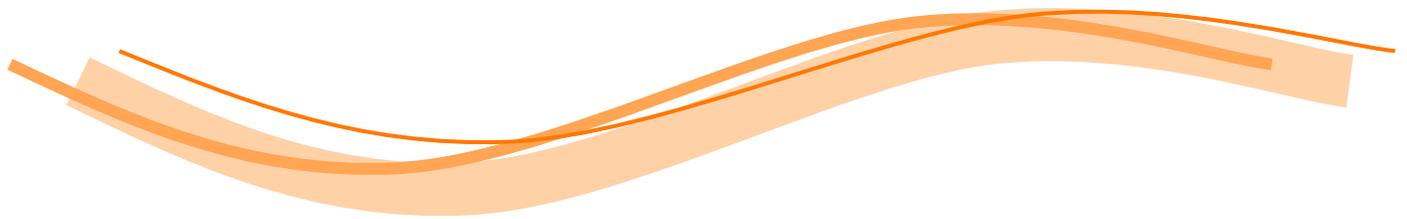




# **AVALON WATERWAYS & ENCORE CRUISES**





## AVALON WATERWAYS

Avalon Waterways are part of the Globus Family of Brands and feature:

- Avalon is backed by 80-plus years of travel expertise, more than 200 professional support staff members in Europe, and 37 offices worldwide, an ongoing collaboration to ensure guest satisfaction that continually raises the bar when it comes to small-ship cruising.
- Offering the newest, quietest, and most spacious ships, state-of-the-art resort-style amenities, and incomparable service by English-speaking crews, Avalon lets you discover Europe, Egypt, China, and the Galápagos Islands in a world-class way.
- Deluxe cruise in an outside stateroom with hotel style beds
- Services of a professional Cruise Director
- Onboard lectures, activities & nightly piano music (Europe)
- Sightseeing with local guides
- Headsets for all guided shore excursions in Europe & Egypt
- Inside visits, including admission charges where applicable
- Dedicated website [www.avalonwaterways.ca](http://www.avalonwaterways.ca)

### **Travel in Style on the Youngest Fleet:**

- With Avalon Waterways you will sail with the newest ships on the European Waterways, an impressive fleet that averages just two years in age, in fact each year Avalon adds more award winning vessels.
- Also enjoy modern, luxury cruising onboard the Victoria Anna and Victoria Jenna in China, the Royal Lotus in Egypt, and the La Pinta and Santa Cruz in the Galápagos Islands
- These ships all feature elegant interiors with abundant glass, polished metal, and vibrant colors, modern designs with contemporary appointments, state-of the-art technology, personalized service, fine dining, remarkable amenities, and spacious outside staterooms.
- Avalon has a 96% traveler satisfaction rating.

### **Classic Style, Modern Luxury:**

- As experts in travel, Avalon continues to raise the bar when it comes to small-ship cruising. Their fleet of contemporary designed vessels provides the luxury and amenities you desire most in a warmly welcoming and comfortable environment. Whether you're seeking quiet spaces for relaxing, lively common areas for meeting new friends, or a combination of both, Avalon Waterways' well-appointed ships will meet your needs.

### **Ship features & amenities include:**

- Elegant polished metal & glass throughout
- Revolutionary engineering
- Non-smoking interiors
- Internet access
- Fine dining
- Wine included with dinner
- Spacious Sky Decks for sunning
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- Panoramic picture windows for

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	<p>landscape viewing – The largest staterooms on the European waterways today (172 sq.ft.) – the majority of staterooms have floor-to ceiling-sliding glass doors with French balconies – Hair Salon – Fitness Center – 6-person whirlpool (select vessels) – Lounge &amp; Bar – Complimentary coffee &amp; tea available throughout the day – Elevator (select vessels)</p> <p>Features exclusive to Avalon’s European vessel staterooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors in most staterooms - French balconies in most staterooms</li> <li>- Flat screen satellite TV &amp; radio - Private bathroom with shower</li> </ul> <p>Comfortable, hotel-style beds - European-style duvets Egyptian super-combed cotton linens - Large closets- Mini bar, hairdryer &amp; safe - Individual climate control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Outstanding Service &amp; Exceptional Cuisine - The very best land programs – the best local guides - Theme Cruises – Festive France theme on Flavours of Burgundy &amp; Provence, Music Theme Cruise on the Magnificent Europe, Wine Theme Cruises on Flavors of Burgundy &amp; Provence, The Legendary Danube, The Blue Danube Discovery</li> <li>- Cruising on the great rivers of Europe – Rhine, Main, Moselle, Rhone &amp; Danube Rivers</li> </ul> <p>I have personally enjoyed a cruise with Avalon – see my travel blog at: <a href="http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Blog/tabid/400/EntryId/40/River-Cruising-on-the-Danube.aspx">http://www.chrisrobinsontravelshow.ca/Blog/tabid/400/EntryId/40/River-Cruising-on-the-Danube.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>The “Godmother Sailing” Sept 2013</b></p>	<p><b>Encore Cruises are featuring an exclusive “Godmother Sailing” aboard the Avalon Vista.</b></p> <p>For customers looking for a particularly special voyage along Europe’s picturesque Danube River, Encore Cruises is offering an exclusive 12-day cruise aboard the Avalon Vista escorted by the ship’s Godmother, Canadian cruise industry veteran Vanessa Lee. Sailing from Sept. 26 to Oct. 8, 2013, this cruise takes travellers to some of Central Europe’s most beautiful capital cities – Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna and Prague – along with stops at some of the many small towns that dot the landscape along the way, including Krems, Melk, Grein and Linz.</p> <p>What’s more, when customers book before Feb. 15, 2013, they can take advantage of a \$300 per person early booking bonus. Starting from \$4,499* per person (<i>*Includes the early booking bonus discount</i>) plus tax (based on Category E), this exclusive Encore package includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Roundtrip air from Toronto on Air Canada;</li> <li>- All transfers;</li> <li>- A two-night pre-cruise stay in Budapest (includes accommodation at a</li> </ul>

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	<p>five-star hotel, breakfast and a city tour);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A seven-night cruise along the Danube escorted by Vanessa Lee, Godmother of the Avalon Vista.</li> <li>- A welcome cocktail party on board;</li> <li>- Shore excursions and gratuities during the cruise;</li> <li>- A two-night post-cruise stay in Prague (includes accommodation at a five-star hotel, breakfast and a city tour).</li> </ul> <p>A river cruise with Avalon is already a more intimate, in-depth experience, and a fabulous way to see some of Europe’s most fascinating capitals, but add Vanessa Lee, the ship’s Godmother and an undisputed cruise expert into that mix, with her unparalleled expertise in the world of cruising and extensive knowledge, and you’ve got something very special and unique. It’s sure to be an experience one won’t soon forget!</p> <p>“To be the Godmother of the beautiful Avalon Vista is a remarkable and profound privilege and an incredible honour that I will always treasure,” said Vanessa Lee. “I am looking forward to sailing on the Vista again this year, reacquainting with the captain and the great staff and sharing the wonderful onboard experience with those who will accompany me”.</p> <p>For more information or to book customers on this exceptional cruise vacation, call 1-800-661-6361 or visit <a href="http://www.encorecruises.com">www.encorecruises.com</a> or the Encore Cruises page on <a href="http://www.thomascookagent.ca">www.thomascookagent.ca</a> .</p>
<p><b>Cruise Overview</b></p>	<p>On this magnificent cruise vacation, enjoy seeing some of Central Europe’s splendid capitals—Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, and Prague—as well as many small towns that dot the landscape along the way. Shop for paprika in Budapest, visit St. Martin’s Cathedral in Bratislava, savor a Sachertorte in Vienna, and explore the grounds of majestic Hradcany Castle in Prague. In addition to these amazing and fun cities, there’s even more...enjoy wine tasting in Austria’s Wachau Valley, visit Austria’s oldest theater still holding regular performances in the resort town of Grein, and visit one of Europe’s largest and most spectacular monasteries at Melk. Explore Germany’s Passau, located at the confluence of three rivers, and Linz, Austria’s third-largest city. Guided sightseeing with Certified Local Guides in each city is sure to heighten your experience.</p> <p>Highlights &amp; Sightseeing</p>

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	<p><b>Budapest:</b> Guided sightseeing, see Fishermen’s Bastion; welcome reception</p> <p><b>Bratislava:</b> Guided sightseeing, visit St. Martin’s Cathedral</p> <p><b>Vienna:</b> Guided sightseeing; choice of included visits</p> <p><b>Krems:</b> Choice of guided sightseeing or enjoy a Wachau wine experience</p> <p><b>Melk:</b> Guided visit of the Benedictine Abbey; wine tasting</p> <p><b>Grein:</b> Guided walk, visit the historical theatre</p> <p><b>Passau:</b> Guided walk</p> <p><b>Prague:</b> Guided sightseeing, see the Astronomical Clock and visit Hradcany Castle grounds</p>
<p><b>Day-by-Day Itinerary</b></p>	<p>Here is the daily itinerary of this magical cruise:</p> <p><b>Day 1 Arrive in Budapest, Hungary</b></p> <p>Welcome to Budapest, Hungary’s lively capital. The remainder of the day is free to start exploring Eastern Europe’s most cosmopolitan metropolis.</p> <p><b>Day 2 Budapest</b></p> <p>Budapest straddles both banks of the Danube, with eight bridges, including the famous Chain and Elisabeth Bridges, connecting ancient Buda on the right bank with Pest on the left. The massive hilltop castle complex with Fishermen’s Bastion and the Matthias Church is among the many sights your Local Guide will show you. Shop for renowned peasant embroidery, Herend porcelain, and paprika. (Breakfast)</p> <p><b>Day 3 Budapest (Embarkation)</b></p> <p>This afternoon, board your river cruise vessel and meet your crew at a</p>

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welcome reception. (Breakfast, Dinner)

#### Day 4 Bratislava, Slovakia

Situated at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, Bratislava is the dynamic capital of Slovakia. The charming Old Town with its Town Hall and Mirbach Palace, as well as gothic St. Martin's Cathedral, should not be missed. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### Day 5 Vienna, Austria

Once the centre of the mighty Habsburg Empire, Austria's capital has much to offer: lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral, to name just a few of the sights on your included tour. Shop in the Karntnerstrasse and enjoy Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel in a neighbourhood cafe. An optional concert is available tonight. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### Day 6 Vienna

This morning, the choice is yours with "Vienna a la carte." Choose to visit one of a number of museums, such as the Kunsthistorisches Museum (Museum of Fine Arts), one of Vienna's major attractions and known for its magnificent architecture; or, for some lighter exploration, spend some time at the Naschmarkt, a market selling fresh produce and other items, a Viennese institution since the 16th century. Your Cruise Director will give you details of what's on offer. The afternoon is at leisure. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### Day 7 Krems–Melk

Early this morning, arrive in Krems, which offers a great variety in culture, history, and cuisine. Join a Local Guide to learn more about this town situated on the eastern end of the Wachau Valley. Or, you may prefer to join a wine experience to learn firsthand how wine is so much more than just a drink. Wine is life, culture, inspiration, and the result of a lot of hard work. Back on board your vessel, sail through the Wachau Valley a UNESCO World Heritage Site, passing the magnificent baroque Stiftskirche with its blue facade, the landmark of Durnstein. Above the town you may see the ruins of the castle, where England's King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned in the 12th century. After lunch, arrive in Melk. The magnificent Benedictine Abbey dominates the town from its commanding hill site, and is one of Europe's largest

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monasteries. The view from the terrace over the Danube and surrounding countryside is breathtaking! This evening you'll be able to sample some of the famous wines before departing for Grein. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### Day 8 Grein–Linz

This morning, wake up in the attractive country resort of Grein, nestled at the foot of a bluff in the shadow of its castle. After breakfast, take a guided walk through the town and visit its unique historical theatre, the oldest in Austria still holding regular performances. A behind-the-scenes peek to learn about some of the curiosities of this Rococo-style, 167-seat theatre will certainly tell you much about life as it was, and as it now is, in this small town. Then, spend a lazy afternoon on board the ship, watching the peaceful views of the passing river-scapes from the comfort of the Sky Deck on your way to Linz. Alternatively, you might choose to join an optional excursion. Linz is Austria's third-largest city, an important river port where culture plays a significant role in everyday life. Composer Anton Bruckner lived here, and Mozart's Linzer Symphony was composed in the city. There is free time to explore Linz on your own. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### Day 9 Linz–Passau, Germany

This afternoon, arrive in Passau, located at the confluence of the Rivers Inn, Ilz, and Danube. This is a city of graceful arcades and cobblestone streets. St. Stephen's Cathedral houses one of the world's largest church organs with more than 17,000 pipes. Join a Local Guide for a walking tour through this charming town, and find out much more about the "City of Three Rivers." (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

#### Day 10 Passau (Disembarkation)–Prague, Czech Republic

Leave Bavaria and head for the Czech border in the Bohemian Forest, making your way to the "Golden City" of Prague. (Breakfast)

#### Day 11 Prague

Prague is a 1,000-year-old city preserved in time. See its best-known treasures such as the Old Town's Astronomical Clock, once the envy of all of Europe; Hradcany Castle Grounds, St. Vitus Cathedral, and the Charles Bridge. Browse the shops for hand-cut crystal or art books. Mix with the locals in Wenceslaus Square or stroll along the Vltava River. (Breakfast)

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	<p>Day 12 Prague: Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.</p>
<p><b>The Ship: Avalon Vista</b></p>	<p>The Avalon Vista sets sail in 2012, adding to Avalon's unique offering of Suite Ships. The Vista's two full decks of suites feature Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows that transform the living space into a unique Open-Air Balcony. Cruise along the legendary Rhine, Main, and Danube Rivers, enjoying fresh breezes and enchanting scenery from the comfort of your suite. With 200 square feet, Panorama Suites are more than 30% larger than the industry standard, affording you the incomparable opportunity to wake each morning facing the splendid passing scenery. Onboard amenities include an expanded fitness center, Internet corner, complimentary Wi-Fi access, and a spacious Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs, shade system, whirlpool, and the delightful open-air bistro.</p>
<p><b>Excursions - Budapest</b></p>	<p><b>Budapest - Jewish Heritage Tour</b>          The success of modern Budapest was significantly due to the diligence and organizational skills of Jewish industrialists. There are still many memories of the period. The Jewish Museum reminds of the religious traditions, while the Holocaust Centre, which was opened in 2004, reminds of the terror. After 1990, a real Jewish cultural Renaissance began in Budapest. The city has the most populous active Jewish community in Central Europe, who cherish their religious, artistic and historical heritage. Listen to our local expert explaining, why there is a much larger population of Budapest inhabitants with Jewish origin, who consider themselves Hungarian and do not practice their religion, but are interested in the history of their ancestors. Visit the largest synagogue in Europe, the Jewish Museum and hear about the tree of life...Approximate value: €29 EUR per person</p> <p><b>Communist Budapest</b>          From 1947 to 1989, the Hungarian Communist Party held sway. Although the regime was not as deferential to the Soviet Union, the collective economy and fear of the secret police shaped the lives of Hungarian citizens. Today the former headquarters of the AVH, the dreaded secret police, are a museum. Budapest was clearly tied to the East in the bipolar Cold War world. Still, there are vestiges of Lenin's legacy. Our local experts will explain why on the lawn beyond the Hungarian Parliament flies a flag with a hole in the centre. Approximate value: €34 EUR per person</p> <p><b>Excursion to Szentendre</b>          The centre of Szentendre is one of the most heavily visited spots in all of Hungary. In the summer, it becomes one huge handicraft and souvenir marketplace. Despite the excess of vendors, Szentendre</p>

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	<p>remains a gorgeous little town. In medieval times, Serbian settlers fleeing Turkish northward expansion populated Szentendre, which counts half a dozen Serbian churches among its rich collection of historical buildings. The town retains a distinctively Mediterranean flavor that's rare this far north in Europe. Since the early 1900s, Szentendre has been home to an artists' colony. Today, about 100 artists live and work here. As a result, the town has a wealth of museums and galleries. Surprisingly few people visit the museums, however, distracted perhaps by the shopping opportunities. Perhaps you want to explore more than the main drag, Fo ter. After the almost-suffocating hubbub of the centre of the town, you'll appreciate the peace and quiet of the many exhibition halls and the winding cobblestone streets that lead to a Roman Catholic churchyard at the top of the hill, with lovely views of the red-tile rooftops. Wander down side streets; Szentendre is too small for you to get lost in and too beautiful for a less-than-thorough exploration. Approximate value: €29 EUR per person</p> <p><b>Hungarian Dinner and Folklore Show</b> The Hungarian Violins at times with melancholy and in the next moment hot and spicy like paprika is something that is so typical for Hungary. The music combined with dancers in their colorful costumes and their high leather boots, stomping that you can almost see the flints flying. And on top of it the show takes place in one of the finest restaurants of Budapest with a buffet dinner of Hungarian Specialties, from the spicy Goulash to the dessert, one might want to die for. Approximate value: €64 EUR per person</p> <p><b>Hungarian Puszta Farm with Horse Show and Lunch</b> Admire the unsurpassed qualities of the Hungarian Equestrian virtue at an active stud farm on the Great Hungarian Plain. Enjoy the sight of the proud horses as they lead the festive procession. Take a typical country wagon ride and learn about the life on the typical Hungarian farm. Experience the well-known Hungarian hospitality in the most natural environment of the Puszta Farm. The Hungarians have been inseparable from their horses for more than a thousand years. Do not miss this unique opportunity to experience the Hungarian countryside and its authentic ways. Approximate value: €59 EUR per person</p>
<p><b>Globus</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Globus has been in business for over 80 years</li> <li>• Globus offers more than 150 unique vacation itineraries throughout 74 different countries</li> <li>• Globus has perfected their itineraries so that you enjoy a smooth, hassle-free vacation with unrivaled consistence, quality and value.</li> <li>• With Globus you get high quality, low price and an abundance of included features all adding up to exceptional value!</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Globus directors weave together insightful anecdotes, little-known secrets and hands-on experiences to ensure that every journey tells a story.</li> <li>• For more information or to book a Globus vacation, contact or visit your preferred travel agent.</li> </ul>
<p><b>History</b></p>	<p>More than 80 years ago, Antonio Mantegazza bought a rowboat to transport commercial goods across Lake Lugano in Switzerland. Who would have known that rowboat would launch the world's leading guided travel company?</p> <p>Antonio's frequent trips across the scenic lake led him to consider opportunities in a different market: tourism. His entrepreneurial instinct pushed him to gradually acquire some motor coaches to transport tourists around the Lake Lugano area.</p> <p>In 1928, Antonio opened a company specializing in motor coach touring called Globus Viaggi. The company began with a fleet of 12 coaches which operated local excursions for European tourists in Switzerland. By 1950, Globus Viaggi had grown to a fleet of 33 coaches and featured overnight excursions to Rome, Venice, the Dolomites and the French Riviera.</p> <p>For over 80 years, the Globus family of brands has been providing a variety of products that address the needs of today's diverse traveler. Whether it's a fully escorted, premium, independent, or river cruise vacation, with Globus family of brands you will get unmatched value and world-class customer service with every journey.</p> <p>Today, the Globus family of companies consists of more than 30 tourism and aviation businesses, serviced by a group of more than 5,000 professionals worldwide.</p> <p>Combined, Globus and Cosmos carry about 500,000 passengers a year making the company the leading operator of guided vacations worldwide.</p>
<p><b>Why Globus?</b></p>	<p>With Globus, you'll always visit the key sights - the Sistine Chapel, the Colosseum and the Forum in Rome, the Prado Museum in Madrid, Michelangelos's David in the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence, and many others. You'll enjoy many more inclusions like cruises, high-speed trains, local guides, and in Italy's main cities, headsets for clear commentary. They offer twice the number of included features as many competitors, without any additional cost to you. Look for the complete list of their special included features on each tour page in their brochure. Globus not only brings you experience that others simply don't offer, they also ensure that you end up with more time to enjoy the rest of your destination. Most competitors require you to take extra optional excursions to see these important sights, costing you additional time and money. And if you don't join their excursion, you'll spend most of your time waiting in line. But with Globus, these sights are already</p>

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	<p>included, freeing up the remainder of your time for exactly what you'd like to see.</p> <p><b>European River Cruises</b> River Cruises are an increasingly way to explore castles, cathedrals and villages. Travel hassle-free aboard Europe's most modern fleet of luxury river cruise ships with Globus' <b>Avalon</b> brand. This is a great way to see some of the best sights that Germany has to offer in a luxurious and relaxing way.</p>
<p><b>New for Avalon in 2013</b></p>	<p><b>New "Suite Ships"</b> Due to high demand, Europe's only fleet of suite ships is expanding again. This year, the gorgeous <b>Avalon Expression and Avalon Artistry II</b> will grace the legendary waters of the Danube and Rhine Rivers, respectively.</p> <p><b>Culture &amp; Cruise</b> Special onboard experiences on every Avalon cruise enrich your adventure with local chefs, entertainers, artisans, and experts.</p> <p><b>Choice of Excursions</b> In addition to included sightseeing led by Certified Local Guides, Avalon also offers the option of alternative sightseeing for travellers who have different interests or who are veterans of the area. And if you have more specific interests, MyAvalonSM lets you select and pre-pay for a wide variety of optional excursions.</p> <p><b>Exciting New Cruise Itineraries</b> Avalon's innovative cruise options now include exhilarating journeys through northern Holland, Austria, Central Europe, and Germany. We're also proud to introduce an exciting new cruise along China's mighty Yangtze.</p> <p><b>Tulips of Northern Holland</b> For those who are looking for a vacation that combines some well-known sights with those off the beaten track, this river cruise itinerary through Holland is for you.</p> <p><b>Austrian Highlights &amp; Bavaria</b> On this marvelous river cruise vacation, visit Austria's capital, Vienna, and be delighted by its charming small towns - like Melk, Dürnstein, and Grein - before heading into Germany's Bavaria.</p> <p><b>Capitals of Central Europe</b> On this magnificent European river cruise vacation, enjoy seeing some</p>

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	<p>of Central Europe's splendid capitals - Prague, Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest - as well as many small towns that dot the landscape along the way.</p> <p><b>The Rhine &amp; Moselle</b> This exciting river cruise vacation has it all! Begin in Amsterdam with a cruise through the city's enchanting canals. Then, head north to explore the unique harbour town of Volendam and Edam with its world-famous cheeses.</p> <p><b>Highlights of Germany</b> Willkommen in Deutschland – Welcome to Germany! On this spectacular river cruise vacation, enjoy one of Germany's largest cities, Munich, and many of its charming villages and towns with picturesque scenery along the way.</p> <p><b>Enchanting China &amp; the Yangtze River</b> Experience China in depth on this mesmerizing river cruise vacation. Visit world-famous historical sights in Beijing, Xi'an, Lijiang, and Shanghai, including the Forbidden City, Great Wall, Sacred Way of the Ming Tombs, Terracotta Warriors, and Yu Yuan Gardens.</p>
<p><b>Cruise Directors</b></p>	<p>One of the greatest advantages of travelling with Globus is your Cruise Director. Never underestimate the importance of experience. On average, each of their several hundred European Cruise and Tour Directors has completed more than fourteen seasons on the road, successfully conducting an average of nearly 140 vacations. Globus Cruise Directors are experts who have honed the art of taking you inside a destination, so you can rest assured that you're seeing the sights like a local. When you're been travelling as long as they have, you have operations down to an art form. They have spent more than 75 years refining itineraries and procedures and their Swiss Heritage ensures that your trip is trouble free to the last detail. With over 30 offices around the world, they have support when and where you need it, under any circumstances.</p>
<p><b>Globus Value</b></p>	<p>Globus includes all the main features of a destination without extra cost. Their volume buying power saves you money. In fact, a whole day of touring with Globus generally costs what you'd pay for just a hotel alone if you plan the trip on your own. Yet they also provide a Tour director, a great variety of transportation, many meals, a rich sightseeing program and much more. Here's a few more value-added items:</p> <p><b>Free airport transfers:</b> book your scheduled transatlantic flight with</p>

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	<p>Globus and benefit from free transfers</p> <p><b>Low Air-fares:</b> compare their competitive air-inclusive prices, and business class is also available.</p> <p><b>Discounts</b> abound: group reduction, child reduction, triple room reduction, multiple tour reduction.</p> <p>Globus has fifty hosts in London alone to assist you at the airports and hotels</p> <p><b>Professional Cruise or Tour director</b> while touring, cruise director on River Cruises, local hosts for Monograms</p> <p>Hotels listed on tour page. Twin-bedded rooms with private bath and shower, hotel taxes service charges, and tips for baggage handling</p> <p>Private Deluxe motor coach with air-conditioning, extra leg room, and emergency washroom while touring</p> <p>All tours London- Paris/Brussels &amp; Paris/Brussels-London travel are on the Eurostar</p> <p><b>Globus travel bag</b> and travel documents</p> <p>Headsets included for sightseeing with local guide in Rome, Florence, Venice and Pompeii</p>
<p><b>Journeys Club</b></p>	<p>Journeys Club is an exclusive fellowship created for past Globus passengers. It invites you to share your passion for travel with a group of like-minded, experienced Globus globetrotters.</p> <p>Benefits include: Exclusive journeys with upgrades; extras amenities and welcome gifts; Member-only discounts, Insider information regarding new, upcoming Globus vacations, Quarterly newsletters and E-mail updates with Journeys Club information and promotions, Journeys Club travel merchandise and Travel &amp; destination tips and articles</p>
<p><b>Children</b></p>	<p>An adult must accompany travelers who are less than 18 years old on the tour departure date; the child receives a 10% discount on the land tour price. Children under the age of 8 are not allowed on escorted tours, because they are considered too young to enjoy these vacations.</p>
<p><b>Globus Brand</b> “Every journey tells a story”</p>	<p>The Globus brand provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More selection, more included features, more leisure time, more superior hotels</li> <li>- More once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, such as the Passion Play in</li> </ul>

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- More Experience – their story began over 80 years ago and ever since they've been refining their itineraries and procedures to ensure that clients get the most out of their vacation.
- Many Globus vacations include a welcome dinner to introduce one to the cuisine of the region being visited.
- More Great Ways to Travel - to give you even more vacation options, many Globus & Monograms Independent Vacations are combinable with River Cruises or with Monograms (on selected departures)
- No other Tour Operator offers as many means of included transportation as Globus:
  - All high-speed trains in Europe
  - Vignette vacations feature at least one train as a mode of transportation from city to city, so getting there is part of the adventure
  - The newest fleet of deluxe river cruise ships on the main European rivers, the Nile, and Portugal's Douro River
  - Sea cruises in the Mediterranean and the northern seas (including Hurtigruten cruises)
  - Globus offers many vacations for the wine connoisseur - In Oporto enjoy a wine tasting in a Port wine cellar, or at Tuscany's Verrazzano Castle, learn about the fine art of making Chianti.

**Globus Offers Many Vacation Styles:**

1. **Monograms Independent Vacations** – Independent travel without the hassles that typically come with travel on your own. Let them handle all the details – they handle reservations to transportation, even down to directions and local insight – leaving clients to relax, have fun, and soak up all their vacation was meant to be.
2. **Vignettes** – Designed for a new generation of touring Europe, these exciting vacations deliver a comprehensive overview of your destination—with more time in each city, centrally located hotels and at least one train as a mode of transportation, so getting from city to city is part of the adventure!
3. **Regional Discoveries** – These are in-depth vacations that go beyond the expected to let one experience the character, personality, and stories of a specific country or carefully selected combination of countries.
4. **Platinum Collection** – These exceptionally guided vacations feature superior hotels selected for their premium comfort and central locations. You'll also appreciate a more leisurely pace that lets one soak up their destination and savor the local culture.
5. **Cruise & Tour** – Enjoy the best of both worlds by combining a big-ship cruise with a Globus land vacation. Greece & Portugal come to life

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	<p>through these two wonderful points of view.</p> <p>6. <b>River Cruises</b> – Discover Europe the way she grew up – along her waterways. Step aboard the newest ships on Europe’s most famous rivers, accompanied by legendary Globus land excursions</p> <p>7. <b>Popular with families</b> - Designed for families with children or grandchildren ages 8 to 18, Globus Family Travel vacations are enriching getaways featuring excursions and activities for all ages and hotels in the middle of the action.</p>
<b>Globus Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “Best Tour Operator to Europe” Travel Weekly’s Reader’s Choice Awards three times in recent years</li> <li>- “Best Tour Operator to Europe” TravelAge West magazine</li> <li>- “Top Tour Operator to Europe” Recommend magazine</li> </ul>
<b>Globus Discounts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discount for young travelers: 10% off land arrangements</li> <li>- Pay less for your second and subsequent vacations: \$70 off subsequent Globus vacations</li> <li>- Discounts available for group travel, young travelers, and triple rooms.</li> </ul>
<b>Globus Special Deals</b>	<p>Globus features a number of special deals which you can access via a special section of their website at:  <a href="http://www.globusjourneys.ca/Tour-Globus/Special-Offers">http://www.globusjourneys.ca/Tour-Globus/Special-Offers</a></p>
<b>Globus 2013 Brochures</b>	<p>Their 2013 brochure portfolio includes no less than 10 brochures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Avalon River Cruises 2013</b></li> <li>• <b>Globus Europe &amp; Britain 2013</b></li> <li>• <b>Globus Exotic Collection 2013</b></li> <li>• <b>Globus United States and Canada 2013</b></li> <li>• <b>Globus Religious Travel 2013</b></li> <li>• <b>Cosmos Europe 2013</b></li> <li>• <b>Cosmos United States and Europe 2013</b></li> <li>• <b>Monograms Europe 2013</b></li> <li>• <b>Monograms North America 2013</b></li> <li>• <b>Globus Family Travel 2013</b></li> </ul>
<b>More Info</b>	<p>Globus website: <a href="http://globusjourneys.ca/">http://globusjourneys.ca/</a>  Avalon Waterways website: <a href="http://avalonwaterways.ca/">http://avalonwaterways.ca/</a>  Globus brochures: <a href="http://globusjourneys.ca/Travel-Brochures/">http://globusjourneys.ca/Travel-Brochures/</a></p>

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<p><b>CARLSON WAGONLIT TRAVEL</b></p>	<p>Carlson Wagonlit Travel can advise you on the right Encore Cruise for you, and they can book it for you. Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT) is a world leader in leisure and business travel management services. They provide access to a full range of travel services including: special negotiated hotel rates at more than 13,700 hotels in 150 countries, preferred car rental rates, travel savings and special offers through CWT Vacation Club.</p> <p>In addition, they have some of the most experienced vacation counsellors in the business in over 180 locations coast to coast.</p>
<p><b>Why Carlson?</b></p>	<p>There are many good reasons to book your trip with Carlson Wagonlit Travel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First and foremost: CWT has dedicated travel professionals</li> <li>- Carlson are a major global force in the travel industry and so have the power to deliver special rates to their customers</li> <li>- CWT exclusive pricing</li> <li>- Their price match guarantee is very valuable</li> <li>- CWT offer RBC Rewards for travel or you can redeem your RBC Reward points for travel</li> <li>- CWT has over 180 locations across Canada, so there is likely one close to you.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Carlson in Toronto</b></p>	<p>For the Carlson Wagonlit Travel at Summerhill in Toronto:          Contact: Dawn Barbieri          Address: 1248 Yonge St. Toronto, ON          Phone: 416-929-1980          Fax: 416-929-9695          Toll Free: 1-877-510-2751          Email: <a href="mailto:summerhill@carlsonwagonlit.com">summerhill@carlsonwagonlit.com</a>          Hours of Operations: Monday to Friday 9:00am-5:00pm</p>
<p><b>Carlson in Canada</b></p>	<p>Carlson Wagonlit Travel          Telephone: 1-800-CARLSON          Website: <a href="http://www.cwtvacations.ca">www.cwtvacations.ca</a>          To access a listing of all Carlson travel agencies and find the one most convenient for you, go to:  <a href="https://www.cwtvacations.ca/cwt/do/agency/start?lang=en">https://www.cwtvacations.ca/cwt/do/agency/start?lang=en</a>          Facebook: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/cwtvacationscanada">http://www.facebook.com/cwtvacationscanada</a>          Pinterest: <a href="http://pinterest.com/cwtvacationsca/">http://pinterest.com/cwtvacationsca/</a></p>

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<p><b>ENCORE CRUISES</b></p>	<p>Whether you are an experienced cruiser or a newcomer to this wonderful world, Encore Cruises is a tour operator with something for every style, taste and budget. One of Canada's most respected travel companies, the hallmarks of Encore are cruise expertise and remarkable value, quality and reliability.</p> <p>Encore represent over a dozen cruise lines operating over 155 ships on countless itineraries worldwide. So they have the perfect cruise, waiting just for you. Plus Encore has expertly crafted packages that include flights and pre and post cruise hotel stays or tours. Big ship, small ship or River Cruise – Encore has it all!</p> <p>Europe has so much to offer with its fascinating pot pourri of peoples and languages. Centuries of art and music, museums and architecture combine with history and culture to make a vacation experience like no other. And a great way to explore this cultural tapestry is to go on a Mediterranean Cruise. Move between different countries and ports of call by elegant cruise ship. No packing and unpacking. No thought to travel and navigation. And a comfortable haven after a busy day seeing all the sights.</p> <p>River Cruising is a hot new travel trend. Guests enjoy the intimate small ship atmosphere and gentle progress along Europe's waterways – taking you right to the heart of cities that are full of history and culture.</p>
<p><b>The “Godmother Sailing” 2013</b></p>	<p><b>Encore Cruises are featuring an exclusive “Godmother Sailing” aboard the Avalon Vista.</b></p> <p>For customers looking for a particularly special voyage along Europe's picturesque Danube River, Encore Cruises is offering an exclusive 12-day cruise aboard the Avalon Vista escorted by the ship's Godmother, Canadian cruise industry veteran Vanessa Lee. Sailing from Sept. 26 to Oct. 8, 2013, this cruise takes travellers to some of Central Europe's most beautiful capital cities – Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna and Prague – along with stops at some of the many small towns that dot the landscape along the way, including Krems, Melk, Grein and Linz.</p> <p>What's more, when customers book before Feb. 15, 2013, they can take advantage of a \$300 per person early booking bonus. Starting from \$4,499* per person (<i>*Includes the early booking bonus discount</i>) plus tax (based on Category E), this exclusive Encore package includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Roundtrip air from Toronto on Air Canada;</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All transfers;</li> <li>- A two-night pre-cruise stay in Budapest (includes accommodation at a five-star hotel, breakfast and a city tour);</li> <li>- A seven-night cruise along the Danube escorted by Vanessa Lee, Godmother of the Avalon Vista.</li> <li>- A welcome cocktail party on board;</li> <li>- Shore excursions and gratuities during the cruise;</li> <li>- A two-night post-cruise stay in Prague (includes accommodation at a five-star hotel, breakfast and a city tour).</li> </ul> <p>A river cruise with Avalon is already a more intimate, in-depth experience, and a fabulous way to see some of Europe’s most fascinating capitals, but add Vanessa Lee, the ship’s Godmother and an undisputed cruise expert into that mix, with her unparalleled expertise in the world of cruising and extensive knowledge, and you’ve got something very special and unique. It’s sure to be an experience one won’t soon forget!</p> <p>For more information or to book customers on this exceptional cruise vacation, call 1-800-661-6361 or visit <a href="http://www.encorecruises.com">www.encorecruises.com</a> or the Encore Cruises page on <a href="http://www.thomascookagent.ca">www.thomascookagent.ca</a> .</p>
<p><b>Cruise Companies represented by Encore Cruises</b></p>	<p>Encore Cruises is Canada's premier cruise specialist, representing over a dozen of the world's finest cruise lines. You may not be familiar with their name, but Travel Professionals know Encore intimately, and book tens of thousands of guests with them annually on the premium and luxury cruise lines they represent. They can provide sea, air and land combinations to match your every needs. <b>AvalonWaterways</b> is one of their most popular cruise lines.</p>
<p><b>Who is cruising for?</b></p>	<p>This is how Amr Younes, Vice President of Encore Cruises, answers the question:</p> <p>Cruising is absolutely, positively for everyone. Every generation. Every income. Every walk of life. Every interest. The essence of cruising is elusive really. A very individual matter. The soul for some can be found in the lifestyle cruising affords, the sense of sheer escape from the hum drum, the luxurious surroundings, the pure joy in effortless living. Others find it in the convivial social and activities scene, while sweethearts of all ages find a landscape perfect for romance. It certainly resides in the simple rush of the sea as thrusters propel your ship from the dock conveying you to new horizons; a whole new world where you can visit cities of antiquity, stroll cobbled piazzas, laze on powder beaches, sail the world’s greatest rivers; gaze upon deserts as old as time.</p>

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	<p>Families that cruise know the whole gang loves to take a separate vacation – together! Senior members join with the junior set and everyone goes off on an adventure as one, yet each has the option of their own agenda. Kids love their snazzy clubs and facilities – all professionally supervised – while senior cruisers enjoy the worry-free continuation of their travels.</p> <p>Couples, singles, family reunions, wedding parties, honeymooners, anniversary celebrants, groups of all stripes, you name it, they're all on board. Whether you seek five-star indulgence, freestyle relaxation, or premium class quality, look no further than Encore Cruises.</p> <p>We have ships for every lifestyle: mega-ships, un-mega ships, ships with butlers, ice-rinks, rock-climbing walls, exquisite pools and solariums, a dozen restaurants, spectacular spas, lifestyle and wellness programs, glitzy entertainment, casinos, personal enrichment courses, and relaxed dress codes (oh yes, no jackets, ties or gowns required – unless it is your preference of course).</p> <p>Cruising, it is said, delivers the greatest show on earth. And you'll be richer for the experience.</p>
<p><b>The Range of Cruising Options</b></p>	<p>Discover the world onboard some of the most magnificent ships at sea. From all inclusive experiences, to having 14 dining options, to 24 hour room service. Be pampered at the hands of some signature treatments from Elemis Spa, participate in various wellness programs such as "The Art of Food &amp; Wine Pairing" or "Environmental Programs".</p> <p>Younger sailers will be entertained with various kids' club programs, Disney Characters, Dream Works Animation and Sponge Bob and friends. Grown-ups can be amazed with premium Broadway style shows, parades, lounges, clubs, rock climbing, surf simulator, casino and more.</p> <p>From traditional staterooms to 2-storey loft suites, these magical wonders cater to your specific interests and needs while sailing the world.</p>
<p><b>Connecting Flights</b></p>	<p>Encore have access to the majority of airlines, both scheduled and charter carriers. Encore Cruises offers service from 19 major Canadian gateways: St. John's, Moncton, Charlottetown, Halifax, Fredericton, St. John, Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, London, Thunder Bay, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria. They have pre-selected hundreds of flight combinations which enable you to arrive at your destination as conveniently, quickly, and economically as possible. Connector fares from more than 50 regional airports to the major gateway cities are also available with Encore Cruises. You can leave almost from everywhere in Canada.</p>
<p><b>Tipping Policies</b></p>	<p>Tipping on cruises can be a maze, so Encore makes it easier with guidelines and rules that they explain in their brochure and on their website.</p>

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	Some cruise lines add the recommended gratuities amount to your shipboard account. Guests have an option to adjust the dollar value of the gratuities applied at the end of the cruise. A 15% gratuity will automatically be added to the bar or wine bill at time of service.
<b>More Information</b>	Website: <a href="http://www.encorecruises.com">www.encorecruises.com</a> For PDF's of their brochures, you can go here: <a href="http://www.encorecruiseescapes.com/online-brochures.aspx">http://www.encorecruiseescapes.com/online-brochures.aspx</a>

<b>CRUISING</b>	
<b>Why Cruise?</b>	<p>Here are the top ten reasons to choose a cruise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Choose to cruise for VALUE. One price buys your accommodations, entertainment, dining, and more.</li> <li>2. Choose to cruise for ROMANCE. Secluded beaches, en suite dining on a balcony overlooking the ocean, and spa services for two are just some of the romantic pursuits available.</li> <li>3. Choose to cruise for CUISINE. Tantalize your taste buds with gourmet fare that showcases exotic ingredients, old standbys like pizza and ice cream or spa cuisine for a healthy alternative. Depending on your mood, dine in a traditional ballroom setting, a small bistro or a casual eatery.</li> <li>4. Choose to cruise for VARIETY. With over 150 distinctive ships, 1,800 ports-of-call and an unbelievable array of places to see and things to do, there is a perfect cruise for you. For even more choice, consider a pre- or post-land tour.</li> <li>5. Choose to cruise for ACTIVITIES. Fill your days with sightseeing, sports activities, cultural lectures, educational tours led by a naturalist and historian or simply lounge by the pool and relax. At night, enjoy dance extravaganzas, musical revues, gaming or a quiet evening gazing at the stars.</li> <li>6. Choose to cruise for SIMPLICITY. Don't come back from your vacation needing a vacation. Planning a cruise is simple; your SearsTravel.ca travel agent can handle all of the details. Once you're on board, nearly all expenses are pre-paid... talk about hassle-free.</li> </ol>

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	<p>7. Choose to cruise for <b>NEW HORIZONS</b>. Fall asleep in one destination and awake to a new horizon... and you only have to pack and unpack once!</p> <p>8. Choose to cruise for <b>FAMILY</b>. Families love cruising. Children's programs, kid-friendly menus and tours of the ship will keep your children happy, while affording you some well-deserved time alone.</p> <p>9. Choose to cruise for <b>PAMPERING</b>. Regardless of your budget, all cruise lines pamper their guests with first-class service around the clock.</p> <p>10. Choose to cruise for <b>SATISFACTION</b>. It's a fact that cruises have a higher percentage of satisfied customers than any other vacation experience.</p>
<p><b>River Cruising</b></p>	<p>There is something compelling about a river. Its many moods, its shades of café au lait and hues of blue, how gently it nuzzles the banks. Cruisers heeding a river's call will find reminders of a time when journeys transformed strangers into lifelong friends: "utterly fantastic; hassle free" is an easy characterization.</p> <p>Never has cruising been so impeccably executed. Advantageous mooring is a significant benefit as vessels berth so near, that as a rule, strolling or biking into towns and sleepy hamlets is possible from the gangway. The maximum value, ease in socializing, and personal sense of security found in waterways cruising has enormous appeal to the wave of baby boomers splashing into cruise travel, yet boomers alone are not driving the river market.</p> <p>It appeals to adults of all vintages. True cruise aficionados seek 'fresh and innovative' and bragging rights in abundance emerge when the topic is sleek, elegant river ships and their itineraries along heartland waterways in Europe, Russia, Egypt, the Mekong (Vietnam/Cambodia), China, Tibet and Galapagos. Customarily a complimentary guided tour await in each port.</p> <p>Typically, small groups form based on ability, e.g. active, gentle, late-starters allowing guides to shape excursions to expectation and interest special headsets allow participants to avoid the dreaded huddling often required to hear commentary.</p> <p>New benchmarks are commonplace in the culinary arts with onboard dining as enticing to the palate as the décor to the eyes. Encore Cruises represents Avalon Waterways, an exemplar in matters of quality, premium inclusions, and guest pampering.</p>

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