

# How to Celebrate Valentine's Day on The Love Boat



Love is in the air onboard Princess Cruises and it's not too late to surprise that special someone with the ultimate gift—a cruise. Guests can fall in love again on "The Love Boat" while creating unforgettable moments in romantic destinations around the world. Chef Rudi Sodamin, Princess' head of culinary arts, calls food "the international language of love," and he has created a romantic menu on all ships in the Princess fleet on Feb. 14.

Special offerings include: Tuna and Salmon Tartare with Curry/Wasabi Mayonnaise and Pink Relish; Beef Tournedos and Shrimps or Risotto with Butternut Squash and Arugula; Princess Heart of Love (Chocolate Mousse); Sweetheart Sugar Cookies and Chocolate-Dipped Fruit

In addition, celebrity mixologist Rob Floyd has created two love-inspired cocktails for guests to enjoy: "Chocolate Martini" for those who want a sweet treat, and "Sweet Revenge" for those who crave something spicy.

Love will be celebrated with hearts, flowers and special touches throughout the ship. While onboard, guests can make a card for their sweetheart, send a singing telegram, watch Rom-Coms on the giant Movies Under the Stars screen and more. For an extra romantic experience, guests can also renew their vows onboard with multiple package options.

## American Cruise Lines Opens 2023 U.S. Small Ship Season

American Cruise Lines said Feb. 18 will mark the opening of its 2023 U.S. cruise season, when American Star departs from Florida. American is celebrating Wave Season by running more small ships from U.S. ports than ever before. This February American begins the new season with two riverboats and two small ships setting sail along the East Coast from Florida and South Carolina, the West Coast from California, and the Mighty Mississippi River from Louisiana.

On the West Coast, American Jazz will embark along a historic cruise from San Francisco on Feb. 24, 2023. Following an all-new eight-day San Francisco Bay itinerary, American Jazz will be the first U.S. riverboat in over 80 years to explore San Francisco Bay and the California Delta, cruising Wine Country along the Napa, Sacramento, and San Joaquin Rivers.

On the East Coast, two of the company's smallest cruise ships, 90-passenger American Star and American Independence, depart Feb. 18 and 25, respectively. American Star will begin the season along the company's unusual eight-day Great Rivers of Florida cruise, roundtrip from Jacksonville. Sister ship, American Independence, will sail an eight-day Historic South & Golden Isles itinerary between Charleston, S.C., and Amelia Island, Fla., exploring the country's Gold Coast along the protected picturesque Intracoastal Waterway.

# CLASSIC Moroccan Lamb

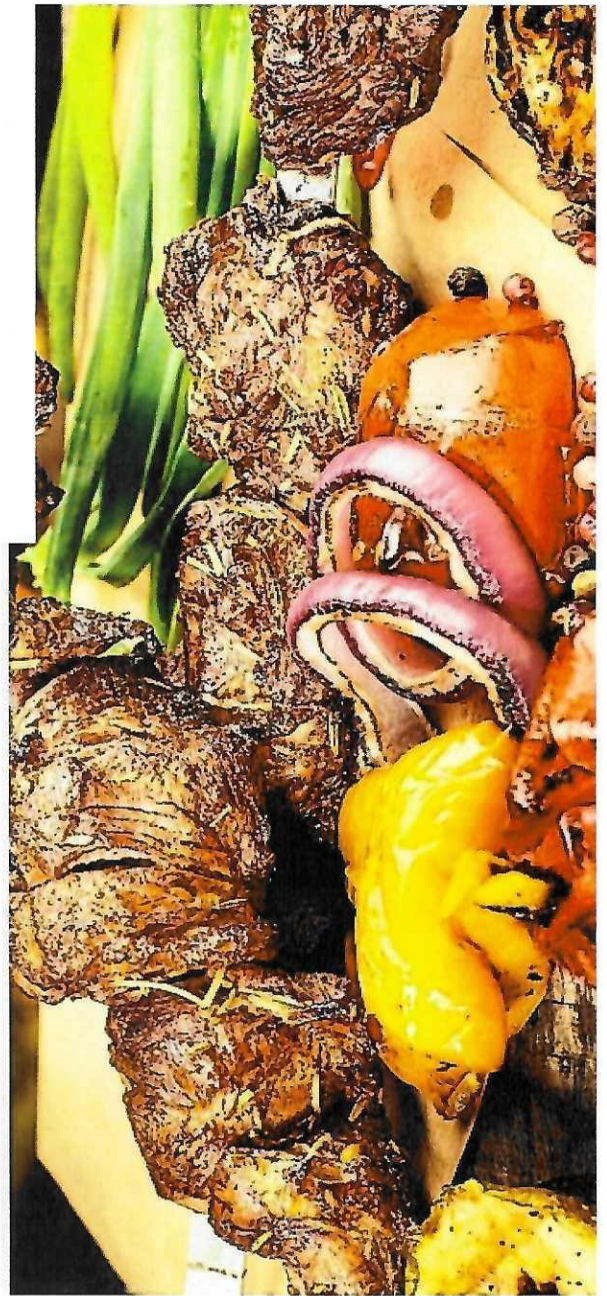
## OR BEEF KEBABS

FROM STAR CLIPPERS' GALLEY



### INGREDIENTS

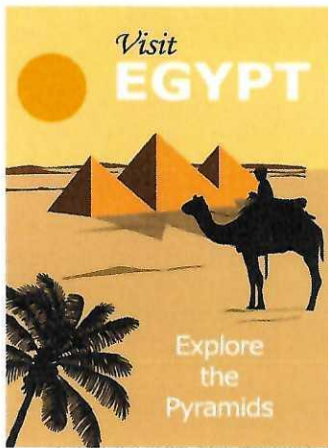
- 2 1/2 pounds beef filet, or leg of lamb, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh parsley
- 3 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 2 teaspoons salt, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper



## Visitors to the U.K. Will Soon Need to Pay an Application Fee Prior to Travel

The U.K. will soon require everyone wishing to travel to the country to apply for permission, and pay for an application, in order to travel to the country.

Starting sometime by the end of 2023, the U.K. says it will put an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) system in place for all inbound international travelers outside of Britain and Ireland. The system will require travelers to put personal details, including passport information, into an application and then pay a small fee to be authorized for travel. The goal is to screen visitors before they arrive in the U.K.



# EGYPT 2023

## TOUR FEATURES (October 11-19, 2023)

- Round trip air on Egyptair from JFK (also including domestic air CAI-LXR and ASW-CAI)
- All transfer in Cairo (CAI), Luxor (LXR) and Aswan (ASW)
- 2nts accommodation at Conrad Cairo hotel 5\* or similar based on bed & breakfast basis
- 4nts accommodation on board of the H/S Nebu or similar on full board basis starting with lunch & ending with breakfast
- 1nt accommodation at Intercontinental City Stars or similar on bed & breakfast basis
- Full Day tour including the Pyramids, Sphinx, Museum, Old Cairo including lunch in a local restaurant while touring
- Camel ride and balloon ride over the Nile
- Visits on board of the boat : Karnak & Luxor Temple West Bank : Valley of Kings, Hatshepsut & the colossi of Memnon
- Edfu, Kom Ombo
- Aswan : Philae temple, the High Dam & Obelisk
- Felucca around Kitchener islands
- Farewell traditional dinner at El Azhar Park
- English speaking guide throughout

NOT INCLUDED: Visa (approx. \$25 USD on arrival) and gratuities



PRICE: \$4,935.00 per person (based on a minimum of 15 passengers).

A passport with a six month validity is required. A deposit of \$500 per person is required for deposit along with insurance.

Single surcharge of \$985.

Get your reservation booked as soon as possible. Call Nancy

### **OCTOBER 4-15, 2023—11 NIGHT NEW ENGLAND AND CANADA CRUISE ABOARD MSC'S MERAVIGLIA**

Sail from New York (Brooklyn) and visit Newport, Rhode Island, Boston, Massachusetts, St. John, New Brunswick, Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, PEI, returning to New York by way of Portland, Maine. The Meraviglia is packed with extraordinary features for the perfect experience at sea. Enjoy gourmet dining, out of this world entertainment with new panoramic areas, an innovative ocean lounge, a two-deck high inside promenade with an LED dome and a spectacular amusement area connected to an outdoor water park. Rates include cabin accommodations selected, all current port and government taxes, beverage package for drinks up to \$9, wi-fi for two devices and gratuities. Ocean view \$1,277.00, Premium Balcony \$1,487.00 and Aurea Balcony \$1,877.00 (additional amenities including the solarium, spa discounts, 24 hour room service and more).

### **NOVEMBER 2-12, 2023—10 NIGHT ULTIMATE SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN ABOARD THE CELEBRITY REFLECTION**

Cruise round trip from Ft. Lauderdale in a balcony cabin visiting Antigua, Barbados, Grenada, Martinique, St. Kitts & Nevis. Our special, always included package incorporates accommodations, all currents taxes, all meals (except specialty restaurants), beverage package, wi-fi, gratuities, spectacular entertainment and a \$300 on board credit. The special rate of \$1,850.00 per person,



## Glacier National Park Getaway Roundtrip from Chicago

Chicago, IL > Glacier National Park, MT > Chicago, IL

6 Days  
2 Destinations

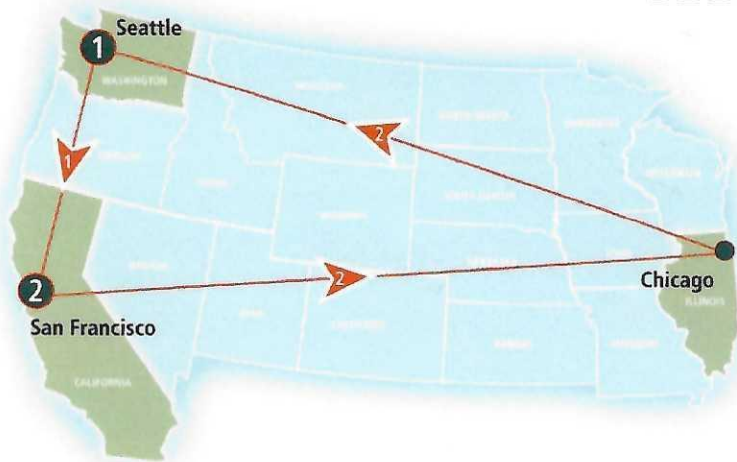
From **\$2,419** pp

## Glacier National Park Getaway Roundtrip from Chicago

Board Amtrak's® famous Empire Builder® for a leisurely ride to Glacier National Park! Enjoy views of the North Dakota plains and prepare to head into Big Sky country as you make your way into Montana. Spend some quality time exploring a natural gem, Glacier National Park on this 6-day getaway to one of the most gorgeous parks in all of North America. Your Glacier National Park Getaway includes an exhilarating boat cruise in the scenic Two Medicine Valley; a breathtaking ride along the Going-to-the-Sun Road; and a tour of the lush Lake McDonald Valley. You'll also get a chance to explore the park on your own. This getaway promises amazing scenery and lots of relaxation!



## Northern Rail Experience



Venture from the breathtaking great plains of the Midwest to the serene waters of the Pacific Coast on this scenic rail journey from Chicago to San Francisco, with a stop in Seattle. Enjoy the landscape as you travel along major portions of the Lewis and Clark trail. Explore Seattle on a hop-on, hop-off sightseeing tour. Discover the sights of San Francisco. Spend some quality time in two majestic parts of Northern California: Muir Woods and Sausalito. And, then you'll head back to the "Windy City" on board one of most beautiful train trips in all of North America.

# AZORES

## WHY THE AZORES SHOULD BE YOUR NEXT EUROPEAN GETAWAY



The Azores are located in the northern Atlantic Ocean, roughly 2,400 miles east of the U.S. and 930 miles west of [Lisbon](#), making them the closest European land to the United States. The archipelago is made up of nine volcanic islands spread across 400 miles, which are divided into three island clusters: eastern (São Miguel and Santa Maria islands), central (Terceira, São Jorge, Pico, Graciosa, and Faial), and western (Flores and Corvo).

Most international tourists land in São Miguel and visit two or three islands during their stay. São Miguel, the largest island, is home to the lively city of Ponta Delgada, which is framed by 18th-century arched gates, as well as crater lakes, volcanic peaks, geothermal pools in Furnas, and the [only tea plantations in Europe](#). Though locals are quick to point out that it's the busiest of the nine islands (especially in the summer), it's still worth starting your trip with a few days here.

In addition to São Miguel, the other eight islands in the Azores include:

1. **Terceira**, whose main town, [Angra do Heroísmo](#), was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, has an extensive network of lava caves visitors can explore.
2. **Pico**, which has Portugal's highest mountain (Mount Pico), is known for its (mostly white) wines grown in volcanic soil.
3. **Faial** is notable for its yacht harbor, painted tile-lined churches, and caldera-containing **Faial Nature Park**.
4. **Corvo**, the smallest island at seven square miles, offers a caldera lake and unparalleled bird-watching each October.
5. **Flores**, a lesser-visited island, is known for its spectacular hydrangea flower blooms in the summer, waterfalls, natural pools, and lakes.
6. **São Jorge** has scenic views of nearby Pico and Faial, natural swimming pools, an artisanal coffee plantation, and a cheese factory.
7. **Graciosa**, nicknamed "the White Island" for its white rocks, hills, and architecture, includes a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve with unique volcanic landscapes, thermal baths, and distinct architectural heritage.
8. **Santa Maria**, the warmest and most southern of the nine islands, is the best for swimming on sandy (as opposed to rocky) beaches and waterfall hikes.

There are many lovely beaches and coves on the islands—wide, sandy [Porto Pim](#) on Faial, for example, is popular with families, while Ponta da Ferraria in São Miguel is dramatically lined with black volcanic rock. And with Gulf Stream air currents resulting in [warm water temps](#) from May until as late as December, the best way to enjoy the water is to get out on (or in) it. In addition to swimming, there are plenty of opportunities for snorkeling to glimpse the rich underwater flora and fauna. Or book a guided dive to explore underwater caves and shipwrecks at one of more than 50 dive sites around the archipelago.

In the winter months (when it's just a tad too cold to swim in the ocean), you'll still want to pack your swimsuit. The town of Furnas in São Miguel is home to several naturally heated geothermal pools and hot springs, such as the pool in [Parque Terra Nostra](#)—a park with a large botanical garden and geothermal pool—and the nearby Poça da Dona Beija, which features a series of five steamy pools you can swim in.