

Blue Horizon Travel Time

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WE ARE READY WHEN YOU ARE

What a roller coaster ride this has been these past three months! Who could have ever imagined the world situation as it is today with this pandemic. We would like to extend big thank you to all of our loyal travelers for your patience and understanding in these challenging times. For over 23 years our Blue Horizon Travel advisors have been doing their best to help guide you in making your travel dreams come true. You have become our friends. We have traveled the world together. Blue Horizon Travel is very optimistic for the travel future. It will get better but not over night. For now we want you to stay home, be safe and keep on dreaming!

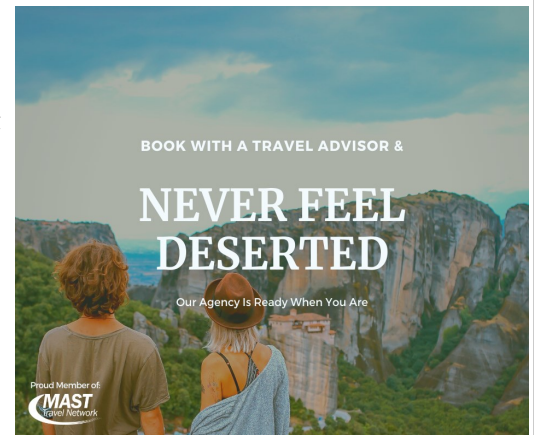
We realize your upcoming travels have been put on hold at the moment. However, now is the perfect time to start planning that next adventure when the time is right to re-emerge. There are some fantastic "travel deals" on the market right now with good rates and flexible cancellation policies to almost any destination. Whether it's rebooking your current plans or shifting to another destination, we are dedicated to helping you discover the world.

When you book through Blue Horizon Travel you not only get one on one professional services, but you also receive the support, expertise and care of all of us. Though our preferred travel industry partners, we are equipped with resources and all the current travel-related updates. If something goes wrong, you will always have a concerned person you can talk to on the other end of the phone. We have your back from the very beginning of the planning process, to after you return home.

Destinations are starting to open up. Try to avoid the crowds. Suggestions - visit the national parks, Alaska or Hawaii, the Canadian Rockies, river cruises, smaller resorts, a condo on the beach, private tours or small group tours, small cruise ships or your own private catamaran. Your possibilities are endless. The holidays and 2021 are booking up as a lot of people are rebooking their trips.



The world is a big beautiful place. There is much to see & do. Keep on dreaming! We are ready when you are!



Blue Horizon & Avalon Online Webinar

June 18 7:00 PM **Avalon Waterways**
Christmas Market River Cruise Earn a
\$100 discount for this cruise just for sitting
in on the webinar. Details on page 3.

Discover the best kept secret in the Caribbean!

SHIP'S AHOY!

The islands are opening up. Sail away to paradise on your own private yacht in the Caribbean! What better way to avoid the crowds. It's exciting! It's relaxing! It's affordable! All-inclusive prices start at only \$3,000 per person for 7 nights (based on six passengers sharing the cost of the boat).

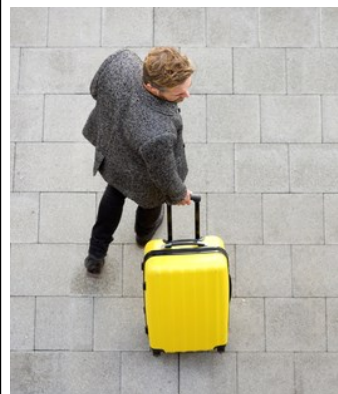
Why book through Blue Horizon Yacht Charters? All of the boats that we represent are either owner operated or have long standing crews on them. Your crew is sharing their home with you. You get to know them before you go. Your vacation is totally customized for you. We personally climb on & off over 100+ boats each year at the boat shows to pick out the very best to represent. The area that Blue Horizon specializes in is the US and British Virgin Islands because of the calm water, beautiful islands and incredible snorkeling & diving. For more information and pricing please contact diane@bluehorizon.net (309) 526-3499 or Marlene@bluehorizon.net (309) 340-9350



Coming soon– A pilgrimage to France August 2021 and tour to Belgium October 2021 both hosted by Bonnie Newman. Details will be posted on our website www.bluehorizon.net when available. You may also contact Bonnie at 309-737-0059 or bonnie@bluehorizon.net.

TSA UPDATED AIRPORT SECURITY PROCEDURES

WASHINGTON – With the start of summer, due to COVID-19, TSA has implemented changes to the security screening process to reduce the potential for cross-contamination at the security checkpoint in an effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. As these procedure changes begin to rollout travelers should expect to:



- **Boarding Passes:** Keep possession of your boarding passes. Instead of handing your boarding pass to a TSA officer at the travel document podium, travelers should now place their boarding pass (paper or electronic) on the boarding pass reader themselves. After scanning, travelers should hold their boarding pass toward the TSA officer to allow the officer to visually inspect it.
- **Food Items:** Passengers should place their carry on food items into a clear plastic bag and place that bag into a bin. Food items often trigger an alarm during the screening process; separating the food from the carry on bag lessens the likelihood that a TSA officer will need to open the carry on bag & remove the food items for a closer inspection.
- **Pack Smart:** Passengers should take extra care to ensure that they do not have any prohibited items, such as liquids, gels or aerosols in quantities greater than 3.4 ounces, in their carry on bags. In response to COVID-19, TSA is allowing one liquid hand sanitizer container, up to 12 ounces per passenger, in carry on bags. Passengers are required to remove the hand sanitizer from the carry on bag before submitting for x-ray screening.
- **Practice Social Distancing:** Reduce direct contact between employees and travelers whenever possible without compromising security. Wear facial protection. TSA officers are now using facial protection. Travelers are encouraged to wear face protection to the checkpoint as well. Please note, however, passengers may need to adjust it during screening.
- **Small Items:** Travelers are encouraged to remove items such as belts, and all items from their pockets, like wallets, keys and phones, and put them directly into their carry on bags instead of into the bins to reduce touch points during the screening process.

Christmas Market River Cruise December 11-20, 2021

First Announcement!

Ignite your senses of Christmas wonderment and stimulate all of your memories of a nostalgic Christmas while traveling aboard a small vessel river cruise in Europe. Join Linda Meadors and her family December 2021 for a *Christmas to Remember*. Avalon Waterways has initiated strict social distancing and dining hygiene policies for future departures. You can confidently cruise with Avalon with only 140 passengers. This special Christmas Market departure stops at the traditional markets along the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers while visiting three beautiful European countries. Give yourself & your loved ones a true experiential Christmas gift with memories to last a lifetime.



Nestled in the river valleys tucked between snowcapped mountains, you'll wander around twinkle lit tiny chalet shops adorned with beautiful handmade crafts and offering regional holiday confectionary. While you may not need to buy anything, just gaze upon the glittering eye candy of glass ornaments, and breathe in the aroma of roasted nuts & spices. Listen to the holiday music, peek inside historic churches, sample regional holiday delicacies & imbibe in your choice of holiday cheer. Catch the Christmas spirit in Europe before returning home in time to celebrate your own holiday traditions.



A December river cruise to Christmas Markets takes no work on your part. Our shipboard chef does all the cooking! See first-hand how many Christmas traditions you now enjoy traveled across the ocean with German, Swiss and French immigrants. From your new, clean floating

base on the luxurious *Avalon Impression* step out into fairytale villages to experience Christmas Markets with the locals in Nuremberg, Bamberg, Wurzburg, Rudesheim, Heidelberg & the Black Forest region of Germany. Continue south on the Rhine to visit Strasbourg in France's Alsace Lorraine followed by your disembarkation in Basel, Switzerland.

10 day River Cruise from only \$3499 pp (*based on available cabin category*)

Your \$250 pp deposit and \$379 pp insurance premium holds your place now! Final cruise payment is not due until September 1, 2021. International air is extra.

Brochure and registration form at www.bluehorizon.net. Contact Linda (309) 235-5806

BLUE HORIZON & AVALON ON LINE WEBINAR

June 18 7:00 PM Avalon Waterways Christmas Market River Cruise 2021

Our Avalon regional representative, Matt Spillner, will share details on the safety and hygiene initiatives in place aboard Avalon river vessels in Germany as well as visually taking you to the Christmas villages we will explore in 2021. Webinar participants will earn a \$100 discount for this cruise just for sitting in on the webinar. Watch on your computer or listen on your phone. Please RSVP to Linda Meadors at Linda@bluehorizon.net or 309-235-5806 by June 17th and she will send you the click-on computer link or phone number prior to the webinar.

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SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY SEPT. 13TH 2:00 pm
Christmas Markets of Germany
712 W 2nd St. 4th Flr, Davenport

Wolf Koch, a native of Germany
and board member of the German
American Heritage Center, will share
his photos of the Christmas markets,
its history, the traditions and what
you can expect to experience on your
Christmas Market river cruise. Bring
your friends. RSVP appreciated to
Linda (309) 235-5806 or Blue Horizon
main office (309) 526-3499.

Sail Away Aboard Your Own Private Yacht in the Caribbean!

Our featured yacht this month is Turquoise Turtle. Turquoise Turtle is beautiful 46' Voyage sailing catamaran with 3 ensuite queen cabins. She has a spacious salon and cockpit for dining and entertainment, and two large trampolines forward for lounging in the sun and enjoying the fresh ocean breeze. She offers lot of water toys for young and old at heart. There is also easy water access from a drop down ladder on the bow. Andre and Alison are a delightful couple with many years of sailing experience. This is a great boat for couples or families. There is no minimum age for children. Even babies are welcome!



- *Charter area is the US & British Virgin Islands. Turquoise Turtle also does charters in the Grenadines.*
- *Itinerary, activities and menu customized just for you!*
- *All-inclusive rate is only \$2,668 per person based on 6 guests for 7 nights. The rate for 4 guests is \$3,500 per person.*
- *Crystal clear water, white sand beaches, incredible snorkeling*
- *Be as active or as inactive as you choose to be. Help with the sailing or just sit back and relax!*

To see other charter yachts visit www.bluehorizon.net. Contact Diane@bluehorizon.net (309) 526-3499 or Marlene@bluehorizon.net (309) 340-9350. What better way to avoid the crowds! Call today.

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