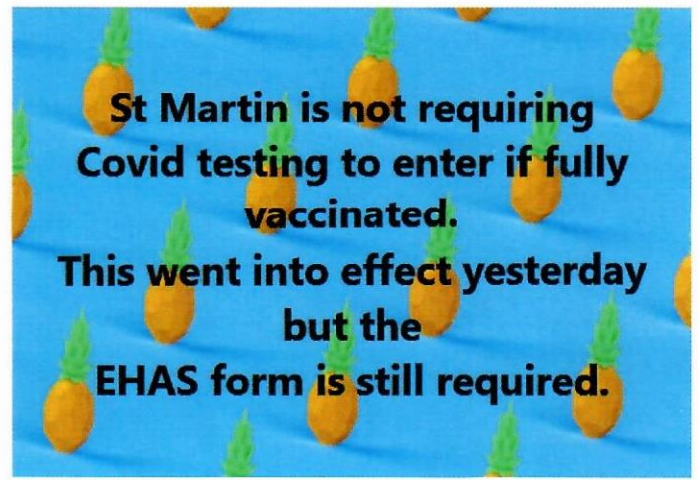




Throughout the different regions of the island, guests can enjoy a wide range of activities and settings. You can enjoy culture, shopping, tantalizing restaurants, sizzling nightlife and casinos during a stay in San Juan;

unwind at a private luxury resort with top-notch service and fabulous amenities; enjoy outdoor adventures that include rainforest hikes, amazing caves, the world's second longest zipline, and the Caribbean's best surfing; or rent a car and explore the island at their own pace to discover local dining, beautiful beaches, small towns and other attractions. Puerto Rico offers memorable experiences for every type of traveler.



Mexico Remains the Most-Booked Thanksgiving Destination for 2021

Cancun and New York City Are Top Thanksgiving Travel Destinations



After analyzing 2.3 million travel itineraries, Allianz Travel Insurance revealed that the top Thanksgiving travel destinations for Americans are Cancun, Mexico, and New York City. Other top international travel destinations are San Jose Del Cabo, Mexico; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; London; and Montego Bay, Jamaica. Other top domestic travel destinations include Seattle, Boston, Atlanta and Dallas-Fort Worth.

Why It Matters: Americans Are Gradually Returning to Favorite Destinations

Mexico beach destinations continue to be a popular choice for holiday travel and reflect that we are still living with pandemic-era constraints. Cancun, Los Cabos and Puerto Vallarta were the top international Thanksgiving destinations both this year and last year,

Whereas those cities did not make it into the top 10 last year, this year, London took fourth place and Paris took eighth place, showing that some Americans are returning to their favorite destinations across the pond.

On the domestic front, the return of New York City in the top domestic spot (after losing out to Seattle for the first time last year) confirms the revived popularity of a city that saw no tourism interest during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

IMPORTANT UPDATES TO COSTA RICA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The Government of Costa Rica recently announced **information regarding the use of vaccine certificates within the destination**. From December 1, 2021 to January 7, 2022 there will be a transition period where businesses in Costa Rica can admit people without vaccinations provided they operate at 50% capacity. Local businesses, including hotels, will have the ability to decide if they operate at full capacity, therefore requiring proof of vaccination, or at 50% capacity without proof of vaccination.

For travel trade partners that have clients traveling to Costa Rica between December 1, 2021 - January 7, 2022 we would encourage you to check with your DMC or hotel partners on the approach they will be taking during this transition period for the use of vaccination certificates. This will allow for clients to know in advance if vaccine status information will be required by their service providers.

From January 8, 2022, hotels, restaurants, bars, casinos, shops, museums, art and dance academies, gymnasiums, resorts, and adventure tourism may admit only persons who are verifiably fully-vaccinated (Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca & Janssen). This must be verified by means of a QR code or the printed vaccination certificate. This requirement applies to all patrons 12 years of age and older.

Essential services such as supermarkets and pharmacies will not require proof of vaccination.

From January 8, 2022 all tourists 12 years of age and older without proof of vaccination, with incomplete vaccination schedules or inoculated with vaccines that are not approved by Costa Rica will only be able to enter the country to visit family, friends or their own properties in the country. These travelers will have to complete a Health Pass and purchase a travel policy that covers COVID-19 care and quarantine if necessary. However, they will not be able to enter commercial establishments, as these establishments will require full vaccination.

For U.S. and Canadian travelers, a government-issued COVID-19 vaccination record card or certificate will be accepted as proof of vaccine status.

Flooding in Venice Worsens Off-Season Amid Climate Change

The Floating City is prone to dramatic, highly damaging floods due to a series of man-made and natural factors that have been exacerbated by climate change.



MSC Cruises To Offer Winter Sailings In Southern Caribbean



MSC Cruises has reconfirmed its winter 2021/22 sailing program in the **South Caribbean** where *MSC Seaview* will be based during the season for seven- and 14-night cruises from **St. Maarten** and **Barbados** from December 5.

The authorities in **Martinique** and **Guadeloupe** are not allowing to cruise ships to bring guests to the islands due to the situation of the pandemic ashore as well as the low vaccination rates. As such MSC Cruises carried out a full evaluation of alternative options and amended the original itinerary to include **Philipsburg**, St. Maarten as an embarkation port along with Bridgetown, Barbados so that it can still run the winter program in this region in a safe and healthy way. The updated itinerary reflects the ports that have guaranteed access to the ship and its guests from December onwards and allows for a full day at each destination, in some cases up to 12 hours, enabling guests to really make the most of their time to discover the islands in full.

MSC Seaview will operate two different seven-night itineraries from its two embarkation ports, with many holidaymakers set to sail back-to-back cruises and enjoy a voyage of discovery in southern **Caribbean Sea**.

The first itinerary will depart the port of Philipsburg, St. Maarten's capital, and Bridgetown, Barbados; with calls at **Castries** in **St. Lucia**; **Saint George, Grenada**; **Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis**, before returning to St. Maarten.

The second itinerary will sail from St. Maarten and Bridgetown; with calls at **Roseau, Dominica**; **St. John's in Antigua and Barbuda**; **Road Town in Tortola** and then back to St. Maarten.

All guests on *MSC Seaview* will have to be fully vaccinated or show a proof of negative PCR test taken 72 hours prior to embarkation.

Furthermore, in most ports guests will be able to go ashore independently, while for select specific destinations guests will need to go ashore with an MSC Cruises protected shore excursion. More specific details will soon be available from the MSC Cruises website, travel agents and the line's contact center.

MSC Seaview with 2,066 guest cabins has one of the cruise industry's highest ratio of open space per passenger and features a beach condo concept that brings guests closer to the sea thanks to special design elements that make the most of the warmer weather.



Beginning November 8, fully vaccinated international travelers who want to come to the U.S. can now do so, following the U.S. government's announcement that it will lift travel restrictions on foreign nationals that have been in place since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Travel Advisors Could Be Prosecuted for Booking Clients With Fake Vaccine Cards

Travel advisor cannot legally aid a client in arranging a trip, if he/she is aware that a client is using a fake vaccine card and if he/she does so, they could be prosecuted, as well. As you know, the Covid vaccine card has the official seals of both the Department of Health and Human Services and the CDC. Federal law states: "Whoever fraudulently or wrongfully affixes or impresses the seal of any department or agency of the United States, to or upon any certificate, instrument, commission, document or paper or with knowledge of its fraudulent character, with wrongful or fraudulent intent, uses, buys, procures, sells or transfers to another any such certificate, instrument, commission, document or paper, to which or upon which said seal has been so fraudulently affixed or impressed, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both."

Whitney Houston hologram concert opens



Delayed by the pandemic, a hologram concert featuring [Whitney Houston](#) premiered Oct. 26 at [Harrah's Las Vegas](#).

"An Evening with Whitney: The Whitney Houston Hologram Concert" features the late singer's voice, backed by a live band, singers and dancers performing her iconic songs. Highlights include "I Wanna Dance with Somebody (Who Loves Me)," "I Will Always Love You" and "The Greatest Love of All." Original, never-before-released vocal tracks from the star are also featured.

Houston, who died in 2012, charted seven consecutive No. 1 Billboard Hot 100 hits and is the only artist with eight consecutive multiplatinum albums. She won more than 400 awards, including six Grammys, 22 American Music Awards and 16 Billboard Music Awards.

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Ingredients:

- ✓ Deselect All
- ✓ 1 pound dry spaghetti
- ✓ 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- ✓ 4 ounces pancetta or slab bacon, cubed or sliced into small strips
- ✓ 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- ✓ 2 large eggs
- ✓ 1 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano, plus more for serving
- ✓ Freshly ground black pepper
- ✓ 1 handful fresh flat-leaf parsley, chopped

1 Prepare the sauce while the pasta is cooking to ensure that the spaghetti will be hot and ready when the sauce is finished; it is very important that the pasta is hot when adding the egg mixture, so that the heat of the pasta cooks the raw eggs in the sauce.

2 Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil, add the pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until tender yet firm (as they say in Italian "al dente.") Drain the pasta well, reserving 1/2 cup of the starchy cooking water to use in the sauce if you wish.

3 Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a deep skillet over medium flame. Add the pancetta and saute for about 3 minutes, until the bacon is crisp and the fat is rendered. Toss the garlic into the fat and saute for less than 1 minute to soften.

4 Add the hot, drained spaghetti to the pan and toss for 2 minutes to coat the strands in the bacon fat. Beat the eggs and Parmesan together in a mixing bowl, stirring well to prevent lumps. Remove the pan from the heat and pour the egg/cheese mixture into the pasta, whisking quickly until the eggs thicken, but do not scramble (this is done off the heat to ensure this does not happen.) Thin out the sauce with a bit of the reserved pasta water, until it reaches desired consistency. Season the carbonara with several turns of freshly ground black pepper and taste for salt. Mound the spaghetti carbonara into warm serving bowls and garnish with chopped parsley. Pass more cheese around the table.