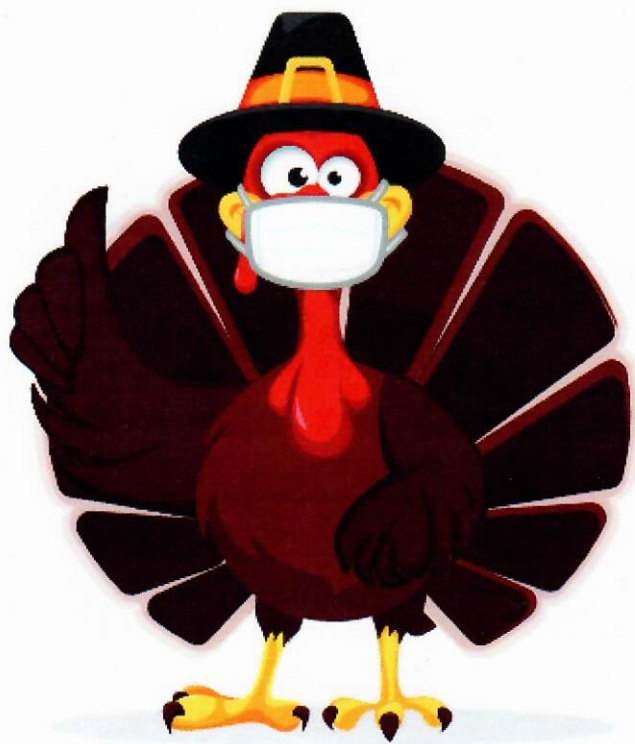


## OUR THANKSGIVING WISH FOR YOU

Home Town Travel looks forward to the day we can help you make great memories while traveling to all destinations, responsibly and safely.

Thank you for allowing Home Town Travel to serve you and best wishes to you and your family for a Thanksgiving that is safe, healthy and happy!

Nancy and Tara



**Please**  
**wear a mask.**

Thank you for protecting  
yourself and others.

# *Delta says it has banned nearly 550 people for refusing to wear masks!*

Delta Air Lines has banned nearly 550 customers for refusing to wear masks aboard its planes, its chief executive said last week. It is the latest step the company has taken to assure employees and passengers that it is taking the pandemic seriously.

Over the summer, airlines started to ban passengers for refusing to comply with mask requirements in an effort to bolster confidence in the measures the companies were taking to protect travelers. They have also been deep-cleaning planes, leaving seats empty and reducing physical interactions between staff and passengers. United Airlines said that it had put nearly 350 passengers to its no-fly list. American Airlines and Southwest Airlines declined to say how many people they had put on similar lists.

Delta and Southwest, which are widely regarded as the strongest companies in the industry, are the only large airlines leaving middle seats empty to promote distancing, in part because they can afford to forgo the revenue from keeping seats empty. Southwest plans to end the practice after Thanksgiving and Delta has said it will leave it in place at least through the end of the year. JetBlue will now also eliminate the empty middle seat in January.

With demand for flights down substantially — airport traffic on Wednesday was down about two-thirds compared with last year, according to federal data — airlines are desperately marketing the measures they're taking to keep passengers safe.

## *APPLE CRISP—THE PERFECT THANKSGIVING DESSERT*

### *Apple Filling*

- 4 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, and cut into 1/4"-thick slices
- 4 honey crisp apples, peeled and cored
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1-1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 1 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg

### *Topping*

- 2-1/2 sticks butter, softened
- 1-1/2 cups packed brown sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 cups quick-cooking oats
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg



### DIRECTIONS

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Lightly grease a 9" x 13" baking dish.

To prepare the topping, cream the butter and brown sugar with a mixer. Add the vanilla, oats, flour, cinnamon, and nutmeg and mix until the dough becomes crumbly. Do not over-mix. Set aside.

To prepare the filling, combine the apple slices with the lemon juice and vanilla extract in a large bowl. Combine the sugar, flour, cinnamon, and nutmeg in a separate bowl and then add the mixture in with the apples; stir until combined.

Spoon the apples into the prepared dish. Sprinkle the topping evenly over the apples. Bake for 35-45 minutes, or until the topping is golden brown and apples are fork tender.

### COOK'S NOTE

For this recipe we used two kinds of apples, so we had a blend of tartness and sweetness. But, you could use only Granny Smith apples if you prefer. Love nuts? Add a 1/2 cup of your favorite chopped nut to the crisp topping. You can also add 1/2 cup of dried cranberries to the apple filling for a different twist.

Bon Appetite !

# BUCKET LIST TRAVEL:

## TOP 10 PLACES IN THE WORLD AND TOP 20 IN THE U.S.

Do you have a travel bucket list? These days, more people are dreaming about travel than actually traveling. But that doesn't mean that you can't keep adding places to your travel bucket list. Lonely Planet has just released the second annual "[Ultimate Travel List](#)," which ranks what its editors describe as the world's top 500 "most thrilling, memorable downright interesting places on this planet." Let's just say that it's a bucket list to end all bucket lists.

In order to determine the best places around the world, Lonely Planet created a comprehensive list featuring each attraction and sight recommended by its authors in its guidebooks over the years. That was then whittled down to a shortlist, and everyone in the Lonely Planet community was then asked to vote on their top 20. Each entry ended up with a score that was used to create the definitive ranking of the world's top 500 places.

After months of staying at home, now's the perfect time to start thinking about where and how to travel once normality returns,

### Ranked: Top 10 Places Around the World

1. **Petra, Jordan:** The red sandstone "lost city" that is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
2. **The Galápagos Islands, Ecuador:** Destination that changed the course of science and is home to some of the rarest animals on the planet, from ancient tortoises to blue-footed boobies.
3. **Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Australia:** Down Under's most sacred landmark (also known as Ayer's Rock).
4. **Okavango Delta, Botswana:** A sprawling flooded ecosystem in Africa where you can experience the best of slow travel.
5. **Yellowstone National Park, United States:** The world's largest geothermal area; home to geysers and grizzlies.
6. **Lake Bled, Slovenia:** A photogenic lake that has been visited over the years by religious pilgrims and royalty.
7. **Iguazú Falls, Argentina/Brazil:** A powerful waterfall that is actually made up of 275 waterfalls.
8. **Temples of Angkor, Cambodia:** A sprawling series of temples in the jungle that Lonely Planet calls "a monument to human ingenuity."
9. **Salar de Uyuni, Bolivia:** The world's biggest salt flat, which becomes a giant mirrored illusion after it rains.
10. **Annapurna Circuit, Nepal:** The ultimate trek to picturesque teahouses and high-altitude overlooks.

### Ranked: Top 20 Places in the U.S.

1. Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming/Montana/Idaho (#5 on the overall list)
2. Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona (#13 overall)
3. Yosemite National Park, California (#20 overall)
4. Redwood National and State Parks, California (#49 overall)
5. Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco (#60 overall)
6. Monument Valley, Arizona (#64 overall)
7. Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii (#75 overall)
8. National Museum of African American History & Culture, Washington D.C. (#105 overall)
9. Denali, Alaska (#121 overall)
10. French Quarter, New Orleans, (#138 overall)
11. Death Valley, California (#149 overall)
12. Wizarding World of Harry Potter, Orlando (#188 overall)
13. Empire State Building, New York City (#200 overall)
14. Mesa Verde, Colorado (#220 overall)
15. Taos Pueblo, New Mexico (#233 overall)
16. The Strip, Las Vegas (#236 overall)
17. The National Mall, Washington D.C. (#287 overall)
18. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City (#295 overall)
19. National Sept. 11 Memorial & Museum, New York City (#316 overall)
20. Pike Place, Seattle (#343 overall)

## U.S.-Canada Border to Stay Closed Until Further Notice

In an interview with Canada's Global Television Network on Wednesday, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he expects to keep the U.S.-Canada border closed for the foreseeable future, as both countries continue to try and combat COVID-19 spread.

Trudeau said that the "U.S. is not in a place where we would feel comfortable reopening those borders" and that as cases rise in the U.S. and around the world, "we need to continue to keep border controls in place."

The previous border order was set to expire Oct. 21, but will now continue indefinitely.



# All CLIA Members Suspend U.S. Cruise Travel Through 2020



Following many cruise lines' decision to cancel their voyages through the end of 2020, all Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) member lines have now opted to extend their U.S. operations through Dec. 31. The announcement comes in response to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) new ["Framework for Conditional Sailing Order."](#) CLIA says it will take the extra time to address outlined COVID-19 safety measures and prepare for their implementation. and their voluntary service suspension from the U.S. through Dec. 31.

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The association also released the following detailed statement in a press release:

"As we continue to plan for a gradual and highly controlled return of cruise operations in the U.S., CLIA members are committed to implementing stringent measures to address COVID-19 safety, including 100% testing of passengers and crew, expanded onboard medical capabilities and trial sailings, among many others.

We share a common goal with CDC to protect public health, which has been affirmed and reaffirmed consistently throughout the industry's response to the global pandemic.

As we work to operationalize a path forward, our members have agreed to extend our existing suspension of U.S. operations through Dec. 31. This action will provide additional time to align the industry's extensive preparation of health protocols with the implementation requirements under the CDC's 'Framework for Conditional Sailing' and Initial Phase COVID-19 Testing Requirements for Protection of Crew.

We recognize the devastating impact that the pandemic continues to have on the 421,000 Americans whose livelihoods are connected directly to cruise operations. We will work with urgency to advance a responsible return to cruising while maintaining a focus on effective, science-based measures to protect public health."

CLIA also reiterated how crucial the cruise industry is to the economy, citing that it generates more than \$53 billion in annual economic activity while supporting 421,000 American jobs. Nearly 1,000 jobs are lost daily without cruise operations. In total, since mid-March, an estimated loss of more than \$25 billion in economic activity and more than 164,000 American jobs have been reported.

What's more, during the almost eight months of suspended U.S. cruise operations, CLIA members have developed [robust health and safety protocols](#) to protect passengers, crew and the communities that voyages visit. These extensive measures have been informed by experts in public health and science, as well as the case studies of successful CLIA-member sailings in Europe and abroad as approved by regional governments

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Reykjavik: [www.visitreykjavik.is](http://www.visitreykjavik.is)

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