



Staying Safe from Scams is a Full Time Job!

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We just graduated our Inaugural Class of "SCAM JAMMERS" at our May 16th SCAM JAM event at The Brennity at Melbourne. 75+ folks received their Official "Scam Jammer" certificates and took the pledge to do their best to keep themselves - and those around them - safe from scams and schemes with the knowledge they gained in this information forum.

Our Helping Seniors of Brevard non-profit teamed up with AARP Florida to deliver an event that peels back the many different areas that these fraudsters operate in. With help from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office; our Florida State Attorney, 18th Judicial District, Will Sheiner; Elder Law Attorney Greg Schwendeman, of Rhodes Law PA; and AARP Brevard Lead Volunteer Karen Civitate, attendees got an inside look at how the bad guys operate and how to avoid their traps.

There are so many areas to think about - from Safe Banking for Seniors to Avoiding Medicare/Medicaid Scams and from Finding Safe Help in the Home to Staying Safe Online - we are finding more and more interest among our Seniors who are determined to hold on to what they have accumulated throughout their working years and not see it bamboozled away from them.



Some Warning Signs: Pressure to act immediately; Asked to keep it a secret; Told to pay by gift card, wire transfer, or crypto; Promises of big prizes, miracle cures, or guaranteed money; Strange emails, texts, or calls you didn't expect; Threats of arrest, lost benefits, or legal action

What to Do: HANG UP! It is okay to be rude to a scammer; VERIFY yourself: Look up official numbers and call back; NEVER give personal info: No SSNs, Medicare numbers, or bank details to strangers; TALK to someone: Ask a trusted family member or friend if unsure and REPORT suspicious messages!

Better safe than sorry! Let's work together to keep our Seniors safe and look for our next free SCAM JAM event coming July 2025. ☺

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As the TOP Travel Agency in Brevard County, we work with Solo Travelers. We know that you have lost a significant other in the past and want to travel again. Solo travel is beginning to take hold with many cruise lines.

But with solo travel, a rapidly growing piece of the travel market, several cruise lines see the wonderful opportunities to support Solo Travelers! Some, such as Norwegian Cruise Line and Royal Caribbean, have provided a limited number of single occupancy staterooms for several years. Others have added them more recently.

Still others that don't have dedicated single occupancy cabins allow solo cruisers to book lower-level rooms with no single supplement. Others set aside a certain percentage of

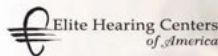
their ships' overall capacity to be sold to solo travelers at significantly reduced single supplements.

In general, river cruise ships tend to have the most capacity for single travelers, but there are some ocean-going exceptions.

Here are all the cruise lines (river and ocean) that offer single occupancy staterooms and/or no/low single supplements.

Ocean-going cruise lines with single-occupancy cabins or no/low single supplements:

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Princess Cruises

Princess do not have solo cabins available on most of their fleet. They normally charge 200% for solo travelers. Not worth the charge since all the cruise lines that travel into the Caribbean always go to the same ports. We will look for new ships to support solo travelers

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PONANT offers a free solo supplement on nearly 200 voyages through the end of 2025 in a variety of cabin categories on Le Commandant Charcot, Le Boreal, L'Austral, Le Soleal, Le Lyrial, and the six PONANT Explorers ships.

Regent Cruise Lines

This luxury cruise line has solo cabins that are offered from time to time on special sailings.

Royal Caribbean International

All of Royal Caribbean's Quantum Class ships feature single occupancy balcony staterooms; some also have single occupancy interior rooms. All Radiance Class ships have some single occupancy interior rooms, as well, as do some Voyager Class ships. Call us and we will keep you up to date.

Virgin Voyages

Each Virgin Voyages ship features 46 single occupancy cabins including six solo Sea Views and 40 solo Insiders.

Windstar Cruises

Windstar always has a selection of itineraries that are available to solo travelers at a single supplement of 120%.

River cruise lines with single occupancy cabins or no/low single supplements:

AmaWaterways

AmaWaterways has four European river ships that offer single occupancy staterooms with no single supplement: AmaCello, AmaDante, AmaDolce, and AmaLyra. Additionally, a 25% single supplement is available on fixed window staterooms on all Europe sailings, as well as on Category C staterooms on all Mekong sailings (based on availability).

American Cruise Lines

American Cruise Lines offers single occupancy cabins on every small ship and riverboat in its fleet. All have either a balcony or a window that opens to let in fresh air.

Emerald Cruises

All Emerald river ships have single occupancy cabins except for on the Douro and Mekong Rivers.

Riverside Luxury Cruises

For all reservations through the end of 2025, Riverside is offering no single supplement when booking select Harmony Suites on Riverside Mozart and select Melody Suites on Riverside Ravel and Riverside Debussy, for virtually every voyage.

Riviera River Cruise

Riviera offers several solo-only departures (on all of its itineraries) on which all cabins are entirely single supplement free. For instance, in 2025, there will be 30 dedicated solo sailings. Additionally, on every sailing trip, Riviera offers four or five cabins with a 25% single supplement. You need to book early to get these cabins!

Scenic

Several of Scenic's river ships feature single occupancy balcony suites. On the Rhine, Main, and Danube Rivers these ships include Scenic Jasper, Opal, Amber, Crystal, Jade, Jewel, Ruby, and Pearl. Other ships with single occupancy balcony suites are Scenic Sapphire in the south of France and Scenic Diamond in Bordeaux.

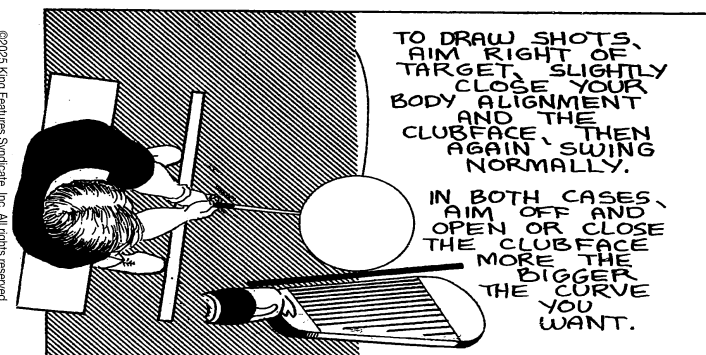
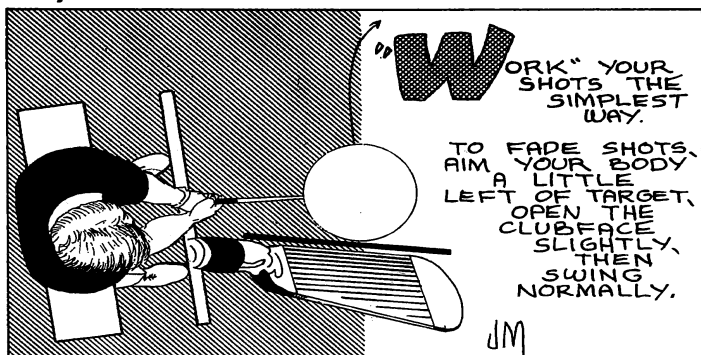
Tauk

Tauk waives the single supplement entirely on every Category 1 cabin on every Tauk river ship, for every sailing of every itinerary. Additionally, on nearly every itinerary, there will always be select departure dates where the single supplement is reduced by \$1,000 on one or two of the higher cabin categories.

If this list does not contain the ship that you want to travel on, give us a call at 818-430-1480 and we will look up your favorite cruise line and travel date to see if single supplements are available.

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