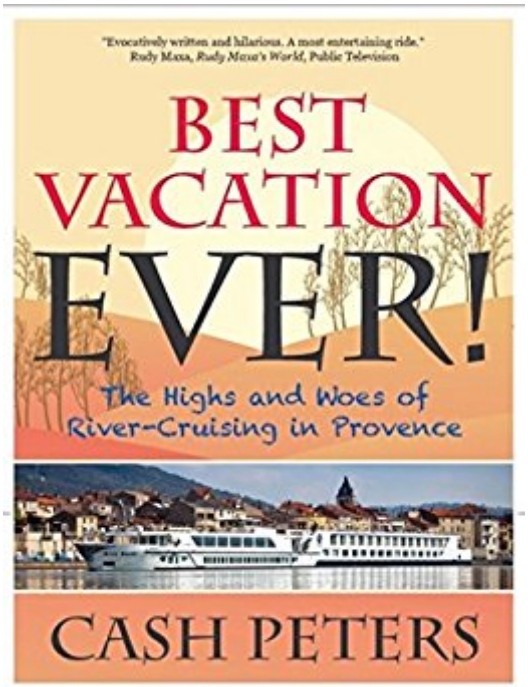
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Best Vacation EVER!: The Highs And Woes Of River Cruising In Provence



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Synopsis

A delightfully witty and informative travel book exploring the joys of cruising.Award-winning travel writer Cash Peters organizes a group of ten friends and family to go on a cruise through French wine country, along the River RhÃƒÂ´ne in Provence, starting out from the Roman town of Arles in the south, where Van Gogh lived and painted, and sailing all the way up to historic Lyon.The sharply observed narrative chronicles life on board a river cruise ship with all its glories and pitfalls. The result is a dazzling five-star vacation that over the course of eight days introduces the group to some of the best food and wine theyÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve ever tasted, as well as exposing them to some very peculiar passengers and a few sharp surprises. An absolute must-read for first-time cruisers as well as enthusiasts eager to eavesdrop on the experiences of other travelers. Best Vacation Ever! features numerous tips and tricks for making a river cruise even better, including: Ã¢â ¬Â¢How to secure the best seat at mealtimesÃ¢â ¬Â¢Choosing a good cabinÃ¢â ¬Â¢How to make sure you enjoy the trip without jetlagÃ¢â ¬Â¢How not to react to the sight of the shipÃ¢â ¬â„¢s captain packing his bags mid-way through the cruise and jumping in a cabÃ¢â ¬Â¢How to make the most of excursions ashoreÃ¢â ¬Â¢Encounters with annoying, bad-tempered, and drunken passengersÃ¢â ¬Â¢What NOT to bring on a river cruise. Example: childrenÃ¢â ¬Å“Before you take a river cruise, come along with Cash Peters as he learnsÃ¢â ¬â •and shares with you--how to avoid bores, get a good table, make the most of off-vessel tours, and why you might wake up one morning to open the curtains and find another person a foot from your window. Pithy, evocatively written and hilarious. ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s a most entertaining ride!Ã¢â ¬Â• -- Rudy Maxa, Rudy Maxa's World - public television

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Customer Reviews

I need more stars!! I read this book shortly after returning home from my first river cruise, and my only thought was, "WHY didn't I read this book BEFORE taking that trip!!" I would have been better prepared for every aspect of the journey, from what to pack and how to get there, to what to expect from life on board the ship--the food, the people, the tours, the schedule, the cabins....everything! Cash Peters covers each detail in ways that are as informative as they are entertaining. I can't recommend it highly enough to anyone who wants to make the most of river cruising. But even if you aren't planning on taking a river cruise, this is still a marvelous book to read. The history, wonders, and beauty of Provence are all there for you to enjoy from the comfort of home. Besides, there is no one who can tell a better travel story! Cash Peters' witty humor, keen perceptions, and gentle insight combine to make this a book you will LOVE! I was sad when the journey through France was over, but I find myself looking forward to his next adventure! Cheers! Caroline

Until I read Cash Peter's BEST VACATION EVER, I hadn't considered a river cruise. Now I can't wait to take one. Actually, I want to take the one he wrote about in this clever, vivid reconstruction of his journey through Provence. I've been to the south of France many times, but I missed some of the highlights he wrote about in this delightful book. You feel like you're taking the trip with him as he moves through the good times and the struggles. The pleasures of his journey won out, and I'm looking forward to my own experience, walking in his footsteps but missing the pitfalls.

Spot on, except we didn't have quite so many run-ins with other passengers. Otherwise a hilarious and sometimes poignant read. I read it in my flight over to France for a Viking cruise down the Rhone. It prepared me for some of the more surprising/idiosyncratic aspects of the cruise and also gave me a much needed diversion from the flight (alas, it was economy, not his recommended

Business Class). Highly entertaining.

As a three-time river cruiser (with my fourth already scheduled for next year), I really loved this book. Although I haven't cruised Provence, this book does a great job of capturing the river cruise experience. While travel books will tell you about cabin size, food, excursions, this tome gives you a real taste of what it's like to cruise a river on a modern riverboat. You'll get a feel for what it's like--including both the fun folks and the few obnoxious few lurking on the ship.Well done!

The itineraries are similar for most of the cruise lines do this book is applicable no matter with whom you are booked. It doesn't substitute for a real travel guide, but is an amusing take on Provence as viewed from a cruise ship

So much fun to cruise with Cash and friends. I'm laughing before the journey starts and still laughing after it's over. Cash, thank you for sharing, really, I mean it!

I am going on this very cruise in April this year and found the book very helpful and quite easy to read. The author did an excellent job.

Helpful info on same cruise which I am taking soon. Peters has distinct petsonality and perspective from his varied travel exp.eriences

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