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Robert Beckhardt, M.D. (Bright Horizons)

Insight Cruises provides the best experience that we have had with affinity cruises.

“I am happy to say that it was superb. I enjoyed every minute of it, including the lectures, the lecturers, the participants, the side trips, the visit to CERN, and the cruise itself. The tour leaders made it a well-organized and enjoyable time.”

Jerry Ditter (Bright Horizons)

“This was the best vacation I have had in a very long time.”

Ken & Diane Martin (Cosmic Trails)
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Anonymous (Shakespeare at Sea)

"I want to thank you and your staff for an unforgettable experience."
Michael and Peggy Shaw (Shakespeare at Sea)

"Once more, I want to thank everyone at Insight Cruises for all the help you've given Linda and myself. Dealing with you guys has been so easy, a rare experience these days."
Alan Weitz (Shakespeare at Sea)

"The best experience I've had in arranged travel. Thanks to all of you."
Dr. Sally Roggia (Bright Horizons)

"I had never been on a cruise before and was somewhat apprehensive but I really enjoyed it. A fantastic experience of a lifetime!"
Anonymous (Bright Horizons)

"The trip was fantastic from start to finish. I cannot think of anything that would have improved it."
Robert J Kurman, M.D. (Bright Horizons)

What a wonderful range of topics you provided. The speakers’ presentations were lucid and expertly organized.

"Five stars! I am totally impressed by Insight Cruises based on this experience. I have been on four other cruises and traveled extensively in the U.S. and abroad, and this cruise was the best cruise of all — mostly because it provided extraordinary intellectually stimulating programs. The Teaching Company professors, other passengers, and Insight Cruises staff were great company. I generally avoid group tours but this was exceptional."
Anonymous (The Great Courses Travel)

"It was an incredible and incomparable experience. Loved it."
Anonymous (The Great Courses Travel)

Thanks to the quality of the program, the intellectual engagement of the participants, and flawless coordination by Insight Cruises, this cruise was an incomparable and thoroughly enjoyable learning experience.

"Insight Cruises offers one-of-a-kind experiences for those who still find learning exciting."
Judith Majher (Times Journeys) (3x Insight Cruiser)

"This was the best vacation I have had in a very long time. I LOVE to learn, and I was never disappointed on this cruise with Insight Cruises."
Dayla Sims, Ph.D. (The Great Courses Travel)

"Absolutely exceeded my expectations. Would frankly have become a bit bored on a boat for two weeks if it had not been for the course lectures and the participants."
Des Bell, M.D. (The Great Courses Travel)

"This was my 11th one and I am signed up for three more. That should tell it all."
Carol Stevens (The Great Courses Travel) (11x Insight Cruiser)

"I have travelled extensively, and this was a highlight of my leisure travel experiences."
Dr. Karen O’Kain (Times Journeys)
The Educational Component:

“The lecturers were wonderful. Very knowledgeable and accessible.”
Barbara Cohen (Times Journeys)

“Exceeded my expectations handsomely. I would not have missed a lecture for anything.”
Des Bell, M.D. (The Great Courses Travel)

“Congratulations on the choice of speakers. What a wonderful range of topics you provided. The speakers’ presentations were lucid and expertly organized. The evening get-togethers over a few drinks were a great finish to several of the day’s events. And finally, as we neared the end of the cruise, I said to [my wife], this event was the most intellectually stimulating week of my life!”
John Paull, M.D. (Bright Horizons)

I am happy to say that it was superb. I enjoyed every minute of it.

“This was a wonderful experience for me and my wife, who were not sure how we would enjoy our first cruise and only decided to do so because of the added attraction of the Scientific American seminar program. It was a critical factor contributing to our overall enjoyment and stimulation throughout the cruise.”
John Mack, Ph.D. (Bright Horizons)

“Had a fabulous time, and we’ll definitely see you again soon! Learned a great deal; fascinating!”
Janet Wildman & James Victory (Times Journeys)

“Great way to learn science from the masters.”
Abe Utu Malae (Bright Horizons)

“You don’t have to be a scientist or have a formal education in scientific disciplines to enjoy and learn from the lecturers, who make their topics accessible to a wider audience. I would highly recommend Insight Cruises to anyone with a curiosity about science.”
Franklin Tessler, M.D. (Bright Horizons)

This was the most satisfying cruise I have ever taken. The lecturers elevated the quality of the cruise and stimulated my mind in ways I had not imagined. The congeniality, camaraderie and lack of ego expressed by the attendees made it very comfortable. The open seating and the tour leaders’ mixing of the attendees at dinner enabled us to meet many interesting people with completely different life experiences than our own. It was truly a memorable experience.
“Combining cruising with high quality scientific lectures is a great idea and I thoroughly enjoyed it.”

Ron Ford (Bright Horizons)

“I liked being with that wonderful group of people. The professors were not aloof but very friendly. I do not have an academic background, just a lot of curiosity. Reading keeps me up to date on many subjects so I don’t feel ‘lost’ when I participate in a Bright Horizons activity.”

Betty Shaw (Bright Horizons)

“I had the best time and learned so much. It was the best of both — a cruise and seminar series.”

Anne Nelson (Bright Horizons)

“The speakers and their topics were wonderful. I learned and have been inspired to read more. Thank you for assembling the talent we experienced.”

Anonymous (Times Journeys)

“It was super. The speakers were outstanding — very knowledgeable, fabulous at teaching, and deeply engaging. The group was first-rate — well read, very attentive, friendly with one another, and always polite and civil. When we said goodbye to one another, it felt like the last day of a wonderful college experience.”

Kevin McDonald (The Great Courses Travel)

This was among the best experiences of my life. The (Scientific American readers) that I met on the cruise were the best part of the whole trip!

Ruben D. Gomez (Bright Horizons)

I was surprised at the generous number of parties and, beforehand, expected that they might get tiresome after a while. But I was wrong. They were wonderful opportunities to interact with the group; they never got old; and they always seemed to end too soon.

Stephen Ressler, Ph.D. (The Great Courses Travel)

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“I especially enjoyed the social gatherings as it gives us a chance to one-on-one with each other and the speakers. I think these gatherings are an essential part of the Insight Cruises experience.”

Anonymous (The Great Courses Travel)

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Sharon Edmisten (Bright Horizons)

“Always a pleasure! A perfect blend of intellectual challenges, memorable scenery and special people with like interests. A real treat!”

Nancy Carpenter (Bright Horizons)
(3x Insight Cruiser)

“The accessibility of the speakers was a real plus. There was time to get to know them and enjoy some personal contact with them. The people in the group as a whole are always interesting and the wide variety of experience and backgrounds makes for a vibrant social mix.”

Sheila Koenig (Bright Horizons)
(5x Insight Cruiser)

“I had never done anything like this before, and it really was life-changing, eye-opening, and just plain fantastic.

“A great trip! Got to see interesting places and learn about cutting-edge science from world-class scientists. Met many good people.”

Art Curtis (Bright Horizons)

“A wonderful concept. We really enjoyed the sessions and meeting new friends at dinner and the receptions and on excursions.”

David and Mary Juvet (Times Journeys)

“I can’t think of a better way to cruise. Both the speakers and our fellow participants were lively, intelligent, and fun!”

Robert Donaldson (Times Journeys)

“There was a fantastic synergy among the four presenters! There was also a great sense of community among everyone participating.”

Michael Wysession, Ph.D.
(The Great Courses Travel)

“Thanks to all of you for a most memorable, inspirational trip. To cruise with so many other people with similar interests and with such wonderful speakers made this a very special trip.”

Roberta & John Simcoe (Bright Horizons)

“This was the most satisfying cruise I have ever taken. I can only describe it with a mixture of awe, enthusiasm and humility. The lecturers elevated the quality of the cruise and stimulated my mind in ways I had not imagined. The congeniality, camaraderie and lack of ego expressed by the attendees made it very comfortable. For those who had not taken the cruise before, almost all of the remainder learned about it by reading Scientific American, had taken courses from The Teaching Company, and were fans of TED. The open seating and the tour leaders’ mixing of the attendees at dinner enabled us to meet many interesting people with completely different life experiences than our own. I could not keep from smiling to see that all of the men dressed the same (blue jeans or khakis), and wore sport coats and ties as ‘formal wear.’ It was truly a memorable experience.”

Tom Riggs, M.D. (Bright Horizons)

“I have travelled extensively, and this was a highlight of my leisure travel experiences.”
“I’ve run enough conferences and workshops to know how much planning and coordination must happen behind the scenes to ensure that the event runs smoothly. And this event couldn’t have run more smoothly. Thanks for putting together such an amazing, high-quality program — and for attracting so many amazing, high-quality people. It was a joy from the first day to the last.”

Stephen Ressler, Ph.D. (The Great Courses Travel)

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Diana McDonald, Ph.D. (The Great Courses Travel)

“As mentioned, in 30 years of traveling to Europe and many organized trips, yours was absolutely the best-planned, seamless, and most professionally run and certainly the highlight. An inspiration to follow whenever we are traveling with groups.”

Patrick Hunt, Ph.D. (Bright Horizons)

“I thank you for contacting me to lecture on Bright Horizons (Scientific American); I gained so much from my colleagues in science and from the participants. I had lectured on a number of cruises for the [Blank] Alumni Organization, but the cruise of Insight Cruises was at an entirely different level of organization and educational seriousness.”

Ken Harl, Ph.D. (Bright Horizons)

“The cruise was great! We really enjoyed it. Best part was having a cohort of interesting, intelligent, questioning people from diverse backgrounds, with whom to mingle, dine, share shore expeditions, etc. We look forward to sailing again sometime with Insight Cruises.”

Rich Wolfson, Ph.D. (Bright Horizons)

“Just wanted to send a note saying what a fantastic time we all had. I think the talks went well; wonderful, smart, appreciative, interesting people in the group, and Mike and Candy were sweethearts to work with. All that, and the fjords were spectacular. Thanks again for making it possible.”

Robert Sapolsky, Ph.D. (Bright Horizons)

“In 30 years of traveling to Europe and many organized trips, yours was absolutely the best planned, seamless, and most professionally run and certainly the highlight.

“I really enjoyed each and every talk — and attended every single one. In addition to learning a great deal of interesting information (and in some cases, cutting-edge new material), seeing sights previously never even dreamed of, and visiting wonderful new lands we never thought we would set foot on in our lifetimes, many of us gained new friends who we would love to stay in touch with. Perhaps that was the best part of all.”

Jim Welsh, M.D. (Bright Horizons)

“It was a fantastic experience, not just for the geology, but for the sense of camaraderie that developed among the lecturers.”

Michael Wysession, Ph.D. (The Great Courses Travel)
The Insight Cruises Tour Leaders:

“Candy and Michael were helpful without being intrusive.”
Dr. Karen O’Kain (Times Journeys)

“Michael & Candy were wonderful … Excellent handling of all areas of the trip. Personality plus.”
Edward Majher (Times Journeys)
(3x Insight Cruiser)

“I want to thank you and express my gratitude. Charlie and Aaron were really excellent, very kind, very helpful, very clear, and on schedule. The presentations by Bob Naeye were fantastic! I could be the one in the group who traveled from the farthest, but I tell you that it was worth it. I hope to join Insight Cruises in a future event.”
Jaime Salas (Cosmic Trails)

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“Fantastic and amazing MacMania cruise!! Theresa did a great job, which we know was not always easy!”
Angie & Tony Diamond (MacMania)

“I would like to tell you that MacMania was more than I hoped for. Theresa was an outstanding guide and mother hen. I really can’t praise her enough. She is a real asset to Insight Cruises.”
Michael F. Carrick (MacMania)
(3x Insight Cruiser)

“The tour was exceptional. And I must say that Theresa did a bang-up job managing the whole thing. Aloha,”
Tom Grollman, M.D. (MacMania)
(15x Insight Cruiser)

“I was ahead of the group, well prepared. No unnecessary speeches but every announcement to the point and necessary.”
Des Bell, M.D. (The Great Courses Travel)

“Michael and Candy (were) very caring and looked out for everybody, engaged each of us, making us feel welcome as if we were family!”
David and Mary Juvet (Times Journeys)

“Also please know that I really appreciated everything that Charlie and Aaron did. They are super people and both very valuable assets to your organization.”
Fred G. Hampel (Bright Horizons)

“Candy and Michael were always available to help make the experience an enjoyable one.”
Ira Lechner (Times Journeys)

“The trip was better than expected and your man Charlie (Bright Horizons tour leader) is the best.”
Mario & Maria Aveiro (Bright Horizons)

“Michael and Candy (were) jolly, knowledgeable and considerate; good company. (They) arranged interesting meals, and changed plans nimbly when traffic issues arose.”
Janet Wildman & James Victory (Times Journeys)

“Charlie, Aaron were excellent. They know what they are doing, are very flexible but within the rules. Very friendly also!”
Ruben D. Gomez (Bright Horizons)

“Aaron and Charlie went out of their way to help me after the cruise.”
Patricia Cashin (Bright Horizons)

“Neil is a perfectionist while modeling appropriate and relaxed behavior.”
Dayla Sims, Ph.D. (The Great Courses Travel)

“Neil is always there for each and every need that any of us may have including a dead battery on my cousin Pat’s scooter!! Neil is the best!!!”
 Carol Stevens (The Great Courses Travel)
(11x Insight Cruiser)

“Neil (was) always ahead of the group, well prepared. No unnecessary speeches but every announcement to the point and necessary.”
Des Bell, M.D. (The Great Courses Travel)
In the past 10 years, more than 750 people have traveled with Insight Cruises two or more times, and over 175 have traveled with Insight Cruises three or more times. Among that learning community, you’ll find:

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**The New York Times**

“I am not a ‘cruise’ person at all, but this experience may turn me into one! I appreciated the relaxed atmosphere, the educational topics and speakers, the cuisine and the options that were given to participants. Everything was well-orchestrated from start to finish. Thank you, Insight Cruises.”

**Karen Hunter**

(Bright Horizons)

“I would go again in a heartbeat. In fact, I have the website bookmarked to search.”

**Arlene Butler**

(Bright Horizons)

“A most satisfying vacation combining touring with education. Whether attending all or only some of the lectures or going on the included tours, the options for memorable days are many.”

**Robert Bernat**

(Bright Horizons)