# Your vacation, elevated





Take luxury to a whole new level with Sanctuary Collection<sup>™</sup>. When you book a Sanctuary Suite, Sanctuary Mini-Suite or Sanctuary Balcony, you'll access an entirely new world of bespoke amenities, private spaces and premium service — the very best of all we have to offer. The all-new Sanctuary Collection debuts this October when Sun Princess® begins sailing from Fort Lauderdale and opens on Star Princess® in the fall of 2025

# **Exclusive access to the Sanctuary Club**

A masterclass in leisure, this tranquil topdeck space is reserved exclusively for adults (ages 16+). Spend the day in total bliss as you relax poolside with a craft cocktail. Order some bites and beverages from a custom menu, even find your flow with wellness classes. Here, it's Zen time any time. Especially when you reserve a private cabana.

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Personalized service, bespoke amenities, exclusive wellness activities and special events. Enjoy it all. And if you're a Sanctuary Suite guest, you'll have exclusive access to the Suite Lounge, the perfect place for your morning coffee, a mid-day retreat or meeting up for drinks before your evening begins.

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Reserved exclusively for Sanctuary
Collection guests. Enjoy a custom chef's
menu and dedicated waitstaff and dining
room. No reservations needed —
elevated dining is ready whenever
you are.

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Sanctuary Collection guests enjoy our highest-level all-inclusive package with multi-device Wi-Fi, crew appreciation, premium spirits and an expertly curated wine list that pairs perfectly with any occasion. Premier also includes specialty dining, unlimited casual dining, even reserved theater seating for production shows.

Book now on Sun Princess®\* or Star Princess® and enjoy the transcendent travel experience you deserve.

# Oahu's First Adults-Only Hotel Set to Open June 1

Highgate Hotels has announced the upcoming opening of Oahu's first adults-only hotel. Romer House Waikiki is accepting reservations ahead of its opening on June 1, 2024, in the heart of Waikiki Beach.

Romer House has 179 guestrooms, many with glass sliding doors that reveal hideaway lanais overlooking the neighborhood. The guest experience at Romer House begins with a celebratory cocktail. In addition, all guests receive an "Aloha Line" phone number to call or text for personalized recommendations and insider tips about the neighborhood and island-wide discovery. Pretty cool: The key cards double as preferred access to the neighborhood via exclusive perks at local businesses around the island.



Culinary options at Romer House include Izakaya 855-Aloha, a restaurant and bar

from TableOne Hospitality. The menu offers dishes filled with local ingredients, alongside a beverage program. Located on the second floor of the Romer House, The Backyard pool and bar offers 855-Aloha bentos and cocktails all day long and well past sunset. Guests can make use of upholstered cabana daybeds, lounge vignettes and a full-service bar by the wading pool.

Like its family-friendly sister property, Romer Waikiki at the Ambassador, Romer House will serve as a steward of the King Kalākaua Park. Guests are invited to support these stewardship initiatives with the "Love Thy Neighborhood" community contributions, sustaining local efforts such as the Genki Ala Wai Project with Waikiki Community Center and the Hawaiian Legacy Reforestation initiative.

Additional perks include pool deck wellness classes; in-room spa bundles; Complimentary bike rentals; amenity collaborations with DUNE Sunscreen, Coola Sun Goddess and Slowtide & Playground, to name a few; and the Corner Store, which offers local artisan "must haves" with seasonal collections of apparel, accessories, decor, beauty and skincare from local brands, artists and makers, besides travel essentials and Romer special-edition collaborations.

#### The Most-Lemony Lemon Bar of All Time

This bar is lemon city! We put lemon zest in the crust, upped the pucker in the filling and put lemon candy on top. It's the bar for the ultimate lemon lover.

Level: Easy

Total: 3 hr 45 min (includes cooling and chilling time)

Active: 25 min Yield: 24 bars

#### **Ingredients:**

1 1/2 sticks (6 ounces) unsalted butter, at room temperature, plus 1 tablespoon for greasing pan 1 tablespoon finely grated lemon zest, plus 1 cup fresh lemon juice, strained (from about 8 lemons)

2 cups granulated sugar

2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted (see Cook's Note)

3 tablespoons cornstarch

1/4 teaspoon fine salt

4 large eggs, plus 2 egg yolks

Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

8 gummy candy lemon slices, cut into thirds



#### **Directions:**

Position a rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees F. Line a 9-by-13-inch glass baking dish with foil leaving a 2-inch overhang on two sides. Grease the foil and dish with 1 tablespoon butter.



- 2 To make the crust, pulse the zest with 1/3 cup of the sugar in a food processor until the sugar is yellow and sandy, 1 to 2 minutes. Add 1 1/2 cups of the flour, the butter, cornstarch and salt and pulse until the dough comes together, about 1 minute. Press the dough evenly into the bottom of the prepared pan. Bake until the crust is golden at the edges and pale golden in the center, about 30 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack.
- 3 Reduce the oven temperature to 300 degrees F. To make the filling, whisk the eggs and egg yolks with the remaining 1 2/3 cups sugar and the remaining 1/2 cup flour in a bowl until smooth. Whisk in 1 cup lemon juice.
- 4 Pour the filling over the warm crust and return to the oven. Bake until the filling is just set, about 30 minutes.
- 5 Cool the lemon bars on a wire rack, 30 minutes, then refrigerate uncovered until firm, at least 1 hour. Lift the bars out of the pan using the foil. Peel off the foil and cut into 24 bars. Dust with confectioners' sugar. Place a piece of gummy lemon candy on top of each square and serve.

# The One International Destination Everyone Wants to Go to This Summer



It will probably be no surprise for you to find out that this summer, the common answer to the question "where do you want to travel to?" is "outside the country." At least, that's what Delta Air Lines' latest data featuring its list of the most-searched summer travel destinations for 2024 revealed. But that's not all of it.

According to the data, while your evergreen and iconic tourist destinations unsurprisingly dominate the top of the list, one city that usually attracts more niche travelers is actually popping off with searches this year.

By taking into consideration data from US-based searches on the Delta website between November 2023 and March 2024 for summer travel this year, the study found that Athens, Greece is actually the international destination that witnessed the highest surge of interest compared to last year. On the list, the Greek city sits at the fourth position overall, but flaunts a 248% increase in searches when compared to 2023 data. To give you a sense of it, other cities in the top 10 noticed a decidedly more modest 150% search volume increase from last year.

Athens' tourism has been growing exponentially since after the pandemic, with last year's tourism numbers seeing almost an 80% increase compared to 2019 levels, according to French newspaper Le Monde. The city, in fact, already started worrying about the presence of too many tourists last summer. In an effort to curb overtourism, the city had to introduce time slots to visit the Acropolis, a city landmark that last year noticed a 70% increase in visits compared to 2022.

This is not to say that you shouldn't visit Athens, of course. If you do want to have the best experience, though, you might want to try and visit it outside of peak summer travel times, so ideally before May or after August.

If you're actively trying to stay away from large masses of tourists, take Delta's most-searched international destinations list into account, and use it as a handy tool to help you understand where to go (and possibly, where not to go) this summer. You can find it below:

1.London, England

4. Athens, Greece

7. Tokyo, Japan

2. Paris, France

5. Cancun, Mexico

8. Dublin, Ireland

3. Rome, Italy

6. Amsterdam, Netherlands

9. Barcelona, Spain

10. Vancouver, Canada

### Air Canada Drops Free Seat Selection Option on Some Fares

Air Canada has changed the way seating is assigned for select fares.

Starting this week, the Canadian airline has updated its seat selection policy, removing the option to select a seat free of charge at check-in for Economy (Basic) and Economy (Standard).

Air Canada offers a variety of branded fare options under the Economy class, including Basic, Standard, Flex, Comfort, Latitude, and Premium. Each offers different attributes, such as refundability or free seat selection.

For fares that do not include free seat selection, guests have the option to pay a fee to pick their seats. This policy is in line with practices by other airlines, including WestJet and Flair.

Previously, those flying Basic or Standard could pick their seat free of charge at check-in. Going forward, the airline will assign a seat instead, and guests can opt to pay a fee at check-in to change it.



#### **GROUPS 2024 AND 2025**

#### 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 round0-trip airfare. Bookings must be made by April 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

#### MARCH 2, 2025-CELEBRITY ASCENT TO THE CARIBBEAN

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!

# ESCAPE TO ANTIGUA



# Brazil Visa Requirement Pushed Back for Third Time to 2025

One day before Brazil's visa requirement for Americans (as well as Canadians and Australians) was set to go into effect, the Brazilian government postponed the program by a full year. The requirement, according to a statement by the U.S. Embassy & Consulates in Brazil, is now slated for reinstatement on April 10, 2025.

#### **ШНАТ'S TO KNOW**

The electronic visa will allow multiple entries and will have the same validity period as conventional visas—meaning 10 years for Americans. Travelers will have to input their personal information and confirmation of a flight reservation and pay a fee of \$80.90 to secure the visa—all of which is done online. Once approved, a PDF file containing your evisa will be emailed to you. Download and print this evisa for presentation during boarding and upon landing in Brazil.

IF YOU ALREADY POSSESS A VALID PHYSICAL VISA IN YOUR PASSPORT FOR YOUR VISIT'S PURPOSE, YOU DO NOT NEED TO APPLY FOR A NEW VISA.

THE REINTRODUCTION OF THE VISA REQUIREMENT WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED IN MARCH 2023 WITH AN ORIGINAL LAUNCH DATE IN OCTOBER OF THAT YEAR. JUST PRIOR TO ENFORCEMENT, THE PROGRAM WAS DELAYED UNTIL JANUARY 10, 2024, WHEN, AGAIN, THE DEBUT WAS PUSHED BACK AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR. MOST RECENTLY, THE PROGRAM WAS SET TO GO LIVE ON APRIL 10. BUT WAS DELAYED BY A FULL YEAR ON THE 9TH.

#### MSC NEWS—MSC World America celebrated its float-out ceremony at the shipyard in Saint-

Nazaire, France on Sunday, April 7, 2024. The ultramodern flagship is now in its final phase of construction and will be officially named on April 9, 2025, at MSC Cruises' new PortMiami terminal, followed by a celebratory sailing to Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve.

Meanwhile, the steel-cutting ceremony for the company's third World-class ship marked the start of that vessel's construction. MSC Cruises revealed the name of the new ship—MSC World Asia—with an anticipated delivery in 2026. While details of where the ship will operate are yet to be revealed, MSC World Asia will have signature design touches, experiences and features inspired by its continental namesake..

MSC World America will be MSC Cruises' largest ship to serve the U.S. and its first in the region to be powered by LNG. It is the second of the line's World-class ships and is specially designed with the North American guest in mind, inclusive of unique restaurants, bars and experiences that blend European design with American comfort. The World-class ships span 22 decks, offering more than 2,600 cabins and suites, and provide more than 420,000 square feet of public space.

MSC World America and MSC World Asia, as with all new MSC Cruises ships, will be fitted with shore power connectivity as standard.