



Cruise and Travel News

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**Above: LaVerne and Don
In the Bavarian Alps
where the snow was 3 ft. deep.**

Are you a veteran of WWII? Are you interested in war history? Are you a European buff? Then you will love the ***Beyond Band of Brothers*** tour! Don and LaVerne Cwiklowski recently returned from the tour and have everything good to say about it. ***Cruises 'n More Travel*** is the only agency in Missouri authorized to sell this tour which follows the 101st Airborne during WWII. Beginning in London, the tour goes across the channel to France and Normandy; then on to the Netherlands; Luxemburg; Belgium; Germany and Austria. The tour is comprised of two parts: Historical and Companion. For those who want the history of WWII and the 101st Airborne's part, the Historical tour is for you! For, perhaps, their companions who aren't interested in the war but want to see more tourist sites, the Companion tour is for

them. Both are tied together at hotels, etc. And both tours include all luggage handling, airport transfers, transportation throughout, museum tickets as well as other sites, hotels, food and drinks and more! Don and LaVerne took the Historical tour. This is an unbelievable tour which includes Littlecote House outside of London; Dead Man's Corner in Carentan; two days at Normandy; Operation Market Garden in Holland; Belgium's Ardennes Forest where foxholes remain today; Bastogne, scene of the Battle of the Bulge; Luxemburg and a visit to the American Cemetery and General George Patton's grave; Landsberg and Dachau concentration camps; and Berchehtesgaden and Hitler's Bavarian retreat, the Eagles Nest. There is time for

shopping along the way and groups are small, giving everyone the chance to get to know one another. The motor coach is luxurious and videos of the original movie, *Band of Brothers*, are shown. Throughout the tour, you will meet interesting people who were there during the war. Plus, all hotels are 3 or 4-star properties. Don and LaVerne were both amazed at the food and drinks offered on their tour. And they felt their group leaders were outstanding! To learn more about the tour, look at the website www.BeyondBandofBrothers.com. Or contact Don at ***Cruises 'n More Travel***, and ask for a free DVD and information. Don't miss this special opportunity! Call now!

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Get out there.®

Introducing *Oasis of the Seas*

The highly awaited largest and most revolutionary cruise ship, *Oasis of the Seas*, will make her debut in December 2009. Already reservations are being taken for this amazing ship and space is rapidly filling up for early sailings..

The ship will be 220,000 GRT and carry 5400 passengers. Too large, you might say? Remember, this is a ship that is a destination itself.

Dining options on the *Oasis* were recently announced.

• Central Park

Park Café - A casual dining choice with walk-up counters in an indoor/outdoor setting. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night snacks. No extra charge.

150 Central Park - The most exclusive dining option on the *Oasis*. Open for dinner only. \$35 cover charge per person.

Giovanni's Table - A Tuscan casual Italian restaurant open for lunch and dinner. \$10 lunch and \$15 dinner cover charge.

Vintages - A popular hot spot for *Royal Caribbean* guests, with an extensive wine bar, will be open for lunch and dinner at á la carte pricing.

Chops Grille - This popular steakhouse is open for dinner with a \$25 cover charge.

• Boardwalk

Boardwalk Bar - The main bar on Boardwalk will offer on-the-go snacks and a variety of pre-packaged sandwiches, fruit and salads. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. No extra charge.

Donut Shop - Casual snacks any time of day. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. No extra charge.

Seafood Shack - The indoor/outdoor family restaurant serves a variety of seafood, as well as an extensive beverage menu of non-alcoholic cocktails and over-sized desserts. Open for lunch and dinner. \$7.95 lunch and \$9.95 dinner cover charge.

Johnny Rockets - The ever popular restaurant will have a breakfast option on the *Oasis*. Also open for lunch and dinner. \$3.95 breakfast and \$4.95 lunch and dinner cover charge.

Ice Cream Parlor - The 1950's venue will be open throughout the day with á la carte pricing.

• The Royal Promenade

Mondo Café - Features coffee, sandwiches and pastries native to countries such as Italy, Spain and Cuba. Open round the clock for breakfast, lunch, snacks, dinner and late night treats. No extra charge.

Sorrento's Pizzeria - The New York style pizzeria will offer an extensive menu. Will be open for lunch, dinner and late night snacks. No extra charge.

Café Promenade - Open 24 hours and offering coffee, fruit shakes, pastries and sandwiches. Á la carte pricing.

• Pool and Sports Zone

Solarium Bistro - Health-conscious dining for breakfast, lunch and dinner. No extra charge for breakfast and lunch. \$20 cover charge for dinner.

The Wipe Out Café - Casual self-service buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner. No extra charge.

• Vitality at Sea Spa and Fitness Center

The Vitality Café - Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. For the calorie conscious guest. No extra charge.

Other options:

• *Opus Dining Room* - Three level dining room open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. No extra charge.

• *Windjammer Marketplace* - Casual buffet dining open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. No extra charge.

• *Izumi* - Asian cuisine featuring sushi bar and hot rock cooking in a formal setting. Open for lunch and dinner. Á la carte pricing.

Bon Appetit!

TRAVEL TIPS FROM YOUR TRAVEL AGENT

You can only ask Grandma to visit you so often. One day you'll have to return the favor, which means you have to perform an act so frightening, so terrifying, that the mere suggestion of it sends shivers down the spine of all parents: flying with your toddler! Cramped seats, screaming kids and angry fellow passengers can turn the shortest flight into the longest day of your life! But fear not! With some careful planning, your flight can turn into a family adventure if you keep a few tips in mind.

Sleepy Time

The best time to fly with any child is during their nap time. If possible, plan your flight during his usual nap time. Before the flight, give your child a protein-packed meal with little or no sugar. Everyone sleeps better with a full belly. Seat the child next to the window and pull the shade down after take-off. Once airborne, before the aisles are filled with drink carts and wandering passengers, go through your child's bedtime routine to encourage the nap. Do not give the child a cold medicine to knock him out, a practice condemned by pediatricians.

Pre-boarding Play Time

Tire your child out as much as possible before you board. If your airport has a

play area, spend as much time there as possible. If not, let your child run around empty gates, or simply take long walks up and down the concourse. The more energy expended outside the plane the better.

A Seat of Their Own

Kids under two may fly free but do you really want a heavy child on your lap for **t h r e e h o u r s**? Buy your child his own seat - it's the best mental investment you can make. Bring a child restraint system or else your child will be bouncing all over the seat.

Get Allies Early

Be extra nice to the people around you when you board. Introduce your child and encourage him/her to play cute baby games like peek-a-boo with nearby passengers. They'll tend to be more understanding if your child becomes noisy.

The Rule of Plane Snacking

There's only one rule on what to give children to snack on during your flight: no sugar! It's a hard rule to follow because sugary snacks are perfectly packaged for travel. So come prepared by bringing carrots, goldfish crackers or raisins. And don't forget small bottles of juice that you have purchased in the concourse near your gate.

Keep Them Occupied

If your children just absolutely won't sleep, bring plenty of activities with you,

such as coloring books and crayons. Pack new books and new toys that they've never seen before. Bring each item out one at a time, putting the last one away before introducing the next. You may consider wrapping a few of their favorite "old toys" that they especially love.

And most of all, don't forget your patience!

The Cupcake Cupboard

The new *Oasis of the Seas* will offer the first cupcake shop at sea, aptly named The Cupcake Cupboard. The 1940's-style shop will offer a wide array of the delicacies daily at pricing a la carte. The shop will also host daily hands-on decorating classes where guests will learn the techniques of cupcake decorating at an additional charge.

The Cupcake Cupboard, located in the Royal Promenade, also will provide a separate space for guests looking to celebrate special events such as birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, and more! Plan now to visit this unique shop during your cruise on the *Oasis of the Seas*! Call **Cruises 'n More Travel** to make your reservation for this most innovative ship! And check out our group on the *Oasis* in March!

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CLIENT'S CORNER



Kathy & Bill Henry
On Beyond Band Of Brothers Tour

Kathy and Bill Henry joined *Cruises 'n More Travel* owners on Beyond Band of Brothers Tour last March and share their thoughts with us about the trip.

Kathy begins reminiscing. "It was a fantastic experience! We were very, very happy that we could be a part of this (tour). Its very, very inclusive, extremely inclusive! And it makes this trip so relaxing.....you don't want it to end! You don't have to worry about where you're going to have to stop every night and where you're going to have to stop morning, noon and night for breakfast, lunch and dinner. And I was in love with the bus! It was the Cadillac, I think, of all busses! It was like riding on air! Seats are very comfortable. The drivers.....I wanted to pack them up and take them home with me! They were sweet and kind and very professional!" Kathy said.

Bill told us about the tour itself. "As I was on the ferry (crossing the English Channel to Normandy, France), I was trying to take myself back to what the GIs were thinking that came over by ship in June of '44. And I thought of it in two ways. I thought of it as a 17 or 18 year old German soldier waking up at 6:00 AM on June 6th and seeing

thousands of ships out there. And I also saw a very emotional 17 year old GI coming ashore having the fight of his life. And I can't imagine what the thoughts were going through their minds!"

Kathy continues with her thoughts. "My biggest impression and long-lasting one from this trip was speaking with the witnesses." (Editor's note: Witnesses were people involved in WWII in some way. Most of them at that time were either children, teenagers or even soldiers and all are up in years now.) "The witnesses of the war is very sensitive to me because they had experienced so much of the war.....saw the faces of the soldiers that came in.....It just blew me away! That's what's sticking with me! I think anyone who doesn't take this tour is making a big mistake!"

Thank you Bill and Kathy for your thoughts! We know you have many more memories of this tour! We ourselves get very emotional also about the places we saw as well as the witnesses. Meeting one of the women at Littlecote House outside of London, who was a teenager at the time of the war and met a young GI and later became engaged to him only to learn later that he was killed during his parachute jump! Visiting Normandy and seeing grave after grave after grave while chimes ring every hour on the hour. Or going to Holland where Operation Market Garden took place and knowing that it was a lost battle for the Americans. Seeing foxholes still in the Ardenes Forest. Still! After 65 years! And the concentration camps! Yet there are still people who claim it never happened! How can this be? The list goes on and on of things you will see on this fascinating tour. Call *Cruises 'n More Travel* now - 636-463-2648.

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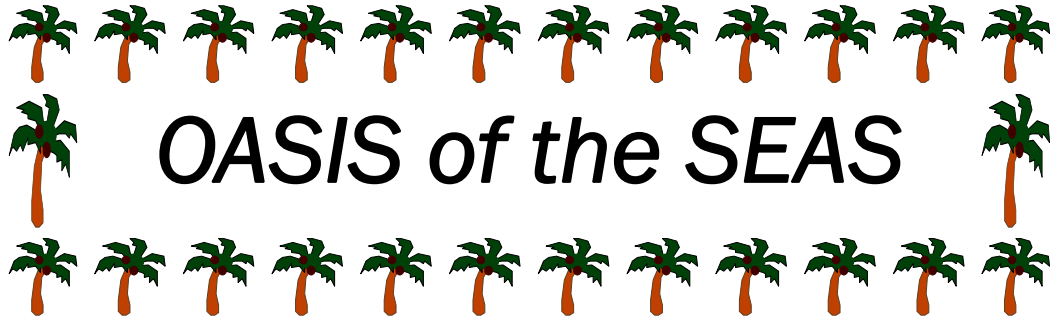
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