

ACROSS

- 1. Black eye (6)
- 5. Pyramid conifer (6)
- 8. Request (3)
- 9. Assault (4,2)
- 10. Put on (6)
- 11. Equitable (4)
- 12. Unconscious state (8)
- 14. State of good living (7,2,4)
- 17. Go carefully (4,4)
- 19. Encourage (4)
- 21. Hazard (6)
- 23. Meat pin (6)
- 24. Metal-bearing mineral (3)
- 25. Selected (6)
- 26. One or other (6)

DOWN

- 2. African doglike mammal (5)
- 3. Of course (9)
- 4. Close understanding (7)
- 5. Special ability (5)
- 6. Blame (3)
- 7. Let go (4,3)
- 13. Savoury pastry (3-2-4)
- 15. Untie (7)
- 16. Superintendent (7)
- 18. Cook's overall (5)
- 20. Gaggle birds (5)
- 22. US petrol (3)

Answers at bottom of group page



KIDS FLY FREE

Up to 12 Years

Travel through December 21, 2021.
Book now through February 28th 2021 while supplies last.

Valid to Caribbean, Mexico and USA on selected carriers. One (1) child per paying adult. Child must be booked and ticketed in the same reservation with a paying adult. Applicable on all classes of service, excluding basic economy. Published fares only. Not applicable on contracted groups. New bookings only.



Po Boy Style Shrimp Burgers With Cajun Spiced Tots



1 1/2 tbsp. olive oil, plus more for the baking sheet

1 lb. frozen potato tots or puffs

2 tsp. no-salt-added Cajun seasoning

1 lb. large peeled and deveined shrimp, chopped

1 large egg white

2 scallions, finely chopped

2 tbsp. panko bread crumbs

black pepper

1 lime, halved

4 challah rolls or buns, split

1 Heat oven to 425°F. Rub a rimmed baking sheet with oil. Scatter the tots on the sheet, then toss with the Cajun seasoning. Bake until golden brown and crisp, turning halfway through cooking, 20 to 25 minutes.

2 Meanwhile, in a food processor, pulse together the shrimp, egg white, scallions, panko, and ¼ teaspoon black pepper just to combine (there should be some chunks of shrimp).

3 Heat the oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Shape the shrimp mixture into four ¾-inch-thick patties and cook until golden brown and opaque throughout, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Remove the skillet from the heat and squeeze the lime juice all over the burgers.

SPECIAL GROUP DEPARTURES

Freedom of the Seas

September 16th-25th, 2021

Currently this 9-night cruise to Canada and New England round trip out of Cape Liberty has been paused until a decision has been made regarding cruise travel to Canada. **Balcony cabins starting at \$1,245.00** per person including all port and government taxes, plus a \$50.00 on board credit. Deposits are fully refundable. If you would like to be placed on a waitlist or want more information, please call. A determination of sailing will be made by Royal Caribbean will be made in the next few weeks.

American Queen Charms of the South

October 3rd - 11th, 2021

This nine-day itinerary starts in New Orleans with a pre-night hotel stay and ends in Memphis visiting ports of call: Two full days in New Orleans, Nottoway Plantation, St. Francisville, LA, Natchez, MS, Vicksburg, MS, Port of the Mississippi Delta, one full day of river cruising. Outside stateroom with veranda starts at \$3599.00 per person and includes pre-cruise night hotel stay, beer and wine with dinner, hop-on hop-off shore excursions, internet service and 24-hour room service. **Proof of vaccination will be required.** Please call for more information

St. Francis Ireland with Father Kevin

October 21st - 29th, 2021

Father Kevin will escort a private journey to Ireland with Belfast and Giants Causeway. Round trip airfare on United from Newark (including all current government fees and taxes), seven hotel nights (2-Westport, 1-Donnegal, 2-Belfast & 2-Dublin) with private facilities and full Irish breakfast; including day of arrival. Six dinners including Taste n' Tour Belfast and a dinner show at Taylors Three Rock. Highlights include: Cliffs of Moher, Achill Island, Mass at Knock Shrine, Giants Causeway, Guinness Brewery, and Titanic Belfast along with a city tour there, Dublin and Derry. **DOUBLES: \$3,499.00 PLUS INSURANCE AND ONLY ONE SINGLE ROOM CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT A SUPPLEMENT OF \$600.00**

Hawaii, Round-trip Honolulu

October 30th-November 6th, 2021 (Teachers Break in NJ)

Immerse yourself in the rich culture, incredible landscapes and delicious cuisine of Hawaii on this one of a kind seven-day cruise from Honolulu on **NCL's Pride of America**. You can explore a different island every day of your vacation—from the lush, fragrant vegetation of Kauai to the Big Island's dramatic volcanoes and the famous surfing beaches all over Hawaii. You will enjoy overnight stays in both Maui and Kauai

giving you even more time to discover the best the islands have to offer. Each day is spectacular and every night is legendary. This is how you Hawaii! Rates will include all port fees and taxes, beverage package including gratuities, \$50/cabin excursion credit per port, 250 internet minutes along with third and fourth passengers (in the same cabin) sail for free (excluding taxes). Interior cabins start at \$1,790.00 per person. Amenities are subject to change.

Royal Caribbean Anthem Of the Seas

Thanksgiving Cruise

November 21st-28th, 2021

Set sail on a seven-night Thanksgiving cruise from Cape Liberty, with a full day stop on Royal Caribbean's Coco Cay. Conquer the tallest waterslide in North America or snap a shot from a height of 450 ft. in a helium balloon. Grab a drink at the swim-up bar, grab a bite at five new dining venues throughout the island (no extra charge) or find a spot in the shade at Chill Island, where there are plenty of beach chairs for everyone. Other ports include Orlando (Port Canaveral) and Nassau. A rate of \$1179.00 per person double occupancy includes all current government taxes and port fees, plus a \$50.00 on board credit per cabin. Additional room categories available. Please call Nancy for more information.

ICELAND GETAWAY – THE LAND OF FIRE AND ICE

February 1ST - 6TH, 2022

A bucket list trip. Fly from Newark on a flight that is about the same amount of time as Las Vegas. Because of the jet stream, the weather about that time averages above 32 degrees with sunrise about 10 a.m. and sunset is 5:30 p.m. Upon arrival we will have breakfast at the Viking World Museum before heading to the warm, thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon. Cover yourself with the healing mud and leave looking years younger. The not to be missed, full day, Grand Circle Tour will have you visit magnificent waterfalls and geysers along with a stop at Thingvillar National Park, Iceland's Grand Canyon and the home of the oldest Parliament building in Europe. We will also try to see the Northern Lights (never guaranteed) and if nothing is spotted the first time, we will try again the next night. One additional day for your own pursuits where you can visit the black sand beaches of the south shore or visit the interior of a glacier (the only one in the world); amazing! Our package includes round trip air on Icelandic Air from Newark, four nights hotel accommodations at the FossHotel Reykjavik with taxes and government fees, four Iceland breakfasts at the hotel plus one continental breakfast on arrival, stable visit, and greenhouse soup lunch while on Golden Circle tour, Blue Lagoon entrance and Northern Lights tour. Rate: \$1,699.00 per person double. A limited number of singles are available at an upcharge of \$350.00. Insurance is recommended and a passport is required. Price is based on a minimum of 20 passengers.



LOCAL WINTER SNOWSTORM



Carnival's AIDA Cruises to Restart Sailings on March 20

While sailings are still on hold in North America, and the 2021 Alaska cruise season still very much in doubt, another European-based cruise line has announced plans to restart.

AIDA Cruises, the German-based cruise line owned by Carnival Corp., announced on Tuesday that it will restart European sailings next month.

AIDA will kick off its 2021 season with AIDAPERLA sailing around the Canary Islands, one of the more popular "fly and cruise" itineraries for AIDA's German travelers, on March 21, just as the German federal government's most recent lockdown is expected to end on March 7.

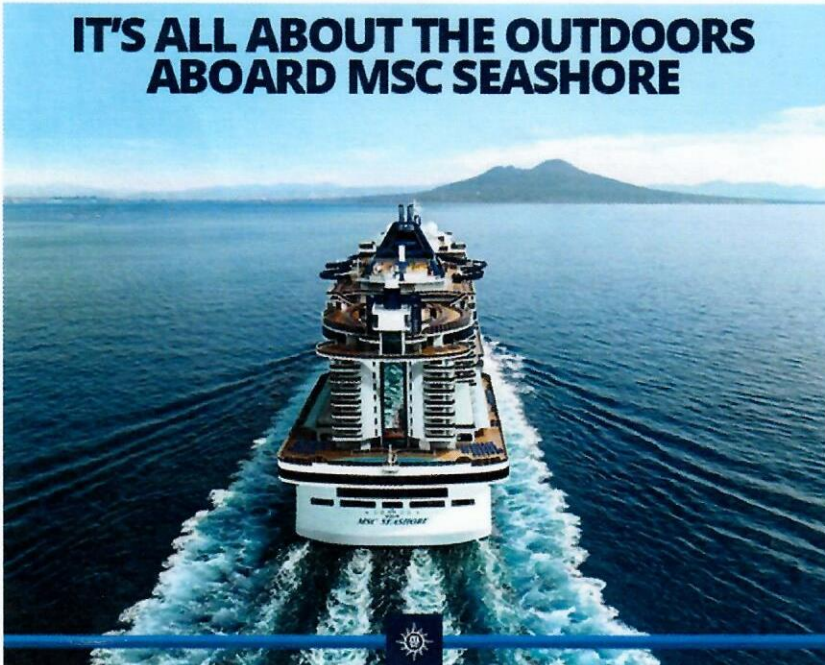
AIDA will sail with a set of health and safety protocols that it has built to keep guests safe. The new rules include social distancing onboard (AIDA is asking guests to keep a minimum of 1.5 meters from other people), face mask requirements in all public spaces, mandatory pre-cruise COVID-19 testing, increased cleaning and disinfection, and more changes to the everyday cruise experience, including how food is served onboard and more.

The test requirement is mandatory for all guests aged six-months or older.

AIDA, with the news, will join MSC Cruises and other Europe-based cruise lines that are already sailing guests. MSC has been sailing in the Mediterranean since August and had already been able to accommodate more than 30,000 guests since its restart, even with a pause during the holiday season.

MSC also recently announced that it was working closely with the Greek Ministry of Tourism, working towards a restart of its sailings in Greece.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE OUTDOORS ABOARD MSC SEASHORE



When nobody is on the cruise ship, the towels are living it up!

WHEN CAN I CRUISE?

Ocean cruise lines continue to cancel sailings and extend their operations pause to comply with the CDC's Conditional Sailing Order. Here are the latest on expected restart dates. Major cruise lines are listed in alphabetical order.

Carnival Cruise Line extended its pause in U.S. departures through April 30 and canceled Australia operations through May 19. Carnival canceled European itineraries for the Carnival Legend, which were to operate from May to October, and moved the launch date for the Mardi Gras from Port Canaveral, Fla., to May 29.

Cunard Line extended its operations pause, citing ongoing travel constraints across the world, on the Queen Mary 2 through May 28 and the Queen Elizabeth through June 4. Departures on the Queen Victoria are still scheduled to resume May 17.

Holland America Line extended its operations pause for all departures through April 30, including Alaska, Mexican Riviera, Pacific coast, Caribbean, Mediterranean and Canada/New England departures. The cancellations include Alaska cruises on the Koningsdam through mid-May and the Eurodam, Oosterdam and Zuiderdam through early June; the Mediterranean through early June on the Volendam and the Westerdam; and the Zaandam's Canada/New England itineraries through August. Holland America Line canceled cruises of eight days or longer that call in the U.S. through Nov. 1, as well as some longer cruises in other parts of the world through mid-April.

MSC Cruises extended its operations pause through April 30 on its four ships based in Florida: the MSC Seaside, MSC Divina, MSC Meraviglia and MSC Armonia.

Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. extended the suspension of cruising on its three brands, **Norwegian Cruise Line**, **Oceania Cruises** and **Regent Seven Seas Cruises** brands through May 31.

Princess Cruises suspended cruises through May 14 on sailings in the Caribbean, the California coast, early Alaska sailings and Europe cruises, and canceled through November all itineraries that touch U.S. ports and are more than seven days. The line also canceled all cruises in and out of Japan through June 25, citing uncertainty around travel restrictions.

Royal Caribbean Group brands **Royal Caribbean International**, **Celebrity Cruises** and **Azamara** extended the suspension of cruises through April 30, except for the Quantum of the Seas, which is now sailing out of Singapore. **Silversea Cruises** extended paused through April 1.

Windstar Cruises postponed its sailings until May and canceled cruises from Alaska, U.S. and Mexico ports. The Star Legend is scheduled to debut May 1 from Athens; the Wind Star May 22 from Athens; the Wind Spirit May 6 in Tahiti, the Wind Surf May 9 from Civitavecchia, Italy; the Star Pride July 14 from Dover, England; and the Star Breeze May 15 from St. Martin.

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