



January 2012 Newsletter

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The new Great American Steamboat Co. is renovating the 400 passenger American Queen for a launch in April 2012

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Magnificent Maldives

Straddling the equator, washed by the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, the Maldivian archipelago has 1,190 small and low lying coral islands slung over 90,000 square kilometers of tropical sea offering an astounding variety of attractions that is unparalleled anywhere else. Kuredu Island Resort is located on the northern reef of Lhaviyani atoll, an area famous for its beauty and abundant fish life, just 80 miles 35 minutes by a spectacular seaplane transfer from the international airport. Exotic Bungalows and

wonderful Villas line the white sand beach with plenty of restaurants, bars, shops and activities, among them the first golf course in Maldives.

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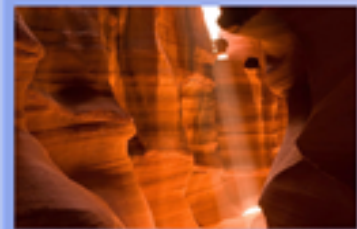
(Prices are "from", per person based on double occupancy for travel 27 Apr - 10 Jun & 16 Sep - 01 Dec 2012 in economy class on Qatar Airways. Price does not include Canadian, US and Foreign Government taxes and fees of up to \$500 per person. For departures from other cities and other dates, please inquire. All prices, itineraries and routings are subject to change and availability).



Royal Caribbean have introduced seven dining packages that will reduce the

cost of eating 1 extra-charge restaurants by at least 25%. Prices from \$50 - \$120 per person, depending on ship. An example on Oasis-class charges \$65 for dinners at Giovannis table, 150 central Park and Chops Grille.

20 PLACES THAT SHOULD BE ON YOUR BUCKET LIST (PT 1)



Antelope Canyon is the most-visited and most-photographed slot canyon in the American Southwest. It is located on Navajo land near Page, Arizona. Antelope Canyon includes two separate, photogenic slot canyon sections, referred to individually as Upper Antelope Canyon or The Crack; and Lower Antelope Canyon or The Corkscrew. The Navajo name for Upper Antelope Canyon is Tsé bighánílíní, which means "the place where water runs through rocks." Lower Antelope Canyon is Hazdistazí, or "spiral rock arches."

The Phi Phi Islands are located in Thailand, between the large island of Phuket and the western Andaman Sea coast of the mainland. Classic beaches, stunning rock formations, and vivid turquoise waters teeming with colorful marine life – it's paradise perfected.



Santorini is perhaps the most fascinating and most talked about island of Greece in the Aegean. Only the name of the island is enough to unfold in mind pleasurable connotations, volcanic landscape, gray and red beaches, dazzling white houses, terraces with panoramic sea views, stunning sunsets, wild fun. All this, together with remnants of lost civilizations discovered in the volcanic ash justify the epithets with which visitors identify Santorini and fairly is called, magical, indescribable, astonishing.

The Maldives lies in two rows of atolls in the Indian Ocean, just across the equator. The country is made up of 1,190 coral islands formed around 26 natural ring-like atolls, spread over 90,000 square kilometers. These atolls structures are formed upon a sharp ridge rising from the ocean, making way for their secluded uniqueness.



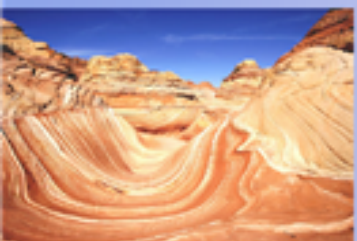
Machu Picchu stands 2,430 m above sea-level, in the middle of a tropical mountain forest, in an extraordinarily beautiful setting. It was probably the most amazing urban creation of the Inca Empire at its height; its giant walls, terraces and ramps seem as if they have been cut naturally in the continuous rock escarpments. The natural setting, on the eastern slopes of the Andes, encompasses the upper Amazon basin with its rich diversity of flora and fauna.

The Great Wall of China, one of the greatest wonders of the world, was listed as a World Heritage by UNESCO in 1987. Just like a gigantic dragon, the Great Wall winds up and down across deserts, grasslands, mountains and plateaus, stretching approximately 8,851.8 kilometers (5,500 miles) from east to west of China. With a history of more than 2000 years, some of the sections are now in ruins or have disappeared. However, it is still one of the most appealing attractions all around the world owing to its architectural grandeur and historical significance



Fire and Ice offers a stunning portrait of this island of extremes, where some of Europe's biggest glaciers cozy up to some of the continent's hottest volcanic springs. Every season has its own unique charm and there are always opportunities to experience new things, discover beauty and be mesmerized by the freshness and colors of nature.

Bora Bora emerged from the waters 3 millions years ago. Like all the other Polynesian islands, this volcanic island slowly sinking in the ocean. It currently presents particular geological characteristics ranging in between a high island and an atoll status. Island has unforgettable turquoise lagoon – where a multi-color aquatic fauna (sting & manta rays, sharks, tropical fishes) can be observed by outrigger canoe, boat or diving explorations. The coral reef includes a string of islets and gorgeous white sand beaches surrounding the main island



The Wave is a sandstone rock formation located in the United States of America near the Arizona and Utah border on the slopes of the Coyote Buttes, in the Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness, on the Colorado Plateau. Nearly 200 million years ago, this region was a sandy desert where huge dunes migrated across the landscape pushed by seasonal winds. Prevailing winds of that ancient Jurassic time can be determined by examining the cross-bedding (layers) in the sandstone. What we see today are some of the original crossbedded dunes shaped into dramatic landforms and exposed by erosion from eons of runoff. The spectacular ribbons of various colors called Liesegang Bands, were formed by movement and precipitation of oxidizing materials such as iron and manganese by ground water. Thin veins or fins of calcite cut across the sandstone, adding another dimension to the landscape.

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Ramona, CA	San Diego Country Estates	Jan 17 - 24	2BR/sleeps 6	\$599.00
Phoenix, AZ	Pointe Resort Condominiums	Jan 28 - Feb 4	2BR/sleeps 6	\$499.00
Whistler, BC	Whistler Vacation Club at Twin Peaks	Feb 3 - 10	Studio/sleeps 4	\$1099.00
Freeport, Bahamas	Island Seas Resort	Feb 11 - 18	2BR/sleeps 6	\$699.00
Cocoa Beach, FL	Resort On Cocoa Beach	Feb 18 - 25	2BR/sleeps 6	\$1199.00
Costa Rica	Pueblo Real	Feb 12 - 19	2BR/sleeps 6	\$699.00

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