

December 12, 1938

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Dear Mr. Baldwin:

I have your letter of December 9th quoting me prices on the Gripsholm Cruise for January 31st.

I think I failed to make you understand that I felt I spent about twice as much as was really necessary in making my trip on the Duchess of Bedford and that if I made a trip at this time, I am going to spend considerably less money. I am not making a poor mouth, because I might be able to rustle up enough to pay for the very high priced reservation, but I do not choose to do so.

If I can, I should like to have an outside room because I realize that we shall experience some warm weather. I should want a lavatory and toilet, and naturally would prefer a private bath if such could be secured at a reasonable price. The prices quoted in your letter of December 19th of \$2250, \$1850 and \$1600 each are about what I would expect to pay for the two of us.

I should like to know what is the difference between the cabin class and first class passengers in regard to the privilege of roaming the decks and making use of parlors and dining rooms. I do not understand what is meant by the supplement charge. What do we get for the extra money paid, or is it some form of government tax?

I think that my choice would be the South American trip, but I am also interested in the trip to Honolulu, Australia and intervening points.

I have a friend who will be in to talk the matter of rates over with me and perhaps he can give me the data that I want.