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Norwegian Cruise Line, an American cruise line, has been the premier innovator in the cruise industry for over 60 years. From award-winning dining and entertainment to year after year of itinerary accolades, Norwegian Cruise Line has been on readers' choice awards since 2003.

Norwegian Cruises offer a vacation experience where you can enjoy feeling free in every way, from exploring a wide range of destinations to indulging in a variety of onboard activities. They believe a vacation should be a break from the norm, from daily schedules, obligations and itineraries that dictate day-to-day events.

They believe you should be given space to breathe and taste all the flavors of their world-class dining options offered in up to three Main Dining Rooms and a Buffet as well as a variety of casual eateries. When you want to enjoy a unique culinary experience, their specialty restaurants offer a variety of tastes for every palate. You have the option to grab a burger hot off the grill or sit down for a four-course meal.

Norwegian Cruise Line is known for its casual cruising and does not have formal nights, always maintaining a relaxed "cruise casual" dress code. They offer an optional formal night, allowing guests to wear more formal attire if they

wish. Enjoy their award-winning spa and go full throttle on the only race tracks at sea. From hit musicals and live game shows to comedy and club parties, there's something happening for all ages on all their award-winning ships.

NCL's fleet of 22 ships spans six main classes, from the massive Breakaway Plus Class to small, more traditional vessels like the Sun Class. Larger ships feature extensive amenities while smaller ships offer a calmer, more intimate cruising experience with traditional lounges and uncrowded promenades.

When it comes to settling in for the night, Norwegian offers a wide range of contemporary accommodations from Solo, Inside, Ocean View or Balcony Staterooms to Club Balcony Suites, Penthouse Accommodations and connecting Family Staterooms.

Hidden away at the top of many of their ships is The Haven, offering their most luxurious, well-appointed, and spacious accommodation where you will enjoy the personal service of a concierge, 24-hour butler and have access to all the ship has to offer.

The Haven Lounge is a place to catch up with your fellow Haven members, grab a cocktail from The Haven Bar or just sit back and relax with a book. You have the option of an exclusive array of dishes in The Haven Restaurant or have your butler serve your meal in the privacy of your suite. Since Norwegian Cruise Lines cruises to destinations all over the world, from tropical to arctic, there's a vacation for all types of travelers, whether you're a history buff or culinary adventurer. In Hawaii, they offer 7-night cruises year-round visiting the islands of Oahu, Maui, Hawaii and Kauai. Cruise aboard NCL ships and discover "more of everything" on your next vacation.

The Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel can assist you with your dream destination along with all the benefits of booking an NCL cruise.





Greetings from the Editor

Nancy Alligood, CTC

ETIAS

The European Union is pushing back the official launch of the already delayed pre-travel authorization (ETIAS), European Travel Information and Authorization System. EU will announce the specific launch date several months before ETIAS goes live.

ETIAS travel authorization is an entry requirement for visa-exempt nationals travelling to 30 European countries. Once operational, travelers will need to apply online and pay for ETIAS before travel takes place. It is linked to a traveler's passport and is valid for up to three years or until the passport expires, whichever comes first. If you get a new passport, you need to get a new ETIAS travel authorization

TSA Locks

TSA luggage locks are travel locks approved by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration that allow secure locking while enabling airport security to inspect baggage without damage.

Consider using TSA locks on all checked and carry-on luggage for consistent security..



Peaks of Europe: The Alps to The Dolomites

France, Switzerland,
Liechtenstein, Austria & Italy

Linda Waynick

collette
guided by travel

Enjoy postcard-perfect vistas and storybook villages with rolling hills and the crisp scent of fresh mountains. There is nothing in the world like the Alps. You're on your way to explore Europe's iconic peaks and valleys through France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria and Italy.

Your Collette alpine adventure begins in Chamonix, France. Visit Annecy, often called the "Venice of the Alps" due to its storybook charm followed by exploring the legendary Mont Blanc- the birthplace of mountaineering.

On to Switzerland for a train ride on the GoldenPass through Swiss landscapes enroute to visit Gstaad, Grindelwald, Jungfrauoch and Lucerne – one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland.

Continue to Austria and explore the idyllic town of Seefeld in a horse-drawn carriage. Take in the scenery of the spectacular Bavarian Alps enroute to Innsbruck.

As you depart Austria for Italy, you will witness the unique jagged limestone peaks of the Dolomites as you continue to Brunico, Cortino, Mogliano & Veneto (Venice).

This small group featured itinerary with Collette runs in April, May and June 2027. The Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel will gladly assist you with a detailed itinerary, dates and prices.



Exciting News from Warwick Travel Service!

Emily Barker

Continuing our new partnership initiative for 2026 with local businesses, we bring extra perks to your travel plans. Each quarter we'll spotlight one or two of our community partners – and every travel booking you make with us automatically enters you into a drawing for a special gift card.

During the third quarter, July, August and September, we're giving away two more fantastic prizes:

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- A gift card to Sinful Treats Bakery, in Hampton, VA

Plan your next travel adventure with Warwick Travel and enjoy a chance to win a delicious local treat. Your next reservation could be the lucky one!



Best of Spain & Portugal

Sharon Flick

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Continue to the fortified city of Segovia and walk through the medieval streets with a Local Expert. Journey west, overlooking the ancient walls of Avila before arriving in Salamanca.

Cross the Portuguese border to reach Porto where you will visit the Vila Nova de Gaia wine cellars. Travel to Fatima, Portugal's most renowned place of Pilgrimage. Journey to the fortified town of Obidos exploring the medieval streets as you continue to the Portuguese capital of Lisbon where you will explore the city with a Local Expert.

Continue to Seville, the burial place of Christopher Columbus. Later, you can put your rhythm to the test during a flamenco dance lesson.

Head on to Gibraltar and The Costa Del Sol viewing high end resorts where the rich and famous holiday. Then, on to Granada to visit the Magnificent Alhambra Palace with your Local Expert.

Journey to Valencia where you will enjoy one of the world's greatest dishes, paella. Travel along the coast to Peniscola as you continue to Barcelona where you will visit Gaudi's masterpiece, the Sagrada Familia.

For dates, prices and to choose your group size, call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel who will assist you with your choices on an Insight Vacation.



Splendors of Southern Africa

Amy Hill



Explore Southern Africa with African Travel on an intimate small-group 11-day journey,

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Spend 4 nights in Cape Town where breathtaking landscapes and rich culture set the stage. Savor world-class wines, explore dramatic coastlines, and experience vibrant local life on private tours with local guides.

Continue to a private Kruger reserve, Sabi Sabe Selati Camp, for thrilling Big Five game drives, staying in a luxury lodge with stunning wilderness views.

Witness the majesty of Victoria Falls from misty rainforest trails to a spectacular helicopter flight and Zambezi River cruise.

With a dedicated travel director, seamless logistic, and generous inclusions, enjoy a stress-free, elevated adventure of a lifetime.

For 2027 dates, prices and a detailed itinerary, call the travel advisors at Warwick Travel who will assist you in this awesome adventure with African Travel.



Essence of Japan

Dee King



Discover the essence of Japanese culture in traditions centuries old. Find serenity in temples, castles, gardens, and a peace park in Hiroshima, and immerse in daily life in

Tokyo, Kyoto, and scenic mountain towns.

Your Tauck tour begins in Tokyo with a visit to the Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the spirits of the Emperor Meiji and his wife Empress Shoken, where you will enjoy a Kagura dance performance with origins that date to the 18th century. Enjoy a guided visit to the Tokyo National Museum, considered the oldest national museum and largest art museum in Japan.

Take the Bullet Train for a ride to Odawara and continue to the scenic hot springs resort town of Hakone. View Mt. Fuji, Japan's highest mountain. Drive through forested mountains stopping at the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to see its prized collection of kimonos.

Journey to Nagoya by train before a short drive through the countryside brings you to Gero Onsen where you will have the opportunity to soak in the hot springs and have dinner Japanese style. Visit the Sake brewery in Takayama and enjoy tasting the Japanese rice wine. Continue to Kanazawa for a full day of sightseeing.

Depart Kanazawa by train bound for Kyoto where you will view ancient temples, palaces, and shrines that date back 1,100 years. Ride a train to Hiroshima viewing sights immortalized in history. Travel back to Kyoto aboard the Bullet Train.

This small group tour with Tauck runs in Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct & Nov 2027. For a detailed itinerary, dates & prices, call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel



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Marion Liffick



Since 1950, Club Med has crafted the best family memories of all, with firsthand activities, gourmet experiences, and premium all-inclusive resorts in the most beautiful destinations around the world where fun and relaxation come together for every age. The most meaningful vacations are the ones where every family member feels fulfilled, and where the moments shared together become memories that last a lifetime. Sun or snow, near or far, you will certainly find the Resort of your dreams for your next vacation.

At Club Med, they go the extra mile when it comes to children. Their all-inclusive family vacations feature a kids club, catering to ages 4 months to 17 years. Operated from 9:00am to 5:30pm, as well as evenings, parents can enroll their kids and customize class participation, striking a harmonious balance between family bonding and personal time.

Beach resorts include sun loungers and umbrellas for sunbathing by the pool or a private beach belonging to your resort. Watersports are included and are free for guests to enjoy. Kayaks, sailing dinghies, pedaloes, banana boat rides, parasailing, windsurfing, kite surfing, snorkeling gear and more are all provided. There is something for every kind of adventure.

The resorts are modern, well-designed, and superbly located. Security is a top priority, often featuring gated entrances and security personnel to ensure your safety.

For destinations near and far, contact Warwick Travel and a Travel Advisor will guide you through your selection of choice.

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Cruise News



Homeport Cruising from Norfolk - 2026 & 2027

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Bahamas - 6 Day Cruise: Oct 25; Nov 8 & 22; Dec 6 & 12, 2026; Jan 3, 17 & 31; Feb 14 & 28; Mar 14 & 28; Apr 11 & 25; May 23; Jun 6; Nov 7 & 21; Dec 5 & 12, 2027.

Bermuda - 6-Day Cruise: Jun 20; Jul 4 & 18; Aug 1, 15 & 29; Sep 12 & 26; Oct 10 & 24, 2027

Eastern Caribbean - 8 Day Cruise: Oct 31; Nov 14 & 28; Dec 18 & 26, 2026.

Jan 9 & 23; Feb 6 & 20; Mar 6 & 20; Apr 3 & 17; May 29; Jun 12 & 26; Jul 10 & 24; Aug 7 & 21; Oct 30; Nov 13 & 27; Dec 11 & 19, 2027.

Canada - 8-Day Cruise: Sep 4 & 18, Oct 2 & 16, 2027

CARNIVAL REPOSITIONING CRUISES - 2027

Special 15 Day Sailing from Port Canaveral to Norfolk on the Freedom, May 8, 2027. Visit Aruba, Curacao, Grenada, Barbados, St. Lucia, Antigua, St. Maarten & St. Thomas.

Special 15 Day Transatlantic Cruise from Norfolk to Dover, England, on the Sunshine, May 17, 2027.

Plan your "Wedding at Sea" on the Carnival Sunshine or Carnival Freedom in 2027. Call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel for rates, and a detailed itinerary on all Norfolk Sailings or for more information on a "Wedding at Sea".

OCEAN CRUISES 2027

AZAMARA CRUISES

Southern Caribbean 9-Night Cruise on the Journey, Jan 5-14, 2027, San Juan to Miami. Visit Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands; Gustavia, St. Barthelemy; Phillipsburg, St. Maartin; St. John, Antigua; Basseterre, ST. Kitts-Nevis & Road, Town, Tortola.

CELEBRITY CRUISES

Greece, Malta & Turkey 7-Night Cruise on the Eclipse, Nov 1-8, 2027, Athens to Barcelona. Visit Santorini & Mykonos, Greece; Ephesus (Kusadasi), Turkey & Valletta, Malta. Add pre nights in Athens and post nights in Barcelona.

HOLLAND AMERICA LINE

Norwegian Fjords & Nordfjord 14-Night Cruise on the Rotterdam, April 11-25, 2027, Roundtrip Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Visit Oslo, Mandal, Stavanger, Skjolden, Rotterdam, Eidfjord, Olden, Alesund & Bergen, Norway.

MSC CRUISES

Caribbean & Antilles 8-Night Cruise on the Meraviglia, Jan 27, Feb 13 & Mar 27, 2027, Roundtrip Miami. Visit St. Maarten, St. Kitts & Nevis; St. Thomas & Dominion Republic.

OCEANIA CRUISES

Atlantic Adventure 11-Night Voyage on the Vista, Sep 7-18, 2027, New York to Montreal. Visit Newport, Rhode Island; Portland, Maine; Saint John (Bay of Fundy), New Brunswick; Halifax & Sydney, Nova Scotia; Saguenay & Quebec City, Quebec and Montreal, Canada.

PRINCESS CRUISES

Denali Explorer 10-Night Cruisetour, May, Jun, Jul, Aug & Sep 2027, Fairbanks, Alaska to Vancouver, British Columbia. Spend 1-Night in Fairbanks, 2-Nights in Denali & 7-Night's cruising. Visit Skagway, Juneau & Ketchikan.

REGENT SEVEN SEAS CRUISES

North Sea Canals & Currents 10-Night Cruise on the Seven Seas Mariner, June 20, 2027, Stockholm to Amsterdam. Visit Helsinki, Finland; Visby & Karlskrona, Sweeden; Berlin & Hamburg, Germany; Aarhus & Aalborg, Denmark.

ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

Bahamas & Perfect Day at CocoCay 4-Night Cruise on the Wonder of the Seas, Monthly Sailings 2027, Roundtrip Miami. Visit Perfect Day at CocoCay and Nassau, Bahamas.

SILVERSEAS CRUISES

Spain, the French Riviera & Italy 10-Night Cruise on the Silver Nova, Apr 6-16, 2027, Lisbon to Rome. Visit Malaga & Cartagena, Spain, Villefranche, France; Portofino, Livorno (Tuscany) & Porto Santo Stefano, Italy.

VIKING CRUISES

Greek Odyssey 10-Night Cruise, Jan-May, Aug, Oct & Nov 2027, Roundtrip Athens. Visit Athens, Volos, Thessaloniki, Mt. Athos, Rhodes, Santorini, Souda Bay & Nafplio, Greece; Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey.

RIVER CRUISES - 2027

AMA WATERWAYS

Tulip Time 9-Night River Cruise, Mar & Apr 2027, Roundtrip Amsterdam. Visit Amsterdam, Ghent, Bruges, Antwerp, Belgium; Nijmegen, Rotterdam & Kinderdijk, Netherlands.

AMERICAN CRUISE LINES

Music Cities 7-Night River Cruise, Apr & Oct 2027, Memphis to Nashville or Reverse. Visit Memphis, TN; New Madrid, MO; Paducah, Dover & Clarksville, KY; Nashville, TN.

AVALON WATERWAYS

The Blue Danube Discovery 7-Night River Cruise, May-Dec 2027, Budapest to Nuremberg. Visit Vienna, Krems & Melk, Austria; Passau, Regensburg & Roth, Germany.

TAUCK RIVER CRUISES

Cruising the Douro 7-Night River Cruise on the ms Andorinha & 2-Nights Porto Hotel, Apr-Jul & Sep-Oct 2027, Roundtrip Porto, Portugal. Visit Porto, Peso da Regua, Pinhao, Pocinho, Vila Nova de Foz Coa & Vega de Terron, Portugal.

UNIWORLD BOUTIQUE RIVER CRUISES

Scenic Rhine, Paris & The Swiss Alps 7-Night River Cruise, 2-Nights in Zurich & 3-Nights in Paris, Apr, May & Jul 2027, Zurich to Paris or Reverse. Visit Zurich & Basel, Switzerland; Breisach, Mannheim, Rudesheim, Winnigen, Bernkastel & Trier, Germany & Paris, France.

VIKING RIVER CRUISES

Rhine Getaway 7-Night River Cruise, Mar-Nov 2027, Amsterdam to Basel. Visit Kinderdijk, The Netherlands; Cologne, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Speyer & Breisach, Germany; Strasbourg, France.



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Great Stirrup Cay, NCL's Private Island

Great Stirrup Cay is located in the Berry Islands on the Bahamas. It is exclusively accessible to the guests sailing with Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) and features a variety of activities for all ages, including snorkeling, kayaking, paddleboarding, ziplining and more. You will enjoy beautiful white sandy beaches, along with several bars and restaurants offering food and drinks. The island spans about 250 acres and has been developed to provide a tropical paradise for cruise passengers.

Enjoy Great Tides Waterpark, a next level island experience where adventure meets escape. Race down ocean-inspired slides at Tidal Tower, float through the Wondering River with hidden surprises, or dive into crystal-clear waters at Cliffside Cove. Little ones can splash in the vibrant family zone, while adults unwind with cocktails at the Grotto Bar.

Whether you're chasing thrills or kicking back in a private cabana, Great Tides Waterpark at Great Stirrup Cay delivers an unforgettable private island water park experience in the Caribbean.



Ocean Cruises – 2027

- **Bahamas 3-Night Cruise on the Getaway, Apr, May, Oct 2027, Roundtrip Miami.** Visit Great Stirrup Cay & Nassau, Bahamas.
- **Bahamas 4-Night Cruise on the Getaway, Apr-Oct 2027, Roundtrip Miami.** Visit Great Stirrup Cay & Nassau, Bahamas.
- **Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Dawn, Jan, Mar 2027, Roundtrip Jacksonville.** Visit Key West, Florida; Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas.
- **Bahamas & Dominion Republic 7-Night Cruise on the Luna, Oct, Nov, Dec 2027, Roundtrip Miami.** Visit Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas; Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic; Tortola, British Virgin Islands & St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.
- **Bahamas & Mexico 7-Night Cruise on the Epic, Jan & Mar 2027, Roundtrip Orlando.** Visit Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas; Montego Bay, Jamaica; Georgetown, Grand Cayman & Cozumel, Mexico.
- **Hawaii 7-Night Inter-Island Cruise on the Pride of America, Jan-Dec 2027, Roundtrip Honolulu.** Visit Oahu, Maui, Hawaii & Kauai.
- **Alaska 7-Night Cruise on the Jade, May-Aug 2027, Vancouver, BC to Whittier, Alaska.** Visit Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway & Icy Point, Alaska.
- **Alaska 9-Night Cruise on the Joy, Jun 16-25, 2027, Roundtrip Seattle.** Visit Sitka, Juneau, Skagway & Ketchikan, Alaska; Victoria, BC.
- **Greek Isles 9-Night Cruise on the Viva, Jun 23-Jul 2, 2027, Istanbul to Rome.** Visit Kusadasi, Turkey; Santorini, Mykonos, Athens & Katakolon, Greece; Valetta, Catania & Salerno, Italy.
- **Mediterranean 9-Night Cruise on the Viva, Jul 21 – 30, 2027, Venice to Barcelona.** Visit Dubrovnik, Croatia; Bar, Montenegro; Salerno, Rome & Florence, Italy; Nice/ Monaco, France; Palma, Spain.

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Gerry's Adventures

Gerry Siekirski

2027

FEBRUARY

TANZANIA'S SERENGETI TO ZANZIBAR

The Great Migration Safari Adventure with TAUCK Tours in February 2027 is **SOLD OUT** with 24 Adventurer's deposited. There is a wait list; if you are interested, contact Gerry to add your name.

Clients Corner

Dave & Linda McIntire, Yorktown, VA

This spring we took a cruise up the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Memphis on a Vikings River Cruise ship. We had been on several river cruises in Europe, so I thought I knew what to expect but this turned out much better than I expected. The ship was only two years old and was a beautiful ship in beautiful condition. It is much more comfortable than the European ships being wider and higher since the Mississippi doesn't have the constraints of low bridges and narrow locks like the European rivers. The crew was wonderful and the food great. The highlights of the trip were the tour of the battlefield at Vicksburg, the tour of the Houma plantation and the concert/meal at another stop. One more thing, you don't have to spend a night on an airplane flying to Europe.

Thank you, Linda Waynick, for arranging our great cruise.

Glenn & Cindy Dorsey, Yorktown, VA

My wife and I have been traveling with Warwick Travel for over 25 years.

We started out on our first trip with a group from the area and went to Tahiti and did a cruise around the Tahitian Islands. Then we did a group trip that went to the Greek Isles, both of which were put together by Gerry Siekirski (Co-owner), and after those two trips we were hooked. Since those trips we have used Warwick Travel for just about all our travel excursions. The staff is wonderful and does an excellent job making sure all the details are covered. We have worked with two agents since we started with Warwick Travel; Kim Gambino (retired), and Linda Waynick. We use Linda for just about every trip we take; she has done an outstanding job and has never let us down.

Eddie Hahn, Catonsville, MD

I've been to all 7 continents. One of my all-time favorites is my trip to Africa with Warwick Travel. It was all planned. I didn't have to think about where I would go next or how or when. We rode around in a kind of "jeep truck" which was open to the air. We were told that if we stayed in the truck, we would be safe. We stayed in various camps and took day trips in the wild. We saw all the animals up close. Lions walked right past me while I was sitting in the truck. I could have reached out and touched him (but obviously didn't). One night two lions seemed to be having a roaring duel. It was so awesome. Thank you, Nancy Alligood and Warwick Travel, for this great adventure.

SEPTEMBER 15

LONDON TO LISBON

OCEANIA'S NEW SHIP THE SONATA

Join Gerry and Zee on Oceania's new ship the "SONATA" from **London to Lisbon** to these exciting ports of call: La Rochelle, France, overnight in Bordeaux, France - visit the Guggenheim museum in Bilbao, Spain. On to Gijón, La Coruña and famous Santiago de Compostela Spain, Oporto, Portugal and fly home from Lisbon. Fly to London on September 13 and return from Lisbon on September 25. Our group includes all Specialty Dining rooms, Shipboard Gratuities, Unlimited Wi-Fi, and a choice of \$300 pp Shore Excursion Credit or Complimentary Wine & Beer at Lunch and Dinner.

Call Gerry to select your cabin now, this ship will sell out fast.



Agent Spotlight:

Linda Waynick

Linda began her travel career in 1974 in a local agency where she worked for 11 years before going to work for Piedmont Airlines and United Express at Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport.

In 1992, Linda joined Warwick Travel Service, eventually becoming Corporate Manager, which, after 12 years, took her to the position of an on-site corporate agent for several years. In 2009, her career brought her back to the world of leisure travel. In 2013, Linda returned "home" to Warwick Travel where she intends to stay. Warwick Travel was happy to have her back on their team.

Linda spent many years living in Hawaii and loves to talk about the Hawaiian Islands. She also loves cruising in Europe as well as the Caribbean. Linda and David recently cruised on their first River Cruise down the Danube River and are planning another River Cruise from Paris – looking forward to it!

Her 2 grandchildren are the highlight of her life. She and David took their family on a Mediterranean cruise several years ago from Rome to Venice. She loves to share her experiences with her clients.

Linda is a member of the Million-Dollar Club at Warwick Travel selling a million dollars in sales many years in a row. With her knowledge and experience, she can assist you with any destination. Give her a call for all your travel needs.

Great regions of Peru: Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca

By Nancy B. Alligood, CTC, Warwick Travel Service



Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime journey through Peru's lost Incan cities, including iconic Machu Picchu, an archaeological site located in southern Peru, South America.

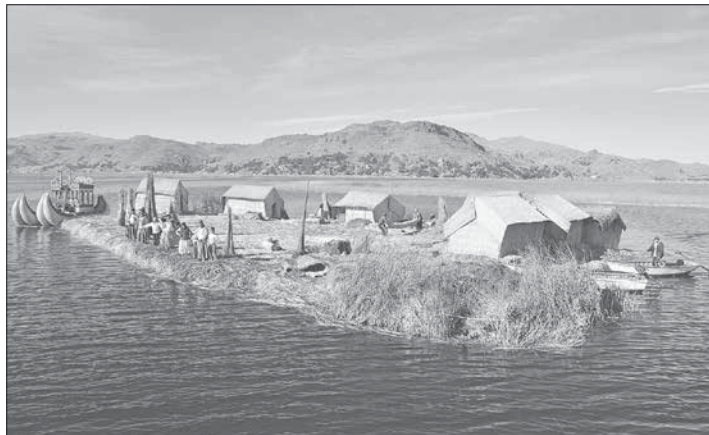
Machu Picchu, often referred to as the "Lost City of the Incas," was built around 1450 during the height of the Inca Empire. The Incas had no written language, so they left no record of why they built the site or how they used it before it was abandoned.

It is believed Machu Picchu served as a royal estate for the Inca emperor Pachacuti. For 400 years, the lost city of the Incas remained hidden atop a mountain ridge, unknown to the outside

world until its rediscovery by American historian Hiram Bingham in 1911.

Landscape engineering skills are in strong evidence at Machi Picchu. The site's buildings, walls, terraces and ramps reclaim the steep mountainous terrain and make the city blend naturally into the rock escarpments on which it is situated.

Machu Picchu is one of the world's greatest wonders hidden in a dramatic landscape where the Andes mountains meet the Amazon basin. It remains a testament to the ingenuity of the Inca civilization and continues to captivate visitors with its rich history and stunning vistas.



A floating island on Lake Titicaca.

PAVEL SPINDLER, VIA WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Designated a National Historic Sanctuary by Peru in 1981 and a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983, Machu Picchu was also named one of the new Seven Wonders of the world in 2007. As of 2024, the site receives more than 1.5 million visitors annually, making it Peru's most visited international tourist destination.

Straddling the border between Peru and Bolivia is the world's highest navigable body of water — Lake Titicaca, one of the most famous lakes in the world located in the immense Andean highlands. Known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire, ancient legends say that life began here.

The waters of Lake Titicaca are home to the mysterious and fantastic floating Uros islands that contain unique cultural wealth. This is because their predominantly indigenous inhabitants still maintain their traditions coming from many centuries ago, even before the Incas. That is why many scholars consider Lake Titicaca as the "Cradle of the Sun" and the Inca Empire and the floating islands are proof of it.

The Uros are several craft-floating islands made of aquatic reeds called Totora, where Andean inhabitants have lived since immemorial time, maintaining their costumes, traditions and lifestyle, completely isolated from the world on the eternally floating waters of Lake Titicaca. A well made island can last up to 30 years.

There are approximately 60 to 70 islands. The quantity changes every year as an island can merge with another or disappear, and its inhabitants move

to another larger island and join other islanders

The Uros people have a rich cultural heritage, although many of their traditional practices have diminished over time due to external influences. They have adapted to modern life by incorporating technology, such as solar panels for electricity, while still maintaining their unique customs. The Uros community also engages in tourism, which has become a significant source of income, allowing them to share their culture with visitors while preserving their traditions.

These floating islands are not only a stunning destination but also a testament to the resilience and adaptability of the Uros people. Their unique lifestyle, built on their principles of sustainability and community, offers visitors a glimpse into a world that has thrived for centuries on the waters of Lake Titicaca. Whether you are drawn by the cultural significance or the natural beauty, a visit to the Uros islands is a memorable experience highlighting the rich heritage of Peru.

I traveled to Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca 18 years ago, and writing this article has brought back many wonderful memories of visiting this great destination. Contact your local travel advisor to experience this great adventure. It is a "bucket list" trip! ◀

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To travel is to *Live!*
— Hans Christian Anderson

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From left to right: Marion Liffick, Amy Hill, Dee King, Sharon Flick, Emily Barker, Janis Belch, Linda Waynick and Susan Adams. Front: Nancy Alligood and Gerry Siekirski.

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OCTOBER 6, 2026
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(LIMITED SEATING)

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