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According to Cruise Critic, 1.5 million children are sailing the high seas. Taking a cruise with the family can be a dream come true with an incredible array of activities for kids, including water parks, playrooms, organized events, special menus, around the clock babysitting services and much, much more. But how do know which cruise is right for you? Are family activities important? Does the cruise ship offer supervised activities for your child's age group? Is there a minimum age for sailing? What about special deals? These are just some of the questions our lineup of travel experts

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#### Eileen Ogintz

Eileen Ogintz is a leading national travel expert and syndicated columnist of the award-winning weekly column Taking the Kids and the creator of Takingthekids.com, which started with her son, a cat and a goldfish pond. In 1987, Ogintz was a national correspondent for the Chicago Tribune, when she took a trip with her family to a Wisconsin cottage. Her then 3-year-old son, Matt, pushed a hapless kitty into a pond thinking the kitty wanted to eat goldfish. The furious owner insisted they pack up and leave immediately. The embarrassed parents drove home three hours to Chicago in a downpour. The travel editor, hearing her tale of woe about the cat and the goldfish pond, encouraged her to write

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#### Mike Faust

Cruise Currents was originally founded by Mike Faust as Mikey's Cruise Blog on August 14, 2011. Originally, Mike, wrote editorial pieces on news in the industry and reviews of his cruises. Soon, the website began to report on cruise industry news. As the website grew in size and audience, the need for a rebranding became evident. On December 23, 2012, Mikey's Cruise Blog officially became Cruise Currents. With a new name and logo, Cruise Currents has become a leading cruise website. With a primary focus on reporting cruise industry news, Cruise Currents now features editorials, detailed cruise reviews, and cruise resources. To this day, Cruise Currents continues to grow and expand in the ind

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#### Julie Irovando

With more than 72 cruises under her belt on 12 different cruise lines, Julie Irovando is a travel expert with more than 15 years' experience in the travel industry, specializing in group, family and leisure travel. In 2003, she became a franchise owner of Cruise Planners/American Express, an award-winning agency ranked #1 cruise only agency by Entrepreneur Magazine for 11 years in a row. A wife and mother of two, Julie has been taking cruises with her kids for more than 12 years.

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