



# SPRING NEWSLETTER

KNIGHTSBRIDGE CORPORATION

## Dollar Stretcher Issue

Cruises. What's in it for you?

How to stretch your travel dollars.

Marie Antoinette  
What would she have said??

When it's OK to throw oranges at people....

Putting YOU in the picture.

# Do it

# Now

Life doesn't stand still in bad times.

## Cruises. When does less end up costing more?

Have you ever considered what's not included in the price of your cruise ticket? All those little extras can add up.

Sometimes paying a bit more up front can end up being the better bargain. On a premium ship you will experience higher levels of service, amenities and cuisine.

Example: 7 night Alaska cruise in June 2009, balcony suite, per person – double occupancy.

**A - Luxury line**  
**\$3695.00 Balcony Suite**  
(356 sq. feet in size)

Air ticket from NY – included  
Airport transfers – included  
Shore excursions (4+) included  
Alcoholic beverages included as well fine wines and daily replenishment of in suite mini-bar.  
All soft drinks included  
Gratuities included

**Total \$3695.00**

**B - Mass market line**  
**\$1999.00 Mini Suite**  
(302 sq. feet in size)

Air ticket from NY – \$789.00  
Airport transfers – \$78.00  
Shore excursions (3) \$512.00  
Cocktail each night \$42.00  
Wine at dinner from \$183.00  
Soft drinks card \$30.00  
Gratuities \$77.00

**Total \$3710.00**

**KNIGHTSBRIDGE CORPORATION— ALKAR TRAVEL**

**These Italian cooking classes won't be a lemon**

What Marie Antoinette probably said was "Let them eat Tiramisu...."



**Amalfi Coast**

Four days of car rental from Rome or Naples — Fiat Uno

Three nights at a small inn with daily breakfast in Ravello.

One cooking class including lunch at Mamma Agata's home - "The hidden treasure" with her famous lemon cake!

One wine & cheese tasting with food pairing at Mamma Agata's with a local Sommelier

**\$ 1197.00 per person double occupancy**

**Tuscany**

Three nights at the world's ultimate Tuscan cooking school "Badia a Coltibuono" in Chianti.

Most meals included as well as three hands on lessons, vineyard visit, wine tasting and pairings.

April, May and September only— dates on request.

**\$1397.00 per person double occupancy**



Join us in Scotland during August for an exclusive escorted golf tour

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*The Old Course St. Andrews*

**Kingsbarns Golf Links**

**St. Andrews - Jubilee Course**

**St. Andrews Old Course – with a guaranteed tee time**

**Gleneagles Centenary Course (Ryder Cup 2014)**

**Carnoustie Golf Links**

**Tour limited to 16 golfers.**

Fully escorted from arrival in Scotland Glasgow/Edinburgh

Six nights in St. Andrews at the Scores Hotel, including daily breakfast and farewell dinner.

Deluxe motor coach transfers between the courses.

Guaranteed tee times, and green fees at all courses listed

Britannia Golf Outerwear

**9th to 15th August 2009**

Price per golfer **\$3285.00** (based on double occupancy)

Upgrade to a Junior Suite for only \$200.00

For details contact Jason at **1 804 346 8716**

**jason@britanniagolf.com**  
**www.britanniagolf.com**



**Carnivale d'Ivrea**

Winter/Spring ticket prices to Italy start at \$335.00 round trip (airport fees and taxes not included).

Combine this with winter skiing in fabulous Cortina D'Ampezzo. Call for details.

**The annual orange throwing festival – Piedmont Italy**

The orange throwing has its roots in the middle of the XIXth century. Earlier in the middle ages, beans were used in this battle. We are told that twice a year the feudal lord gave a pot of beans to the poor families who, out of disrespect, threw them into the streets.

Around the 1930's, girls started to throw some oranges from their balconies

onto the passing parade carriages. The targets of these were the boys by whom the girls wanted to be noticed.

From the carriages the boys started to answer back in kind and little by little, the gesture of homage became first a duel and then a real fight between the throwers on the balconies and those in the streets.

Today the contest is still enacted in the main squares of the town where teams in carriages (symbolizing the tyrant's guards) battle against the orange thrower teams on foot (the rebellious commoners) which consist of hundreds of throwers. Anybody can take part by enlisting in one of the nine teams on foot or becoming a member of a carriage crew.

## Carpe Diem Stretching those travel dollars!



**NOW** is the time to cash in those hard earned frequent flyer awards. Payback time for all those long hours of waiting around airports, sitting in cramped seats and not being with your family. Dare we even mention the lack of (or the appallingly poor food) you'll be subjected to?

**NOW** is the time to avail yourself of the awards you have accumulated. Use them for destinations which have expensive tickets, but offer

great savings once you arrive.

South Africa, and Australia, as well as many parts of Europe who now suffer the same economic woes as the US and have devalued their currency accordingly.

Instead of making do with the mundane—why not enjoy five star luxury at the same price?

The sooner the awards are used the better since the seats are limited and airlines

reserve the right to change programs, often on short notice.

Some destinations are almost better in low season than high. If you are planning a visit to a city for its art and cultural treasures, the chances are you'll be indoors in any case.

The weather OUTSIDE might be frightful but it won't make any difference if you aren't. **Time to soak up the culture not the sun.**

### Crystal Cruises Announces "All Inclusive - As You Wish" Europe \$2,000 Per Couple Spending Credit to Use as You Choose

Crystal Cruises announces its most dramatic promotion for Europe 2009: A \$2,000 per couple - or \$1,000 per person - shipboard spending credit for discerning travelers who want to design their own vacation experience. **This generous spending credit can be used towards:**

**Crystal shore excursions**  
**Spa treatments on board**

**Wine and cocktail purchases**  
**Boutique purchases**  
**Gratuities**  
**On board photography, or art. Purchases.**  
**Vintage Room dinner.**

**Includes everything on board except casino gaming.**

Extends to these sailings:  
11 day Crystal Symphony cruises to Baltic and Britain

July 19 until August 23.

Crystal Symphony London to Boston transatlantic.

**Please call Alexandra at:**

**804-346-8714**

**Offer expires on 31st March 2009**



### Let's put YOU in these pictures....

**Spaetzle.** Translated from the German means "little sparrow". This dish of tiny noodles or dumplings is a winter staple in alpine regions. We'll have you arrive in Filzmoos, Austria by horse drawn sleigh, where you can enjoy a steaming plate of spaetzle with onions or cheese, in front of the roaring fireplace. Wash it down with an excellent Austrian wine. Packages are available at low prices. **804-346-8714**

**Please call - we'll put you in the picture.**





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## Heavenly Chocolate Truffle Delight

150g dark chocolate, 70% cocoa solids, broken in pieces

150g Butter

1 tbsp Brandy

1 tsp vanilla extract

120g vanilla sugar

30g Flour, sifted

3 Eggs, separated, yolks lightly beaten

For decoration: 300ml double cream, whipped & 3 tbsp Grated chocolate

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C.
  2. Melt the chocolate in a double boiler, or a bowl set over a saucepan of simmering water.
  3. Add the butter and stir until liquid. Add the brandy and vanilla extract, then the vanilla sugar. Keep stirring until the mixture has lost its grainy consistency.
  4. Pour the mixture into a large bowl. Fold in the sifted flour and the three beaten egg yolks.
  5. Whisk the egg whites until stiff. Using a metal spoon, fold into the chocolate mixture a spoonful at a time.
  6. Pour the mixture into an ovenproof dish. Place in a roasting pan and add enough hot water to come halfway up the sides of the dish.
  7. Place in the oven and bake for 10 minutes. Reduce the heat to 180°C and bake for a further 30 minutes.
  8. Remove from the oven and leave in the dish to cool.
- Serve with a glass of bubbly and you'll have them begging for more!

**Recipe provided by River Bend Lodge—South Africa**

Here's an offer you can not refuse. Book by 31st March for free air tickets, and free shore excursions on selected Europe & Alaska cruises.

Europe is like a magnet, which draws us ever closer to its beautiful scenery, its rich heritage and intriguing cultural diversity – over 40 nations occupy a land mass less than half the size of North America. For even the most sophisticated traveler, there are always new visions and vistas to surprise & delight.

Book by the 31st March and receive free airline tickets from selected cities, with unlimited free shore excursions, beverages on board including fine wines and premium spirits, in suite mini bar service, which is replenished daily, and your gratuities.

*Regent*  
SEVEN SEAS CRUISES

**This fabulous offer is valid on the following dates and destinations:**

**ALASKA** -Seven Seas Mariner 03,10, 24 June, 01,08,15 July, 26 August and 02 September.

**MEDITERRANEAN** - Seven Seas Navigator—10,17,24, 31 July, 07,14 August, 04,11, 28 September, 16 October and 08 November

**EUROPE & BALTIC** - Seven Seas Voyager—26 June, 24 July, 07, 14,21,28 August,25 September.

**ASIA PACIFIC** - Seven Seas Mariner - 16 September, 01,17 October, 01,18 November, 02 December.

**THE TROPICS** - Seven Seas Navigator - 18 December.

**OFFER EXPIRES ON THE 31ST MARCH 2009**

As if this weren't enough, we are also offering an additional \$500.00 per suite credit to all new Regent Guests. This offer also expires on 31st March so please call today to be sure you get what's coming to you!

**804-346-8714**



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