



Passenger Vessel Services Act (Jones Act)

Passenger Vessel Service Act and Greek Cabotage Laws - The Passenger Vessel Service Act (Jones Act) is the law that regulates and restricts the movement of passengers between two U.S. ports without calling at a foreign port.

Helpful Notes

Jones Act Violation: If you start a cruise in a US Port and end the cruise in a *different* US Port is a violation; you must stop in a far foreign port to make a valid voyage.

Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Bahamas are NOT considered far foreign ports. Always remember the ABC's (Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao) or Cartagena - those are ports we can use to make the valid voyage (we do not use Bonaire).

Canadian Cabotage: Cannot start or end a voyage in a Canadian port without visiting a foreign port.

Greek Cabotage: Cannot start or end a cruise in a Greek port (even if it's the same port) unless your ship is Greek Flagged with Greek crew. (We don't have any Greek flagged ships).

Back to Back Restrictions

The following voyages may not be combined (or sold separately) as a back to back voyage because of the PVSA (Jones Act), resulting in a penalized violation.

2012-2013

DAWN: NO October 19th & October 26th, 2012 combination

JEWEL: NO May 15th & May 19th, 2012 combination

NO May 15th, May 19th, & May 26th, 2012 combination

NO Sept. 15th & Sept. 22nd, 2012 combination

PEARL: NO Apr. 29th & May 6th, 2012 combination

NO Apr. 29th, May 6th, & May 13th, 2012 combination

NO Sept. 16th & Sept. 23rd, 2012 combination

SPIRIT: Apr. 17, 2012 New Orleans to Miami

2013-2014

JEWEL: NO May 5th & May 15th, 2013 combination

NO May 5th, May 15th, & May 18th, 2013 combination

NO Sept. 14th & Sept. 21st, 2013 combination

PEARL: NO May 5th & May 12th, 2013 combination

NO Sept. 22nd & Sept. 29th, 2013 combination

SUN: NO May 6th, May 13th, & May 20th 2013 combination

NO Sept. 2nd, Sept. 9th, & Sept. 16th, 2013 combination

2012-2013 Booking Restrictions

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The attached grids have lists of voyages where combined voyages will not be sold as back to back options, as they are in violation of the Jones Act. These B2B voyages should already be blocked in reservation systems, but for your information they are listed.

Passenger Services – Requests for one-way sailings where a guest would like to either embark or disembark in a highlighted port will not be entertained. If a guest misses the ship because of flight delays you may advise the guests they may join in the restricted port, but will be subject to a penalty of \$300 per person because of their violation of the Jones Act. In addition to guests missing the ship because of flight delays, recognizing there will be emergencies/situations that may arise onboard, procedures are in place where the affected guests will be advised of said penalties and requested to sign a form acknowledging that they will repay Norwegian if a fine is received because of their actions.

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