



# *Friends* Blue Notes

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## FUN IN AFRICA WITH VERY SPECIAL *FRIENDS*



Al "Your" Pal

Blue World Travel is happy to announce that DJ Al "Your Pal" will join our cruise with his "fun, intense, but playful energy". He has performed all over the world including the NBS Ski Summits, Black Enterprise Golf Challenges and Festival at Sea.



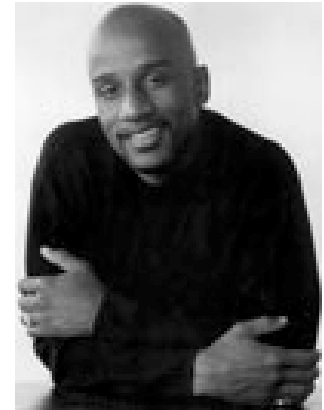
Wilbert McZeal

You'll be feeling **HOT HOT HOT** as you move to the Latin beat in Wilbert McZeal's **Salsa Classes and Line Dances**. Ladies and Gents get ready to swivel those hips with a groove that has African Roots.



Greg "The Taz" Harris & CM Phil Wilson

This Africa itinerary is incredible and so are the Special Friends that will be joining us on this unique 16 Day cruise onboard the Deutschland. When you're not touring and exploring the South and East African ports, you'll be entertained by our very own group of *Friends* who have cruised with us on our Festival at Sea charters. Greg "The Taz" Harris and Phil Wilson can **jumpstart any party, and energize your electric slide**. When you hit the dance floor, Phil will warn you "Pace Yourself" cause the music and the fun will be nonstop. In addition to our "Team" there will also be a special African Dance Band and a Lecturer brought on by Peter Deilmann cruises to round out your Fantastic African Cruise Experience.



Damon Williams

Damon Williams has hosted our Festival at Sea many times along with appearances on BET's Comic View, Showtime at the Apollo and the Kings of Comedy Tour. He's also worked with some of the biggest stars in the business including Aretha Franklin, Patty Labelle, Luther Vandross, Chris Rock and Jamie Foxx. Damon has a unique way of making us laugh at ourselves. How we dress, eat, dance...nothing is off limits with Damon. Welcome aboard Damon!

### Weather Forecast

It is 6 weeks away, however, here is the average weather for our destinations:

**Johannesburg** High 77 Low 63  
**Cape Town**— High 77 Low 63  
**Port Elizabeth** High 89 Low 55  
**Durban** High 81 Low 72  
**Richards Bay** High 81 Low 72  
**Zanzibar**— High 90 Low 74  
**Mombasa**— High 93 Low 73

### Fuel Surcharge Refund

**GREAT NEWS!** Peter Deilmann Cruises has eliminated its fuel surcharge on the Deutschland. Every passenger will **receive an onboard credit of \$160.00** per person upon your arrival. This credit will be put on your ship account and you can use it to purchase items in the shops, bars and it can also be used to pay for your **visas onboard which will cost approximately \$70.00**.

## Choir Sign Up

If anyone is interested in being part of a choir, please give us a call at 415-882-9444 or email fas@blueworldtravel.com. If you can sing or play the piano, we'd love to have you join in on our worship service on Monday morning, January 26th.



## Friends Celebrating Birthdays!

Congratulations to all of our *Friends* who are celebrating birthdays in December and January. **February Birthdays will be announced in our Fas Facts** . If you have a **Anniversary or Special Announcement** that you want us to list, please give us a call at 415-882-9444 or email fas@blueworldtravel.com

**Dec. & Jan. Birthdays:** *December:* Dec 5 **Roberto Arce**, Dec 6 **Sharifa Wilson**, Dec 7 **Dora Hill**, Dec 9 **Stephanie Spears**, Dec 11, **Linda Madden**, Dec 14 **Roy Holmes**, Dec 15 **Margaret Walker**, Dec 21 **Laverne Ethridge**, Dec 23 **Joyce Coleman**, Dec 25 **Clifford Melton\* & Laverne Chambers\***, Dec 27 **Collins Munns**, Dec 28 **Mildred Smith** *January:* Jan 1 **Warren Cross\***, **Patricia Doyle\***, Jan 2 **Aretha Chandler**, Jan 6 **John Spears**, Jan 7 **Joyce Green & Maria Brooks**, Jan 9 **Damon Williams**, Jan 10 **Timothy Upshaw**, Jan 13 **John Meeks**, Jan 17 **Eddie Lee & Martha Henderson**, Jan 18 **Earl Jennings**, Jan 21 **Glenda Savage**, Jan 22 **Daniel Evertsz & Carolyn Briscoe**, Jan 23 **Richard Ellison**, Jan 24 **Beverly Anderson & Claude Ethridge**.  
\*Christmas Baby! \*New Years Baby

### Mandatory Immigration Information

Enclosed you will find a Mandatory Immigration Information form required by Peter Deilmann Cruises. Please fill out the form and return it to our office no later than Dec.15th.

### Airline Seat Assignment and Mileage

Your specific requests have been forwarded to the respective airlines by our air consolidator. Because the reservations are part of a group record, actual seat assignments are made by the airline group department and are not under the control of Blue World Travel. We suggest checking in for your flights as early as possible to better insure that you obtain your preferred seating.

### Passport Information

**Passports:** All guests are required to have a valid passport. A passport must be valid for six months after the completion of the cruise. In addition, **you must have at least (4) four blank pages in the passport**. Each of the 4 pages must be adjacent facing each other. **Finally, please make a copy of your passport and keep it with you at all times**. If somehow you lose your passport, this will be very important.

### Documents

Your Cruise Documents should arrive in our office by December 15th. We will mail them to you **during the week of December 22nd**.

### Airline & Luggage Information

**CHECK IN:** Because of **heightened security procedures**, arrive at least **two hours prior for international check in**. Please note that some airlines cut off **international check in 1 hour prior** to departure.

**AIRLINE SCHEDULES:** Schedule changes may occur so **please reconfirm your flight reservations and times** with your airline prior to departure.

**BAGGAGE & WEIGHT ALLOWANCES:** Most airlines allow only 2 pieces of checked luggage weighing a maximum of 50 pounds each. These new rules are being strictly enforced. Hefty fees are charged for overweight luggage. Please call your airline and find out their weight restrictions.

**AIRLINE MEALS:** If you are on a long flight, remember most

airlines do not offer meals on domestic flights . Some may have meals on board for sale. You may want to buy something to eat at the airport if you have a long domestic flight. Do this **AFTER YOU PASS THROUGH SECURITY**. Remember you can't take bottled water or beverages through security!

**LIQUIDS:** When going through security, all liquids intended to carry-on the aircraft such as **makeup, lotions, toothpaste**, etc. must be put into a 1 quart plastic bag. Make sure to put any liquid quantities larger than these amounts in your checked luggage.

**TIE ONE ON!** Most luggage looks so much alike it is a good idea to tie a ribbon of some sort around your luggage handle so you can easily identify your bags at the airport and the cruise terminal.

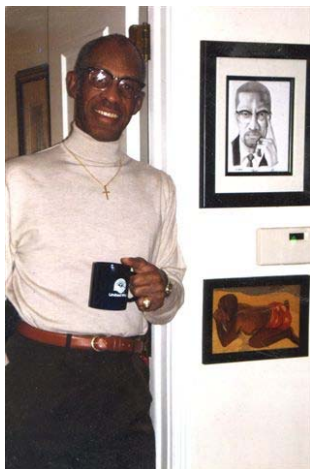
This is our ***Friends of Festival at Sea Preliminary Itinerary***. Please review so that you can get the “big picture.” A final itinerary with times and event locations will be sent to you with your documents. In addition, each evening you will receive a copy of the next day’s program which will keep you up to date on the activities the Deutschland staff has planned. The following are the activities planned by our staff. Please note that the attire on the Deutschland is Casual Elegant most evenings. In addition we have **three Formal Evenings** including the Captain’s Welcome Aboard Party, Kaisersaal Ball/ Harlem Nights Evening, the Captain’s Farewell Party (African Attire optional), and one White Linen Night.

- Sat Jan 17**      **3:00 pm – Embarkation, Cape Town South Africa Dress: Casual Elegance**  
Welcome Get-Together
- Sun Jan 18**      **Cape Town Dress: Formal: Captain’s Welcome Aboard Party**  
Morning and Afternoon Tours /Welcome Aboard Club Dancing Party
- Mon Jan 19**      **Cape Town MLK Birthday Celebrated in USA Dress: Casual Elegance**  
Word for Today: “I Have a Dream”/Line Dancing & Karaoke
- Tue Jan 20**      **At Sea Depart 7:00 am Dress: Casual Elegance -**  
**Obama T-Shirt Day /Word for Today: “Yes We Can”**  
  
Hospitality/Salsa & Line Dance Lessons with Wilbert McZeal/Watch as Barack Obama becomes the 44th President of the United States of America-(Inauguration is at 7PM) / Obama Inaugural Ball Deck Party- Bring Obama Buttons to Trade!
- Wed Jan 21**      **Port Elizabeth, South Africa Arrive: 1:00 pm Dress: Casual Elegance**  
  
Book & School Supply Donations at the Townships  
Performance: The Comedy of Damon Williams/ Karaoke with Al Your Pal
- Thu Jan 22**      **Port Elizabeth, South Africa Depart 7:00 pm Dress: Casual Elegance**  
  
Book & School Supply Donations at the Townships/Motown Night Club Dancing
- Fri Jan 23**      **At Sea/ Durban, South Africa Arrive: 10:00pm Dress: Casual Elegance- Pier Side Club**  
  
Poolside “Electric Slide Freeze Competition” (wear your FAS Blue World T-Shirt (tan shorts optional)/ Salsa Lessons with Wilbert McZeal Pre Dinner  
Club Dancing in Durban at Moyo
- Sat Jan 24**      **Durban, South Africa Depart 11:00 pm Dress: Casual Elegance**  
  
Performance:The Comedy of Damon Williams /Evening Dancing
- Sun Jan 25**      **Richard’s Bay, South Africa Arrive: 7:00 am Dress: Casual Elegance**  
  
Evening Karaoke & Line Dancing
- Mon Jan 26**      **At Sea Depart Richard’s Bay at 5:00 am Dress: Kaisersaal Ball Meets Harlem Nights- Semi Formal**  
Worship Service/Salsa Lessons with Wilbert McZeal/Bid Whist Competition/ Club Dancing
- Tue Jan 27**      **At Sea Dress: Casual Elegance**  
Hospitality/Relationship Hat Chat/Grandparents Tea-Bring your Brag Book!/Karaoke
- Wed Jan 28**      **At Sea Dress: White Linen Night**  
  
Hospitality/ Book Reading and Book talk with Paul Woodring/Salsa Lessons with Wilbert McZeal –Poolside /White Linen Night Party Under the Stars- Poolside

- Thu Jan 29**      **At Sea    Dress: Casual Elegance**  
Hospitality/ Dominoes Tournament/Affiliates Get Together/Salsa Lessons/Karaoke/Line Dancing
  - Fri Jan 30**      **Zanzibar, Tanzania Dress: Pool Party –Casual or Beach Attire/ Swimsuits**  
Poolside Party Under the Stars-Poolside
  - Sat Jan 31**      **Mombasa, Kenya    Arrive 5:00 am    Dress: Formal Captain’s Farewell Dinner (African Attire Optional)/ Karaoke Night**
  - Sun Feb 1**        **Mombasa, Kenya    Dress: Casual Elegance-Farewell Party Under the Stars - Poolside**  
Morning Farewell Worship Service / Midnight Super Bowl Night Owl Watch Party-Wear your favorite Sports Team Shirt in Honor of the Super Bowl
  - Mon Feb 2**        **Mombasa, Kenya 8:00 AM Disembark** Fly home or to the Safari in the Masai Mara
- See you in the Southern Caribbean on the Carnival Victory or on another of our Blue World Travel Events  
*Friends of Festival at Sea... The Only Way We Cruise!*

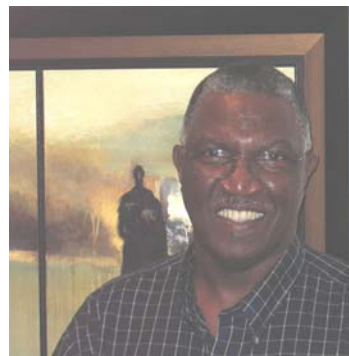
## Meet our *Friends* of FAS Ambassador Hosts

Blue World Travel is proud to announce the following Ambassador Hosts who have volunteered to assist us in our activities, social events and parties.



**Dr. Anthony Jackson**

A Virginia resident, Anthony has a PhD in Accounting and an MBA in Finance. He has been a full professor, a consultant and an entrepreneur. He is also an author, and an artist specializing in photography and drawings. He has not traveled with Festival at Sea yet, but is looking forward to the cruise. He loves people, adventure, dancing, sports and good conversation.



**Richard Terrell**

Richard is from Northern California. He has a Masters of Science in Electrical Engineering. Richard has had a prestigious career as a VP in Hardware Development with major Computer Companies. He has cruised before and traveled with us once to Hawaii and had a great time. He is looking forward to this unique opportunity of cruising both South and East Africa. He is thrilled at the opportunity to meet new people and have fun with our activities and events and parties.



**Michael Cunningham**

Michael hails from Northern California. His education background includes a Bachelors degree and a Masters in Business Administration. He has had a long career in Defense Contracts Administration and Management. He loves to travel and meet new and interesting people. He also enjoys dancing. Michael is new to the Festival at Sea experience but has cruised before to locations in Mexico, the Caribbean and the Bahamas.



**Stephen Odom**

Steve has cruised with Festival at Sea every year since 1998 and has also gone to South America, Negril and the Super Bowl Cruise with us. Steve played professional football with the Green Bay Packers and was also in law enforcement for 25 years. He loves traveling with Festival at Sea because the experience makes him feel like the staff and passengers are family. He’s looking forward to participating in the activities, dancing and seeing Africa.

## Blue World Travel Wall of Fame



**John & Stephanie  
Spears**



**Carol Batte**



**Roberto Arce**

Blue World Travel is proud to send Office Manager, Roberto Arce and Operations Manager, Stephanie Spears on our East and South Africa Journey. Joining them will be John Spears and Carol Batte. They will be happy to assist you in any way throughout the course of the trip.

**Stephanie & John Spears:** Stephanie is our Blue World Operations Manager and has escorted most of our Festival at Sea and *Friends of Festival at Sea* Programs. She has been in the industry for over 40 years, and has logged in 16 years with Blue World. She is an active board member and past president of San Francisco Travel Professionals. John Spears, her husband of 36 years travels with Stephanie and heads Security for Festival at Sea. John is coordinating our Sunday Inspirational Service onboard the Deutschland.

**Roberto Arce:** Roberto has been the office manager for Blue World Travel since 1993. He has escorted many of the Festival at Sea trips including Cuba, The Orient Express, Tahiti, The South African Jazz Festival in March 2007, the Panama Canal in 2007 and many Festival at Sea cruises. Roberto loves shopping, and as you will find out, has a keen eye for jewelry and clothing.

**Carol Batte** is one of Blue World Travel's valued Committee Staffers and has escorted trips through the Caribbean, South America, Europe and Tahiti. Carol, a long time sales representative for American Airlines loves traveling and good conversation. **Look for them in hospitality and at all of our onboard functions.**

## Book Talk with Paul Woodring

Talent abounds on our *Friends of Festival at Sea Cruise*. Paul Woodring, a fellow cruiser has volunteered to give a book talk about his novel, *Inventions*. Paul's background is fascinating. He graduated in Electrical Engineering at Cleveland State University. In the early 1980's he **directed the development of the first microprocessor based life support ventilator**, a product that went on to become the most used life support ventilator in the U.S. At the same company, he **directed the development of the first Windows based Hospital Respiratory Department Management Information System**. He has held positions in industry that have ranged from Chief Engineer to President. In 1996, he formed InVentive Technologies which developed the first touch screen ventilator that allowed for use of invasive and noninvasive ventilation in the same device. InVentive Technologies was eventually acquired by the large medical device firm that Paul worked at until his retirement. **Paul Woodring's *Inventions* explores the optimism and subtle racism that exists for African Americans in the boardrooms of corporate America.** It also provides non-blacks the opportunity to explore the African American quest for success, while providing an inspirational roadmap to those who long to make it in the world of entrepreneurship. Based on the threats of neighbors to his family, Robert (Robbie) Watson Jr. is thrust from his comfortable working class black neighborhood in Cleveland in the late 1950s to an integrated neighborhood where blacks are the minority. He attends primarily white public schools and graduates from a pre-



dominantly white university in the early 1970s and discovers he is pursued by corporations to be the "token" black hire in their organizations. He rejects this, and pursues his dream of designing a computer by forming his own company. A success in his professional life, Robert struggles to decide which of the women in his personal world will claim his heart: the intelligent, exotic Elena, sexy Nisee or his glamorous business partner Penny. Meanwhile, omnipresent racism and corporate greed threaten to undermine his growing business as he travels to Japan to negotiate the deal of a lifetime. **You can purchase the book by going to [www.paulwoodring.com](http://www.paulwoodring.com) It will be great reading for our cruise. *Inventions* was the 2008 Number 1 Bestseller for Fiction for 3 Months at the Hue Man Bookstore in Harlem.**

## Evening Dress at A Glance

The number one idea for this 16 night itinerary is to pack smart. With airlines limiting each passenger to 2 suitcases of 50 pounds, you should consider mix and matching your outfits. Simple dresses and slacks that require little ironing are best. Most of the nights are considered Casual Elegant. Gentlemen do not need a tie, however, a sports jacket is appropriate for dinner in the dining room. For Formal evenings a tuxedo or dark suit and tie is required. Bath Robes are provided during the cruise to every passenger.—

Sat: 17 Jan –Cape Town-Casual Elegance  
 Sun: 18 Jan- Cape Town- **Captain's Welcome Aboard Party-Formal**  
 Mon 19 Jan –Cape Town- **Casual Elegance**  
 Tue 20 Jan At Sea– **Daytime: Obama T-shirt Day—Evening: Casual Elegance—Late Night Inauguration Ball Deck Party**  
 Wed 21 Jan –Port Elizabeth **Casual Elegance**  
 Thurs 22 Jan – **Casual Elegance**  
 Fri 23 Jan – Durban **Daytime: FAS T-Shirts & Tan Shorts (optional)**  
**Evening: Casual Elegance –Pier side Club**  
 Sat 24 Jan –Durban – **Casual Elegance**  
 Sun 25 Jan-Richard's Bay – **Casual Elegance**  
 Mon-26 Jan –At Sea Kaisersaal Ball meets Harlem Nights- **Formal**  
 Tue-27 Jan- At Sea –**Casual Elegance**  
 Wed-28 Jan- At Sea—**White Linen Night Party Under the Stars**  
 Thurs-29 Jan At Sea—**Casual Elegance**  
 Fri-30 Jan Zanzibar—**Casual Elegance for Dinner & After Dinner Pool Party- Swimsuits & Shorts at the Pool**  
 Sat- 31 Jan –Mombasa Captains Farewell Dinner – **Formal-African Attire Optional**  
 Sun-1 Feb– **Casual Elegance & Midnight Sports T- shirt Super Bowl Deck Party**

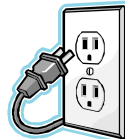
### Final Call for Tour

### Sign Ups

As a friendly reminder, some of the tours are still available. If you have been too busy or just forgot to sign up you can still go online or fax your tour forms. Don't forget, we need your T-Shirt size too! Sold Out tours are numbers 22, 29 and 33. In addition the overnight at the Salt Lick Lodge in Mombasa (Tour #50) can still be requested but cannot be immediately confirmed.

## Electricity

The bathrooms have outlets with 110/230 V and 60Hz which are used for electric razors. The cabins are equipped with additional outlets. If you use appliances designed for 110 voltage it will be necessary to operate them by a current-converter as well as a continental type two prong plug adapter with rounded points. Current converters and continental plugs are available in limited quantity at the reception desk, however, we recommend you bring your own. Conversion kits can be purchased online or at Radio Shack and most Walgreen stores.



**Packing Check List:** Your Passport with 4 extra pages facing each other, binoculars, cameras, extra film or flash cards, good walking shoes, prescription medicine, an extra pair of glasses, sun shades, sun hat or visor, children's book and/or school supplies for our Children's Book Drive, Good Book to Read, you IPOD, MP3 or CD player and small portable speakers for your room!

## SECURITY

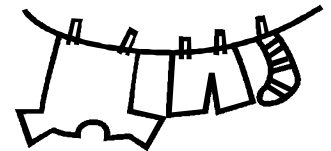
We have been informed by Peter Deilmann cruises that security of the passengers is a number one concern and they do have security measure in place.



## Spa Services

You will receive The Deutschland Wellness Spa booklet with your documents. They offer a variety of services including Ayurveda massages, thermal treatments with natural aromas and essential oils, Thalasso whirlpool baths, the healing powers of minerals, vitamins, micro-elements and sea algae. Manicures and pedicures are also available. They do not, however, offer acrylic nail service.

## Laundry Service



The Deutschland does not have a laundry room. Laundry, dry cleaning and ironing services are available from your cabin steward for a nominal charge.