

With new guidance issued Friday by the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (CDC) that relaxes many **COVID**-era policies—including indoor mask wearing—the **U.S. Travel Association, American Hotel and Lodging Association, Airlines for America** and **U.S. Chamber of Commerce** are urging the **Biden Administration** to replace pandemic-era travel advisories, requirements and restrictions with endemic-focused policies that enable travel to resume fully and safely and the American economy to accelerate its recovery. Along with the updated CDC guidelines, the groups noted “declining hospitalization rates, increased immunity, widely available vaccines and cutting-edge treatments on the horizon” as reasons to make the change to the new policies.

Among the steps the administration should take “to normalize travel conditions,” the trade groups say the pre-departure testing requirement for vaccinated inbound air travelers and the federal mask mandate for public transportation should be repealed. In addition, the groups are calling for the end of “Avoid Travel” advisories and the use of travel bans, working with other countries to create cohesive entry requirements, develop benchmarks and timelines for a pathway to “the new normal” and repealing pandemic-focused travel restrictions, and making it clear to the American public that the world is again safe to travel—particularly for vaccinated individuals.

Effective, risk-based policies can be reinstated at any time if new variants of concern emerge or if the public health situation deteriorates, the groups added. “It is now time for the administration to lead the country towards a new normal for travel and on a faster path to a full and even economic recovery,” they said.

ITALY PILGRIMAGE INFO NIGHT II

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022 AT 5:00PM

Join Father Steve, Nancy from Home Town and Jim Myers, our Italy tour expert.

Find out all about our pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi October 26 to November 3, 2022

Spend four nights in Assisi and three nights in Rome where we will experience all that is St. Francis and his life along with a visit to St. Clare’s Church, Perugia (where St. Francis received his conversion), St. Dominick’s to view the relics of St. Catherine and so much more before heading to Rome. Ancient Rome and Christian Rome highlights including the Vatican and Sistine Chapel, St. John Latern and St. Peter in Chains. Full breakfast daily and six dinners. Round trip air from Newark Liberty with all hotels, current taxes and fees, all noted visits and admissions as noted in our full itinerary. Call Tara to secure your reservation. Based on a minimum of 20 passengers, double, per person rate is \$3,698.00 and insurance is available and is based on age.

CIOPPINO

If you missed making something special for the Feast of the Seven Fishes Christmas Eve dinner, you might want to try this special dinner that will have your friends coming back again and again.

INGREDIENTS

3 tablespoons olive oil, 1 bulb fennel (thinly sliced), 1 onion (chopped), 3 large shallots (chopped), 2 tsp. salt, 4 large garlic cloves (finely chopped), 3/4 tsp. dried red pepper flakes, 1/4 c tomato paste, 1 can (28 oz.) diced tomatoes in juice, 1 1/2 c. white wine, 5 cups fish stock, 1 bay leaf, 1 lb. scrubbed clams, 1 lb. mussels, 1 lb. large shrimp (peeled and deveined), 1 1/2 lbs. assorted fish fillets (halibut or salmon) cut in 2 inch chunks.



DIRECTIONS

Heat the oil in a very large pot over medium heat. Add the fennel, onions, shallots, and add salt until onions are translucent (about 10 minutes). Add the garlic and 3/4 tsp. pepper flakes and saute for about 2 minutes. Stir in tomato paste. Add tomatoes with juice, wine, fish stock and bay leaf. Cover and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to medium low. Cover and simmer until flavors blend (about 30 minutes).

Add the clams and mussels to cooking liquid. Cover and cook until shellfish begin to open (about 5 minutes). Add the shrimp and fish. Simmer gently until fish and shrimp are cooked through and clams are completely open, stirring gently about five minutes longer. Discard any clams/mussels that do not open. Season to taste with more salt and red pepper flakes.

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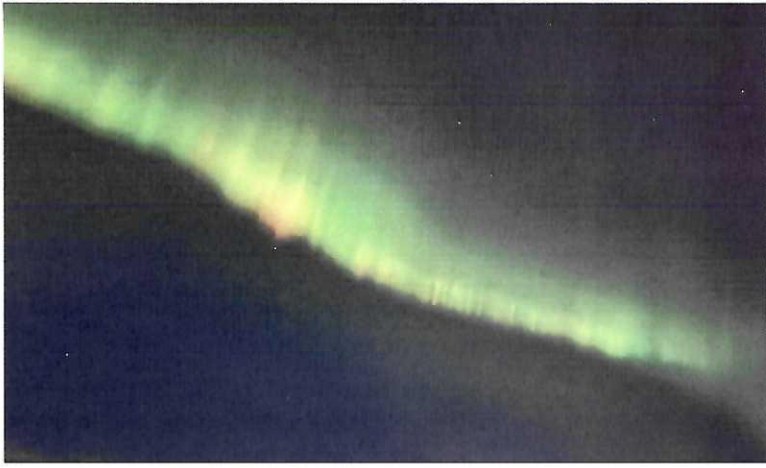


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NCL has changed course and decided to go smaller with their new Prima Class ships. While smaller in size, Prima class ships are all about the wide-open spaces. *Ocean Boulevard*, located on Deck 8, features the *Oceanwalk* glass bridge, swim to the 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.



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Carnival spirit takes over New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Revelers decked out in traditional purple, green and gold came out to party on Fat Tuesday in New Orleans' first full-dress Mardi Gras since 2020 after the coronavirus pandemic canceled last year's festivities.

Parade routes were shorter than usual, because there weren't enough police for the standard ones, even with officers working 12-hour shifts as they always do on Mardi Gras and during the end of the Carnival season.

But with COVID-19 hospitalizations and case numbers falling worldwide and 92% of the city's adults at least partly vaccinated, parades and other festivities were back on.

Costumed partiers gathered before dawn to see the North Side Skull & Bone Gang, dressed as skeletons, wake up the city's Treme neighborhood, reminding everyone of their mortality. From then on it was "Let the good times roll," with celebrations in just about every corner of the city, leading up to a ceremonial clearing of Bourbon Street at midnight.

Fewer revelers appeared to be wearing politically themed costumes than in past years. Most of those who did so supported Ukraine, which is battling a Russian invasion.

Mobile, Alabama, which calls itself the birthplace of Mardi Gras, also missed throwing a full-blown Carnival last year because of COVID-19, and some restaurant managers say they are still having a hard time filling jobs, leading to the odd sight of empty tables Tuesday while lines of people snaked out the door in some places.

The return of Carnival season has been a much-needed boon for business in New Orleans, where the famed restaurants and music venues were restricted or closed for months.

Tuesday's crowd could set a Mardi Gras record for Superior Seafood & Oyster Bar, a 10-year-old restaurant located at the start of the truncated parade route.

Parades were canceled last year because officials realized tightly packed crowds in 2020 had created a superspreader event, making the city an early Southern hot spot for COVID-19. Instead, people decorated their houses to look like floats as a way to keep the Carnival spirit alive.

Canada hotel, travel, air groups urge testing cutback

A coalition of Canadian hospitality, travel and airline businesses is urging the government to accelerate the easing of COVID-19-linked travel restrictions. Canadian Travel and Tourism seeks repeal of pre-departure testing entirely for those who are fully vaccinated before April 1.