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## APRIL NEWSLETTER

It's April—and the travel markets are already tightening.

Not “starting to fill.” Not “getting popular.” **Tightening.**

The reality right now is simple: the best cabins are being locked in months ahead of schedule, pricing is shifting weekly (not seasonally), and the itineraries everyone actually wants for summer, fall, and the holidays are already getting carved up by early bookers and insiders.

If you wait for “later this spring,” you're not planning—you're choosing from what's left.

That's why April is a decision point, not a browsing month.

Right now is when you still have leverage:

- better stateroom locations
- stronger pricing before the next wave of fare increases
- access to holiday sailings before they hit waitlist status
- real choice instead of leftover inventory

By May and June, the conversation changes from “what do you want?” to “what's still available?”

At **The Connected Traveler**, we don't just track travel—we track where availability is about to break. And that applies across everything we do.

And it's not just cruises. We're seeing the same shift across luxury resorts, women-only trips, and even medical travel—demand is moving earlier, and availability is shrinking faster than most people expect.

Right now, you still have leverage: better cabins, better pricing, and real options. Give it a few more weeks, and that window starts to close.

This is the pattern across travel right now: **everything desirable is moving earlier in the cycle.**

So whether you're thinking summer escape, fall sailing, or holiday at sea, the advantage is the same—move before the market does.

If you want the best options, you don't wait for the “right time.” You book while there's still room to choose.

# Hot Travel Trends & Issues You Can't Ignore in 2026

Travel in 2026 is full of opportunity—but it's also evolving faster than ever. From shifting costs to emerging destinations and changing safety considerations, here's what savvy travelers need to know this month.

## Rising Travel Costs & Dynamic Pricing

Airfares, hotel rates, and cruise fares are moving daily. Many airlines and travel companies now use dynamic pricing, meaning the cost of a ticket or cabin can fluctuate multiple times in a single day. Travelers who plan early, monitor trends, or work with a travel professional who tracks these changes can save significantly—and secure better itineraries before demand drives prices up.

## Cruise Updates You Need to Know

Cruising continues to evolve with new ships, innovative onboard experiences, and high-demand itineraries—particularly in Alaska, the Mediterranean, and European rivers. Many cruise lines are updating group policies, loyalty perks, and booking structures, making now a prime time to lock in your sailing. Advisors with insider knowledge can navigate these updates to find the best cabins, added amenities, and savings.

## Entry Requirements & Travel Safety

Even as many borders have relaxed restrictions, entry requirements, health protocols, and visa rules are still changing frequently. Understanding local regulations before departure avoids delays and surprises. Political, civil, and environmental factors—like strikes, unrest, or natural events—can also impact travel. Being informed, prepared, and connected with on-the-ground resources ensures peace of mind while traveling.

## Trending Destinations & Experiences

Travelers are seeking more than just sightseeing. Hot destinations include culturally immersive trips, outdoor-focused adventures, and smaller, boutique experiences that allow deeper connections with the places visited. Small-ship and river cruises are increasingly popular, as they provide intimate settings, personalized service, and access to ports large ships can't reach.

## Travel Tech Is Changing the Game

From real-time itinerary updates to fare tracking, travel apps and tools make it easier to plan, monitor, and adjust trips on the fly. Tech solutions can alert you to sudden changes, help manage bookings across multiple providers, and even provide concierge-level support in case of delays or emergencies.

## Bottom Line

2026 is shaping up to be an exciting year for travel—but staying ahead requires awareness and preparation. By understanding the latest trends, planning strategically, and leveraging the right tools, you can turn uncertainty into confidence—and make every trip smoother, safer, and more rewarding.

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# 2026 Trips to Look At!

**Virgin Voyages**  
**Brilliant Lady Seattle Mermaid**  
**May 21-28, 2026**

**Regent Seven Seas**  
**Heaven Across the Seas**  
**June 2-13, 2026**

**Silverseas**  
**Heaven Across the Seas**  
**June 9-21, 2026**

**Virgin Voyages**  
**Inside Passage**  
**July 16-23, 2026**

**Viva Cruises**  
**World Pride Cruise**  
**July 29-Aug 5, 2026**

**Princess Cruises**  
**Inside Passage**  
**Sept 20-27, 2026**

**Azamara Cruises**  
**Thanksgiving Cruise**  
**Nov 21-28, 2026**

**Virgin Voyages**  
**Western Caribbean**  
**Dec 13-19, 2026**

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# 2027 Trips to Look At



**Regent Seven Seas**  
**Nights of Samba and Tango – Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires**  
**Jan 22-Feb 2, 2027**



**Azamara Cruises**  
**East Asia Cruise: Hong Kong, Shanghai & Beijing**  
**April 2-16, 2027**



**Azamara Cruises**  
**Baltic Intensive Cruise-Stockholm, Helsinki, and Gdansk**  
**July 29-Aug 13, 2027**



**Azamara Cruises**  
**Halloween Cruises**  
**Oct 28-Nov 6, 2027**

## 2028 Lots More to Come!