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About Us

Go Bucket List Travel LLC

Go Bucket List Travel LLC is a full-service 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 Society of Travel Agents. We are also certified by the State Corporation

Your June Bucket List Concierge™ Newsletter

Dear Friends of Go Bucket List Travel™,

We hope that your summer will be filled with fun in the sun.

This month we included background information on two popular cooler destinations: Antarctica and Iceland.



If you follow our Facebook page, and we hope you do, you'll know that we recently returned from three weeks in Europe.

It was our honor to escort 20 wonderful "Bucketeteers" on a fabulous 2-week river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam on the brand new Emerald Destiny, plus we added special events during our extended stays in Hungary and the Netherlands.

Our first timers quickly learned that river cruising is a delightful way to travel. Everyone made new friends, enjoyed relaxing days, ate a bit too much, partied, experienced many interesting cultures, saw the sights, took thousands of photos and relished life in comfort as we visited the heart of central Europe.

Our next "Bucketeer" group will leave for southern Europe in September with visits to Italy, Croatia and Spain, including the Basque region.

In October, 32 "Bucketeteers" will also be joining us in the sunny Caribbean.

Commission to sell travel insurance to our clients.

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So far 40 "Bucketeteers" have signed on for our June 2018 Bordeaux river cruise. We still have cabins available at \$500 off per person.

Next year we will also be escorting other groups to Ireland, Italy, Iceland/Norway, Cuba and Portugal/Spain.

Please join us.

Smiles and Happy Travels,

Nancy and Tony Cassano
Go Bucket List Travel

804-557-3006 or toll-free at **855-462-8253**

Welcome Carrie

We are proud to announce that the talented Mrs. Carrie McCrory has joined our staff as a Bucket List Concierge™.

Carrie will serve our clients in the west side of Richmond through to the Charlottesville area. She is a Sandals Certified Agent and an experienced honeymoon and destination wedding specialist.



Carrie is also an accomplished equestrian and has developed a series of exciting international equestrian experiences for our travel guests who love to ride. If you always dreamed of riding through the Irish countryside, now is the time to give Carrie a call at **804-301-9485**.

Antarctica

Now is the time to book your 2017/18 and 2018/19 Antarctica expeditions.

Do you dream of sailing in the wake of the great explorers to Antarctica, to discover its amazing natural splendor with grand landscapes, punctuated with shimmering tabletop icebergs, and its abundant wildlife?



Are you ready to plant your flag on the ice?

When to Go?

The tourist expedition season to the ice ranges from November through February

What to Expect

- All-inclusive cruise/tour experiences with most shore excursions included
- You'll cruise from Ushuaia, Argentina across the Drake Passage to Antarctica
- Outings and shore visits in Zodiac® inflatables with a team of experienced naturalist guides.
- Hiking opportunity: Neko Harbour, Port Charcot, Port Lockroy, Deception Island. Visiting research stations and former whaling stations.
- Landscapes: a multitude of drifting icebergs, ice floe, imposing icebergs, tall snow-covered mountains.
- Wildlife: Gentoo, Adelie and chinstrap penguins, Minke and humpback whales, Weddell seals, sea leopards and sea birds.
- Educational discovery at the hands of trained naturalists.
- \$160 Argentinian reciprocity fee

Our Best Deals:

- Domestic air from/to Buenos Aires – Ushuaia plus prepaid gratuities plus two nights at the Hilton Buenos Aires plus city tour and excursions included on 2017 & 2018 13 day fully escorted small ship cruises from \$10,290 – Tauck
- \$1,200 air credits per person on four November and December 2017 11-day departures, from \$9,065, including domestic air between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia. Ponant
- Save up to \$6,000 off on 12-day fully escorted 12/12/17 and 1/6/18 departures starting at \$11,995. Balcony Staterooms. Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires air \$850 extra. A&K
- 15 day package with 8 days on the ice from \$11,460. January/February 2018. 13-Day packages from \$9,046 November 2017 and January 2018. Shorter packages from \$6,667pp. Hurtigruten
- Take 10% off 2018/9 sailing when booked by July 3, 2017. GAdventures

Our Tips for a Successful International Vacation

Having just returned from three weeks in Europe, here are a few hints for a successful trip:

- Don't bring any clothing you will not wear three times.
- Bring clothes that coordinate well.
- Mix his and her clothing in each bag so if one bag is lost you both have something to wear until the lost bag shows up.
- Underwear and socks should be light weight and easily washable in the bathroom sink
- Pack a reliable step-down power converter with a prong extension to reach into recessed European power receptacles.
- Don't forget a hand-held luggage scale.
- Use TSA-approved locks on your baggage.
- Don't forget luggage tags with your name & telephone#
- Pack a small camera, set of clothes, copies of passports and credit cards, guide books and your meds in your carry-on.
- Plan to protect your future small delicate purchases [especially if you are planning to visit Christmas Markets] by bringing a mostly empty hard case carry-on luggage along with you loaded with sheets of bubble-wrap and tape.
- Don't forget your Go Bucket List Travel "Bucket Bible" daily planner with activity and emergency contact #'s, confirmation numbers and instructions.
- Have two sets of activity vouchers for your transfers, hotels, tours, etc.
- Use a cell telephone service activated for Europe, including local data service, but use WIFI whenever available.
- Do your homework. Study maps and read background materials on your destinations. Have a challenge in each location you will visit such as sampling local cuisine or finding a landmark.
- Keep all of your electronics wires in a clear plastic bag ready for security check.
- Take extra clear ziplock bags just in case.

Iceland

Located just below the Arctic Circle, Iceland conjures images of other-worldly landscapes, dancing northern lights, amazing waterfalls, imposing glaciers and hot springs. It can be experienced on land and by sea.



When to Go?

Did you know that our word "geyser" is derived from the Icelandic word *geysa*, which means "to gush?" Guess how many geysers there are in Iceland?

Iceland is a year-round destination. Very popular in the summer months for its endless daylight, perfect for hiking and exploring, but in winter Iceland is renown for its views of the northern lights.

The summer cruise season is very short but with growing popularity. We have itineraries roundtrip Reykjavik as well as from Norway, the UK and North America. Some itineraries head to North America via Greenland.

What to Expect

- Glaciers, geysers, hot springs, waterfalls and more sights with unpronounceable names like the Eyjafjallajokull volcano. Watch out for the elves – huldufolk – and occasional Icelandic horses roaming about. Off shore will be whales and sea birds to entertain you.
- Most of the population lives in Reykjavik but there are various fishing villages scattered along the shores of the island.
- The Ring Road. This is the national route that circles the country.
- The Golden Circle. The most popular tour route, at least 6 hours by car or bus, covering three wonderful sights: Alpine plains of Thingvellir, the Great Geysir in the Haukadalur valley and the Gullfoss waterfalls
- Blue Lagoon Spa. Geothermal energy powers Iceland and the Blue Lagoon Spa, with its 98 degree thermal waters, is a popular year-round attraction.

Our Best Deals

- We can arrange five day visits including air from Washington Dulles, three tours and hotel with breakfast from \$1,250 per person double.
- Scenic recently announced five new 2019 departures.
- 8-Day 2018 cruise on the Le Lapérouse around the island with fully escorted tours. From \$7,290. Tauck
- 7-Day cruise July 7, 2017 on the Star Legend from \$4,699 pp. Windstar

River Cruise Limited Time Specials

- Staterooms are still available starting at \$3,498 pp on our Go Bucket List Travel™ 2018 Bordeaux cruise.
- Groups of 5 or more cabins can lock in up to \$2,000 savings per stateroom on Europe and Southeast Asia cruises. AmaWaterways
- Best available stateroom plus free air on July 2017 13-day Russia cruises. From \$4,999. Viking River Cruises
- Fly for \$495 on 2018 8 to 14-day Europe cruises. Emerald Waterways
- Free air on 10-day Lisbon to Porto Douro River cruises from \$3,499. July-Aug; Nov-Dec 2017 Viking River Cruises
- Free air on 10-day Berlin to Prague Elbe River cruises from \$3,949. Jul-Nov 2017. Viking River Cruises
- Stateroom upgrades plus \$1,000 or \$750 per person discount when you book business or economy air on select European cruises. Uniworld
- Up to free air on select 2018 March, April, October and November Europe sailings. All other sailings fly for \$995. Pay in full by October 31, 2017 and receive up to \$1,000 savings per couple. Scenic
- \$999 Business class air and \$249 economy air or \$600 shipboard credit per person or \$400 stateroom discount per person on 6 2017 August, October, November and December Danube cruises booked by 6/30/17. Crystal

Ocean Cruises Limited Time Offers

Always look to our website for last minute deals.

Celebrity

- Summer Savings Event. Up to \$150 off per person plus free drinks with oceanview or above.
- Free drinks and WIFI plus up to \$150 off per person on holiday cruises
- Active and retired military receive up to \$100 off per person, plus combinable with all offers
- Four free perks with any suite
- Zero \$\$ cruise deposit when you book your air with Celebrity's Choice Air Program

Crystal Cruises

- Save up to \$1,250 per person on 24 select 2017 and 12

2018 itineraries booked by 6/30. Savings includes choice of cruise discounts, air savings or shipboard credits.

Holland America

- Prepaid gratuities and up to \$500 onboard credit on all cabins plus \$1,600 air credit on 2018 Prinsendam European bookings
- Suites receive \$100 WIFI credit.

NCL

- Up to five perks plus shipboard credit depending on stateroom category
- Special prices on holiday cruises plus shipboard credit and perks

Oceania

- Special cruise rates through June
- Free Air, Internet plus choice of free shore excursions, beverage package or shipboard credit if booked by June 30th
- Free 3-night land tours on 16 cruises
- Third and fourth guests under the age of 17 sail free on select Alaska, New England and Bermuda cruises

Princess

- 50% off second guest
- \$99 upgrades from interior to balcony; \$199 upgrades from balcony to mini-suite
- Special prices on Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 cruises

Royal Caribbean

- 60% off second guest and up to \$250 shipboard credit plus 50% reduced deposit

Silversea

- 10% early booking bonus on 2018 cruises
- Reduced air and free shore excursions on SE Asia cruises
- Free roundtrip air or \$499 business air to Europe on 12 select cruises
- \$899 roundtrip air to Buenos Aires or Santiago plus pre-cruise hotel plus transfers plus flights to Ushuaia on Antarctic experience cruises

Windstar

- Save up to 80% on 7 cruises selected each week. Please see our website specials page for the weekly offers. Be ready to jump on these deals!
- This week:
 - o Edinburgh to Dublin, 9/2/17, 8 days, from \$2,299 pp
 - o Sicily Rome to Rome, 10/3/17, 10 days, from \$3,499 pp
 - o Barcelona to Lisbon, 11/1/17, 8 days, from \$2,144 pp
 - o Santa Cruz to St Maarten, 11/5/17, 13 days, from \$799

pp
 o San Juan to San Juan, 3/6/18, 11 Days, from \$2,499
 PP
 o Reykjavik to NYC, 8/23/18, 16 Days, from \$4,499 pp
 o Vancouver to Seward, 8/30/18, 11 Days. From \$3,299
 pp

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.

Our Groups Rock. Each year we organize and escort group visits to exciting international destinations. Our travel guests receive special discounts and personalized attention throughout the trip.

Documentation. For the independent traveler, our "Bucket Bible" documents each day's activities with detailed schedules, contacts, instructions 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.

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our Bucketeers who are celebrating birthdays this month:

Alton Culver
 AnneMarie Michalek
 Bakula Dave

Ben Cheng
Bill Leary
Bill Lechler
Bob Pullin
Carol Konze
Dave Konze
Dexter Dix
Ed Waggoner
James Napoda
Jan Bellanca
Janet Cassano
John Homa
Kamlesh Shah
Kim Filipowicz
Manu Gadani
Nancy Rivero
Ron Beall
Ryan Stahl
Sandy Koehler
Shirish Shah
Teresa Vozel

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