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These 10 pandemic travel trends might be here to stay

And we don't mind



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With COVID-19 testing requirements lifted and mask mandates ending, travel is back in full force. While pandemic memories are something most of us want to forget, there are some COVID-induced travel trends that remain relevant. Meet 10 pandemic pivots that are worth holding on to.

Picnics are popping up



Picnic on the lawn at The Chanler at Cliff Walk — Photo courtesy of Allison Tibaldi

Restaurants shifted to outdoor dining early in the pandemic. What started as necessity has sprouted a cottage industry of companies providing luxury picnics. Planning a perfect picnic isn't easy; selecting foods that complement each other and stay fresh, plus creating floral centerpieces that are sturdy yet pretty, is practically an art form.

Hotels across the country are getting into the act. At The Chanler at Cliff Walk in Newport, Rhode Island, guests may order a picnic served on a lawn with an ocean view. You'll dine on artisanal sandwiches and luscious desserts, complete with plush pillows.