



For More Fun, Food, and Fabulous Folks than Any Other Cruise!

Geek Cruises

Technology cruise-conferences to Alaska, Europe, the Caribbean, and Hawaii



Sea Time is Conference Time... and the Time to Enrich Your Mind

Port Time is Vacation Time... and the Time to Enrich Your Life

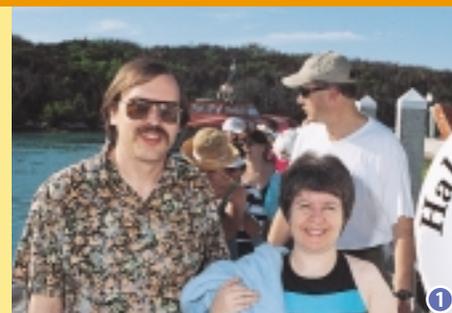


Escape to the good life. Allow yourself to be pampered. Have fun. Unwind. And do it all while you enrich your mind aboard a luxurious cruise ship as you sail the oceans of the world!



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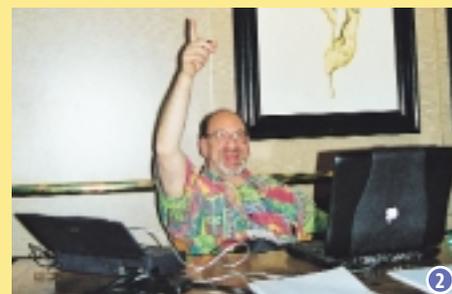
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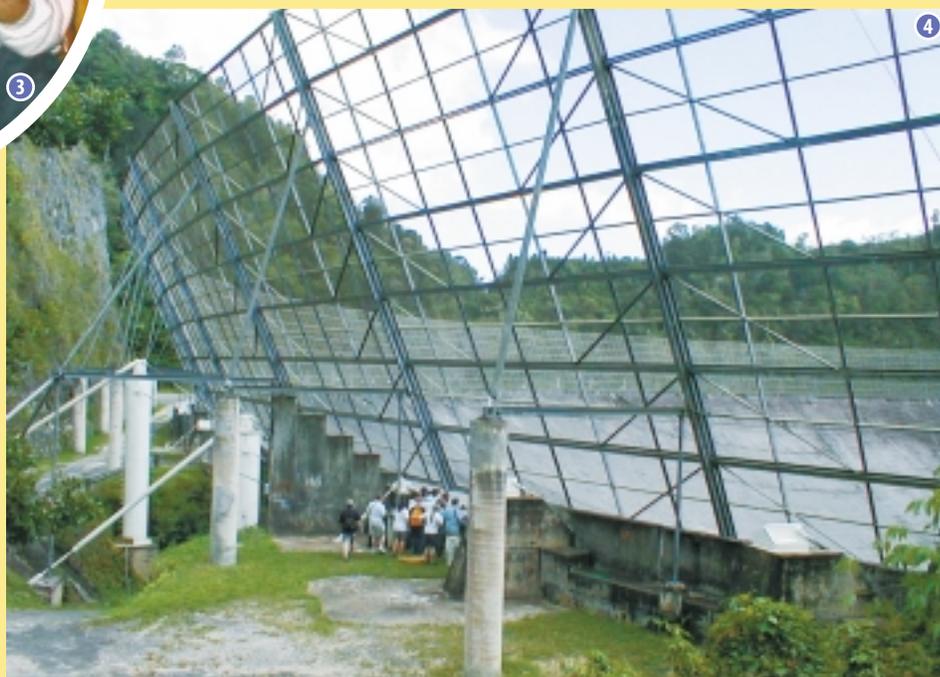
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU GOT EXCITED — REALLY EXCITED — ABOUT A CONFERENCE? When was the last time you attended a conference that was so awesome you just had to express your sheer pleasure at being a part of it? When was the last time you enjoyed yourself so much, learned so much, and shared so much with other technology users that you refer to it as one of the most memorable weeks you've ever had?

If you'd taken a Geek Cruise, you'd know the answer to all of these questions: It was the Geek Cruise you took to the Caribbean. Or the one you took to Alaska. Or the one you took to Hawaii. How do we know? Because our cruisers tell us exactly that, over and over again. They rave about the one-on-one networking with industry leaders. They reminisce about the great time they had socializing with other cruisers who shared their interests. They praise the seminars that taught them the tricks and tips they wished they learned a lot sooner.

And 'oh'—what a cruise!



What's not to love about spending a relaxing week at sea, sailing aboard a beautiful cruise ship, surrounded by fellow enthusiasts who speak the same language? And if you bring along your non-geek friends and family, they'll enjoy themselves just as much as you do as they feast on fabulous food, visit interesting ports of call, take advantage of onboard activities, and do all those other things that five-star cruising offers.



- 1 Larry Wall, inventor of the Perl, with his wife Gloria.
- 2 Cap'n & CEO Neil Bauman, at the hospitality desk.
- 3 One of our Geek Cruisers took to the stage during a "Pub Crawl" in Juneau.

- 4 A frequent Geek Cruises' private excursion in San Juan, Puerto Rico is to Arecibo Observatory. Our group is at the base of the world's largest (76-acre) radio telescope.

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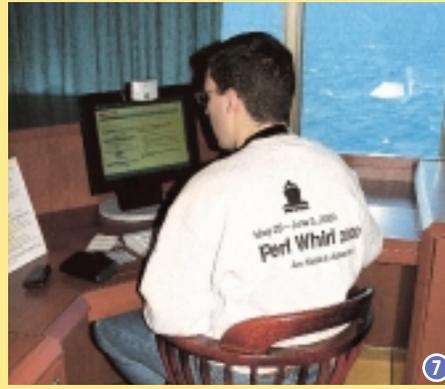
(cover photos) Na Pali coast by Chris Campbell; geeks in class by Neil Bauman; geek with laptop by Doc Searls



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Come find out for yourself what all the excitement is about. But be forewarned: Once you've taken a Geek Cruise, no vacation, no conference, will ever be so much fun again. Except, perhaps, your next Geek Cruise.

- 5 Geek Cruise sailings *always* offer wireless internet access.
- 6 Some Alaskan days are quite warm. On this day it was 70° in Glacier Bay in May.
- 7 The cruise ships also have an Internet Cafe.
- 8 Have your photo taken with all the speakers.
- 9 Mac geeks, using their wireless laptops, in the Library on Holland America's ms Volendam.
- 10 A Geek Cruiser checks in, via his ham radio.
- 11 "L" for Linux: Linux Lunacy geeks in the Caribbean.
- 12 Linus Torvalds, Linux inventor, autographs his book.
- 13 The Geek Cruises "Quiz Show:" always a hit ...and challenging!

ENJOY ONE-ON-ONE NETWORKING WITH INDUSTRY LEADERS AND CELEBRITIES

- ★ Tim Bray
- ★ John de Lancie
- ★ Deke McClelland
- ★ Cary Millsap
- ★ Rasmus Lerdorf
- ★ Paul Prescod
- ★ Randal Schwartz
- ★ Lincoln Stein
- ★ Guido van Rossum
- ★ Wil Wheaton
- ★ Dan Connolly
- ★ Dave Ensor
- ★ Sean McGrath
- ★ Bert Monroy
- ★ David Pogue
- ★ Jeffrey Richter
- ★ Sal Soghoian
- ★ Linus Torvalds
- ★ Larry Wall
- ★ Steve Wozniak

"It was GREAT, Neil!!!! Thanks again for the opportunity to participate in this bizarre non-sequitur and mega-feed of both food and information. Every other conference venue is lame by comparison."

Steve Roberts <wordy@microship.com>

"I'm writing to tell you how much Lisa and I enjoyed [the conference]; the combining of the cruise and training really did seem to give the best of both worlds as far as we were concerned. Whilst we're describing it as the "event of a lifetime" to our friends, we might well come on another Geek Cruise in a year or two!"

Graham Ellis <graham@wellho.co.uk>

"Your selection of speakers was excellent. This was a very diverse group and I was amazed at the feeling of community that permeated the atmosphere. I will recommend this experience to anyone that has the opportunity to attend. The contacts and information are priceless."

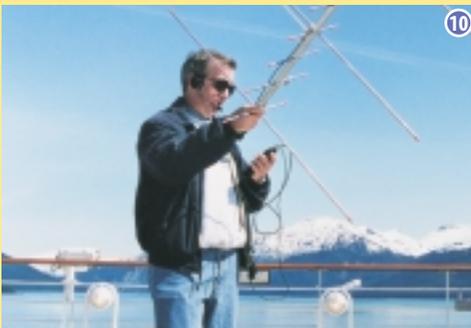
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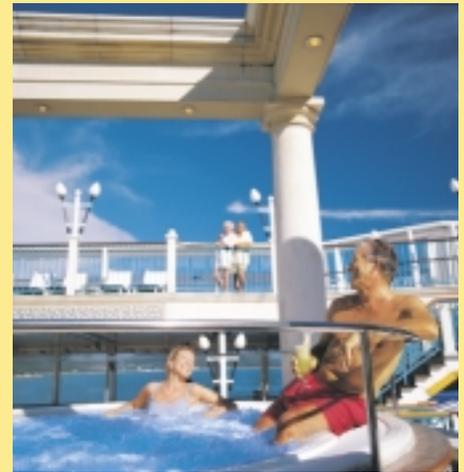


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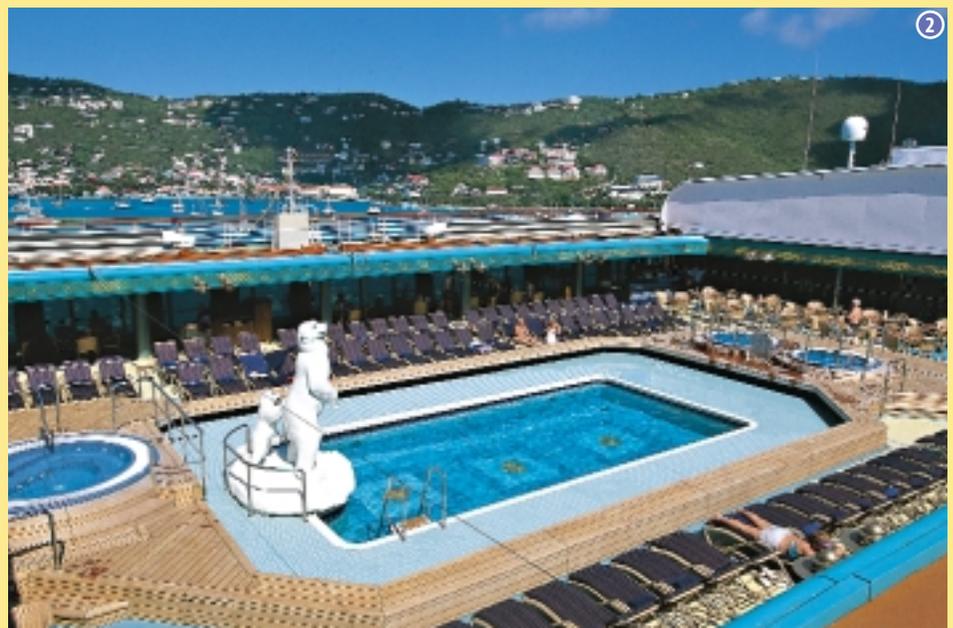
CRUISING IS A GREAT WAY TO VACATION The hassles of an ordinary getaway are completely eliminated. You don't have to worry about making dinner reservations, running to make connections, or packing and unpacking. You'll marvel at the flawless onboard service, your spacious stateroom, the exceptional cuisine. But best of all, the price of the cruise includes virtually all of your costs, from accommodations and meals, to entertainment and taxes.



THE GOOD LIFE ON BOARD

Onboard your luxurious cruise ship, you'll find plenty to do — or plenty of space to do nothing at all. Love to eat? Enjoy an early-morning breakfast of coffee and pastries on deck. Lunch on hamburgers, hot dogs, and tacos. Dress for dinner or order room service and dine on your private verandah. Feast at a lavish late-night buffet.

Feeling guilty about all those calories? Jog around the deck or work out in the fitness club. Or indulge in a massage and leave the guilt for later. As night falls, enjoy a first-run movie. Try your luck in the casino. Take a seat for a lavish Broadway-style production. Find



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a secluded spot and enjoy some quiet time. Or socialize with seminar participants in one of the many lounges.

Cruising is all about choice. Do as much or as little as you want. No distractions. No decisions. Just pure enjoyment. Join us for a Geek Cruise. Relaxation for the body. Stimulation for the mind.

- 1 The Marco Polo alternate dining room on the ms Volendam.
- 2 The outside pool of our Holland America ship, docked in St. Thomas.
- 3 The "Atrium" on Holland America's ms Zuiderdam.
- 4 The NCL Star has 10 restaurants. This one is "Asian Fusion." In addition to a sit-down menu and sushi bar, they offer Teppanyaki (i.e., Benihana-style eating) in a small room where 12 people watch as the chef prepares and serves your meal.

"Thank you for a pretty great conference experience, I had a great time and learned a great deal. I'll definitely be recommending future Geek Cruises to my friends, co-workers and of course my boss! :-) I think the best aspect of the whole thing was the total immersion factor as well as unparalleled after-hours access to the speakers. I have no negative comments except that it was too fun, making coming back to work pure hell."

Len Vinci <lvinci@cdrom.com>



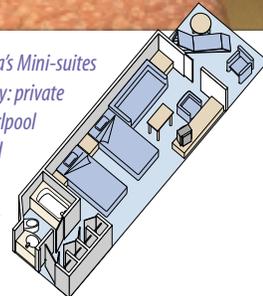
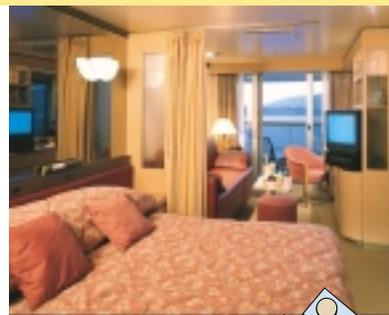
Enjoy Broadway-style shows ... every night there's a different show!



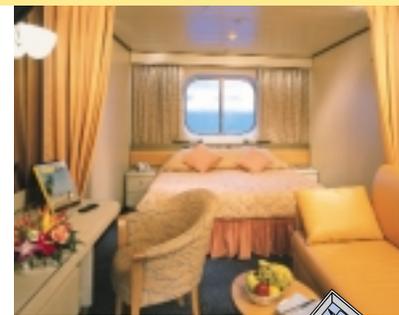
The NCL Star Oceanview Stateroom with Balcony has two lower beds (that convert to a queen bed), a sitting area, and a floor-to-ceiling glass door that opens to a private balcony. 166 square feet.



The NCL Star Mini-Suite has a beautifully-appointed sitting area with private balcony, luxury bath and shower, and two lower beds that convert to a queen. 229 square feet.



Holland America's Mini-suites are big on luxury: private verandahs, whirlpool baths, VCRs, and mini bars. 284 square feet.



Standard Outside Double on Holland America is approximately 177 square feet. Rooms will vary in size and furniture placement.



A Geek Cruise is designed with your bliss in mind. The event offers as much intellectual stimulation as you want. The cruise environment offers Geek Cruisers and their companions fun, luxury, relaxation, and memorable time with each other.

Vacations Are Good, Cruise Vacations Are Better:

- Professional, onboard nature lectures
- Exciting and beautiful ports of call
- Nightly shipboard entertainment
- Las Vegas and Broadway style shows
- Movie theater • Disco • Dancing
- Casino • Cocktail parties
- All you can eat, AND then all you can eat!
Including midnight buffet extravaganzas
- Free 24-hour room service
- Steward services your room twice daily
- Card/puzzle room (organized Bridge competition as well as other organized gaming competition)
- In-room movies • DVD lending library
- Library • Massages • Jogging track
- Martini bar • Spa • Gym • Salon

CLIA* CRUISE FACTS

- Cruising is the best vacation value
- Nine out of 10 people who cruise say they'll cruise again
- Today's cruise ships utilize technological innovations in power and propulsion systems, waste treatment, and communications that make them more efficient, more environmentally friendly and safer than ever.
- Cruising appeals particularly to the Baby Boom generation, with shipboard facilities designed to satisfy their intellectual curiosity with college-level classes and computer centers, their health consciousness with top-notch spa, fitness and sports facilities, and their independence with a dazzling array of choices for everything from accommodations to dining and entertainment.
- All cruise ships that operate in American waters must comply with U.S. environmental laws, including the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Oil Pollution Act.
- Cruise lines must also meet international regulations that protect the environment, including SOLAS (the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea), MARPOL (the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships) that were established by the International Maritime Organization.
- Most cruise lines [including Holland America and NCL] have adopted aggressive programs of waste minimization, waste reuse and recycling, waste stream management, and shoreside waste disposal.
- The cruise industry's highest priority is to ensure the safety and security of its passengers and crew. Security measures have always been stringent, but increase in times of heightened alert.
- Cruise lines are committed to providing excellent first response and emergency care to passengers until they can be transferred to a shoreside medical facility. [All cruise lines that we work with have infirmaries staffed with MDs.]

*Geek Cruises is a member of CLIA (Cruise Line International Association)

"Discover what over 2,000 Geek Cruisers have already learned: a Geek Cruise delivers more than any other cruise you'll ever go on! Please join us" — Neil Bauman



Some past and upcoming Geek Cruises:

Baltic Blast, Caribbean Click, Certification Sail, Database Discovery, Java Jam, Linux Lunacy, MacMania, .NET Nirvana, Oracle Odyssey, Perl Whirl, Photoshop Fling, Script Scape, Senior Surf, Smokin' on the Water, and our Digital Camera Workshops to Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean, and Europe.

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