

12. To encourage the inclusion of U.S. ports in cruise itineraries, Federal regulations should be amended to permit steamship operators to schedule cruises from abroad to include visits to two or more ports in the United States. Under regulations now in effect, foreign flag vessels carrying passengers and U.S. flag cruise operators may not remain in U.S. ports longer than 23 hours; this has the effect of substantially reducing cruise passenger expenditures in the United States.