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## **A FINE WAY TO START THE TRAVEL YEAR**

**Sitting in the old arm chair one day, it dawned on me that I hadn't been on a cruise for several months! A ship cabin would be small enough to condition me for the summer motor home trip.**

**I found the perfect cruise. It is a positioning cruise from San Diego to Vancouver, BC. This ship, the Millenium, is not the largest ship of Celebrity Cruiselines, but it does a good job of dwarfing the San Diego cruise terminal.**



**The ship left San Diego, and after a day at sea we arrived at San Francisco. It is a different feeling sailing under the Golden Gate Bridge, rather than driving over it. The ship docked close to Fisherman's Wharf. This and the newer Pier 39 made for a close and entertaining area to visit. Many out of towners opted for a day trip to the wine country of Napa-Sonoma.**

**Myself- I stayed on board and had a "Private yacht" to myself. I was the only person in the hot tub, in the spa area. The main pool area was mostly empty.**

**After another day at sea, the next stop was Victoria, BC. This is the home of the famous Butchart Gardens, and the Empress Hotel. The last time we were here, High Tea at the Empress was \$45-\$50. I understand it is considerably higher now!**

**The last port and the cruise end is Vancouver, BC. It was a pleasant cruise and the weather was cloudy for the most part.**

**Researching the trip home revealed an interesting situation. Air to San Diego from Vancouver was about \$461. A \$50 shuttle bus trip to Seattle airport, from the ship, resulted in a \$114 flight to San Diego! Guess which one I opted for? I think I will be in better shape for the motor home now!**

**Dave**