



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,

JetBlue Will Offer Passengers Access to Peacock Onboard this Spring

You'll soon be able to get your fix of Yellowstone and The Office at 30,000 feet.

Last month, JetBlue announced a new exclusive deal with NBCUniversal that will bring Peacock, NBC's streaming service, free to JetBlue passengers via seatback screens and mobile devices starting this spring.



The deal will give JetBlue passengers access to Peacock's complete offerings, including original series, live sports, movies, news, and some classic NBC shows, inflight. It will also allow TrueBlue loyalty program members, JetBlue's frequent flyer program, to earn points for subscribing to Peacock. They will also be gifted a one-year Peacock Premium subscription.

JetBlue has a long history of providing industry-leading inflight entertainment and connectivity, and our partnership with Peacock will seamlessly integrate into our TrueBlue program giving customers access to content throughout their travel journey and beyond.

Report: Delta Air Lines Expected to Launch Free WiFi in 2023

Delta's free WiFi future is reportedly closer than ever to becoming a reality.

According to a report in the Wall Street Journal, Delta is planning on rolling out free wireless internet for passengers "as soon as" next year, a promise that Delta executives have made consistently over the last few years.

The report suggests that Delta would start offering free WiFi on a "significant portion" of its fleet before making it standard across its offerings sometime in 2023. Passengers would likely have to log in with their Delta SkyMiles number in order to get online for free.

The move would mark the start of a fairly large shift in the airline industry—Delta would become one of the first major U.S. carriers to offer free WiFi across its fleet. While some airlines do offer it already, including JetBlue Airways, most carriers have either been charging somewhere between \$5 and \$10 for inflight WiFi or asking flyers to first watch an ad before connecting (something American is doing on some of its flights).

Delta had been hinting at a free WiFi future for a while now.

After announcing updates to its SkyMiles Loyalty Program that includes a higher threshold to reach Gold, Platinum, and Diamond Status, Delta Air Lines unveiled a new partnership that could make it slightly easier for coffee drinkers to reach those levels.

Effective immediately, SkyMiles members who are also enrolled in Starbucks Rewards can link their accounts, and then earn one mile for every \$1 spent at Starbucks. Delta will then double that reward for purchases made on days when enrolled members have a scheduled flight with Delta.

The move is the second time that Starbucks has partnered with an airline—in 2021, Starbucks Canada launched a similar partnership with Air Canada. This week's announcement is the first time that Starbucks has linked loyalty programs with a U.S. airline.

To celebrate the new partnership, Starbucks and Delta are also giving those who link their accounts (Starbucks Rewards and Delta SkyMiles) by the end of the year an extra 500 miles.



Buffalo Chicken Meatballs

Ingredients:

Meatballs:

Nonstick cooking spray, for the parchment, optional
1 pound ground chicken
1/3 cup breadcrumbs
2 tablespoons finely diced celery
1 tablespoon hot sauce, such as Frank's Red Hot
1 large egg
1 scallion, finely chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
Crumbled gorgonzola, for serving
5 to 6 stalks celery, cut into sticks, plus celery leaves, for serving

Sauce:

1/2 stick (4 tablespoons) salted butter
3/4 cup hot sauce, such as Frank's Red Hot

Directions:

Special equipment: a silicone baking mat, optional

- 1** For the meatballs: Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with a silicone mat or parchment paper covered with cooking spray.
- 2** Combine the chicken, breadcrumbs, celery, hot sauce, egg, scallion, garlic and some salt and pepper in a bowl. Gently mix until well combined, being careful not to overmix. Using a tablespoon measure, remove scoops of the mixture, roll into balls and put onto the prepared baking sheet. Bake until cooked through and browned, about 15 minutes.



- 3** For the sauce. Meanwhile, in a saute pan over medium-low heat, melt the butter with the hot sauce, stirring to combine. Once the meatballs are cooked, add to the sauce and toss to coat well.
- 4** Transfer the meatballs to a platter. Sprinkle over the gorgonzola and celery leaves. Serve with the celery stalks and leaves on the side, as well as some toothpicks to skewer the meatballs as they are devoured.

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TRAVELERS MORE INCLINED TO BUY INSURANCE IN 2023

Travel insurance continues to be top priority for travelers with 79 percent of a respondents to a recent **VisitorsCoverage** survey reporting they were planning to buy trip protection when booking their 2023 travel. Only half of those surveyed had purchased travel insurance in the past.

The results from polled participants confirmed that “revenge travel” is still surging with 43 percent of participants saying that they would take over five trips in 2023 and another 43 percent saying they would take between three to four trips. When picking a destination, travelers agree that affordability is top of mind, with wellness ranking as the second priority with food/culture following closely behind. Sustainability continues to be a top factor for travelers, with 75 percent of respondents saying it’s “very important” in the process of making travel decisions.

Travelers are also feeling much more comfortable jaunting across the world. The survey revealed that 88 percent of respondents would be traveling for pleasure, while nearly 70 percent confirmed that they will be traveling both domestically and internationally in the next year. Domestic travel leads the poll but international destinations in **Europe** are the most popular (55 percent); **Australia** ranks as the second most popular international destination (35 percent) and **South America** follows as the third most preferred (30 percent).

For 2023, air travel continues to be the favored mode of transportation with 84 percent planning to fly to their destinations for at least one of their planned trips. Road trips still continue to be extremely popular among travelers, as 78 percent confirmed that they planned for a drivable getaway. Since most travelers will have upwards of three trips planned for 2023, it is no surprise cruising (48 percent) and train travel (44 percent) are also slated to be enjoyed.

Though travelers continue to receive perks from airlines and at airports, the survey highlighted what respondents are truly missing: Complimentary meals on planes (42 percent); a free carry-on bag (25 percent); and in-flight entertainment that doesn’t require a phone or laptop (24 percent).

Regarding where they find inspiration for their upcoming trips, respondents revealed that there were several sources for motivation: Friends and family (76 percent), social media (71 percent) and TV—mainly documentaries, (56 percent). In terms of social media, three platforms reign supreme. The survey found that 82 percent are influenced by **Facebook**, 77 percent by **Instagram** and 61 percent of respondents are turning to **TikTok**, where there is continued dominance in search and consumer habits.

When asked about summer travel concerns, the top two issues cited by survey participants were “the economy and inflation” (29 percent) and “flight delays” (22 percent). Other concerns include “fear of the unknown” (16 percent), “risk of illness” (15 percent), “inclement weather” (15 percent) and “baggage nightmare scenarios” (2 percent).

TRAVEL TRIVIA

WHAT AND WHERE IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE HOTEL ROOM IN THE WORLD?

Antigua & Barbuda Captivates Visitors Seeking a Wellness Getaway

The **Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority** has announced a year-long series of wellness retreats and experiences for visitors, starting with a new “**Antigua and Barbuda Wellness Month**” in January.

During each week in January 2023, visitors can immerse themselves in wellness-oriented activities such as complimentary aerobics and **Zumba** classes, meditative yoga in the countryside, hiking in the hills and a variety of spa treatments. Visitors will enjoy healthy dining options and digital mocktail sessions.



In addition, **Carlisle Bay** is offering an all-inclusive wellness retreat from February 24-27. Activities include daily mindful meditation, yoga classes, reef snorkeling at **Cades Bay**, a guided rainforest hike to **Signal Hill** and a local cooking demonstration. Carlisle Bay will also host a second wellness retreat from May 19-22, 2023.

Curtain Bluff will host two of its own “**Health & Wellness Weeks**” from April 15-22 and April 22-26, 2023. Guests can enjoy daily intimate group classes, tennis lessons and daily spa treatments. Weekly offerings will also be available, including aqua aerobics, a sunset meditation and a fitness walks led by in-house practitioners.

On May 28, 2023, runners of all skill levels from around the world will join seasoned athletes and fitness enthusiasts in Antigua for “**Run in Paradise.**” The marathon race traverses the colorful city of **St. John’s** and Antigua’s north coast, and concludes at the **Fort James** beach.

Travelers can explore the roots and culture of Antigua through the lens of Rastafari on a one-hour guided tour through the grounds of **Ras Freeman**. Located in one of the first villages to be freed during slavery, the former plantation is now a place for worship, farming, natural living, history and heritage. Guests can learn about incoming crops and Rastafari’s role in making Antigua a more food secure nation. They can also visit an indoor greenhouse to learn about Rastafari’s role in Antigua’s budding medicinal cannabis industry.

Situated on a fruit and vegetable farm, **Bush Bungalow Creations** is the **Caribbean’s** first minimal waste, plant-based restaurant showcasing local and regional cuisine. The open-air restaurant offers healthy menu options created by Chef **Jermaine Jonas**. This season’s menu features breakfast smoothies and gratitude bowls, besides plant-based shepherd’s pies and pizzas.

TRAVEL TRIVIA - The Empathy Suite at the Palms Casino Resort in Las Vegas at \$100,000/night.

The room, designed by famed British artist Damien Hurst and coming in a 9,156 sq. ft., includes a private pool with glass walls that gives guests a view of Las Vegas, a fish tank with two taxidermy sharks suspended on the inside, two large bedrooms, a private cinema, bar with 13 seats, a game area, and more.

