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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. 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.

## The "Year of the Three I's"

We had an ambitious few weeks since our last newsletter, first heading out to Hawaii to inspect hotels on Oahu and the Big Island – yes, we still have "Over the Rainbow" playing in our heads, then returning to the tradeshow circuit.



Welcome all who visited with us at the Virginia Wine Expo, held last weekend at the Richmond Convention Center. We were delighted to meet you. This was our first indoor tradeshow where we had our #75 Fiat rally car on display. It certainly grabbed a lot of attention.

While in China it is the Year of the Rooster, for us 2017 is shaping up as the "Year of the Three I's." Italy, Ireland and Iceland remain our top 2017 destinations with France coming on strong for 2018.

Twelve couples have already joined us for our June 2018 Bordeaux river cruise, co-hosted by Joe and JoAnna Dombroski of the New Kent Winery.....Please remember that our remarkable \$2,000 discount per stateroom will expire at the end of this month!

Given this is the month of St Patrick, we filled our March newsletter with many money saving ideas for touring Ireland, plus our insights into the world of international travel, including a profile of Bordeaux and recollections of our time in Verona, Italy.

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 April newsletter.

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## Ireland on Sale



What's not to like about Ireland? The untarnished beauty of the wild Atlantic coast, rich Irish folklore, picturesque castles and farms, rugged landscapes, amazing golf, equestrian retreats and bustling cities steeped in history await you. Plus, you'll get your fill of Irish humor and beer.

With Saint Patrick's Day just around the corner we want to fill your pots with gold. This month we have tours, hotels and cruises to Ireland with a wide range of special deals.

Call us at 804-557-3006 and pick from:

### **Free or Reduced Air**

- Collette Tours: Free air on Ireland tours. March 17 deadline
- Sceptre: Reduced air out of JFK on 4 classic independent tours
- Tenon Tours: \$499 air on escorted tours

### **Serious Discounts:**

- Trafalger: 12% off select departures. Must book by March 19.
- Tenon Tours: 5% off scheduled tours. March 17 deadline.
- Aer Lingus: \$150 off air inclusive packages. March 24 cut-off
- Sceptre: Special prices this week on 95 Ireland packages
- STS: Reduced prices on 10 chauffer groups book by March 31

- Hammond Tours: Reduced prices on 8 southern Ireland tours
- Hammond Tours: Special prices on chauffeured tours
- Avanti: Book by March 31 for special prices
- Lynott Tours: Best Bed and Breakfast options

### **Cruises**

- This week we have a special price on the May 13 departure of the Caribbean Princess. She'll be doing a 12 day run around Great Britain and Ireland with a overnight stay in Dublin. Inside cabins from \$1,069 p/p, verandas from \$1,399 p/p.

## **Last Call for Transatlantic Cruises**

Next month the annual migration of beautiful cruise ships will begin as the best of the bunch head from Florida to new summer homes in Spain, Italy, England, Holland and Denmark.

This week we have reduced prices on six Princess and five Royal Caribbean transatlantic cruises ranging from 13 to 28 nights, starting at \$549 per person.

Imagine traveling to Europe in luxury at a price far below a business-class air ticket.

Check our Website Specials Page for details or give us a call..... Act quickly. This is the last push to fill these ships out before they set sail for Europe.

## **Destination of the Month – Bordeaux, France**

Until around ten years ago Bordeaux, France, the country's fifth largest city, made a secret of its wine making. The Bordeaux region brought forth the finest wines in the world, but there was little in the way of wine tourism. Tastings at the great estates were hard to come by. Most wine houses and vineyards didn't open to the public. The city itself had a dilapidated, worn-out look of a tired port city whose best days were long past.



Today the ugly warehouses along the Garonne River are gone. The reengineered city grid features ample green spaces and pedestrian promenades. Buildings are clean and there is a new tram system to move everyone along. The

Bordeaux renaissance has elevated itself to a world-class destination in love with tourism and with open arms to wine lovers from around the world. The entire center city area is now a World Heritage Site.

Independent travelers may still have a difficult time visiting major winemakers. Bordeaux area wine estates typically open only by appointment. The new Bordeaux river cruises and some escorted tours have organized visits to these otherwise secluded estates.

As the Space Needle is to Seattle and the Guggenheim is to Bilbao, the *La Cite des Civilisations du Vin* is to Bordeaux. This decanter-shaped building along the waterfront is the largest interactive wine lovers experience of its kind. If you have the time you'll be treated through 20 immersive, interactive discovery modules plus wine tastings and workshops. Yes, you can go right to the wine tastings.

The turn-around has been remarkable. In 2010, 2.4 million visitors called on Bordeaux. According to official figures, 5.8 million visited in 2015. Last year the New York Times rated Bordeaux #2 on its list of places to visit.

Food tourism is naturally following wine tourism so there has been a growth in restaurants, especially small family-run affairs, many with a focus on sustainable farm-to-table and sea-to-table menus.

This summer the TGV Atlantique high-speed train will be extended to Bordeaux. Paris will be less than four hours away by rail.

Various escorted tours, and ships from cruise lines such as Celebrity and Princess, include Bordeaux in their itineraries.

Several river cruise lines, including Viking, Uniworld, AmaWaterways and Scenic, now base ships out of Bordeaux for week-long tours of the cities, towns and chateaus along the Gironde estuary and Garonne and Dordogne rivers with visits to Margaux, Haut-Medoc, Lafite-Rothschild, Sauternes, Saint-Emilion, Graves and Cognac.

Join us in 2018 as we travel to Bordeaux.

## **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Danube Cruise**

There is still space on the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Hampton, Virginia's October 2017 7-night Danube River cruise with extra days in Prague, Czech Republic.

Monsignor Bob Perkins and Music Director Teresa Yoder will be your hosts.

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 Internet**
- **All port charges and fees.**

**The free air offer will expire at the end of March.**

## **Bordeaux Cruise Update**



Our June 2018 AmaWaterways Bordeaux river cruise is filling up quickly with twelve couples now committed to join us and Joe and JoAnna Dombroski, owners of the New Kent Winery, on this week-long exploration.

We will be designing personal pre and post-cruise packages for those who wish to experience more of France or Europe.

You only have a few weeks left to take advantage of our \$2,000 per stateroom discount. Please see our website for details or call us at 804-557-3006.

## **Our Top Deals of the Month**

Join our June 2018 Bordeaux river cruise and save \$2,000 per stateroom, dbl occ.

Free air to Ireland with your escorted Collette tour. Book by 3/17/17

\$600 off Tahiti Vacations at 18 hotels in Bora Bora, Moorea, Taha'a, Tahiti and Tuamotu Atolls with travel through 12/31/17. Must book by 3/26/17

Free air to Europe on select Emerald Waterways river cruises. Must book by 3/31/17

Hard Rock Hotels, Punta Cana, Cancun, Riviera Maya. Kids stay free plus up to \$4,000 resort credit. Must book by

4/30/17 for travel through 12/22/17.

Windstar's new 300 passenger, 12-14 day Alaska voyages between Vancouver and Seward, from \$2,399 p/p

Single supplements waived on select cabins on AmaWaterways Europe cruises.

Special prices on Tahiti cruises including roundtrip air from Los Angeles. Savings up to \$4,850

Transatlantic cruises. Staterooms available. Travel to Europe in luxury at prices below an economy airline ticket!

Limited time pricing on select October 9 and October 22, 2017 Danube cruises, including free air and optional Prague visit.

Group pricing available on cruises to Bermuda, Alaska, Australia/New Zealand, Tahiti and New England. Call us for details.

Italy Villas. We have very competitive prices on the best Italian villas. The perfect choice for several couples or a large family traveling together.

## **Spotlight on Verona, Italy**

Did you know that the Roman Amphitheater in Verona, Italy, originally built in 30 AD, has perfect acoustics and is the world's most remarkable opera house?



We visited Verona last year during our tour of northern Italy and easily fell in love with this beautiful city as we soaked up its history and culture while we roamed its numerous piazzas and ancient cobble stone streets. Naturally we also visited Juliet's famous balcony and inspected several local gelaterias.

Verona is located on a line between Milan and Venice and sits a bit closer to Venice and a few miles west of the southern tip of Lake Garda.

The highlight of the day was our visit to the Arena di Verona off of the Piazza Bra. In Roman days 30,000 people crammed the area to see shows and games. Today the arena comfortably seats 15,000 for international concerts and is home to the famous Arena di Verona Festival, the summer Opera program under the stars.

Imagine Aida with an Egyptian Army of over 2,000 extras marching through to the sound of hundreds of palace trumpeters!

Let us know if we can send you off to experience Verona for yourself, and yes, we can book your opera tickets for you.

## **Avoid Temptation**

In this season of Lent, we want to save you from temptation, the temptation of trying to book your trips, cruises and hotels on line as do-it-yourself projects.

**Value.** We have access to deals and perks you will not find on the Internet. With our volume of bookings we hold membership in various consortiums and associations in the luxury travel market that have given us access to exclusive deals and perks.

**Inspirational Ideas.** It's hard to overstate the importance of talking to an expert. We give you the unbiased, knowledgeable approach to planning your vacation with informed suggestions based on our extensive travels, first-hand experiences and contacts. Look to us for a wide range of ideas to enhance your happiness and minimize travel hassles. We don't take a photo or internet critique at face value, you shouldn't either. We travel the world extensively and see for ourselves so you won't be disappointed.

**Concierge Service.** We treat our travel guests as family. We get to know you so we can work together to design a vacation you will love. Every vacation is designed around your personal, precise needs and budget. Once you are off on your vacation 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 Bibles" document each day's activities with detailed schedules and helpful information.

**Protection.** Vacations are expensive and we will protect your investment. We are licensed to sell travel insurance and have unrestricted access to numerous policies. We'll fit you with the best value policy for your preexisting medical conditions, family and professional circumstances.

## **Happy Birthday!**

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

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Don Kaltschmidt  
Doug Taylor  
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Dr. Charles Rice  
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Jacqueline Guerette  
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