

SAVE \$750 PER PERSON

We hope our group to Bermuda aboard the Celebrity Summit (departing June 7th) will be one of the first cruises to depart from Cape Liberty this year. We have only five Aqua Class cabins still available at a savings of over \$700 per person off Celebrity direct. MUST BE BOOKED BY FEBRUARY 7, 2021 for this special rate \$1,179.00

IF YOU ARE ALREADY BOOKED, PLEASE NOTE FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE BY FEBRUARY 26, 2021

Ireland October 21 -29, 2021

Many have you have traveled to Ireland before but you now have the opportunity to explore the sites, history and famous landmarks of Ireland's northern coast including the chance to celebrate Mass at the Knock Shrine with Father Kevin.

Includes: round trip airfare on United (including all current taxes and service fees), private motorcoach with professional driver/guide, seven hotel nights, full Irish breakfast each morning 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, Titanic Belfast along with city tours in Belfast, Dublin and Derry.

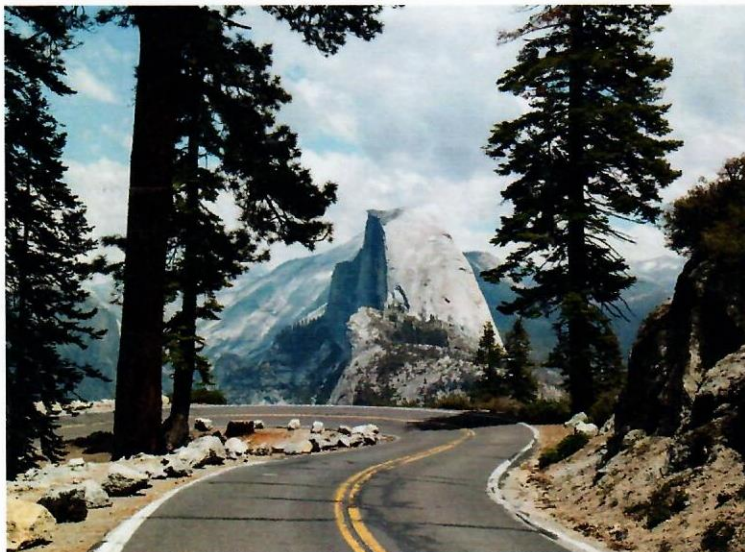
\$3,499.00 per person double (based on a minimum of 20 passengers) plus insurance of \$250.00

A limited number of singles are available with a surcharge of \$600 and +\$50.00 for insurance

PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED AND INSURANCE IS SUGGESTED

To find out more, come to our presentation at St. Francis on LBI

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 4:00 PM



The U.S. National Park Service announced six days this year when you can explore the great outdoors for no price at all.

In 2021, you can visit U.S. national parks for no fee on these dates:

January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

April 17: First day of National Park Week

August 4: One-year anniversary of the [Great American Outdoors Act](#)

August 25: National Park Service Birthday

September 25: National Public Lands Day

November 11: Veterans Day

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Windstar's new **2021-2023 Voyage Collection** brochure is your ticket to extraordinary adventures exclusive to yachts—and it's available for your desk now. Leaf through all the details of our newest and most popular cruises, and then sell your clients on their dream vacation aboard one of our yachts, including the recently transformed *Star Breeze*.

In addition to our fleet of popular masted ships, there are new adventures aboard *Star Breeze's* two sister all-suite yachts, *Star Legend* and *Star Pride*. You will enjoy the final touches of Windstar's *\$250 Million Star Plus Initiative*, with two new restaurants, expanded suites and world class elevated pools.

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Plus, up to \$300 in Resort Perks*

DREAMING OF A ROMANTIC GETAWAY?

Whether you're planning the ultimate Valentine's Day gift, an anniversary or just a much-needed escape for two, Hilton Playa del Carmen is the perfect adults-only resort to make your trip unforgettable.

Book by February 3, 2021

Travel through December 20, 2021



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Lufthansa to Require Medical-Grade Masks on Flights

The airlines of the Lufthansa Group will require passengers to wear medical protective masks on flights to and from Germany from Feb. 1, according to the company. A surgical mask, FFP2 or KN95/N95 mask will be required on boarding, during the flight and when leaving the aircraft. Everyday masks no longer will be permitted.

A medical exemption from the obligation to wear a mask is only possible if the medical certificate is issued on a form provided by Lufthansa, and the passenger provides a negative Covid-19 test result obtained no earlier than 48 hours before the scheduled flight time.

The airline said, "In principle, infection on board is very unlikely. All Lufthansa Group aircraft are equipped with the highest quality air filters, which ensure air quality similar to that in an operating theatre. In addition, the air circulates vertically instead of being dispersed throughout the cabin."

American Sets Start Dates for Tel Aviv, Athens Flights

American Airlines' new service daily from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport to both Tel Aviv and Athens will begin May 6 and June 2, respectively, the carrier announced. The flights, American's first new long-haul international service out of New York to be added in four years, will run year-round to Tel Aviv, and the seasonal Athens service runs through Oct. 30. The flights will build on the carrier's recently approved Northeastern United States alliance with JetBlue.

Las Vegas says good bye!

Illusionist Siegfried Fischbacher, 81, a longtime box office presence with his partner, Roy Horn, died Jan. 13 of pancreatic cancer.

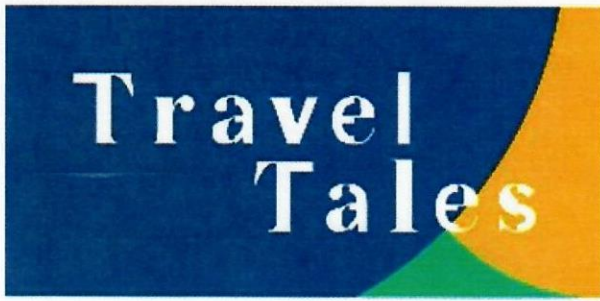


Fischbacher, will be remembered for his role in one of the most spectacular shows in the history of the Strip. Siegfried & Roy, a presence in Las Vegas since the late 1960s, attained their commercial and artistic pinnacle at the Mirage from 1990 to 2003. In 2001, it was estimated that they had performed 5,000 shows at the casino for 10 million fans and had grossed more than \$1 billion. When their show ended after a tiger attacked Horn onstage, the theater was converted to house Cirque du Soleil's "The Beatles Love."

The duo astonished audiences during their lavish shows. Their magic often

incorporated white tigers, elephants and snakes and was augmented by smoke machines, lasers and sequined costumes. Their influence on Las Vegas' entertainment will endure

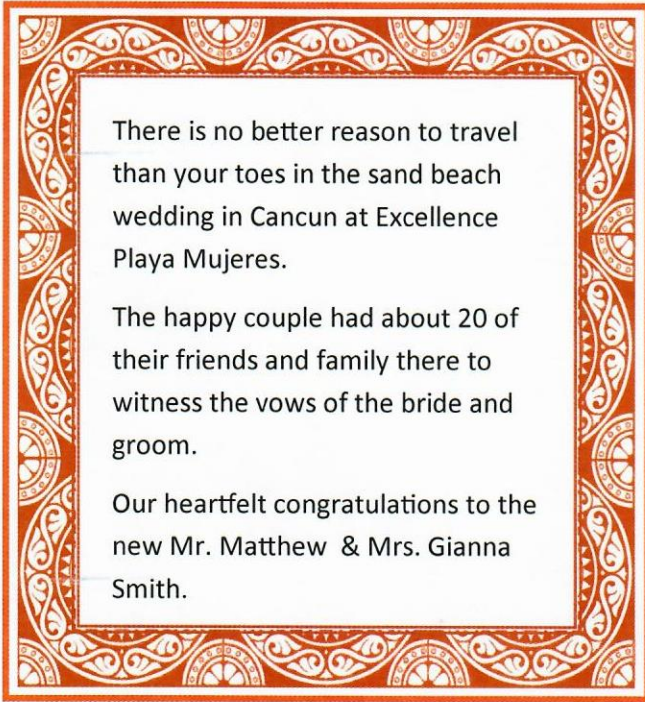
They gained international attention for helping to save rare white tigers and white lions from extinction; Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat continues at the Mirage. The road that stretches from the Strip to the Mirage was renamed Siegfried & Roy Drive in August.



Thinking about travel? 79% of the population believe that having a trip to look forward to allows the day to day issues to be more tolerable.

With much of traveling restricted, I would like you to tell me about one of your favorite trips and what made it so special. If you would like to include photo, even better. It might give our readers some idea of where they might want to go as the world opens up.

Please e-mail your story to hometowntravel@comcast.net



There is no better reason to travel than your toes in the sand beach wedding in Cancun at Excellence Playa Mujeres.

The happy couple had about 20 of their friends and family there to witness the vows of the bride and groom.

Our heartfelt congratulations to the new Mr. Matthew & Mrs. Gianna Smith.



Excluded from New CDC Travel Requirement, Puerto Rico is Uniquely Positioned to Welcome U.S. Travelers

For those who want to get away to a sun and sand destination, Puerto Rico presents a unique opportunity to experience the Caribbean atmosphere without the hassle of having to meet the CDC's new international travel requirement.

Starting Tuesday, inbound U.S. travelers will need to have proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within three days prior to re-entry.

Given that Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory, the destination is excluded from the CDC requirement and Americans do not need to provide a negative COVID-19 test result to return back to the mainland United States. All trips to and from Puerto Rico are considered domestic travel, which may alleviate any concerns of those who wish to travel in the upcoming months.

However, the CDC still recommends getting tested three to five days after arrival and staying home for seven days post-travel.

Coconut-Almond French Toast Casserole

Level: Easy

Total: 8 hr 15 min

Prep: 15 min

Inactive: 7 hr

Cook: 1 hr

Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients:

French Toast:

unsalted butter, for greasing dish

9 slices Texas Toast or other thick sliced bread

6 large eggs

3 1/2 cups half-and-half

5 tablespoons granulated sugar

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Pinch of salt

Coconut-Almond Crust:

1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons sweetened coconut flakes

1/3 cup plus 1/4 cup sliced almonds

5 tablespoons granulated sugar

5 tablespoons all-purpose flour

Pinch salt

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

1 large egg plus 1 large egg yolk

Confectioners' sugar and berries, for garnish, optional

Directions:

- 1 Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F. Lightly butter a 9-by-13-inch casserole dish.
- 2 For the French toast: Lay the bread slices in one layer (it's OK if they overlap a little) on a baking sheet. Bake the slices (to dry them out a little) for 6 minutes, then flip and bake for 6 minutes more. Set aside to cool.
- 3 Whisk together the eggs, half-and-half, granulated sugar, vanilla, cinnamon and salt in a large bowl. Dunk each bread slice in the egg mixture to coat thoroughly and shingle the slices in the buttered casserole dish. Pour any remaining egg mixture over the bread. Cover the dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 6 hours or overnight.
- 4 For the coconut-almond crust: Put 1/2 cup of the coconut, 1/3 cup of the almonds, granulated sugar, flour and salt in a food processor and process until very fine. Add the butter, egg and egg yolk and process well to form a smooth paste.
- 5 To assemble the casserole: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Spread the coconut-almond mixture evenly over the soaked bread slices. Top with the remaining 1/4 cup sliced almonds and 3 tablespoons coconut and bake until puffed and lightly golden and the custard is set (the center of the casserole will no longer jiggle when shaken), 45 to 50 minutes. Allow to cool for 1 hour before serving, or serve at room temperature.
- 6 Serve with a sprinkling of powdered sugar and berries if using.



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These European Cruises Plan to Resume Sailing This Month

MSC and Costa were two of the first cruise lines to bring back cruises over the summer, before putting fall cruises on hold due to a second wave of COVID-19.

European cruise lines MSC Cruises and Costa Cruises announced their plans to resume voyages around the continent later this month.

MSC Cruises plans to resume cruises from the port of Genoa, Italy on Jan. 24, with weekly cruises of the western Mediterranean aboard the *MSC Grandiosa*. The cruise line originally intended on bringing back ships earlier in the month, but the Italian government has blocked port access until Jan. 15, reps for the company said in a statement. On Feb. 14, the *MSC Magnifica* will also return to sea, with 11-night cruises of Italy, Greece, and Malta. The relaunch of that ship was also pushed back, due to restrictions by the Greek government.

Costa Cruises plans to resume its cruises on Jan. 31 onboard the *Costa Deliziosa*. Travelers will be able to book three, four, and seven-day itineraries to Italian ports.

MSC and Costa were two of the first cruise lines to bring back cruises over the summer, with Mediterranean voyages in August and September. Passengers aboard the summer cruises were required to board the ship in staggered groups, maintain social distancing on board, and undergo a COVID-19 swab test.

When a second wave of COVID-19 hit in the autumn, the cruise lines began cancelling itineraries in November and through the holiday season.