

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.

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.



A celebration of wine & food

Join the Wagner Family of Wine on Discovery Princess® as you savor their celebrated portfolio, including the renowned Caymus Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon. Sail, sip and savor a cruise that promises great fun (and food) along the way.

6-Day Pacific Coast Wine & Food Experience feat. Wagner Family of Wine

October 1-7, 2023 | Discovery Princess®
Vancouver, B.C. to Los Angeles



Magic Castle® Conjuror's Cruise

This one is pure magic. We've partnered with The Magic Castle® for an enchanted adventure filled with wonder – The Magic Castle® Conjuror's Cruise. From performances by top magicians to workshops for magic lovers ... it's presto, fun-o.

7-Day Classic California Coast with Magic Castle®

October 7-14, 2023 | Discovery Princess®
Roundtrip Los Angeles



Curated wine & food experiences

We've teamed up with Jackson Family Wines — the largest owner of coastal vineyards in California and Oregon — to bring you a wine and food experience to remember. Enjoy wine pairings that celebrate the cuisine of the region you're sailing. Cheers!

7-Day Pacific Coast Wine & Food Experience feat. Jackson Family Wines

October 8-15, 2023 | Sapphire Princess®
Vancouver, B.C. to Los Angeles



Playground at sea for curious minds

Not a myth: This cruise is amazing. Join Adam Savage, original co-host of MythBusters on Discovery Channel™ and godparent to Discovery Princess®, for a West Coast Getaway that gives you an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at your ship.

West Coast Getaway with Adam Savage from MythBusters & Tested

November 25-29, 2023 | Discovery Princess®
Roundtrip Los Angeles



Come feel the love

Say "I do" to an experience that takes the (wedding) cake. Join Randy Fenoli, our Love and Romance Ambassador, for a bridal cruise from Galveston to the easy, breezy Western Caribbean.

7-Day Western Caribbean with Love Ambassador Randy Fenoli

December 3-10, 2023 | Regal Princess®
Roundtrip Galveston



WE'VE CREATED AMAZING THEMED CRUISES THAT SPEAK YOUR LOVE LANGUAGE. HAVE A PASSION FOR FOOD, MAGIC OR WILDLIFE? YOU'LL FIND A VOYAGE THAT'S TAILORED TO YOUR TASTES. BOOK TODAY AND ENJOY AN ENHANCED EXPERIENCE AT SEA.

Come feel the love

Find your perfect (cruise) fit



Grilled Skirt Steak with Sticky Barbecue Onions

Level: Easy
Total: 30 min
Active: 25 min
Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients:

Sticky Barbecue Onions:

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 4 yellow onions, thinly sliced
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 ounces ketchup
- 2 ounces apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon sweet paprika

Steak:

- 2 pounds skirt steak, cleaned
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for the cutting board
- 1 tablespoon fresh oregano leaves, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon sweet paprika

Directions:

- 1 Prepare a grill for indirect heat. If using a charcoal grill, build the hot coals on one side only. If using a gas grill, heat one side only to medium-high heat.
- 2 For the sticky barbecue onions: Heat a cast-iron skillet over direct heat. Melt the butter. Add the onions with a pinch of salt and cook until they begin to caramelize, about 5 minutes. Whisk together the ketchup, vinegar, mustard, sugar, cayenne, cumin and paprika in a small bowl (see Cook's Note). Add the sauce to the onions. Season with salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer and cook until the liquid reduces and begins to get sticky, 8 to 10 minutes. Move over indirect heat to keep warm while you cook your steak.
- 3 For the steak: Sprinkle the steak with salt and pepper on both sides and bring to room temperature. Drizzle the steak with the oil and sprinkle with the oregano and paprika on both sides. Place the steak over direct heat and cook until it gets a nice char, 3 to 5 minutes per side for medium-rare.
- 4 Add a splash of oil, a pinch of salt and some pepper to a cutting board. Place the steak on the seasoned oil on the cutting board, flip and rest 5 minutes. Slice the steak against the grain and serve topped with the onions.
- 5 (Alternatively, you can cook the onions over medium-high heat on a stovetop, and the steak in a grill pan or cast-iron skillet over high heat on a stovetop.)



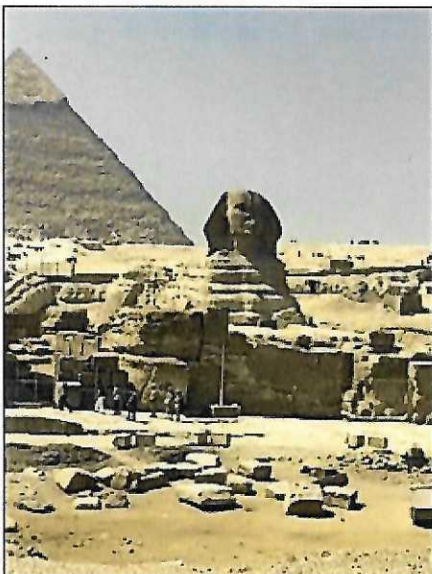
Cook's Note

Substitute 3 teaspoons of your favorite dry barbecue rub in place of the cayenne, ground cumin and sweet paprika.



Whenever Porto invites you in, the door is opened to an entire region waiting to be discovered. Here, there is an immensity of places to explore, people to meet and emotions to feel. Porto, Douro, Minho and Trás-os-Montes. These are the four names that make this region hard to forget. Much for the hospitality of its people, but above all for the unique experiences they offer to those who pass through. Ready to feel the essence of Porto and North of Portugal?

ONE UNFORGETTABLE DAY ON A NILE CRUISE



Getting ready to explore Egypt in Giza and the Sphinx. It will be a hot day, of course, and shade will be hard to come by as you walk around this ancient complex. Cold water, sunscreen, a wide-brimmed hat and loose clothing are musts when visiting here. Another unforgettable experience will be a camel ride with the pyramids as a backdrop. Those guys are pretty tall and it's weird to see their knees bend the wrong way. Hold on tight!

Exploring the Great Pyramid: It's a very active endeavor and you should be prepared to sweat profusely while climbing ramps, stairs and a short step ladder or two to get up into and down from the pyramid. I also wouldn't recommend this activity to anyone who suffers from claustrophobia, as the walkways are narrow and the incline is rather steep to get into the King's Chamber, where the tomb of Khufu -- who is believed to have commissioned the building of the Great Pyramid -- is located. But for those who are up to the challenge, it's the chance of a lifetime. I can't wait to go back.

Notre-Dame Cathedral Will Reopen to the Public in 2024

After a devastating fire in 2019, the Paris landmark is scheduled to start welcoming visitors once again in December 2024.

It's been four years since a fire ripped through Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris on April 15, 2019. Reconstruction efforts on the 12th-century monument are well underway, with plans to reopen to visitors and churchgoers alike next year.

In the days following the fire, French President Emmanuel Macron set a five-year restoration deadline, in time for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics. In 2019, experts familiar with medieval restoration work said it could take about 15 to 20 years to rebuild the roof, spire, and parts of stone vaulting that fell through to the main sanctuary. Thankfully, the current deadline is closer to Macron's vision.

While the stained-glass rose windows, rectangular towers, and priceless Christian relics all survived the blaze, extensive reconstruction work is necessary before the cathedral can reopen.

By November 2020, workers successfully removed all the scaffolding that had been in place around the spire for an earlier renovation project when the fire broke out in 2019. In September 2021, the government agency overseeing the reconstruction of Notre-Dame announced that the temporary structures built to secure the cathedral's iconic towers, vaults, and walls were complete. Reconstruction efforts began in earnest in December 2021, including work on the organ restoration and other parts of the cathedral. In February 2023, scaffolding went up to begin the process of reinstalling the replica of architect Eugene Viollet-le-Duc's 19th-century spire that collapsed in the fire with original materials including oak trees cut from French forests. The spire will also again be built with lead, which raised concerns from both health and environmental groups after the 2019 fire released potentially toxic lead particles into the neighborhood surrounding the cathedral, prompting a lengthy cleanup effort. The spire is slated to be completed by the end of 2023.

IMPRESSION
BY SECRETS

*Hyatt Launches New All-Inclusive
Brand Called Impression by Secrets*

The resort is located at the southern end of Isla Mujeres on a sweeping white-sand beach, inviting guests to arrive via private yacht from Marina Hacienda del Mar. It offers 125 suites all with luxury in-room amenities, including double rain showers, terrace whirlpools, custom-stocked wine fridges, and yoga mats.

Hyatt says the collection will particularly stand out because of its service—all guests will get access to butlers once they board the yacht at Marina Hacienda del Mar. All will also have that same service, along with complimentary laundry services, in their suites.

The new Impression by Secrets Isla Mujeres will also showcase the surrounding area, offering views of the surrounding island and the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. It will also incorporate some local elements, including local bamboo in its build, and artwork by prominent Mexican artist Cesar López Negrete.

For dining, Secrets Isla Mujeres offers eight different a la carte dining venues, along with nine bars and lounges, beach service, and private in-suite dining available 24 hours. Those venues are highlighted by SPEZIA, a Mediterranean open terrace restaurant, and UNIK, a chic, rooftop tapas and a la carte venue that offers live music in the evenings.

Guests on-site will be able to enjoy Pure SPA, a fitness center that comes with a certified personal trainer, and other activities including snorkeling, four cascading oceanfront infinity pools, Bali beds and hammocks, an over-the-water lounge for observing local sea life, and a four-story waterslide. Guests will also get access to cooking classes, coffee and wine tastings, and sunset paddle boarding.



ADVENTURE JUST GOT BIGGER IN TEXAS

Oasis Class flavors, thrills and beats go full-throttle on the biggest, boldest ship to ever sail from Texas on Harmony of the Seas® from November 1, 2023 - April 20, 2025. Max out your memories onshore in Mexico and Roatán – and for select sailings, visit Perfect Day at CocoCay. This is one vacation that leaves some bold boots to fill.



EPIC ESCAPES IN JUST A FEW DAYS

You can trek the tropics from Miami, Florida like never before in just a few days. Independence of the Seas® takes you to sun-filled destinations, featuring two different 4 to 5-Night Western Caribbean sailings, some of which will go to Perfect Day at CocoCay, and then 4 to 5-Night sailings to Labadee for the Eastern Caribbean. No one does island-hopping from the Sunshine State better than Royal Caribbean.

A LEGENDARY JOURNEY

Pack a lifetime of adventure into one epic European hop in 2024. You can wander architectural marvels like Barcelona’s Sagrada Familia. Or soak up views of blue-domed churches and whitewashed villages in the Greek Isles. From historical monuments to awe-inspiring destinations, you can explore more of Europe on one epic journey onboard seven of the world’s most incredible ships.



American Queen Voyages Offers Themed Travels for the Holidays



It’s never too early to plan for the holidays: American Queen Voyages just launched its Holiday [Sailabration](#) offer, and it’s ready to book. Available for booking now through Oct. 31, 2023, you can book on select voyages that will take you down North America’s rivers with up to \$3,000 in savings, up to \$600 in air credit and a \$200 Your Choice onboard credit per stateroom.

Those who love celebrating the holidays in style will be happy to know American Queen Voyages has all the big ones on tap—Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Eve are curated to ensure all the traditions are upheld, the entertainment is festive, and the kitchen sets out all the authentic specialties that make the season special. In addition, American Queen Voyages will make stops at European-style Christmas Markets on select Lower Mississippi itineraries, where you will have the chance to browse the decorated stalls and take home all manner of handcrafted gifts, local eats and seasonal treats.