

Web Version | [Update preferences](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

 [Forward](#)

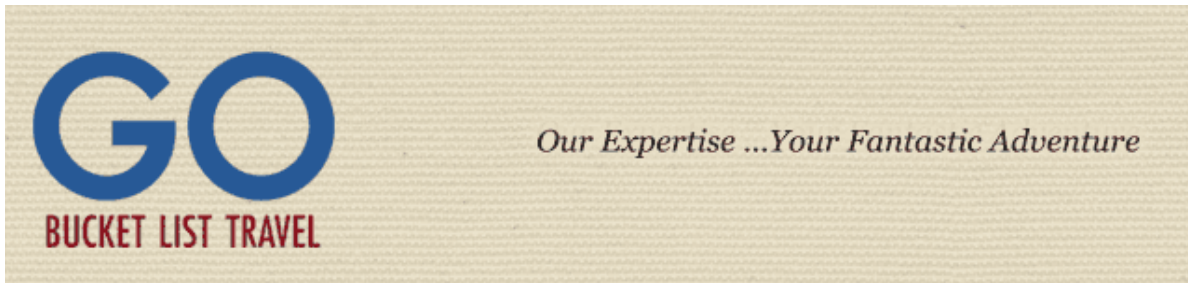


TABLE OF CONTENTS

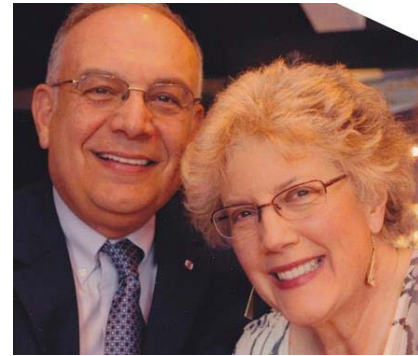
- [A Crazy January](#)
- [Our New Bucket Benefits Program](#)
- [Where Our Travel Guests Are Headed in 2017/2018](#)
- [Groups Forming Now](#)
- [Last Call for Australia / New Zealand – Save \\$2,500 pp](#)
- [Homeland Security Discounts](#)
- [Celebrity Cruises' "Pick Two" Extended](#)
- [Our Best Ocean & River Cruise Deals:](#)
- [Around the Cruising World](#)
- [Not All "Free Air" Deals Are Alike.](#)
- [Pick the Best "Free" Beverage Package](#)
- [International Travel News](#)
- [Red Flags](#)
- [Golf in Italy](#)
- [Happy Birthday!](#)

About Us

Go Bucket List Travel LLC

A Crazy January

Thank you to everyone who reached out to us in January for travel advice and reservations. You are keeping us busy! We value your trust in us, your continued relationships and your referrals.



Thank you, also, to the new friends who visited our booths at the Richmond Wedding Experience or the Coastal Virginia WineFest. We enjoyed hearing your travel stories, many funny and a few disasters as well. We hope to hear back from you and look forward to planing your future vacations or honeymoons.

We filled our February newsletter with many money saving ideas plus our insights into the world of international travel.

We will continue to use our Facebook page to alert you to short-fused travel specials.

Please enjoy and let us know what you would like to see in our March newsletter.

Smiles,

Nancy & Tony Cassano, Owners, Go Bucket List Travel LLC

office: 804-557-3006

email: info@gobucketlisttravel.com

Our New Bucket Benefits Program

This month we are rolling out our new "Bucket Benefits" program.

Go Bucket List Travel LLC is a full-service travel agency located near Richmond, Virginia. We specialize in designing international vacations, honeymoonS and destinations weddings.

Go Bucket List Travel LLC is accredited by the International Airlines Travel Agent Network and Cruise Line International Association. We are also certified by the State Corporation Commission to sell travel insurance to our clients.

Please contact us at:

office: 804-557-3006

Toll-free: 855-462-8253

email: info@gobucketlisttravel.com

www.gobucketlisttravel.com

www.facebook.com/gobucketlisttravel

As our way of saying thank you, each of our travel guests will be offered a choice from a "bucket" of benefits based on their vacation or honeymoon. The selection of special amenities may include free transfers, discounted tours, food and wine, spa credits, specialty dining and more, along with our standard offer to send a donation to your favorite charity.

Where Our Travel Guests Are Headed in 2017/2018

- River Cruises: Danube, Moselle, Rhine Rivers and Holland / Brussels Tulip Country
- Ocean Cruises: Alaska, Bahamas, Caribbean, Mediterranean and New England / Canada
- Escorted Tours: Alaska, Czech Republic , Chile, Cuba, France, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Peru and USA National Parks
- Independent Travel: Australia / New Zealand, France, Hawaii, Italy, Spain and the UK
- Caribbean Resorts: Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Dominican Republic, Jamaica and St Lucia,
- Mexico Resorts: Cancun
- Villa Rentals: Italy

Groups Forming Now

Grab your group and let's plan a vacation for everyone to enjoy – and profit from.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Danube Cruise

This month we are busy working with members of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Hampton, Virginia as they plan to embark on an October 2017 7-night Danube River cruise with extra days in Prague, Czech Republic. The trip will be hosted by Monsignor Bob Perkins and Music Director Teresa Yoder.

You are welcomed to join this fun group.

The cruise-only rates start at \$3,690 per person [Cat R]. The optional 3-night Prague extension is \$595 pp.

Your cruise price includes

- Economy air from Washington, Dulles
- Gratuities
- Wine, beer and soft drinks at meals
- Daily tours
- Unlimited Interest
- All port charges and fees.

Join One of Our Escorted Groups

In 2017 we will escort groups on three exciting itineraries:

- May - Budapest to Amsterdam river cruise and tour onboard the new Emerald Destiny,
- September - Venice to Bilbao Mediterranean cruise and tour onboard the Celebrity Constellation
- October - Southern Caribbean cruise onboard the Celebrity Equinox.

Please call for prices, 804-557-3006.

Last Call for Australia / New Zealand – Save \$2,500 pp



We have only one balcony cabin left on the February 3, 2018 14 night sailing of the Celebrity Solstice from Sydney to Auckland with a stop in Hobart, Tasmania. You'll visit Melbourne, Dunedin, Akaroa, Wellington, Napier and

Bay of Islands and a day sailing through Milford, Doubtful and Dusky Sounds.

Balcony Published Price: \$5,149 pp

OUR PRICE: \$2,509 pp

Plus pick 2 free perks from a list of a Classic Beverage Package, gratuities, Internet or shipboard credit.

Homeland Security Discounts

We will always ask if your travel party has active, reserve or retired military, EMT, firefighter or police service. A growing number of cruise lines, tour companies and resort reserve special discounts for our local heroes.

Celebrity Cruises' "Pick Two" Extended

We recommend that you take Advantage of the Celebrity Cruises "Pick Two" promotion

Don't miss this opportunity. Celebrity Cruises has extended its popular "Pick Two" promotion through February. We'll find you the perfect cruise and stateroom and you get to pick two free amenities from a list including:

- Free "Classic Beverage" package for two [value: \$54 per day]
- Free gratuities per stateroom [value: \$18 per day]

- Free internet package per stateroom [value: \$36 per day]
- Up to \$300 shipboard credit

We'll take care of all the details,

- Lock in the best flights to and from your port,
- Arrange ideal hotel pre/post cruise stays and
- Transfer s from the airport and to the pier,
- Protect your trip with the best insurance for your medical preconditions and financial protection.

Why this is such a good offer:

Celebrity ships consistently rate in the top 10 of "Cruise Critic" annual ratings with up to ten exceptional dining venues, chic and spacious accommodations and every imaginable comfort. Celebrity is recognized for its excellent 2:1 guest-to-staff ratio.

The Celebrity "Classic Beverage" package is one of the best in the market.

- Two people in a stateroom may order beer up to \$6 per serving, spirits, cocktails and frozen drinks up to \$8 per serving, and wine by the glass up to \$9 per serving. For non-alcoholic beverages, your welcome to all soda selections, fresh squeezed and bottled juices, premium coffees, teas and non-premium bottled water.....and all server gratuities!

Our Best Ocean & River Cruise Deals:

Alaska

- 8/11/17. Celebrity Millennium, Seward to Vancouver, \$1,169 oceanview , \$1,969 balcony or \$2,098 Aqua Class pp plus 2 free perks. SAVE UP TO \$880 PP!
- 8/4/17. 2 Aqua Class cabins left on the Celebrity Solstice, 7 nights rpt Seattle, \$2,039 pp plus 2 free perks

Australia / New Zealand

- 2/3/18. 1 Balcony left on the Celebrity Solstice, 14 nights Sydney to Auckland, \$2,509 pp plus 2 free perks SAVE OVER \$2,500!

Bermuda

- 7/6/17. Grandeur of the Seas. 5 nights rpt Baltimore, from \$858

Caribbean

- 7/16/17. Balconies on Celebrity Equinox, Western Caribbean, rpt Miami, from \$1,149 pp plus 2 free perks
- 8/20/17. Balconies on Celebrity Equinox, Eastern Caribbean, rpt Miami, from \$999 pp plus 2 free perks

Europe River Cruises

- 9/22/17. 7 nights. Amsterdam to Basel from \$3,098 with air from Richmond or Norfolk from \$595 pp

- 10/9/17. 7 nights, Nuremberg to Budapest from \$3,690 pp with FREE AIR. 3 night pre-cruise tour of Prague available
- 10/20/17. 7 nights, Budapest to Nuremberg from \$3,640 pp with FREE AIR. 3 night post cruise tour of Prague available

New England / Canada

- 7/27/17. Grandeur of the Seas. 9 nights rtp Baltimore, from \$1,038
- 8/31/17. Balconies on Anthem of the Seas. 9 nights, rtp Cape Liberty, NJ, from \$1,313 pp plus \$50 shipboard credit per person
- 9/14/17. Balconies on Anthem of the Seas. 9 nights, rtp Cape Liberty, NJ, from \$1,335 pp plus \$50 shipboard credit per person

Around the Cruising World

Book Early. We are seeing cruises booked out from 6 to 9 months ahead. The best itineraries and staterooms – especially family-sized and disability friendly staterooms - book early. Ocean and river cruise lines have opened their 2018 and for some even their 2019 books for reservations.



Last Minute Cruise Deals. We are still receiving last minute deals - within 90 to 75 days of departure - on Crystal, Oceania, Celebrity, Royal Caribbean and Princess Cruises. These discounted prices generally come with no extra amenities and rooms are run of the house. Within 75 days of departure the popular first seating dining option has most likely been booked out so be ready for either late seating or flexible dining.

Best River Cruise Offers. Free and reduced air deals are back but free air is mostly reserved for shoulder season itineraries for the early spring or late fall.

Theme Cruises. Popular "Theme" cruises are elevating the prices on some itineraries. You'll pay more to be on the same ship with your favorite – or someone else's - sports, political or music celebrity.

Single Staterooms. Emerald Waterways' newer river cruise ships are being outfitted with single traveler cabins. NCL also is rolling out single "studio" cabins on its ships. These cabins

do book out early. AmaWaterways is allowing single travelers in its lower class cabins at no extra charge above book rates.

Megaships. The new, larger cruise ships are becoming destinations unto themselves. The massive RCCL Harmony of the Seas is getting great reviews....we seldom see this ship on sale. RCCL even bought the stage rights to the musical *Grease* which is performed onboard.

Waterpark Shoot-Outs. A battle is raging for the teenage and young adult market. MSC, NCL, RCCL, Disney and Carnival Cruise ships are boasting multilevel waterslides that twist and turn high above the ship and even over the side of the ship! The new Anthem of the Seas even features bumper cars, a sky-diving simulator, surfing board, and more bells and whistles.

Ocean Medallion. Electronic keyless stateroom entry, remote food ordering, kid tracking, daily planner and more are coming when Princess debuts "Ocean Medallion" service in November on the Regal Princess.

Cruise Critic Awards in the River Cruise Industry

- Best River Cruise Line – AmaWaterways
- Best New River Cruise Ship – Crystal Mozart
- Best Luxury River Cruise Line – Uniworld Boutique RC
- Best River Cruise Line for Dining – Tauck River Cruising
- Best River Cruise Line Cabins – Avalon Waterways
- Best River Cruise Line Itineraries – Viking River Cruises
- Best River Cruise Line Shore Excursions – Scenic
- Best River Cruise Line for Enrichment – American Cruise Line
- Best River Cruise Line for Active Cruisers – AmaWaterways
- Best River Cruise Line for Families – AmaWaterways/Disney
- Best river Cruise Line for Value – Emerald Waterways

Not All "Free Air" Deals Are Alike.

Some cruise lines and tour companies will delay booking your air until the last moment, almost guaranteeing that you will be in a middle seat. Others will charge you a hefty fee to change your travel dates to something other than the cruise departure and arrival dates. We'll help you find the best fit for you and your family.



Pick the Best "Free" Beverage Package

The best “free beverage package” is one that includes free gratuities for your drinks. Some cruise lines will charge you a hefty 18% gratuity on your “free” drink. Some may charge you a flat drink gratuity rate prior to the cruise. We know the best and the worst.

International Travel News

Australia & New Zealand. Now is the time to call us to plan your 2017/18 visit. We have one balcony cabin left at \$2,509 on the February 3, 2018 Solstice 14-night cruise from Sydney to Auckland. You'll save over 50% over the current published rates!

Family Friendly. There are more international escorted tour options this year for families.

Culinary Experiences. Look for more culinary activities on escorted tours that encourage engagement with the local community.

Cuba. People-to-people escorted tours are heavily booked. Prices are still high. Don't expect 5-star service or polished resorts or hotels.

Ladies Day Out. The best deals for “Ladies Day Out” trips are at Caribbean and Mexico all-inclusive family resorts in January, February, May, September, October when the kids are back in school.

Europe. Europe is still on sale for the independent traveler with the strong dollar lowering vacation costs across the board

Fly Free. We have excellent limited-time offer fly-free deals with several major tour operators

Easter at the Vatican. There is still time to book hotels or tours that include Easter at the Vatican including an opportunity to attend Easter mass and hear the Pope's annual message at noon.

UK is Back. The British Pound has fallen dramatically against the US Dollar bringing more USA vacationers back to the United Kingdom of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Beware, London is still one of the most polluted cities in Europe.

The “Three I's” are Hot. We have heavy bookings for Iceland, Ireland and Italy. The Iceland summer season is short so call us to book tours early. Now is a good time to lock in 2018 visits.

Alaska / Canada. Our local Alaska suppliers are open for business and we're finding great deals for touring throughout

the interior of Alaska and for your custom cruise shore excursions. However, as the cruise lines reserve space in the choice lodges, the best lodges and tours always enjoy heavy bookings. Don't delay your call to us! We are beginning to see sold-out dates in late July and early August. Our Celebrity Millennium southbound cruise in August is an exceptional deal.

Hawaii. The best deals are 3rd or 4th night free, free rental cars and free breakfast. A few resorts are even throwing in free golf.

Tahiti. Tahiti is a popular year-round destination. Each month we receive special prices on Bora Bora, Moorea, Tahiti, Taha'a and Yuamotu Atolls hotels as well as 7 and 10-day cruises out of Tahiti. Some offers include air from LAX, pre and post-cruise accommodations and transfers. Offers are always space limited.

Barbados. Has some of the best golfing in the Caribbean with. Sandy Lane has three courses of its own. Or try your luck on the Tom Fazio designed Country Club which hosted the World Golf Championships.

Red Flags

When do you know if the tour you are interested in is a good deal?

We see too much trash in travel advertisements, flyers and emails touting cruises and especially tours that just seem too cheap to be true.

Here are our red flags:

No hotels listed. A tour operator should be proud of the hotels they use and the properties should be located in safe sections of towns and cities that give the clients easy access to restaurants and sights.

No full price discloser. There should never be prices buried in the fine print and prices should include your taxes and fees, especially for any embedded air prices.

Questionable meals. The tour should be clear on how many meals are included and what quality meals you can expect. Likewise, if you are expected to make your own dinner arrangements you should have easy access to multiple restaurants to chose from. ...see #1 above

Unknown number of people on the tour. There is nothing worse than being cramped on a bus. The tour should clearly state the maximum number of people traveling together.

Is it the rainy season? Too many low-ball tour prices are for times of year when most visitors stay away - for good reasons. The tour company should tell you what to expect.

Questionable flights and booking fees. The tour company should be clear how your "free" air will be routed, which airlines they use and whether you can upgrade and if you will be charged deviation fees for any route changes.

Is the tour company or travel agency rep IATAN certified? we have all seen advertisements on how to become a travel agent but only the best agencies and tour operators are accredited by International Airlines Travel Agent Network - as we are at Go Bucket List Travel.

Golf in Italy

We know golf in Ireland and Scotland is very popular, but don't overlook Italy!

Our 9-day northern Italy golf package features 6 rounds of golf at Castelconturbia, Bogogno, La Pinetina, Menaggio, Carimate and the historic and regal Villa d'Este golf courses.

The package includes 3 nights in a 4-star hotel in Stresa and 4 nights in a 4-star hotel in Como with daily breakfast, transportation to/from airport, to/from golf courses and between cities. Priced for 2, 4 and 6 players. From \$2,790 pp.

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes to our Travel Guests who are celebrating February birthdays!

Alyssa Mikytuck
 Angela Cingale
 Bonnie Miller
 Cecile & Jack Crane
 Christine Wells
 David Barrows
 Diane Auth
 Dr. Anup Gokli
 Francis Capone
 Howard Mikytuck
 Jack Nowlin
 James Carstens
 Jane Vince
 Jerry Godfrey
 Jon Benedict
 Kathryn McEldowney
 Kathy Tricarico

Ken Park
Kevin Donaher
Leo Vozel
Michelle Scampoli
Nelson Phillips
Paul Landskroener
Renata Boea
Ron Trepanier
Stephen Gresinger
Susan Cabiroy
Vi & Bill Hauenstein

You're receiving this because you subscribed on our website or personally gave me your email address.

[Edit your subscription](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

Post Office Box 128
Providence Forge, VA 23140
Office & Fax: 804-557-3006
Toll Free: 855-GO-BUCKET