

# Your Independence is Here.

We're thrilled to welcome you to our annual Caribbean cruise, sailing from Ft. Lauderdale to the best of the Caribbean. In this booklet we'll help get you organized for your vacation, including how to pack, what you might leave behind, and what to do when you arrive.

As we sail the magnificent *Independence of the Seas*, you'll discover some of the Caribbean's most beautiful beaches and exciting cities. Onboard, nonstop entertainment and fun await you in ways you never imagined. Royal Caribbean and Atlantis' superb teams of experienced hosts, entertainers, and crew are excited and ready to show you the time of your life.

Whether you've traveled with us many times or have never sailed before, please take a few minutes to read this booklet, as it contains important information to prepare for your vacation. We've created a diverse program with many options to keep you entertained in a variety of ways. Please also make sure that your flight reservations are handled, your passport is up-to-date, and that your Atlantis reservation details are correct.

Have a safe flight and get ready for an extraordinary journey. We look forward to seeing you in Ft. Lauderdale and throughout the cruise.

Best Regards,

Rich, Brandon, Malcolm, and the entire Atlantis *Independence of the Seas* Team

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# Cruise Itinerary

| Day       | Date        | Port               | Arrive | Depart  |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------|--------|---------|
| Saturday  | 2 February  | Ft. Lauderdale, FL |        | 5:30 pm |
| Sunday    | 3 February  | At Sea             |        |         |
| Monday    | 4 February  | At Sea             |        |         |
| Tuesday   | 5 February  | St. Maarten        | 8 am   | 6 pm    |
| Wednesday | 6 February  | St. Kitts          | 7 am   | 5 pm    |
| Thursday  | 7 February  | San Juan           | 7 am   | 2 pm    |
| Friday    | 8 February  | Labadee            | 10 am  | 6 pm    |
| Saturday  | 9 February  | At Sea             |        |         |
| Sunday    | 10 February | Ft. Lauderdale, FL | 7 am   |         |

## Itinerary Notes

Please note that all arrival and departure times are approximate and may change without notice.

## Itinerary Changes

Atlantis and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines have carefully planned this itinerary for maximum enjoyment of all our ports and the ship. Although we do our best to adhere to published ports and times, unforeseen weather and/or sea conditions may force us to alter the itinerary during your cruise.

In the unlikely event of an itinerary change while sailing, we will communicate our new plan both through ship wide (outside of cabin) announcements and through an updated Royal Caribbean *Cruise Compass*. Neither Atlantis nor Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines shall be held liable for any damages resulting from any itinerary change according to your Passenger Ticket Contract.

# Get Organized

## Register Online and Book Shore Excursions Now

If you have not already done so, please register online for this cruise to obtain a full copy of your cruise documents from Royal Caribbean. This will allow you to check in quickly and onboard in just minutes. Please visit the following link to register print your SetSail pass by January 31..

[RoyalCaribbean.com/OnlineCheckIn](http://RoyalCaribbean.com/OnlineCheckIn)

There is also a link on the atlantisevents.com site. Please note that the Royal Caribbean Booking Number is different from the Atlantis Confirmation Number.

You may also book shore excursions at this time from the same site.

## Review Your Travel Documents

No paper documentation is required to board this cruise since all records are stored electronically. All you need is your passport and a valid credit card for incidentals. A copy of your cruise ticket may be downloaded from the Royal Caribbean website ([RoyalCaribbean.com](http://RoyalCaribbean.com)) once you have registered for your cruise. Luggage tags may be printed as well or may be picked up at the pier upon arrival.

Place one of the preprinted luggage tags on each of your checked bags prior to arrival at the pier. Additional luggage tags will be available at the pier

## Documentation Requirements

A valid passport is preferred, and required for all guests from outside the U.S.A. Proof of citizenship in the form of an original birth certificate and a government issued photo ID is acceptable for U.S. citizens only. Visas are not required for citizens of the US and Canada. Visa requirements for all other nationalities vary and should be checked with the embassy or consulate of each country visited on your itinerary.

Please note that it is your responsibility to have the necessary documentation before boarding the ship. Failure to provide proper and valid documentation will result in denied boarding, and no refund will be provided.

## Currency Advice

Every port we visit accepts US Dollars, as well as local currency. There is no need to exchange money on this cruise. If you plan on making any major purchases, use a credit card to get the best exchange rate.

The vendors in Labadee accept US Dollars, and any food or drink purchases on Labadee can be charged to your stateroom account.

All charges on the ship are in US dollars.

# Packing Advice

## On Board Clothing

Atlantis emphasizes a casual, comfortable atmosphere with no specified dress code. Sportswear and casual resort attire are appropriate at all times. There are no formal nights, and absolutely no need for a jacket and tie.

Our only real rule is that no tank tops or shorts are permitted in any of our specialty restaurants at dinner. Please respect this rule for our premium dining experiences for all guests. The staff at these restaurants will ask you to change.

## On Shore Clothing

Plan for warm, even hot weather with slightly cooler breezes at night. We recommend loose, comfortable cottons and other lightweight clothing. Don't forget a hat!

Except for the above notes, our ports are very relaxed with few dress codes. We suggest casual resort wear and some really comfortable shoes. Some tours involve long bus rides and/or considerable walking so comfort is essential.

## Our Party Themes

Our theme parties might warrant something special, but these, of course, are always optional. You'll be comfortable with or without an outfit. All events are outside on deck.

- **Dog Tag T-Dance** - Now that our military members can come out to play, we thought it's time for a little creative interpretation of how cleverly military uniforms can be adapted. Civilians welcome. Dog Tags provided.
- **Game On!** - From Pac Ten to Pac-Men, we challenge you to our sportiest party. Take a cue from sports champions, leftover Olympic contenders, video game heroes, or children's games come to life. Competitors, cheerleaders, avatars, and all players welcome.
- **Classic Disco T-Dance** - Flash back to the days when music had lyrics, everyone had too much hair, and unnatural fabrics reigned. We'll take you to the halcyon days of disco for two glorious hours in the afternoon.
- **Tropical Glow** - Experience ancient island spirits in a whole new light with a tropical party that glows in the night. Imagine native tribesmen with stash of futuristic light-up toys, glitter, and reflective body paint. It's a fabulously flashy mash-up of primitive garb and dazzling accessories on the hottest night of the cruise. Tourists encouraged as we cross over into a land of primal silliness.
- **Under the Sea** - Embrace the mystery and myth of the sea with a shimmering party that runs as deep as your imagination. Divers, mermaids, mermen, lost sailors, and other under-sea creatures surface in Studio B for an all-night party. Swimmers, native island inhabitants, and the occasional lost cruise ship passenger welcome. Or just paddle around the dance floor and enjoy the view.
- **Waterworld T-Dance** - Get wet, really wet on our last day at sea with a party that brings the sea onto the dance floor. Swimwear encouraged, cameras forbidden. And Kevin Costner definitely would not approve.

- **Atlantis White Party** - Our signature event sparkles under the night sky. Dress pure white – something everyone certainly can find. Any way you want.

## Miscellaneous Packing Advice

Bring plenty of sunblock, as the sun can be deceptively intense. Also, bring your own basic toiletries as the onboard stores are not open when in port.

Plan for uncertainty. Pack at least one change of clothes in your carry-on bags in case your bags are lost or mishandled en route.

Don't put your passport in your checked luggage!

## Prohibited Items

Please do not bring any of the following onboard, and do not place these items in your checked luggage: Irons (including travel irons), alcoholic beverages, knives, firearms, or any other potentially dangerous item.

If your luggage contains any of the above items, your bag will be held at security and will not be delivered to your stateroom. Full details on prohibited items can be found on the Royal Caribbean's website.

# Getting Ready

## Weather Forecast

February weather in the Caribbean is usually very pleasant and warm. You can expect high temperatures around 85°F / 27°C and lows around 70°F/ 20°C. Rain is always a possibility, but we do our best to avoid it. It will feel cooler onboard the ship due to wind.

## Baggage Essentials

Most airlines limit checked bags and carry-on luggage. Check with your carrier for specific allowances. The standard limit is 50 pounds (23 kilos) per piece. Excess or overweight bags may incur a substantial surcharge, so please plan accordingly.

Do not place any valuables, especially your passport, in checked luggage. If you are taking any medications, please make sure you bring them in your carry-on, in their original prescription containers, to avoid delays in customs. Always keep hand luggage with you.

Please be sure each piece of luggage has a luggage tag listing your name, and complete address. Affix the preprinted cruise luggage tags only before heading to the pier.

## What if the Airlines Lose My Luggage?

If your luggage does not arrive with you, please do all of the following:

1. Get a complete report from the airline, including a receipt and tracking number for your luggage. Make sure that you tell the airline that you are boarding *Independence of the Seas*, and tell them that the ship sails at 5:30 pm.
2. Upon arrival on the ship, go immediately to the main reception where they will make a copy of your lost baggage report. The ship will attempt to track your luggage and follow up directly with the airlines.
3. Be patient. Depending on the airline it might arrive prior to sailing. Our port agents, in concert with the ship, will attempt to deliver any lost luggage directly to your room. If your luggage does not arrive, they will keep you informed with the latest news from your airline.

Please understand that neither Royal Caribbean nor Atlantis has lost your luggage. We can only assist you in recovering your luggage from the airline and in communicating with them. Ultimately, the airline is responsible to you for any loss or inconvenience you encounter.

# Check-In and Embarkation

## Getting to Port Everglades

The easiest way to get to the port is by taxi, which are readily available at the Ft. Lauderdale airport. The port is a 10-minute cab ride from the airport, and costs about \$15. Taxis from Miami take about 45 minutes and cost about \$75.

Covered parking is available for a rate of \$15.00 per day.

For driving directions to Port Everglades, please visit our website, or see your RCI cruise documents.

## Important Check-In Time Information

Embarkation begins around 1:00 pm, and we'll start check-in around Noon. While the terminal is very large and efficient, remember that we have to process 3500 guests. If you're not arriving on an early morning flight on February 2, we suggest arriving to the ship anytime between 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm. All guests must be checked in by 4:30 pm.

Unless you enjoy standing in line, we strongly advise arriving after 1:30 pm. You won't miss a thing and you'll be onboard with a minimum of waiting. Check-in is very fast!

*Independence* sails at 5:30 PM sharp on February 2, 2013.

Due to new government regulations requiring cruise lines to submit final departure manifests at least 60 minutes prior to sailing, guests are requested to complete Online Check-in no later than 3 days prior to their cruise. If you have not completed Online Check-in, you will be required to complete this process at the pier at least 90 minutes prior to the published sailing time.

Please note that you must be at the pier no later than 4:30 PM or you may be denied boarding.

## What do I Need to Check In?

Since your reservation is completely electronic, all you need is a valid passport and valid credit card to check in for this cruise. You will then be issued a *SeaPass* card, which will serve as your room key and identification card for boarding and re-boarding the ship.

Upon arrival to the port, you will check in, pass through security and your luggage will be transferred by porters to your stateroom. Please carry any documents and valuables in your hand luggage.

If you have created an *SetSail Pass* on the Royal Caribbean's website, check-in will be considerably expedited.

# Onboard Independence

## Personal Funds & Shipboard Charges

The currency onboard is U.S. Dollars. Royal Caribbean ships operate on a cashless system. You can validate your Royal Caribbean Charge Card with a major credit card, or sign for payment by cash or traveller's check. Guests can then sign all onboard services and purchases to their account. At the end of the cruise, you will receive a completely itemized statement.

For your convenience, the ship has an onboard ATM machine that dispenses U.S. currency. Bank debit cards on the PLUS and CIRRUS networks are accepted along with the following credit cards: American Express, Discover/Novus, MasterCard and VISA are accepted. Fees will be charged per transaction.

## Room Features

The rooms on the *Independence of the Seas* are very comfortable, with all the modern amenities you'd expect on a premium cruise ship. The ship has both 110 (US standard) and 220 (European) voltage power outlets in the rooms. All the water onboard is filtered and potable.

Each stateroom is equipped with a hair dryer.

## Customs & Immigration at Sea

At each port of call, customs and immigration officials will board the ship and must clear it before we are allowed to go ashore. Normally, this occurs without your knowledge or participation. Occasionally, passengers are called for inspection for a variety of reasons. In these cases, please follow the instructions provided to assure that we are able to disembark in a timely manner in each port.

Although we shouldn't have to say this, you may not bring any type of illegal or controlled substance onboard. Anyone found to be in possession of an illegal substance will be disembarked and reported to the local authorities.

## Guest Conduct Policy

Please remember that all our guests are bound by Royal Caribbean's Guest Conduct Policy. The policy is intended to help ensure that all guests are able to participate in a safe and enjoyable cruise experience and sets forth standards of conduct for guests to follow throughout their vacation. Please take a minute to read this policy on the Royal Caribbean website:

[www.royalcaribbean.com/content/en\\_US/pdf/Guest\\_Conduct\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.royalcaribbean.com/content/en_US/pdf/Guest_Conduct_Policy.pdf)

## Shore Excursions

You can pre-book shore excursions in advance on the Royal Caribbean website (Royal Caribbean.com) until January 29, 2012. Upon arrival to the ship, you will receive tickets for your pre-booked excursions in your stateroom. You may purchase additional shore excursions onboard, subject to availability, at the Shore Excursions Desk.

Atlantis has worked closely with Royal Caribbean to enhance and develop excursions that will be fun and exciting for our group. Many of the excursions are "exclusive" to Atlantis guests, although in some cases the tours may be mixed with guests from other cruise ships. If you are in doubt, please inquire with Shore Excursions before booking.

## Gratuities and Tipping

All standard gratuities have been prepaid for this week, so there is no tipping required or expected at any time. All cabin stewards, waiters, and other personnel have been compensated at levels that are customary for a charter of this size. No additional tipping is needed but may be extended at your discretion if the service is exceptional.

A 15% gratuity is automatically added to all bar purchases and spa service charges.

## Laundry & Dry Cleaning Services

Laundry, dry cleaning, spot removal and pressing services are available for a reasonable fee. Laundry bags and service request forms are in your room. Ask your cabin steward for details.

Self-service laundry facilities are available onboard for a nominal fee.

There are no irons allowed in staterooms as they constitute a fire hazard.

## Smoking Policy

For the comfort of all of our guests, designated smoking and non-smoking areas are available throughout the vessel. All dining areas are non-smoking. All showrooms are non-smoking. Smoking is permitted only in the casino and on certain open decks. As a courtesy to our guests, ship personnel will thoroughly enforce the smoking policy.

Smoking is not permitted at any time in any stateroom or on the balconies onboard. Violators may be fined for cleaning costs.

Additionally, Studio B and The Labyrinth will be designated as non-smoking lounges during all nighttime party events.

Please note that Atlantis and/or RCCL reserves the right to change the smoking policy at any time depending on guest requirements. A complete detail of the smoking areas onboard can be found in your stateroom upon embarkation in the *Cruise Compass*.

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## Alcoholic Beverage Restrictions

Guests may bring personal wine and champagne onboard only on boarding day, limited to two (2) 750 ml bottles per stateroom. When consumed in any public area, each bottle shall be subject to a corkage fee of \$25.00. Alcoholic beverages that are purchased in ports of call or from onboard shops will be stored by the ship and delivered to guest staterooms on the last day of the sailing. Security may inspect containers (water bottles, soda bottles, mouthwash, luggage etc.) and will dispose of containers holding alcohol. Royal Caribbean's Guest Conduct Policy may be enforced, up to and including disembarkation, if a guest violates any alcohol policy. Guests under the age of 21 will not have alcohol returned to them.

## Spa Services

*Independence of the Seas* features an exceptional full-service spa, offering a wide range of services including massage, facial, aromatherapy, hairstyling, and much more. Appointments for these services should be made early in your cruise, as many of the services book up early. All spa services are an additional charge, which can be signed to your stateroom.

Spa appointments will open on Saturday afternoon, immediately following the boat drill, in order to be fair to all our guests. The spa will be open earlier that day for tours and same-day appointments.

## If You Have a Problem or Question

Both the Guest Relations Desk and the Atlantis Information Desk can handle most any difficulty you may encounter. Generally, issues relating to your stateroom, the ship, schedules, or billing should be directed to the Guest Relations Desk. Questions regarding entertainment, service, Atlantis policies, special requests, or anything else should be directed to the Atlantis Desk. Questions about excursions should go directly to the Shore Excursions Desk.

If the Atlantis Desk is unattended, please feel free to ask any Team Atlantis member and we will happily assist you.

## Medical Services

Should you require medical attention while on board, an infirmary staff is available to assist you 24 hours a day. A doctor is available to render services at a customary charge. The infirmary is capable of providing treatment for minor matters which may arise during your cruise and are capable of assessing and stabilizing most medical emergencies. Should you require treatment for a serious condition which requires hospitalization, then arrangements may be made to transfer you to a medical facility ashore. While at sea, the ability to transfer you to a shore side facility may be limited or delayed by weather or logistical considerations. If you are currently suffering from a serious medical condition, please consult with your personal physician prior to sailing. Royal Caribbean's doctors are independent contractors.

## Important Health Notice – Please Read!

If you should come down with a contagious disease, or even suspect a contagious disease, it's compulsory that you report it to the ship's infirmary for the safety of everyone on board. Should you be on any medication, or want the medical staff to be aware of any special needs, please contact the infirmary. This will ensure that they will be prepared should you need assistance.

In rare instances, the ship's medical staff may determine that your medical condition will require you to be quarantined in your stateroom to protect the health of our other guests. While both Royal Caribbean and Atlantis will make every effort to make you comfortable in such a situation, we are unable to compensate lost vacation time due to quarantine.

Please note that the ship follows C.D.C. guidelines on all quarantine issues, and there is little flexibility in applying the rules, particularly where gastrointestinal symptoms are present.

As always, we highly recommend travel insurance to assist with unforeseen costs and reimbursement for missed vacation time due to illness of any type. If you do not have travel insurance, it can be purchased virtually right up to departure time.

# Independence Features

## Studio B (The Ice Rink)

One of the most unique features of the *Independence* is the Ice Rink/Studio B Space on Deck 3. Atlantis will use this space as a dance hall, party space, ice rink, and more. We've even added a few "special" touches to the outstanding onboard Ice Show (as though an ice show isn't gay enough already).

On many days, there are several hours set aside for open skating, or organized public skate activities. Loaner skates are available at no charge, or you are welcome to bring your own!

## The Royal Promenade

When you first come aboard, you'll discover a massive open four story space that spans the length of two football fields. Welcome to the Royal Promenade, our own gay street at sea, featuring three bars, a cafe, a pizza parlor, a coffee shop, an ice cream parlor, a pub, a wine bar, and a series of shops.

Look for a couple of entertaining parades at sea in the Promenade, along with a few other surprises throughout the week. You never know what's going to happen there!

The Cafe Promenade is open 24 hours a day, and is the perfect place to meet, or to just watch the scenery.

## Sports Deck

The ultimate adventure awaits on the top deck of the tallest ship in the world. *Independence's* rock climbing wall is the centerpiece of the most sophisticated sports facilities at sea. There's also a full size volleyball and basketball court, a miniature golf course, golf simulator, and even of course the spectacular *FlowRider* (see below)!

We'll schedule competitions and organized tournaments throughout your cruise (watch for the boys versus girls volleyball game). See the *Cruise Compass* for daily activities.

## Go Surfing!

For the most unique experience at sea, try surfing or boogie-boarding on *FlowRider*, the only surfing simulator at sea. *FlowRider* will be open every day throughout the cruise, including some night sessions. No experience necessary and it's great to watch! Comfortable board shorts are handy if you plan on surfing.

## And More...

Don't miss the milkshakes in Johnny Rockets.

Hang out in the hot tubs 115 feet above the ocean.

It's a BIG ship. Bring comfortable shoes.



# Dining Information

## Open Seating at Dinner

As always, Atlantis features open seating at all meals. Although your *SeaPass* card may show an “assigned” a dining time, you can completely ignore it and dine at your leisure during posted hours.

## Main Dining Room

|           |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Breakfast | 8 to 10 am (port days)           |
| Brunch    | 10:30 am to 2 pm (Sea Days only) |
| Lunch     | 12 to 1:30 pm (Port Days only)   |
| Dinner    | 6:30 to 10 pm                    |

## Windjammer Cafe

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Breakfast         | 7:30 am to Noon  |
| Lunch             | 11:30 am to 4 pm |
| Dinner            | 6 to 9 pm        |
| Late Night snacks | 11 pm to 5 am    |

## Cafe Promenade & Sorrento's Pizza

Snacks and desserts 24 hours

## Portofino and Chops Restaurants

Dinner 6 to 10 pm  
(reservations required, available for same-day dining only)

## Johnny Rockets

Continuous Service 1 pm to 1 am

There is an extra charge for Portofino, Chops, and Johnny Rockets restaurants.

Please note that all restaurants are smoke-free.

All of these dining times are approximate, and may change slightly according to our port times and onboard events. Additional dining options are listed in the *Cruise Compass*.

Team Atlantis will be on hand at the main restaurant to seat you at dinner, answer questions, and host tables. We always encourage you to join other guests for meals. It's the best way to meet people! Both Atlantis and RCCL will do our best to honor special seating requests.

Please be patient during peak hours as there may be a slight wait in the main restaurant. We recommend dining before 8 pm or after 9 pm to avoid any waiting in line. We have scheduled the dining times to allow you to enjoy our shows either before or after dinner.

Room service is available 24 hours a day, with a service fee between midnight and 5 am. See the menu in your stateroom for a complete selection and ordering instructions. Please recognize that the staff handling room service has limited capabilities. If you're looking for a quick snack, we highly recommend Windjammer Cafe or Cafe Promenade, which are both open almost 24 hours a day.

## Chops and Portofino Restaurants

Royal Caribbean offers two distinctive upscale dining experiences onboard the *Independence*. Chops is an authentic steak house, with an open kitchen and warm clubby decor. Portofino specializes in fresh regional Italian cuisine. Both are wonderful places for a romantic night out or a meal with special friends.

Reservations are essential, and may only be made for same day dining at times listed in the *Cruise Compass*. In fairness to all our guests, reservations must be made in person, and only one reservation per stateroom will be accepted daily. These restaurants are not equipped to handle parties larger than six guests (and only a few tables are this size), and no larger party reservations will be accepted. Please respect these policies so that the maximum number of our guests may enjoy these unique dining experiences.

Suite guests may reserve in advance through the concierge, for up to two visits (total) per stateroom.

An extra charge applies. Gratuities are included.

## Special Occasions

We are at your service for any special celebration! Whether it's a birthday, anniversary, or other event, we want to make it memorable! Please see either an Atlantis or Royal Caribbean team member and we'll help you make it unforgettable.

## Singles Dining

Traveling solo doesn't mean you have to eat alone. Whenever you enter our restaurants, our Team Atlantis will graciously seat you with our other guests. Also, we're creating several special singles dinners, along with a designated meeting place for single guests to gather for drinks before dinner every night. See the *Cruise Compass* for specific times and locations.

## Special Diets

We ask that you submit any special dietary requests in writing directly to Royal Caribbean at least one week prior to sailing. Once onboard, please speak with the Maitre D' of the restaurant regarding any special requests.

Please note that since this cruise is "open seating", it is your responsibility to notify the server and/or Maitre D' of any special requests you have made every time you dine.

Vegetarian and low fat options are available at each meal.

# Atlantis Cruise Essentials

## Atlantis Roommate Share Program

If you are participating in our roommate share program, you have been assigned a roommate based on smoking preferences. Your roommate's name may appear on your confirmation, but is subject to change. This program is offered only as a convenience for our single travelers, and as such no roommate changes are permitted for any reason.

Upon arrival, you will find a detailed letter in your stateroom with advice on how to best enjoy your cruise together.

As the ship is completely full, we do not have the capacity to offer share program guests single rooms, even as an upgrade purchase.

Finally, any roommate share guest who does not adhere to our code of conduct may be asked to leave the ship in the next port. In such cases no refund nor travel assistance will be provided.

## Special Events for Singles

We host several special events throughout the week for our single guests, ranging from cocktail parties to special singles-only dinners. Please see the *Cruise Compass* for information on specific events. There's a singles event essentially every day.

## Daily Schedule

The Atlantis version of the *Cruise Compass* will be delivered to your stateroom each night with a complete schedule for the following day. All activities, shows, and event times are described in this newsletter and handy pocket card. Please remember that this is our primary method of communicating with you, so read it daily. Changes and/or updates from our original schedule are common during a cruise, particularly in case of inclement weather.

You can also find an interactive version of the daily program on your television. Our cruise directors also host a daily update show that's both informative and entertaining.

## Team Atlantis & Information Desk

Our Team Atlantis is on hand throughout the ship to host and assist with every aspect of your vacation. Please don't hesitate to ask any of us if you have a question or require assistance. We are available 24 hours a day, and are always wearing Atlantis name badges.

We also offer a general information desk located on Deck 3 adjacent to the Guest Relations Desk. The desk is open daily and is your central resource for Atlantis-related information. Hours vary and are posted in the *Cruise Compass*.

## Atlantis Publicity Photos

We will have a photographer and video crew aboard to document our voyage and assist us in creating our future collateral materials.

Atlantis does not use "random" shots for our publicity, so if you do not wish to be seen in our photos, please feel free to tell our photographers as they set up the shot.

## Gatherings for Special Interest Groups

We celebrate the diversity and diverse interests in our community with several casual get-togethers for the following groups:

**Bears & Cubs** - A social gathering for bears, friends, and admirers

**The Lure of Leather** - For guests and friends that enjoy leather

**Women of Atlantis** - Our female guests and their friends

**Friends of Bill W** - Daily meetings

**POZ** - Daily meetings

**Guns & Hoses** - Cops and firemen

**Active & Veterans** - Military gathering

These get-togethers are casual, non-hosted meetings throughout the week. See the *Cruise Compass* for dates and times.

## Atlantis Logo Merchandise

If you're looking for a true one-of-a-kind souvenir, visit the onboard shops for Atlantis logo shirts, hats, and other gear.

## Atlantis Souvenir Video

We will be producing a souvenir video for all our guests onboard. This video will be available approximately four months after the trip returns.

You are, of course, welcome to purchase the Royal Caribbean "Cruise in Review" video while onboard, but please note that this video is not produced by Atlantis and carries an additional charge.

## Future Atlantis Vacation Sales

During the last few days of your cruise, we will offer a chance to reserve a future Atlantis vacation with a special onboard booking discount. Details will be delivered to your stateroom.

## No Solicitation Policy

Atlantis does not allow our guests to solicit other guests for any service or business while onboard our cruises. Please respect our other guests' right to enjoy themselves in an advertising-free environment.

Any guest that violates this policy by distributing materials, voicemails, or other sales communications to our guests will be subject to a \$2500 fine applied directly to their onboard account. Thank you for your understanding.



# Entertainment Preview

Our *Cruise Compass* containing the complete entertainment and event schedule will be delivered to your stateroom each evening. Here's a preview.

## Saturday Ft. Lauderdale

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| Sailaway Celebration   | Pool Deck 5:30 pm       |
| Enjoy the sunset with 3500 new friends as we sail into the Pacific.  |                         |
| First Time Cruisers Orientation  | Theater 8 pm            |
| If it's your first time with Atlantis, start here for 20 minutes.  |                         |
| Pam Ann's In Flight Service  | Theater 8:30 & 10:30 PM |
| The world's most experienced air hostess takes us on a flight you'll never forget. Fasten your seat belts for a hilariously turbulent night. |                         |
| Welcome Party  | Studio B 11 pm          |
| It all starts here...  |                         |

## Sunday At Sea

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| Dog Tag T-Dance  | Poolside 4 –6 pm        |
| The fun begins with Atlantis' most infamous afternoon party. A little green, red, or yellow can go a long way. Dog tags for everyone!  |                         |
| Gay Comedy Stars   | Theater 8:30 & 10:30 pm |
| Atlantis presents three of the top gay and lesbian comics together on one stage. Starring Brad Loekle, Poppy Champlain, & Jim David.   |                         |
| Freeze Frame Ice Show  | Studio B 10 pm          |
| Atlantis presents a remarkable production starring our talented skaters and special guest stars. Truly amazing and there's nothing like it on any other ship! Also repeats on Wednesday & Thursday nights. |                         |
| Game On!   | Poolside 11 pm          |
| Our sportiest party yet with so many ways to score.  |                         |

## Monday At Sea

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| Once Upon a Time   | Theater 8:30 & 10:30 PM |
| Easily the best show we've ever seen on a ship. Think Fractured Fairy Tales set to today's hit songs with a high dose of camp. It's hard to believe that we didn't produce this one ourselves. Starring the <i>Independence</i> singers and dancers. |                         |
| Under the Sea Party  | Studio B 11 pm          |
| We're transforming Studio B into the world's largest "Danceaquarium" for a night unlike anything you've ever experienced.  |                         |

## Tuesday St. Maarten

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| Anthony Rapp in Concert   | Theater 8:30 & 10:30 pm |
| Film and stage star Anthony Rapp, best known for originating the role of Mark in Broadway's <i>Rent</i> makes his Atlantis debut. |                         |

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| Dixie Longate   | Studio B 10 pm |
| America's #1 Tupperware "Lady" takes over the studio for an hour of unstructured craziness.                                     |                |
| Atlantis Classics Party   | Poolside 11 pm |
| Step back to a time when dance music could truly be called "classic" with the best of the 80s, 90s and more. Our musical roots! |                |

## Wednesday St. Kitts

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| Jonathan Hellyer with an All-New Show   | Theater 8:30 & 10:30 pm |
| London's award-winning cabaret show stars the multi-talented Jonathan Hellyer in a brand new production. You knew him for last year's Dame Edna Experience, so who knows what he's cooked up now! |                         |
| Miss Richfield's All-Skate  | Studio B 9 pm           |
| An old-school skating party hosted by Miss R... Skate or just sit back & watch!   |                         |
| Tropical Glow   | Poolside 11 pm          |
| The Caribbean lights up in the heat of the night with a silly mash-up of loincloths & sparkles, body paint & bling.   |                         |

## Thursday San Juan

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| Classic Disco T-Dance  | Poolside 4-6 pm         |
| We'll take you back to the halcyon days of disco for two glorious hours in the afternoon. Unnatural fabrics and excessive hair optional. |                         |
| Miss Richfield 1981  | Theater 8:30 & 10:30 pm |
| A brand new show from Minnesota's second most famous woman and one of Atlantis' most loved entertainers!                                 |                         |
| Heat   | Poolside 11 pm          |
| A hot, hot, hot night of dancing under the stars.  |                         |

## Friday Labadee

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| Surprise Guest Star   | Theater 8:30 & 10:30 pm |
| Now it wouldn't be a surprise if we told you...                   |                         |
| The Atlantis White Party  | Poolside 11 pm          |
| We'll take you to new heights with our biggest party of the week. |                         |

## Saturday At Sea

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| Center Stage  | Theater 9:30 pm  |
| A huge production show featuring the best of Broadway and beyond, starring the <i>Independence</i> singers & dancers. |                  |
| Waterworld T-Dance  | Poolside 4 –6 pm |
| One last splash around the dance floor with our wettest party yet! Throw on a swimsuit and leave your camera behind.  |                  |

# More Entertainment Notes

## Additional Performers Onboard

Atlantis entertainment happens throughout the ship, and all day and night. Look for some exciting shows from the following Atlantis entertainers:

**Matt Yee** - An over-the-top cabaret singer featuring boas, wigs, and original music

**Brian Nash** - Amazing NYC piano bar entertainer

**Nate Buccieri** - Another amazing NYC piano bar entertainer

**Hedda Lettuce** - New! Outrageous, brilliant, and devastatingly funny drag performer

**Lindsey Alley** - Sassy, sexy, and super-talented cabaret singer

**Rick & Emilie** - Two extremely talented cabaret artists will have you singing the night away

**Madonnalogues** - Inspired parodies of Madonna, Cher, Gaga and more

**Michael Swenson** - Fascinating hypnotist & mentalist with an edge

See the *Cruise Compass* for exact times and locations of these performers. You'll also see a few surprise shows from Team Atlantis and some of our other entertainers.

## DJs and Dance Parties

We're thrilled to have three of the world's top DJs onboard the *Independence of the Seas*:

Abel Miami

Moto Blanco London

Wayne G London

Joe Gauthreaux New York

Danny Verde Milan

Each has their own unique style and has been selected for their particular sound. We know that you'll enjoy the variety of music offered during the week.

With 3500 guests onboard, you can bet that we'll offer something for everyone during the week. Venues include the pool deck, Studio B, and the Labyrinth nightclub. Events will run into the night based on the number of guests attending.

We will use the nightclub to feature alternative music styles as well as an "after hours" format. If you're looking for diversity, this is your venue!

Please respect your fellow passengers when returning to staterooms late at night.

## Movies and Video Entertainment

Atlantis and Royal Caribbean have tailored the cinema and in-room entertainment specifically for Atlantis. You'll find a variety of first run movies, new gay movies, and a few classics.

# Keeping In Touch

## Before Sailing

If you need to reach Atlantis prior to your cruise, you may contact us at 310-859-8800. Our office is open day of departure until sailing in case of emergency.

You can also contact Royal Caribbean Cruises at 800-327-6700 or 305-539-4107.

## Satellite Telephone Access

You can make ship-to-shore calls from your stateroom, 24 hours a day. The cost is \$7.95 per minute and will automatically be charged to your *SeaPass* account.

Friends and family can reach you 24 hours a day via Royal Caribbean's Satellite Service. Have them call 888-724-SHIP (7447) from the USA, or 1-732-335-3285 from the rest of the world. The cost is \$7.95 per minute and can be billed to their American Express, MasterCard, or Discover cards. (From outside the USA, additional long distance charges will apply).

## Internet Access - Royal Caribbean Cruises Online

The *Independence*, not surprisingly, is the most advanced ship at sea for internet access. Every stateroom has wireless access, as do most public areas throughout the ship. Connection fees apply with a range of packages or per-minute choices available. And yes, they are expensive.

There is also an internet cafe on Deck 8 open 24 hours a day for the same charge. Please note that the public computers do not have file sending or receiving capabilities. We found that the internet cafe was very busy, so highly recommend bringing a laptop if you need to access the internet regularly during your vacation.

Finally, we recommend turning off the wireless feature on your iPhone or other device while onboard as it interferes with other user's ability to sign onto the system.

## Cellular at Sea Onboard Phone Service

*Independence* is specially equipped to allow your mobile phone to work onboard. Please note that roaming charges apply, and will be billed directly by your home carrier. We recommend checking with your carrier prior to sailing for exact rates.

This access only works while at sea. When in port, the local land operator's roaming charges will apply. Again, check with your operator to see what roaming options exist.

# Ft. Lauderdale Events

Although we are not hosting an official pre-cruise hotel, we know that hundreds of our guests are staying at the W, Westin, and Sheraton hotels. All of these are convenient to the following two events:

## Salvation Sailaway Party

There's only one official dance party the night before the cruise, produced by Hilton Wolman at the spectacular Exit 66 Nightclub. The World's Largest Gay Cruise deserves a special edition of South Florida's favorite monthly party with the incredible music of Atlantis star DJ Abel and performances by Power Infiniti.

### Salvation Sailaway Party

Friday, February 1

10 pm – Late

DJ Abel

Exit 66 Nightclub

Atlantis guests can purchase advance tickets at a discount at [www.HiltonWolman.com](http://www.HiltonWolman.com)

Use promo code "*Sailor*"

The party will be at the spectacular Exit 66 Nightclub and pool complex, located on Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard, opposite the beach on A1A (next to Beach Place). The entrance will be through the pool area, which is one block behind, at 200 Almond Avenue, just north of Las Olas Boulevard.

## Friday at Wilton Manors

The community of Ft. Lauderdale is offering a free shuttle to Wilton Manors from our hotels. A complete schedule may be downloaded from the Atlantis website after January 28th.

# After Your Cruise

## Our Arrival into Ft. Lauderdale

Upon arriving into Ft. Lauderdale, we will begin disembarkation around 7 am. This procedure generally takes around three hours. If you have a flight earlier than Noon, please notify Royal Caribbean onboard and we'll do our best to prioritize your departure.

After leaving the vessel you may claim your luggage on the pier. Baggage lost or damaged must be reported to Royal Caribbean prior to leaving the baggage claim area.

## Airport Transfers in Ft. Lauderdale

Royal Caribbean will offer group transfers to both the Ft. Lauderdale and Miami airports onboard during your cruise. Rates and information will be sent to your stateroom during the cruise, or inquire at the Guest Relations Desk.

If you are going directly to the airport upon arrival, we strongly recommend purchasing the Royal Caribbean transfers. Taxis are available, but there are never enough immediately. You could end up waiting as much as an hour once we arrive into the port.

# Atlantis Team

Our Atlantis team is made up of our full-time employees and part-time talent working together to create an exciting cruise experience for you.

## Team Atlantis

Rich Campbell - President

Brandon Reily - Producer

Malcolm Neitzey - Cruise Director

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| Richard Alvarado  | Jonathan Liao   | David Quon          |
| Michael Banus     | Greg Lynch      | Steven Shyne        |
| John David Bernal | Marino Maranion | Gregory Stockbridge |
| Jason Hellinger   | Gary McCormick  | Randy Veesser       |
| Ronnie Jones      | Nathan Orton    | Johnny Wong         |
| Greg Kiep         | Tony Portalatin | Jeff Zweiman        |

## Our Entertainers & Technical Team

|                |                  |                   |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Abel           | John Finen       | Poncho Lucero     |
| Lindsey Alley  | Wayne G          | Kidd Madonny      |
| Kris Anderson  | Kyle Garner      | Robert Montenegro |
| Moto Blanco    | Joe Gauthreaux   | Brian Nash        |
| Nate Buccieri  | Nadya Ginsburg   | Anthony Rapp      |
| Poppy Champlin | Jonathan Hellyer | Caroline Reid     |
| Nareth Chuon   | Russ King        | Guy Smith         |
| Craig Bythell  | Rick Leonard     | Danny Verde       |
| Jim David      | Hedda Lettuce    | Matt Yee          |
| Emilie Davis   | Brad Loekle      |                   |

## Questions?

Please ask your travel agent, call our office (310-859-8800), or e-mail us at:

[CruiseInfo@atlantisevents.com](mailto:CruiseInfo@atlantisevents.com)

**We look forward to seeing you onboard!  
Bon Voyage.**