



VisitMalta

If you want to feel like you've gone far without going too far—Malta's calling. Just a short hop from major European hubs, this sun-drenched trio of islands blends Mediterranean cool with storybook charm, neon blue waters, and food that will have your taste buds happy. Malta isn't your average island escape. It's three islands packed with cliff dives, cave swims, rooftop DJs, Michelin-starred restaurants, and centuries-old stories hiding behind every corner.

Why you'll want this on your radar:



Warm, safe, stylish, and just exotic enough. Historic but not dusty, romantic but not cheesy.

Direct access to WOW moments (boat to sea caves, strolls through ancient forts, alfresco dining with sea views...)

From young adventurers to multi-gen travelers, Malta plays well with everyone.

Greece & the Mediterranean

GREECE & ITALY
12 Days: Athens, Classical Greece, Rome, Florence

MEDITERRANEAN RHAPSODY
13 Days: Rome, Sorrento, Athens, 4 Day Greek Island Cruise

GREECE & CROATIA
11 Days: Dubrovnik, Split, Athens & 3 Day Greek Island Cruise

GROUPS FOR 2025-2026

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.

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.

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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN ICELAND—MARCH 13-18, 2026

Fly round trip to the "Land of Fire and Ice" from Newark to Reykjavik on Icelandair. End this exciting holiday at an Irish pub after visiting the Viking World Museum, the Blue Lagoon, the Golden Circle, the Sky Lagoon, Fridheimar (greenhouse and stable visit with lunch), Kerid, Skalholt and the opportunity to possibly see the Northern Lights. Our tour includes: round trip air on Icelandair (including all current taxes, fees and fuel surcharges), four nights hotel accommodations at the FossHotel Reykjavik (including all current taxes and fees), full buffet breakfast daily, heavy continental breakfast on the morning of arrival, all admission fees for mentioned features. \$2,295.00 per person double

THE CULTURAL TREASURES OF JAPAN WITH COLLETTE VACATIONS—MAY 10-23, 2026

Welcome to Japan, the "Land of the Rising Sun". Explore ancient and modern Japanese cultures firsthand. Discover peaceful temples and technological marvels set against unimaginable natural beauty. This amazing 14-day tour will include airfare from Newark, transfers to/from Newark Airport from Home Town Travel, 18 meals, all accommodations, sightseeing with entrance fees, transportation within Japan and a professional tour guide throughout the trip. Some highlights of this tour will include Tokyo, Asakusa, Sensoji Shrine, Tea Ceremony, Ginza, Lake Ashi cruise, Matsumioto Castle, Sake tasting and Hida beef dinner, Kyoto, Bullet Train and Hiroshima. Stop by the office or call for some more information



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History in the Making: Colombia and the AmaMagdalena

Korean Fried Chicken

Level: Intermediate

Total: 1 hr 35 min (includes marinating time)

Active: 50 min

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients:

Marinade:

1 1/2 pounds chicken wings
8 cloves garlic, grated
1-inch piece ginger, grated
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup soju

Sauce:

3 tablespoons gochujang (Korean red chile paste)
3 tablespoons granulated sugar
3 tablespoons ketchup
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons toasted sesame oil
1 tablespoon gochugaru (Korean red chile flakes)
6 cloves garlic, finely grated
3 tablespoons rice vinegar

Batter:

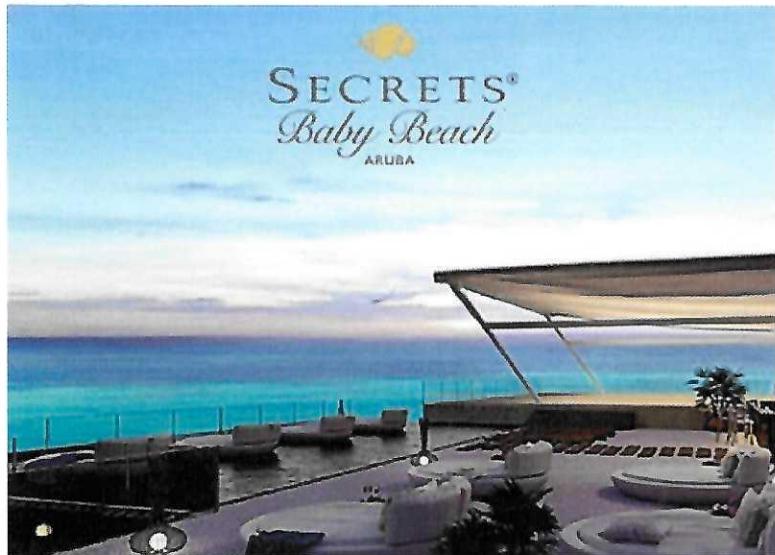
Neutral oil, for deep-frying
1 cup all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon onion powder
1/8 teaspoon curry powder
Kosher salt
Toasted sesame seeds, for serving

Directions:

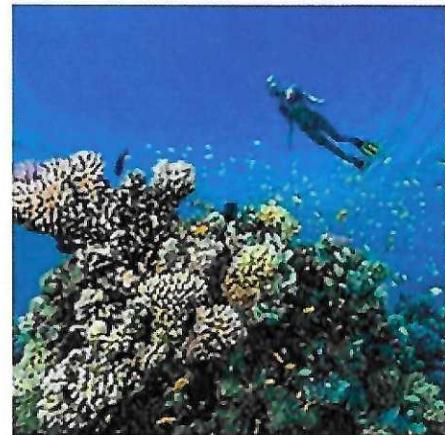
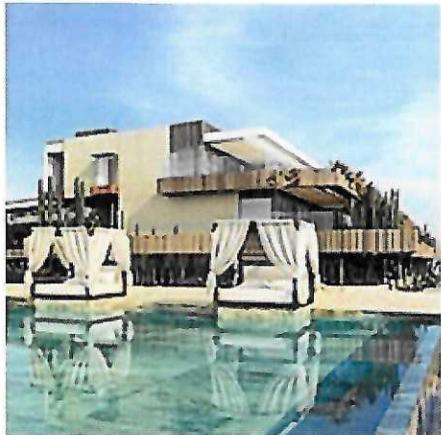
Special equipment: a deep-frying thermometer



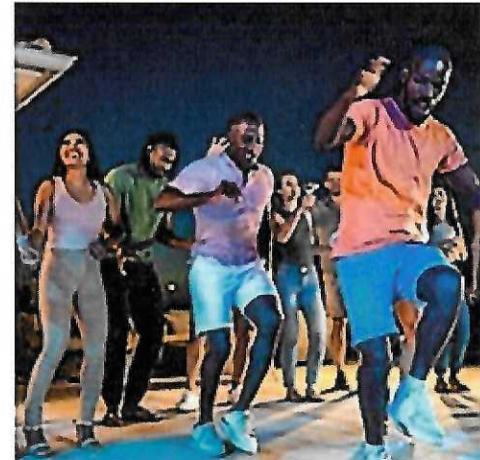
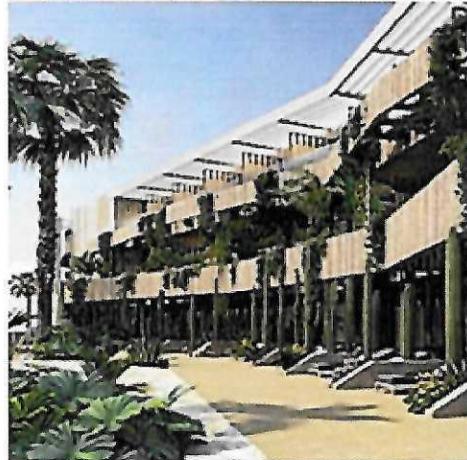
- 1 For the marinade: Combine the chicken wings, garlic, ginger, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and several grinds of pepper in a large bowl and pour the soju over the wings. Toss to coat, then set aside for 30 minutes to 1 hour at room temperature.
- 2 For the sauce: Meanwhile, combine the gochujang, sugar, ketchup, soy sauce, sesame oil, gochugaru, garlic and 1/4 cup water in a small saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a simmer, lower the heat and cook until the garlic is fragrant and the sauce is slightly thickened, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and whisk in the rice vinegar. Set the sauce aside.
- 3 For the batter: Fill a large Dutch oven or heavy-bottomed pot with 3 to 4 inches of oil. Heat over medium heat until a deep-frying thermometer registers 350 degrees F.
- 4 Whisk the flour, cornstarch, garlic powder, onion powder, curry powder and 1 teaspoon salt in a medium bowl. Add 1 1/2 cups cold water and whisk until the batter is smooth and very thin (about the consistency of half-and-half). If needed, add more cold water, 1 tablespoon at a time, to thin the batter.
- 5 Remove about a third of the chicken wings from the soju marinade and dip in the batter, letting any excess drip off. Then, using tongs, hold the chicken halfway in the hot oil for 1 to 2 seconds before letting go completely, as this prevents the wings from sticking to the bottom. Adjust the heat as necessary to maintain a temperature between 300 and 325 degrees F. Stir occasionally to prevent the wings from sticking. Fry the wings until the coating is crisp but not browned, 6 to 7 minutes. Remove to a rack set on a baking sheet to drain. Let the oil temperature return to 350 degrees F. Dredge and fry the remaining chicken wings in 2 batches.
- 6 Remove any floating debris and cooked batter from the oil with a hand-held strainer. Increase the oil temperature to 375 degrees F. Working in batches, fry the chicken again until the coating is browned and very crisp, 4 to 6 minutes. Adjust the heat as necessary to maintain the temperature above 350 degrees F. Remove the wings with tongs and transfer to a clean rack set on a baking sheet. Let stand for 1 minute to allow the coating to set. Brush all over with the sauce. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and serve immediately.



Nestled on the serene sands of Baby Beach Bay and just a short drive from San Nicolas, Secrets® Baby Beach Aruba offers an adults-only haven wrapped in natural beauty, crystalline waters and pristine beaches. Whether unwinding by the pool, dining under the stars or biking through Aruba's vibrant landscapes, this island escape is a retreat into luxury.



Sip handcrafted cocktails while lounging on Bali beds under the sun, indulge in gourmet dining that will excite the taste buds and unwind with endless pampering and world-class service. Explore Aruba's colorful reefs, enjoy CrossFit on the beach or dance as the Caribbean nightlife awakens in the on-site casino—there is something for everyone. The exquisite architecture and elegant amenities inside each of the resort's 304 rooms and suites offer an oasis of luxury, and Preferred Club suites feature private plunge pools for the ultimate secluded escape.



The Safest Places to Travel in 2025

For many, the new year is about new beginnings and positive change, whether it's an improved diet and exercise, limiting screen time and reading more books or traveling more to experience new places, people and cultures.

The world is a safe place for the most part but those who want to venture with absolute peace of mind can look at the latest data and metrics to pinpoint the places that offer them the most safety and security in the year ahead.

The BHTP list not only takes into account the GPI but also data from Numbeo and an average of the GeoSure Global scores of the major cities in each country as well as survey results from Americans who have been abroad and visited the destinations in question.

Iceland-Iceland continued its stranglehold on the Global Peace Index (GPI) in 2024, having held the crown since the index's inception in 2007.

Ireland-Ireland maintains its fourth-place ranking on BHTP's list of the safest countries to visit in 2025 and moved up one spot to number two on the GPI in 2024.

Canada-Few destinations have friendliness and peace ingrained in their culture the way Canada does. Although the United States' neighbor to the north slipped two spots in the BHTP list of the safest countries to visit in 2025, it still ranks 11th on the GPI with a "very high" state of peace and receives a Level 1 travel advisory from the U.S. State Department.

New Zealand-New Zealand is a unique destination but an intimidating one for many North American travelers due to distance and cost. Nonetheless, travelers committing to this Pacific gem can do with confidence in 2025 as it ranks fourth on the GPI and sixth on BHTP's list of the safest countries to visit in the new year.

Austria-The State Department reissued its Level 1 travel advisory for Austria in August and the European country ranked third on the GPI for 2024, climbing one spot to trail only Iceland and Ireland.

Singapore-The Asian island country and city-state of Singapore climbed three spots to fifth on the GPI in 2024 and continues to receive a Level 1 travel advisory from the U.S. State Department.

This peaceful locale offers tons to do for travelers of all types, from delectable foodie features to vibrant neighborhoods, gardens and more.

Denmark-Denmark ranks inside the top 10 on BHTP's list of the safest countries for 2025 for the second straight year and also finished in the top 10 on the GPI for 2024, ranking eighth worldwide. The summer months from June to August offer visitors the best weather so there's still plenty of time to plan your visit in the year ahead.

Switzerland-A beloved winter destination for world-class skiing, Switzerland ranks fifth on BHTP's list of the safest countries to visit in the new year and sixth on the GPI for 2024.

This Central European country also puts travelers in the middle of the action as they can quickly explore France, Germany, Italy and Austria.

Japan-Japan worked its way up three spots on BHTP's list of the safest countries to visit in 2025 and ranked inside of the top 20 on the GPI in 2024.

Australia-Like New Zealand, Australia can be a challenging visit logistically. However, its second-place ranking on BHTP's list of the safest countries to visit in 2025 along with its top 20 position on the GPI make it an easy choice for travelers prioritizing safety and security in the year ahead.

Travelers with flexibility will want to target the shoulder seasons of March-May and September-November to save some money and avoid the crowds and harsh weather without compromising safety.