

# **DIGNITY CRUISE #11**

**WITH PEGGY RUDD AND THE GENDER GIFTED**

**aboard Orient Cruise Line's**

**MARCO POLO**

**March 3-16, 1999**

**From Sydney, Australia to Cairnes  
Cruise the South Pacific and the Coral Sea to Brisbane, Whitsunday Islands,  
Hamilton Island, and the Great Barrier Reef**

**FINE DINING, PAMPERED SERVICE, SPECTACULAR SCENERY  
PLUS THE FREEDOM TO EXPRESS YOURSELF WITH OTHER  
MEMBERS OF THE GENDER-GIFTED COMMUNITY**

**\* Rates (Cruise Only, Per Person, Double occupancy) \$1300  
plus port charges, \$175**

Single Occupancy 150% of selected category, plus port charges. Also available: 13 day  
cruise/tour including 3 nights in Sydney and 2 nights in Cairnes from \$2695.

\* Exact prices were not available at this early date. We believe the rate may be lower  
with a group discount.

## **LIMITED SPACE**

**TERMS: A deposit with reservation secures cabin and rate. Payment can be made by check  
made payable to CRUISES, INC, or by VISA, MASTER CARD, DISCOVER, or  
AMERICAN EXPRESS.**

**CANCELLATION CLAUSE: \$25 charge on any cancellation after the deposit is made.  
Additional penalties apply 60 days prior to sailing. Optional cancellation insurance available.**

**For Reservations or information call Mike Sinn 1-800-818-7830  
or Barbara Arendt 1-800-621-6699.  
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**PLAN AHEAD! HOLD THIS DATE FOR AN ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!**

# EXPLORING NEW FRONTIERS

by Peggy Rudd, Ed.D.

Way back in the 13th century, Italian explorer Marco Polo set out from the Mediterranean on a 25-year journey through the Middle East to India, China, and Southeast Asia. With sailing technology still primitive, most of the travels followed the now-famous Silk Road. Seven centuries later, in October, 1980, I began my own exploration down another "Silk Road." As the wife of a crossdresser, I met men who prefer to travel through life in the softness of silk rather than in rough textured business suits. I found myself face-to-face with the world of crossdressing behavior, a world yet to be fully explored and understood. Ironically, in 1993, a second Marco Polo began a maiden voyage which became a continuous world tour of six continents and seven seas, and the ship has followed much of the first Marco Polo's earlier travels. In March, 1999, the two worlds of exploration will meet face to face. The gender community will set out to explore the grandeur of Australia on board the Marco Polo.

Persons who have previously participated in Dignity Cruises will find the journey to the continent "down under" to be a new and refreshing experience. Self-discovery and self-awareness have made the journey through life more enjoyable for many crossdressers and those who love them. Likewise, a journey to distant lands is more rewarding when the traveler knows something about the destination. The Marco Polo provides passengers with a pleasurable vacation which is combined with a greater appreciation of the world. Because so much of a foreign culture is reflected in its music and dance, the Marco Polo brings ethnic performers and speakers aboard the ship whenever possible. These cultural events add to the focus on ethnic awareness.

Dignity Cruise XI will travel from Sydney to the Great Barrier Reef, an ecological masterpiece sculptured through the centuries. Our journey will take us through the South Pacific and the Coral Sea to Brisbane, Whitsunday Islands, and Hamilton Island, and finally we will arrive in Cairnes. Passengers will experience the diversity and beauty of Australia while continuing to explore the fascinating world of gender. For me, the journey will represent two "someday I will" promises to myself. First, I promised to visit all the continents during my life. This dream grew from an awareness that my ancestors had followed Marco Polo's journeys as sea captains who owned and manned their fleet of ships. My previous adventures, including a fascinating trip to Antarctica, have taken me to all the continents except Australia. Second, I promised to share a true interface with the gender community in distant lands as a personal tribute to my husband's unique gender gift. I stand on the threshold of both dreams. The organizations in Australia and New Zealand anxiously await our arrival and joyfully anticipate time together as friends from across the seas.

**The gold of friendship is a magic thing.  
The more we spend it on each other,  
the richer we become.**

Like no vacation on earth.<sup>SM</sup>

# DIGNITY CRUISE #10

## HOLIDAY AT SEA

### WITH PEGGY RUDD AND THE GENDER GIFTED

aboard Royal Caribbean's

SOVEREIGN OF THE SEAS

November 8-13, 1998

Roundtrip from Miami: Visit Key West, CoCoCay and Nassau, Bahamas  
**FINE DINING, PAMPERED SERVICE, SPECTACULAR SCENERY PLUS  
 THE FREEDOM TO EXPRESS YOURSELF WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF  
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**Rates (Cruise Only, Per Person, Double occupancy)**

Category	Group Rate	Port Chgs.	Total
L/Inside Cabin	\$400.00	\$ 82.00	\$482.00
K/Inside Cabin	410.00	\$ 82.00	\$492.00
G/Outside Cabin	460.00	\$ 82.00	\$542.00
F/Outside Cabin	475.00	\$82.00	\$557.00

**UPGRADES AVAILABLE. ASK FOR SUPERIOR, OR SUITE.**  
 Single Occupancy 150% of selected category, plus port charges.  
 Also available: Low cost air fare and pre-cruise package,  
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**TERMS:** \$200 per person deposit with reservation secures cabin and rate.  
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