



"Welcome to the Faugh A Ballagh Travel newsletter, where I hope to inspire and guide your journey. Each season, I'll bring you handpicked destinations, insider tips, and stories that spark your wanderlust. Pack your bags, because your next FABulous adventure starts right here!"

- Tracy Ballagh



Stunning Croatia by Sea - A Private Yacht Charter

There are vacations, and then there are journeys that stay with you long after you've returned home. Our Croatian Delights Yacht Cruise was exactly that. From the moment we stepped aboard the **MS Swallow**, time seemed to slow as we traded crowded ports for hidden harbors, crystal-clear Adriatic waters, and the relaxed rhythm of island life. Every day brought another breathtaking destination, each more beautiful than the last.

Our voyage took us through some of Croatia's most enchanting coastal towns and islands. We wandered the ancient streets of Zadar, listened to the haunting melodies of the Sea Organ, explored the charming waterfronts of Mali Lošinj, Krk, and Rab, and soaked in the stunning scenery of Vodice. Between ports, we anchored in secluded coves for refreshing swims in the turquoise Adriatic before enjoying leisurely lunches on deck with spectacular views in every direction.

One of the most memorable evenings was spent in the breathtaking Telašćica Nature Park, where dramatic cliffs, peaceful bays, and the famous salt lake created an unforgettable backdrop for the Captain's Dinner. Our final afternoon in the historic city of Šibenik was the perfect ending, giving everyone time to stroll centuries-old stone streets, admire UNESCO sites, and savor the taste of Dalmatian hospitality before heading home.

This wasn't simply a cruise—it was an experience filled with incredible scenery, wonderful company, exceptional cuisine, and memories that will last a lifetime. Croatia captured our hearts, one island at a time, and everyone returned home with a camera full of stunning photos, new friendships, and a longing to return to the sparkling waters of the Adriatic.

Europe's New Entry/Exit System

If Europe is on your travel wish list, there's an important update to know. Many travelers visiting participating European countries will soon need to complete the new Entry/Exit System (EES) process. Instead of receiving passport stamps, travelers' fingerprints and a facial image will be collected the first time they enter the Schengen Area after the system launches, creating a digital record for future visits. The process is designed to strengthen border security while making future entries smoother. If you're planning a European getaway, I'll help you understand the new requirements so you're fully prepared before you depart.

Universal's Epic Universe Is Redefining Theme Park Vacations

A new era of theme park adventures has arrived in Orlando with the opening of **Universal Epic Universe**, the first major theme park to debut in Orlando in 25 years. The highly anticipated addition transforms Universal Orlando Resort into a four-park destination and introduces five immersive worlds connected through beautifully designed "portals," creating one of the most ambitious and technologically advanced theme park experiences ever built.



Guests can journey through **Celestial Park**, cast spells in **The Wizarding World of Harry Potter™ – Ministry of Magic™**, race through **SUPER NINTENDO WORLD™**, soar with dragons in **How to Train Your Dragon – Isle of Berk**, or encounter legendary monsters in the eerie **Dark Universe**. Together, these lands feature more than 50 attractions, entertainment experiences, restaurants, and shops, offering enough adventures to fill several days instead of just one.

The excitement hasn't stopped since opening day. Epic Universe recently debuted its spectacular nighttime show, **Universal Celestial Goodnight**, featuring hundreds of synchronized lights, dramatic fountains, millions of LED lights, and fireworks that bring the park's immersive worlds together in a dazzling grand finale. It's quickly become one of the must-see experiences for guests ending their day at the park.

Whether you're planning a family vacation, celebrating a special occasion, or simply looking for your next unforgettable adventure, there's never been a better time to experience Universal Orlando. As your travel advisor, I'd love to help you plan the perfect Epic Universe getaway—including park tickets, on-site hotels, and vacation packages that make the most of everything this incredible new destination has to offer.



Loch, Stock & Barrel

Scotland is calling — and we're answering with style. Join Faugh A Ballagh Travel 27 Aug - 06 Sept 2027 for a boutique small-group Scotch Trail through the Highlands including the unforgettable Edinburgh Royal Military Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle and the Braemar Gathering (Highland Games). This immersive journey will feature the Macallan Experience at their stunning Speyside estate, where architecture, landscape, culinary inspiration and whisky come together in an unforgettable multi-sensory visit. We'll enjoy single malts and hear the stories behind Scotland's finest

drams at several legendary distilleries. Spectacular scenery — rolling green glens, mirrored lochs, and castle-dotted coastlines that capture the soul of Scotland. Whether you're a Scotch enthusiast, a scenic wanderer, or both, this experience is designed to indulge your senses and spirit alike. Space will be very limited, so be sure to contact us to get on our interest list! This specially curated Scotch Trail is limited to 10 guests.

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TRACY'S TRAVEL TIP: Travel Insurance Isn't Just for Cancellations

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