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**CATALINA EXPRESS DEBUTS GIFT CARDS THAT MAKE  
IT EASY TO GIVE THE GIFT OF A VACATION**

SAN PEDRO, Calif. – Catalina Express offers a distinctive new gift idea this holiday season of a credit card-sized gift certificate that can be purchased in any amount, over the phone, on [catalinaexpress.com](http://catalinaexpress.com), or at reservation windows of any Catalina Express terminal, including San Pedro, Long Beach Landing, and Dana Point. What's especially convenient about the card is that it can be used for travel aboard Catalina Express, for upgrades to the Commodore or Captains Lounges, and in the terminals' delicatessens.

The gift of travel to Catalina Island answers the age-old questions of what to get the person who's hard to buy for, and it's equally appropriate for all occasions, including Valentines Day, Easter, Mothers Day, or graduation. Catalina Express provides the fastest and most comfortable scheduled passenger boat service to Catalina. Round-trip fares from San Pedro and Long Beach are \$49 for adults and \$37.50 for children (ages two to 11 years), and \$51.00 for adults and \$39.00 for children from Dana Point.

Gift certificates can be purchased at any Catalina Express ticket window or by calling reservations at (310) 519-1212, 800-429-4601, or at [www.catalinaexpress.com](http://www.catalinaexpress.com).

Passengers may upgrade to the Commodore Lounge on the *Starship Express* and *Jet Cat Express* catamarans from Long Beach for an additional \$10 per person each way. For \$40, a group of up to eight passengers can purchase a one-way upgrade to the Captain's Lounge, a private stateroom available on five of the carrier's vessels.

Hotel Villa Portofino, (888) 510-0555, [www.hotelvillaportofino.com](http://www.hotelvillaportofino.com), and Pavilion Lodge, (800) 626-7496, [www.visitcatalinaisland.com](http://www.visitcatalinaisland.com), offer gift certificates on hotel accommodations and packages that can be purchased, direct.

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