

# CRUISE COMPASS

BOARDING DAY EDITION

**WELCOME ABOARD** *Independence of the Seas* To help plan your cruise vacation and to acquaint you with this amazing ship, take a few moments to review our Cruise Compass: Boarding Day Edition. It's filled with tips on how to make the most of your first day onboard.



#### **BOARDING DAY PLANNING**

- **Special Package Pricing.** Today you'll find the right package to fit your needs for one convenient price. The best values are found on boarding day!
- Beverage Packages. Quench your thirst onboard with all-inclusive beverage packages. Enjoy virtually unlimited cocktails, water and juice packages, plus select house wines and beers. Or, reserve a Coca-Cola® unlimited soda package for endless refreshment. Visit the Royal Promenade, Deck 5; Windjammer, Deck 11 or Boleros, Deck 4 to purchase your package today.
- Make the Most of your Time Ashore. Visit our destination experts at the Shore Excursions Desk on Deck 5. Our top tours sell out fast, be sure to visit us today! Ask about our Guarantee.
- **Spa Tours.** Enter to win \$500 in spa treatments! Tour the Vitality Day Spa on Deck 12 today and learn all about our full lineup of signature treatments, massages and salon services. Tour today and you could be a winner!
- Capture Your Cruise Memories. Visit our professional photographers in the Photo Gallery, Deck 4 to learn about the various photo packages available. Plan ahead and be sure to capture all your favorite moments to take home.
- **Internet.** Purchase your preferred plan today. Purchase your package on your personal device or visit royal caribbean online on Deck 8.
- Speciality Dining. Reserve a night at a specialty restaurant for an intimate fine dining experience. Pay one cover charge and order anything you'd like off the menu, or sample from a la carte menus at select venues. Onboard enjoy Chops Grille Our signature steakhouse, featuring grade-A premium cuts of steak. Or choose Giovanni's Table serving magnificent Italian cuisine in an intimate atmosphere. For reservations dial 3035 for Giovanni's and 3055 for Chops 11:30 am to 3:30 pm or pass by deck 11 by the Windjammer cafe entrance.
- **Celebrations.** Celebrate a birthday, anniversary or a special occasion with a selection of gifts or culinary delights delivered directly to any stateroom. Visit Guest Services, Deck 5 to arrange something special.



#### **BOARDING DAY TIPS**

- **Staterooms.** Staterooms will be ready for occupancy at approximately 1:00 pm. Until then, we invite you to explore the ship.
- **Luggage.** Due to the high volume of luggage, expect your luggage to be delivered to your room by 9:00 pm. If your luggage has not arrived by this time please contact Guest Services on Deck 5. If you had any alcohol or prohibited items in your luggage, plan to collect your luggage from Security on Deck 1 Midship any time after 4:30 pm.
- SeaPass.® Your SeaPass® card is very important to your cruise experience. In addition to being your room key, the SeaPass® is given to each guest and contains personal information. It is your charge card for all onboard purchases. This card also acts as your identification to board and depart from the ship. It's important to keep your SeaPass® with you at all times and to not exchange cards with another guest.
- Main Dining Room. Your main dining room table assignment is printed on the front of your SeaPass® card. Our Dining Room Manager will be available for any table or seating change requests between 11:30 am 3:30 pm today in the MacBeth Dining Room, Deck 4.
- My Time Dining. Guest with the My Time Dining program kindly make reservation between 11:30 am 3:30 pm at the King Lear Dining Room, Deck 5.
- Guest Assembly Drill. Prior to sailing, a mandatory emergency drill will be conducted. This will help you familiarize yourself with the safety routine and your assigned assembly station in the event of an emergency. Listen to announcements for further instructions and watch the safety film on your stateroom television, channel 27.



**SAIL AWAY PARTY!** Join us at 4:30 pm on Deck 11 to say bon voyage to Southampton at our spectacular Sail Away Party. There will be music, horn blasts and unforgettable views of the disappearing Southampton coastline.

#### FAMILY CRUISING

- **Register the Kids for Adventure Ocean**\*. Drop by Adventure Ocean on Deck 12 from 1:00 pm 3:30 pm, 5:00 pm 6:30 pm today to ask questions, register your child and meet our highly trained staff.
- **Teen Programs.** From talent shows and video game tournaments to pool parties and rock climbing competitions. Ask your Stateroom Attendant for a copy of the Teen Compass.
- **Activity Waivers.** Visit Deck 13 to sign the waiver permitting you and the kids to enjoy the FlowRider\*, Rock Climbing Wall and ice skating. If you completed the waiver pre-cruise, your SeaPass\* card will serve as your entry.

Youth Evacuation Program (YEP). Upon boarding, all children under 12 years of age are given colored wristbands corresponding to their emergency assembly station. In the event of an emergency, the Adventure Ocean Staff will escort all children participating in Adventure Ocean activities to their assigned assembly stations. The wristband system will also allow the crew to direct any child to the appropriate assembly station, even if they are not participating in Adventure Ocean.



A full version of the Cruise Compass with a daily rundown of onboard activities, events and news regarding your Royal Caribbean cruise will be delivered to your stateroom each evening.

Independence of the Seas® ALAHAMBRA THEATRE THE LABYRINTH (DECKS 3 & 4) SOLARIUM POOL BAR CASINO ROYALE STUDIO B MAIN POOLS PROMENADE S ON AIR H20 ZONI SPORTS COURT ROCK CLINBING WALL (13 \$\frac{1}{2}\$) SPORTS COURT ROCK CLINBING WALL (13 \$\frac{1}{2}\$) SPORTS COURT ROCK CLINBING ROOM (12 \$\frac{1}{2}\$) SPORTS COURT ROBE CHOPS GRILLE (11 \$\frac{1}{2}\$) RC ONLINE USINESS SERVICES ADVENTURE OCEAN LIVING ROOM THE PLAZA BAR

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### **BOARDING DAY DINING OPTIONS**

DINING VENUE	OPEN AT	CATEGORY	AMBIANCE
ROYAL PROMENADE, DECK 5			
Café Promenade	11:30 am	Snacks & Bites	Casual
Cupcake Cupboard (\$)	11:00 am	Dessert	Family
Sorrento's	11:00 am	Pizzeria	Casual
DECK 11			
Windjammer Café	11:30 am	Global	Casual

All venues will close for the Guest Assembly Drill.



#### BOARDING DAY OPEN BARS

DINING VENUE	OPEN AT	CATEGORY	AMBIANCE
DECK 4			
Boleros	11:00 am	Latin lounge	Casual
ROYAL PROMENADE, DECK 5			
Dog & Badger Pub	11:00 am	English style pub	Casual
Champagne Bar	11:00 am	Elegant lounge	Upscale
DECK 11			
Plaza Bar	11:00 am	Exterior bar	Casual
Pool Bar	11:00 am	Exterior bar	Casual
DECK 12			
The Sky Bar	11:00 am	Exterior bar	Casual

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welcome you aboard and to help plan your cruise

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#### **EXPLORE YOUR SHIP**

Wayfinder. Looking for your stateroom, a particular restaurant or activity? Our interactive Wayfinder screens, located in most elevator lobbies will help get you there. Wayfinders allow you to instantly view a map of the entire ship and are available in English, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Italian and French.

**RCTV.** Why wait to book your shore excursions? Make your selection from our best tour offerings directly from your stateroom TV!

**RCTV Messages.** Check your messages sent directly to you via your stateroom television. Get the scoop on exclusive promotions, special events and updates to your reservations.



#### PLAN YOUR CRUISE EXPERIENCE TODAY

Take advantage of boarding day to plan your cruise. Visit any of the individual venues listed below:

VENUE	OPEN AT	LOCATION
My Time Dining Reservation	11:30 am	Deck 5, Dining Room
Shore Excursion Desk	1:00 pm	Deck 5
Adventure Ocean Registration	1:00 pm	Deck 12, aft
Sports Desk (Activity Waivers)	1:30 pm	Deck 13, aft
Dining Room seating changes	11:30 am	Deck 4, Dining Room
Independence Day Spa	11:00 am	Decks 12, forward
Loyalty & Cruise Sales	Noon	Deck 5, Royal Promenade
Casino Royale®	6:00 pm	Deck 4
Photo Gallery	6:00 pm	Deck 4
Shops Onboard	6:00 pm	Deck 5, Royal Promenade



## Drink of the Day MIAMI MELON

Visit any bar onboard to enjoy this fantastic offering!



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