

Tips On Trips

Full Steam Ahead

(NAPSA)—For many people, cruise vacations are an exceptional choice, combining the thrill of exotic travel with the ease of a hotel stay. Here are a few tips on how to go about booking passage:

1. Work with an accredited travel agent. Travel agents are professional planners who can help identify the right cruise for you. Their knowledge and experi-



Cruising can be a great vacation option for the entire family.

ence help travelers focus on what's important: destinations, cruise length and style. To find a CLIA (Cruise Lines International Association) Certified Cruising Counselor, visit www.cruising.org.

2. Try a short cruise. A short cruise is an excellent way to discover the joys of cruising. For example, Royal Caribbean offers short (three-, four- or five-night) Bahamas cruises, sailing year-round from Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and Cape Canaveral. The company also offers Baja Mexico cruises, sailing from Los Angeles.

3. Look for onboard value. Search for ships with activities and amenities that you will enjoy while at sea. For instance, Royal Caribbean cruises offer something for everyone in the family including shows, spas, great kids' programming—and even ice-skating and surfing on board.

For more information or a travel agent referral, call (800) 769-2522 or visit the Web site at www.RoyalCaribbean.com.