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that will turn your head

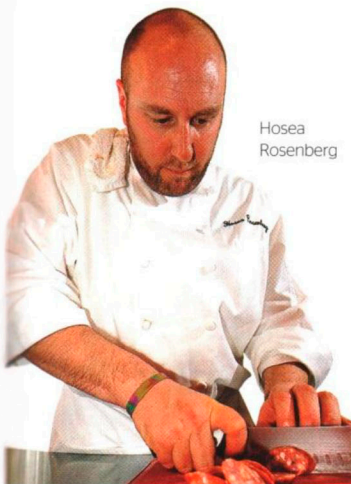
CRUISE UPDATE

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This could
be you

PLUS,
Tasty Make-Them-Yourself Cordials
In Oregon, Portland Has Gone Upscale
Amazing Golf in the Missouri Ozarks



Hosea
Rosenberg

BRAVO, TOP CHEFS!

Top Chef fans, take note: The popular Bravo show has four "chef testants" onboard a **Celebrity Reflection** seven-day Caribbean sail. Meet TV stars – Instagram time! – such as Hosea Rosenberg, *Top Chef* Season 5 winner; and Casey Thompson, *Top Chef: All-Stars* contestant. Count on inspired cooking demos and tempting tastings from these culinary honchos. Sails round-trip from Miami, departing Nov. 15. 888-283-7275; celebritycruises.com



Casey Thompson

FAMILY NEWS

2 Ways to Survive Family Vacations

→ **Quantum of the Seas**, RCI's next-gen ship, could be your new BFF. Kids will flip for the giant SeaPlex activity center, outfitted with newbies such as bumper cars, roller-skating, and circus school with a flying trapeze, as well as a full-size regulation basketball court. A skydiving simulator enthralls on deck. *Quantum* calls Cape Liberty home port for its inaugural season before moving permanently to Shanghai in May. Don't fret: sister ship *Anthem of the Seas* debuts in April and spends its inaugural season in the Mediterranean. 866-562-7625; royalcaribbean.com



→ Since river cruises are mostly adult-oriented, a shout-out for Tauck River Cruising's "Castles on the Rhine: Family Riverboat Adventure," a seven-night voyage aboard the 130-passenger **Inspire** that includes castle visits and a ride on the world's steepest cogwheel train in the Swiss Alps. Sails between Basel, Switzerland, and Amsterdam, with departures on June 15 and July 23. 800-468-2825; tauck.com



Michelin Meets the Mekong

Thai-cuisine phenom David Thompson, of Bangkok's world-revered and much-awarded Nahm (his London Nahm earned a Michelin star), also "moonlights" as executive chef of **Aqua Mekong**. This all-suite, 40-guest river cruiser (launching Sept. 30) sports a five-star-hotel-meets-Southeast-Asia feel. Count on Thompson's spectacular cuisine prepared with riverside market finds. Sails between Cambodia and Vietnam, with three-, four-, or seven-night options. 866-603-3687; aquaexpeditions.com

YOUR TOAST

Guests cruising Antarctica on the **National Geographic Explorer** or the **National Geographic Orion** can sample limited-production, re-created, and reissued Mackinlay's Rare Old Highland Malt, the whiskey provisioned on polar explorer Ernest Shackleton's 1907 monumental Nimrod expedition. The complimentary pour links guests to the original and enduring spirit of exploration. (And it's freezing outside.) Fall and winter sails. 800-397-3348; expeditions.com



WINE NOT?

This fall, SeaDream Yacht Club introduces niche Wine Voyages in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean on **SeaDream I** and **II**. Activities include visits to exclusive vineyards (such as Super-Tuscan superstar Fattoria Le Pupille's Saffredi Vineyard), informal and formal tastings of local varietals, wine master classes, and a winemaker's dinner, in which a local grower or winery owner shares cellar treasures. Speaking of cellars, SeaDream will boost its own with directly sourced small family producers and rare vintages bought at auctions or specialty merchants for these cruises. Seven- to 12-day sails, with four departures between Sept. 20 and Oct. 28. 800-707-4911; seadream.com

Saffredi Vineyard

