
INQ 16-112 Kuryla

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Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 2:54 PM

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Subject: INQ 16-112 Juan Kuryla, Port Director, Port/Miami (Travel Expenses)

Mr. Kuryla,

You have inquired concerning whether you may accept from Regent Seven Seas Cruises (Regent) a complimentary 8-night cruise which will be the inaugural cruise of a new ship of that cruise line, Seven Seas Explorer. You have indicated that the offer includes complimentary passage for your wife on the cruise, which is scheduled to depart on July 12, 2016.. Regent is one of the cruise lines operating from Port/Miami and has a contractual lease agreement with Miami-Dade County in connection with its operations there, and over which you are the chief supervisor on behalf of the County. It is understood that you have been invited to participate in this cruise due to your official position as Port Director, and that you would be expected to participate in an inaugural ceremony at the Port prior to embarkation, and that there would be other events taking place during the cruise in which you would be expected to participate in your official position.

Because Regent is a County contractor and as Port Director you are subject to Section 2-11.1(w) of the County Ethics Code, you could not accept this travel expense paid for by Regent unless the Board of County Commissioners were to waive the prohibition under Section 2-11.1(w). Without such a waiver, the prohibition would extend to any transportation, lodging, meals, registration fees and incidentals provided by Regent. There would be no prohibition involved in the event that you were to pay for the cruise yourself. The prohibition would also not apply in the event that the County deemed it an appropriate expenditure having a legitimate public purpose, although it is highly unlikely that payment by the County for your wife's passage would be an appropriate County expenditure.

This opinion is consistent with previous opinions provided by this agency. See INQ 15-182, INQ 15-180, RQO 05-110.

Sincerely,

Joe Centorino

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Subject: FW: Invitation to Port Director, PortMiami - Regent Seven Seas Explorer® - July 12 Sailing

Hello Mr. Centorino -

I hope you are doing well. We would like to share with you the following email from Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings. As you may know, Norwegian Cruise Holdings operates 3 cruise brands: Norwegian Cruise Line, Oceania Cruises, and Regent Seven Seas. All three of these brands homeport in Miami.

Regent will be delivering its newest ship, the *Seven Seas Explorer*, in July 2016 and has invited Port Director Juan Kuryla to the Christening ceremony. The event will take place in Monte Carlo before the ship arrives in Miami for its winter Caribbean season. Specifically, Regent has asked for Mr. Kuryla to participate in the inaugural celebration as the official Miami-Dade County representative. Aside from the Christening, there will be a plaque ceremony and/or a proclamation event.

As in the past, we like to share these types of invitations with you for your opinion. Should you agree, Mr. Kuryla will treat this as official County travel. There is a fee for him to attend and related travel expenses as noted in the below email.

As always, we appreciate your guidance.

My best,
Hydi

From: Del Rio, Frank J. [<mailto:FrankDelRio@nclcorp.com>]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2016 6:41 PM
To: Kuryla, Juan (Seaport)
Cc: Webb, Hydi (Seaport)
Subject: Invitation to Port Director, PortMiami - Regent Seven Seas Explorer® - July 12 Sailing

Dear Juan,

On July 13, we are christening *Seven Seas Explorer*, the most luxurious cruise ship ever built, during a gala event in Monte Carlo. With *Seven Seas Explorer* calling PortMiami home when she begins her Caribbean season this December, it would be our distinct honor and privilege to have you participate in the inaugural events for this elegant new vessel.

As a distinguished representative for PortMiami, in this official capacity we would be pleased to have you participate in special ceremony with our shipboard leadership team, prior to the christening event. If you are able to join us for this special event and cruise, we established a rate of \$75 per night which should conform to Miami-Dade County's ethics policy.

We hope to welcome you on board Regent Seven Seas Explorer in July and look forward to your response.

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