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From My Desk at Hidden Spaces Travel

One of the most important parts of my role as a travel advisor is simplifying what can often feel overwhelming. By aligning with carefully selected cruise and travel partners and coordinating the details intentionally, I help ensure each journey feels seamless from beginning to end.

Thoughtful planning turns a dream into something manageable — and entirely within reach.

Travel Smart. Dream Big. Wander Well.

Sonya Waters

Founder | Hidden Spaces Travel

Wave Season Has Arrived — Here's What That Means for You

As we step into the new year, the travel industry enters one of its most important seasons — Wave Season.

From January through early spring, cruise lines release their strongest early booking incentives for the coming year. It's when thoughtful travelers begin securing their preferred sailings, ideal cabin locations, and added perks like onboard credits.

If Europe, the Mediterranean, Alaska, or even a U.S. river cruise is on your horizon for 2026, now is the time to begin the conversation.

The travelers who plan early don't just get better pricing — they get better experiences.

Ocean Cruising Spotlight

Elevated Ocean Cruising with Celebrity Cruises



For clients seeking a modern, refined cruise experience, I often recommend Celebrity Cruises.

Why?

- Sophisticated yet relaxed atmosphere
- Thoughtfully designed ships
- Exceptional dining experiences
- Destination-focused itineraries
- Ideal for couples, groups, and milestone celebrations

During Wave Season, many sailings are offering onboard credits for early reservations — an added value that enhances your time onboard.



River Cruising — Intimate & Immersive

River cruising offers a completely different pace of travel — docking directly in the heart of Europe's most charming cities and villages.

The partners I align with include:

- AmaWaterways – Boutique ships, warm service, active excursion options
- Viking – Cultural enrichment and destination immersion

- American Cruise Lines – U.S. rivers with historic charm

River cruises tend to fill earlier due to limited cabin inventory. Planning ahead ensures the itinerary and cabin category you truly want.

Why Early Planning Matters

Booking early allows you to:

- Secure preferred cabin locations
- Take advantage of Wave Season incentives
- Spread payments comfortably over time
- Thoughtfully plan excursions
- Lock in airfare before demand increases

Early planning isn't about urgency — it's about intention.

Travel Smart Tip: Why Comprehensive Travel Insurance Matters

- A comprehensive travel insurance policy protects your entire trip under one plan — from flights to accommodations to excursions.
- Purchasing coverage through each individual vendor can create

- Most U.S. health insurance does not provide coverage abroad. In many countries, medical care must be paid out of pocket at the time of service.
- Many comprehensive policies include emergency medical coverage and, in some cases, direct payment to providers (coverage details vary and should always be reviewed carefully).

multiple policies, which may complicate claims and increase overall cost.

- **As your travel advisor, I provide access to trusted insurance partners so you can compare options and choose the policy that best fits your travel needs.**

Sign up for the full experience

If a cruise — ocean or river — is part of your 2026 plans, I would love to begin designing the experience with you.

Reply to this email or schedule a complimentary planning consultation by clicking the button below.

The best journeys begin with a thoughtful conversation.

— Sonya

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