



Royal Caribbean

Travel Guide

BEFORE YOUR CRUISE

CHECK TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Locate your travel documents and verify that they are valid. We highly recommend having passport books for all passengers because there are gray areas involving birth certificates. Also, some itineraries require passport books.

BOOK ACTIVITIES, SHOWS, AND EXCURSIONS

Many activities, shows, and excursions appear in the app months prior to sailing. We recommend booking items as soon as possible. Things do sell out. You can also book specialty dining ahead of time as well. Some very popular items do not show up in the app until you board the ship or very close to your sailing date.

BOOK HOTEL AND TRANSFERS

We highly recommend arriving at least one-night before your cruise. Plane delays, traffic, and weather are reasons that passengers have missed their cruise. Contact Adventures by Amaris for hotel suggestions. We also recommend pre-arranged transfers. The cruise line offers transfers to and from the nearest major airport. Contact us for details.

SPECIAL NEEDS

If you or someone in your traveling party has special needs, please let Adventures by Amaris know so that we can notify Royal Caribbean. Food allergies, autism, mobility needs, CPAP machines, and dietary restrictions are examples of special needs that are useful to let Royal Caribbean know.

CHECK-IN ON THE ROYAL CARIBBEAN APP

Use the Royal Caribbean app to check-in for your cruise. Upload your passport, a current photo, and link a credit card to your account. You should receive a green check mark for each completed task. If you finish all tasks before arriving to port, you will most likely receive "Express Boarding."

DURING YOUR CRUISE

PACK YOUR CARRY-ON BAG

Staterooms will not be available until the afternoon and your checked bags may not arrive until the evening. Please pack anything you may need the first day in your carry-on bag. Also, we recommend carrying on any medical necessary items such as medicine, contacts, and medical devices. It is very rare, but sometimes checked bags do not make it. **Pack your travel documents such as your passports in your carry-on bag.**

LUNCH ON THE SHIP

Food is often the first destination for many families boarding a cruise ship. The WindJammer is the buffet onboard and a popular stop. It will be very busy. If you prefer a quieter atmosphere, seek one of the other included eateries. Oasis Class ships have food in Central Park and at the Vitality Spa. Icon Class ships have food at the AquaDome Market, Surfside Eatery, Pearl Cafe, and Park Cafe.

DINNER OF THE SHIP

Dinner is served at the main dining room. You likely have an assigned time and table for dinner. This information can be found on your SeaPass card upon arrival. You do not need to make reservations for dinner in the main dining room UNLESS you have "My Time Dining." If you have my time dining, I recommend making reservations in the app. The Main Dining Room rotates it's dress code. You can find the dress code in the app for each day. You can typically find casual nights, dress-your-best night, Caribbean night, and white night. If you prefer a casual dining experience, the WindJammer is also an option for dinner. Check the Royal Caribbean App for details on all dining options available on your ship.

SHOWS ON THE SHIP

Royal Caribbean has the most incredible shows on their ships! You'll want to see them. Make reservations in the app, but if you can't find a reservation you can also show-up at the time of the show. If enough people don't show, you will be allowed in the theatre. The shows are specific to each ship, but many ships have a musical, ice skating show, and diving show.

FIND THE DUCKS

Finding ducks on the ships is a fun Royal Caribbean pastime. Ducks are hidden by other passengers around the ship for children and adults to find. Many are the classic rubber ducks, but recently I've seen tiny plastic ducks. The banisters and plant boxes are popular places to find ducks. You may also find them hidden around signs, in-between seats at the theater, or maybe even in the sugar! If you are brining siblings on a cruise, you may wish to pack a couple extra ducks in case one child doesn't find them. Ducks are banned from Central Park. Do not hide or look for ducks here. This is to protect the plants.

DISEMBARKATION

Royal Caribbean provides details the day before disembarkation. Details will include when your window is to leave the ship and they will provide numbered tags for your bags. If you carry your own bags off the ship, you can disembark with the early group. You will go through customs and immigration upon arriving in port. This process is typically faster than at the airport.

AFTER YOUR TRIP

COMPLETE THE SURVEY

Royal Caribbean will send a survey about your trip. Please fill it out and keep in mind that promotions and bonuses for the staff are partially determined by your words and rankings. I recommend addressing any issues with the staff during your stay to give them the opportunity to fix them. Royal Caribbean has an incredible staff and they are often eager to help you and solve problems.