

Brightline Breaks Ground in Nevada on High-Speed Train Line



Brightline has broken ground in Nevada on its new Brightline West project, which will use trains traveling up to 200 miles per hour to cut the travel time between Las Vegas and Los Angeles in half. The company aims to launch Brightline West service in time for the 2028 Olympics.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, along with other federal, state and local officials, joined Brightline founder Wes Edens in Las Vegas to hammer the first spike for Brightline's latest project.

The company already operates 16 passenger trains per day in each direction between Miami and Orlando. For Brightline West, California and Nevada have granted Brightline a right of way alongside Interstate 15, and in December, the U.S. Department of Transportation added to the private investment in the project with \$3 billion from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Alongside Brightline West, other American high-speed rail projects are under construction or in development. The California High Speed Rail Authority has more than 100 miles of a high-speed line under construction. California's project will connect the Bay Area to Los Angeles, via the state's Central Valley. Additionally, Amtrak recently partnered with Texas Central to help advance the planning and analysis for a high-speed line between Dallas and Houston. Other key projects for high-speed service are also under development in the Pacific Northwest, Georgia and North Carolina.

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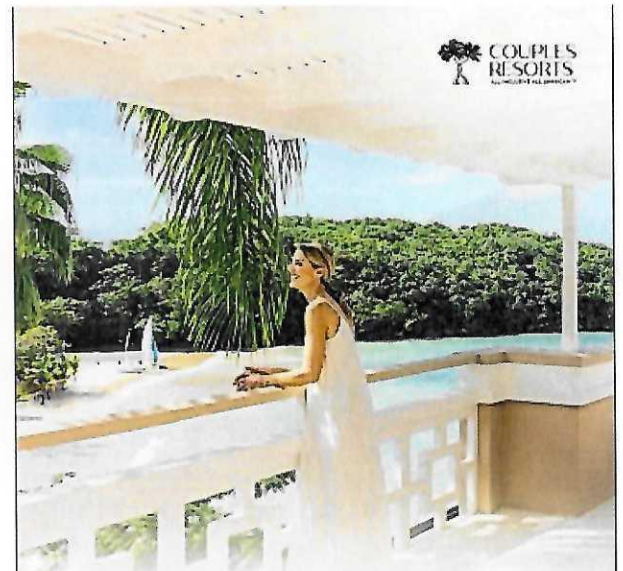
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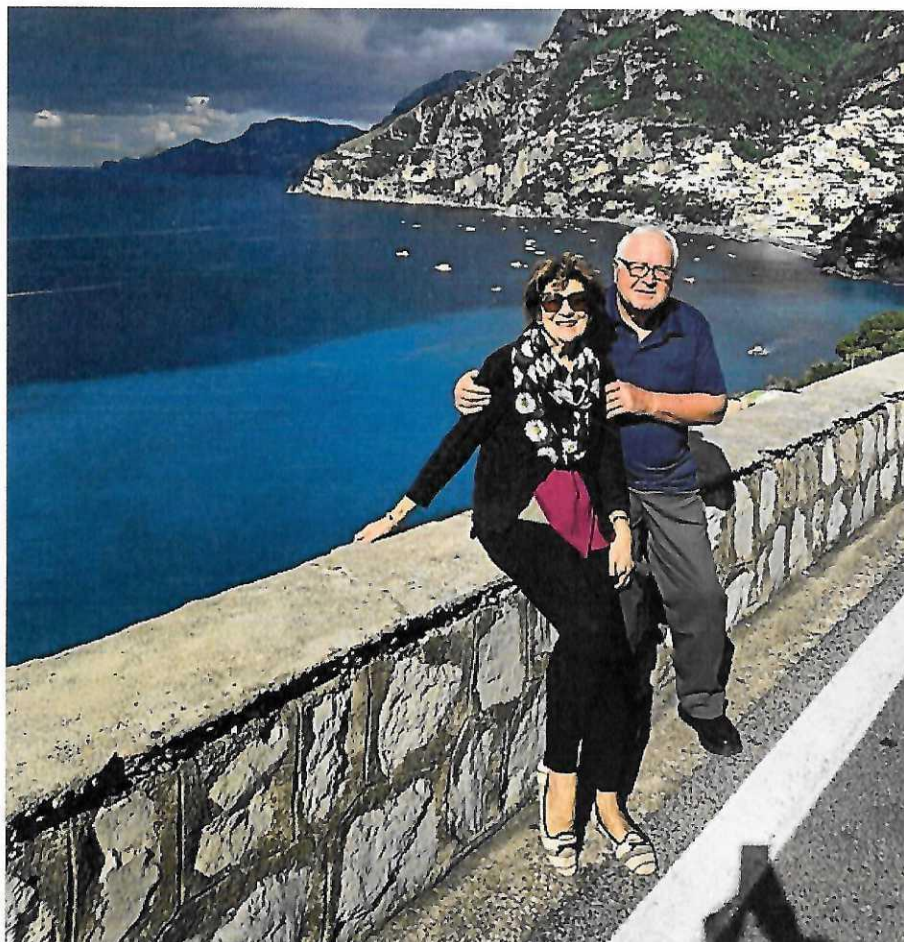
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Midge Cannin-Schuck was tickled by the feathers at the entrance to Eden aboard her recent Celebrity cruise.

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Marini's trip to Italy

Home Town Travel did a wonderful job in setting us up with everything to make our trip to Italy great.

We specifically wanted to stay in Sorrento & visit Capri, the Amalfi Coast, Positano & Pompeii. Our personal driver was fantastic & our guide in Pompeii was spectacular.

We went on our own to visit la famiglia & Nancy had also arranged a rental car which really worked out great.

Let Home Town Travel help you to plan your next trip. You won't be sorry!

Ciao

Lydia & Enrico Marini

Spinach Artichoke Chicken

Can't get enough of spinach and artichoke dip? Here's a chicken dish that is guaranteed to hit the spot. Topped with a creamy, cheesy spinach-artichoke sauce, this chicken dinner is one the whole family will love.

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons salted butter
2 tablespoons olive oil
4 thin-cut chicken breasts (chicken cutlets)
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1/2 red onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
Two 8-ounce jars quartered artichokes, drained
3/4 cup white wine
3/4 cup heavy cream
1 cup grated Parmesan
One 4-ounce jar diced pimientos, drained
3 cups baby spinach
1/2 lemon, juiced
Fresh basil leaves, for garnish
Warm bread, for serving

Directions:

- 1 Heat the butter and olive oil together in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Sprinkle the chicken on both sides with salt and pepper, then add them to the skillet. Cook until nicely browned and cooked through, about 3 minutes per side. Remove to a plate.
- 2 Add the onion and garlic to the skillet and stir until slightly softened, about 30 seconds, then add the artichokes and cook, stirring, until the artichokes are hot and the onions are translucent, 1 to 2 minutes. Pour in the wine and stir, then add the cream and more black pepper, if desired, then stir again. Let the sauce come to a simmer, then add the Parmesan and cook for a minute to thicken.
- 3 Add the pimientos, spinach and lemon juice, then stir until the spinach has wilted, for a minute or so. Nestle the chicken back into the skillet, spooning a little sauce over the top. Garnish with torn basil leaves and serve with warm bread.





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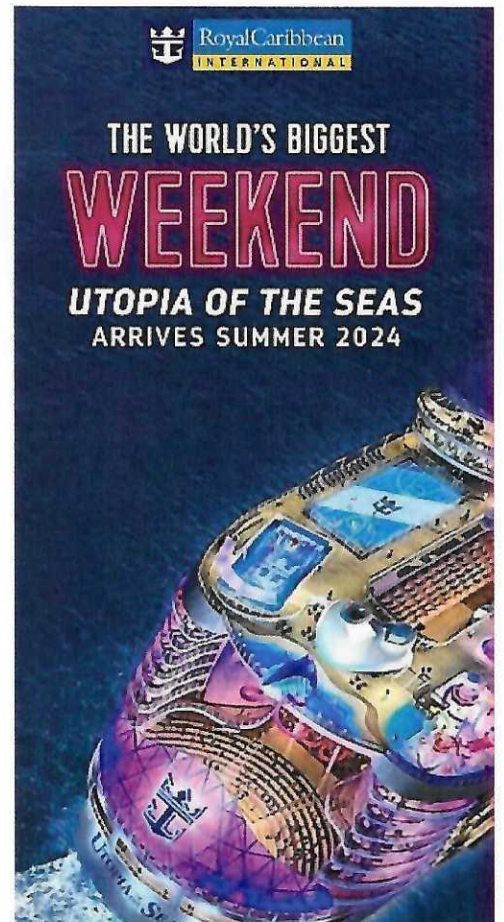
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GROUPS 2024 AND 2025



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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. PASSPORT IS REQUIRED.

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. per person.

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Sail on one of Celebrity's newest ships from Ft. Lauderdale. Visit the Dominican Republic, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten along with three relaxing days at sea. Enjoy an unlimited beverage package and complimentary wi-fi. Experience a Prime Edge Stateroom with an infinite verandah for \$2,119.00 per person double.

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. 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 options will be available in early 2025. A deposit of \$400 per person is required.

Keep your eyes open for Iceland along with a Celebrity cruise to Bermuda in 2025 and plan ahead for that bucket list cruise to Viet Nam and Thailand in March of 2026. Come celebrate my birthday with me!

Where Are the World's Most Luxurious Airports?

Going to the airport can be an exciting part of going on holiday. Once you're through security it seems as though all time stops while you sample designer perfumes, have a breakfast mimosa and try on new sunglasses – until you must race to your gate!

However, some airports are certainly better than others when it comes to the level of comfort. With delays, and layovers that can feel like they go on forever, comfort is the top priority – particularly if you're an over 70's traveler and hoping to get to your destination feeling relaxed and ready to enjoy your holiday. With all of this in mind, we decided to investigate which of the world's airports offer the most luxurious experience, giving travelers the utmost comfort before they take to the skies.

We analyzed over 1,800 airports before whittling them down to a shortlist of 69, based on how many had a significant selection of passenger lounges available (minimum 10). Each airport was then scored on several factors, from how many designer shops it has, to how many 4- and 5-star hotels are located nearby. Each airport was also given a score based on how many lounges are available to passengers, and whether you can find a champagne bar or caviar house to rest at while waiting to board.

Dubai International Airport reigns supreme as the world's most luxurious.

The world's most luxurious airport, according to our rankings, is in the United Arab Emirates. Dubai airport, which sees 90 million passengers transit through it per year, lands in first place as the go-to airport for anyone seeking a luxurious start to their layover.

Following closely behind is the UK's Heathrow Airport, located in London, while Doha International Airport in Qatar completes the top three.

The 20 airports that offer the best luxury experience:

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| 1 | Dubai International Airport | 11 | New York John F. Kennedy International Airport |
| 2 | London Heathrow Airport | 12 | Incheon International Airport |
| 3 | Hamad International Airport | 13 | Munich Airport |
| 4 | Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport | 14 | Zurich Airport |
| 5 | Sydney International Airport | 15 | Tokyo Haneda International Airport |
| 6 | Singapore Changi Airport | 16 | Los Angeles International Airport |
| 7 | Suvarnabhumi International Airport | 17 | Toronto Pearson International Airport |
| 8 | Hong Kong International Airport | 18 | Beijing Capital International Airport |
| 9 | Frankfurt Airport | 19 | Osaka Kansai International Airport |
| 10 | Narita International Airport | 20 | Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport |

Dubai as a destination is well known across the world for luxury and wealth, so it's not too surprising that the airport ranks as the most luxurious on the globe. The airport is the fastest-growing aviation hub in the world, and it even has its own 5-star hotel located inside the airport itself. With zen gardens, an outdoor swimming pool, a gym, cinemas and a bounty of restaurants – this is one airport that will certainly leave you feeling refreshed ahead of jumping on your flight. The factor that clinched the win for Dubai Airport is the number of four- and five-star hotels within a three-mile radius of the airport, with over 70 luxury hotels for travelers to choose from.

London Heathrow Airport

London has four different airports but Heathrow, which is often recognized as the busiest airport in Europe. Heathrow scored a bounty of points for having both one of the largest numbers of lounges to choose from, while also having the majority of the world's most luxury shopping brands available for passengers to browse while they wait to board.



Doha International Airport

Qatar airport is home to the world's third most luxurious airport, and believe it or not, the airport alone is about a third of the size of Doha, the city it's located in. This beautiful airport has a roof shaped like a wave, while the interior is designed with an aquatic theme. Water features run throughout, and all represent the gentle waves of the Arabian gulf. Doha's airport also scored highly for the number of four- and five-star hotels within its vicinity, as well as having many luxury brands like Hermès and Montblanc for shopping-hungry passengers.

Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport

Handling 70 million passengers each year, Paris' main airport is the second busiest in Europe, after Heathrow. One of the most renowned airports worldwide, U2 even filmed their music video for "Beautiful Day" at this globally renowned airport. The airport scored highly on the sheer number of luxury brands available for perusal, from Louis Vuitton to Yves Saint Laurent and Bvlgari, but also plays host to its own onsite hotel, and fantastic transport links into the European city of love.

Sydney International Airport

Sitting down under, is the first Oceanic airport in the rankings. Sydney's international airport completes the top five most luxurious worldwide airports, with top marks for luxury brands available across its terminals, the likes of which include Cartier, Rolex and Armani. This luxury airport is the world's oldest continually operating commercial international airport and impresses passengers with a runway that extends into Botany Bay – with runway lights positioned on the water making landings here incredibly picturesque.

Resorts with the best waterparks and activities

Royalton Splash Riviera Cancun or Royalton Splash Punta Cana:

Dive into fun with 14 slides, 2 lazy rivers, and splash pads. At the Cancun property, families will experience a recently renovated water park, and expansive kids' club with family-friendly hours. Plus, the first kid (2-12) and teen (13-17) stay free.

Nickelodeon Riviera Maya: Join SpongeBob SquarePants, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and many more Nickelodeon friends along with Aqua Nick, a sprawling 6-acre waterpark with adventures for all ages.

The Grand at Moon Palace Cancun: Experience a waterpark extravaganza where kids and teens 17 and younger can stay, play, and eat for free when with a paying adult.

Planet Hollywood Cancun: Enjoy a lazy river, mini-golf, movie theater, and trampoline park at this star-studded resort. One child (12 or younger) and one teen (17 or younger) stay and eat free when with two paying adults.



Royalton Blue Waters Montego Bay: Families can spend quality time together with activities and adventures for all ages, from water sports and nightly shows to creative cuisine, poolside cabanas, a lazy river, and more. And, one kid (12 and younger) and one teen (17 and younger) can stay and eat free.

