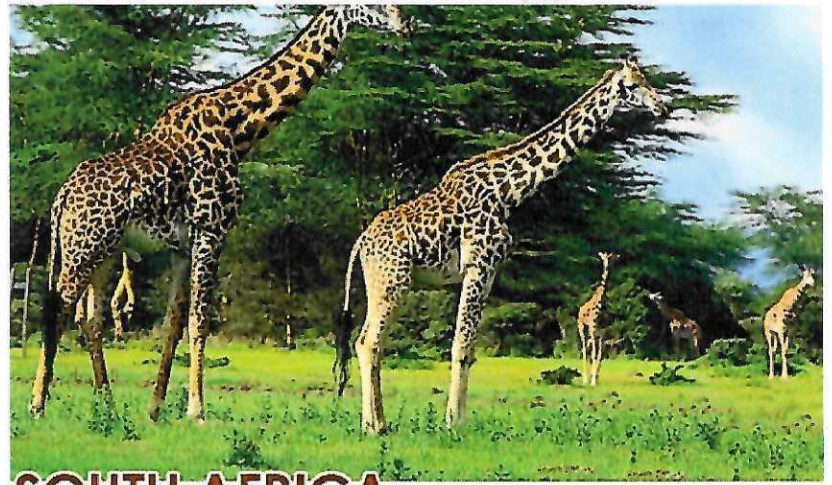


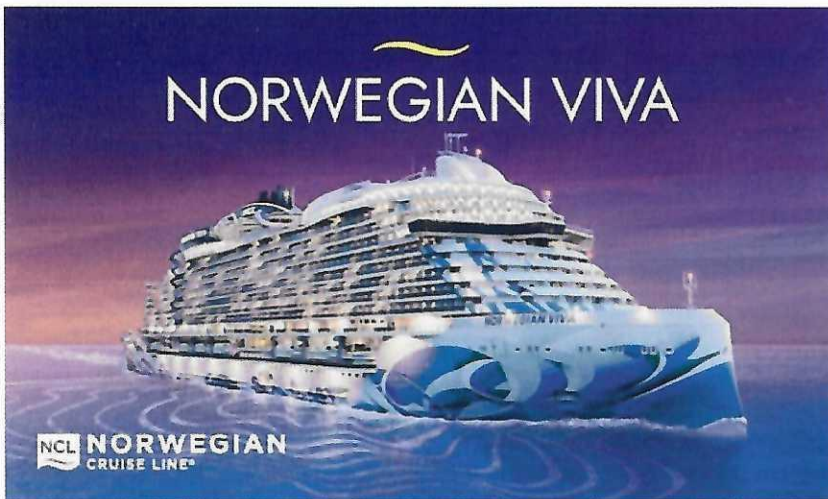


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SOUTH AFRICA

Let your travel dreams take you on one of our amazing East Africa and South Africa vacation tours and packages. Dare photographing a pride of lions in the Serengeti, discovering breathtaking Victoria Falls or sailing the Zambezi River whose banks are riddled with hippos, crocodiles, elephants and more. Experience being mesmerized in the mystique of Tanzania and the wildlife in Kruger National Park or venturing into the country's cultural roots at an authentic Zulu village. The options abound with our Southern Africa travel packages!



The second stunning ship in the Prima Class, Norwegian Viva is designed for you to live life to the fullest. Stretch out, way out, in some of our most spacious accommodations. Stay connected to the ocean along the 360° Ocean Boulevard or by enjoying a dip in the Infinity pool. And with high staff-to-guest levels, you'll always feel prioritized and pampered. From our three-story race track and immersive virtual-reality games to the luxurious Mandara Spa® and mesmerizing three-story theater that transforms into a Vegas-style nightclub, get ready to live it up on Norwegian Viva from sunrise to long after the sun has set.



7-Day Caribbean Round-Trip San Juan: Barbados, Antigua & St. Lucia

Jan 21, 2024 to Jan 28, 2024

Balcony Stateroom starting from

\$1879*

*Buy an air ticket and the 2nd guest flies for free. Fares shown are in US dollars and are per person, based on double occupancy or as per the number of guests selected. Government taxes, fees, port expenses, and fuel supplement (where applicable) are additional. NCL reserves the right to charge a fuel supplement without prior notice should the closing price of West Texas Intermediate Fuel increase above \$65 USD per barrel on the NYMEX (New York Mercantile Exchange Index). In the event a fuel supplement is charged, NCL will have sole discretion to apply the supplementary charge to both existing and new bookings, regardless of whether such bookings have been paid in full. Such supplementary charges are not included in the cruise fare. The fuel supplement charge will not exceed \$10.00 USD per passenger per day. Prices are based on availability and subject to change. ©2023 NCL Corporation LTD. Ship Registry: Bahamas and United States of America.

Explore the country's capital of Cape Town which boasts natural wonders all around – pristine beaches, beautiful harbors, majestic mountains, and lush greenery. Here, you can soar via cable car to the top of Cable Mountain for amazing views of the city, the sea, and its simply spectacular flora and fauna. Head to Boulders Beach and see the nearly 3,000 African penguins that call this spot home.

Groups 2023-2024

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

Explore the 'Land of Fire and Ice' witnessing spectacular waterfalls, boiling geysers and spend a few hours relaxing with a cocktail while watching the sunrise in the Blue Lagoon. A visit to Thingvillar 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 merge creating an awesome sight. There is always the opportunity of seeing the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights. Our package includes round trip air from Newark on Icelandair, four nights hotel with a full buffet breakfast daily and a continental breakfast at Viking World Museum on the morning of arrival, all current taxes. Optional tours will be available. Rate is \$1,998.00 per person double. A valid passport is required and insurance is highly recommended. **Only 6 seats left!!**

APRIL 28, 2024—GREAT TRAINS and GRAND CANYON

Highlights: Two rail journeys, Grand Canyon, Sedona, trolley tour and the Chapel of the Holy Cross. Five nights at the Hilton Sedona, five breakfasts and three dinners, all sightseeing and round trip air fare. Rate \$3,399.00 per person double occupancy.

JUNE 9, 2024—UTAH'S MIGHTY NATIONAL PARKS

Highlights: Arches, Capital and Canyonlands National Parks, Monument Valley, Canyonlands by night and wine tasting. Six nights hotel, six breakfasts, one lunch and three dinners, all sightseeing and round trip air fare. Rate \$3,625.00 per person double.

JUNE 9-16, 2024—SAIL CELEBRITY ECLIPSE TO BERMUDA

Sail on the revolutionized Celebrity Eclipse from Cape Liberty (Bayonne) and spend three glorious days in Bermuda. Sail past the Statue of Liberty enroute to the Royal Naval Dockyard. Your balcony cabin will include your accommodations, all meals (except for restaurants), beverage package, wi-fi, gratuities and all current port and government taxes. **Book by August 9, 2023 and receive a \$100 per person on board credit. Proof of citizenship is required (NO PASSPORT). Rate is \$1,859.00 per person double.**

SEPTEMBER 4, 2024—BLACK HILLS, BADLANDS and MT. RUSHMORE

Highlights: Mt. Rushmore day and night, Devil's Tower, Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park and Buffalo Jeep Safari. Six nights hotel, six breakfasts and four dinners, all sightseeing and round trip air fare. Rate per person \$3,395.00 double occupancy.

OCTOBER 13, 2024—NATIONAL PARKS and CANYONS of the SOUTHWEST

Highlights: Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, Zion Park Tram and Hoover Dam. Two nights in Las Vegas and three nights in Mesquite, five breakfasts, one lunch and two dinners, all sightseeing and round trip air fare. Rate \$3,395.00 per person double occupancy.

NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 3, 2024—ICONIC CHRISTMAS MARKETS CRUISE ABOARD AMA WATERWAYS AMA LEA

Depart USA on the evening of November 23rd flying to Prague where you will board the AMA LEA for your seven night Christmas Market cruise. The intimate AMA LEA was built in 2018 and sails with a maximum of 156 passengers. Sail the Continental Divide and visit Passau, Melk and Vienna enroute to Budapest. Cruise only rates start at \$3,799.00 per person double including port taxes. Single cabins surcharge range from 125 to 150%. Pre and post nights along with airfare will be available at the end of this year. Call Nancy for information and reservations.

DECEMBER 7-14, 2024—SAIL THE CARIBBEAN ON STAR CLIPPERS ROYAL CLIPPER

Would you like to climb the mast to the crow's nest 75 feet above the deck or visit the open bridge where you can help sail the vessel? If so, a tall ship adventure might just be the ticket. Life on board is casual and relaxed with top notch dining and less than 250 passengers. Have a tropical drink while you relax in the bowsprit netting listening to the steel drum band on deck. Enjoy complimentary water sports, yoga and wellness classes. The shore excursions on board the Star Clipper are designed to highlight the best of the ports visited. Enjoy a beach BBQ. Ports of call are the Grenadines; including St. George's, Grenada, Tobago Cays, Kingstown, St. Vincent, Bequia, Fort de France, Martinique with beach stop, Marigot Bay, St. Lucia, and Soufriere, St. Lucia. The rate per person (cruise only for an outside cabin with port taxes) is \$2,399.00 including a \$200.00 onboard credit and pre-paid gratuities. Air rates and pre-night information will be available in January 2024. A passport is required and insurance is highly recommended.





Secrets® Tulum Resort & Beach Club Opening October 12, 2023 A LUXURIOUS EXPERIENCE AWAITS

Discover the allure of Tulum's mystical jungle, powder white-sand beaches, and sparkling turquoise sea. Secrets® Tulum Resort & Beach Club offers a picturesque, romantic adults-only retreat nestled in a lush green mangrove. From the on-property excursions, pristine spa treatments to connecting with nature itself – the mystical experience and authenticity await.



Guests can immerse themselves in a mystical jungle haven at Secrets® Tulum Resort & Beach Club and enjoy exclusive access to the luxurious Secrets Tulum Beach Club.

SOUTHWEST JUST CONFIRMED IT'S MAKING BIG BOARDING PROCESS CHANGES

THE AIRLINE JUST CONFIRMED THAT IT IS LIMITING ITS EARLYBIRD BOARDING OPTION, AND IT IS ALSO INTRODUCING SOME NEW CHANGES TO ITS FLIGHT EXPERIENCE.

WHEN FLYING WITH SOUTHWEST, PASSENGERS FAMOUSLY GET A SEAT DEPENDING ON THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY BOARD THE PLANE. THAT MEANS THAT IF YOU GET ON THE PLANE SOONER, YOU HAVE BETTER SEATS TO CHOOSE FROM. BY PAYING A FEE FOR EARLYBIRD CHECK-IN, GUESTS ARE ABLE TO GET A BOARDING NUMBER IN ADVANCE COMPARED TO THOSE WHO ARE CHECKING IN 24 HOURS BEFORE THE FLIGHT. NOW, STARTING FROM AUGUST 15, THE AVAILABILITY OF THE EARLYBIRD CHECK-IN FEATURE WILL BE LIMITED TO SELECT FLIGHTS, ROUTES, AND DAYS INSTEAD OF ALL FLIGHTS LIKE BEFORE.

ADDITIONALLY, NEW SAME-DAY STANDBY CHANGES WILL ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED. PER THE NEW POLICY, FREE SAME-DAY STANDBY WILL BECOME AVAILABLE TO ALL GUESTS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO BOOK THE CHEAPEST FARES, DUBBED WANNA GET AWAY. THANKS TO THE NEW RULE, ALL PASSENGERS WILL GET THE CHANCE TO WAITLIST FOR A DIFFERENT FLIGHT ON THE SAME DAY FOR FREE, WITHOUT INCURRING FARE DIFFERENCE SURCHARGES.

THE WI-FI EXPERIENCE ON SOUTHWEST IS ALSO SET TO IMPROVE. FREE WI-FI WILL SOON BE EXTENDED TO BUSINESS SELECT PASSENGERS AS WELL, WHILE PREVIOUSLY, IT WAS A PERK AVAILABLE ONLY TO A-LIST PREFERRED TRAVELERS.



Blackstone Classic Smash Burgers

The appeal of a smash burger is the way the crispy edges crisp and brown quickly if cooks. For our double-patty version, smush on a Blackstone® flat-top style grill, use brief several different techniques. While we loved pressing the patties into onions on the griddle, it left less surface area for the meat to caramelize. Our fix was to split the difference by pressing one patty into golden onions and cook one patty plain for maximum browning and crispiness. The result is the best of both worlds, a burger loaded with flavor and texture. We would not want it any other way.

Total: 20 min

Active: 20 min

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons yellow mustard
- 2 dill pickles, 1 chopped and 1 sliced into rounds
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon onion powder
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef, 80/20
- Unsalted butter, softened, for brushing
- 4 large hamburger buns, split
- 1 small white onion, sliced
- 4 slices American or Cheddar cheese
- 4 slices tomato
- 4 lettuce leaves

Directions:

Special equipment: a 36-inch Blackstone® Griddle Cooking Station, a large metal spatula

- 1 Set 2 burners to high and 2 burners to medium on a 36-inch Blackstone® Griddle Cooking Station and preheat for 10 minutes.
- 2 Meanwhile, stir the ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard and chopped pickle in a small bowl and set aside. Stir the garlic powder, onion powder, 2 teaspoons salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper in a separate small bowl. Set aside.
- 3 Loosely form the beef into 8 balls; set aside. Working in batches, lightly brush butter onto the medium-heat side of the griddle and toast the buns cut-side down until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Flip and keep warm while you cook the burgers.
- 4 Brush butter onto the high-heat side of the griddle and add the onions. Cook, tossing with a metal spatula occasionally, until starting to brown slightly, about 3 minutes. Divide the onions into 4 equal piles, spacing them a couple inches apart. Top each pile with 1 ball of beef. Smash each ball with the back of a spatula or a burger press until the patty is about 1/4 inch thick. Repeat with the remaining 4 beef balls directly on the griddle. Season the patties with half the seasoning mixture and continue cooking, undisturbed, until well browned, 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Flip the patties, sprinkle with the remaining seasoning mixture and top each plain patty with 1 cheese slice. Continue cooking until the cheese is melted around the edges and the bottoms of the patties are browned, about 1 more minute.
- 5 Spread the ketchup mixture on the bun tops. Fill each bun with 1 onion patty, 1 plain patty, 1 tomato slice, 1 lettuce leaf and some of the onions, if any, that were left on the griddle.



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THE TSA JUST RELEASED FRESH TIPS FOR GETTING THROUGH SECURITY QUICKLY

THE AGENCY IS TRYING TO SMOOTH OUT THOSE RELATIVELY HEINOUS AIRPORT SECURITY EXPERIENCES.

THE TSA ACKNOWLEDGES THAT GOING THROUGH SECURITY IS AN ARDUOUS PAINSTAKING PROCESS THAT IS CONFUSING AND SOMETIMES EVEN A LITTLE UNNERVING. THEY'VE ALREADY HAD TO CLARIFY WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN PACK PEANUT BUTTER (YOU CANNOT) OR ONION RINGS (YOU CAN). RATHER THAN LEAVE US GUESSING AND STRUGGLING, THE TSA JUST ISSUED A FRESH LIST OF ITS "DOS AND DON'TS" FOR TRAVELERS, IN THE HOPES OF MAKING OUR LIVES (AND DOUBTLESSLY, THEIR JOBS) EASIER. BELOW ARE SIX DOS AND SIX DON'TS TO HELP YOU GET THROUGH TSA WITH EASE.

BELOW ARE THE DOS:

1. WHEN PURCHASING A TICKET ONLINE, ENTER YOUR FULL NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR ID.
2. ENROLL IN TSA PRECHECK.
3. DOWNLOAD THE FREE MYTSA APP.
4. WEAR SHOES THAT ARE EASY TO REMOVE AND PUT BACK ON (I.E. NO KNEE-HIGH LACE-UP CONVERSERS).
5. IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN A CHECKPOINT LINE, USE THAT TIME WISELY.
6. PLACE YOUR MOBILE PHONE INSIDE YOUR CARRY-ON BAG AT THE CHECKPOINT.



AND HERE ARE THE SIX DON'TS:

1. DO NOT JOKE ABOUT HAVING AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE OR CLAIM THAT YOU'VE GOT A BOMB WITH YOU.
2. NEVER PUT YOUR PET OR CHILD THROUGH THE CHECKPOINT X-RAY UNIT.
3. NEVER BRING YOUR FIREARM TO A SECURITY CHECKPOINT.
4. NEVER USE YOUR MOUTH AS AN EXTRA HAND.
5. NEVER PLACE SMALL ITEMS DIRECTLY ONTO THE X-RAY BELT.
6. NEVER BRING A BOTTLE OF WATER TO A SECURITY CHECKPOINT, HOWEVER YOU CAN BRING AN EMPTY WATER BOTTLE OR REUSABLE INSULATED CONTAINER WITH YOU AND THEN FILL IT UP ON THE SECURE SIDE OF THE CHECKPOINT.

United Arab Emirates Continues to Have World's Most Powerful Passport

With visa-free access to 180 destinations, the UAE remains the world's most powerful passport, according to the Arton Capital's Passport Index.

As the last few coronavirus-related border closures are lifted, the world has become more accessible to many passport holders. Meanwhile, since Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, many nations have dropped visa requirements for Ukrainian passport holders. In turn, many countries have stopped issuing visas to Russian citizens and banned Russian airlines from using their airspace.

After taking all of that into account, the United Arab Emirates passport is currently the most powerful passport in the world, with visa-free or visa-upon-arrival access to 180 destinations. This makes it the strongest in the world, according to Arton Capital's Passport Index, a ranking of the world's passports in order of the number of destinations their holders can access without obtaining a visa before arrival.

Eleven countries trail behind the UAE in joint second place with visa-free access to 175 destinations currently: Germany, Sweden, Finland, Luxembourg, Spain, France, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland, and South Korea. Third place is a eight-way tie among Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Portugal, Poland, United Kingdom, Ireland, and New Zealand with access to 174 destinations each. (The United States is ranked fourth on this list with access to 173 destinations.)

With current travel restrictions in place, Russia doesn't make an appearance until 37th on the list—slipping two spots since 2022—with visa-free access to 126 destinations. Ukraine gained one spot and moved up to 19th, increasing its visa-free access to 148 destinations from 144 in 2022.

Afghanistan is currently at the bottom of the rankings at 95th place with access to only 39 destinations. Syria and Iraq ranked only slightly higher with access to 40 and 41 destinations, respectively.



Michelin Stars

How are Michelin Stars determined?

According to Michelin, the criteria it uses to determine which restaurants will earn stars are:

The quality of the ingredients

The harmony of flavors

The mastery of techniques

The personality of the chef as expressed through their cuisine and consistency both across the entire menu and over time

Per Michelin, one star is “worth a stop,” two stars is “worth a detour,” and three stars, the most a restaurant can receive, is “worth a special journey.”



Puerto Rico is a place where the Old World is mashed up with the new on an Island that is small in size but offers an immense bounty of one-of-a-kind experiences.

Rich history and culture, exceptional food, pristine beaches, majestic mountains, relaxation, adventure — all packed into one sun-kissed Caribbean paradise. Puerto Rico is full of people who are welcoming and buena gente (which is Boricua lingo for kind and friendly). Here, you'll feel like you are family instead of just a visitor.

Around every corner, you'll find a celebration of life, a vibrant cultural experience, food for the soul, and a captivating rhythm. Dare to discover the many treasures of Puerto Rico. Get inspired and start planning your trip. Let us be the first to say, bienvenidos.

