Dear LCV Members,

It’s hard to believe, but on July 6, 2019, I celebrated my 10-year anniversary as President and CEO of Azamara. Now, a decade later, we’ve been continuously sailing to the Earth’s most hidden gems, bringing you deeper into the heart of local culture, and continuing to evolve with over 1,700 land programs. And it’s with much pride that I’ll be honoring our past and heralding this new era of going further with our Ten Years Further celebration, when our three sister ships historically meet in Koper, Slovenia, for a once-in-a-lifetime Grand AzAmazing Evening® on October 8, 2020.

Now is a glorious moment in Azamara’s history, and a pivotal point in my career, where I truly feel that we’re doing something that’s making a difference in our industry as we deepen our focus on the real reason people cruise — destinations — in a way no other cruise line has ever done. I, for one, can’t wait to experience our AzAmazing Journey to the Bolivian Salt Flats, staying in a camp of luxury Airstreams, with meals prepared by five-star chefs and, at night, enjoying the stars alongside an expert astrologer.

Another exciting announcement is that Cruise Critic® announced the winners of its fourth annual Cruisers’ Choice Destination Awards, and Azamara was named Top Small Ship Cruise Line in the Western Mediterranean. Thank you to everyone who believes that we provide the best Western Mediterranean experiences. And thank you for your loyalty to Azamara.

I look forward to all the exciting journeys we’ll share — by sea and on land — during this new chapter in Azamara’s evolution.

Sincerely,

Larry Pimentel
President & CEO, Azamara
Azamara Named Top Small Ship Cruise Line IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Cruise Critic®, the world’s leading cruise reviews site and online cruise community, has announced the winners of its fourth annual Cruisers’ Choice Destination Awards, and Azamara has claimed a spot at the top! We are so honored to have been named Top Small Ship Cruise Line in the Western Mediterranean, based entirely on consumer reviews. This accolade, inspired by our 7-Night Islands Of The Western Med voyage, attest that there’s so much to experience in the Mediterranean — and our intimate ships provide the perfect opportunity to navigate through it all.

LEARN MORE IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN

AzAmazing FriendShips

BONDED BY THE SEA

Friendships are one of the sweetest things in life and this month, we’d like to highlight some special friendships made onboard by our lovely crew. Our first duo you’d have the pleasure of meeting aboard Azamara Journey® is Felicidad and Joy. These Stateroom Attendants, both born in the Philippines, have been inseparable since they began working together in 2010. Another great pair is Carl, who is from England, and Roxanne, who is from South Africa. Their friendship has been an amazing way to get to know each other’s different cultures and they look forward to making more memories as they rotate ships together.
Celebrating One Year of Azamara Pursuit

Today we celebrate the one year anniversary of Azamara Pursuit, the third sister ship of the Azamara family. For 365 days, she’s taken intrepid travelers, like yourselves, across all seven continents, while connecting them to new cultures, new people, new perspectives, and ultimately, a new sense of self. Here’s a highlight of some special moments had aboard the Azamara Pursuit this past year.

For more information: Click here to call us, or contact your travel professional.
Home to many of the world’s greatest marvels, Italy ignites, inspires, and moves like no other. With its natural diversity, thriving traditions, and culinary soul, our Top 5 Local Things To Do In Italy reveals Il Bel Paese beyond its famous sights.

**TOP 5 LOCAL THINGS TO DO IN ITALY**

1. **EXPLORE SANT’AMBROGIO**
   For a step outside the standard tourist track in Florence, but still packed with plenty of things to experience, it’s tough to beat the lively Sant’Ambrogio. One of the last authentic Florentine neighborhoods, this charming area is filled with historic palazzi, modest shops and local restaurants; but its claim to fame is the Sant'Ambrogio market — the go-to spot for neighborhood shoppers stocking up with a smorgasbord of meats, cheeses, fish, fresh produce and more.

2. **DINE AT DA ADOLFO**
   Skip the English menus and head straight to Da Adolfo, a casual trattoria on Laurito beach — just a 10-minute boat ride from Positano. Part beach club and part restaurant, you can expect barefoot waiters, sand between your toes, paper tablecloths and chalkboard menus. The beachside setting is perfect for seafood, and if you are in the mood, don’t pass up a full fish grilled fresh to order. Smoothly sail here with our Positano On Your Own shore excursion.

3. **UNWIND AT BAR DORIA**
   If you want to escape the huge crowds of Cinque Terre but are looking to explore the area a bit deeper, the little medieval town of Porto Venere is just a stone’s throw away. Take a stroll past its picturesque harbor lined with brightly colored houses and narrow medieval streets leading up to a quaint gothic church. After your walk, unwind at Bar Doria — a local favorite and the perfect place to take in Porto Venere’s simple pleasures as you sip aperitivos overlooking the bay.

4. **EXPERIENCE ELBA ISLAND**
   Elba, the biggest island of the Tuscan Archipelago, is known for harboring French Emperor Napoleon during his exile and for its many rich traditions. Enjoy an authentic taste of life on Elba compliments of a local family that has extended a special invitation into their home for just 12 Azamara guests. Connect with new friends and enjoy the charm, hospitality, and fascinating stories of those who call Elba home.

5. **SAMPLE A SICILIAN DELI**
   Take your tastebuds to Syracuse, Sicily, and visit Fratelli Burgio. This famous deli located in an outdoor market is the perfect lunch stop after a morning of culture and shopping. It’s first come, first serve seating where you can mix and mingle with tourists and locals alike as you sample fresh cheese, sweet cherry tomatoes, prosciutto, olives and freshly baked bread — all accompanied with a wonderful glass of wine, naturally.
Explore Italy Like A Local
OUR FAVORITE COUNTRY-INTENSIVE VOYAGES

7-NIGHT ITALY INTENSIVE VOYAGE
Departing: June 4, 2020 | Azamara Journey®
Experience the best of Italy on an all-encompassing journey through famed islands, cliff-hugging villages, colorful palaces, plus hidden gem port stops in Portovenere and Sardinia. Extend your adventure beyond Venice with our food-centric and romance-inspiring land program to Milan, Verona, and the gem of the north, Lake Como.

LEARN MORE

9-NIGHT ITALY INTENSIVE VOYAGE
Departing: August 11, 2020 | Azamara Journey®
Journey from Venice, one of the world’s most romantic destinations, to seven unique ports stops around the boot before concluding in Rome — where even more adventures await around every corner. Go even further with our land programs and immerse yourself in the Tuscan ways with a Chianti winery visit, cooking class, and expert-led tours of the region.

LEARN MORE

Refer & Receive

THE REWARDS OF FRIENDSHIP
It’s pretty special when you can share something you’re passionate about with a friend who’s never experienced it! And it’s even more special when you get rewarded for being a good friend. As an LCV member, you can share the magic of Azamara with our Refer & Receive Program, and earn $300 USD Future Cruise Credit* for every new referral who makes a reservation and sails with us. To submit your referral, simply fill out our form within fourteen days of your friend making their reservation.

LEARN MORE
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We invite you on a wild journey to one of the world's most diverse regions, where you can go from tracking the Big Five to sipping world-acclaimed wine in a cosmopolitan city — all in one day. Best of all, you can now enjoy up to 30% off these Country-Intensive™ Voyages while embarking on one-of-a-kind land programs along the way.

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SOUTH AFRICA INTENSIVE VOYAGE
January 31, 2020
Azamara Quest®
Indulge in a bucket-list-worthy voyage from the world-renowned Cape Winelands to the gateway of Zululand in Richards Bay — home to the Big Five. Experience the astounding diversity of this region and be embraced by the spirited communities that call South Africa home.

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1. **SUNSCREEN**
Probably the most essential and overlooked packing item, sunscreen will be vital to avoiding a sunburn. The sun is intense in Africa, so we recommend you bring a minimum of SPF 30, but anything stronger will definitely come in handy.

2. **INSECT REPELLENT**
The number one rule of a safari is to wear insect repellent at all times. We recommend a small bottle with 100% Deet, especially if you’re traveling during the rainy season. Tip: Wear neutral shades of clothing to detract mosquitos.

3. **FIRST-AID KIT**
During your safari adventure, you’ll spend some time in rural areas, where access to a doctor or a pharmacy are limited. That’s why it’s wise to bring your own first-aid kit, stocked with all the basics, as well as some antibiotics, just in case.

4. **PORTABLE POWER BANK**
A portable charger can provide plenty of extra juice while you’re out and about chasing Africa’s most majestic wildlife. And since you won’t always have access to a power outlet or electricity, make sure all your electronics are charged to the max.

5. **BREATHABLE, EARTH-TONE CLOTHING**
When on a game drive, it is important to blend in with the bush as much as possible. That’s why wearing neutral colors, such as khaki, beige or grey, is a must. Also, it can get pretty warm, so include plenty of breathable, cotton shirts.

6. **LONG, ZIP-OFF PANTS**
Light and versatile, zip-off pants will allow you to quickly adapt to any activity and temperature. Regardless of which time of the year you’re traveling in, they will protect you from mosquito bites and sun exposure. Plus, if it gets too hot, simply convert them into shorts.

7. **WATERPROOF JACKET**
Bring a safari jacket that’s waterproof, not too heavy, and has a built-in hoodie and pockets so that you can conveniently carry any loose items. It must be durable enough to take on adventures and warm enough for those chilly Sahara evenings.
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