



Feeling Wanderlust? How about a trip to the Galapagos?

Please join us as we take an incredible journey to the Galapagos
courtesy of Celebrity Cruises.

When: June 16th at 6pm EST



How: Click to register and attend virtually

ICELAND HOLIDAY WEEKEND FEBRUARY 16-21, 2023



Explore the land of Fire and Ice over President's weekend 2023. See spectacular waterfalls, boiling geysers and enjoy a few hours relaxing in the thermal waters of the Blue Lagoon. A visit to Thingvillar National Park is not to be missed; called the Grand Canyon of Iceland because this is where the tectonic plates of North America and Europe come together creating this awesome sight. We have the opportunity of seeing the Aurora Borealis* or Northern Lights one night and a re-do if no lights are spotted the first evening. The weather in February is usually +32 degrees (warmer than NYC because of the jet stream) and daylight hours are from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Experience sunrise with a cocktail at the Blue Lagoon.

Our customized trip includes:

Round trip airfare from Newark Liberty to Reykjavik on Icelandair

Four nights at the 4* Fosshotel Reykjavik

Four full buffet breakfasts (plus one continental breakfast the morning of arrival)

Transfers in Iceland

Admission to the Blue Lagoon, Golden Circle full day tour with tomato soup lunch with greenhouse tour

Northern Lights evening tour and admission and breakfast at the Viking World Museum.

All current air, city, hotel taxes and government fees

Optional tours will be available on our free day (Into the Glacier-\$265.00 per person additional)

A passport is required and must be valid for six months after return travel. Up to date COVID-19 requirements will be advised closer to departure as will be info on US return requirements. The tour price is \$1,889.00 per person double and limited singles will be available at a surcharge if \$400. Insurance is recommended at \$143 (double) or \$172 to include the optional 'Into the Glacier' tour. Deposit and insurance must be paid by check. Any additional payments by credit card will have a 2.5% surcharge. The price is based on a minimum of 20 passengers and limited to 40 passengers. Deposits are non-refundable without insurance and final payment is due by November 4, 2022.

*Aurora sightings are never guaranteed. For more information and reservations, contact:

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No Knead Rosemary Bread

A basic, FOOLPROOF homemade bread recipe here! Anyone can make this! I PROMISE!!!! And the bread comes out just perfect!

Yield: 8 servings, prep time: 24 hours 15 minutes, cook time: 40 minutes.

Ingredients:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh rosemary, or more, to taste
- 1 1/4 teaspoons kosher salt
- 3/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon instant yeast
- 1 1/2 cups water, at room temperature
- 2 tablespoons cornmeal



Directions:

In a large bowl, combine flour, garlic, rosemary, salt, pepper and yeast.

Using a wooden spoon or your hand, add water and mix until a wet, sticky dough forms, about 30 seconds.

Cover bowl tightly with plastic wrap and let stand at room temperature until surface is dotted with bubbles, about 18 to 24 hours.

Lightly oil a 10-inch cast iron skillet or coat with nonstick spray; sprinkle with cornmeal.

Working on a lightly floured surface, gently shape dough into a round.

Place dough into the prepared skillet. Cover with a clean dishtowel and let stand at room temperature until dough has doubled in size and does not readily spring back when poked with a finger, about 2 hours.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Place into oven and bake until golden brown, about 30-40 minutes.

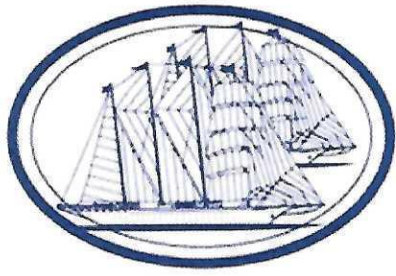
Serve warm.



US lifts COVID-19 test requirement for international travel

The Biden administration is lifting its requirement that international air travelers to the U.S. take a COVID-19 test within a day before boarding their flights, easing one of the last remaining government mandates meant to contain the spread of the coronavirus.

A senior administration official said the mandate expires Sunday at 12:01 a.m. ET, saying the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has determined that it's no longer necessary. The official, speaking Friday on the condition of anonymity to preview the formal announcement, said that the agency would reevaluate the need for the testing requirement every 90 days and that it could be reinstated if a troubling new variant emerges.



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Why a Busy Hurricane Season Won't Impact Travel This Summer

Seems like travel just can't catch a break. First it was the pandemic, then a war that has driven up prices and now the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA) is predicting an above-average hurricane season this year. Indeed, NOAA just reported some of the earliest storms of the season.

This summer U.S. travelers are returning to Italy, the U.K., and France more than any other countries, replacing tropical getaways that remained open and popular throughout the pandemic, including Costa Rica, Turks & Caicos, and the British Virgin Islands and U.S. Virgin Islands.

COVID-19 still more concerning to travelers than hurricanes, with 88 percent of people interviewed indicated they weren't worried about a hurricane impacting their travels this summer. Of those travelers, almost 40 percent are planning to travel to Europe, compared to just 16 percent visiting the Caribbean.

In contrast, 40 percent of summer travelers have specifically sought out coverage for contracting COVID-19, including cancellation, medical and quarantine benefits. This is by far the biggest concern for travelers this summer.

Most travel insurance policies include coverage for contracting Covid-19, as well as hurricane and weather benefits at no additional cost.



Larry Rosenberg and Kane Jeong cruise Egypt and tour Istanbul

Don't miss this trip. This was our first trip out of the country in quite a while and to see such a different culture, scenery, and wonderful people. Felt very safe. Central Holiday's staff could not be more helpful—from meeting us at the airport, returning us and everything in between.

It was truly an adventure of a life time. Istanbul is a shopper's paradise—the International Bazaar and the Spice Market are not to be missed and so much history. Egypt is not to be believed—you walk away with your jaw dropping wondering how it's even possible what they built above and underground. No machinery limited tools & very hot weather. It is truly one of the Wonders of the World. The HS Nebu is magnificent—I was concerned about all the meals being buffet and they turned out to be better than expected. The accommodations rival any cruise you have ever taken and the staff were exceptional and even celebrated Larry's birthday. Took over 4,000 photos and here is a sample.

Thank you for all your efforts in making this a most memorable trip. Looking forward to our next adventure.
Larry and Kane

