

# Colorful Opportunities: Educational Cruises in 2014

In the recent past, the number of cruise trips offered for education purposes has increased reasonably. This is due to the rise in the number of people wishing to take a trip on cruise ships to enjoy themselves while learning something new. The trip organizers arrange for well informed and interesting speakers to grace the events. This ensures that the passengers have acquired new knowledge by the end of the trip. When passengers have a good experience on a cruise ship, the possibility of booking another one is very high. It is therefore important for the management to ensure that passengers have a wholesome experience while enjoying their cruise.



The informational nature of cruise ships makes them appropriate for families and people of all ages. In 2014, many companies have made arrangements for education cruises around the globe. **Seabourn Sojourn** is offering the Seabourn Conversations cruise in 2014. During this trip, former CIA operative, Tony Mendez is expected to be the keynote speaker. In addition, Dennis Conner, famous America's yachtswoman is also expected to speak at the cruise. MS Amsterdam is also hosting several cruises this year. These are packed with world famous speakers with passengers expected to expand their knowledge on the histories of different countries across the globe. In the Durban-Cape Town route, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a Nobel Peace Prize winner is expected to speak. He will talk about South Africa's struggle against apartheid. Cunard is also holding several cruises with world renowned speakers. The education topics on cruise ships are endless.



**Paul Gauguin** is offering cruises educating passengers on the sea itself. World famous oceanographer, Jean-Michel Cousteau is expected to join different legs of the cruise to educate passengers on the amazing nature of the sea. Paul Gauguin will also host Herbert Nitsch, a champion free diver in June 2014. One can also look out for cruises hosted by Crystal Cruises, Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Silver Sea, and Swan Hellenic throughout the year.

**Insight Cruises** will be hosting a number of educational cruises in 2014. The Canary Islands cruise is one good example of the educational cruises hosted by Insight Cruise. The cruise is expected to depart from Southampton, UK and travel to the Canary Islands going through Madeira, La Palma, Gran Canaria and Lanzarote in Spain. The cruise will also pass through Lisbon, Portugal. The trip will allow passengers to experience the UNESCO–reserve forests of Madeira and enjoy the city life of Lisbon all in one cruise. The cruise starts from November 30 and ends on December 12, 2014. Passengers aboard this cruise may participate in the wide variety of seminars designed for this trip. These include: Black Holes by Jenny Green, The Intelligent Brain by Richard J, Haier, Eclectic Astronomy by Donald Kurtz, Particle Physics by don Lincoln and Dinosaurs by Darren Naish.



In 2014, **Smithsonian Journeys** is hosting the Symphony on the Blue Danube: A Classical Music Cruise'. M.S. Amadeus Diamond is the ship to be used for this cruise. The cruise will go through countries such as Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic. Passengers will get to experience life in cities such as Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Salzburg, Prague and Krakow. The cruise starts on September 12 and ends on September 26, 2014. During the cruise, passengers will get to experience classical music from the perspective of the places they visit.

Moreover, passengers will be able to visit historical landmarks that have impacted the development of classical music. For example, in Budapest, passengers will visit the neo–Renaissance Hungarian State Opera House which is famous for its interior décor and painting. The passengers will also visit the Vienna Opera House and get the chance to explore Vienna's landscape at a leisurely pace. In the Czech Republic, passengers will listen to the world's largest cathedral organ in the Baroque Cathedral of St. Stephen. In Prague, passengers will also have an opportunity to enjoy a performance of Mozart's music and a private tour of the Estates Theater. In Krakow, passengers will enjoy a performance of Frederic Chopin's music at a private performance in Florianka Hall. This presents not only an interestingly full itinerary for the cruise passengers but a very educational one too and with more experience which everyone will love as they cruise with their loved ones.

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