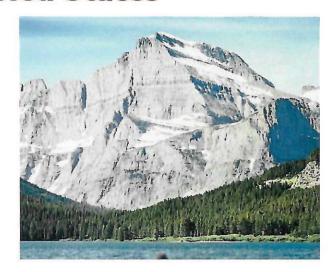
# Discover the Wonders of the **Western United States**

### **Grand Teton & Yellowstone Explorer Tour**

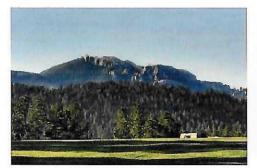
From a land built on fire, earthquakes, and other extreme geological forces, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks are comprised of two unique ecosystems. Peaks that soar to 14,000 feet, broad valleys teeming with wildlife, glaciers, thermal features, and barren landscapes still recovering from the ravages of volcanic eruptions and forest fires are awaiting you.

Spend six exciting days exploring and learning about the unique geological and ecological history that continues to shape this region, how it came into existence, and about the plants and animals that call this wilderness home. Your adventure awaits!



## **Day Tours From Salt Lake City**

Since your tour begins and ends in Salt Lake City, why not spend one or two more days and go on one of our day tours? We have multiple options to explore this unique metropolitan area. Options include a trip out to the Great Salt Lake and Antelope Island where you can experience a unique biosphere and body of water that impacts millions of people and is essential to the habitat for thousands of species of animals and birds. Or enjoy exploring downtown Salt Lake City with a historic walking tour or driving tour. You will have the opportunity to learn about the settling of the region, the mixture of different cultures and religions that call Salt Lake Home, and the beautiful and eclectic combination of architecture and history that continues to influence this area even today.







Glacier National Park



Yellowstone & Grand Teton

# A Journey Down Historic Route 66:. A Nostalgic Trip Through Time

.Chicago, Illinois: The starting point of the Mother Road.

Springfield, Illinois: Home to the Lincoln Historic Site.

St. Louis, Missouri: A bustling city with a rich history.

Tulsa, Oklahoma: The oil capital of the world.

Amarillo, Texas: Famous for its Cadillac Ranch.

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Known for its unique culture and stunning

landscapes.

Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona: A geological wonder.

Williams, Arizona: A gateway to the Grand Canyon.

Barstow, California: A classic desert town.

San Bernardino, California: The final stretch before Los Angeles.

WHETHER YOU'RE A HISTORY BUFF, A ROAD TRIP ENTHUSIAST, OR SIMPLY LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE, A JOURNEY DOWN ROUTE 66 IS SURE TO BE UNFORGETTABLE.

# **Fancy Onion Soup**

When you think of elegant, established steakhouses, those restaurants almost always serve a certain up-scale starter such as this one. Fancy Onion Soup will make you feel like you are enjoying a 5-star dining experience right in your own home. A savory, brandy-infused broth surrounds a combination of tender leeks, shallots, and onions. Each bowl is crowned with a parmesan crouton bread slice to top off this fine dining delight! Why go out? Grab a glass of your favorite wine and stay in with some homemade Fancy Onion Soup. Enjoy the finer things in life and be fancy!

#### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 bunch fresh leeks, roots, leaf ends, and tough outer leaves removed and discarded, leeks trimmed in half, then cut crosswise into 1/4-inch-wide slices, washed well in cold water
- 3 large onions, thinly sliced
- 4 large shallots, thinly sliced
- dried thyme, to taste
- 2 tablespoons brandy
- 3 (10.5-ounce) cans chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 4 cups water
- 4 ounces French bread, sliced
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese, coarsely grated
- fresh thyme sprigs, optional, to taste, for garnish

### **Directions**

- Step 1 -In an 8-quart sauce pot over medium-high heat, add the margarine and the olive oil until the margarine has melted.
- Step 2 -Add the leeks, the onions, the shallots, and the dried thyme to the margarine mixture and cover the pot. Cook, stirring occasionally, until they are tender and deep golden-brown, about 40-45 minutes.
- Step 3 -Increase the heat to high. Add the brandy to the onion mixture and cook, while stirring and scraping the bottom of the pot, about 1 minute.
- Step 4 -Add the chicken broth, the salt, the black pepper, and the water and bring to a boil.
- Step 5 -Reduce the heat to low. Cover the pot and simmer the soup, about 20 minutes.
- Step 6 -While the soup is simmering, preheat the oven to 450 degrees F.
- Step 7 -Line an 18x26-inch baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Step 8 -Add the bread slices to the prepared baking sheet and bake, about 3 minutes.
- Step 9 -Transfer the baking sheet to a wire rack and turn the bread slices over.
- Step 10 -Sprinkle the bread slices with the parmesan cheese and bake until they are toasted and the cheese has melted, about 5 minutes.
- Step 11 -Serve the soup topped with the parmesan bread slices, garnished with the thyme sprigs.

















Spring is a powerful time, capable of bringing about the most beautiful of changes. Even countries that carry a year-round appeal put on a certain garb of ebullience when those flowers begin to flourish and fill their gorgeous sights with new vitality — and this is exactly what happens in Spain!

Just imagine seeing the Balearic Islands come to life as nature takes reigns and fills the stunning landscapes of Mallorca with new wonders, while bathing Ibiza's still tranquil coasts in the perfect glow of springtime sun. Picture strolling through the renowned cities of Madrid and Barcelona and watching their landmarks gleam with unique hues that make them even more striking. Better yet, think of joining the locals as they rejoice in some of the year's most essential festivals, like the effervescent Feria de Abril in Seville or the floral jubilations that fill the streets of Córdoba in May.

From open-air flamenco displays to capturing the Real Alcázar Gardens in seasonal bloom, a spring trip to Spain offers you a chance for a truly exceptional Spanish adventure.

For Spain, spring is far more than a season—it's an invitation to experience the country's most vibrant festivals, blooming land-scapes, and rich cultural traditions at their peak, from almond blossoms in the Balearic to colorful festivals in Seville, spring highlights Spain's natural beauty, rich traditions, and cultural essence. Packed with insights into seasonal activities and iconic events, this article showcases precisely why spring is the ideal time to explore some of Spain's most unique and unforgettable aspects.



# Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi Gives Travelers a Scenic and Convenient Way to Get Around

When visiting Greater Fort Lauderdale, an ideal way to get around is the beloved Water Taxi. It's easy to access, with 15 boats in the fleet and 20 stops throughout the region, and it's a great way to reach the many hotels, restaurants, beaches and cultural attractions in Broward County.

Looking for a well-deserved getaway? Our 24-mile span of golden beaches awaits you. Hotels, restaurants, shopping destinations and attractions throughout Greater Fort Lauderdale's 31 neighborhoods are ready to welcome you with gracious hospitality. So come relax and unwind, while enjoying a change of scenery.

# **GROUPS FOR 2025-2026**

<u>UTAH'S MIGHTY FIVE AND THE ROCKIES, SEPTEMBER 9-17, 2025</u>, with Collette Vacations, Highlights include Rocky Mountaineer, Glenwood Springs, Moab, Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Dead Horse Point State Park, Capitol Reef National Park, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park ending our tour at Paris Hotel Las Vegas. The tour includes round trip transfers to/from Newark, airfare, air taxes, fees and surcharges. Insurance is available at \$429.00. Book now and save \$200 per person. Rates \$6,549.00 (double), \$7,749.00 (single) and \$6,449.00 (triple) and must be booked by January 20, 2025.

OLD WORLD SICILY AND MALTA, NOVEMBER 5-16, 2025, 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 op 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. ONE CABIN LEFT.

MARCH 8, 2026 to APRIL 8, 2026—31 DAY PANAMA CANAL, INCA & SOUTH AMERICAN DISCOVERY ABOARD HOLLAND AMERICA'S OOSTERDAM. Holland America's first Vista-class ship, the Oosterdam recently emerged from dry dock with exciting updates including completely refurbished suites and new lounge, dining and entertainment venues, such as Music Walk with Lincoln Center Stage, B.B. King's Blues Club and Billboard on board. Guests can choose from delectable specialty restaurants, hone culinary Skillswith America's Test Kitchen and thrill to BBC Earth experiences. Embark in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires where pre-cruise packages will be available soon. Visit the penguins in Patagonia as you get ready to sailpast Cape Horn and the Straits of Magellan. We then sail from Ushuaia and cruise the dramatic coast of Chilewith stops in Puerto Montt and Punta Arenas. Sail through Glacier Alley enroute to a full transit of the Panama Canal. Inside cabins start at \$4,999.00 per person double. Available additions include Holland America's "Have It All" package which includes beverage package, three specialty dining venues, \$300 per person shore excursion credit, wi-fi and \$250 per person on board credit. This package is available for \$55 per person/per day. Prepaid gratuities are available at \$17/day. Other categories are available. Call for other rates and more information.

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## Cultural Treasures of Japan with Collette Vacations April 2026

Welcome to Japan, the "Land of the Rising Sun." Explore ancient and modern Japanese culture firsthand. Discover peaceful temples and technological marvels set against unimaginable natural beauty This amazing 14-day tour will include airfare from Newark, transfer to and from Newark airport from Home Town Travel, 18 meals, all accommodations, sightseeing with entrance fees, transportation within Japan and a professional tour escort thorough the trip. Some of the highlights of this tour will include: Tokyo, Asakusa, Sensoji Shrine, Tea Ceremony, Ginza, Lake Ashi Cruise, Matsumoto Castle, Takayama, Sake Tasting and Hida beef dinner, Kyoto, bullet train and Hiroshima. Exact dates and rates will be out shortly. For more information, please call the office.

## Netherlands, Belgium & France with Collette Vacations September 2026

From iconic Dutch windmills and cozy Belgian streets to the world-renowned Champagne region and the "City of Light," experience the essence of three European countries. This 12-day tour will include airfare from Newark, transfers to and from Newark airport from Home Town Travel, 16meals, all accommodations, transportation through out your journey, sightseeing with entrance fees and a professional escort. Some of the highlights of this tour will include: Amsterdam, Canal Cruise, Kinderdijk, Bruges, Reims, Route du Champagne, Paris Parisian Bakery Workshop, Parfum Workshop, Le Marais, Ile de la Cite, Seine River Cruise and Eiffel Tower dinner. Exact dates and rates will be out shortly.

We will be having an informative Wine and Cheese with Collette tours in April with all the information on promoted tours. Please make sure to RSVP early, date will be confirmed and will be in our news blast.

# Princess Cruises Goes Country with New Music Partnership

Princess Cruises, in partnership with the Academy of Country Music (ACM), is bringing country music to the high seas with the ACM Live from the Red Barrel Lounge concert series. On Caribbean voyages departing Galveston, Texas, between Feb. 9 and March 17, guests aboard Regal Princess will enjoy live performances from some of country music's most exciting emerging artists, including chart-topping singer and ACM Award nominee Kameron Marlowe, reigning ACM New Vocal Duo or Group of the Year Tigirlily Gold, and America's Got Talent breakout stars Chapel Hart, along with other rising acts across several cruises sailing out of Galveston in early 2025 voyages. (Pictured above: Maddie & Tae being interviewed live from the Princess Stage at the 59th ACM Awards Show.)

As part of the series, six ascending country music acts will perform two, 45-minute concerts in the Princess Theater and interact with guests during Meet & Greet sessions.



Antigua and Barbuda is the "The Escape You Deserve"! Enjoy any of our 366 beaches, world-class resorts, friendly hospitality, delicious cuisine, endless tranquility, and positive vibes.

The twin islands of Antigua and Barbuda are the ideal Caribbean experience for their tropical allure and mellow vibes. With sunny skies and pristine waters, Antigua boasts enough beaches to experience a different one each day, year-round. Its sister island of Barbuda sits unencumbered by modern developments—a natural haven awaits.



With approximately 84,000 friendly locals to greet you, the Cayman Islands can be found in the most carefree corner of the Caribbean. All three of our islands have their own personality, reflected by the residents and unearthed in the landscape. From the barefoot elegance of Grand Cayman, to the adventurous spirit of Cayman Brac and the tranquility of Little Cayman, our major exports are warm smiles and lifelong memories.



St. Kitts is truly a hidden gem in the Caribbean. Safe, friendly, rich with history and culture, it is the type of destination that will appeal to clients seeking more immersive and adventurous experiences, think Costa Rica or Hawaii, only closer. It is easier than ever to get there with increased airlift.