

# TRAVEL with Bates

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Se sail in a tradition of excellence. Spend pleasurable erotic days as you desire, doing everything or relax and do nothing at all.

Enjoy cruising at it's luxurious best. The breeze is fresh. The sea azure. Your day in the sun has finally arrives as you set sail enroute through the Panama Canal. To see the Panama Canal is one thing. To truly experience this man made wonder is quite another. Discover a canal you will never forget!

From day one your ship will never cease to amaze you. Elegance is everywhere. Fine china, a priceless collection of 17th century art work. There are cozy little comers, yours to reflect on yesterday's adventures and dreams of tomorrow.

The Panama Canal opened in 1914. One look at the immensity of the canal and you will understand why a French company went bankrupt in 1889 trying to excavate it. What a monumental task it was for the American team that revived the dream in 1901.

Discover a canal you will never forget. Marvel at the accomplishment of a series of three giant locks: Gatun, Pedro Miguel, and Miraflores, as they raise, then lower your cruise ship from one ocean to another, using no other power than the force of gravity.

Cruise island-dotted Gatun Lake, sculpted by the hand of man. Wonder at the jungle-clad shoreline, crawling with vines and wildlife. You will wish you hadn't waited so long to cruise the canal.

A Panama Canal cruise is like getting two vacations in one. With every Panama cruise comes the exotic, the enchanting, the beguiling islands of the Caribbean.

Just imagine swimming or snorkeling among a kaleidoscope of colorful tropical fish. Play golf on lush island greens. Soak up the sun on a powdery white sand beach, the sky azure without a cloud in sight. Dance to the beat of steel drums, the sky ablaze with stars that play host to the biggest moon you have ever seen.

Will you relax around on deck? Or will the treasures of St. Thomas lure you ashore?

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands once port for Captain Kidd. It was here that the pirates of the Caribbean launched their attacks on Spanish galleons laden with new world treasures.

Shop till you drop at duty free Charlotte Amalie. You will find jewelry, fashions, perfumes, and cameras. Take off and see the sights: Bluebeard's castle, the undersea gardens of coral world, the beautiful beach at Magen's bay.

Enjoy San Juan, Puerto Rico, a treasure of an island where the days are balmy and bright. The nights ablaze with nightclub lights and casino action. Scale the ramparts of the tamed El Morro Fortress. Explore the narrow streets of old San Juan, cobbled with blue birch.

From the beautiful beaches to the lush jungles, you will be enchanted by Jamaica's diverse land and friendly people. Visit an authentically restored great house and tropical gardens. Drift lazily down the Martha Brae River on a bamboo raft, or spend a leisurely afternoon at Dunn's River Falls, a cascade that leaps from the sea.

Explore Georgetown, Grand Cayman. This tiny capital city is named for a legend that gives King George III credit for the island's tax-free status. The main attraction here is Seven Mile Beach, a thin ribbon of talcum-soft white sand stretching along an inviting blue sea. Scuba dive, snorkel, or explore the shipwrecked Carrie Lee in a sightseeing submarine.

Smile, and all of Nassau smiles with you. There is so much to be happy about. Ride through town in a horse-drawn surrey. Spend the afternoon at the straw market. Relax on a white sand beach at the Blue Lagoon. Tour historic forts. Watch the dance of the pink flamingos at the Artistry Gardens.

Discover Willemstad, Curacao. You will cruise right to the heart of this delightful town, sailing through a canal reminiscent of those

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in Amsterdam. View the gabled storybook houses painted in every pastel hue, beautifully-restored dutch colonial buildings, and a floating market where boat's from near and far tie up to offer their exotic wares.

St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands has flown the flags of the dutch, English, French, Danish and the Knights of Malta. Today she displays the American flag, but traces of her illustrious past invite you in tropical technicolor. On the other, frederiksted with it's charming victorian detail. In between you will find great sugar plantations.

Finally, you will cruise to Oranjestad, Aruba, a dutch jewel with a tropical touch. Explore the colorful floating market brimming with quaint shops. Hit the casinos or hit the road. Venture into the countryside to see the haunts of the huge green parakeet and the unique rock garden of Casi Bari.

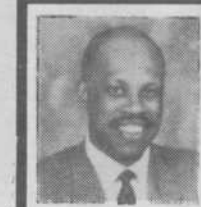
### TRAVEL TIPS

Visiting so many countries, what about currency? Although many of the centuries have their own currency, U.S. dollars are readily accepted as are travelers checks and major credit cards.

When may I embark the ship? Guest may embark as early as two hours, but not later than 15 minutes prior to departure.

What's the dress code aboard ship? Pack as you would for any resort destination. Lightweight, loose fitting clothing is ideal for the tropics. You might wish to consider clothes for the water, since you will be spending so much time around it. Bring low heeled, comfortable shoes for getting in and out of the ship's motor launches. Above all, dress for fun!

Are shore excursions available! Yes. And there are many choices in each port. To help you plan your activities ashore an excursion booklet will be provided in your stateroom or see your travel agent.



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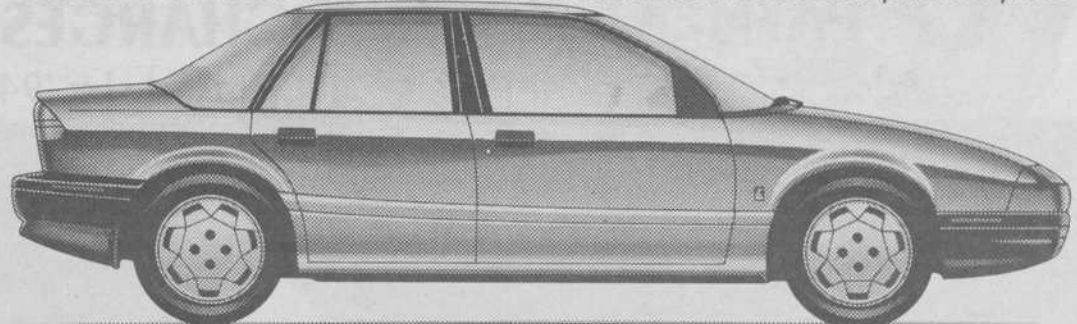
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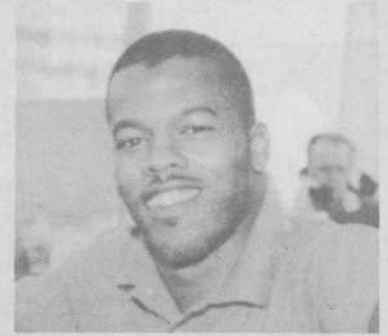
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