

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 or South Shore \$85.00 per person)

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 of \$350.00 per person 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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Is Insurance Coverage From Travel Credit Cards Enough?

According to [Insuremytrip.com](https://www.insuremytrip.com), an online insurance provider, half of US travelers have no idea whether their domestic health insurance plan would cover emergency doctor or hospital visits while traveling outside the country. Most plans cover nothing, and unfortunate occurrences such as a medical evacuation can cost around \$100,000.

Travelers who are unclear whether they have coverage should contact their health insurance. You may discover you have either “in-network” coverage, limited coverage or no coverage at all. Travelers should be aware of the following terms: Deductibles, Co-insurance and Co-payments.

Do Americans get any coverage if they hold specific travel credit cards, such as Chase Sapphire Reserve?

The short answer is yes-some travel credit cards offer travel insurance benefits. Recently, [Insuremytrip.com](https://www.insuremytrip.com) researchers evaluated more than 100 credit cards and found many cards do offer basic travel insurance perks. However, few cards offer emergency medical coverage or robust trip cancellation protection. Also, credit card coverage may only cover what was booked using the card.

Is credit card insurance enough or should travelers purchase additional travel insurance? You should first review your credit card travel insurance policy to understand what exactly it covers and what it doesn't. Even if your credit card offers some protection, it likely will not provide the same amount of coverage you'll get from traditional travel insurance.

What are some major misconceptions about travel insurance? Travelers don't really know all that policy can cover. A comprehensive travel insurance plan may offer coverage for trip cancellation, trip interruption, baggage, medical emergency evacuation, 24-hour traveler assistance and accidental death benefits. You can also find coverage for rental car damage or financial default. Many plans also have optional benefits such as, Cancel for and Reason (CFAR). Reimbursement can be up to 50-75% of your pre-paid, non-refundable trip cost. To qualify for this coverage, you want to make sure that you are purchasing CFAR within two weeks after making the first payment towards your trip, and that you are insuring the full pre-paid, non-refundable trip cost for all travelers.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MISSIONS

Did you know there are 21 stunning missions throughout California that are rich in history and over 200 years old? Several of the missions are located in southern California and definitely worth a visit.

Stay close to home and experience incredible history right here.

St. Francis is planning a southern California trip in 2024 where we are hoping to combine mission visits along with some of the best sightseeing the area has to offer. Please give us a call and let us know if you want the info as soon as it becomes available.





A huge shoutout to Nancy at Home Town Travel and ALL of the employees at Hyatt Zilara in Montego Bay for making our trip unforgettable! Hyatt Zilara Jamaica is an absolutely beautiful resort with breath taking views, enjoyable food, and lively nightlife. During our trip we relaxed plenty, soaked up the sun with delicious frozen cocktails in hand, swam with dolphins at Dolphin Cove, and climbed the famous Dunn's River Falls as Nancy suggested. We could not have asked for a better vacation. Thank you for putting this beautiful trip together for my sister and I. We cannot wait to book the next!

XOXO,

Nicole and Ashley



Company to Las Vegas chapels: No more Elvis-themed weddings

Las Vegas chapels of love that use Elvis Presley's likeness could find themselves becoming Heartbreak Hotels.

The licensing company that controls the name and image of "The King" is ordering Sin City chapel operators to stop using Elvis in themed ceremonies.

Authentic Brands Group sent cease-and-desist letters in early May to multiple chapels, which are expected to be compliant by now.

The city's wedding industry generates \$2 billion a year, and officials say Elvis-themed weddings represent a significant number of the ceremonies performed.

Graceland Wedding Chapel, which performs 6,400 Elvis-themed weddings per year, has not been served a warning yet.

The licensing company oversees the estates of big names like movie star Marilyn Monroe and boxer Muhammad Ali and 50 consumer brands.

Presley became indelibly linked to Sin City in the '60s and '70s. His 1964 movie, "Viva Las Vegas," yielded a title track that became the city's unofficial theme. In July 1969, Presley famously redefined the Vegas residency with his live stage comeback at the Las Vegas International Hotel. What started as a four-week gig turned into more than 600 shows and lasted until December 1976.

Presley himself got married in Las Vegas in 1967 to wife Priscilla, cementing his association with Vegas weddings.

INGREDIENTS

FOR THE SYRUP

1 ½ cup orange juice

½ cup water

1 ½ cup sugar

1 cinnamon stick

FOR THE CAKE

5 sheets of phyllo, defrosted

4 eggs

½ cup sugar

1 cup olive oil

2 tsp vanilla extract

7 oz yogurt

2 tsp baking powder

Orange zest from 2 medium oranges

GREEK Orange Pie

FROM STAR CLIPPERS GALLEY

Instructions

Preheat oven at 250 F (120 C).

Place 5 sheets phyllo dough on a pan one next to the other in the oven (they may overlap) and heat for about an hour until phyllo is hard and crunchy (use fan if you have it). Turn them over half way. Once they are crunchy remove them from the oven and scrunch the phyllo breaking it in little pieces-set aside.

While the phyllo is drying out make the syrup (you can also make the syrup earlier).

In a small sauce pan mix the orange juice, water, 1 1/2 cup sugar and the cinnamon stick. Bring to a boil and then lower the heat and simmer for 7 minutes (only stir in the beginning). Set aside to cool.

Start preparing the mixture for the cake: In a large bowl add the eggs, sugar, olive oil, and vanilla. Beat until frothy.

In a smaller bowl, mix the yogurt and baking powder and set aside for 2-3 minutes. Add the yogurt to the egg mixture and slowly fold it in.

Add the orange zest and the crumbled phyllo gradually, gently mixing.

Increase the oven temperature to 350 F (180 C).

Grease a casserole dish or pan (I used 9 X 13 inches) and pour in the mixture and even it out using a spatula.

Bake for 35-40 minutes until the surface is a dark golden color.

Remove from the oven make a few slashes with a sharp knife and immediately drizzle the syrup (slowly) using a large spoon. Continue adding almost all the syrup (save about 2 tablespoons).

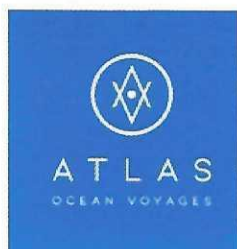
Let the cake sit for at least 2-3 hours.

Keep in the refrigerator and let it sit out a half hour before serving.

Cut in square pieces and drizzle a bit of the saved syrup before serving.

14-Night Porto to Bridgetown

Oct 04, 2022 /14 nights



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Alaska on the Ruby Princess

Just returned from Alaska. A bit of unsettles seas on the way out of San Francisco but settled down the next day. Beautiful weather in the high 60's and warmer than I expected. It gets more beautiful each time I go. The crew was fantastic, and the dancers are back. The entertainment in the lounges were hysterical! The food is always good, but the drinks are better. Frozen mud slides and Dirty Bananas held me over until the next dinner. Got home in just enough time to do laundry and getting ready to sail to Bermuda now and Iceland in August. So happy to be sailing again.

Thank you again to Home Town Travel for going above and beyond and getting these fantastic deals.

-Mary Ann Rees (Jackson, NJ)

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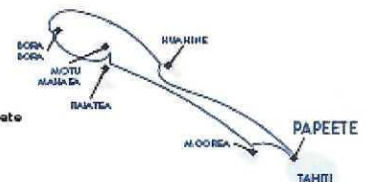
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