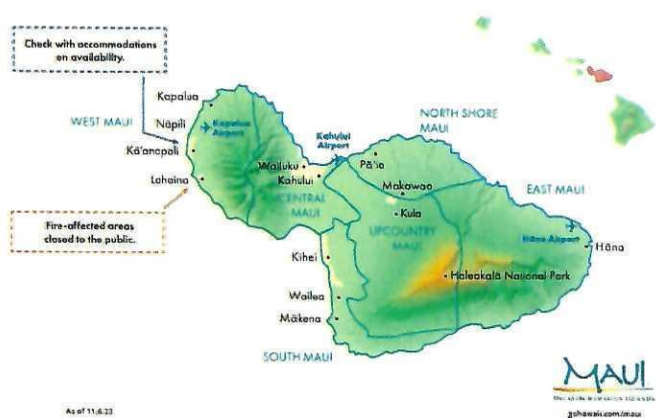


## Mālama Maui

In West Maui, recent wildfires have resulted in the devastating loss of loved ones, homes, cultural and historic sites and businesses. However, amidst the tragedy, the spirit of Maui remains strong. As Lahaina recovers, respectful travel to the accessible areas of Maui is welcomed – now more than ever.

With the exception of Lahaina, we encourage your clients to visit the accessible areas of Maui mindfully, as well as the other Hawaiian Islands. Your clients' time in Hawai'i will bolster the local economy and positively impact Maui's road to recovery.

Stay updated by visiting [gohawaii.com/maui-travel-updates](http://gohawaii.com/maui-travel-updates).



## Things You Should Really Think About

(or at least, things that makes you smile!) from Ali Morrow of Forked River:

01. Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
02. If a bottle of poison reaches its expiration date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
03. The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".
04. Over 100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.
05. Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
06. I'm responsible for what I say, not for what you understand.
07. As I watch this generation try and rewrite our history, I'm sure of one thing: it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.
08. I put my scale in the bathroom corner and that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.
09. Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it the most never use it.
10. Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.



I know everyone is interested in the situation in Iceland concerning the volcano; especially those people in our Northern Lights Group in February.

I will do my best to keep everyone updated. Here is the latest and where you can go to find out more information:

After nearly two months of increased seismic activity on Iceland's Reykjanes Peninsula, a volcanic eruption finally occurred late Monday night in Sundhnúkgígur. This marks the fourth eruption in the area in the last three years.

As of Tuesday afternoon (local time), the Icelandic Meteorological Office reported that "the size of the volcanic eruption at Sundhnúkgígur continues to diminish." A fissure about two and a half miles long contained about five eruption vents from which lava flowed at an original pace of hundreds of cubic meters per second.

According to Visit Iceland, the international airport in Keflavík is functioning normally and all flights are currently operating on schedule. "The impact of volcanic eruptions tends to be limited to specific, localized areas near the eruption site. Notably, previous eruptions in the area did not impact air travel to and from the country," it said.

**For the latest information, visit [www.visiticeland.com](http://www.visiticeland.com) and <https://safetravel.is/eruption-in-reykjanes>**

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## HERE ARE THE NEW CRUISE SHIPS DEBUTING IN 2024

THE FLURRY OF NEW CRUISE SHIPS POST-PANDEMIC IS JUST ABOUT OVER AND THE PACE OF CRUISE SHIP NEWBUILDING IS SLOWING DOWN SLIGHTLY. YET, THERE'S STILL PLENTY TO BE EXCITED ABOUT AND KEEP TRACK OF WITH CRUISE SHIPS DEBUTING IN 2024.

### ICON OF THE SEAS (ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL), JANUARY 2024

ICON OF THE SEA WILL BE THE FIRST IN AN ALL-NEW CLASS OF SHIP FOR ROYAL CARIBBEAN AND WILL FEATURE A NUMBER OF NEW INNOVATIONS INCLUDING THE LARGEST WATERPARK AT SEA AND A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD DEDICATED TO KIDS YOUNGER THAN 6 YEARS OLD.

### SUN PRINCESS (PRINCESS CRUISES), FEBRUARY 2024

SUN PRINCESS WILL BE THE FIRST IN AN ALL-NEW CLASS OF SHIP FOR PRINCESS CRUISES. WHILE IT WILL HAVE MOST OF THE LINE'S POPULAR SIGNATURE SPACES, IT WILL ALSO DEBUT THE DOME, A STUNNING GEODESIC DOME THAT BOASTS AN INDOOR POOL BY DAY AND AN ENTERTAINMENT STAGE BY NIGHT. IT WILL ALSO BE THE FIRST PRINCESS SHIP WITH A SUITES-ONLY COMPLEX.

### QUEEN ANNE (CUNARD), MAY 2024

CUNARD'S FOURTH QUEEN WILL BE THE LINE'S FIRST NEW SHIP IN 12 YEARS AND WILL HAVE A COMPLETELY REDESIGNED INTERIOR THAT BLENDS CUNARD'S TRADITIONAL FEEL WITH A CONTEMPORARY AESTHETIC. THE SHIP WILL ALSO BE THE FIRST IN THE CUNARD FLEET TO HAVE A TWO-DECK THEATER AND 15 RESTAURANTS.

### UTOPIA OF THE SEAS (ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL), JULY 2024

UTOPIA OF THE SEAS WILL BE THE SIXTH SHIP IN THE LINE'S SUPER POPULAR OASIS CLASS, BUT WILL BE THE FIRST IN THE CLASS TO BE POWERED BY THE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY LNG FUEL. IT WILL FEATURE A MIX OF POPULAR ROYAL CARIBBEAN STAPLES AND A FEW NEW ATTRACTIONS, INCLUDING AN IMMERSIVE DINING EXPERIENCE, ROYAL PROMENADE-BASED TIKI BAR, AND AN ALL-NEW SOLARIUM SUITE STATEROOM CATEGORY.

### DISNEY TREASURE (DISNEY CRUISE LINE), DECEMBER 2024

DISNEY TREASURE, THE SECOND IN THE LINE'S NEW TRITON CLASS, WILL FEATURE TWO OF THE ROTATIONAL MAIN DINING ROOMS ALSO FOUND ON DISNEY WISH: WORLDS OF MARVEL AND 1923. IT WILL ALSO HAVE THE WALT DISNEY THEATRE, PALO STEAKHOUSE, THE ROSE LOUNGE, MICKEY AND MINNIE'S FESTIVAL OF FOODS, TOY STORY SPLASH ZONE, DUAL CINEMAS, SENSES SPA, AND MORE.

NEW TO DISNEY TREASURE WILL BE THE "PLAZA DE COCO" DINING VENUE, INSPIRED BY THE DISNEY AND PIXAR FILM "COCO." ITS MENU WILL INCLUDE "MODERN TWISTS ON TRADITIONAL MEXICAN FARE," AS WELL AS A LINEUP OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT WITH A STORYLINE THAT PICKS UP RIGHT WHERE "COCO" LEAVES OFF.

### AMERICAN LIBERTY (AMERICAN CRUISE LINES), JUNE 2024 + AMERICAN LEGEND (LATE 2024)

NOT QUITE OCEAN-GOING SHIPS, AMERICAN LIBERTY AND LEGEND WILL BE THE THIRD AND FOURTH CATAMARAN-STYLE CRUISE VESSELS DESIGNED FOR COASTAL SAILING. THE ALL-BALCONY SHIP WILL HAVE LOTS OF OUTDOOR SPACE FOR SCENIC CRUISING, AS WELL AS AN SWIM/ACTIVITY PLATFORM AT THE BACK EQUIPPED WITH KAYAKS.

# Help! My Luggage Is Lost. What Should I Do?

An empty airport baggage carousel clatters around and around. Everyone but you has hauled their bags off, and finally the horrible truth dawns: Your luggage is lost.

Getting reconnected with your bag is a big deal if you're hopping aboard a cruise that won't spend more than a day in any destination. Here, we offer tips for what to do if an airline or cruise company has lost your luggage -- and how to avoid it in the future.

## Start at the Airport

If you arrive in your homeport city and you don't see your luggage, first scan the baggage area. It's possible your luggage got pulled off before you made it through customs; it could even have arrived on a different flight. If you see a gaggle of bags (a baggle?), go see if yours is among them.

No luck? Your next stop should be the airline's baggage customer service desk. (If you had a connecting flight with a different airline, the last airline you flew is the one to deal with.) Here, they may be able to track your bag, using your baggage receipts, to find where it has gone astray. Or pull it out of a back room where it's been waiting for you.

If airline reps confirm your bag is not at the airport, you'll have to fill out a form describing your bag and where it can be delivered to you when it eventually gets to the right destination. Be sure to have your hotel address and/or port call agenda handy to facilitate the delivery.

Get a receipt and a case number, as well as a phone number to call to find out your bag's status. Best case, you've got a pre-cruise stay at a hotel and your luggage shows up that evening.

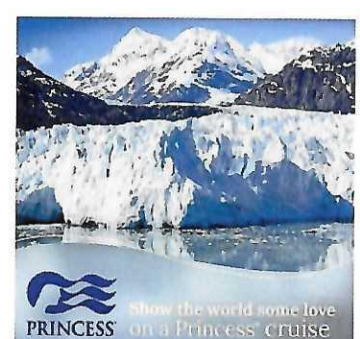
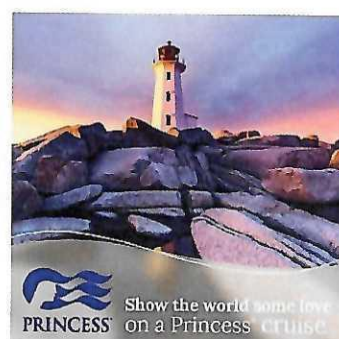
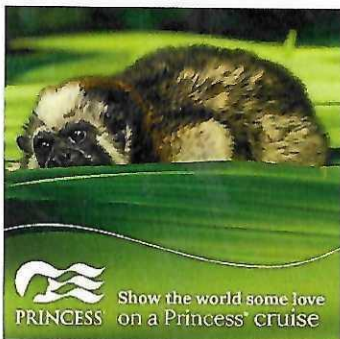
If the bag can't get to you before your ship embarks, it's possible that the airline can get it to a port where the ship calls. That will depend on when the bag is found and where your ship is going -- although some unlucky travelers' bags haven't caught up to them until their return airport or after they've returned home.

## Talk to Guest Services

If you're headed straight to the ship, be sure to visit guest services, or your concierge if you have access to one, to advise them on the situation. Bring your claim paperwork, case number and airline baggage service contact numbers.

Airlines aren't the only culprits when it comes to lost luggage, though. Cruise lines have been known to misplace bags, as well. You hand your suitcase off to a porter, and it never shows up in your cabin, even after the ship has set sail.

This is also a time to head to guest services. If your bags have been misplaced on a lower deck or sent to the "naughty room" because of contraband items like booze or irons, guest services reps can help you locate them. If your suitcase was inadvertently dropped into the sea and lost forever, front desk folks can break the bad news and offer next steps.



# 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.



# Coquito Cookies

*Coquito – or "little coconut" – is a traditional Christmas drink from Puerto Rico, full of spicy rum, spices. It's also the inspiration for these delectable cookies, which evoke the same aromatic flavors notes. The warmth of cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice permeates the dough, while sweetened conde the perfect coconutty element to both the dough and the rum-based glaze. Toasted coconut flakes are the perfect finishing touches.*

## Ingredients:

### Dough:

- 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour (see Cook's Note)
- 1/4 cup dry milk powder
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla paste or pure vanilla extract
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- Two 7.4-ounce cans sweetened condensed coconut milk

### Glaze:

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 5 teaspoons white rum
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut, toasted, for topping
- Freshly grated nutmeg, for topping

## Directions:

Special equipment: a 2-ounce ice cream scoop

- 1 For the dough: Position racks in the top and bottom thirds of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment.
- 2 Whisk together the flour, milk powder, baking powder, cinnamon, salt, allspice and nutmeg in a large bowl. Set aside.
- 3 Cream the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar in a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment on medium speed until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add the vanilla and egg and beat until combined. Remove 2 tablespoons of the condensed coconut milk and reserve for the glaze, then add the remaining condensed coconut milk to the mixer and beat until creamy and smooth.
- 4 Add the dry ingredients to the stand mixer and mix, starting on low speed and slowly increasing to medium, until the dough just comes together.
- 5 Using a 2-ounce ice cream or cookie scoop, scoop the dough onto the prepared sheets. Space the cookies 1 1/2 inches apart so there are 9 cookies on each (reserve the remaining dough for a second batch).

6 Bake the cookies, rotating the baking sheets from top to bottom and front to back halfway through, until golden brown around the bottom edges, 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool completely on the baking sheets. Bake additional cookies on one of the cooled baking sheets.

7 For the glaze. Meanwhile, whisk together the confectioners' sugar, rum and reserved 2 tablespoons condensed coconut milk in a small bowl until it forms a thick glaze. Cover until ready to use.

8 Apply 1 teaspoon glaze to each cookie, spreading with the back of the spoon and leaving a small border. Top with the toasted coconut flakes and a light sprinkling of freshly grated nutmeg.



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