Dear LCV Members,

Welcome to a special holiday edition of our final LCV Newsletter of the year — and what a year it has been! We are proud to conclude 2019 with many amazing milestones, new endeavors, and incredible memories that truly made it our best year yet.

Starting with the launch of our new name, Azamara®, it has truly been an honor to witness our brand evolve beyond the realm of cruising, while still staying true to its promise. This beautiful growth was further embodied with the launch of our over 1,700 land programs — the largest selection of pre- and post-voyage programs in the cruise industry.* This collection marked our continued commitment to combine land and sea travel in ways we never thought possible.

Another unforgettable highlight for me was cruising through Alaska’s glacial wonderlands on board our LCV Voyage. It was great to connect with our LCV Members and experience all the wild wonders of the Great Frontier together as a family. Nothing makes the crew and me happier than being able to connect you with new paths of exploration — and that’s exactly what I envision for the upcoming year.

Keep reading this month’s newsletter to get a sneak peek of what 2020 has in store for us. Connect with nature like never before with our new collection of WWF People to Planet Voyages, learn how our international crew celebrates the holidays, or find out how to relax at sea with our unique Repositioning Voyages. There is so much to look forward to and be thankful for this holiday season — and I’m very excited to share it with you all!

Sincerely,

Larry Pimentel
President & CEO, Azamara

*Based on cruise line websites reviewed in May 2019

Now is the perfect time to take advantage of your special LCV Member perks — the exclusive opportunity to book your next voyage at an incredible value. Don’t miss your opportunity to choose from this quarter’s selection of special sailings and enjoy an extra 10% off until December 31, 2019, in addition to our current offer — savings of up to 40%.*

Savings of up to 40%: Offer applies to new bookings created between December 7, 2019 – February 29, 2020 (“Offer Period”). Offer applies to select sailings departing between April 14, 2020 – November 21, 2021. See blackout dates listed below. Offer provides up to 40% off the cruise fare for the first two guests in a stateroom. Savings may apply to the cruise fare and onboard expenses, as well as to any additional charges. Offer is combinable with Back to Back Benefits, onboard booking savings and Le Club Voyage Quarterly Savings, Shareholder Benefits, Reduced Singles Specials and one other OBC or value add. Offer may not be available on all categories on all sailings. Offer is subject to availability and change without notice and may be withdrawn at any time. This offer is applicable to residents of the U.S. and Canada and select global markets. Refer to Azamara.com/ExploreSavings and the Cruise Ticket Contract for additional terms and conditions. Ships’ registry: Malta

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Relive the Magic of 2019

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM YOUR LCV TEAM

Dear LCV Members,

It’s that time of the year again! May your holidays be filled with lots of warm gatherings and happy memories among friends and family. And if you’re exploring the world this season, we wish you safe travels and infinite magical moments.

This time of year we are especially grateful for your loyalty. It’s because of your commitment that we have been able to grow and accomplish so much. Thank you for always inspiring us to go beyond with your passion for exploration. Your spirit of adventure will surely guide all the amazing opportunities that are soon to come in 2020.

While we eagerly await the new year, take the time to scroll through our favorite moments of 2019 and relive the excitement all over again.

Kindly,

Sandra Penaranda
LCV Ambassador

Patty Gonzalez
LCV Director

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2019 Overview

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During this magical time of the year, we all come together and try to make the world feel a bit closer. That’s why we asked our international crew to share how they say “Happy Holidays” in their native language. Whichever holiday you celebrate or wherever your travels may take you this season — learn how to spread cheer no matter where you are in the world!

EVGENY CHERTAKOVSKY - Position: Chief Security Officer - Country: Brazil - Ship: Azamara Journey®

MELITA SPASOJEVIC - Position: Salon Staff - Country: Serbia - Ship: Azamara Journey®


**Refer & Receive**

**SPREAD WANDERLUST WISHES**

This holiday season, share your passion for travel and be gifted with rewards. Invite a friend who’s never experienced one of our voyages and you'll both be rewarded with the joy of exploration. As an LCV Member, you can share the magic of Azamara with our Refer & Receive Program and earn $300 USD in 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 after your friend makes their reservation.

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Holiday Traditions: A Sampler from Around the World

From Nordic fortune telling rituals to KFC feasts in the East, people around the world celebrate the holidays with their own special customs. While these traditions may sometimes seem eccentric, they reveal a global perspective of the holidays unlike any other. Take a quick tour of some of the most intriguing holiday traditions and get inspired to take on something new this year.

While Christmas may conjure up visions of sugarplums and holiday hams, in Japan a certain fast-food staple takes center stage. Across the country, KFC locations dress Colonel Sanders up in Santa gear and Christmas chicken meals are served in special holiday packaging. You can even pair your party barrel with a special KFC Christmas wine.

Spiders might seem like a symbol specific to Halloween, but the eight-legged creatures actually play an important role in a Ukrainian Christmas tradition. The legend goes that a spider decorated the tree of families that couldn’t afford ornaments with beautiful, sparkly webs. Nowadays, Christmas trees in Ukraine are covered in striking spider-shaped ornaments.

New Year’s Eve has traditionally been a time for fortune telling and predicting the future. In Finland, they melt tin, then pour it into a bucket of snow or ice-cold water. When the metal hardens, it is held up to a light and the shape it casts on the wall is used to tell your fortune.

Italian children believe they receive presents not from St. Nick, but from an old witch named La Befana who uses her broom to fly from house to house and deliver all the gifts she didn’t have a chance to give baby Jesus. This celebration occurs on January 6, the Feast of Epiphany, when just about every town is filled with marching bands, witches, brooms, and black cats.

As the sun sets on December 7, Colombians emerge to light up the night with candles and paper lanterns as they celebrate el Día de las Velitas, or Day of the Little Candles. This annual Catholic tradition honors the Virgin Mary’s maternity and welcomes the holiday season.

On New Year’s Eve, men and women in the Philippines wear polka-dots, keep coins in their pockets, and adorn their tables with round foods, such as grapes. According to Filipino folklore, circles symbolize prosperity, good fortune, and open opportunities for a bountiful life.

Tu Bishvat is the Jewish new year for the trees. On the 15th day of the month of Shvat, many Jewish families celebrate the end of the rainy season by planting trees and eating fruit, such as grapes, figs, pomegranates, and dates. Originally an agricultural holiday, Tu Bishvat evolved into a day for emphasizing people’s responsibility for the Earth, as well as a symbol for new beginnings.

On January 1, the Greek Orthodox church celebrates the new year by commemorating Saint Basil the Great. Traditionally, vasilopita, a special bread or cake, is served at midnight with a coin hidden inside. Whoever finds the coin, a symbol of good fortune, can look forward to a happy new year. Also, to acknowledge the saint’s kindness, the first piece of vasilopita is set aside for him.
Top Gifts for Travel Lovers

Skip the gift card this year, and give that globetrotter in your life a gift they will actually use on their next adventure. Explore our 2019 holiday gift guide for presents that can make any journey more enjoyable.

LUGGAGE FOR THE MODERN TRAVELER

Stylish and super-practical, Away luggage is definitely at the top of many traveler’s wish list this year. Lightweight, durable, and with different compartments to maximize space, it’s the perfect carry-on luggage, sized to fit on any major airline.

CELL PHONE CAMERA LENS KIT

If you are looking to up your picture-taking game during your next adventure, smartphone lens kits are here to help you. Capture high quality images of the incredible places you visit with mini, macro, and wide-angle lenses that easily clip on to your Apple or Android.

FOOD SUBSCRIPTIONS

With Try the World, it’s easier than ever for your foodie friends to discover products made by artisans around the world. This food subscription box comes with a curated selection of gourmet foods — including ingredients to cook with, drinks, and snacks.

NOISE-CANCELING HEADPHONES

Make falling asleep on a plane or train a breeze with a quality pair of noise-canceling headphones. Comfortable and long-lasting, you can easily make calls, listen to music, or simply enjoy the sound of silence.

SMITHSONIAN: HISTORY OF THE WORLD MAP BY MAP

History-buffs with a streak of wanderlust will love this captivating book, filled with custom, immersive maps and stories that reveal pivotal moments in world history that changed more than just borders.
Discover A Newfound Passion for the Planet

INTRODUCING OUR EXPANDED PARTNERSHIP WITH WORLD WILDLIFE FUND

Azamara has promised to connect people with people and people with themselves, and now, we are evolving to find meaningful connections with the planet. That’s why we’ve expanded our partnership with World Wildlife Fund® to introduce our new collection of WWF People to Planet Voyages and Excursions, offering you a unique way to connect and give back to the Earth.

In addition, you’ll have the opportunity to immerse yourself even more with our WWF People to Planet Excursions. These new conservation land experiences are tailor-made to reveal the true nature of a destination by shining a spotlight on local culture, natural wonders and WWF’s efforts to create a future where people and nature thrive.

Azamara will make a donation from all WWF People to Planet Voyages, in addition to $30 from each excursion purchase to WWF. This funding will help support WWF’s conservation work in South Africa, which includes protecting rhino populations, reducing the impact of the illegal wildlife trade, and contributing to sustainable seafood initiatives.

PEOPLE TO PLANET VOYAGES

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CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

WWF South Africa Sustainable Seafood Initiative (SASSI) Cooking Class with Chef Christiaan Campbell

Get the chance to take part in an authentic South African dining experience at a farm, hosted by one of Cape Town’s most recognized chefs and including a special highlight on their sustainable seafood initiative. Join a guided tour offering rare personal insight into the history of the estate, their regenerative farming practices, and sustainable food growing techniques.

RICHARDS BAY

WWF 2-Day Phinda Mountain Lodge Overnight Rhino Conservation

In this overnight experience, embark on a fascinating game drive through Phinda Private Game Reserve. This fascinating variety of landscape and vegetation shelters an abundance of wildlife, including not only the Big Five but many rarer species, such as the elusive cheetah or the scarce black rhino.
Imagine yourself surrounded by steep-sided fjords, glorious glaciers, and the staggering beauty of the Arctic. Norway’s natural appeal is simply remarkable, putting it at the top of our bucket list. But before coming face-to-face with these stirring landscapes, here are some practical tips for visiting Norway.

**Understanding Norway**

**LANGUAGE**
Norwegian is by far the language spoken by most people. Like Swedish, Danish, and Icelandic, Norwegian is a Germanic language, but it’s still very different. Don’t worry, English is widely spoken in Norway, and virtually everyone can speak fluently.

**CURRENCY**
Norway is not in the European Union, so they do not use the Euro. To get by, you’ll need their currency, the Norwegian Krone, or NOK. You can use your credit card in most places, but to make transactions run more smoothly, make sure you have a card PIN ready at hand.

**PRICES**
Many people wonder if Norway is expensive. The answer is yes; prices in Norway are more expensive compared to other European countries. To put things in perspective, a beer at a bar can cost between $10 and $20. Safe to say, traveling to this destination by sea is a huge advantage when it comes to saving money.

**WHAT TO WEAR**
Wherever you go in Norway, be prepared for cool temperatures. At the end of May, the temperature drops to 40 degrees Fahrenheit at night, or 6 degrees Celsius. During the day, temperatures are in the low 50s to high 60s. Just make sure to bring lots of layers!

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE TRAVELING**

Get ready for an epic journey to the Land of the Midnight Sun. Set sail from Oslo, where you’ll find brightly painted wooden houses, then embrace Arctic adventures in the tundra of Longyearbyen, until reaching the avant-garde modern designs of Copenhagen.

Journey to the Northernmost point in Europe and beyond on a soul-stirring adventure. Discover the deepest fjord on Earth in Flåm, take a cable car up Storsteinen Mountain, immerse yourself in the sophistication of Alesund, and venture into the wild moorlands of Cornwall.

Get up close to some of the world’s most beautiful natural wonders, and discover the bustling communities that make Norway a true northern gem. Stroll Oslo’s Damstredet, savor fresh seafood in Kristiansand, and witness herds of reindeer traverse the Eidfjord tundra.

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There are truly so many advantages when traveling by sea with Azamara, such as navigating intimate rivers and visiting smaller ports that are otherwise hard to reach. But did you know several of the ports we stop at are relatively close to some of the most beautiful, underrated cities in the world? Get ready to explore beyond our docking ports and add these hidden gem European destinations to your 2020 bucket list.

**ROSKILDE, DENMARK**
Only a 35-minute drive from Copenhagen, Roskilde is a popular day trip and easily one of the most important cities in Denmark. Dating back to the Viking Age, this cultured city's most notable spectacle is its UNESCO-listed cathedral that overlooks a fjordland harbor where replicas of several Viking ships are anchored beside a museum containing the real artifacts.

**REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND**
Despite its size, the world's northernmost capital perfectly combines creative design, the great outdoors, and its unique Norse heritage to offer an unimaginable adventure. From visiting edgy contemporary art galleries and museums to immersing yourself in nature at the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa or at the spouting geysers of the Golden Circle — Reykjavík is simply breathtaking.

**KIRUNA, SWEDEN**
Wondering how far north you can go in Sweden? We suggest exploring Kiruna, an Arctic Circle town that is home to the world's very first ice hotel. Gaze above to see a magical display of northern lights while snowmobiling, skiing, or dog sledding. Or visit the Kiruna Church, one of Sweden's largest wooden buildings built in Gothic revival style.

**UPPSALA, SWEDEN**
Just an hour away from Stockholm, this quintessentially Swedish city has been the country's intellectual center since medieval times. It houses the garden of botanist Carl Linnaeus, as well as a grand cathedral and the enigmatic burial mounds of Gamla Uppsala. Its laid-back attitude, along with its collegiate spirit, and green spaces along the River Fyris, make Uppsala a truly underrated Northern European city.

**VOYAGES THAT GET YOU CLOSER TO EUROPE’S HIDDEN GEMS**

**10-Night NORTHERN CAPITALS VOYAGE**
Azamara Quest®
Departing: June 8, 2020

Experience a fantasy novel come to life in the Land of Ice and Fire. Discover how volcanoes and waterfalls shape the landscape, bathe in hot springs at the base of ice-capped mountains, and visit the famed puffin-nesting areas. Then, get a cosmopolitan experience in Reykjavík, offering thrilling art, architecture, and gastronomy.

**15-Night ICELAND INTENSIVE VOYAGE**
Azamara Pursuit℠
Departing: June 23, 2020

Over 15 nights, discover Iceland’s snow-capped mountains, stunning fjords, and volcanic cliffs — bookended by an unforgettable adventure through the UK. Highlights include strolling through the architecturally captivating Seydisfjordur, embracing the fishing town charms of Isafjordur, and exploring the Cavern Quarter of Liverpool.
Set Sail On A Repositioning Voyage

TAKE TIME TO SAVOR THE JOURNEY

Discover what it truly means to revel in the experience of traveling with our completely unique, sea-day-intensive Repositioning Voyages. These once—a-season sailings give you plenty of time to pamper yourself with breakfast in bed, take part in onboard seminars, get to know our captains and crew, try a new fitness class, or simply relax. How much or how little you do is totally up to you.

Let Captain Gianmario Sanguineti navigate you into the depths of South Asia’s most exotic regions. Immerse yourself in the real-life Jungle Book of Yala National Park, or seize the night in the high-energy metropolis of Mumbai. In between all the excitement, enjoy your days at sea and experience everything your ship has to offer before arriving in the magnificent futuristic oasis of Dubai.

15-Night SRI LANKA & INDIA VOYAGE
Azamara Journey
Departing: April 11, 2020

Spices, temples, and tombs await you on this epic voyage sending you from the dazzling heights of Dubai to the spectacular sights of Athens via transit through the historic Suez Canal. Led by Captain Gianmario Sanguineti, you won’t want to miss Muscat’s old forts, the ancient city of Petra, Oman’s beautiful beaches, and much more.

16-Night OMAN, EGYPT & JORDAN VOYAGE
Azamara Journey
Departing: April 26, 2020

13-Night PANAMA CANAL ADVENTURE VOYAGE
Azamara Pursuit
Departing: March 23, 2020

17-Night ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS VOYAGE
Azamara Quest
Departing: March 28, 2020

You’re invited on a voyage of opposites: modern vs. ancient, desert vs. oasis, and all equally breathtaking. Captain Magnus Davidson will navigate you from the futuristic allure of Dubai to the archaeological gems of Greece, and all the pyramids, underwater worlds, and ancient cities in between.
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Whatever ignites your travel passions, we'd love to see it through your one-of-a-kind perspective. Use #ExploreFurther on social media to share your exploration stories with fellow travelers. You never know who you might inspire to set off on a whirlwind adventure with us.

Your Voyage At Your Fingertips

Discover an easy way to plan and manage your vacation with the Azamara app. Enjoy effortless check-in and access to daily plans, deck maps, and dining options. Plus, you are now able to browse shore excursions before or during your sailing. As of right now, app services are only available for Azamara PursuitSM voyages. Azamara Quest® and Azamara Journey® will be added soon.

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