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THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH AT 4:30 PM

AT 128 BARTLETT AVENUE, WEST CREEK, NJ

COME AND DISCOVER OUR GROUP SPECIALS

COLLETTE'S SUNNY PORTUGAL AND ALASKA'S NORTHERN LIGHTS

STAR CLIPPER'S ROYAL CLIPPER ROUND TRIP BARBADOS CRUISE

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Cozy, Comforting Shrimp and Grits

Infused with crispy bacon, onion and garlic powder, Shrimp and grits are deep in flavor and a guaranteed crowd-pleaser. Make this for a cozy dinner or a hearty breakfast — it's a treat at any time of the day!

Level: Easy

Total: 50 min

Active: 45 min

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients:

4 strips bacon

1 medium onion, chopped

1 pound medium uncooked wild shrimp, peeled and deveined

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup all-purpose flour, plus more as needed

1 tablespoon garlic powder, plus more if needed

1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil, plus more if needed

1 cup hot water

2 cups quick-cooking grits, prepared according to package instructions

1/2 cup green onions sliced on a bias

Directions:

- 1 Heat a heavy-bottomed skillet (preferably cast iron) over medium-high heat. Add the bacon and cook until browned. Remove and set aside, reserving the drippings. Add the onions to the skillet and cook on medium-low, until slightly tender and the skillet has browned bits, about 5 minutes.
- 2 Meanwhile, sprinkle the uncooked shrimp with salt and pepper in a large bowl, then sprinkle with 1/4 cup flour and toss to coat.
- 3 Turn the skillet up to medium-high heat and add the oil by dropping in a dab of flour. When it sizzles, add the flour and onions, adding more oil if too dry, until the mixture is browned, breaking the bacon into small pieces, and the hot water and bring to a slight boil, then stir in the shrimp. Gravy thickens and browns, 5 to 10 minutes. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper, and garlic powder if needed.
- 4 Serve the shrimp over the prepared grits topped with green onions.

SOME OF THE BEST HAWAIIAN SOUVENIRS

MACADAMIA HEAVEN—INDIGENOUS TO AUSTRALIA, HAWAII IS NOW THE PACIFIC'S ADOPTIVE HOME OF MACADAMIA NUTS. THE ISLAND OF HAWAII PRODUCES OVER 95 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S NUTS, MUCH TO EVERYONE'S LIKING. THEY ARE A DELICIOUS TREAT AND COVERED IN CHOCOLATE, REMAIN ONE OF THE BIGGEST SELLERS FOR VISITORS TO TAKE HOME AS GIFTS AND OF COURSE FOR THEMSELVES.

COFFEE ANYONE?—FOR THOSE WITHOUT A SWEET TOOTH, HAWAIIAN COFFEE IS KNOWN FOR PACKING QUITE A PUNCH. KONA COFFEE IS STRONG AND FLAVORFUL, AND A POPULAR EDIBLE SOUVENIR.

HAWAIIAN SALT—THIS SEA SALT IS QUITE POPULAR FOR THOSE INTO THE CULINARY ARTS, AND SIMPLY AS A LOCAL SOURCE FOR SEASONING. FOUND ON ALL THE ISLANDS BUT NOT REALLY IN THE TRADITIONAL SOUVENIR SHOPS, IT'S WORTH CHECKING THE LOCAL GROCERY STORES. BRING SOME HOME FOR THE WOULD-BE CHEFS IN YOUR LIFE.

ENJOY A NIGHTCAP—LOCALLY MADE SPIRITS MAKE A GREAT SOUVENIR. TAKE HOME THE FLAVORS OF HAWAII IN THE FORM OF PINEAPPLE WINE, OR FOR THE MORE SERIOUS SPIRIT AFICIONADOS, YOU CAN'T GO WRONG WITH KOLOA RUM.

HELLO WITH A LEI—A GREETING SURE TO BRING THAT SMILE BACK, THIS HAWAIIAN TRADITIONAL SYMBOL OF WELCOME STILL HOLDS ITS PLACE TODAY.

REPRESENTING THE AFFECTION OF ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER, THE LEI IS PROBABLY THE MOST RECOGNIZABLE WEARABLE ITEM IN THE WORLD.

TRADITIONALLY MADE FROM FRESH FLOWERS, VISITORS CAN NOW PURCHASE THEM AT STORES ALL OVER THE ISLANDS.

MADE FROM EVERYTHING FROM PLASTIC TO SILK, NUTS, AND LOCAL SHELLS, THEY ARE A CLASSIC ITEM FOR YOUR COLLECTION OF SOUVENIRS.



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

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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!

GROUPS 2024 AND 2025

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 IS \$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 IS \$3,625.00 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

JUNE 9, 2024-SAIL CELEBRITY ECLIPSE TO BERMUDA

SAIL ON THE REVOLUTIONIZED CELEBRITY ECLIPSE FROM CAPE LIBERTY (BAYONNE) AND SPEND THREE GLORIOUS DAYS IN BERMUDA. YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES ACCOMMODATIONS IN A BALCONY CABIN, ALL MEALS (EXCEPT FOR SPECIALTY RESTAURANTS), BEVERAGE PACKAGE, WI-FI, GRATUITIES AND ALL CURRENT PORT AND GOVERNMENT TAXES. RATE IS \$1,859.00 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. NO PASSPORT IS REQUIRED. MUST BOOK BY JANUARY 19TH!

SEPTEMBER 4, 2024-BLACK HILLS, MT. RUSHMORE, AND BADLANDS

HIGHLIGHTS: MT. RUSHMORE BY 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 IS \$3,395.00 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

OCTOBER 13, 2024-NATIONAL PARKS AND CANYONS OF THE SOUTHWEST

HIGHLIGHTS: GRAND CANYON AND BRYCE CANYON, ZION NATIONAL 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 IS \$3,395.00 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

OCTOBER 20, 2024-SUNNY PORTUGAL (WITH OPTIONAL 4-NIGHT MADEIRA ISLAND EXTENSION)

HIGHLIGHTS: LISBON, BELEM, CORK FACTORY, EVORA, WINERY VISIT, ALENTEJO, LAGOS, ALGARVE, SILVES, SETUBAL, OBIDOS, AND SINTRA. INCLUDES EIGHT BREAKFASTS, THREE LUNCHES AND THREE DINNERS, ALL INCLUDED SIGHTSEEING, ALL CURRENT AIR TAXES AND FEES ALONG WITH TRANSFERS T/FROM NEWARK AND ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE. BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BY APRIL 15TH. RATE IS \$3,999.00 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. PASSPORT IS REQUIRED.

MARCH 3, 2025-ALASKA'S NORTHERN LIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS: ANCHORAGE, NORTHERN LIGHTS EXCURSIONS, WINTER GLACIER CRUISE, PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, TALKEETNA, ALASKA RAILROAD, FAIRBANKS, AND DOG MUSHING. TWO NIGHTS IN ANCHORAGE, ONE IN TALKEETNA AND THREE IN FAIRBANKS, SIX BREAKFASTS, ONE LUNCH AND FOUR DINNERS. WITH JUST 12-24 PASSENGERS, THIS IS A PERSONAL JOURNEY AND ADVENTURE THAT TODAY'S CULTURAL EXPLORERS DREAM OF. RATE IS \$4,999.00 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY INCLUDING ALL ABOVE AND AIR FARE TO/FROM NEWARK WITH TRANSFERS.

NOVEMBER 25, 2025-ICONIC CHRISTMAS MARKETS ABOARD AMA REINA (NUREMBURG TO BUDAPEST)

TRAVEL BACK THROUGH CENTURIES AS YOU WALK ALONG COBBLESTONE STREETS THROUGH GRAND CITIES AND HISTORIC TOWNS BEDECKED WITH TWINKLING CHRISTMAS TREES AND LINED WITH WOODEN HUTS GLEAMING WITH HANDCRAFTED TREASURES. NUREMBURG'S FESTIVE CHRISTKINDLEMARKT, THE LARGEST AND OLDEST CHRISTMAS MARKET IN GERMANY, REGENSBURG'S ARTISAN CHRISTMAS MARKET, ONE OF BAVARIA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL AND ROMANTIC, VIENNA WITH ITS IMPRESSIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET AND BUDAPEST WHERE MOST PRODUCTS ARE HANDMADE. REVEL IN A FEAST FOR THE SENSES: SPARKLING LIGHTS, FESTIVE SOUNDS OF CHILDREN DRESSED AS ANGELS SINGING CAROLS AND THE ENTICING SMELLS OF HOT-MULLED WINE, ROASTED CHESTNUTS, SAUSAGES, AND SWEET TREATS OF EVERY KIND. RATES START AT \$3,699.00 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. AIR FARE AND PRE AND POST OPTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY 2025. A DEPOSIT OF \$400 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED. THIS SPECIAL RATE IS IN EFFECT UNTIL MARCH 31, 2024.

NCL venturing beyond Broadway in an entertainment overhaul



Norwegian Cruise Line has been known for its straight-from-Broadway productions and the Norwegian Viva, the line's second Prima-class ship, is no exception.

The musical "Beetlejuice" serves as the signature onboard show on the new ship, which made its debut last month on a sailing from Trieste, Italy, to Lisbon.

This past January, "Kinky Boots" was removed from the theater on the Norwegian Encore. The stage production of "Footloose" will end on the Norwegian Joy in late October, and the popular first-run showing of "Six," which resumed in 2021, will end in January on the Norwegian Breakaway and in February onboard the Norwegian Bliss.

NCL is currently working with the world's best creative talents both inside and outside the theatrical realm and exploring new innovative and exciting entertainment for their guests.

The Prima-class theaters allow for a more immersive show experience than a traditional proscenium theater does. (The proscenium is the plane separating the stage proper from the audience.) NCL is developing a show on the Viva, "Icons," which pays tribute to the likes of Elton John and Lady Gaga with six singers; it will run in addition to "Beetlejuice."

'Beetlejuice' is a title everyone knows and loves, but most importantly, it's a great show that earned eight Tony nominations in 2019. The writers, producers and creative teams for the Broadway show did an outstanding job transferring the movie into a big splashy musical. Besides that, it is very, very funny. The guests are going to be wowed, not only for the talent and the writing but also for the sheer size of the overall production. In addition to "Beetlejuice," the Viva will introduce the popular game show "Press Your Luck Live," which is free to play and gives guests the chance to win money.

Viva features other attractions, as well, including the two-level Speedway racetrack, Galaxy Pavilion VR arcade and escape rooms, a miniature golf course and towering waterslides and dry slides.

Several Broadway-style shows continue to be performed on NCL stages:

"Summer: The Donna Summer Musical" on the Norwegian Prima.

"The Choir of Man" on the Norwegian Encore and the Norwegian Escape.

"Jersey Boys" on the Norwegian Bliss.

"Million Dollar Quartet" on the Norwegian Getaway.



MAUI WELCOMES BACK NCL
*In partnership with Hawaiian officials,
Pride of America has returned to Maui*



NEW EU VISA PROGRAM ETIAS WON'T START UNTIL 2025

THE LONG-TALKED-ABOUT VISA PROGRAM FOR INBOUND TRAVELERS TO EUROPE IS REPORTEDLY DELAYED YET AGAIN. ACCORDING TO SCHENGEN VISA INFO, WHICH CITED EUROPEAN UNION (EU) OFFICIALS, THE START OF THE EUROPEAN TRAVEL INFORMATION AND AUTHORISATION SYSTEM (ETIAS) PROGRAM HAS NOW BEEN DELAYED TO MAY 2025 AT THE EARLIEST BECAUSE OF ISSUES LAUNCHING THE ENTRY/EXIT SYSTEM (EES) THAT WOULD TRACK VISITORS INTO EUROPE.

WHEN IT IS LAUNCHED, THE ETIAS WILL COST EACH APPLICANT 7 EUROS (APPROXIMATELY \$7.40 US OR \$9.55 CAD) FOR A PERMIT THAT WILL BE VALID FOR THREE YEARS. ACCORDING TO THE ETIAS WEBSITE, THE APPLICATION PROCESS SHOULD TAKE NO LONGER THAN 10 MINUTES, AND 95% OF APPLICANTS WILL BE APPROVED WITHIN MINUTES. TRAVELERS WILL ONLY NEED THEIR PASSPORT, A CREDIT CARD, OR A DEBIT CARD TO PAY FOR THE PERMIT.