

Great Trains & Grand Canyons

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Two Rail Journeys
Grand Canyon Railway
Verde Canyon Railroad
- ▶ Grand Canyon Nat'l Park
- ▶ Oak Creek Canyon
- ▶ Sedona Trolley Tour
- ▶ Chapel of the Holy Cross
- ▶ Tlaquepaque & Uptown Sedona
- ▶ Montezuma Castle
- ▶ Jerome
- ▶ Chuckwagon Supper & Show

INCLUSIONS

- ▶ Roundtrip Airfare -
- ▶ 5 Nights Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ 8 Meals (5 Breakfast, 3 Dinners)
- ▶ Professional Tour Director
- ▶ Motorcoach Transportation
- ▶ Sightseeing per Itinerary
- ▶ Admissions per Itinerary
- ▶ Hotel Transfers
- ▶ Baggage Handling at Hotels

ACCOMMODATIONS

5 Nights - Hilton Sedona Resort, Sedona Courtyard by Marriott, Poco Diablo Resort or Element Sedona, Sedona

April 28, 2024

\$3,399.00 per person double

Utah's Mighty National Parks

featuring Five Nights in Moab, Utah

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Arches National Park
- ▶ Capitol Reef National Park
- ▶ Canyonlands National Park
- ▶ Dead Horse Point State Park
- ▶ Canyonlands by Night Cruise
- ▶ Grand Junction, Colorado
- ▶ Scenic Byway 128
- ▶ Colorado National Monument
- ▶ Monument Valley
- ▶ Monument Valley Scenic Drive Tour
- ▶ Lunch at Goulding's Lodge
- ▶ Goulding's Museum & Trading Post
- ▶ Colorado Wine Tasting
- ▶ 5 Night Stay in Moab, Utah

INCLUSIONS

- ▶ Roundtrip Airfare
- ▶ 6 Nights First Class Hotels
- ▶ 10 Meals: 6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 3 Dinners
- ▶ Professional Tour Director
- ▶ Motorcoach Transportation
- ▶ Admissions per Itinerary
- ▶ Comprehensive Sightseeing
- ▶ Baggage Handling at Hotels
- ▶ Hotel Transfers

ACCOMMODATIONS

- ▶ 1 Night - Doubletree Hotel, Grand Junction, CO
- ▶ 5 Nights - Hyatt Place, Moab, UT

June 9, 2024

\$3,625.00 per person double

Black Hills, Badlands & Mt. Rushmore

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Mount Rushmore
- ▶ Mount Rushmore at Night
- ▶ Devil's Tower Nat'l Monument
- ▶ Crazy Horse Memorial
- ▶ Fort Hays
- ▶ Badlands National Park
- ▶ Wall Drug Store
- ▶ Custer State Park
- ▶ Buffalo Jeep Safari
- ▶ State Game Lodge Dinner
- ▶ 1880 Train
- ▶ Deadwood

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- ▶ The Mammoth Site
- ▶ The Journey Museum
- ▶ K-Bar S Lodge Dinner
- ▶ Chuckwagon Supper & Cowboy Show

INCLUSIONS

- ▶ Roundtrip Airfare
- ▶ 10 Meals: 6-Breakfasts & 4-Dinners
- ▶ Professional Tour Director
- ▶ Motorcoach Transportation
- ▶ Hotel Transfers

- ▶ Admissions per Itinerary
- ▶ Sightseeing per Itinerary
- ▶ Baggage Handling at Hotels

ACCOMMODATIONS

6 Nights- Holiday Inn Rapid City Downtown, Rapid City

September 4, 2024

\$3,395.00 per person double

National Parks & Canyons of the Southwest

Featuring The Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Hoover Dam
- ▶ Mob Museum
- ▶ Grand Canyon West
- ▶ Grand Canyon Skywalk
- ▶ Bryce Canyon National Park
- ▶ Zion National Park
- ▶ Zion Park Tram Tour
- ▶ Las Vegas Leisure Day
- ▶ 2 Nights- Las Vegas
- ▶ 3 Nights- Mesquite

INCLUSIONS

- ▶ Roundtrip Airfare -
- ▶ 5 Nights First Class Hotel
- ▶ 8 Meals: 5-Breakfasts, 1-Lunch & 2-Dinners
- ▶ Professional Tour Director
- ▶ Motorcoach Transportation
- ▶ Admissions per Itinerary
- ▶ Comprehensive Sightseeing
- ▶ Baggage Handling at Hotels
- ▶ Hotel Transfers

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 5 Nights Accommodations
- ▶ 2 Nights- Luxor Hotel & Casino, The Mirage Resort or New York-New York Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas
- ▶ 3 Nights- Eureka Casino Resort, Mesquite, NV

September 4, 2024

\$3,395. pp double

Why is Paris called the City of Lights?

You might know that Paris is called by many different names.

the capital of France,

the City of Love (and Romance),

the Fashion Capital, and

the City of Lights.

So, why does Paris bear this name?

You may think it's about the lights that illuminate the city at nightfall. The city is lit up with a thousand lights. It's beautiful strolling along Paris at night as the city looks so different.

But to be historically correct, the city of lights owes its nickname to the so-called Age of Enlightenment. Paris was the centre of an intellectual and philosophical movement that became the foundation of modern Western political and intellectual culture. The Enlightenment brought political modernization to the West, in terms of introducing democratic values and institutions and the creation of modern, liberal democracies. And Paris was center stage of the development of such ideas. It also was a great time for inventions. The city motivated poets and philosophers, engineers and scientists galore. For example, the stethoscope, hairdryer, and the calculator are just some of the wonders invented by the hands of the French

You see, this was not about light bulbs but rather about the light of knowledge.

It was the time of great philosophers.

You may have heard of their names.

Voltaire, Diderot, Montesquieu, Rousseau... This occurred between 1715 (death of Louis XIV) and the French Revolution (1789).

Something else you may not have known.

Paris was the first European city to introduce street lighting back in 1889. We're over 100 years down the line and Paris still upholds her reputation of lighting up Europe.

The sights and lights-Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysees along with shops, bridges, churches, fountains, statues and fountains. Je t'aime!

Fruit Pizza

Once this delightfully sweet sugar cookie crust is baked, top it off with the cream cheese "sauce," then garnish with your favorite seasonal fruit toppings. A dusting of powdered sugar makes all the difference.



Sugar Cookie Crust:

- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour (see Cook's Note)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon fine salt

Topping:

- 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted, plus more for dusting
- 4 to 5 cups mixed fresh summer fruit, such as whole raspberries, blackberries and blueberries, quartered strawberries and sliced stone fruit

Directions:

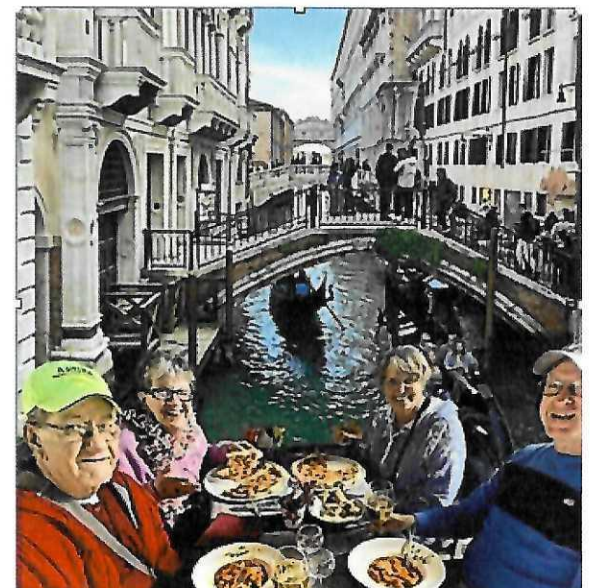
- 1 For the sugar cookie crust: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2 Beat the granulated sugar and butter in a large bowl with an electric mixer on high speed until light and fluffy, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the lemon zest, vanilla and egg and beat until incorporated. Add the flour, baking powder and salt and mix on low speed until just combined. Scrape the dough into a large (12-inch) nonstick skillet and press into an even layer to cover the entire bottom of the skillet. (If the dough becomes too soft to work with, pop the skillet in the refrigerator to chill for 10 minutes before proceeding.) Prick the dough all over with a fork, leaving a 1-inch border.

- 3 Bake the crust until golden and the edges are set, 22 to 24 minutes. Let cool in the skillet on a wire rack, then loosen the edges of the crust with a butter knife and invert onto a platter or cutting board to unmold. Invert again so the crust is right-side up. (To make ahead, let cool, then wrap well in plastic wrap and keep at room temperature.)

- 4 For the topping: Clean out the mixer bowl and add the cream cheese and butter. Beat on medium speed until light and smooth, about 1 minute. Add the honey and vanilla and beat to combine. Add the confectioner's sugar and beat on low speed until just combined. Increase the speed to high and beat until fluffy, 1 to 2 minutes. Refrigerate the topping, covered, until ready to use (stir again until smooth).

Spread cream cheese topping on the crust in an even layer leaving border for the crust. Top with the fruit in a random pattern. Dust with more confectionary sugar just prior to serving. A wonderful summer dessert!

A Different Pizza



Ron and Lorraine Blickley with friends Frank and Maryann Yanesky

Enjoying a pizza dinner after their private tour of St. Mark's Cathedral and the Doge Palace on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

Buon appetito and ciao for now!



GRAND CANYON



Vast. Sublime. Inconceivable. Superlatives fall flat in consideration of the Grand Canyon

Six million years in the making, the US contribution to the Seven Wonders of the Natural World is nothing short of extraordinary.

The Empire State Building and Hollywood Sign may be the defining landmarks for starry-eyed visitors to the US. But while their mortal architects are more than deserving of their plaudits, they pale in comparison to the Colorado River's slow, incessant work, carving miracles through two billion years of America's geological DNA.

Grand Canyon National Park is the second busiest in the US, luring six million visitors annually. While it's great that it's driving so much interest in the natural world, it's not so great for crowds.

Grand Canyon fast facts

The Grand Canyon is larger than the state of Rhode Island

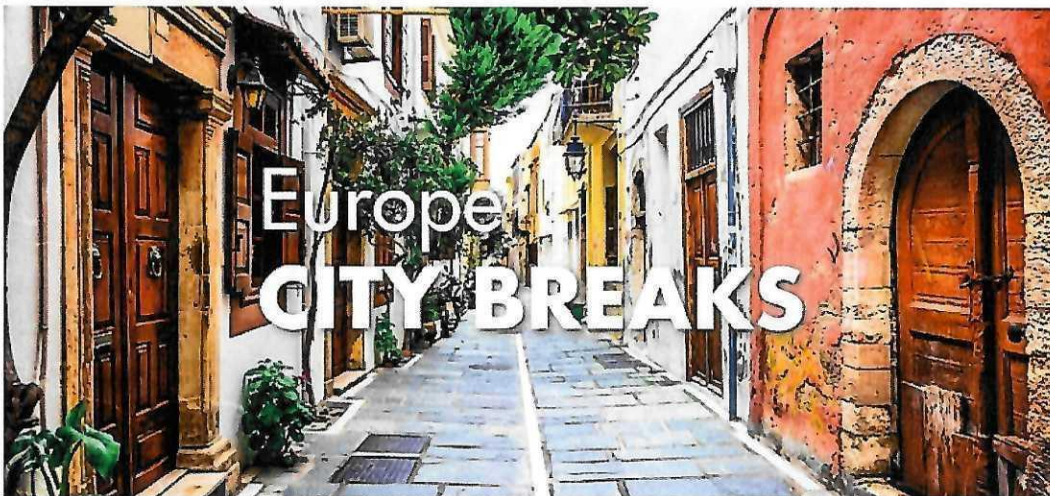
It was carved over a period of 6 million years, unveiling rock that's 2 billion years old

Rock squirrels are the most dangerous animal in the park – seriously, don't get too close

The North and South rims are only ten miles apart – but it takes five hours and 215 miles to drive between them

The Hopi Native American tribe believe it's the gateway to the afterlife

The most remote community in the US lives in the canyon – population 210



Paris, London, Greece... European vacations are in high demand this year. Don't wait to book because favorite destinations like these are selling out fast.

A Revitalized Nassau Cruise Port



Following a four-year redevelopment of the Nassau Cruise Port, the first phase of the \$300 million project will open to the public on May 26.

With the addition of a new berth and the refurbishment of all piers, the port said it will be able to accommodate six ships per day, increasing daily capacity from 20,000 to 30,000 passengers.

With the first phase of redevelopment, cruise passengers will encounter a new arrivals plaza, a Junkanoo museum featuring immersive experiences, Bahamian retail and food and beverage outlets, a ground transportation area, an amphitheater, an art gallery and new green spaces.

The port said there's a focus on Bahamian culture, with tenants within the Marketplace and Port Plaza offering a variety of experiences and goods that pay homage to the traditions of the Bahamas.

In 2024, the port plans to add a signature restaurant and additional family-friendly attractions.



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