May, Disney Magic will return to Barcelona for Mediterranean sailings in the summer. 7 night sailings from Barcelona will include stops at Villefranche, La Spezia, Civitavecchia, Naples and a couple days at sea. On June 14, Disney Magic will reposition with a 12 night sailing from Barcelona to Venice, with stops at Villefranche, La Spezia, Civitavecchia, Naples, Catania, Corfu, Dubrovnik and an overnight in Venice. From Venice, 9 night sailings will be offered with stops in Katakolon, Piraeus, Kusadasi, Rhodes, Mykonos and an overnight in Venice. The Magic will then reposition back to Barcelona on July 14, stopping at Piraeus, Kusadasi, Rhodes, Heraklion, Mykonos, Santorini and Valletta before arriving in Barcelona on July 26. Following this repositioning will be another 12 night sailing with stops at Villefranche, La Spezia, Civitavecchia, Piraeus, Kusadasi, Mykonos and Valletta.

August will bring a 4 and 5 night sailing followed by more 7 night sailings as the season started. For the 4 night sailing, ports include Palma and Ibiza. For the 5 night sailing, ports include Villefranche, La Spezia and Civitavecchia.

Next we come to our most popular sailing – the Westbound Transatlantic! Even though it is unlikely we will be onboard for this sailing, we will likely do something extra special simply because of the number of you we will have onboard. This sailing is 14 nights and will make calls on Malaga, Tenerife, Antigua, St. Maarten, St. Kitts and end in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Disney Magic will make San Juan her home for four sailings to the Southern Caribbean with stops in Antigua, St. Lucia, Grenada, Barbados and St. Kitts. This combination has got to be one of my favorites! We personally picked October 4 as our sailing date and quickly noticed a number of you followed suit, which led us to name October 4, 2014 as an official ToaD sailing – the Southern ToaD! Please contact me if you want to join us while availability is still fairly good and pricing is great!

After the Southern Caribbean sailings, the Disney Magic will reposition to Miami (sorry, this sailing will not be for sale) and have a special two night cruise to Castaway Cay. Following this cruise, the Magic will alternative 4 and 5 night sailings out of Miami.



We are so excited to be offering more ToaD sailings in 2014 and hope that we will see you aboard. The Disney ships offer so much for children, parents, grandparents and even adults only! We've only cruised once with a child, but the rest of our sailings have been adult only. I was in the laundry room on one sailing when two older ladies were chatting, obviously there without children. When they left, another woman said "I can't believe they are cruising Disney without kids. What do they do?" I responded and asked, "Really? I am cruising without children and usually do. What do you do when your kids are in the kids' clubs? That's what I do **all** the time."

Being childless cruisers, I find Disney to be among the finest cruise lines. My friends say "but what about all the kids onboard". They are correct, there are a lot of kids onboard. It's not that I don't like kids, I just don't want them around me all the time. I find that on many other cruise lines while they have children's programming, I do find that you see kids around the ship much more often than on a Disney Cruise. I think sometimes adults who have been on other lines think about how often they see children and figure it's got to be more on Disney.

Remember, with all Disney cruise bookings we offer an onboard credit, based on the amount you paid for your cruise. The amount is based on your cruise fare, calculated before taxes, airfare, transfers or insurance. We also offer referral credits which mean you will get a gift card or onboard credit for those who you refer who book and travel with us. See <http://travelonadream.com/loyalty.html> for details.

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