

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LUGGAGE TAGS

The minutes spent waiting at the baggage carousel can be among the most gut-wrenching, palm-sweating and butterfly-in-stomach-inducing of the entire travel experience. The terror of not seeing your bag ride down the conveyor belt keeps even the most well-seasoned traveler awake at night.

But luckily, airlines are better than ever at reuniting lost bags with their owners. About 97 percent of all lost bags are found and returned within two days, and there are a few steps you can take to ensure that your lost luggage is among that statistic.

As with most aspects of travel, the best plan is foresight. A secure luggage tag with legible information can help bring lost bags back home.

All luggage tags should list the owner's name, email address, and a phone number.

Whether or not to include an address, however, is contentious, and you might want to refrain from putting your home address on your luggage. If you can avoid listing your home address, you will be less likely to be targeted for a robbery while you are away. However, the address of where you will be traveling is a good point of contact for luggage lost on the outbound flight (just include it on a small slip of paper in addition to the permanent card in your luggage tag). If you are worried about luggage being lost on the return flight, consider listing a work address instead of home.

When traveling abroad, avoid a luggage tag with a flag or anything that could identify your nationality. Also, get a luggage tag with a cover so your information can't be scanned by someone near you.

Finally, as a backup, draft an email that includes a photo of your luggage, its dimensions, and your contact information (phone number and work address) that you can forward to the airline in the event your luggage goes missing.

Soon, the issue of what to put on your luggage tag may not even be an issue. Digital luggage tags already provide a secure way to track your bags and allow airport workers to scan for private information.

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## In-Flight COVID-19 Transmission Incidence Is Low, IATA Study Finds

The risk of contracting **COVID-19** (coronavirus) aboard an airplane is low, according to an updated tally of published cases and compiled by the **International Air Transport Association** (IATA). Since the start of 2020, there have been 44 cases of COVID-19 reported in which transmission is thought to have been associated with a flight journey (inclusive of confirmed, probable and potential cases), IATA reports. Over the same period, some 1.2 billion passengers have traveled (that's one case for every 27 million travelers).

New insight into why the numbers are so low has come from the joint publication by **Airbus**, **Boeing** and **Embraer** of separate computational fluid dynamics (CFD) research conducted by each manufacturer in their aircraft. While methodologies differed slightly, according to IATA, each simulation confirmed that aircraft airflow systems do control the movement of particles in the cabin, limiting the spread of viruses.

Data from the simulations found similar results, including: Aircraft airflow systems, High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters, the natural barrier of the seatback, the downward flow of air, and high rates of air exchange efficiently reduce the risk of disease transmission on board in normal times. In addition, mask-wearing adds a further and significant extra layer of protection, which makes being seated in close proximity in an aircraft cabin safer than most other indoor environments.

## Stats: 95 Percent of Americans Are Missing Travel Right Now

According to a new study released Monday by **Hilton**, 95 percent of Americans are missing travel right now. It's not surprising, Hilton says, after six months of restrictions brought on by a global pandemic that has led to working and learning from home and little change in scenery. In addition, the survey found that millions of Americans already feel a "travel memory deficit," leading to greater stress and the feeling of FOMO ("fear of missing out") on lost special moments with loved ones.

Traveling, it seems, is one of the American pastimes that brings long-lasting joy, with nine in 10 respondents saying that travel memories are the fondest they have. Travel—over special occasions or personal achievements—is attributed to creating peoples most frequently recalled "happy memory," with the majority of those surveyed also citing that creating these lasting memories is a primary motivation for their trips. Further: 54 percent said travel memories are more important than their favorite piece of jewelry and 53 percent say those memories are more important than their smartphone.

It is not surprising, then, that nearly all respondents (94 percent) who travel said they plan to do so once restrictions and limitations are lifted. In fact, two-thirds (66 percent) plan to make travel a priority and want to take that "bucket list" trip.



Just for fun...

With which of the following names are you familiar?

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Monica Lewinsky  | 6. Alfonse Capone |
| 2. Spiro Agnew      | 7. Vladimir Putin |
| 3. Benito Mussolini | 8. Linda Lovelace |
| 4. Adolf Hitler     | 9. Saddam Hussein |
| 5. Jorge Bergoglio  | 10. Tiger Woods   |

You had trouble with #5, didn't you?

You knew all the liars, criminals, adulterers, murderers, thieves and cheaters but not the Pope?

# THE CDC ISSUES PHASED RETURN PROTOCOLS TO BRING BACK CRUISING



The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** has issued a **Framework for Conditional Sailing Order** that introduces a phased approach for the safe and responsible resumption of passenger cruises.

The Order establishes a framework of actionable items for the cruise line industry to follow so they can resume passenger operations with an emphasis on preventing the further spread of COVID-19 on cruise ships and from cruise ships into communities, and to protect public health and safety. The Order applies to passenger operations on cruise ships with the capacity to carry at least 250 passengers in waters subject to U.S. jurisdiction.

“This framework provides a pathway to resume safe and responsible sailing. It will mitigate the risk of COVID-19 outbreaks on ships and prevent passengers and crew from seeding outbreaks at ports and in the communities where they live,” says CDC Director Robert R. Redfield, M.D. “CDC and the cruise industry have a shared goal to protect crew, passengers, and communities and will continue to work together to ensure that all necessary public health procedures are in place before cruise ships begin sailing with passengers.”

The Framework for Conditional Sailing Order requires a phased approach to resuming passenger operations. The CDC says is necessary because of the continued spread of the COVID-19 pandemic worldwide, risk of resurgence in countries that have suppressed transmission, ongoing concerns related to restarting of cruising internationally, and need for additional time for the cruise industry to test the effectiveness of measures to control potential COVID-19 transmission on board cruise ships with passengers without burdening public health.

“CDC and the cruise industry have the same goal: A return to passenger sailing, but only when its safe. Under the CDC’s Framework for Conditional Sailing Order, cruise lines have been given a pathway to systematically demonstrate their ability to sail while keeping passengers, crew and their destination ports safe and healthy,” said former Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt, co-chair of the Healthy Sail Panel, in a statement.

During the initial phases, cruise ship operators must demonstrate adherence to testing, quarantine and isolation, and social distancing requirements to protect crew members while they build the laboratory capacity needed to test crew and future passengers. Subsequent phases will include simulated (mock) voyages with volunteers playing the role of passengers to test cruise ship operators’ ability to mitigate COVID-19 risk, certification for ships that meet specific requirements, and return to passenger voyages in a manner that mitigates COVID-19 risk among passengers, crew members, and communities.

“Our member lines are 100 percent committed to helping to protect the health of our guests, our crew and the communities we serve, and are prepared to implement multiple layers of protocols informed by the latest scientific and medical knowledge,” said Kelly Craighead, president and CEO of Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), in a statement. “We look forward to reviewing the new Order and are optimistic that it is an important step toward returning our ships to service from U.S. ports.”

CDC will help ships prepare and protect crew members during the initial phases by:

- establishing a laboratory team dedicated to cruise ships to provide information and oversight for COVID-19 testing,
- updating its color-coding system to indicate ship status,
- updating its technical instructions, as needed, and
- updating the “Enhanced Data Collection (EDC) During COVID-19 Pandemic Form” to prepare for surveillance for COVID-19 among passengers.

CDC will continue to update its guidance and recommendations to specify basic safety standards and public health interventions based on the best scientific evidence available. For more information about COVID-19 and cruise ships, visit [www.cdc.gov/quarantine/cruise](https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/cruise).

There is optimism for 2021 cruising.



The Islands of The Bahamas announced streamlined entry protocols that will enable visitors to better and more seamlessly enjoy The Bahamas vacation experience.

**Effective 1 November 2020, The Bahamas will require all travelers to:**

1. Obtain a COVID-19 RT PCR test five (5) days prior to arrival.
2. Apply for a Bahamas Health Travel Visa at [travel.gov.bs](http://travel.gov.bs)
3. For the duration of the visit, complete a daily online health questionnaire for symptom tracking purposes.
4. Take a COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test on Day 5 of the visit (unless departing on day 5).
5. Always wear a mask and always social distance in public places.

In addition, beginning 14 November 2020, all visitors will be required to opt-in to mandatory COVID-19 health insurance when applying for their Health Travel Visa. The insurance will cover travelers for the duration of their stay in The Bahamas.

## Should You Book Travel to Jamaica Right Now?

Nearly four months after Jamaica reopened its borders to international travelers, its tourism officials are describing the Caribbean island's tourism industry reboot as overwhelmingly positive. Despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, Jamaica has been successful at navigating the potential threats and evolving protocols and technologies to ensure a safe and seamless travel experience. Jamaica requires U.S. travelers over the age of 12 to provide proof of negative COVID-19 PCR or antigen tests taken within 10 days of their flight and to complete an online travel authorization form — which asks for details about their recent health — within five days of their departure. The destination also made headlines in recent weeks, announcing that starting this month it will require visitors to purchase a \$40 Jamaica Cares insurance plan, per person, to cover the cost of emergency medical services and medical evacuations due to illnesses such as COVID-19.

Jamaica's COVID-19 pretest mandate has made it less appealing in the eyes of some travelers as competing destinations such as Mexico and the Dominican Republic do not require tests.



As St. Kitts & Nevis welcomes visitors to its shores beginning October 31, this update provides additional information on changes to hotel properties to be used by visitors and a link to the Travel Authorization form to be completed by all visitors.

All incoming passengers to St. Kitts & Nevis are required to complete the Travel Authorization Form, which can be found at [www.knatravelform.kn](http://www.knatravelform.kn) prior to their arrival. Those coming from outside the CARICOM (Caribbean) Bubble, must have their accommodations booked before submitting the Travel Authorization Form as your reservation information will be required to complete the form. Visitors are also required to upload proof of their negative PCR-test when completing the form. Once the form is completed and submitted, with a valid email address, it will be reviewed, and the visitor will receive approval to enter the Federation.

# Skillet Spaghetti Casserole

Level: Easy

Total: 25 min

Active: 15 min

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

## Ingredients:

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper  
8 ounces spaghetti  
1/4 cup drained brined capers  
1/4 cup golden raisins  
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes  
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter  
8 large eggs  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
1/2 cup grated Parmesan  
8 ounces shredded mozzarella (2 cups)

## Directions:

- 1 Preheat the broiler to high with a rack set 6 inches from the heat source. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.
- 2 Add the pasta to the water and cook according to package directions. Drain and immediately return to the pot. Toss the pasta with the capers, raisins, red pepper flakes, and 3 tablespoons of the butter until the pasta is well coated.
- 3 Beat the eggs with the oil, 1 teaspoon salt, and a few grinds of pepper in a medium bowl. Heat the remaining tablespoon butter in a large ovenproof nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the beaten eggs and cook, without stirring, until just set on the bottom, about 30 seconds. Then lift some of the set eggs with a spatula, letting the uncooked egg flow down to the bottom of the skillet. Repeat until the eggs are mostly set but still runny. Nestle the pasta evenly into the eggs and scatter the cheeses over the top. Broil, watching carefully, until the cheese is melted and the eggs are fully set, about 3 minutes. Cut into wedges and serve.



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Stay safe when visiting The Florida Keys:  
Masks Required. Wash Hands. Social Distance.

## What's in a Name?

It's never nice to make fun of people, but what about towns and cities? Are they fair game to poke fun at? NJ has some winners but here are some others that are oddly or funny named towns in our great country:

AL: Scratch Ankle

AR: Toad Suck

DE: Flea Hill

ID: Beer Bottle Crossing

IL: Chicken Bristle

IN: Santa Claus

KY: Pig

ME: Bald Head

MA: Satan's Kingdom

MS: Possumneck

MO: Frankenstein

NE: Worms

NV: Jackpot

NJ: Foul Rift

NY: Handsome Eddy

NC: Why Not

ND: Zap

OH: Dull

OK: Okay

OR: Boring

SD: Plenty Bears

TX: Ding Dong

UT: Nibley

VT: Mosquitoville

WA: Big Bottom

WV: Booger Hole

WY: Chugwater