

Bucatini with Rosé Red Pepper Sauce and Shrimp

This simple, summery pasta dish gets its vibrant flavor from briny shrimp, red bell peppers and a generous addition of rosé wine—and just a little heavy cream, for richness. Red pepper flakes give it a kick of spicy heat. Pour a glass of the same wine used in cooking, and serve the dish for a sunny taste all year round.

Ingredients

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 pound large peeled and deveined shrimp, tails on

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 large red bell peppers,
diced

1 red onion,
diced

2 cloves garlic,
diced

4 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano

1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

1 cup dry rosé wine

1/2 cup heavy cream

One 12-ounce package dried bucatini

Directions:

Heat 2 tablespoons of the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Season the shrimp with a good pinch of salt and several grinds of black pepper. Add the shrimp to the hot skillet in an even layer and cook until pink and opaque throughout, about 2 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate. Return the skillet to medium-high heat and add the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil. Stir in the bell peppers, onion, garlic, 2 teaspoons of the oregano, red pepper flakes, and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender and browned in spots, about 5 minutes. Pour in the wine and cream, then scrape any brown bits from the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon. Bring to a steady simmer, then continue to simmer until the alcohol has cooked off and the sauce has reduced by half, about 3 minutes. Transfer to a blender and puree until very smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Pour back into the skillet and keep warm on medium-low heat. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and cook until just al dente according to package directions; drain well. Add the pasta to the sauce along with the shrimp and 1 teaspoon of the oregano. Continue tossing until everything is well coated and warmed through. Transfer the pasta to a large shallow serving bowl and top with the remaining 1 teaspoon oregano.



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GROUP DEPARTURES 2024, 2025 AND 2026

DECEMBER 7, 2024-ROYAL CLIPPER (round trip Barbados)

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, this tall ship adventure is your ticket. Casual and relaxes with top notch dining and less than 250 passengers. Have a tropical drink while you relax in the bowsprit netting while listening to a steel drum band on deck. Visit Grenada, St. Vincent, Bequia, Martinique and St. Lucia. Rate per person for an outside cabin, including current taxes, is \$2,475.00. Our special pricing also includes pre-paid gratuities and an on-board credit of \$200.00 per person.

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Our annual Iceland adventure begins with flights on Icelandair round trip from Newark Liberty Airport to Keflavik. We will begin with a stop at the Viking World Museum for a heavy continental breakfast before heading to the Blue Lagoon for a sunrise cocktail. Our package includes four nights at Midgardur Center Hotel with a buffet breakfast daily, full day Golden Circle tour with a tomato soup lunch at Fridheimar Greenhouse, shared Northern Lights tour, optional tours will be available to the glacier and South shore black sand beaches and Sky Lagoon. Price per person double \$1,998.00 included all current air and government taxes. A few singles are available at a surcharge of \$650.00. Insurance is recommended and a valid passport is required.

MARCH 24-30, 2025, SOUTHERN CHARM (with Collette Vacations)

Explore warm southern hospitality in America's southeast. Come to know its rich history and deep traditions on this tour highlighted by stays in Charleston, Savannah and Jekyll Island. Included are round trip transfers from Home Town Travel to Newark airport, six breakfasts and three dinners, professional escort for the duration of the trip, all accommodations and entrance fees. The rate per person, based on double occupancy is \$3,799.00. Cancel for any reason insurance is optional at the rate of \$429.00

MAY 18 to 25, 2025, BERMUDA CRUISE ABOARD THE CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE

Start next summer off right; especially if you missed this year's Bermuda group. Enjoy all that Bermuda has to offer while enjoying your beverage package and wi-fi relaxing on your balcony as you sail from Cape Liberty (Bayonne, NJ) passing the Statue of Liberty enroute to the beautiful pink sand beaches this beautiful island has to offer. Your special group rate includes your balcony accommodation, all current port and government taxes, beverage package and wi-fi for \$1,859.00 per person double. BOOK BY JULY 15th and RECEIVE A \$100. PER PERSON ON BOARD CREDIT.

NOVEMBER 5-16, 2025, OLD WORLD SICILY AND MALTA (with Collette Vacations). This is a small group departure for Home Town Travel with a maximum of 24 passengers on this adventure. These legendary isles are nestled amongst the deep blue water of the Mediterranean. Discover how ancient traditions blend into modern society as you travel along timeless Italian Maltese and Sicilian towns. This eleven-night tour begins with a four-night stay in Malta with a ferry to Sicily where you will stay three nights in Ragusa and three nights in Taormina. This package includes round trip transportation to Newark airport from our office, round trip air from Newark airport with an overnight flight to Malta, 10 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners, professional escort throughout the trip and all accommodations and entrance fees. The rate per person based on double occupancy is \$5,399.00. Cancel for any reason insurance is optional and at a rate of \$549.00. Please call for more information.

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. Nuremberg'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 stays are optional and will be available in January 2025.

MARCH 13-26,2026—TWELVE NIGHT VIETNAM & THAILAND CRUISE ABOARD THE CELEBRITY SOLSTICE

This bucket list trip starts in Hong Kong and visits Hanoi (Halong Bay), Hue/Danang, Ho Chi Minh (Phu My), Bangkok/Laemchabang and Ko Samui Thailand, and disembarking in Singapore. Pre and post land packages will be available. Cruise includes balcony accommodations (V1), all current port and government taxes, beverage package, gratuities, and Wi-Fi. SAVE OVER \$1,500 PER CABIN. Rate per person based on double \$3,350.00. A deposit of \$900/cabin is required to reserve your cabin. Final payment is not due until December 1, 2025.

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HURTIGRUTEN

Our two week cruise with Hurtigruten cruise line in Norway was absolutely the most breathtaking, scenic, well organized, clean trip we have ever experienced. We were happy with the decision to upgrade our room to a suite because it gave us extra sitting space in our room that we didn't know we wanted until we saw the smaller rooms on board. The views while passing through the fjord's while on the ship were remarkable. We booked many excursions while on board and those off ship experiences were so much fun. We went on bike rides, farm visits, crab fishing, and church tours to name only a few. This was a trip of a lifetime!

Thank you Nancy for helping us on this amazing adventure, we are already dreaming of our next voyage.

Sincerely, Steve and Janna



Amsterdam to Eliminate All Ocean-Going Cruise Ship Visits by 2035

It's been nearly one year since the city of Amsterdam voted to ban large cruise ships from docking in the city center. Now, the Dutch capital city has gone one step farther, capping cruise ship visits to just 100 per year in 2026, down from the 190 that are scheduled for this year.

And, by 2035 no cruise ships at all will be permitted to visit the city.

The municipality acknowledged the likely loss of revenue that will come from its crackdown on tourism – both land - and cruise-based – stating the loss could be anywhere from €46 million to €103 million, according to Bloomberg.

The Port Authority hopes to have the passenger terminal relocated to the city of Coenhaven, some 20 minutes away from Amsterdam by 2035.



David and Erin Weisberg along with Amy and Dan O'Neill

Hi Nancy,

Thank you for providing a great opportunity to sail from Bayonne to Bermuda on the Celebrity Eclipse last week. Dan, my brother David, sister in law Erin and I had a fabulous time! The ship and the amenities along with the crew were flawless! No detail was overlooked.

Looking forward to the next adventure!

Warm regards,

Amy

Thanks Nancy,

We had a great time. The slots were the best we've ever had. It was a smaller ship so we were able to easily run into you and our friends. Lots of fun!!

Mary Ann & Florence

DR. LAUREN SNYDER AND HER SON YALE VISITING JUNEAU ON THEIR RECENT NCL CRUISE TO ALASKA..



When Should You Upgrade to Premium Economy?

A LITTLE BIT OF AN UPGRADE CAN GO A LONG WAY ON SOME FLIGHTS. HERE'S WHEN IT'S WORTH IT TO SHELL OUT EXTRA TO GO FROM ECONOMY TO PREMIUM ECONOMY.

ECONOMY CLASS IS EXACTLY WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE: A STANDARD AIRPLANE SEAT WITH VERY FEW FRILLS. BASIC ECONOMY HAS EVEN FEWER. A LOT OF TIMES THAT'S OK; WE'LL PUT UP WITH IT JUST TO GET WHERE WE'RE GOING. BUT SOMETIMES WE TRAVELERS WANT SOMETHING BETTER—SAY, A LITTLE EXTRA LEGROOM AND LITTLE MORE DIGNITY. THAT'S WHERE AIRLINES' PREMIUM OFFERINGS COME IN. IN SOME CASES, THAT'S CALLED PREMIUM ECONOMY; OTHER TIMES, THOUGH, THE CABIN CLASS IS AN ADDITIONAL STEP UP FROM THAT—CLOSER TO THE BUSINESS END OF THE SPECTRUM THAN THE COACH END.

AMERICAN AIRLINES PREMIUM ECONOMY



FOR ITS PREMIUM ECONOMY, AMERICAN USES SEATS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN DOMESTIC FIRST CLASS; THEY COME WITH ABOUT SIX MORE INCHES OF SPACE THAN WHAT YOU'LL FIND IN THE MAIN CABIN, PLUS A FOOTREST AND A LARGER ENTERTAINMENT SCREEN. I VALUE THE EXTRA ROOM, BUT SOMETIMES, IT'S THE LITTLE TOUCHES THAT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE, LIKE THE CASPER-BRANDED BLANKET AND PLUMP PILLOW (BOTH ARE MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN THE UNBRANDED ONES IN THE MAIN CABIN) AND THE UPGRADED MEAL SERVICE (PROPER DISHWARE, CUTLERY, A TABLECLOTH, AND DIFFERENT MENU OPTIONS FROM ECONOMY). IT'S ALSO NICE TO HAVE A SMALL TABLE AT THE END OF THE ARMREST TO PLACE THE FREE DRINKS THAT AMERICAN OFFERS ALL CUSTOMERS ON MOST LONG-HAUL, INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS.

DELTA AIR LINES PREMIUM SELECT

FOR ME, DELTA'S PREMIUM SELECT ADDS SOME SPACE AND COMFORT WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK. AN ENTERTAINMENT SCREEN AS LARGE AS 13.3 INCHES, EXTRA LEGROOM (AS MUCH AS 38 INCHES OF PITCH, WHICH MEASURES THE POINT BETWEEN A SEAT IN ONE ROW AND THE SAME POINT IN THE NEXT, DEPENDING ON THE AIRCRAFT), A MEMORY-FOAM PILLOW, AND A WIDER ARMREST ADD UP ON LONG FLIGHTS. I'VE FOUND THAT IT'S WORTH THE EXTRA MILEAGE OR CASH UPGRADE IF I NEED TO WORK ON THE FLIGHT. THOSE WITHOUT A HIGHER TIER OF MEDALLION STATUS BENEFIT FROM SKY PRIORITY FOR FASTER CHECK-IN AND BOARDING LANES. THE MEALS ARE UPGRADED FROM THE ECONOMY MENU, THERE'S AN AMENITIES KIT WITH TINY TUBES OF GROWN ALCHEMIST PRODUCTS, AND BEER, WINE, AND MOST COCKTAILS ARE FREE.

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