

# Travel club setting sail in January

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BREVARD COUNTY — Do you dream of a weekend getaway at sea and relaxing on a private island? Or perhaps you're looking for something a little extended like sailing aboard a luxury cruise to Mexico?

The Helping Seniors Travel Club had so much fun on its first cruise in 2021 that it's sailing out of Port Canaveral again in 2023.

The cruise will set sail from January 6-15 on the MSC Meraviglia, and sailors can choose to sail the first two nights with the ship returning to the port on Jan. 8, a seven-night cruise leaving Jan. 8, or back-to-back sailings for a 9-night cruise.

The Helping Seniors Travel Cruise is open to anyone - you don't have to be a senior or Brevard County resident to take advantage of the deals being offered. Additionally, the travel club asks for no fee to join.

A portion of the booking will be donated to the nonprofit organization that aims to connect seniors with resources tailored to their specific needs.

"We all had a great time, and everybody wanted to know when we were going to do

the next one," said Kerry Fink, Helping Seniors of Brevard executive director.

Mr. Fink sailed on the first cruise with his wife and noted how great it was to have the travel agents on board with them.

The cruise is booked through Merritt Island travel agents Chris Morse and Betty Powers, who are both certified in special needs travel.

One of the benefits of sailing with Helping Seniors is the opportunity to make new friends who live in Brevard.

"The whole idea behind this is you make friends on the ship, and then you say, 'Hey, when we go home let's get lunch Wednesday,'" Mr. Fink said.

The two-night cruise will sail to Ocean Cay Marine Preserve and is available for \$264 per person at double occupancy. The price includes a balcony cabin, all taxes and port charges, plus gratuities.

The seven-night Bahamas and Mexico luxury cruise is available for \$842 per person at double occupancy, and includes a balcony cabin, all taxes and port charges, gratuities, a drink package, Wi-Fi package, private cocktail party, and more.

If you'd like to sail all 9-nights, the back-to-back cruising is available for \$1,106 per



Photo courtesy of Helping Seniors of Brevard  
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person at double occupancy.

The full week itinerary includes stops at Nassau, Bahamas; Ocean Cay Marine Preserve; Costa Maya, Mexico and Cozumel, Mexico.

When booking, an initial deposit of \$250 per person is required to reserve space. Travelers sailing solo and looking to have a

cabin to themselves can get a special deal. The upgrade to a balcony cabin is a part of a special limited-time offer.

To learn more, call the Helping Seniors of Brevard Travel Club Office (321) 978-5211 or visit <https://helpingseniorsofbrevard.info/travel-club>.

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on the State of the Schools on Tuesday, August 2, at Cocoa Beach High School, located at 1500 Minutemen Causeway. Dr.

Mark Mullins, Superintendent for Brevard Schools will lead a thoughtful discussion on safety in our schools and the importance of the community coming together and advocating to ensure public schools provide students not only with educational opportunities that prepare them for success in life,

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