

## St. Francis Ireland with Father Kevin

October 21-29, 2021

### Ireland is officially opened!

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.

**We currently have 6 more seats opened, don't miss out. Please call for more information.**



## Malta Says It's the First EU Country to Reach Herd Immunity



Malta, the archipelago in the Mediterranean, said it is the first country in the European Union to reach herd immunity from COVID-19 – a milestone officials hope will boost tourism.

The country, which has already been vaccinating people over 16 years old, said it reached herd immunity much earlier than initially projected. Seventy percent of the adult population of Malta is now vaccinated with at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and 42 percent are fully vaccinated.

### Learn more about Malta

Malta's National Vaccination Program has led to a sharp decrease in new COVID-19 cases recorded daily, with the number of daily deaths also coming to a halt for the last 17 days.

"Malta achieving its herd immunity from COVID-19 is of paramount importance for the local economy especially to the tourism sector," said Clayton Bartolo, minister for tourism and consumer protection. "The Maltese Government's strategy of a strong vaccination rollout complemented with restrictive measures aimed at being eased in a gradual manner, are the main ingredients behind this positive news. Our country will remain vigilant in its fight against the virus, while assuring that Malta's tourism industry truly becomes sustainable in the post-pandemic era."

# Travel Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated Travelers

If you are [fully vaccinated](#) with an FDA-authorized vaccine or a vaccine authorized by emergency use by the World Health Organization:

- You do NOT have to get tested before leaving the United States, unless your destination requires it.

You do NOT have to self-quarantine after you arrive in the United States.

Before travel:

Make sure you understand and follow all airline and destination requirements related to travel, testing, masking, or quarantine, which may differ from U.S. requirements. If you do not follow your destination's requirements, you may be denied entry and may be required to return to the United States.

During travel:

[Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required](#) on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

Travelers should follow recommendations or requirements in Iceland, including mask wearing and social distancing.

Before you travel to the United States by air

All air passengers coming to the United States, **including U.S. citizens and fully vaccinated people, are required** to have a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 3 days before travel or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 3 months before they board a flight to the United States.

After Travel

You should get tested with a [viral test](#) 3-5 days after travel

- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.

Follow all [state and local](#) recommendations or requirements.

Do NOT travel if were [exposed to COVID-19, you are sick, you test positive for COVID-19](#), or you are waiting for results of a COVID-19 test. Learn when it is [safe for you to travel](#). Don't travel with someone who is sick.

## CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

International Travel RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS	Not Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
Get tested 1-3 days before traveling out of the US	✓	
Mandatory test required before flying to US	✓	✓
Get tested 3-5 days after travel	✓	✓
Self-quarantine after travel for 7 days with a negative test or 10 days without test	✓	
Self-monitor for symptoms	✓	✓
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel	✓	✓



## CRUISE NEWS

*With cruising restarts in full swing, we will do our best to keep you updated on schedules along with the sailing requirements each company has in effect. We have had some clients redo their already redone reservations and you can be sure we will help you with all your FCC's (future cruise credits) and get you sailing on the cruises of your dreams.*

**BON VOYAGE!**



### *Shrimp Scampi with Garlic Toasts*

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, 5 cloves of garlic (chopped), Kosher salt, pinch of pepper flakes, eight 1/2 inch-thick slices of crusty bread, 1 1/4 lbs. of large shrimp (peeled and deveined, tails intact), 3/4 cup dry white wine or low-sodium chicken broth, grated zest and juice of 1/2 lemon plus lemon wedges for serving, 1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley, 1/3 cup chopped fresh chives.

Preheat the broiler. Heat the olive oil and 2 tablespoons butter in a large ovenproof skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic, 1/2 teaspoon salt and the red pepper flakes and cook 1 to 2 minutes; remove from the heat. Brush both sides of the bread with some of the garlic mixture and arrange on a baking sheet. Broil the bread until toasted, about 1 minute per side. Divide the bread among 4 bowls.

Place the skillet with the remaining garlic mixture over high heat. Add the shrimp and toss to coat, then stir in the wine and lemon zest and juice. Transfer to the broiler and cook until the shrimp are pink, about 3 minutes. Transfer the shrimp with a slotted spoon to the bowls.

Return the skillet to high heat and boil the cooking liquid until slightly thickened, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in the parsley and chives. Whisk in the remaining 1 tablespoon butter and simmer 1 to 2 more minutes; pour over the shrimp. Serve with lemon wedges.

## **APPLE VACATIONS**

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We are looking forward to a winter of glittering northern lights, shimmering snow, great food and fantastic landscapes. Iceland will be a top destination for travelers. Aside from its spectacular scenery, Iceland's clean water, fresh air, wide open spaces, improved roads and tourism infrastructure, and renowned response to the pandemic are many reasons to visit in the winter of 2021 - 2022.

# What Not to Do at Cruise Ship Disembarkation

It's disembarkation day. You've had an excellent cruise, so don't let a mistake on your very last day drag the entire experience down. From unexpected charges and forgotten items to empty stomachs and overweight suitcases, cruise ship disembarkation can be riddled with pitfalls. But if you avoid these rookie mistakes, you can hold on to your happy cruise buzz for just a little longer. Here are nine things disembarking cruise ship passengers should never do:

## 1. *Walk off Without Checking Your Bill*

It goes without saying you should always check your bill to make sure you haven't been charged for something you didn't purchase. But if you wait to do this until after ship, you might be out of luck when it comes to getting reimbursed.

## 2. *Buy Photos*

Waiting to buy photos until the morning of disembarkation can be a bit of a crapshoot. All might go well, but we've sadly heard stories of people discovering the photo gallery staff had already started tossing pics by the time they headed over to make their purchases -- this is especially true the later you show up on that last morning.

## 3. *Leave Your Stuff in the Safe*

The night before disembarkation can be a hectic one. Trying to get in some last-minute fun, while also getting your suitcase packed up and out in the hallway before the pick-up deadline could understandably lead to a few things left behind.

## 4. *End up in PJs or Slippers*

Speaking of packing up your stuff on the last night of your cruise, don't forget to leave out something to wear on disembarkation morning -- including shoes! There's plenty of stories of people stuck in their overnight best because they forgot to leave a pair of pants and a top out to wear the next day. If you do end up in your PJs or a pair of slippers on your last morning, hold your head high and don't feel embarrassed as you leave the ship. You'll never see any of these people again.

## 5. *Forget Your Keycard in the Cabin*

Getting off a cruise ship is not like leaving a hotel. You can't just leave your keycard behind in the room and walk out the door. Ship security staff needs to monitor who is on and off the ship at any given moment; this is especially important at the end of a cruise when a ship must be officially declared cleared of all previous passengers before new cruisers can get on.

## 6. *Take the Bathrobe*

While any slippers you might be given in your cabin are yours to take home with you, the same cannot be said of bathrobes. These are only for your use on the ship. Don't think waiting until the last morning when you've already received your bill will enable you to sneak off the ship with one without paying for it. You'll still be charged for it; the charge will just appear on your credit card bill separately from the rest of your onboard bill.

## 7. *Skip Breakfast*

Unless you're on a tight timeline and need to reach the airport in order to make your flight, don't feel like you have to rush right off the ship. Take the time to have one last (free) breakfast. You can even have sit-down service if you get up early enough as the main dining room will be open, along with the buffet. Why not extend your vacation that extra half-hour?

## 8. *Linger Where You Shouldn't*

Want to drive the crew crazy? Staying in your cabin past when you've been asked to leave or lingering in the atrium before your disembarkation group has been called will do both as these will slow down the entire disembarkation process, delaying everything. Cabin stewards are under a lot of pressure to get rooms cleaned as quickly as possible and lingering in the room will make that significantly more difficult.

## 9. *Don't Opt for Self-Assist Disembarkation if You Can't Handle Your Luggage*

Self-assist really does mean what it sounds like. Each cruiser is responsible for carrying *all* of his or her own luggage. There is no porter service; the random crew member in the hallway is not available to help you up or down the stairs. If you can't carry everything you brought with you by yourself, don't choose self-assist. Instead, put out your bags the night before, wait for your disembarkation group to be called in the morning, and pick up that heavy luggage (or pay a port baggage handler to do it for you) once you reach the cruise terminal.



# NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE

## Norwegian Cruise Line Getaway—Northern Europe with St. Petersburg September 20<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Experience the Norwegian Getaway doing Northern Europe round trip from Copenhagen. Explore the ports of: Warnemunde (Berlin), Tallinn, an overnight in St. Petersburg, Helsinki, Nynashamn (Stockholm) and back to Copenhagen, on this nine night cruise. This special discounted rate of \$2099.00 includes: a balcony cabin based on double occupancy, all current and government taxes, all meals (including 3 specialty dining restaurants), premium beverage package, a \$50.00 shore excursion credit per cabin per port, an internet package and on board credit. Not included is airfare or optional insurance. **This rate is only available until July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.** Air prices will be available next October. Please call for more information

Norwegian Getaway combines the most magnificent amenities Norwegian has to offer with unforgettable destinations. Stroll **The Waterfront**, an innovative, industry-first open-air promenade designed to connect guests with the ocean like no other cruise line. Indulge in more than 28 dining options, experience the thrill of five water slides, and three levels of action-packed activities in the sports complex. The excitement and entertainment continues with Broadway musical Million Dollar Quartet. Get ready to explore.

## Norwegian Cruise Line Prima—Transatlantic NYC to Reykjavik May 14<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Come experience what this brand new state of the art ship has to offer. On this special itinerary you will sail from New York City with ports of call of: Halifax, a day at sea, Sydney, Nova Scotia, four days at sea, Akureyri, Isafjordur and an overnight in Reykjavik. The special rate of \$2422.00 includes: a balcony cabin based on double occupancy, all current and government taxes, all meals (including 4 specialty dining restaurants), premium beverage package (alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages), a \$50.00 shore excursion credit per cabin per port, an internet package and on board credit. Not included is one way airfare from Reykjavik or optional travel insurance. **This rate is only available until July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.** Please call for more information to experience Prima and the splendors of Iceland.

NCL has changed course and decided to go smaller with their new Prima Class ships. While smaller in size, Prima class ships are all about the wide-open spaces. *Ocean Boulevard*, located on Deck 8, features the *Oceanwalk* glass bridge, swim to the horizon in one of two infinity pools and watch the world go by at *Infinity Beach*, warm up on cool nights with friends around the firepit at the *Indulge Outdoor Lounge*, go all-in on some amazing food options at *Indulge Food Hall* or enjoy dining with a view from one of the Ocean Boulevard seaside restaurants.