

*Home Town Travel's*

## *Fabulous Friday Flash*

I, unfortunately, was not able to take advantage of my pool goddess weekends because of COVID this summer and with Labor Day here, fall and cooler days are on the way so I found something to keep you warm. We published this recipe in our newsletter a couple of years ago and got some rave reviews. It's a little upsetting that summer is just about over but the circle of life goes on; thank you Elton John!

### **GOUDA TO THE LAST DROP - Dutch Cheese Soup Recipe**

**INGREDIENTS:** 1 onion, 2 carrots, 2 celery stalks, 3 cloves garlic, 6 cups cauliflower florets, 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided, salt and ground white pepper to taste, 1 bay leaf, 6 cups chicken broth, 2 cups grated gouda, 1 teaspoon mustard (Dijon-style or English) ¼ cup half-and-half, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 sprig fresh rosemary, chopped coarsely and 2 to 3 thin slices of prosciutto, julienned

**PREPARATION:** Roughly chop the onion, carrots, celery and garlic and combine with the cauliflower, 1 tablespoon of the olive oil and salt and pepper in a large soup pot. Cook over medium heat until vegetables soften, and onions become translucent, about 20-25 minutes.

Add the bay leaf and chicken broth and bring to a simmer. Cover and cook for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove the bay leaf and purée soup until smooth.

Just prior to serving the soup, stir in the gouda, mustard, half-and-half and butter. Taste and season with salt and pepper if needed. Continue cooking until cheese has melted and soup is smooth, 1 to 2 minutes.

In a small pan, heat remaining tablespoon of olive oil over medium-high heat and quickly fry the rosemary and prosciutto until crispy and aromatic.

Divide soup into bowls and garnish with the rosemary and prosciutto.

Makes 8-10 servings.

Thanks to AMA Waterways



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HAPPY ENGAGEMENT  
GIANNA & MATT



Our upcoming trip to Playa Mujeres will be our third all inclusive scheduled through Hometown Travel! During this trip we will be celebrating our recent engagement AND planning our wedding in Cancun which Nancy is also helping us and our families schedule! We are so excited to have some sense of "normalcy" after the past couple of months!

-Matthew Smith & Gianna Brobst

## SPECIAL NOTICE

### IRELAND 2.0 INFORMATION NIGHT

Because of a situation out of our control. The Info Night must be cancelled and rescheduled. As soon as a new date is confirmed, you will find it here. Please keep in mind that this is a reason we ask for your phone numbers when signing up

### WINE AND TAPAS

Is still scheduled for Monday, September 14th. We will call you on the Friday before to reconfirm. If you do not hear from us, we do not have you registered. There are currently four seats available

Find all the details on Portugal and Its Islands and the Painted Canyons of the West (featuring Utah's Five National Parks).

We will also be discussing Oberammergau 2022 .

A representative from Collette will be there to answer all your questions.



WELCOME BACK!

Father Steve Kluge will be returning to St. Francis. Along with Father Andrew.

Father Steve is looking forward to bringing a group back to Iceland so keep your eyes open.





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## **What medical records should a traveler carry when traveling abroad?**

- Physician name, phone # and fax #
- Name and phone # of home hospital
- Insurance ID cards or a copy with the ID# and Customer Service Phone number
- List of know medical problems (such as high blood pressure, diabetes, heart problems)
- List of hospitalizations and past surgeries, including dates, diagnosis and type of procedures
- ID cards for any surgical implants (i.e. joint surgery for hip or knee, pacemaker, cardiac stents)
- List of current medications with dosage and times of day taken. The complete list should also include prescriptions and over the counter medications, vitamins and herbal supplements.
- Allergies to medications and foods
- Blood type
- List of vaccinations and when received
- ICE Contact - In Case of Emergency – List name(s) of person to notify back home, include relationship and phone numbers. Leave a copy of all this information with that ICE contact, including copies of insurance ID cards (front and back), copy of passport, travel insurance policy information, and travel itinerary.

## **DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO I AM?**

An award should go to the United Airlines gate agent in Denver for being smart and funny, and making her point, when confronted with a passenger who probably deserved to fly as cargo.

A crowded United flight was canceled. A single agent was rebooking a long line of inconvenienced travelers. Suddenly, an angry passenger pushed his way to the desk. He slapped his ticket down on the counter and said, "I HAVE to be on this flight and it has to be FIRST CLASS."

The agent replied "I'm sorry sir. I'll be happy to try to help you, but I've got to help these folks first, and I'm sure we'll be able to work something out."

The passenger was unimpressed. He asked loudly, so that the passengers behind him could hear, "Do you have any idea who I am?"

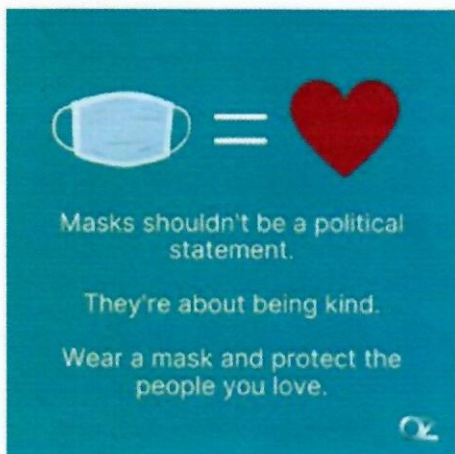
Without hesitating, the gate agent smiled and grabbed her public address microphone. "May I have your attention please?" she began, her voice bellowing throughout the terminal. "We have a passenger here at the gate WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHO HE IS. If anyone can help him find his identity, please come to the gate."

With the folks behind him in line laughing hysterically, the man glared at the United agent, gritted his teeth and swore, "F\*\*\* you!"

Without flinching, she smiled and said, "I'm sorry, sir, but you'll have to stand in line for that too."

## **The Founding of St. Augustine**

The oldest continuously occupied city in the United States was first sighted on this day in 1565. Explorer Pedro Menendez founded St. Augustine, naming it for St. Augustine of Hippo. He and 600 of his soldiers arrived and settled in an Indian village, which they turned into a fortified outpost. In 1566, the first child of European ancestry was born in St. Augustine, some 21 years before the English settlement at Roanoke...



## **10 safest destinations in the world**

1. Thailand, 2. Jordan, 3. French Polynesia, 4. Greece, 5. Uruguay, 6. Italy, 7. Cambodia, 8. Japan, 9. Ireland and 10. Botswana



## Hawaii, Round-trip Honolulu

October 30<sup>th</sup>-November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
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Immerse yourself in the rich culture, incredible landscapes and delicious cuisine of Hawai'i on this one-of-a-kind 7-day cruise from Honolulu on Pride of America. Where you can explore an island every day of your vacation - from the lush, fragrant vegetation of Kaua'i to the Big Island's dramatic volcanoes and the famous surfing beaches of Oahu. Where you can enjoy overnight stays in Maui and Kaua'i, giving you even more time to discover the best of Island living. Where each day is spectacular and every night is legendary. This is how you Hawai'i. Rates will include all port fees and taxes, excursion credits for each port and full beverage package. Interior cabins starting at \$1790.00 per person.



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