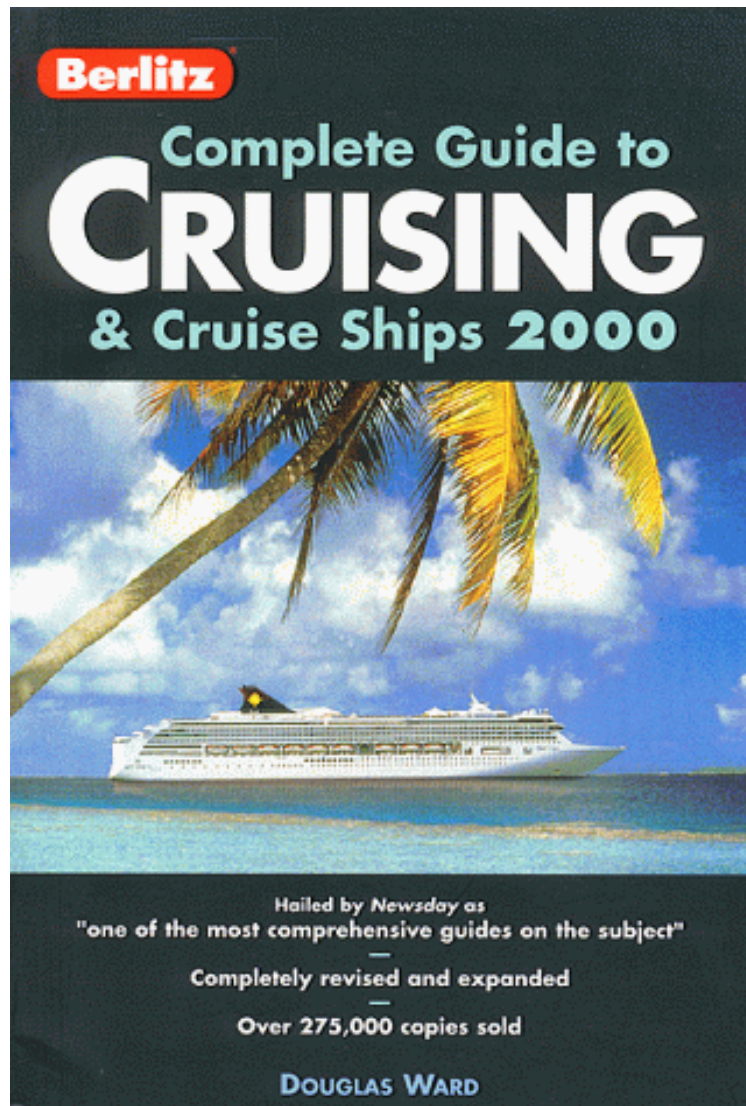


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**Douglas Ward : Berlitz 2000 Complete Guide to Cruising Cruise Ships** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Berlitz 2000 Complete Guide to Cruising Cruise Ships:

123 of 124 people found the following review helpful. Berlitz Complete Guide to Cruising Cruise Ships 2000 By Max Petterson There are many cruise ship guides on the market, but none as complete or as thorough as this one, which is written for people who cruise, as opposed to people who think they may like to cruise. Certainly there is a certain amount of space devoted to the basics of the cruising experience, but thankfully not the huge amount of space that many cruise book writers feel they have to devote to descriptions of ports and cruise destinations. There are many

other travel books that can give you that information. The major bulk of the book (around 70%) is devoted to very detailed descriptions, reviews and ratings for over 240 cruise ships, ranging from the small and modest JASON, to the huge, and some would say immodest, VOYAGER OF THE SEAS. This is where the author, Douglas Ward, excels. His descriptions, comments and ratings are fair and relevant. You may not agree with every judgement, particularly if you are a fan of the Carnival line (their highest rated ship comes 82nd on his list), but let's face it, Carnival is a great line for first time cruisers, but for many seasoned cruisers, a SECOND Carnival cruise is not something we would put very high on our cruise wish list! I would rate this book as indispensable for all travel agents and cruise enthusiasts. The only minor criticisms I could make are: RATINGS: a rating system out of 1000 rather than 2000 would enable readers to compare ships more easily, via a percentage system (for example, the highest rated ship is given a score of 1799 - if this were to be, say 900, it converts easily to a 90% approval rate - a little easier to comprehend) WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...?: Over the years well known ship names disappear through name changes, company take-overs, sinkings or delistings, and I would love to see a section of Ward's book covering, not just the current year, but going back several years, detailing exactly that - whatever happened to...? Finally, although I rate Ward's book as tops in it's field, I also enjoyed the enthusiastic chatty style employed in Slater Basch's FIELDING's WORLDWIDE CRUISES. They group ships according to cruise lines, and give an overall evaluation of each line as well as individual ships, however do not review as many ships as Ward does, concentrating on the major or larger cruise line operations. Nevertheless, a good second opinion, should you want one. 10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Berlitz 2000 Review By Bill A. Belt My library currently has about 200 published travel books in it and this book is one of the best I have added to the library. It is factual and since we have traveled on several of the ships we found it to be accurate and up to date. I think you can count on the information 100%. Well worth buying if you are looking for hard facts and up to date data about specific ships. 5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Could be pared down By David R. Cox While this book includes quite a bit of information, the author wastes precious pages building up his ego by telling us about all he has done for the cruising industry. But if you skip over all that stuff, the guide is pretty good. It covers most of what I wanted to know about cruising and the various ships, though the detailed listings of each ship left out a lot of the info I wanted (particularly the degree of non-smoking dining and entries for the major riverboats).

This annually updated guide includes: reviews of more than 225 ships, informative facts on giant-full service ships, information on how to choose a ship, how to book a trip and what to know before you go.