

# 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.



# Do You Need a Passport to Go to Mexico?

*Everything you need to know about travel requirements to visit the United States' southern neighbor.*

**Yes, Americans need a passport (or appropriate alternative travel document) to visit Mexico.**

In the past, visiting Mexico with just a driver's license or birth certificate was possible. However, in 2009, the U.S. Department of State implemented the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), which requires all U.S. citizens and legal residents to present a valid passport when entering or re-entering the United States from Mexico by land, sea, or air. The initiative was made "to strengthen border security and facilitate entry into the United States." It made passports the standard document for travel between the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda.

## **Acceptable alternative documents for crossing the U.S.-Mexico border**

If you're a U.S. citizen without a traditional passport, you can use a few other documents to visit Mexico.

### **Passport card**

The U.S. government introduced the passport card as a convenient and cheaper alternative to the traditional passport book; it is good for land and sea travel to Mexico, Canada, and the Caribbean. The passport card is wallet-size (much like a driver's license) and includes information about its owner, including full name, nationality, place of birth, gender, dates of issue and expiration, a unique ID number, and photo.

Passport cards, however, are only accepted for land and sea travel between the U.S. and Mexico. Air travel to Mexico still requires a passport book.

### **SENTRI pass**

There's also the SENTRI (Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection) pass, which is a trusted traveler program similar to Global Entry or TSA PreCheck.

The program requires prescreening and provides participants with a special card that can be used in place of a passport for land border crossings (by car or foot). While primarily aimed at frequent cross-border travelers, these programs offer a convenient option for those looking for efficient travel between the two countries.

### **Enhanced Driver's Licenses**

A handful of U.S. states offer Enhanced Driver's Licenses, which contain additional security features that allow them to be used in lieu of a passport for travel to Mexico by car. Enhanced Driver's Licenses are available in Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, and Washington.

### **Do you need a passport on a cruise that stops in Mexico?**

Americans can also travel to Mexico (and certain other Caribbean islands) without a passport if they're on a "closed-loop" cruise.

Basically, a closed-loop cruise leaves from and returns to the same U.S. port for embarkation and disembarkation. The rules for sea travel were established under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and allow Americans to travel to Bermuda, the Bahamas, and Mexico without a passport, specifically on closed-loop sailings. However, some cruise companies require (or at least recommend) that you have a passport in case of emergency (such as a medical issue that causes you to fly home early).



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# What to Know About Wi-Fi on Each Major Ocean and River Cruise Line

Fewer cruisers want to lock away their phones in the cabin safe and go without social media and email. Keeping up with which cruise lines include Wi-Fi and what the various packages are on those that don't include it can be difficult.

*Pricing is not included in this roundup as prices can change frequently and can even vary by sailing or ship within the same fleet.*

## **AmaWaterways**

All guests on Europe river cruises receive free unlimited Wi-Fi. In Vietnam and Cambodia, free Wi-Fi is only available in the lounge. In Africa, free Wi-Fi is offered but can be quite spotty.

## **American Cruise Line**

All guests receive free unlimited Wi-Fi.

## **American Queen Voyages**

All guests receive free unlimited Wi-Fi.

## **Avalon Waterways**

All Avalon ships in Europe and Egypt have ship-wide complimentary Wi-Fi. On the Mekong and Ganges, complimentary Wi-Fi access is available only in the Panorama Lounge.

## **Azamara**

Three packages are available.

60 minutes

a one-day pass (single 24-hour continuous time period)

unlimited full-voyages passes.

Each package can be used with only one device at a time and do not support Skype, VoIP, VPN connections and other high-bandwidth programs.

## **Celebrity Cruises**

Two packages are available. The Basic package is included for free in Celebrity's All Included pricing.

Basic: Browse the web, send emails and text family and friends via select messaging apps. Does not support email of large files, photo or video sharing on social media, use of streaming apps or making video calls.

Premium: All of the above, plus messaging and video chatting, sending large files, posting on social media, and streaming videos, movies, TV and music.

Savings are available by purchasing plans pre-cruise. Wi-Fi (complimentary only) on the line's Galapagos-based ships is limited to hotspots in public areas.

## **Cunard**

Two options are available.

Essential Plan: Provides access to web browsing, email, music streaming and social media – available in 24-hour or full-voyage packages

Premium Plan: All of the above plus video streaming and all at faster connection speeds than the Essential Plan – available in 24-hour or full-voyage packages

Packages can be purchased for one to four devices.



### **Disney Cruise Line**

Four Connect@Sea options are available.

Stay Connected: The smallest package is perfect for those who plan to spend one or two emails, check their social media apps but not upload any photos, and do similar low bandwidth activities.

Basic Surf: With the Basis Surf package, cruisers can stay connected to family and friends via social media, including uploading photos, check and send email, and other do other basic Internet-related activities.

Premium Surf: This largest package is best for cruisers

24-Hour Packages: Each of the above packages can be purchased for the full cruise or for a 24-hour period.

Packages are per device. Guests can pay more to use more than one device with each package.

### **Holland America Line**

Three packages are available.

Social: Cruisers can keep their social media up to date and message family and friends using social messaging apps (audio/video features not supported)

Surf: Everything in the Social package, along with the ability to read the news, check and send email, keep up with sports apps, and other similar activities

Premium: Everything in the Social and Surf packages, plus the ability to make audio and video calls use messaging apps like WhatsApp, FaceTime and others.

### **MSC Cruises**

Two packages are available.

Browse: This option gives cruisers unlimited access to all social media apps (including voice messaging apps), along with email and websites. (Does not support streaming of video or music.)

Browse & Stream: For the cruiser who wants to do it all online, this package provides unlimited data to websites, social media and messaging apps, and streaming services like Netflix, Hulu and others.

Packages are per device. Guests can pay more to use more than one device with each package. Clients can save 20% by pre-purchasing Internet before their cruise. (Advisors who book Wi-Fi packages on behalf of their clients will receive commission.)

### **Norwegian Cruise Line**

Two packages available (in one-, two- and four-device options). Cruisers receive free Wi-Fi minutes (varies by sailing length) with the line's Free at Sea fares.

Unlimited Standard Access: Browse the web, check email, and use social media and messaging apps. Does not support streaming of video or audio.

Unlimited Premium Access: All of the above, plus VPN functionality and streaming of video and audio on most popular apps including YouTube, Netflix, Amazon Prime, Hulu and others.

Savings are available by purchasing plans pre-cruise. Discounts are available to upper-level Latitudes loyalty members.

### **Oceania Cruises**

Unlimited Wavenet Wi-Fi is included in the price of all Oceania Cruises sailings, but does not include access to streaming (aka Wavenet Prime). One login is provided per suite or stateroom, which may be used on one device at a time unless you are booked in one of the top suite categories (Owners, Vista, Oceania) where the free Wavenet Wi-Fi applies to both guests (ie two logins per suite).

Cruisers can pay to upgrade to Wavenet Prime for access to streaming. Guests can also pay for additional logons, either for Wavenet or Wavenet Prime.

### Princess Cruises

Only one option is available in either one-device or four-device MedallionNet packages. MedallionNet provides unlimited Wi-Fi with full functionality for any type of online activity guests want to partake in.

Savings are available by purchasing a plan pre-cruise. Platinum and Elite guests get a discount of 50% off in the form of onboard credit.

Cruisers who select a Princess Plus or Princess Premier cruise fare receive complimentary Wi-Fi.

### Royal Caribbean International

Two packages are available, each with options for up to four devices.

Voom Surf: This full-cruise package is good for cruisers who only want to check their emails, exchange text-only messages on messaging apps, and browse the web.

Voom Surf + Stream: Royal Caribbean's full-cruise premium Wi-Fi package lets you do all of the above, plus message and video chat, post photos and video on social media, Live Stream, and stream videos, music and more on streaming services.

Savings are available by purchasing plans pre-cruise.

### Seabourn

All guest automatically receive a free Surf Wi-Fi package that can be used with one device at a time, with unlimited access to general web browsing, email, and social media.

Guests booked in Penthouse and Premium suite categories, as well as Seabourn Club members who have reached Diamond-level status or above will receive the upgraded Stream package.

Guests who are booked in Ocean View and Veranda suites can pay to upgrade to the Steam Wi-Fi package, which can be used with up to four devices per guest with unlimited access to all of the above, as well as video streaming, VoIP, VPN and cloud storage services.

### Viking

All guests (except on Mekong river cruises) receive free Wi-Fi.

#### Windstar Cruises

Three packages are available, based on the amount of data used rather than time.

Email Plan: This plan provides 200 MB of data. It is recommended for clients who will be checking email and doing very limited web browsing. Windstar estimates this plan would last a typical user anywhere from 15 to 60 minutes.

Surfing Plan: This plan provides 500 MB of data. It is recommended for clients who will be checking email and browsing website, with some ability to post limited photos to social media. Windstar estimates this plan would last a typical user anywhere from 90 to 360 minutes.

Unlimited Plan: This plan provides unlimited data and varies in price by how long the cruise voyage is.

All packages allow for use of only one device at a time.

