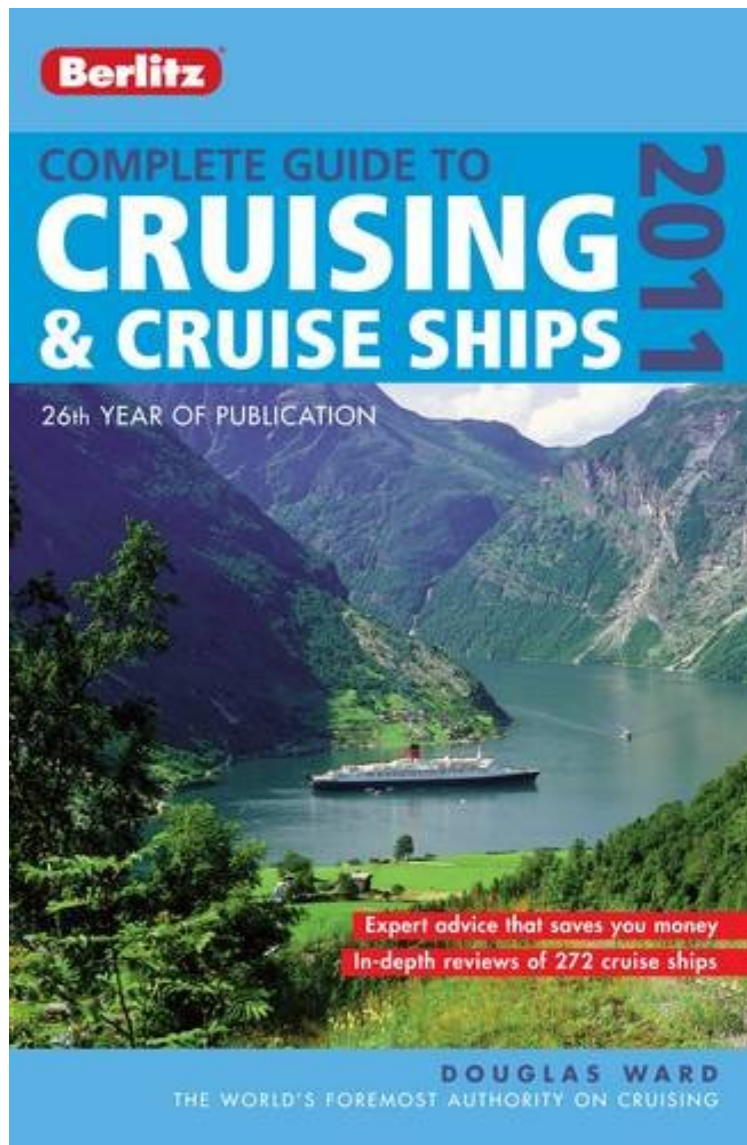


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Berlitz : Complete Guide To Cruising Cruise Ships 2011 (Berlitz Complete Guide to Cruising Cruise Ships) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Complete Guide To Cruising Cruise Ships 2011 (Berlitz Complete Guide to Cruising Cruise Ships):

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By rubens
Very disappointed with this 2011 issue. Very few updates compared with previous issues. F.e. Azamara cruises (now Azamara Club cruises) had a lot of improvements since 2008 and still have a very low quote for such a luxury product (in fact informations on this cruise line are far from accurate and still purely based on the (Ex Renaissance) ships. Also, another example: Celebrity Constellation had a complete renovation but nothing mentioned in this issue
When changes are made by cruise lines in April they should appear in the 2011 edition
These a just 2 examples known to me but they probably will be many other omissions
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By Greg Fenderson
Douglas Ward comes through for the 26th year in a row with a reference novice as well as veteran cruisers will find informative and helpful. Ward's attention to minutia may turn off some, but it's precisely this attention to detail that makes this book worth the price. The reader can determine whether s/he will be bothered by less than ideal lighting, poor sight-lines, armless dining chairs or hard-to-open doors to outer deck areas--- the bottom line is Ward's given us the facts. When spending thousands of dollars for a cruise vacation, the \$20 or so for this Berlitz-published guide is immensely worthwhile and could wind up saving the cruiser a lot of money.
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By Ngairé
Douglas Ward reports that he has sailed on more than 1000 cruises (that's 5,600 days at sea!). His many experiences and his observation of detail are the grounds on which this book has matured so well since the first edition in 1985. The writing style flows easily and his little asides are informative and sometimes amusing in their own right. I particularly liked the "green boxes" containing a summary of main points and highlights relating to each topic. The descriptions of the ships move well beyond brochure words and the explanations of the different types of cruising are invaluable in helping potential cruise passengers find the right ship for their holiday wants and needs. The right ship choice is the most fundamental consideration but sadly it is often the one that is most frequently overlooked. I would strongly recommend this book as essential reading for both agents and holidaymakers.

The definitive guide to the world's cruise industry is back for its 26th year! The "Complete Guide to Cruising and Cruise Ships 2011" is split into three parts, allowing readers to easily flip to the section they need to find. The first section combines authoritative text and evocative photography to define the cruising experience, helping readers decide on the type of cruise, the cruise line, and the size of ship that is best for them. The second section consists of comprehensive reviews of every major cruise vessel, from large to small, from unabashed luxury and exclusivity to ships for the budget-minded and youth-oriented. The final section provides practical information on booking, budgeting, cruise etiquette, and safety at sea. Once you've made your decisions, making arrangements is a breeze with the website contacts provided for every major cruise line.