



On Memorial Day, we gather to honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the United States Armed Forces. This day of remembrance invites us to reflect on the profound cost of freedom and the selfless courage of those who have fallen. We express our deep gratitude, and ensure that the heroic deeds of these soldiers are forever woven into the fabric of our nation's history. On this day, we stand united in our reverence and remembrance, holding the memories of our fallen heroes close to our hearts.

CHECK OUT THESE TWO NEW CELEBRITY GROUPS:

In case you didn't get a chance to go this year:



BERMUDA –MAY 18, 2025 Depart Cape Liberty and spend three days at Royal Naval Dockyard. Our special balcony rate includes accommodations, all current port and government taxes, all meals (except specialty restaurants), Wi-Fi, and beverage package. Rate: \$1,769.00 per person double

BUCKET LIST ADVENTURE

Come and celebrate my birthday with me in VIETNAM—**MARCH 13-26, 2026** Embark in Hong Kong and visit Halong Bay (Hanoi), Ho Chi Minh, Bangkok and Ko Samui in Thailand and disembark in Singapore aboard the Celebrity Solstice. Pre and post land packages will be available along with air. All other details will be available late next year. Balcony cabins include accommodations, all meals (except for specialty restaurants) along with some Home Town special surprises! The cruise only rates start at \$3,100 per person double for this exciting two-week plus adventure. Space is limited and a refundable deposit will hold your reservation. Call us for more details.



BEFORE AND AFTER

IT ONLY TOOK NINE MINUTES FOR MATT SMITH TO FINISH HIS 46 OZ. TOMAHAWK STEAK AT EXCELLENCE IN PLAYA MUJERES, MEXICO

NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE FOOD WAS WONDERFUL. IT'S A SHAME HE COULDN'T BRING THE BONE HOME TO HIS DOG. YUM, YUM!!



Frenchbee

A NEW WAY OF FLYING

New airline flying from Newark to Orly Paris. Call us and check out these spectacular rates.

BERMUDA

Harbour Nights

May 15 - August 28, 2024

Discover all that summer brings, bask on powdery pink sand beaches, ride bicycles along the Railway Trail, and explore our unspoiled underwater world. Summer is also the time of year to experience unique events like Harbour Nights, Bermuda Carnival, and Cup Match, so step outside and enjoy the sunshine.

Don't miss Bermuda's biggest block party when Front Street in the City of Hamilton transforms into a lively open-air street festival. Held on Wednesday evenings throughout summer, it's where you can eat island-inspired cuisine, buy local arts and crafts, and watch live musical performances like Bermuda's very own Gombey dancers.

Hawaii Inter-Island Flights

In Hawaii, inter-island flights are the most convenient way to see numerous islands during your trip. Being the only island state in the country, traveling to the different islands or counties is not as simple as loading up your car with your dog, clothes, and gear, popping in a DVD for the kids, and shooting down the interstate. Life in paradise requires much more than that.

Hawaii vacation veterans will remember those days when one could buy a fist full of blank tickets where you could choose your destination, write in your name and call reservations for a seat on the way to the airport.

In Hawaii, airline travel is genuinely an inconvenience. TSA lines are sometimes long and slow and, in many cases, make clearing security longer than the actual flying time. However, we will have to endure until the authorities understand that we cannot drive from county to county and provide Hawaii with solutions to keep our intra-state travel smooth and quick.

However, those considering island hopping will find that even with the challenges at the airport, the experience is certainly worthwhile. This is especially true for those who want their Hawaii experience to have all the excitement of Honolulu and Pearl Harbor and still enjoy the quiet, serene setting of the Big Island and must include a visit to the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

The remaining airlines that operate between the islands are Mokulele and Southwest.

Hawaii inter-island flights' air traffic is operated in airspace the south of the island chain with a few exceptions. Those wanting to get out their cameras and enjoy the scenic views from 10,000 feet above the blue Pacific should refer to the seating recommendations for a more camera-friendly experience.

Honolulu → Maui (Kahului) - left
Maui (Kahului) → Honolulu - right
Honolulu → Kauai (Lihue) - right
Kauai (Lihue) → Honolulu - left
Honolulu → Kona - left
Kona → Honolulu - right



Honolulu → Hilo – either
Hilo → Honolulu -right
Hilo → Maui – right
Maui → Hilo – either
Kona → Maui – right
Maui → Kona – left

Coffee Rubbed Rib-Eye

Ingredients:

1/4 cup ancho chili powder
1/4 cup finely ground espresso
2 tablespoons Spanish paprika
2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
1 tablespoon dry mustard
1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 tablespoon ground black pepper
1 tablespoon ground coriander
1 tablespoon dried oregano
2 teaspoons ground ginger
2 teaspoons chili de arbol powder
2 bone-in or boneless rib-eye steaks, 2-inches thick, approximately 1 1/2 pounds each
Canola or olive oil
Salt and coarsely ground black pepper

Directions:

- 1 Combine all spices in a bowl.
- 2 Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.
- 3 Preheat a cast iron pan over high heat. Brush each side of the steak with oil and then season each side liberally with salt and pepper. Rub 2 tablespoons of the coffee rub onto 1 side of each steak. Cook the steak, rub side down until golden brown, about 3 to 4 minutes. Flip the steak over, cook for 2 minutes and then transfer to a baking sheet and cook in the oven to medium-rare doneness, about 8 to 10 minutes. Remove and let rest 5 minutes before slicing.



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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STAR CLIPPERS

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 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.

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!

The Top 5 Advantages of All-Inclusive Vacations

In the world of travel, all-inclusive resorts continue to be an ideal choice for all types of travelers. We continue to see this as a top choice, especially with the emergence of numerous higher-end options and inclusions. There is a price range for every traveler, the simple stress-free vacation and knowing what is included allows for a more relaxing vacation. Below we have outlined the top five advantages of all-inclusive resorts to help guide you in choosing one that is right for you.

1. Culinary Delights

If you want to sample different types of cuisines, all-inclusive resorts are a culinary paradise. The international buffets are bursting with flavors to specialty restaurants with gourmet dishes that cater to a world of palates. Whether you want to feast on the local cuisine, seek exotic delicacies, or simply crave familiar comfort food, there's something for everyone. With diverse menus, snack bars, and even room service, you can savor a multitude of dishes around the clock.

A recommendation: Royalton Blue Waters Resort which offers nine restaurants, cooking lessons, wine tasting and the famous Chef's table, an exquisite seven-course dining experience hosted by a personal chef complete with cocktail pairings.

2. Endless Water Sports

For those adventure-seekers, all-inclusive resorts often include water sports. From snorkeling, kayaking, windsurfing, sailboats and more, there are many options to enjoy the crystal-clear waters. Some resorts offer even more, such as an introductory scuba diving lesson, water aerobics, Wave Runners, and Jet Skis.

A recommendation: Hyatt Ziva Cancun Resort, where guests can try out all these activities as well as water volleyball or water polo and an unbeatable waterpark.

3. Unrivaled Entertainment

All-inclusive resorts go above and beyond when it comes to entertainment which makes it a great choice if you are looking to have an endless array of things to do. From fitness classes, cooking demonstrations, kids and teen clubs and showstopping evening performances, there is something for every type of traveler. Many of the entertainment options also allow visitors to experience the local culture with activities inspired by their location.

A recommendation: Hotel Xcaret offer a Mayan show with fire dancers, tequila tastings and locally inspired spa treatments.

4. Stress-Free Planning

If you are looking for a turn-key vacation where all the travel planning is taken care of without the need to source meals, activities and coordinate other aspects of their vacation, all-inclusives are the way to go. This streamlined type of vacation reduces much of the stress that can be associated with organizing a trip.

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5. Special Perks & Amenities

Are you seeking extra attentive service? All-inclusive resorts often offer specialized services such as a personal butler, private check-in, upgraded pool and beach services and other perks that are only made available to certain room categories. This type of attentiveness and pampering will truly make vacationers feel like a true VIP.

All-inclusive vacations are also excellent for group travel, whether it is a destination wedding, a family reunion, or a friends' getaway. The resorts are accustomed to handling groups of all sizes and go above and beyond to make it an unforgettable vacation for everyone.

A recommendation: Paradisus Playa del Carmen which offers The Reserve that provides VIP lounge for check in and check out, a special restaurant, an exclusive heated pool and a separate beach club with valet service.