

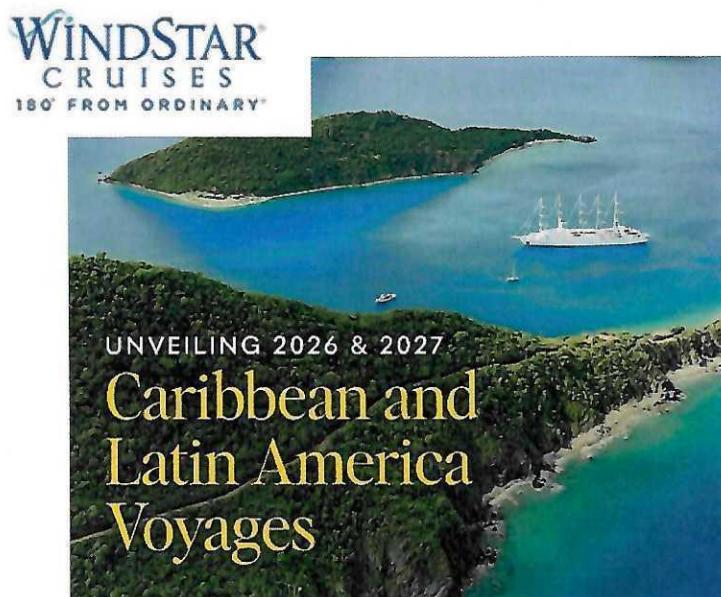
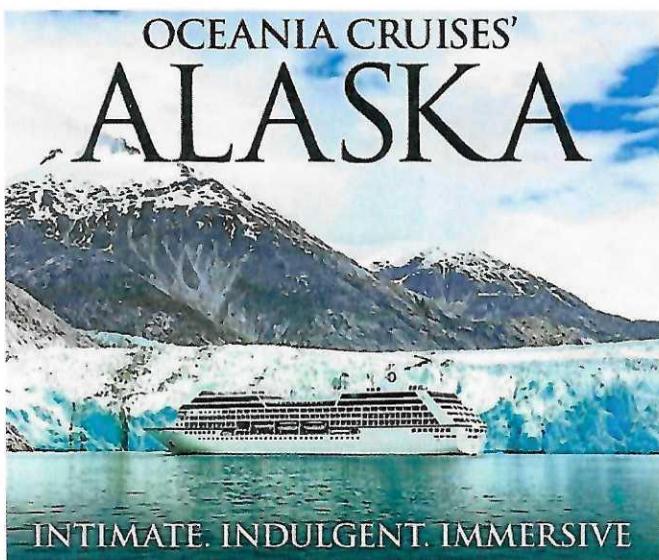
# Dreams Curaçao Resort, Spa & Casino Debuts Adults-Only Preferred Club

Dreams Curaçao Resort, Spa & Casino, part of Hyatt's Inclusive Collection, has announced the opening of Il Mare Adults-Only Preferred Club in Willemstad, Curaçao. The new collection of 52 bungalows offers a luxury beachfront experience in the Dutch Caribbean.

Located just steps from the waters of Piscadera Bay, Il Mare's modern and spacious beachfront suites offer a secluded escape, with custom-crafted furnishings, private oceanfront terraces with umbrella and lounge chairs, and direct beach access. The free-standing accommodations, spanning 377 square feet, are within walking distance of the main resort grounds and offer a king-sized bed, bathroom with two vanities and an indoor sitting area with an Italian-inspired design.

Guests will enjoy an elevated experience when staying in the Preferred Club Il Mare beachfront bungalows. The accommodations are complemented by butler service, exclusive amenities and dedicated areas, such as a private infinity pool, an à la carte Mediterranean restaurant, Battelino, serving fresh, seasonal fare al fresco with Italian influence, and a poolside bar serving top-shelf and zero-proof cocktails.

Il Mare guests can also enjoy dedicated programming including "Sip and Paint" events, cocktail classes, pickleball, tennis, bocce ball, Papiamentu language lessons, live music and entertainment. "Unlimited-Luxury" offerings are also included, as guests will have full access to Dreams Curaçao Resort, Spa & Casino and Zoëtry Curaçao Resort & Spa nearby.



Join the Manahawkin Elks Lodge

To San Juan and a seven-night all-inclusive cruise to the Southern Caribbean on the Grand Princess.

October 25th-November 2, 2025

Your vacation will start in San Juan where we will transfer as a group for a pre night at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Casino before the cruise. The Embassy Suites is located 2 miles from the airport in the beautiful area of Isla Verde and two blocks from the beach. Included for your one-night stay is a complimentary cocktail reception from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, cooked to order breakfast buffet, portage service for one bag and use of beach chairs, umbrellas and towels. The next morning, we will transfer as a group to the cruise terminal to start your southern Caribbean adventure.

Visit the ports of call of: Tortola, BVI, St. Kitts, Dominica, Grenada, Barbados and one day at sea to experience cruise ship life. This eight night package includes: Round trip non stop air on American Airlines out of Philadelphia, transportation in San Juan to hotel, cruise ship and back to the airport, one night pre hotel at the Embassy Suites, cruise accommodations as selected, **Princess Plus** covers all drinks alcoholic and non-alcoholic, all meals except specialty dining (surcharge), pre-paid gratuities, two casual dining meals, two premium desserts, two fitness classes, room service, WI-FI, all government and port taxes plus some Home Town perks. Not included is optional travel insurance, which will be provided. Transportation locally will be provided for nominal fee to the airport.

You will need a valid US passport with a validity date of more than 6 months to the date of return. A deposit of \$250.00 per person would be required to book by **April 25<sup>th</sup>**. **You do not have to be a member of the ELKS to travel.**

Rates per person based on double occupancy start at **\$2239.00 for an Ocean View cabin** (partial obstructed) and **\$2639.00 for a balcony cabin**. Single rates available upon request.

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# Fresh Pea Soup

Take advantage of fresh spring produce with Ina's easy pea soup that's ready in just 20 minutes. A quick sauté of leeks and onions forms the aromatic base, which combines with peas and chicken stock to form the body. Blend the soup in batches with some fresh mint, and it's ready to serve. If you don't have fresh peas on hand, frozen peas also work well in this recipe.

## Ingredients:

2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
2 cups chopped leeks, white and light green parts (2 leeks)  
1 cup chopped yellow onion  
4 cups chicken stock, preferably homemade  
5 cups freshly shelled peas or 2 (10-ounce) packages frozen peas  
2/3 cup chopped fresh mint leaves, loosely packed  
2 teaspoons kosher salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 cup creme fraiche  
1/2 cup freshly chopped chives  
Garlic croutons, for serving

## Directions:

- 1 Heat the butter in a large saucepan, add the leeks and onion, and cook over medium-low heat for 5 to 10 minutes, until the onion is tender. Add the chicken stock, increase the heat to high, and bring to a boil. Add the peas and cook for 3 to 5 minutes, until the peas are tender. (Frozen peas will take only 3 minutes.) Off the heat, add the mint, salt, and pepper.
- 2 \*Puree the soup in batches: place 1 cup of soup in a blender, place the lid on top, and puree on low speed. With the blender still running, open the venthole in the lid and slowly add more soup until the blender is three-quarters full. Pour the soup into a large bowl and repeat until all the soup is pureed. Whisk in the creme fraiche and chives and taste for seasoning. Serve hot with garlic croutons.



## No Real ID? Flyers without 'acceptable identification' should get to airports early

With the May 7 **deadline** for Real ID-enabled driver's license for flyers fast approaching, a TSA spokesperson said that flyers without acceptable IDs should plan to arrive at the airport about three hours early for the verification process.

The spokesperson also said that flyers **with acceptable IDs** should not expect longer security wait times, because "TSA will pull those who do not possess an acceptable ID aside" and that TSA checkpoints would be staffed "appropriately" to handle the initial enforcement period.

Flyers who are pulled aside may be asked to complete an identity verification process, which the TSA said "includes "collecting information such as your name and address to confirm your identity." If travelers decline to cooperate with that verification, or if their identity cannot be confirmed, they may not be able to enter the security checkpoint.

The TSA said that 81% of travelers at TSA checkpoints present what will be acceptable identification, including state-issued Real IDs, passports or a DHS trusted-traveler card like Global Entry or Nexus.



ADULTS ONLY

## UNVEIL A WHOLE NEW LEVEL OF PARADISE

At Valentin Imperial Riviera Maya, luxury and serenity intertwine along the stunning Caribbean coastline, creating an intimate paradise for couples. This enchanting resort is the perfect haven for relaxation and romance, where lovebirds can lounge by the pool, savor exquisite dining options, and enjoy candlelit dinners under the stars.

Create unforgettable memories in this idyllic setting. Plus, with savings up to 50% on 2025 travel, you can indulge in a dream getaway you'll treasure for a lifetime!



SPRING INTO SPAIN IN FULL BLOOM



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 your clients a chance for a truly exceptional Spanish adventure. In light of this, Travelive's Spain experts have compiled an article that outlines exactly what makes this season in Spain so special, as well as three sample itineraries that will be perfect for discovering its springtime allure.

# GROUPS FOR 2025-2026

**UTAH'S MIGHTY FIVE AND THE ROCKIES, SEPTEMBER 9-17, 2025**, 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 (Nuremberg 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 Christkindlmarkt, 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.

**MARCH 13-26 ,2026—TWELVE NIGHT VIETNAM & THAILAND CRUISE ABOARD THE CELEBRITY SOLSTICE**

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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, 16 meals, 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 Tigrilily 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.