



**We recently introduced you to Captain Kate of Celebrity Cruise Lines and now it's time to meet who she wakes up to every morning at 4 AM. Q & A with Bug Naked, Cruising's most famous (and least furry) feline.**

I've only once had the opportunity to sail with Capt. Kate and this will introduce you to Bug Naked ; who is her cruising companion. She spends her days on the bridges of cruise ships, sailing the seven seas with Capt. Kate.

All answers have been translated by Captain Kate McCue:

**Do you ever get seasick?** Yes, something I learned from the very first time I came on a ship. We left Bayonne, NJ and sailed out to the remnants of Hurricane Hermine. I went into a fetal position, and my mom was worried that I would have to be taken down to medical and get a shot of Dramamine in my butt. But, I have gotten much better over the last three years.

**What is your go-to spot for onboard naps?** Wherever I can find sunshine, whether it's the bridge windows or the infinite balcony of our cabin. Lately I've been tucking myself into my stroller.

**Does the bridge come equipped with a litterbox?** No, on this ship my cabin is attached to the bridge via the office, so the litterbox is in the office, kind of in between. On previous ships, though, I had a litterbox on the bridge in addition to the cabin.

**Do you have a secret skincare regime you can share with us? Do you wear sunscreen?** I take a bath (or shower) every other day just to stay clean. If I go out in the sun, I put on some clothes so I have protection or sit in my stroller with a little bit of cover.

**What is the most interesting thing people don't know about you?** I feel like a warm peach.

**How do you spend your free time?** Napping and napping, eating, napping and doing the 'bridge wing to bridge wing dash, also known as the rips or zoomies.

To check out Bug's adventures at sea, follow her on Instagram:[@bugnaked](https://www.instagram.com/bugnaked).



## TRIVIA

1. Who was the first guest host on Saturday Night Live?
2. What body part remains the same size from birth?
3. Name one of the two egg laying mammals.
4. Bruce Springsteen won an Oscar for what movie?
5. What is the only song to make number one on both Broadway and Contemporary charts?
6. What was Mother Teresa's real first name?
7. In TV's M\*A\*S\*H, who was the only actor to actually participate in the Korean War?
8. What is the occupation of Charlie Brown's father?
9. What are the names of Daisy Duck's three nieces?
10. Which individual holds the record for the most Academy Awards?
11. Postal abbreviations-list the two sets of two letter abbreviations that are opposite each other.

## Freedom of the Seas round trip from Cape Liberty to Bermuda

June 24 to 29, 2021

This ship is a great family geared cruise line with the Flow Rider surf simulator, rock climbing wall, ice skating rink and so much more. Mid ship balcony cabins with all current taxes and government fees based on double occupancy is \$1199.00. Triples and quads rooms available upon request. This will include all dining in the main dining rooms with multi-course dining for breakfast lunch and dinner. Including the Windjammer marketplace, Sorrento's Pizza and the Café Promenade for pasties/ snacks, plus 24 hour room service. Plus an on board credit of \$50.00 per room plus other special amenities.

## Celebrity Summit Round trip Cape Liberty, NJ

May 15 to 26, 2021

This 10 night cruise will take you to the cliff walks and mansions of Newport Rhode Island, an overnight stay in historical Charleston and two nights in Bermuda exploring the pink sands or world famous golf courses. special rate until **November 2, 2020** which will include free gratuities, full classic beverage package (alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks) and a **\$300.00 on board credit**, to be used anywhere on the ship. Please call us to find out more information on this special sailing.

## SPECIAL RATE REDUCTION!!

### Celebrity Solstice from Seattle to Vancouver

September 3-10, 2021

Journey through the wild terrain of Alaska and discover the natural wonders that await as the rugged beauty of this pristine frontier unfolds before your very eyes. Start at the Space Needle for a panoramic view of Seattle. Thread the fjords of the Inside Passage and watch Dawes Glacier produce icebergs in Endicott Arm Fjord, where harbor seals play. Do some dog sledding at Juneau, discover totem poles at Ketchikan, experience the Gold Rush at Skagway, and admire British colonial architecture in Victoria and the gardens. This special rate of \$1770.00 per person double includes: balcony accommodations, all taxes and government fees, and all meals (specialty restaurants additional). **Plus get a free classic beverage package and \$600.00 on board credit to be used anywhere on the ship, including excursions.** In order to get this rate and the on board credit you must sign up by **11/02/20**. This makes this experience a truly all-inclusive package. Call us for more information on this spectacular deal.

### Celebrity Summit San Juan to Cape Liberty

May 1-6, 2021

I cannot wait to cruise again and will be going on the Celebrity Summit for a Spring Getaway flying from Newark to San Juan on May 1, 2021 for this five-night getaway with a stop in St. Maarten and three relaxing days at sea returning to Cape Liberty. Experience an Aqua class cabin which includes a flight to San Juan, nightly dinner Blu, gratuities, and an unlimited beverage package for only \$959.00 per person double. Balcony cabins without the Aqua benefits are also available at \$799.00 per person double. **MUST BE BOOKED BY NOVEMBER 2, 2020**

### 14 NIGHT TRANS-ATLANTIC GREENLAND AND ICELAND ABOARD CELEBRITY SUMMIT

AUGUST 1-15, 2021

Ports: Sea day, Halifax, NS, two sea days, Qaqortoq, Greenland, overnight in Reykjavik, Iceland and half-day in Akureyri, Iceland, sea day, Kirkwall, Scotland and a sea day before arriving in Southampton.

Balcony cabin (2B) \$4,459, ocean view (7) \$3,519 and inside (10) \$2,679 and includes cruise accommodations as selected, beverage package, all meals except for specialty restaurants, pre-paid gratuities, return transfer from Southampton to Heathrow, current port and government taxes.

**SPECIAL GROUP RATE-SAVE OVER \$1,000 PER PERSON OVER CURRENT BROCHURE RATE. MUST BE BOOKED BY Nov.2, 2020**

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# Maker's Mark® Blood Orange Old-Fashioned



## Directions

In a whiskey glass, muddle together sugar and bitters. Add a splash of blood orange juice, and muddle again. Top with Maker's Mark and ice. Garnish with a blood orange wedge and a cherry. Allow the cocktail to rest for a few moments for the flavors to blend and mellow.

## Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon sugar
- A few dashes orange bitters
- 1 blood orange, divided  
(half juiced, and half wedged)
- 2 oz. Maker's Mark bourbon
- Ice
- Luxardo maraschino cherries, for garnish



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

5:00 P.M.

## Home Town Conference Room

Your next great vacation is closer than you think. Come home to America in 2021. Cruise America's heartbeat from Memphis to New Orleans or America's Natural Wonders-the Great Lakes.

Meet Liz from American Queen Cruises and enjoy a cocktail and snack while discovering our 2021 group specials.

R.S.V.P. required by Nov. 25, 2020

## Bourbon-Green Peppercorn Cream Sauce

### Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons whole black peppercorns, crushed
- 2 teaspoons canola or olive oil
- 2 tablespoons finely diced shallot or red onion
- 2 tablespoons green peppercorns, drained from brine
- 3 ounces Maker's Mark® Bourbon
- 1 & ½ cups prepared demi-glace (Most stores carry Knor brand mix, which works fine.)
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Salt to taste if needed, any pan drippings from the cooked steak are a welcome addition.

### Directions:

Crush black pepper. (I find the bottom of a heavy pot works well on a cutting board.) In a heavy bottomed sauce pan, heat oil over medium heat. Add pepper and sauté for one minute. Add shallot and cook until



soft. Add green peppercorns and sauté 30 seconds. Add bourbon and flambé if desired. (Be cautious!) Reduce bourbon by half and add demi-glace. Bring to a simmer

and cook for 2-3 minutes. Add cream and cook 3-4 minutes longer, or until desired thickness. Fold in butter and adjust seasoning with salt if needed. If you have any pan drippings from the steak, add as well. Strain if you don't like the peppercorns. Serve as desired. Makes two cups of sauce.



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**Annual Dementia Test**—only four questions. It's that time of the year for us to take our annual senior citizen test. Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you will lose it!! Here is a very private way to gauge how your memory compares. OK, RELAX. Clear your mind and begin. #1 What do you put into a toaster? Answer: Bread. If you said toast, just give up now and go do something else and try not to hurt your-self. If you said bread, go to the next question. #2 Say 'silk' ten times. Now spell 'silk'. What do cows drink? Answer: Cows drink water. If you said milk, don't attempt the next question. Your brain is already overstressed. If you said Water, proceed to the next question. #3 If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks, what is a green house made from? Answer: glass. If you said green bricks, why are you still reading this? Please, go lie down! But if you said glass, go on. #4 Please do not use a calculator, it would be cheating. You are driving a bus from New York to Philadelphia. In Staten Island 17 people got on the bus. In New Brunswick, six people get off and nine get on. In Windsor two people get off and four get on. In Trenton 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Bristol three people get on and in Camden, six people get on. You then arrive in Philadelphia. Without going back to re-view, how old is the bus driver? Answer: You don't remember your own age? It was you driving the bus! Pass this along to your friends and pray they do better than you. P.S. 95% of people fail most of the questions

There's something about the phrase "world's greatest wonders" that inspires people to make lists. You can find numeric lists, lists by countries, "old" and "new" lists, top natural wonders lists, top cultural wonders lists - and a treasure trove more. But at the end of the day, the best list is your own list. It's the destinations that inspire you, famous sites that left an indelible impression and sparked your interest to learn more, a place in nature's endless, diverse realm that compels you to want to be there - great wonders of the world that create your own personal list

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## ENRICHMENT

Learn more about the region in which you are traveling with a number of enrichment programs we offer. See for yourself the highlights of each port that we visit on one of our guided Hop-On Hop-Off shore excursions, or elect to take part in one of our expertly designed premium experiences. And our onboard historians – we like to call them Riverlorians – provide interesting lectures on the history and culture that surrounds you as you roll down the river.

## DINING

Inspired by America's Pacific Northwest, our menus showcase the varied cultural and culinary influences of the region. Savor each succulent bite, swirl and sip amidst the rich ambiance of the Astoria Dining Room. If you are looking for a more casual atmosphere, the River Grill is for you. Meals there feature favorite main dishes, such as roast prime rib alongside irresistible sides – roasted new potatoes, classic mac-and-cheese and fresh salads.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment on the *American Empress* is one-of-a-kind. Make plans to spend your evenings with nightly river cruise entertainment. Live entertainers will bring down the house in The Show Lounge. Catch world-class entertainment, relive a historical moment or hear a famous river tale originally told by Lewis and Clark. And be sure to bring your dancin' shoes to the the Paddlewheel Lounge to enjoy a late-night live set by our talented musicians.

## RELAXATION

On deck, refreshing spray and sunbeams kiss the skin as the endless upturns of earth disappear in the horizon – a teaser for the spectacles onshore. Private verandas serve as the perfect places to sip coffee and experience the world around, while public outdoor seating invites travelers to engage with one another, creating relationships that last a lifetime.



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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. George Carlin          | 7. Jamie Farr         |
| 2. Eyes                   | 8. Walt Disney        |
| 3. Platyapus and Echidna  | 9. Barber             |
| 4. Philadelphia           | 10. April, May & June |
| 5. Some Enchanted Evening | 11. AL/LA             |
| 6. Agnes                  |                       |