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#### **About Us**

#### **Go Bucket List Travel LLC**

Go Bucket List Travel LLC is a fullservice travel agency located near Richmond, Virginia with agents in New Kent and Charlottesville. We specialize in designing exceptional 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 and is a member of the American

# Your May Bucket Insider

#### **It's Time to Travel**

We are working overtime preparing our May wave of wonderful travel guests as many of them head off to Europe.

Italy, France and Germany are May's top destinations for couples and families alike.

Meanwhile, we are gearing up to take our intrepid group of ten couples and several singles to Europe later this month for an adventure as we leisurely travel from Hungary to Holland.

Plus, we are organizing a series of eight exciting USA and international tours and cruises for 2018. Please see below for more information and give us a call to join us!

Finally, thank you to everyone who signed up for the June 2018 Bordeaux River Cruise. First the great news – we sold out our contract allotment of 20 staterooms. The better news – AmaWaterways gave us more staterooms plus extended the amazing \$1,000 early booking bonus through May! The ship is filling up quickly. If you are kicking yourself that you missed the April deadline, please call us today at 804-557-3006 or toll-free 855-462-8253.

Smiles,

Nancy and Tony Cassano Go Bucket List Travel

## **Our 2018 Escorted Travels Schedule**

Here is our list of tours and cruises we are organizing for 2018. Please give us a call to take part in these wonderful opportunities to experience your world:

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• February: A week in the Holy Lands. Jerusalem, Upper Galilee, Tel Aviv, Bethlehem and Dead Sea,

• April: A week in Costa Rica including mountains, volcanos and rain forests and beaches.

• May: Irish Republic. Stops in Dublin, King of Kerry, Killarney, Limerick, Cliffs of Moher and Kingscourt

• June: Bordeaux River Cruise

• July: Northern Italy, Piedmont, Milan, Lake Country and the Verona Opera

• August: Four days in Norway and three days in Iceland

• September: A week in the Colorado Rockies with visits to Rocky Mountain National Park, Arches, Canyonlands, Colorado National Monument, Silverton-Durango Railroad, Mesa Verde and Pikes Peak

• October: 7-Night cruise to Cuba on the brand new Oceania Sirena

## **Best Cruise Offers**

- Celebrity Cruises: Free drinks for the family plus WIFI plus up to \$150 off your cruise fare plus \$\$\$ off third and fourth in a cabin.
- Crystal: New Crystal guests receive complimentary wines and spirits, pre-paid gratuities, at least one specialty restaurant visit, complimentary enrichment and spa treatments. PLUS Kids sail free on select voyages
- Holland American: Prepaid gratuities and up to \$500 shipboard credit
- Norwegian Cruise Line: Up to 5 free perks even for inside cabins – plus no taxes or port charges.
- Oceania: Free air, WIFI, specialty dining, spa, soft drinks, transfers to the airport
- Princess: Fall 2017 to Spring 2018 early booking bonus of free gratuities
- Royal Caribbean offers 30% off for all guests plus shipboard credit based on room size plus special offers for Oasis-class ship bookings
- Viking Ocean Cruises is offering free air on its 2019 Alaska voyages between Vancouver and Seward, Alaska.

PLUS: check out our website **Specials Page** for flash sales from Celebrity, Royal Caribbean, Princess, Windstar and others. Give us a call at 804-557-3006 to hold your

stateroom at the reduced rates. Staterooms are always subject to availability, so please do not delay.

# A Taste of New Kent Celebration

Mark your calendars, wine lovers. The Taste of New Kent Celebration, sponsored by the New Kent County Chamber of Commerce, is coming to the New Kent Winery, May 13, 2017. We will be there. Visit the website: www.atasteofnewkent.com for advanced tickets and information.

#### **Best River Cruise Specials**

AmaWaterways:

• Save \$1,000 per person on 2017 Vietnam / Cambodia cruises, departures August 7, 14, 21, 28; September 4; December 11, 18.

• Save \$750 per person on 2017 Rhine cruises, departures July 8, 20, 22, 29; August 5, 10, 17, 19; October 21; November 9

Save \$1,000 per person on 2017 Rhine cruises departures October 28; November 4, 18; December 30
Single supplement waived on many voyages

Crystal: \$1,000 per suite early 2018 booking bonus on European cruises

Emerald Waterways:

\$1,500 off per person. Nuremberg-Frankfurt. August 24
\$1,500 off per person. Budapest-Amsterdam, June 10, 17, 22; July 20, 21; August 5

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours: Free air on all 2018 Europe sailings

Viking River Cruises: \$395 air per person on select 2017 voyages

• Rhine departures: September 3, 7, 21, 27; October 22, 25

• Lyon to Provence departures: September 24, 27; October 8, 18

• Danube: November 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26,

2; December 3

## Alaska...

We love Alaska, have visited the state over a dozen times, escorted several cruise and rail tour groups and have a broad selection of trusted suppliers. We can custom design almost any itinerary you can imagine from self-guided to escorted trips to fishing expeditions, wildlife encounters and, of course, we can match you with the best choices in cruises and cruise tours.

Alaska is very popular. We saw the better lodges and tours heavily booked by March. So please call us. It is not too early to begin planning your 2018 Alaska adventure.

# **Alaska Cruises**

The cruise lines have flooded the Alaska market with ships so there are deals to be found. We currently have 50+ May, June and July discounted Alaska cruises on our "hot sheet" posted on our website. The trick is to grab your discounted stateroom when the voyage first hits our website **Specials Page**. Often, as the cruises come close to selling out, the prices will go slowly climb back up.

Currently 38 ships are headed to Alaska for the 2017 summer season:

• Carnival: Carnival Legend, Carnival Splendor, Carnival Journeys, Carnival Miracle

- Celebrity: Solstice; Infinity, Millennium
- Crystal: Crystal Serenity
- Disney: Disney Wonder

• Holland America: Nieuw Amsterdam, Zaandam, Eurodam, Noordam, Zaandam, Amsterdam, Oosterdam, Volendam, Westerdam

- MSC: Europa
- NCL: Norwegian Bliss, Norwegian Pearl, Norwegian Jewel, Norwegian Sun
- Oceania: Regatta

• Princess Star Princess, Island Princess, Coral Princess, Emerald Princess, Ruby Princess, Grand Princess, Golden Princess

- Regent : Seven Seas Mariner, Seven Seas Navigator
- Royal Caribbean: Radiance of the Seas, Explorer of the Seas
- Seabourn: Seabourn Sojourn
- Silver Seas: Silver Shadow
- Windstar: Star Legend

## Spotlight on a Papal Wedding Blessing

Most Wednesday mornings when the Holy Father is in Rome, the faithful may visit with him at the Papal Audience held in St Peter's Square at the Vatican. This traditional gathering offers everyone the opportunity to see the Pope up close, listen to his teachings and receive his general blessing. It can be a wild affair as groups from around the world celebrate the day as they are publicly recognized. We would be happy to arrange entry for you and your group into the celebration and custom design your Vatican tour.

At the conclusion of the Papal Audience, something more wonderful happens. The Pope meets with *Sposi Novelli*, newly wedded couples, married within two months of the audience, dressed in their wedding attire. The Holy Father then blesses their marriage and wishes them joy in their new life together.

# **Travel News**

- Emerald Waterways now offers a River Cruise Travel Guarantee, cash back up to \$475 a day for a maximum of \$3,325 per person in case of cruise disruptions.
- Southwest Airlines will cease overbooking flights by June
- Windstar has announced a series of James Beard cruises loaded with culinary demonstrations and famous host chefs.
- Norwegian Cruise Lines will be posting lifeguards at pools on its largest ships. Disney and Royal Caribbean recently did the same.
- Crystal Cruises will begin in October to offer free WIFI on the Crystal Symphony and Crystal Serenity
- Sandals has a winner with the new overwater suites at Sandals Royal Caribbean. Located on a private island they feature private restaurant and pool, teak bed, private infinity pool, glass floor panels and 24/7 butler service.
- The Viking Spirit will begin Alaska voyages in 2019,
- The Norwegian Joy will sail with a Ferrari-branded gocart race track
- The new Carnival Horizon will arrive next year ready with a Dr Seuss WaterWorks fun park with a 450 foot and a 213 foot water slide.
- In 2018 Royal Caribbean will add the 5,400 passenger Symphony of the Seas to its seven ships based in Europe. The Symphony of the Seas will make 7-day runs out of Barcelona.

# **Our Service Pledge**

Best Value. We have access to exclusive offers and perks you will not find on the Internet. Our packages and

complimentary "Bucket of Benefits" will consistently be your best value for vacation, honeymoons and group travel projects. Let us save you time and money.

Inspirational Ideas. It's hard to overstate the importance of talking to an expert. Smart, savvy travelers count on our unbiased, knowledgeable approach to planning their vacations and honeymoons with informed suggestions based on our extensive travels, first-hand experiences and strong supplier relationships and connections.

Concierge Service. Every vacation is tailor-made around your personal, precise needs and budget. Once you are off on your vacation or honeymoon we are only a call, email or text away to handle itinerary changes, last minute reservations and more.

Personalized Documentation. For the independent traveler, our "Bucket Bible" documents each day's activities with detailed schedules and helpful information.

Peace of Mind. We will protect your vacation investment with the best value travel insurance policy for your preexisting conditions plus family and professional circumstances.

#### **May Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to our Travel Guests celebrating birthdays this month:

Ben Demeo Bob Burke Bryan Butler David Leptich Dick Ginman Gail Page Joe Wall Joyce Boschert Marcia Marks Mark Volk Narciso Abalos Ray Cingale Ron Vijuk Susan Ritter Vincent Barnett

#### **Next Month - Rome**

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