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NEWSLETTER

TOUR
SPOTLIGHT

EUROPE IS
OPEN!

WELCOME!

Dear Travelers,

If the ringing of our phones or the messages in our e-mail boxes are any indication, you are all ready to get back out there traveling.....and we are loving it! Slowly, the world is starting to open back up to U.S. travelers and now is the time to start planning that long overdue vacation, especially if you want to travel before the end of the year. If river cruising in Europe has been at the top of your wish list, there are some great specials out there. Or have you been waiting to get back to the open water? If so, you are in luck as many of the cruise lines are back up and sailing. If you are not quite ready to hop on an airplane yet, it's not too early to start planning for 2022. Many experts say 2022 will be a record year and your Burkhalter Travel Advisor can help get your plans locked in before space disappears! We are so thankful to you, our loyal clients, and we can't wait to help make your travel dreams come true!

-Burkhalter Travel



TOUR SPOTLIGHT

HAWAII IS OPEN!

Full disclosure....Hawaii has been open during the pandemic. However, Hawaii just recently lifted the requirements on covid testing, so you are free to travel to the 50th state without getting covid tested before traveling. Hawaii is made up 137 volcanic islands spanning 1,500 miles, but only 4 are often traveled to by tourists. So which island is best for you....let's explore.

KAUAI

Unwind and let the oxygen-rich air of Kauai's Wailua River invigorate your spirit as you kayak to a cascading waterfall. Or breathe deeply at the edge of the time-swept Waimea Canyon as it speaks to you without words. On Kauai, native fishponds amaze with 1,000-year-old forward thinking, while legends of the Napali Coast transport you back in time. From the small towns of Hanapepe and Old Koloa Town to sunny Poipu Beach, this is truly "Hawaii's Island of Discovery."

MAUI

Known as the "Valley Isle," Maui is dotted with quaint towns, artist communities and local favorites that have been around for generations. Head to Wailuku for pastries from a "mom and pop" bakery, or head to Lahaina for a taste of Maui's famed farm to table cuisine. From shimmering beaches and sacred Iao Valley to migrating humpback whales and sunsets on Haleakala, it's not surprising Maui was voted the "Best Island" by readers of *Condé Nast Travelers* for 19 years.

OAHU

Sometimes called "The Gathering Place," Oahu certainly lives up to its name. The third largest Hawaiian Island is home to the majority of Hawaii's diverse population, a fusion of east and west cultures rooted in the values and traditions of the Native Hawaiian people. It's this fundamental contract between the ancient and the modern that makes discovering Oahu so enjoyable. Whether you're hiking atop iconic Leahi (Diamond Head), enjoying some of Hawaii's best shopping, or simply unwinding on the sands of the island's beautiful beaches, you'll find variety at every turn on Oahu.

ISLAND OF HAWAII

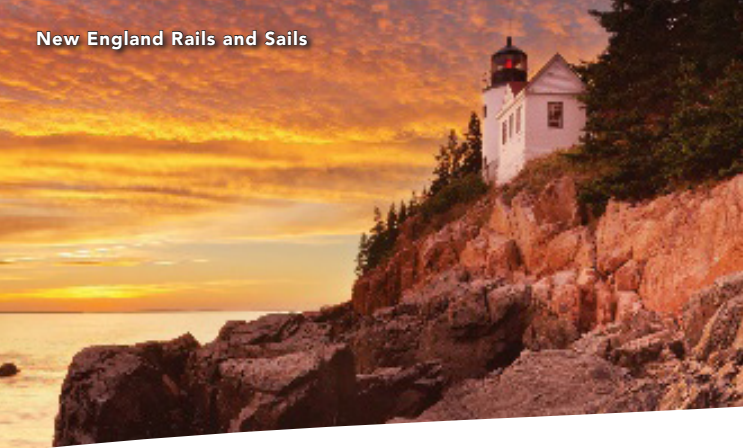
Think big. Island of Hawaii is the youngest and largest island in the Hawaiian chain, but it's remarkable for more than just its size. Picture yourself visiting Kilauea, one of the most active volcanoes in the world, or talk story with a cultural demonstrator at Pu'u honua o Honunau, a historic park that was once a place of refuge. Whether you're walking on a black sand beach, snorkeling with manta rays, horseback riding in Waimea or sailing along the Kona Coast, the island of Hawaii is your island for adventure.

There are many ways to enjoy the islands....
organized touring, cruising or independent traveling.
Contact your Burkhalter Travel Advisor to discuss
which option will work best for you.

BEST OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

February 7-16, 2022

Enjoy the highlights of Maui, Hawaii and Oahu, including the black sand beaches, Pearl Harbor, Volcanoes National Park and a traditional luau. Plenty of free time will let you truly soak in the Island spirit. On this Hawaiian getaway, life's a beach! **Starting at \$3,783**



RHINE & MOSELLE RIVER CRUISE

September 9-22, 2021

Europe in the fall...there is nothing better! Enjoy your river cruise along the Rhine and Moselle Rivers from Holland to Switzerland, exploring the scenic towns along the way. See the canals of Amsterdam, the vineyards of Breisach, the ancient ruins of Trier, the Black Forest and Heidelberg Castle. And best of all...Avalon Artistry II is your floating hotel. Unpack once but wake up to a new view each morning. The perfect way to see Europe!

Starting at \$5,935 per person

CALIFORNIA CLASSICS

September 10-19, 2021

From the City by the Bay to the City of Angels, see the famous sights of California on this spectacular vacation. Enjoy the excitement and faster pace of San Francisco and Los Angeles, and take a deep breath and slow down in the areas of Napa Valley and Yosemite National Park. And no tour of California would be complete without a visit to the resort towns of Monterey, Carmel and Santa Barbara or the high-tech area of Silicon Valley. There is a little something for everyone on this exciting tour!

\$3,379 per person

HISTORIC TRAILS & BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

September 18-October 1, 2021

From colonial settlements and Civil War sites to the magnificent Blue Ridge Mountains and stunning Great Smoky Mountains, this southern U.S. tour features historic sites, spectacular scenery, and fun experiences all along the way. You'll overnight in the Washington DC area; Gettysburg; Shenandoah National Park; Beckley; Lexington, Kentucky; Gatlinburg; Asheville; Lexington, Virginia; and Williamsburg.

\$2,419 per person

ICELAND

September 29-October 5, 2021

Have you wanted to experience unique and diverse landscapes with white walls of glacial ice, steaming volcanoes, jumping geysers and geothermal mud pools? Iceland has it all! See all the highlights of Iceland, including the cosmopolitan capital of Reykjavik, small villages on the South Shore, spectacular waterfalls and take a dip in the famous Blue Lagoon.

\$3,199 with air included, per person

NEW ENGLAND RAILS & SAILS

September 29-October 7, 2021

Tour New England by rail and sail during autumn's splendor by taking four exciting rail excursions and three fun-filled New England cruises. Also, travel the beautiful Kancamagus Highway through the White Mountains and spend two nights at Mohegan Sun Resort and Casino.

\$4,009 with air included, per person

BOURBONS, BRIDLES & BLUEGRASS

October 1-8, 2021

Intoxicating views await in bucolic horse country and the Great Smoky Mountains while elating experiences are just around the corner in the local distilleries, music, houses and grand southern estates. Whereas the sprawling Biltmore and Cheekwood Estates will give you a taste of the old South, the current "it" cities of Asheville, Nashville and Chattanooga will welcome you to the energy of the new South.

\$2,659 per person

ITALY'S BEST

October 2-16, 2021

You've dreamed about Italy – its magnificent architecture, majestic cathedrals, ancient ruins, world-class art, sumptuous cuisine and wine and relaxing cafes – and now it is your time to experience it! On this classic Italy tour, explore its most famous cities and discover its unique sights as you overnight in Rome, Tuscany, Capri and the Venice area.

\$2,399 per person



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Romantic Rhine River Cruise

Natural Wonders Of Costa Rica

ROMANTIC RHINE RIVER CRUISE

October 8-16, 2021

Join Burkhalter Travel Advisor Michelle Dent on one of Europe's most legendary rivers. Starting in Amsterdam, head south and enjoy stops in Cologne, Koblenz, Mainz, Strasbourg and Breisach. Excursions to the Black Forest and cruising the spectacular Rhine Gorge are just some of the highlights on this amazing Avalon river cruise.

Starting at \$4,750 with air included, per person

BLUE DANUBE RIVER CRUISE

October 24-November 1, 2021

Experience this timeless European river cruise vacation with Avalon Waterways! Begin in vibrant Budapest, Hungary and sail along the Danube River with exciting stops in Austria and Germany, concluding in historic Nuremberg, Germany. With Avalon, you will enjoy larger staterooms, elegant design and upgraded amenities – all while enjoying the beautiful scenery.

Starting at \$3,395 per person

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHARMS WITH DEATH VALLEY

November 1-12, 2021

This laidback tour of Southern California explores popular getaways and more in the Golden State. Visit the 18th century mission in San Juan Capistrano, tour the Rat Pack's mid-century modern homes in Palm Springs, and taste today's perfectly aged reds and whites in the picturesque wine regions of Temecula and Paso Robles. You'll also feel the wind in your hair on a Jeep tour through Joshua Tree National Park, the sand in your toes along San Diego's 70 miles of beaches, and your inner movie star emerge as you strut down Rodeo Drive.

\$4,189 per person

NATURAL WONDERS OF COSTA RICA

February 5-13, 2022

As you make your way through Costa Rica, lava trails, cloud forests and high-in-the-sky suspension bridges invite you to take a walk on the wild side while scenic boat rides, nature walks and natural hot springs beckon you to leisurely soak in the views.

\$2,269 per person

SOUTHERN CHARMS

April 8-15, 2022

Sweet tea, magnolias and pillared porches await you in the South. Visit Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah and Jekyll Island on this tour of the charming South. Enjoy a trolley tour, horse-drawn carriage ride and city tours as you learn about the history and culture of the area.

Starting at \$2,409 per person

BEST OF SPAIN

May 13-22, 2022

From Madrid to Barcelona and everything in between, experience the highlights of Spain on this 9 day tour. Stops include Cordoba, Seville and Granada and have the opportunity to try paella and sangria.

Starting at \$2,289 per person

OBERAMMERGAU'S PASSION PLAY

May 18-27, 2022

Enjoy this once-in-a-decade experience! Explore the wonder of old world castles and three of Europe's most spellbinding cities. A seat at this decade's only performance of the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany is truly a highlight. Come and celebrate this centuries-old tradition!

Starting at \$5,548 including air per person



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Did you know that you can receive this same great newsletter in digital form? Plus, it comes linked with all of our tour's detailed itineraries. Email tours@burkhaltertravel.com.



Best of Spain



Alaska Explorer



EMERALD ISLE

May 26-June 5, 2022

This tour of Ireland not only takes you to some of the most famous sites, but also leads you to the lesser-known gems. Cliffs, castles, famous crystal, pubs and, of course, the sheep....this tour of Ireland will steal your heart away!

Starting at \$2,629 per person

DIRECT TO DENALI

June 22-July 3, 2022

Only 30% of Alaska visitors ever see the peak of Denali and with a 3-night stay in Denali National Park, you will maximize your chance of joining the club. After exploring the park (with an included tundra wildlife tour), see the glaciers and wildlife from your balcony on your Holland America 7-night cruise. The cruise ends in Vancouver, so perhaps extend your stay to experience this beautiful city.

Starting at \$3,059 per person

ALASKA EXPLORER

July 8-15, 2022

This tour is perfect if you are short on time, but want to see the beauty of Alaska! Enjoy a pre-night in Seattle before boarding your Holland America 7-night cruise, including stops in Sitka, Ketchikan, Juneau and Victoria. Sit back, relax and look for the wildlife from your verandah stateroom. And once the sun goes down, explore the cruise ship and take in the entertainment, great food and casino. **Starting at \$2,546 with estimated air per person**

ALASKA & THE YUKON

July 22-August 3, 2022

This tour is a favorite of our travelers! In just two weeks, enjoy a triple-night stay at Denali National Park and a double-night stay in colorful Dawson City, the heart of the Yukon's wild frontier and the center of the famed Klondike Gold Rush. Follow up your land adventure with a relaxing cruise to see the glaciers on your 4-night Holland America cruise.

Starting at \$5,089 with air per person

GREAT RESORTS OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES

July 25-31, 2022

The Canadian Rockies is not just rugged terrain...it is home to some of the most fabulous resorts in the world! This vacation is the perfect marriage of peaks and pools, conifers and concierge, and sparkling lakes and spas.

Starting at \$3,588.57 per person

GET TO KNOW BURKHALTER TRAVEL

Have you wanted to know about the advisors that keep Burkhalter Travel running? Now is your chance! The first one up is Michelle Dent, the manager of Burkhalter Travel in Baraboo.

1. How long have you been in travel and what made you stay?

I've been in travel for 24 years with a 3 year stint in another field, but I came back because I love making people's dreams come true!

2. What is your favorite travel destination so far?

I like every place I visit because it's new and exciting. But if I had to pick one, I love Jamaica.

3. What has been the best travel excursion you've been on?

4-wheeling in the desert/on the beach in Cabo. Apparently I love speed!

4. What is your top travel tip?

Pack light!

5. What is the top destination on your travel bucket list?

Paris, France

6. What can't you travel without?

Ipod for sure.

7. How do you think the travel industry will change in the next year?

Travel Advisors are in high demand right now and getting more in demand every day. People really realized the worth of using an advisor during Covid. I see agencies making a comeback in a big way.



Michelle will be checking off one of her bucket list trips later this year and is hosting a trip with Avalon Waterways on the Romantic Rhine. Contact Michelle at **800-660-8359** or **mdent@burkhaltertravel.com** to secure your spot!



SEE THE WORLD WITH GLOBUS FAMILY OF BRANDS

Our travelers have enjoyed touring the world with the Globus Family of Brands (GFOB) and we have many great options for the upcoming year. Join Burkhalter Travel and Nancy Baumann, our GFOB Business Development Manager, as we explore all corners of the earth. Have you always wanted to experience a river cruise....Avalon Waterways has the cruise for you. Have you wanted to visit those places less traveled.... Undiscovered Tours by Globus and Cosmos will take you there. Have you wanted the option to choose some of your own adventures while still enjoying the benefits of group travel....Choice Touring by Globus was made for you. We are here to help you plan your comeback to travel!

WHEN: Wednesday, August 18

TIME: Presentations at 11am and 3pm

WHERE: Burkhalter Travel, 6501 Mineral Point Road

RSVP to groups@burkhaltertravel.com. Space is limited.

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MAYFLOWER TOURS TRAVEL SHOW

Join Burkhalter Travel and Mayflower Tours Business Development Manager, Judy O'Brien, to learn about touring with Mayflower. We will be highlighting 3 tours: Iceland, New England Rails & Sails and Oberammergau's Passion Play in 2022. But Mayflower does tour around the world, so come with questions ready if you have another destination in mind. Are you a solo traveler? Learn about Mayflower's Solo Traveler Program and get ready to see the world.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 25

TIME: 4:00pm

WHERE: Burkhalter Travel, 6501 Mineral Point Road

Mayflower
CRUISES & TOURS

Unless noted, extended tours are land only and do not include the price of air or airport transfers. Your Burkhalter Travel Advisor can discuss flight options. To make a reservation or inquire about a specific tour, please contact your favorite Burkhalter Travel Advisor.

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EXTENDED TOURS CALENDAR

Rhine & Moselle	September 9-22, 2021
California Classics	September 10-19, 2021
Historic Trails & Blue Ridge Mountains	September 18-October 1, 2021
European Mystery Tour	September 20-29, 2021 - SOLD OUT
Iceland	September 29-October 5
New England Rails & Sails	September 29-October 7, 2021
Bourbons, Bridles & Bluegrass	October 1-8, 2021
Italy's Best	October 2-16, 2021
Romantic Rhine	October 8-16, 2021
Treasures of the Pharaohs	October 21-30, 2021 - SOLD OUT
Blue Danube	October 24-November 1, 2021
Southern California Charms	November 1-12, 2021
Natural Wonders of Costa Rica	February 5-13, 2022
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Oberammergau's Passion Play	May 18-27, 2022
Emerald Isle	May 26-June 5, 2022
Alaska's Best	June 16-26, 2022
Direct to Denali	June 22-July 3, 2022
Romantic Rhine	June 24-July 2, 2022
Austria & Switzerland	June 28-July 9, 2022
Best of Eastern Europe	July 1-15, 2022
Alaska Explorer	July 8-15, 2022
Alaska & the Yukon	July 22-August 3, 2022
Great Resorts of the Canadian Rockies	July 25-31, 2022
Denali Adventure	August 3-14, 2022
Norwegian Fjords	August 5-16, 2022
Danube Dreams	August 8-18, 2022
Northern Italy's Highlights & Cinque Terre	August 11-21, 2022
Cape Cod & the Islands	September 9-16, 2022



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