

# Press Release

**NCL** NORWEGIAN  
CRUISE LINE®

## **NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE® ANNOUNCES PORT OF PHILADELPHIA AS A NEW HOMEPORT WITH ITS 2026 SPRING/SUMMER SEASON**

*-The Company Will Be the First to Commence Cruising in Philadelphia with Voyages to Bermuda, as well as Canada and New England Beginning April 16, 2026-*

*-The Company Also Unveils Nearly 250 New 2026 Spring/Summer Voyages to the Caribbean, Bahamas and Alaska From Nine Major Cruise Ports Across the U.S. and Canada, Including Miami, Seattle, New York City and Quebec City, Among Others-*

Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL), the innovator in global cruise travel with a 57-year history of breaking boundaries, today announced its 2026 spring/summer itineraries to the Caribbean, Bahamas, Bermuda, Alaska, and Canada and New England, as well as a new season of voyages from the Port of Philadelphia (PhilaPort) for the first time in many years.

On April 16, 2026, Norwegian Jewel® will commence seven-to-nine-day cruises to Bermuda, launching the city as a new cruise destination. Departing from the SouthPort Marine Terminal Complex, where plans are currently underway with the local government to develop a facility to welcome cruisers in 2026, Norwegian Jewel's Bermuda itineraries will feature overnight calls to Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda, providing guests more time to enjoy and discover the island's turquoise blue waters and pink-sand beaches. This new homeport for NCL will provide residents in the U.S. Mid-Atlantic region more access to cruising, as it will be the only cruise line sailing from Philadelphia through Oct. 17, 2026.

The Company's new 2026 spring/summer season includes nearly 250 itineraries for nine of its soon-to-be 20 ships. Embarking from U.S. and Canadian ports between April and November 2026, these voyages will call to 30 unique destinations across the Caribbean, Bermuda, Bahamas, Canada and New England, as well as Alaska. With an average of 10 hours in port, guests can choose to enjoy the picture-perfect beaches, colorful cities and vibrant culture of the Caribbean, Bahamas and Bermuda; enjoy the rustic fall foliage of Canada and New England; or dive deep into the pristine nature and abundant wilderness found in Alaska.



# CARRY-ON PACKING LIST

- ┆ Cardigan
- ┆ Scarf
- ┆ Socks
- ┆ Eye Shade
- ┆ Travel Pillow
- ┆ Travel Blanket

- ┆ Earbuds/Headphones
- ┆ Tablet
- ┆ Electronics Organizer
- ┆ Portable Charger
- ┆ Travel Adapter
- ┆ Book/Magazine

- ┆ Prescription medication
- ┆ Toiletry Bag
- ┆ Nail File
- ┆ Lip Balm
- ┆ Hand Wipes
- ┆ Moisturizer
- ┆ Sleep Kit

- ┆ Reusable Water Bottle
- ┆ Snacks
- ┆ Plastic Sleeve for Documents
- ┆ Travel Wallet
- ┆ Coin Holder
- ┆ Calendar/Planner

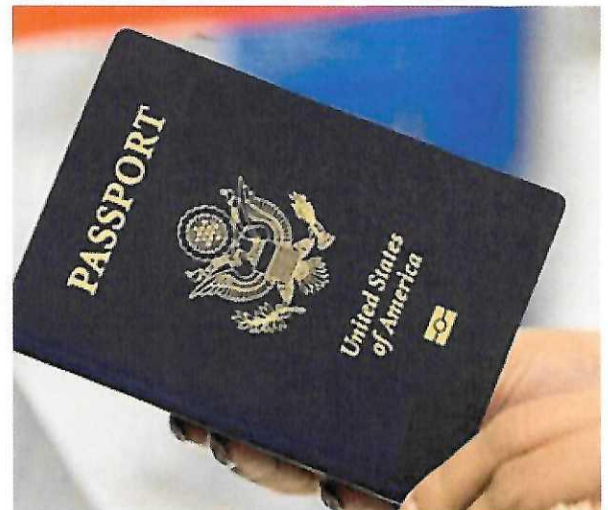
- ┆ Change of Clothing
- ┆ Light Jacket
- ┆ Foldable Tote
- ┆ Packing Cubes
- ┆ Luggage Tag

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## You Might Zip Through TSA Faster If Your Passport Has This Small Camera Symbol On It

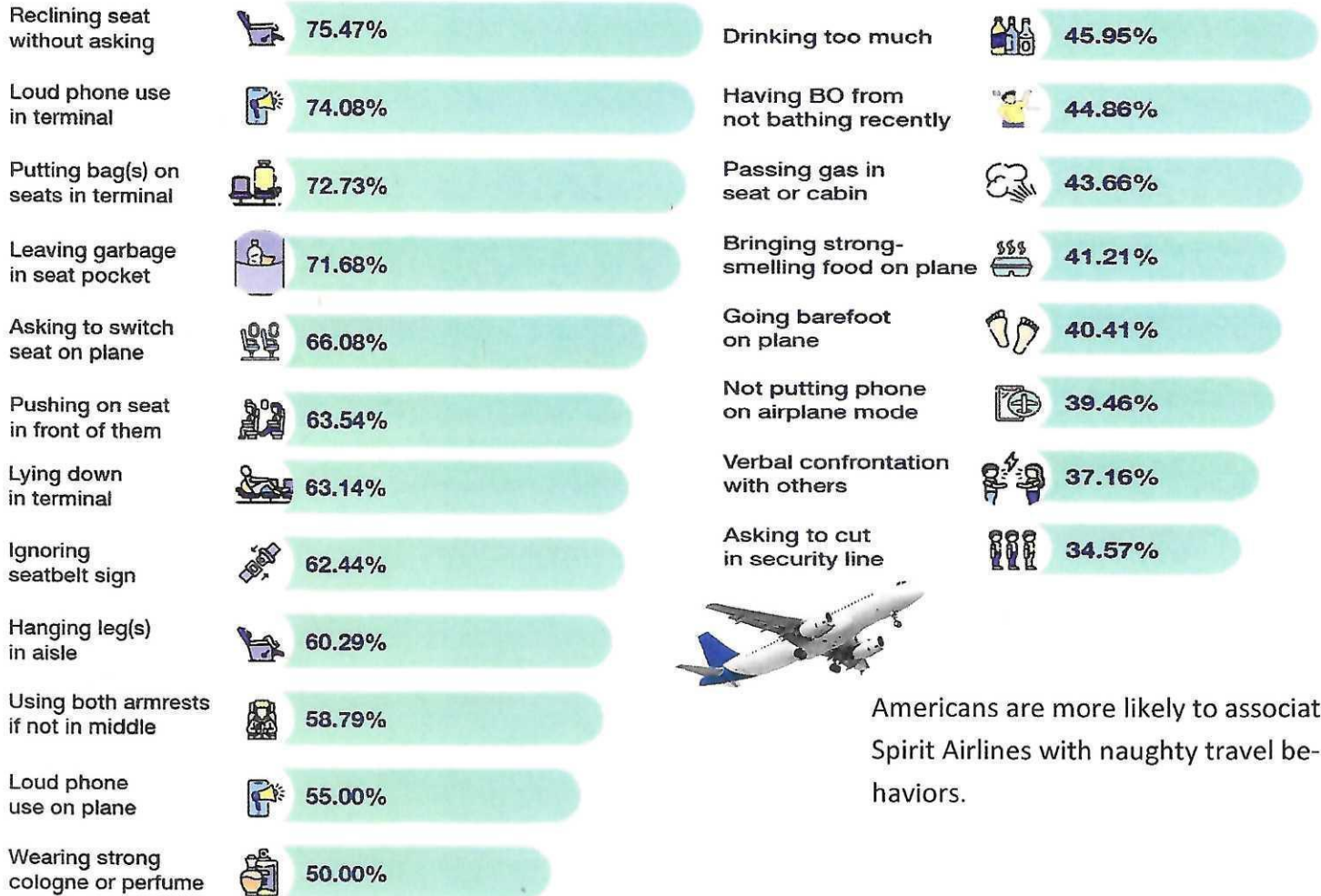
Starting back in 2006, you may have noticed a new camera-like icon appear on the front of your passport. That's when the United States started implementing biometric passports, also known as e-Passports. The first country to use them was Malaysia in 1998, with other countries following suit in the years that followed. These handy little booklets, which are becoming easier for people to obtain for travel, still otherwise functioned the same way as any passport you'd had before, but now they contain a microchip that security personnel at airports can read.



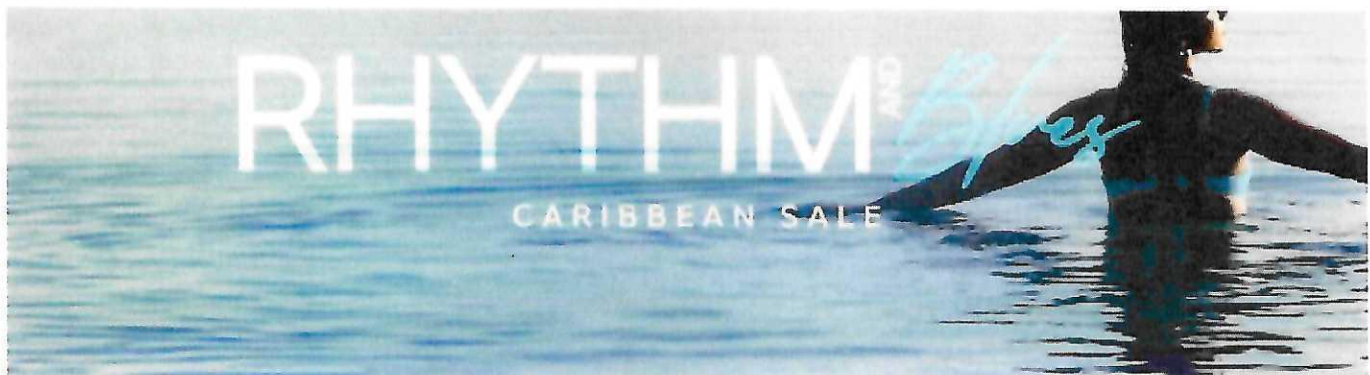
These microchips include information like your name and birthday, but, even more specifically, the biometric passport also has data to accurately identify you like your fingerprints and retinal scans. According to the State Department, implementing these types of passports was a safety measure, but their existence is still not a reason to get rid of your old passports, even if they aren't biometric.

"The use of biometrics is important for U.S. national security," the U.S. State Department says. "Fingerprints of a visa holder are compared with similarly collected fingerprints at all U.S. ports of entry. The use of fingerprints has many benefits. We reduce the use of stolen and counterfeit visas. We protect against entry by terrorists and others who pose a security risk." As of this writing, approximately 150 countries around the world use biometric passports.

# The Naughty Travel Behaviors Americans Say They Have Seen Others Do



Americans are more likely to associate Spirit Airlines with naughty travel behaviors.



**Sandals**

**MOST BOOKED DEAL!**

**Beaches**

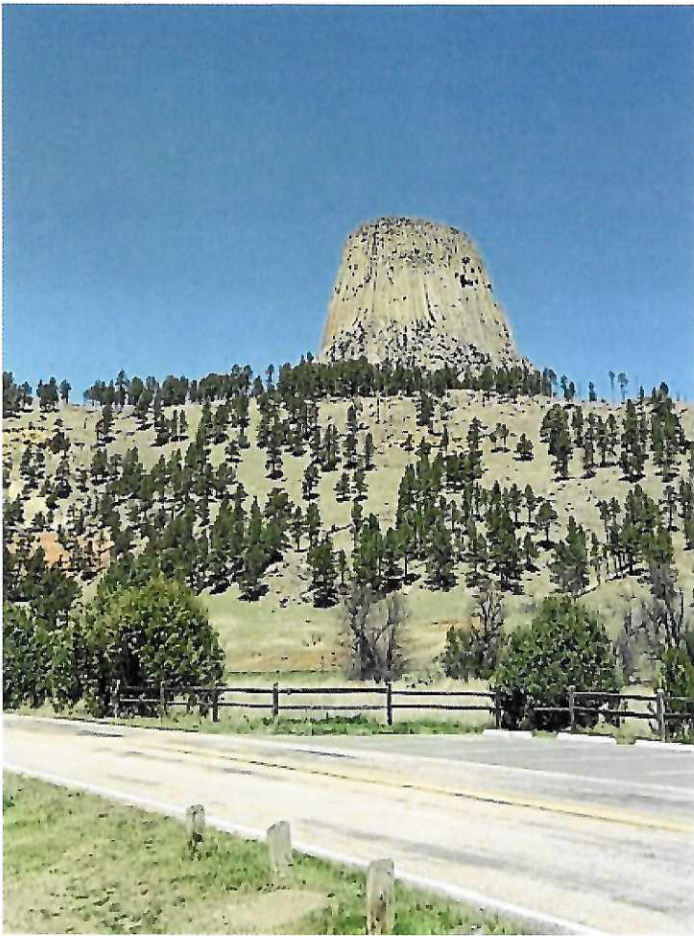
Book 5 nights or longer, get

Book 7 nights or longer, also get

**\$175 RESORT CREDIT** AND **\$1,000 AIR CREDIT**

Hurry! Offer ends soon.

# Trafalgar's National Parks Wonders



Dear Nancy,

Just a note to let you know that Chuck and I had a beautiful trip to the National Parks. The bus tour that you recommended was more than we anticipated. Our tour guide Steve was very knowledgeable and had great stories about each area we visited. We are looking forward to another trip out west.

Chuck and Lynn (Laing)



# Crunchy Buttermilk Ranch Onion Rings

No more soggy onion rings! The addition of cornstarch to the coating for these tasty rings helps them maintain an irresistible crispy, crunchy exterior. Both the buttermilk soak and panko breading are spiked with ranch seasoning, so the flavor really stands out. We pair them with a speedy lemon aioli, but you could also serve them with your favorite condiment. This recipe is easy to double if you're serving a larger crowd; see Cook's Note for keeping them warm and crisp if you're frying multiple batches.

## Ingredients:

### Quick Lemon Aioli:

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon sour cream
- 1 small garlic clove, finely grated
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- Freshly ground black pepper

### Onion Rings:

- Vegetable oil, for deep-frying
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- Two 1-ounce packets ranch seasoning
- Kosher salt
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 4 cups panko breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon dried dill
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 large yellow onion, peeled and sliced into 1/2 inch-thick rounds and separated into individual rings

## Directions:

**Special equipment:** deep-fry thermometer

- 1** For the quick lemon aioli: Stir the mayonnaise, sour cream, garlic, mustard, lemon zest and juice and a couple grinds of black pepper together in a small bowl. Set aside.
- 2** For the onion rings: Heat 3 inches vegetable oil in a large Dutch oven or heavy-bottomed pot over medium-high heat until a deep-fry thermometer registers 350 degrees F. Set a wire rack over a sheet pan.
- 3** Whisk the flour, cornstarch, 1 packet of Ranch seasoning and 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt together in a large bowl. In a separate large bowl, whisk together the buttermilk and remaining packet Ranch seasoning. In a wide shallow bowl or pan, combine the panko with the dried dill, dried parsley, 1 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of black pepper.
- 4** Working in batches, thoroughly dredge the onion rings in the flour mixture, then dip them into the buttermilk mixture. Remove the onion rings from the buttermilk mixture, letting any excess drip back into the bowl, then transfer to the panko mixture and use a dry hand to help adhere the breadcrumbs to the rings. Move the coated onion rings to a large plate or sheet pan as you coat the remaining batches.
- 5** Working in two to three batches, carefully place the dredged onion rings into the hot oil and fry until golden brown, 2 to 2 1/2 minutes. Remove to the wire rack to drain and season with kosher salt.
- 6** Serve hot with the lemon aioli.



# Disney Reveals Name and Details of Newest Disney Cruise Line Ship

Disney Cruise Line has officially revealed the name of its newest ship—Disney Destiny.

The ship, currently under construction at the Meyer Werft shipyard in Germany, is scheduled to join the Disney fleet sometime in 2025. It will be a sister ship to Disney Wish, which debuted in 2022, and Disney Treasure, which will join the Disney fleet later this year.

As opposed to Wish and Treasure, the new Disney Destiny will be themed for “Heroes and Villains.” According to this week’s announcement, the Disney team took inspiration from some iconic Disney classics that pitted heroes against villains including stories “The Lion King,” “Hercules” and “One Hundred and One Dalmatians.” Guests can expect to see all those stories, and more, incorporated into the design of Disney Destiny.

Destiny will be the third ship in the cruise line’s Wish class, joining those two other sister ships, Wish and Treasure. Disney is also in the process of launching Disney Adventure, the first ship in its Global class that will be its largest ever (about 6,000 capacity) and will homeport in Singapore.

All those ships are part of a massive expansion for Disney Cruise Line, the biggest in its history, that started with the post-COVID launch of Wish. Outside of the ships, the expansion also includes Disney’s new island destination in The Bahamas, Disney Lookout Cay at Lighthouse Point.

# ICELAND—THE LAND OF FIRE AND ICE

FEBRUARY 26 TO MARCH 3, 2025



OUR ANNUAL ICELAND ADVENTURE BEGINS WITH OUR FLIGHTS FROM NEWARK LIBERTY TO REYKJAVIK ON ICELANDAIR. ON ARRIVAL WE WILL START OUR HOLIDAY WITH A HEAVY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AT VIKING WORLD MUSEUM BEFORE HEADING OVER TO THE BLUE LAGOON FOR A SUNRISE COCKTAIL AND A MUD FACIAL BEFORE A SHORT CITY OVERVIEW TOUR ENROUTE TO OUR HOTEL, CENTERHOTEL MIDGARDUR WHERE WE WILL SPEND THE NEXT FOUR NIGHTS. OUR PACKAGE WILL INCLUDE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS INCLUDING ALL CURRENT GOVERNMENT TAXES, A BUFFET BREAKFAST DAILY, FULL DAY PRIVATE GOLDEN CIRCLE TOUR INCLUDING A STOP AT THE KERID CRATER AND ADMISSION TO SKALHOLT ALONG WITH A TOMATO SOUP LUNCH AT THE FRIDHEIMAR GREENHOUSE WITH A VISIT TO THE STABLES TO MARVEL AT THE ICELANDIC HORSES AND THEIR ABILITIES. WE WILL VENTURE OUT IN A SHARED NORTHERN LIGHTS TOUR HUNTING FOR THE ELUSIVE NORTHERN LIGHTS. ALTHOUGH NEVER GUARANTEED, WE WILL TRY TWO EVENINGS. THERE WILL BE OPTIONAL TOURS TO THE SKY LAGOON, INTO THE GLACIER AND SOUTH SHORE (WITH BLACK SAND BEACHES AND A STOP IN VIK) WITH WATERFALLS.

MIDGARÐUR BY CENTER HOTELS IS POSITIONED AT ONE END OF THE CITY'S MAIN SHOPPING STREET AND IDEALLY LOCATED IN SHORT WALKING DISTANCE FROM ALL THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS IN THE CITY CENTER. THE HOTEL OFFERS 170 COMFORTABLE AND MODERN ROOMS, A LIVELY RESTAURANT, BAR, MEETING ROOMS AND A SPA. THE LOBBY LOUNGE IS YOUR CASUAL PLACE TO HANG OUT AND OFFERS MINIMALIST LIGHTING AND PLANTS THAT CREATES A SOFT AND COZY AMBIANCE. THE MODERN U-SHAPED DESIGN OF THE HOTEL FEATURES A TASTEFULLY DECORATED SECLUDED GARDEN, ACCESSIBLE FOR GUESTS BOTH FROM THE LOBBY AS WELL AS FROM THE RESTAURANT. THE GARDEN INCLUDES AN OUTDOOR HOT TUB WHICH IS A PART OF THE EXQUISITE SPA LOCATED ON THE BOTTOM LEVEL OF THE HOTEL. GET A TASTE OF TRADITIONAL ICELANDIC COOKING MIXED WITH INTERNATIONAL FLAIR AT THE RESTAURANT; JÖRGENSEN KITCHEN & BAR, LOCATED AT THE HOTEL. GUESTS AND LOCALS ARE OFFERED A VARIETY OF DISHES PREPARED WITH FRESH, LOCAL, AND ORGANIC INGREDIENTS THROUGHOUT BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER. THE RESTAURANT HAS A COOL AND MODERN VIBE BUT AT THE SAME TIME IS COZY AND COMFORTABLE.

PRICE: \$1,998.00 PER PERSON DOUBLE (SINGLES +\$650.00 ADDITIONAL)\*

A PASSPORT WITH SIX MONTHS VALIDITY IS REQUIRED AND INSURANCE (\$157.00-191.00) IS SUGGESTED AND MUST BE TAKEN OUT WITH DEPOSIT. OUR PACKAGE INCLUDES ROUND TRIP AIRFARE FROM NEWARK LIBERTY (INC. ALL CURRENT TAXES AND FEES), FOUR NIGHT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, FOUR FULL BREAKFASTS AND ONE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST ON ARRIVAL, SIGHTSEEING AS INDICATED: ADMISSION TO THE BLUE LAGOON WITH COCKTAIL, GOLDEN CIRCLE TOUR, NORTHERN LIGHTS EXCURSION, TRANSFERS ON ALL INCLUDED FEATURES, AND ONE LUNCH. PAYMENTS MUST BE PAID BY CHECK. CREDIT CARDS WILL INCUR 3.5% SURCHARGE.

\*PRICE IS BASED ON MINIMUM PARTICIPATION

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