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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM NANCY AND TARA

# 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.

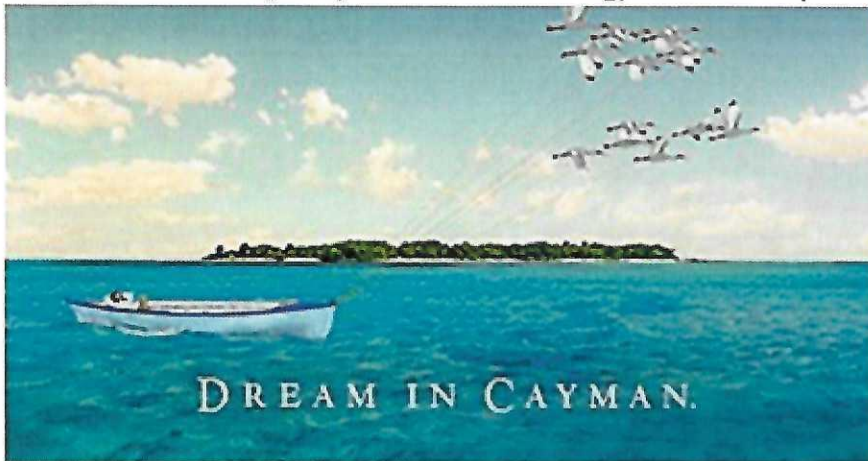
## DECEMBER 7-14, 2024—SAIL THE CARIBBEAN ON STAR CLIPPERS ROYAL CLIPPER

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.

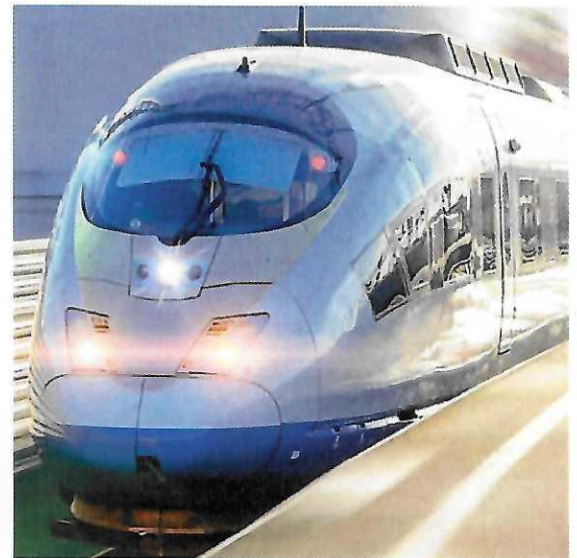




REGINA GELZER, ESQ. OF TOMS RIVER AND I ABOARD THE NEW CELEBRITY ASCENT FOR THE NAMING CEREMONY DECEMBER 1, 2023



## U.S. to Invest \$6 Billion on West Coast High-Speed Train Line



The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has made decisions that will start construction of a 186-plus mph train line between Las Vegas and Los Angeles and to continue building California's high-speed line. FRA grants will also advance the development of other new passenger-train service nationwide.

Under the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Federal-State Partnership Program (FSP), the FRA is awarding more than \$6 billion in funding specifically for high-speed rail includes \$3 billion for Brightline West's high-speed line between Las Vegas and L.A., planned to open by 2028. It also includes \$3 billion for the continuation of design and construction for California's high-speed rail line.

Through a second program called Corridor ID, the FRA is also expected to award dozens of grants of \$500,000 each, to study new and improved passenger-train lines throughout the country. Elected officials with knowledge of the FRA's decisions have begun sharing some of the funded projects.

The railroad Brightline, which already operates successful trains between Miami and Orlando, aims to launch 186-plus mph passenger service between Las Vegas and Los Angeles in time for the 2028 Olympics. California and Nevada have already granted Brightline a right of way alongside Interstate 15, and federal funding now allows the project to break ground. The California High Speed Rail Authority, additionally, received FSP support for the 200-mph high-speed line that it already has under construction in California's Central Valley, as well as sections that will connect to Silicon Valley, the Bay Area and Los Angeles transit systems.

As examples of other projects to be funded, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown of Ohio has shared four routes to receive federal support: Cleveland-Columbus-Dayton-Cincinnati, Cleveland-Toledo-Detroit, Chicago-Fort Wayne-Columbus-Pittsburgh, and additional Cardinal Service through Ohio, between Chicago and the east coast.

# Price set for Icon of the Seas' aerial obstacle course

CROWN'S EDGE, A THRILL EXPERIENCE ON ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL'S NEW ICON OF THE SEAS, WILL COST \$89.99 PER PERSON.

CROWN'S EDGE IS PART OF THE THRILL ISLAND CONCEPT ON THE ICON. AFTER RIDERS ARE STRAPPED IN, THEY STEP ONTO A WALKWAY FOR WHAT ROYAL CARIBBEAN CALLS A "FEAR-INDUCING CHALLENGE THAT'S PART SKYWALK, PART OBSTACLE COURSE, PART THRILL RIDE AND AN ALL-OUT TEST OF COURAGE."

THE COURSE CULMINATES IN A SURPRISING MOMENT -- THE FLOOR BENEATH THE RIDER'S FEET GIVES WAY -- AND THE RIDER IS LEFT DANGLING 154 FEET ABOVE THE WATER, NEAR THE SHIP'S ICONIC CROWN-AND-ANCHOR EMBLEM.

THE ACTIVITY IS ONE NEW FEATURE ON THE ICON, THE LARGEST CRUISE SHIP BUILT TO DATE AT 250,800 GROSS TONS. THRILL ISLAND WILL ALSO FEATURE SIX WATERSLIDES IN WHAT ROYAL CARIBBEAN CALLS THE LARGEST WATERPARK AT SEA.



## ADVENTURES FROM THE NORTHEAST



Vacation goals meet next-level whoas on Symphony of the Seas® — sailing from Cape Liberty for the very first time! This gamechanger brings one-of-a-kind thrills and over-the-top chill. And with stops at Perfect Day at CocoCay, your clients can race down 13 shriek-inducing slides at Thrill Waterpark® or find perfect ten zen in the first Overwater Cabanas in The Bahamas. All on the cruise line voted Best Overall for 20 years running by Travel Weekly readers, Royal Caribbean®.

# Chicken Alfredo Lasagna

## Ingredients:

### Chicken:

- 1 large chicken breast or 2 small chicken breasts (see Cook's Note)
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

### Alfredo Sauce:

- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3 cups shredded Parmesan
- 9 oven-ready lasagna noodles
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley, plus additional for garnish
- 12 ounces shredded mozzarella

## Directions:

- 1** For the chicken: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- 2** Sprinkle the chicken breast with the Italian seasoning, salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a pan and cook chicken on medium heat until it registers 165 degrees in the middle, about 5 minutes on each side. Cube.
- 3** For the alfredo sauce: In the same pan that you used for the chicken, melt the butter over low heat. Add the minced garlic and cook for 1-2 minutes. Add the flour and whisk until smooth. Add the milk and heavy cream a little at a time, making small additions, and let thicken, about 5 minutes. Add the cream. Turn off the heat and mix in 2 1/2 cups Parmesan salt and pepper to taste.
- 4** Layer 1 cup of the alfredo sauce on the bottom of the lasagna noodles. Spread another cup of alfredo sauce, a handful of parsley and a quarter of the mozzarella. Then add another layer of noodles, two more times, ending with alfredo sauce, the rest of the mozzarella and Parmesan.
- 5** Bake until browned on top, 40 to 50 minutes. Let the lasagna rest for 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with parsley.

## Alaska Airlines to Acquire Hawaiian Airlines for \$1.9 Billion

Alaska Airlines, the fifth largest airline in North America, announced on Sunday that it had agreed to acquire Hawaiian Airlines for \$1.9 billion.

While approved by both Hawaiian and Alaska boards, the deal still needs to be approved by regulatory boards and Hawaiian Holdings, the carrier's holding company, shareholders. The deal is expected to close in 12 to 18 months.

If fully approved, the deal will create a combined airline that serves close to 55 million passengers annually, keeping the new Alaska as the fifth largest North American airline by passengers carried behind Delta, American, Southwest, and United. It will create a combined fleet of 365 narrow and wide-body aircraft, and a combined network of 138 destinations, not including destinations served via Alaska's oneworld Alliance.

More uniquely, the deal brings together two carriers that grew out of a need to connect residents of two noncontiguous states to the continental U.S.

Alaska plans to preserve the Hawaiian brand and continue to operate it separately from Alaska. The new Alaska will remain headquartered in Seattle while creating a hub for Alaska Airlines in Honolulu.

Plans also call for Alaska to add more international connections for West Coast travelers to the Asia-Pacific region with one-stop service from Hawaii.

There's no word yet on the outlook for regulatory approval. Some recent mergers and acquisitions, including JetBlue's acquisition of Spirit, have caught the ire of governmental regulations. Still, Alaska was optimistic of the 12 to 18 months timeframe in the announcement on Sunday.

