

# November news & updates

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As countries around the world are slowly opening borders, lifting travel bans and allowing international travels to safe destinations, we understand how important it is to keep our clients informed about the latest news and entry protocols in each of the destinations we suggest.

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#### **German Traditions**

#### Advent

As you know, Advent is just around the corner (Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday of Advent this year). You have probably noticed in the past, or will notice this year, a lot of illuminated fir or pine trees in front of many houses during Advent. This is a practice that started about 70 years ago and is quite widespread throughout Germany today.

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### **Advent Wreath**

The traditional German Advent Wreath is usually a circle of evergreen set



### **GERMANY-** when it's safe!

According to the latest German National Tourism Board online survey in the US market, the following key messages are important for travelers from the US market abroad:

- 51 percent of Americans would travel again if infection rates in the destination decreased,
- 40 percent of Americans would travel again if there were no mandatory quarantine regulations in the destination,
- 57 percent of the trips initially booked for 2020 have been moved to 2021
  - 39 percent of Americans would travel

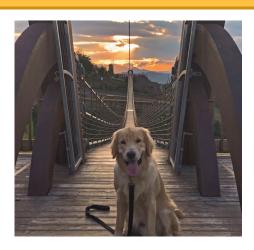
horizontally, with 4 candles spread around it. The wreath's circular shape represents the everlasting love of God... and evergreen also represents a love that never dies. Often there will be one more candle, representing Jesus Christ, in the center. On each of the four Sundays before Christmas, a candles are lit. The candle lighting happens both in Church and in the home. On the first Sunday of Advent, you light just one candle, on the second Sunday you light two...and so on. On Christmas Eve all four candles

are lit, along with one more in the center.

again if a vaccine became available.

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## Who's ready to explore the SkyLift Park and SkyBridge with "Man's Best Friend"? □



### Gatlinburg's SkyLift Park is Now Dog-Friendly

Good news for pup parents visiting the Great Smoky Mountains: the wildly popular SkyLift Park in **Gatlinburg, Tennessee**, is going to the dogs!

The park announced on Monday that canines are now are welcome at the SkyLift, SkyBridge, SkyDeck, and SkyCenter.

"The SkyLift Park is now dog-friendly!" the park revealed on **Facebook**. "Bring your four-legged friends, free of charge, with you to the SkyLift Park and enjoy the most unique experience in the Smoky Mountains, together!"

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### **Frances Hesselbein**

True visionary leader



Who turned 105 years old last week (Nov 1), is not just a LEADER, but a mentor for so many globally. As the current CEO of the Hesselbein Forum and previous CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA she dedicated her life to leadership excellence.

I have been honored to have escorted Frances for her support to the European Girl Scout Conferences, and Military Child Education Coalition Training Workshops in past years. You couldn't just come to visit her at the New York Office, she would always have some work for you or get your opinion on upcoming articles.

When I told Frances that I would be retiring from my Government protocol position, she responded that the word RETIRE is like a four letter word, and I was too young. She was right, I have transitioned into my dream career and opened my own travel agency "EurWay Tours." So as Frances continues to work at 105, I have a long way to go.

For the last 30 years, Frances has been at the helm of an organization founded with Peter Drucker (+ later renamed to honor her ongoing contributions to the field of **#leadership**), the Hesselbein Forum, at the University of Pittsburgh, in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs.

CONGRATULATIONS 2020, for her continued service to our country.

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# GERMAN RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### **Green pea soup with frankfurters**

This recipe by David Pitchford - head chef at Read's restaurant in Kent combines sweet peas and cream to make an elegant, clean-tasting soup, but with a surprising twist... He says: "In the 1960's when I worked at the Dorchester, crème st germaine (pea soup) was a favourite of a German customer, with frankfurters sliced in. The first time, he sent the soup back because we'd used hot dogs and he wouldn't eat them. He insisted on - and received - frankfurters from that day on".



### Ingredients

- 1.3kg frozen peas
- 110g unsalted butter
- 3 leeks, light green and white parts only, chopped
- 1 litre fresh chicken stock, hot
- 500ml fresh chicken stock, chilled
- 300ml double cream
- 400g cooked frankfurter sausages, thinly sliced
- Croutons fried in butter to serve

#### Method

- 1. Put the peas in a colander and run under cool water until almost defrosted. Melt the butter in a very large pan over a medium heat until foaming, then add the leeks and cook gently for 10-15 minutes until completely softened.
- **2.** Add the peas to the leeks and cover with the hot chicken stock. Bring to the boil and boil rapidly for 3 minutes, then immediately pour over the cold chicken stock to stop the cooking. This helps to keep the bright green colour of the peas.
- **3.** Whizz the soup in a blender, in batches, until very smooth (or use a stick blender). Return to the pan, stir in the cream and warm gently. Season well

to taste.

**4.** Serve in hot bowls, scattered with frankfurter slices and croutons.

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