

HOPping Freestyle! The Western Caribbean HOP Cruise!

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Exotic Western Caribbean HOP Cruise

When: January 4 – 11, 2009

Hosts: Dave and Brenda Neil # 26978



This is a great cruise for Escapees members to enjoy in the winter of 2009. You'll sail round-trip from New Orleans, LA, onboard the Norwegian Cruise Line ship [Norwegian Spirit](#), where the beautiful ports-of-call include Costa Maya, Santo Tomas De Castilla, Belize City, and Cozumel. The Miami-based Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) is notable for revolutionizing the cruise experience by introducing "Freestyle Cruising," which translates to dine-as-you-like options via a variety of fine restaurants and your choice of casual or formal attire.

Aboard the *Norwegian Spirit*, you'll enjoy unique Asian-flavored décor, the ultra-chic Maharini's lounge and nightclub, suites boasting unique features like bathroom windows, and a lavish Roman-themed spa.

Maximize the fun of this unique cruise by enjoying it with your Escapees friends. Complete itinerary and pricing details are available online at www.escapees.com. Select Groups & Events and then click on HOPS.

A deposit of \$250.00 per person is due when you make your reservation. Final payment is due October 21, 2008.

RV Parking

[Clearwater RV Park](#) in Carrier, MS, has offered special pricing to our group for the 11-day cruise time of \$170.00 plus 7 percent tax. You can combine the 11 days any way you'd like: stay two days before the cruise and two days after the cruise, or stay one day before the cruise and three days after, etc. Any extra days (beyond 11) will cost \$20.00 plus tax each. Check out their website by clicking on their name above. You can make reservations by calling [601-749-8142](tel:601-749-8142) and **ask for Cheryl** and let her know that you are with the Escapees RV Club. They are 58 miles from New Orleans. **Note:** The Louisiana state parks will not allow you to leave your RV unattended for more than a 24-hour time period. Another option is to park your RV at Magnolia Lake RV Park in Livingston, TX, for \$5.00 dry-camp, or \$10.00 per day with electric, and then fly to New Orleans from Houston. To make reservations to park your RV in Livingston, please call [888-575-2582](tel:888-575-2582) or [936-327-2582](tel:936-327-2582).

Parking at the Pier in New Orleans

Parking is available at the [Port of New Orleans](#) for both autos and RVs. The price as of March 24, 2008, for an auto is \$14.00 per day, for an RV is \$24.00 per day. They do not accept reservations; you just drive up and pay when you arrive. The number for the pier parking is 504-525-5476. You can visit their website for additional information by clicking on their name above (Port of New Orleans).

For pricing and availability and to make reservations for the cruise, call Dorothy Peterson of Peterson Travel Services at [800-737-6435](tel:800-737-6435), or e-mail dorothy@petersoncruises.com.

Short-term evacuation insurance is now available from SkyMed. For more information on this, you can call [337-263-3030](tel:337-263-3030), or e-mail Dick and Marilyn Rogers (SKP #61011) at rogers@skymed.com.

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