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**28Oct/24 Note to CURAC's Later Life Learning Representatives,**

**RE: CURAC Travel Newsletter (Trip Merchant) re upcoming presentations**

**Please forward to members of your Retiree Associations who might be interested in this topic**

Sincerely

Carole-Lynne ([cclenave@ucalgary.ca](mailto:cclenave@ucalgary.ca))

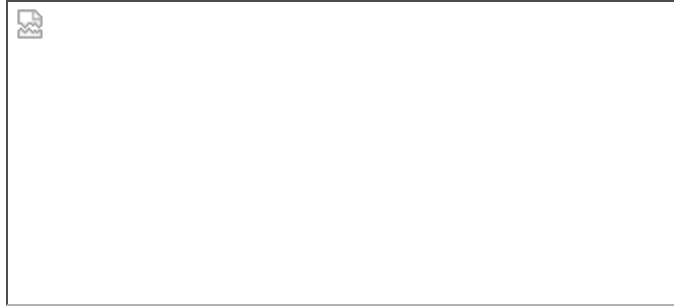
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**To:** Carole-Lynne Le Navenec <cclenave@ucalgary.ca>

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**Hello Carole--Lynne,**

## **Welcome to the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada Travel Newsletter!**

South Africa, Croatia, Morocco and India! We have several travellers exploring these incredible countries at the moment. Throughout November, we will be posting highlight photos of these trip experiences on our *Trip Merchant* Facebook page [HERE](#). If you wish, like or follow our page today!

***We have exciting news to share...later into November, we will be launching our new travel website platform, TM 2.0. Stay tuned for more details to come!***

*In this newsletter we are featuring the following:*

**\*ONLINE PRESENTATIONS: RECORDED!** - Greenland Discovery with *Atlas Ocean Voyages* | The Best of Australia with *Trip Merchant Journeys* | Northwest Passage to Newfoundland with *Quark Expeditions* | Taste of South Korea with *Trip Merchant Journeys*

**\*NEW DEPARTURES:** Corsica & French Riviera | Scottish Royal | Treasures of Ireland & Northern Ireland

**\*ALL DEPARTURES & FUTURE TRIPS:** Portugal, Spain, Norway, Newfoundland & Labrador, Danube with Prague, Morocco, Turkey & more!

**\*TIME-LIMITED OFFERS:** Free Airfare + Save up to \$3,000 per couple with Emerald River Cruises | Save up to \$1,350 per couple with Globus | \$99 Deposit - Up to 60% savings with Holland America | & more...See below.

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**RECORDED ONLINE PRESENTATION**

**Greenland Discovery - Reykjavik to  
Kangerlussuaq**

***Expedition Cruise to Greenland with Atlas Ocean Voyages***  
***Optional Pre-extension in Iceland***  
***August 9-19, 2025***



Snow-capped mountains, glaciers and icebergs of Prince Christian Sound beckon to you and your fellow explorers as you make a possible landing in the tiny village of Aappilattoq. Lush hiking trails resplendent with wildflowers in the summer make the Greenland Arboretum of Narsarsuaq an enchanting adventure to share with new friends. Greenland's hot springs are renowned, but the outdoor spa on the uninhabited island of Uunartoq near Qaqortoq stands out with mountain peak views in the distance. Lying off the beaten path amid a scene of wild fjords, the village of Paamiut truly embodies the essence of exploration.

***Online Presentation from last week, October 24th***

**[RECORDED PRESENTATION - WATCH HERE!](#)**

**[TOURISM VIDEO - WATCH HERE!](#)**

***For full trip details, please click the button below!***

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## UPCOMING ONLINE PRESENTATIONS

***Presentation Date: THIS WEDNESDAY! October 30***

***ONLY 2 ROOMS LEFT!***

**The Best of Australia**

***October 28-November 22, 2025***



Experience this incredible small group adventure through Australia!

The world's largest island and smallest continent! We're excited to take you to the land down under to explore Sydney, Cairns, The Great Barrier Reef, Northern Territory, the Outback, the famous Ghan Train, the Wine Region of the Barossa Valley, Great Ocean Road, Tasmania and so much more!

***Online Presentation***

***Wednesday, October 30 - 9 AM PST / 10 AM MST / 12 PM EST***

**[REGISTER HERE!](#)**

***For full trip details, click the button below!***

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***Presentation Date: THIS THURSDAY! October 31***  
***LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE ON SHIP!***

**Northwest Passage to Newfoundland: Glaciers, Mountains,  
and Wildlife - With Quark Expeditions!**  
***September 18-October 3, 2025***



This exciting new 16-day itinerary takes you on a 2,500-nautical mile journey along the legendary Northwest Passage in the Canadian High Arctic, then down the rarely visited east coast of Baffin Island to Newfoundland and Labrador, where we'll visit magnificent Torngat Mountains National Park and the windswept Viking ruins at l'Anse Aux Meadows UNESCO world heritage site. This voyage of discovery also features a visit to the French islands of Saint Pierre and Miquelon, located in the Gulf of the St. Lawrence.



## Online Presentation

**Thursday, October 31 - 9 AM PST / 10 AM MST / 12 PM EST**

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**Presentation Date: NEXT WEDNESDAY! November 6  
HOSTED!**

## Taste of South Korea

**May 13-25, 2025**



**UP AND COMING DESTINATION!** Why South Korea you ask? South Korea is Asia's best kept secret...It has a blend of old and new, from rural folk villages to buzzing modern cities, from fortresses to mountainous forested areas, from ancient stone pagodas to bustling food markets and shopping streets (full of signs and lights)...

South Korea is an East Asian nation on the southern half of the Korean Peninsula. It is known for its green, hilly countryside dotted with cherry trees and centuries-old Buddhist temples, plus its coastal fishing villages, sub-tropical islands and high-tech cities such as

Seoul, the capital.



### **Online Presentation**

**Wednesday, November 6 - 9 AM PST / 10 AM MST / 12 PM EST**

Join this online presentation to learn all about Korea Tourism, as well as some of the highlights related to this exciting "Taste of South Korea" program! Register by clicking the button below!

**[REGISTER HERE!](#)**

***May is one of the best times to experience this destination. For full trip details about the highlights and the many inclusions, click the button below!***

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## **NEW DEPARTURES**

### **Corsica & French Riviera**

***NEW Tall-Ship Sailing Experience with Star Clippers!***

***May 10-17, 2025 (7 Nights)***





Your unique sailing adventure awaits...on the Star Flyer (maximum 166 passengers!)

### ***Sailing Routing***

Cannes, France – Portofino, Italy – Saint Florent: Corsica, France – Calvi: Corsica, France – Plage Saint Antoine: Corsica, France – Saint-Raphael, France – St. Tropez, France – Cannes, France

***Book by December 31st, 2024 and save 8% per person! Limited space available...***

**Regular Rate: \$2,925 | Trip Merchant Rate: \$2,724**

\*Prices are CAD per person, based on 2 people sharing (sailing only), based on a Category 6 lead in cabin, includes port charges/gratuities for the crew

***For full trip details, please click the button below!***

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**Scottish Royal**

***September 23-30, 2025 (7 Nights)***



*Please Note:* This trip is operated by one of our preferred partners “*Royal Scottish Tours*”. This existing group departure, can be taken as a stand alone program or as a pre-extension to our Treasures of Ireland & Northern Ireland program. We don’t require any minimum number of travelers for this trip to operate.

See the best of Scotland with this wonderful 8 day tour. Breakfast daily, 5 mouth-watering evening meals, breathtaking scenery, a private tour of Edinburgh Castle and an exclusive private whisky tasting finishing off with a wee dram – are just a few of the delights on this truly wonderful vacation.

***Itinerary Routing/Hotels:***

2 Nights: Glasgow (Grand Central Hotel) | 2 Nights: Inverness (Kingsmills Hotel or similar) | 1 Night: Dunkeld (Dunkeld House Hotel or similar) | 2 Nights: Edinburgh (InterContinental Edinburgh The George, or similar)

***Trip Merchant Rate includes Early Booking Discount of \$100 per person (must have deposit in before December 31, 2024) and \$50 per person Trip Member Benefit.***

**Regular Rate: \$4,199 | Trip Merchant Rate: \$4,049**

\*Prices are CAD per person, based on 2 people sharing (land only)

***For full trip details, please click the button below!***

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## **Treasures of Ireland & Northern Ireland**

***\*Above Scotland program can be a pre-extension to this program***

***September 30-October 14, 2025 (14 Nights)***



Join this Trip Merchant Journeys Small Group Departure with only 16-24 passengers! After two successful group departures this past October we have a new date released for 2025...Embarking on a captivating tour of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, visitors are treated to a rich tapestry of history, culture, and stunning landscapes. Starting in Dublin, the lively capital, travelers can explore iconic sites like Trinity College and the Guinness Storehouse. Crossing into Northern Ireland, the vibrant city of Belfast reveals its storied past through the Titanic Museum and political murals. Nature enthusiasts will marvel at the otherworldly Giant's Causeway! Venturing westward, the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher offers awe-inspiring coastal views as does the famous Ring of Kerry! This journey seamlessly blends the warmth of Irish hospitality with the complexities of its heritage, leaving travelers with unforgettable memories and a deeper appreciation for

the island's unique charm.

***Itinerary Routing/Hotels:***

3 Nights: Dublin (Camden Court Hotel) | 2 Nights: Belfast (Europa Hotel) | 1 Night: Derry/Londonderry (Maldrón Hotel) | 1 Night: Galway (Hyde Hotel) | 3 Nights: Tralee/Killarney (Brehon Hotel) | 1 Night: Cork (Kingsley Hotel) | 2 Nights: Kilkenny (Newpark Hotel) | 1 Night: Dublin (Fitzpatrick Castle Dublin)

***Book and save \$300 CAD per person as a member!***

**Regular Rate: \$7,299 | Trip Merchant Rate: \$6,999**

\*Prices are CAD per person, based on 2 people sharing (land only)

***For full trip details, please click the button below!***

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## OTHER DEPARTURES



***Portugal, Spain, Norway, Newfoundland & Labrador! Click***



***the buttons below for the departures of interest for full details, including the highlights, the full itinerary, pricing, and more!***

## **Long Stay in Sunny Portugal**

***Dates: February 8-March 6, 2025 / February 15-March 13, 2025***

**[FEBRUARY 8-MARCH 6, 2025 - CLICK HERE!](#)**

**[FEBRUARY 15-MARCH 13, 2025 - CLICK HERE!](#)**

## **Spain Long Stay**

***Optional Post-Extension to Palma De Mallorca***

***March 6-April 4, 2025 (29 Nights)***

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## **Explore Norway's Coastline**

***May 2-13, 2025***

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## **Best of Newfoundland & Labrador**

***August 27-September 11, 2025***

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## Gems of the Danube with Prague

*September 14-24, 2025 (11 Nights)*

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### ALL GROUP DEPARTURES



#### **2025**

- \*Icelandic Adventure (May)
- \*Incredible India (September/October)
- \*South East African Horizons Cruise: Kenya, Tanzania, Madagascar,  
South Africa (October/November)
- \*Mesmerizing Morocco (October)
- \*Croatia, Slovenia & Cruising the Adriatic Coast with Optional  
Montenegro & Albania (September/October)
- \*Cultural Treasures of Vietnam & Cambodia (November)
- \*Galapagos Discovery - 8 Suite Catamaran (November)
- \*Discover Colombia (November)

**2026**

\*Southern Caribbean - Grenada Roundtrip Sailing with Star Clippers  
(February)

\*Wonders of Patagonia (February)

\*Antarctic Circle Expedition (February)

***FUTURE DEPARTURES***

\*Turkey (September 2025)

\*France (Rhône River) - Land & River Cruise (October 2026)

**If any of the above future trips/destinations are of interest, and you wish to be added to the priority/interest list for when this program is released, please email us at [info@tripmerchant.com](mailto:info@tripmerchant.com).**

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**\*Globus Tours: Save up to \$1,350 per couple on select 2025 Globus Europe and North America Tours booked by Nov 8, 2024.**

*Other terms and conditions apply.*



**\*Avalon Waterways: FREE air + save up to \$700 off per couple on select 2024/2025 Avalon Europe River Cruises booked by Nov 8, 2024. Other terms and conditions apply.**

**\*Holland America: Book your Summer cruise with only a \$99 Deposit!\* Enjoy their best offer for 2025 with 60% savings on top amenities. Other terms and conditions apply.**

**\*European Waterways: Book and save 10-20% when you deposit by December 2, 2024.** Valid on barge cruises in Burgundy, Italy and Scotland (select dates in April, March and June). *Other terms and conditions apply.*

**\*Trafalgar Tours:** 10-Day Italy Tour of Rome, Sorrento, Capri and Sicily - **save up to 10%** on select 2025 dates. Regular rate of \$4,395 and with the savings = \$3,956 CAD per person based on two people sharing a room. **Savings of up to \$465 pp!** Other destinations around the world with up to 10% savings available. **Limited time offer!** *Other terms and conditions apply.*

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