

Turks and Caicos to Lift All COVID-19 Entry Requirements April 1

The Turks and Caicos Islands has announced an update to its Public and Environmental Health Arriving Passengers Travel Clearance Regulations, which will no longer mandate travelers to submit proof of vaccination against COVID-19 before arriving in the destination. The vaccination lift, which will go into effect on April 1, 2023, was announced by the Turks and Caicos' Ministry of Health during a press conference and is the result of a rapid decrease in COVID-19 cases and zero new COVID-related deaths in recent months.

Over the duration of the pandemic, the Turks and Caicos Islands has been working closely with local and national public health officials to implement stringent health and safety protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. From July 2020 to April 2022, the Ministry of Tourism created and enforced a robust testing and vaccination campaign which included the development of TCI Assured, a quality assurance portal, to ensure that the majority of the local population was vaccinated, and in doing so, provide an added layer of protection for visitors.

This recent announcement invites visitors to the Turks and Caicos Islands for a hassle-free travel experience and the ability to confidently explore the destination's natural environment from vast blue oceans and white sandy beaches to a diverse range of outdoor activities. The Turks and Caicos Islands remains committed to providing a secure travel experience for all visitors and the Ministry of Tourism encourages travelers to continue to practice healthy hygiene habits and to follow any local guidelines or regulations put in place during their stay.

Groups 2023-2024

EGYPT AND NILE CRUISE ABOARD THE BRAND NEW H/S NEBU – OCTOBER 11-19, 2023

Have you always wanted to take a camel ride by the Pyramids and a hot air balloon ride over the Nile while cruising and visiting the sights of the ancient world? Spend two nights in Cairo visiting the new National Museum, visit the Great Pyramids of Giza, the enigmatic Sphinx while on a camel. Visit Old Cairo, Fly to Luxor and board the H/S Nebu for a four night cruise visiting Karnak & Luxor Temple, Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut, Edfu, Kom Obo and more. Return to Cairo for a farewell dinner. Rate \$4,935.00 per person (based on minimum participation) A deposit of \$500 per person is required and insurance is suggested. A visa (\$50) will be issued on arrival in Cairo.

TENTH ANNUAL ICELAND WEEKEND GETAWAY – FEBRUARY 7-12, 2024

Explore the 'Land of Fire and Ice' witnessing spectacular waterfalls, boiling geysers and spend a few hours relaxing in the thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon. A visit to Thingvellir National Park is not to be missed; called the Grand Canyon of Iceland because it is where the tectonic plates of North America and Europe come together creating an awesome sight. There is always the opportunity of seeing the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights. Experience a sunrise cocktail at the Blue Lagoon. Our package includes round trip air, four nights hotel, four buffet breakfasts and a continental breakfast at Viking World Museum morning of arrival, all current taxes. Optional tours will be available. Rate \$1,998.00 per person double. A valid passport is required, and insurance is recommended.

October 4-15, 2023 - 11 Night New England and Canada Cruise Aboard MSC'S Meraviglia

Sail from New York (Brooklyn) and visit Newport, Boston, St. John, New Brunswick, Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, PEI and returning to NY by way of Portland. The Meraviglia is packed with extraordinary features for the perfect experience at sea. Rates are per person and include cabin accommodations as selected, all current port and government taxes, beverage package, wi-fi for two devices and gratuities. Ocean view \$1277.00, Balcony \$1487.00 and Aurea balcony \$1877.00 (additional amenities including the solarium, spa discounts, 24 hour room service and more). Please call Tara.

Holiday Shopping Tour with Christmas Markets to Dublin and Galway November 28-December 3, 2023

Enjoy this unique getaway to visit Christmas Markets in Dublin and Galway. Included in this package is: Round trip air from Newark, a professional tour director for the duration of the trip, four breakfasts (including the morning of arrival), two hotel dinners and one traditional Pub dinner, walking tour of Galway, tour of Connemara, Kylemore Abbey, Clonmacnoise, Newbridge Silver Factory, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Guinness Storehouse. Rate is based on double occupancy of \$2249.00. Minimum participation of 15 is required. Please call Tara for more information.

Best Cities for Beer Drinkers Around the World

There's never been a better time to be a beer lover with a passport. Across Europe, beery destinations including Munich, Prague, and Brussels offer the chance to experience—and taste—longstanding liquid tradition (alongside new flourishes of modernity).

Germany

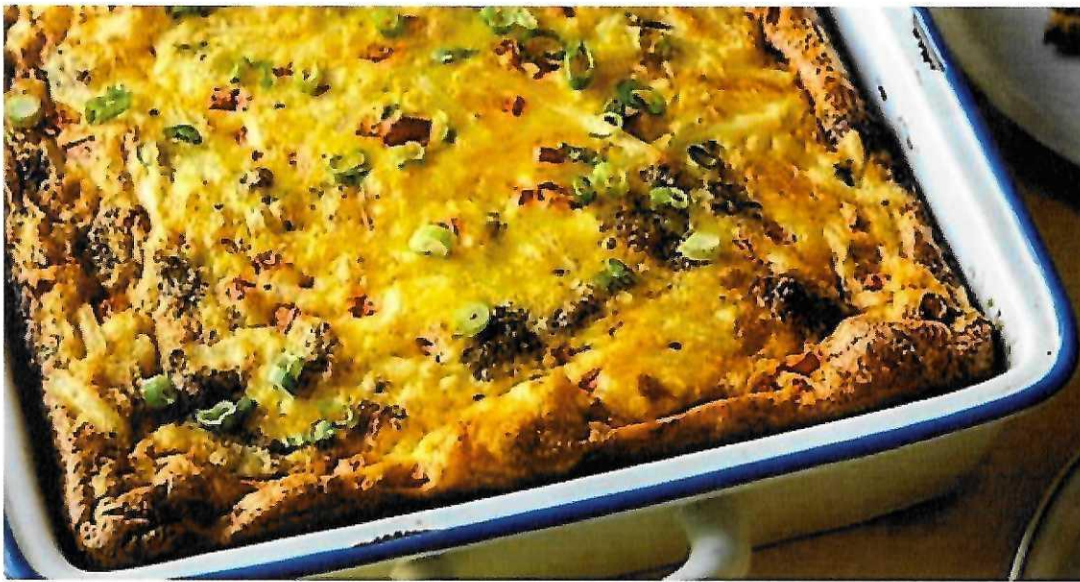
Oktoberfest (which, take note, actually begins in September) is when most visitors think to visit Munich. It's true that the festival, attended by some 6 million people each year, is a sight to behold—but the Bavarian capital remains a world-class beer destination throughout the year. Munich is primarily celebrated for its lager styles (though hefeweizen bucks the trend), and in summer, you'll find locals gulping steins of helles in the city's biertagens, run by breweries the likes of Augustiner and Ayinger. In winter, they'll be cozied up in their bierkellers or lining their stomachs with hearty fare at the city's legendary Hofbräuhaus. And at the beginning of spring, they'll opt for strong, dark doppelbocks during Starkbierfest.

Belgium

Beer in Brussels is a big deal, and its variety speaks to Belgium's own eclecticism. Local stalwart Brasserie Cantillon has earned worldwide fans for its coveted lambic and gueuze styles. Sleek craft breweries such as Brasserie de la Senne and Brussels Beer Project meld Belgian styles with international tastes. And beers from breweries outside Brussels—from Trappist favorites including Rochefort and Chimay to singular producers such as Rodenbach and Dupont—are accessible in the city's many bars and drinking dens. If you're overwhelmed by the abundance, a guided tasting tour or brewery visit make navigating the scene simpler.

England

No matter what kind of beer-drinking experience you're looking for, you can probably find it in London. Seeking well-kept pints of traditional cask ale? Head to atmospheric pubs including the Harp in Covent Garden or the Southampton Arms in Gospel Oak. After new-school craft? Don't miss the breweries of the Bermondsey Beer Mile, including highlights such as the Kernel and Anspach & Hobday. And for an immersive overview of the British capital's unique drinking culture, venture on a historical pub tour or explore some of the hippest haunts in the East End.



The Best Breakfast Egg Bake

Nonstick cooking spray
1 pound bulk breakfast sausage
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 teaspoon ground mustard seed
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
12 large eggs
1/2 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
2 cups frozen shredded hash browns, thawed
4 ounces mild Cheddar, grated (about 1 cup)
4 ounces Colby Jack, grated (about 1 cup)
1/2 medium red bell pepper, finely diced (about 1/2 cup)
4 scallions, thinly sliced (about 1/2 cup)
One 8-ounce tube crescent rolls

Directions:

- 1 Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Spray a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
- 2 Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the sausage and cook, breaking it up and stirring with a wooden spoon, until the sausage is no longer pink and is crispy and brown in spots, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat.
- 3 Whisk the sour cream, heavy cream, ground mustard, garlic salt, kosher salt, black pepper and eggs together in a large bowl. Add the sausage, hash browns, both cheeses, bell pepper and scallions (reserving 2 tablespoons of scallions for serving) to the egg mixture. Fold to combine.

- 4 Unroll the crescent dough and press it into the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Dock or pierce the dough with a fork, making sure the entire sheet of dough is evenly docked with holes. Pour the egg mixture over the dough and spread it evenly into the dish. Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 40 minutes. Remove the foil. The egg should be somewhat set, but still wet and light in color. Return to the oven and bake uncovered until the egg is completely set and it is browned on the top and sides, 20 to 25 minutes.
- 5 Let the bake rest for at least 10 minutes. Sprinkle with the reserved scallions and serve warm or room temperature.

Princess Cruises Unveils Its Longest Voyage Ever – 116-Day World Cruise in 2025

The trend toward longer cruises continues, even for those cruises that are already long. For 2025, Princess' annual World Cruise will be its longest ever, clocking in at 116 days and traveling more than 33,500 nautical miles, visiting 51 destinations in 26 countries.

Sailing on Island Princess, the 116-day World Cruise offers two roundtrip options with departures from both Fort Lauderdale, embarking January 5, 2025, and Los Angeles on January 20, 2025.

The itinerary includes Princess' first-ever visits to Bar, Montenegro and Taranto, Italy, as well as inaugural World Cruise calls to the Greek Island of Patmos, and to Volos (for the monasteries of Meteora).

All told, the 2025 World Cruise will provide access to 27 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, along with 11 late-night calls and an overnight in Dubai.



TSA PreCheck vs. Clear: Which Should You Choose?

Everything you need to know before applying for TSA PreCheck and Clear.

Before boarding an airplane, airport security takes you on a journey: Find the right line, show your ID, take out your laptop, and remove your shoes. It's poetic in a perverse way that these often-confusing airport security rules are simplified and sped up by two similarly bewildering programs: TSA PreCheck and Clear. They each have dedicated queues and reasons for existence. What are those reasons, and which one is best?

There are two primary components of airport security: ID verification and luggage-and-body screening. Clear speeds up the former, and TSA PreCheck speeds up the latter. They are complementary. Let's dig in.

What is TSA PreCheck?

Run by the government's Transportation Security Administration, TSA PreCheck aims to quickly get you and belongings through security at 200-plus airports in the U.S. More than 85 airlines participate, and they will indicate TSA PreCheck on your boarding pass, which grants you access to the dedicated lane. Once a Transportation Security Officer (TSO) verifies your ID, you can leave your shoes, belt, and jacket on, and keep your laptop and liquids in your carry-on luggage. You can also walk through a metal detector rather than the full-body scanner.

The program doesn't guarantee you'll get through security faster, and, indeed, so many people are now clued into TSA PreCheck that the line can sometimes be as long as (or even longer) than the general public queue. But generally, you'll have a smoother experience than if you had nothing.



What is Clear?

Clear is a private membership program that expedites document and identity screening. Available at more than 50 airports, the program allows you to quickly verify your identity at biometric security kiosks using fingerprints and eye scans. When your ID is confirmed, a Clear representative escorts you directly to the luggage and body scanner line, skipping over everyone waiting for an agent to check their physical IDs. It's not limited to airports — you can bypass parts of security at stadiums and arenas (think Barclays Center, Yankee Stadium, and the BMO Center) at Clear kiosks. Sports and music fans might find this perk compelling.

How much does TSA PreCheck and Clear cost?

TSA PreCheck costs \$78 every five years, which the TSA recently lowered from \$85. (It's also automatically included with Global Entry approval, another program entirely.) Clear costs \$189 per year. Some credit cards offer one or both for free or for a discount, so look into your perks to see if they tip the scale one way or the other.

Do you need TSA PreCheck if you have Clear?

If you want to keep your shoes on, Clear won't help you. Clear is only for speeding up identity verification. There's no one stopping you from applying for both, though.

Can you use Clear and TSA PreCheck together?

Yes. If you're a frequent flier, it might make sense to get Clear so you can zip through identity verification and then get placed on the TSA PreCheck luggage screening line, where you can keep your shoes on, leave your laptop in your bag, and skip the scanner.

How do you apply for TSA PreCheck and Clear?

For TSA PreCheck, you'll need to fill out an online form, pay the application fee, and go for an in-person interview — which includes a background check — at one of the hundreds of enrollment centers. You receive a Known Traveler Number when approved, which you'll add to reservations. Anyone over age 12 can join; children under 12 can use the lanes with a parent or guardian who is a member.

Clear similarly requires online enrollment and an in-person element. You can finish the application at a Clear airport location, where an ambassador will help you answer a few identifying questions; scan your fingerprints, eyes, and identification documents; and take a profile picture. Children under 18 can use the Clear lane if they're traveling with a member.

Is TSA PreCheck better than Clear?

While TSA PreCheck and Clear both have separate queues that can help cut down on the time you stand in line (and Clear has some added benefits for sports and music fans), TSA PreCheck exists at more locations, is less expensive, and allows you to skip the rigamarole of removing your shoes, belt, and laptop in front of a TSO who is seemingly tired of telling people to put their belongings in a bin.

Frequently Asked Questions About Carry-on Luggage

What are the accepted dimensions for carry-on luggage?

Rules vary among airlines, but most allow carry-on luggage no larger than 24 inches tall, 16 inches wide, and 10 inches deep. Some are slightly stricter, setting the limit at 22 x 14 x 9 inches. Keep this in mind when using your suitcase's expander, as the additional couple of inches could put you over the size limit. When in doubt, check the airline's website.

Is there a weight limit for carry-on luggage?

Some airlines have a carry-on weight limit of roughly 35 pounds. However, this is often not strictly enforced, and many domestic airlines don't have a limit at all. Bear in mind some international flights may restrict carry-ons over 22 pounds.

Can makeup and liquids go in my carry-on?

All liquids, including makeup, lotion, and other cosmetics, must be in containers no larger than 3.4 ounces in carry-on luggage. (For checked baggage, you can bring pretty much any size.) Powdered makeup, bar soap, and solid deodorant are usually allowed in larger containers. You'll also want to put all liquid beauty and personal hygiene products in a clear plastic bag before going through airport security.

Are AirTags allowed in carry-on luggage?

AirTags are allowed in both carry-on and checked luggage. These trackers use such low energy Bluetooth that they're safe and TSA-compliant. For other GPS trackers, you should check with your individual airlines to make sure that your device is allowed, especially if they use a higher level of power.

These Are the Most Popular Theme Parks, According to Visitor Reviews

Here are the most popular theme parks in North America:

1. Universal's Islands of Adventure at Universal Orlando Resort
2. Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World Resort
3. Disney California Adventure Park
4. Cedar Point
5. Disneyland Park
6. Universal Studios Florida at Universal Orlando Resort
7. Disney's Animal Kingdom at Walt Disney World Resort
8. Universal Studios Hollywood
9. Epcot at Walt Disney World Resort
10. SeaWorld Orlando