Fully vaccinated can travel again, says new CDC guidance



Add travel to the activities vaccinated Americans can enjoy again, according to new U.S. guidance issued Friday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its guidance to say fully vaccinated people can travel within the U.S. without getting tested for the coronavirus or going into quarantine afterward.

Previously, the agency had cautioned against unnecessary travel even for vaccinated people, but noted that it would update its guidance as more people got vaccinated and evidence mounted about the protection the shots provide.

According to the CDC, nearly 100 million people in the U.S. -- or about 30% of the population -- have received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine. A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the last required dose of vaccine.

The new guidance says:

- Fully vaccinated people can travel within the U.S., without getting tested for the coronavirus or quarantining. People should still wear a mask, socially distance and avoid crowds, the agency says.
- For international travel, the agency says vaccinated people do not need to get a Covid-19 test before leaving, though some
 destinations may require it.
- Vaccinated people should still get a negative Covid-19 test before boarding a flight to the U.S., and be tested 3 to 5 days after
 returning. They do not need to quarantine. The agency noted the potential introduction of virus variants and differences in
 vaccine coverage around the world for the cautious guidance on overseas travel.

The CDC cited recent research on the real-world effects of the vaccines for its updated guidance. Already, the agency had said fully vaccinated people could visit with each other indoors without wearing masks or social distancing. It also said vaccinated people could visit with unvaccinated people from a single household under similar conditions, as long as the unvaccinated individuals were at low-risk for severe illness if infected.

The U.S. began its vaccine rollout in mid-December. The first vaccines -- from Pfizer and Moderna -- require two doses taken a few weeks apart. A one-shot vaccine by Johnson & Johnson was given the green light by regulators at the end of February.

CDC to issue new cruise guidelines, Miami-Dade mayor says

The CDC will soon issue new guidelines for a cruising restart, Miami-Dade mayor Daniella Levine Cava said Thursday after a call with CDC officials.

Levine Cava said on Twitter that she was "very encouraged" and "excited to learn they will be issuing new guidelines for a safe restart to cruising. Miami-Dade is ready to partner with the CDC to make sure the Cruise Capital of the World can lead the way to rebuild this critical industry."

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Levine Cava said that CDC director Rochelle Walensky and other CDC members on the call said they would shortly issue new guidelines for a cruising restart, "taking into consideration the advancements made possible by the vaccine."

The Mayor's statement was welcome news for an industry where frustration over the CDC's refusal to allow ships to sail from U.S. ports seemed to reach a fever pitch in recent weeks. With cruise lines set to launch this summer just beyond U.S. borders in the Caribbean, industry organizations along with senators, governors and mayors have been calling on the CDC to drop the Conditional Sailing Order (CSO) and allow cruising to resume from U.S. ports in July.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil, and salt generously. Add the pasta, and boil according to package directions until al dente, tender but still slightly firm. Strain, and toss with a splash of oil.

Meanwhile, arrange the shrimp in a single layer on a large pie pan or paper plate, and pat them with a paper towel until completely dry. Season with salt and pepper.

Heat a large skillet over medium heat, and add 2 tablespoons of the butter. When the butter melts, raise the heat to medium-high, and invert the plate of shrimp over the skillet so the shrimp fall into the pan all at once. Cook the shrimp, without moving them, until the underside is pink, 1 to 2 minutes. Flip the shrimp, and cook until fully pink and cooked through, about 2 minutes more. Transfer the shrimp to a bowl.

Reduce the heat to medium, and add the remaining 6 tablespoons butter. Scrape the bottom of the skillet with a wooden spoon to release any browned bits. When the butter has mostly melted, whisk in the cream and nutmeg and bring to a simmer, then cook for 2 minutes. Lower the heat to keep the sauce warm.

Whisk the Parmigiano-Reggiano into the sauce. Add the shrimp and cooked pasta, and toss well. Season with salt and pepper. Serve hot in heated bowls



Ingredients:

12 oz. fettuccine, 3/4 lb. (about 16) large shrimp, one stick unsalted butter, two cups heavy cream, 2 pinches freshly grated nutmeg, 1 1/2 cups freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, olive oil for tossing, freshly ground pepper and Kosher salt.

France is Reopening for American Tourists Announces President Emmanuel Macron

Just when it was looking like international travel was impossible this year, the last few weeks have changed everything. Hunt for your old phrasebook and get shopping for a beret, because the world's number one tourist destination is looking like it will be back on the menu this summer. France – a country synonymous with romance, fashion and food – looks set to allow American tourists to travel there this summer – providing that they have been vaccinated or have a negative Covid-19 test. Here's everything you need to know about this exciting new announcement.

As a result of border closures and restrictions enforced by the pandemic, recent statistics about travel to France show huge reductions in the number of people traveling – though that could all soon be set to change. Speaking yesterday morning, France's <u>President Emmanuel Macron revealed plans</u> to allow Americans the opportunity to visit as early as next month.

"We will progressively lift the restrictions of the beginning of May, which means that we will organize in the summertime with our professionals in France for French European citizens, but as well for American citizens," Macron said, giving hope to the millions of travelers who are bound to have destinations such as the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre on their travel bucket lists.

In order to limit Covid-19 from spreading further, France <u>recently imposed entry restrictions</u> on travelers from Argentina, Chile, South Africa and Brazil. People coming from these countries must be French nationals and their families, EU citizens or others with a permanent home in France, and they must serve a mandatory 10-day quarantine.







SPECIAL GROUP DEPARTURES

American Queen Charms of the South

October 3-11, 2021

This nine day itinerary starts in New Orleans with a pre-night hotel stay and ends in Memphis visiting New Orleans for two days,. Nottoway Plantation, St. Francisville, LA, Natchez, MS, Vicksburg, MS, and one full day of river cruising. Outside staterooms with verandah starts at \$3,599 per person double and includes pre-cruise hotel, beer and wine with lunch and dinner, hop-on hop-off shore excursions, internet service and 24 hour room service. PROOF OF VACCINATION WILL BE REQUIRED.

St. Francis with Father Kevin

October 21-29, 2021

Father Kevin will escort a private journey to Ireland with Belfast and Giants Causeway. Round trip air, seven first class hotel nights with private facilities and a full Irish breakfast daily. Six dinners including a dinner show at Taylors Three Rock. Highlights include: Cliffs of Moher, Achill Island, Mass at Knock, Giants Causeway, Guinness Brewery and more. DOUBLES: \$3,499.00 plus insurance. Singles are waitlisted.

Royal Caribbean's Anthem of the Seas Thanksgiving Cruise

November 21-28, 2021

Sail on a seven night Thanksgiving cruise from Cape Liberty with a full day visit to Perfect Day at CoCo Cay. Conquer the tallest waterslide in North America or rise to a height of 450 ft. in a helium balloon. Grab a drink at the swim up bar or a bite at one of five different venues throughout the island. Other ports include Orlando (Port Canaveral) and Nassau. A rate of \$1,179.00 per person double includes current taxes/fees and an on board credit of \$50/cabin. Additional room categories are available. Vaccination requirements will be available closer to sailing.

Iceland Getaway—The Land of Fire and Ice

February 1-6, 2022

A bucket list trip, for sure. Fly from Newark on a flight about the same length as Las Vegas. Because of the jet stream, the weather at that time averages above 32 degrees with sunrise about 10 AM and sunset about 5:30 PM. Upon arrival we will visit the Viking World Museum for a continental breakfast before heading to the warm, thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon. Cover yourself with the healing mud and leave looking years younger. Not to be missed is a full day Golden Circle tour where you will visit magnificent waterfalls and geysers along with a stop at Thingvillar National Park; Iceland's Grand Canyon and the home to the oldest parliament in Europe. We will also attempt to see the Northern Lights (never guaranteed) and if nothing is spotted one night, we will try again the next night. There is a free day for your own experiences and sightseeing. Tour the inside of a glacier or the black sand beaches of the south coast. Our package includes round trip air from Newark, four nights hotel accommodations at the FossHotel Reykjavik, four full Icelandic breakfasts and a continental breakfast on arrival. Enjoy a tomato soup lunch at a greenhouse and find out about what is so special about the Icelandic horses. A double Northern Lights tour and admission to the Blue Lagoon. Rate is \$1,699.00 per person double and a limited number of singles are available at an upcharge of \$350.00 Insurance is recommended and a valid passport is required. Price is based on a minimum of 20 people.

INFO NIGHT—TUESDAY, APRIL 27th at 5:30 PM at the St. Francis Center.

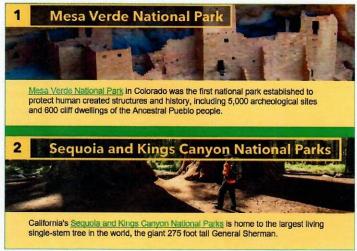
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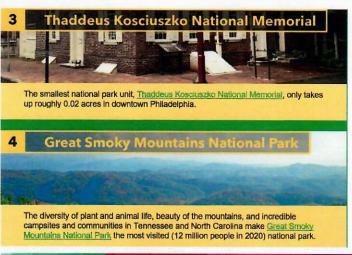
Although the landscapes, scenic vistas, and natural features that comprise our national parks have remained untouched, a lot has changed since the National Park Service was established by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916.

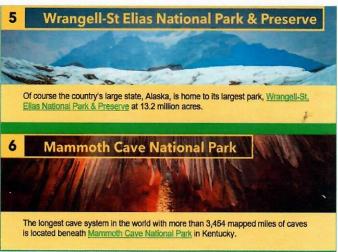
Today is #TransformationTuesday for National Park Week, the chance to recognize how parks have been transforming through improving infrastructure, incorporating emerging technologies (like online reservations through Recreation.gov), advancing conservation efforts, and enhancing the experience for millions of visitors every year.

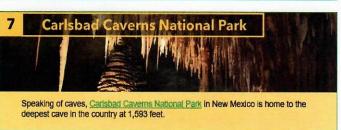


What better way to recognize the transformative history, features, and experiences of our national park than by sharing some of our favorite fun facts!













Playa Hotels and Resorts is excited to announce an addition to their portfolio with the new Hyatt Ziva Riviera Cancun scheduled to open in the Summer of 2021. Situated between Playa del Camen and the world famous Cancun Hotel Zone approximately 30 minutes from Cancun International Airport, the 438-room Hyatt Riviera Cancun will provide travelers a unique experience for all ages.

This brand new resort will offer a variety of amenities including globally-inspired and locally authentic restaurants; multiple swimming pools; a water park; Zen Spa inspired by pre-Hispanic Mayan culture, a fitness center with state-of-the-art amenities; and ocean views of the crystalline waters of the Caribbean Sea and the lagoon of Bahia Petempich.

The time has finally come...

Greece has reopened

and is ready to welcome American visitors May 14th.



U.S. visitors need yto show proof of their COVID vaccination or negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of arrival. In addition, all travelers must fill out a Passenger Locator Form (PLF) online providing detailed information on their stay, and once successfully submitted a confirmation email will be received with a QR code needed for travel.



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SAILING FROM BERMUDA

Royal Caribbean sailings are back! You can soak up the sun on Bermuda's pink sand beaches. Conquer the Caribbean's largest wave pool and tallest waterslide, Daredevil's Peak. Escape miles away from ordinary among the crystal clear waters and powdery sands of Chill Island.

Or head to the exclusive Coco Beach Club for a dip in the oceanfront infinity pool or rest in your own Floating Cabana, with an adventure-packed day at RCCL's private destination, Perfect Day at Coco Cay in the Bahamas. Seven night getaways on board fan-favorite *Vision of the Seas* departing from Bermuda beginning June 26, 2021. And you can book your cruise and air combined for less than \$95 per person for guests 1 and 2 and less than \$90 per person for guests 3 and 4. These rates cannot be beat!

Royal Caribbean looks forward to welcoming fully vaccinated guests 18 years of age and older, as well as children under the age of 18 with proof of negative COVID-19 test results.

Round-trip airfares starting as low as \$99* USD per person!

