

# CRUISE CHRONICLES



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**SAILING APRIL 27 - MAY 4, 2024**

**LABADEE - PUERTO PLATA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO**

# READY, SET... GO!!!



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Dear Fantastic Voyager,

Welcome aboard! We can't wait to set sail for education, can you? The ultimate party with a purpose is just around the corner! Denny's is proud to be a sponsor of the Tom Joyner Fantastic Voyage yet again. For over 20 years now, Denny's has partnered with the Tom Joyner Foundation on various initiatives; one major focus being our Hungry for Education™ Scholarship Program while will award five deserving college students for their idea on how Denny's can help bring communities together.

Together, our two organizations have worked hand in hand to support Historically Black Colleges and Universities and to provide scholarships to deserving students. We value you, our guests, and your opinions, so we hope that you will stop by to introduce yourselves to the team. This year, we are sponsoring the following events (giveaways will be distributed at each event):

- GOSPEL EXPLOSION
- ART AUCTION
- MORNING INSPIRATION
- REPRESENT NIGHT

Finally, please join us in thanking our friend and long-term partner, Tom Joyner. More than 20 years experience of putting on a huge event like the Fantastic Voyage is no small feat! Denny's is proud to have been right there with you, dear friend. At Denny's, we consider it an honor to sail alongside our partners and colleagues at The Tom Joyner Foundation. We consider it an honor to sail alongside you too.

## ANCHORS AWEIGH!



BRENDA LAUDERBACK  
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Denny's



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Senior Vice President,  
Chief Marketing Officer  
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Vice President, Chief Inclusion &  
Community Engagement Officer  
Denny's

# GET READY, IT'S BACK!!!

## The Fantastic Voyage Beach Party

*Stay tuned!*



*"water guns will be provided"*



# DERBY DAY PARTY



# PADDLE UP FOR THE ON-BOARD

*The*  
**tom joyner** *Foundation*

# ART AUCTION



Sip on a mimosa and get your paddles ready for the Tom Joyner Foundation's exclusive African-American art auctions on Sunday and Thursday.

Complete your art experience daily by visiting directly with the artists in the "TJF Art Gallery".

Begin or add to your African-American art collection!



# AHOY FAMILY!

You have officially joined a legendary tradition that includes thousands of past cruisers, and over 300 legendary performers who've sailed with the Fantastic Voyage!

For the past 23 years, The Tom Joyner Foundation Fantastic Voyage® has supported the Tom Joyner Foundation. This annual cruise allows supporters of Historically Black Colleges and Universities to convene for one week and expand the principles of the Fantastic Voyage's mission: "Empower, Entertain and Enlighten". This cruise is also known as the "Ultimate Party with a Purpose" and offers music, comedy acts, theme nights, empowerment seminars, activities, fitness, shopping and more.

This year's guests will sail aboard the Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas to Labadee, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic and San Juan, Puerto Rico.



## EACH CABIN PURCHASED INCLUDES

- 7 days aboard the Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas
- Concerts, activities and events aboard the ship
- Port charges, taxes and gratuities
- Meals (excluding coffee shop, candy shop, gift shop and specialty restaurants)
- Airport transfers (MIA and FLL) on Saturday, April 27th and Saturday, May 4th to/from Port Miami
- A portion of your cabin may be eligible for a tax deduction ***(Please contact your tax professional)***



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## **BOOKING FLIGHTS TO AND FROM FLORIDA**

Complimentary shuttles will be provided from Miami International Airport (MIA) or Fort Lauderdale Airport (FLL) to the pier on embarkation day, April 27, 2024, and from the pier to these airports on debarkation day, May 4, 2024. Please ensure you arrive at the port no later than 2 PM on April 27th. Departure from Florida on May 4th should be scheduled for after 12 noon.

**You will soon receive an email  
requesting your flight information!**

T R A V E L

*\*Itinerary, schedule, performances subject to change*



# INDEPENDENCE OF THE SEAS<sup>®</sup>

April 27 – May 4, 2024

Sailing from Miami

Ports of call: Labadee | Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic | San Juan, Puerto Rico

Day		Port***	
SAT	APRIL 27, 2024	-----	MIAMI, FL
SUN	APRIL 28, 2024	-----	FUN DAY AT SEA
MON	APRIL 29, 2024	-----	LABADEE
TUE	APRIL 30, 2024	-----	PUERTO PLATA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
WED	MAY 1, 2024	-----	SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
THUR	MAY 2, 2024	-----	FUN DAY AT SEA
FRI	MAY 3, 2024	-----	FUN DAY AT SEA
SAT	MAY 4, 2024	-----	MIAMI, FL



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# Miami Airport Marriott

1201 NW Le Jeune Road,  
Building A Miami, FL 33126  
(305) 649-5000



## **Fantastic Voyage Attendee**

**Start Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 - End Date: Monday, April 29, 2024**

**Last Day to Book: Monday, March 25, 2024**

**Rate: \$185 per night plus taxes**

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS PROPERTY HAS KING ROOMS ONLY**

**Rooms subject to availability at time of booking**

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# Element Miami International Airport Hotel

3525 NW 25TH ST.,  
MIAMI, FL 33142  
305-636-1600



## **Fantastic Voyage Attendee**

**Start Date: Friday, April 26, 2024 - End Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**Rate: \$189 per night plus taxes**

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS PROPERTY HAS QUEEN/QUEEN ROOMS ONLY**

**Rooms subject to availability at time of booking**

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# ALTERNATE HOTEL OPTIONS

For further options to coordinate your transportation to PortMiami on April 27th, below you will find of properties that are all in very close proximity.

The highlighted properties offer direct shuttle service or through a 3rd party service. The non-highlighted properties suggest an Uber/Lyft or taxi service to be most convenient and economical.

HOTEL	MILES FROM PORT MIAMI	SHUTTLE SERVICE	PRICE OR ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS
YOTEL Miami	0.8	Yes	Uses Travel VIP Miami, \$8 per person, Runs every 30 minutes beginning at 8AM
The Elser Hotel Miami	0.8	Yes	Concierge can reserve 3rd party shuttle service upon request
citizenM Miami Worldcenter	0.9	No	Uber/Lyft/Taxi
Kimpton EPIC Hotel, an IHG Hotel	0.9	No	Uber/Lyft/Taxi
Eurostars Langford	0.9	No	Uber/Lyft/Taxi
citizenM Miami Brickell	1.4	No	Uber/Lyft/Taxi
Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Miami Downtown/Brickell	1.5	Yes	\$8 per person, reserve day in advance, runs at 10A, 12P, 1P
YVE Hotel Miami	1.6	Yes	Uses Travel VIP Miami, \$8 per person, Runs every 30 minutes beginning at 8AM
Holiday Inn Port of Miami Downtown, an IHG Hotel	1.7	No	Uber/Lyft/Taxi
Homewood Suites by Hilton Miami Downtown Brickell	1.9	Yes	Schedule at check in, \$15 per person if paying by card, \$12 per person if paying by cash, runs 10:15AM and 12:00PM
InterContinental Miami, an IHG Hotel	1.9	No	Uber/Lyft/Taxi
Tru by Hilton Miami West Brickell	2.1	No	Uber/Lyft/Taxi
Hilton Miami Downtown	2.2	Yes	\$10 per person, organized by Concierge
Hyatt Regency Miami	2.2	Yes	Uses outside service Alto \$25 flat fee for 4 passengers
Hampton Inn & Suites Miami Synwood Design District	2.3	No	Uber/Lyft/Taxi
Marriott Biscayne Bay	2.4	No	Uber/Lyft/Taxi
Kimpton Angler's Hotel South Beach, an IHG Hotel	2.7	No	Uber/Lyft/Taxi
AC Hotel	2.8	No	Uber/Lyft/Taxi
Viajero Miami	2.9	No	Uber/Lyft/Taxi
Axel Beach Miami South Beach	3	No	Uber/Lyft/Taxi
Novotel Miami Brickell	3.2	No	Uber/Lyft/Taxi

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# WHEELCHAIR & SCOOTER INFORMATION

**Royal Caribbean International** will provide wheelchairs to assist guests only during embarkation and disembarkation of their cruise vacation. During peak times, there may be a wait for assistance.

If the guest requires a wheelchair, powered wheelchair or scooter to use at any time during the course of their cruise they can bring their own or rent one from an outside vendor who will deliver it to the ship. Royal Caribbean does NOT offer these items for onboard use. The following vendors rent wheelchairs, powered wheelchairs and scooters to guests with disabilities and have security clearance to get on and off of our ships:

- Special Needs at Sea: 1-800-513-4515 or 1-954-585-0575
- Scootaround (formerly Care Vacations): 1-888-441-7575 or 1-204-982-0657

Guests may bring and use wheelchairs, mobility scooters and other assistive devices onboard our ships. Due to safety reasons, Segways® may not be used onboard.

Assistive devices including mobility scooters must be stored and recharged in the guest's stateroom so fire doors, corridors and elevators are kept clear for emergency evacuation. When parked throughout the ship, they must be parked out of the way to allow safe and easy access by other guests and crewmembers.

Assistive devices must fit through the stateroom doorway – at least 23 inches for standard staterooms. We offer accessible staterooms with wider doors - at least 32 inches wide which may accommodate larger devices. If the guest has a device larger than 32 inches wide, they should contact the Access Department.

**Note:** Crewmembers are not permitted to lift power wheelchairs or mobility scooters, however assistance with folding manual wheelchairs, walkers, canes, etc. will be provided.



POWERED BY STARLINK

FULL VOYAGE PACKAGES	SURF + STREAM
1st DEVICE	<b>\$26.99</b> per day
2nd DEVICE	<b>\$20.99</b> per day
3rd DEVICE	<b>\$20.99</b> per day
<b>▶ 4th DEVICE</b>	<b>\$20.99</b> per day

SINGLE DAY PASS	SURF + STREAM
24-HOUR PASS	<b>\$29.99</b> per device

## CONNECTING ONBOARD

- 1 Set phone to Airplane mode.
- 2 Disable iCloud+ Private Relay (Apple) or Randomize MAC Address (Android).
- 3 Turn on Wi-Fi and connect to the guest network.
- 4 When the portal loads, click on “Access Internet” and then “Create an Internet account.” If there is no pop up, type “login.com” in the address bar.
- 5 Select and purchase your package. You’re connected!

**Note:** To disconnect or switch to another device, type “logoff.com” in the address bar.

If you have any questions, visit your Communication Service Specialist during their desk hours.



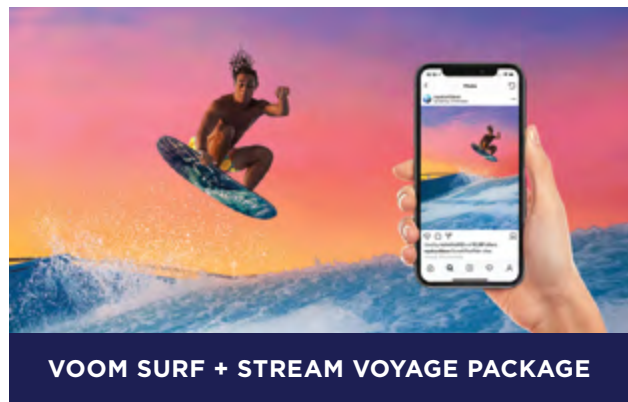
Crown & Anchor Society members will automatically receive their eligible coupon on the Internet portal package selection screen.





# HIGH SPEED IN YOUR HANDS

Everyone wants to disconnect- but no one likes to feel disconnected. Whether it's browsing the web, checking in with friends and family back home, or streaming your favorite shows, music, and movies directly to your device, you can do this with our VOOM Surf + Stream Voyage package. You'll also get to share the adventure in real time on social media and video calls. Packages are available for up to four devices.



- 24 hour access
- Browse the web
- Send and receive emails
- Chat on messenger apps (ex: Whatsapp)
- Video chat live
- Stream music, videos, movies, TV shows and more
- Live stream and post on social media

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# Specialty THEME NIGHTS



**REPRESENT  
NIGHT**

**PAJAMA  
NIGHT**

**ALL WHITE  
ALL NIGHT**

**70<sup>s</sup> VS 90<sup>s</sup>  
NIGHT**

**MARDI GRAS  
MEETS CARNIVAL  
NIGHT**

**SALUTE TO  
SERVICE  
NIGHT**

**PROM NIGHT  
2.0**

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**We heard your feedback  
about our theme nights.  
So we tweaked two just for you!**



## PERFORMING IN 2024



**Earth, Wind & Fire**



**Chaka Khan**



**Bobby Brown**



**Tank**



**Ralph Tresvant**



**Ja Rule**



**Kirk Franklin**



**Method Man  
& Redman**



**Ashanti**

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**BEST OF THE REST**

BUT YOU NEVER KNOW WHO ELSE YOU WILL SEE ON THE FANTASTIC VOYAGE



**Alison Hinds**



**EU featuring Bear**



**George Wallace**



**J. Anthony Brown**



**Myra J.**



**Chris Paul**



**Huggy Lowdown**

**A TRIBUTE TO GERALD LEVERT AND HIS LEGACY**  
*featuring*  
**TERRY HARRIS** (RENDITIONS OF GERALD LEVERT)  
**DAVE TOLLIVER** (LEAD SINGER - MEN AT LARGE)  
**JOE LITTLE III** (LEAD SINGER - RUDE BOYS)  
**MARC J. GORDON** (FOUNDING MEMBER - LEVERT)

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# PUT SAVINGS ON YOUR TAB

Enjoy unlimited drinks and exclusive savings when you purchase a beverage package for your cruise. Sip on all your favorite beverages for any mood — plus save 40% on bottles of wine worth up to \$100, and 20% on any over \$100.



**DELUXE PACKAGE**  
**\$105.00**

per person, per day

**Toast to all-inclusive options\***

- Cocktails / Spirits / Liqueurs / Beer
- Still and sparkling water
- Wines by the glass
- Fresh squeezed juices / Non-alcoholic cocktails
- Premium coffees and teas\*
- Fountain sodas
- Coca-Cola® souvenir cup included

*\*Package includes any single beverage item with a value up to \$14 . Plus, receive a 40% discount on bottled wines priced up to \$100, and 20% discount on wines priced above \$100. Package excludes all beverages served inside licensed Starbucks® stores/cafes.*



**REFRESHMENT PACKAGE**  
**\$38.00**

per person, per day

**Enjoy our entire selection of**

- Premium coffees and teas\*
- Still and sparkling water
- Fresh squeezed orange juice
- Non-alcoholic cocktails
- Fountain sodas
- Coca-Cola® souvenir cup included

*\*Package excludes all beverages served inside licensed Starbucks® stores/cafes.*



**CLASSIC SODA PACKAGE**  
**\$15.00**

per person, per day

**Unlimited Thirst Quenchers**

- Fountain soda and refills in any venue
- Coca-Cola® souvenir cup included

## BUY YOUR BEVERAGE PACKAGE TODAY!

AVAILABLE AT ALL BARS

\*Prices subject to change without notice, gratuities may be added based on itinerary. Packages cannot be shared and are not transferable. All guests over the age of 21 in the same stateroom and under the same stateroom booking number are required to purchase the same alcoholic beverage package. Beverage Package refund requests must be submitted within 48 hours of purchase to be considered. Your check may reflect an additional tax for certain ports or itineraries. When ordering a beverage selection onboard, you must present your SeaPass card to your server. Package does not include mini bar items and souvenir glassware, specialty beers as listed on bar menus, or super premium category beverages above. All Beverage Packages and the Café Select Coffee Card exclude any beverages served inside licensed Starbucks® stores and or cafes. All Beverage Packages are subject to the terms of Royal Caribbean International's Alcohol Policy. No cancellation after 48 hours from purchase.  
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# Laundry Service

Place items and completed form in bag

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Stateroom \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please check service desired:

Regular Service

*Return next day by 5:30 pm*

Same Day Service

*Add 50% same day service charge. Picked up before 11:00 am, return by 5:30 pm*

#	Item	Wash and Press		Press Only		Steam Only		Dry Clean and Press		Ship Use
		Price	Qty	Price	Qty	Price	Qty	Price	Qty	
1	T-Shirt / Blouse	\$3.49		\$1.99		\$1.99		\$4.99		
2	Short Sleeved Shirt	\$3.99		\$2.99		\$2.49		\$5.99		
3	Long Sleeved Shirt	\$4.99		\$3.99		\$3.49		\$6.99		
4	Pants	\$5.49		\$3.99		\$3.49		\$6.99		
5	Shorts	\$4.49		\$2.99		\$2.49		\$6.49		
6	Underwear / Socks	\$1.99		---		---		---		
7	Dress	\$8.99		\$6.99		\$6.49		\$13.99		
8	Skirt	\$4.99		\$3.99		\$3.49		\$6.99		
9	Pullover / Sweater	\$4.99		\$3.99		\$2.99		\$6.99		
10	Suit	---		\$9.99		\$8.99		\$14.99		
11	Jacket	---		\$7.49		\$6.99		\$8.99		
12	Tie / Scarf	\$2.99		\$2.49		\$1.99		\$3.99		
13	Pajamas	\$3.99		\$2.99		\$2.49		---		
14	Swimsuit	\$3.49		---		\$2.49		---		
15	Evening Gown	---		\$14.99		\$12.99		---		
16	Cloth Face Mask	\$2.99		---		---		---		

**Interoffice use only**

<b>Subtotal</b>				
<b>50% Same Day Service</b>				
<b>Grand Total</b>				

Please limit laundry services to the articles of clothing listed on the chart. Unfortunately, we cannot accept wedding gowns, ball gowns, Quinceañera attire, or other fine and delicate articles for any type of laundry treatment.

Terms of Service: Liability for items is limited to seven times the price charged for the wash and fold of items. We cannot be responsible for color alteration or faults in the material. Please make sure to itemize list with every piece sent. Claims must be accompanied by this list and must be made within 24 hours.

By signing below, I agree to the terms and charges associated with this service.

Guest Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## Loads of Savings

### Wash and Fold Laundry Special — \$34.99

Arrive home with a suitcase full of clean, folded laundry — for one low price. Fit as many socks, shorts, t-shirts, swimwear and pajamas as you can into the bag provided and leave it for your stateroom attendant. Within 24 hours, our clothing professionals will wash, fold and return your garments.

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Stateroom: \_\_\_\_\_

SeaPass Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Item Description	Quantity
Pajamas	
Socks (pair)	
Shorts	
Swimwear	
T-shirts	
Underwear	

Guest Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Terms: Items not included in this package will be cleaned and charged at regular laundry rates. In case of any damage or loss, liability is limited to seven times the price charged for the Wash and Fold of said items. Laundry is not responsible for color alteration or faults in the material. Our count must be accepted as correct, unless an itemized list is included. Any claims must be accompanied by itemized list and made within 24 hours of service rendered.



# Out with the Wrinkles

## Press Only Special – \$17.49

Start your cruise with freshly pressed clothing – for one low price. Fit up to 10 pieces into the bag provided and leave it for your stateroom attendant. Our clothing professionals will work as quickly as possible to press and return your garments within 48 hours.

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Stateroom \_\_\_\_\_

Onboard Expense Account \_\_\_\_\_

Item Description	Quantity
Suit	
Dress/Skirt	
Pants/Shorts	
Dress Shirt/T-shirt	
Blouse/Slip	
Jacket/Vest	

Guest Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Terms: In case of any damage or loss, liability is limited to seven times the price charged for the pressing of said items. Laundry is not responsible for color alteration or faults in the material. Our count must be accepted as correct, unless an itemized list is included. Any claims must be accompanied by itemized list and made within 24 hours of service rendered.



# ROYAL CARIBBEAN PROHIBITED ITEMS

Weapons, illegal drugs, and other items that could interfere with the safe operation of the ship or the safe and secure environment of our guests and crew are prohibited. The following are examples of items that guests are not allowed to bring onboard. These and other similar items will be confiscated upon being found. Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, flammable liquids, explosives, and dangerous chemicals will not be returned.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Firearms & Ammunition, including realistic replicas.
- Sharp Objects, including all knives and scissors. (Note: Personal grooming items such as safety razors are allowed. Scissors with blade length less than 4 inches are allowed.)
- Illegal Drugs & Substances
- CBD Oil / CBD Products
- Candles, Incense, Coffee Makers, Clothes Irons, Travel Steamers & Hot Plates. (Items that generate heat or produce an open flame. This includes heating pads, clothing irons, hotplates, candles, incense and any other item that may create a fire hazard. NOTE: The only exception to this policy are curling irons and hair straighteners. Matches and normal lighteners are allowed onboard. However " "torch lighters" " and novelty lighters that look like guns are not allowed onboard. Torch lighters emit a powerful concentrated flame, and therefore are prohibited.
- Hoverboards
- Martial Arts, Self Defense, and Sports Gear, including handcuffs, pepper spray, night sticks.
- Flammable Liquids and Explosives, including lighter fluid and fireworks.
- Hookahs & Water Hookah Pipes.
- HAM Radios
- Baby Monitors
- Electrical Extension Cords
- Dangerous Chemicals, including bleach and paint.
- Perishable Food & Meat Products
- Alcoholic Beverages (Note: On boarding day, each stateroom may bring up to two 750 ml bottles of wine or champagne. Guests who purchase alcohol bottles onboard, in a port-of-call, or bring more than the two permitted bottles on boarding day, will have their items safely stored by the ship. These bottles will be returned on the last day onboard for enjoyment once home. Alcoholic beverages seized on embarkation day will not be returned.)
- Exceptions can be made for the following sporting goods; however, the item must be stored in the guest's stateroom and cannot be used onboard.
- Baseball Bats, Hockey Sticks, Cricket Bats, and Golf clubs
- Skateboards, Surfboards, and Bicycles

# ROYAL CARIBBEAN ITEMS YOU CAN BRING



Guests are welcomed to bring select beverages onboard. On boarding day, each stateroom may bring up to two (2) 750 ml bottles of wine or champagne, as long as one guest is of legal drinking age. Corkscrews will be provided for guests to enjoy their drinks in their stateroom. If guests wish to enjoy their wine or champagne in our dining or bar venues, there will be a corkage fee applied.

Guests may also bring non-alcoholic beverages as carry-on items on boarding day. Non-alcoholic beverages may not exceed 12 standard (17 oz.) cans, bottles or cartons per stateroom. Milk and distilled water brought on for infant, medical, or dietary use are permitted.

Guests who purchase alcohol bottles onboard, in a port-of-call, or bring more than the two permitted bottles on boarding day, will have their items safely stored by the ship. These bottles will be returned on the last day onboard for enjoyment once home.





# TRAVEL GUARD



Travel is always risky and trouble can happen when you least expect it, which is why the Fantastic Voyage Team recommends that you purchase travel insurance. You can purchase travel insurance from Travel Guard (the Foundation receives a nominal fee) at [www.TravelGuard.com](http://www.TravelGuard.com).

## Why Choose Travel Guard?



### Best Travel Insurance

AIG Travel was awarded top honors by Forbes Advisor in their Best Travel Insurance Companies list for consumers. Out of 15 travel insurance companies ranked by the financial news outlet, **AIG Travel came in first**, based on a rigorous, data-driven methodology.



### Online Quotes & Coverage

Is your trip coming up quickly? Interested in getting a quote? With our online product comparison tool, just answer a few questions about your trip and we will provide you with a quote for our most popular plans.

[Compare Plans](#)



### 24 Hour Concierge Assistance

We make sure our customers receive not only superior trip insurance coverage but also a lifeline when away from home. Next time there is an emergency or delay, we can help you find a new flight. Expenses incurred from third-party vendors for assistance services not part of a filed insurance plan are the responsibility of the traveler.

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# PREFERRED

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## Travel Guard®



### Travel is unique to each traveler, why settle for a “one-size-fits-all” travel insurance plan?

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- A hurricane warning is issued by the NOAA hurricane center for your destination.
- You have to cancel due to complications of pregnancy or a normal pregnancy or childbirth, occurring after you purchase.

**Virtually anywhere you travel, we are never more than a phone call away.**

*To view a full listing of coverage benefits, please refer to the Policy of Insurance.*

#### EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS.

Our Enhancement Suite has various bundles to add to your travel insurance plan. With the purchase of a Preferred travel insurance plan, you can personalize your plan with one of these coverage bundles:

- Pet Bundle
- Security Bundle
- Adventure Sports Bundle
- Name Your Family® Bundle
- And more!

*A customized travel insurance plan will be your favorite traveling companion.*

#### QUESTIONS?

CALL TOLL-FREE:

**1.800.826.1300**



## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE - LIMITATIONS APPLY

Coverage may not be available in all states. Coverage varies by state. For complete coverage information and exclusions, please refer to the Policy of Insurance for your state of residency prior to purchase, by visiting [www.travelguard.com/doc-library](http://www.travelguard.com/doc-library). This plan is not available to residents of NY and WA.

### COVERAGE

Per Person	Maximum Limit Up To
Trip Cancellation	100% of Insured Trip Cost <sup>1</sup> (Maximum of \$150,000)
Trip Interruption	150% of Insured Trip Cost <sup>1</sup> (Maximum of \$225,000)
Trip Exchange	50% of Insured Trip Cost (Maximum of \$75,000)
Trip Interruption – Return Transportation Only	\$750
Trip Saver	\$2,500
Single Occupancy	100% of Insured Trip Cost (Maximum of \$150,000)
Trip Delay	\$800 (Maximum \$200 per day, 5 HRS)
Missed Connection	\$1,000
Baggage Coverage	\$1,000 (Secondary <sup>2</sup> )
Baggage Delay	\$300 (12 HRS)
Travel Medical Expense/ Dental Expense	\$50,000 (Primary) \$500
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation of Remains	\$500,000 (Medical)
Non-flight Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$30,000
Travel Inconvenience Benefits <i>Flight Delay, Flight Cancellation<sup>3</sup>, Runway Delay, Cruise Diversion, River Cruise Diversion</i>	\$750 (aggregate) \$250 per coverage
Ancillary Evacuation Benefits <i>Includes: Return Transportation, Baggage Return</i>	\$5,000
Assistance Services <sup>4</sup> <i>Travel Medical Assistance, Worldwide Travel Assistance, Concierge Services, Personal Security Assistance, Identity Theft Assistance</i>	Included

Expenses incurred from third-party vendors for assistance services not part of a filed insurance plan are the responsibility of the traveler.

<sup>1</sup>Coverage only applicable to prepaid, non-refundable trip costs identified on the enrollment form and if the required plan cost has been paid.

<sup>2</sup>Baggage coverage is Primary for AK, CT, IL, KS, MI, MN, MO, SD, TX and VT residents.

<sup>3</sup>Not included for KS, MN, MO and MT residents.

<sup>4</sup>Non-insurance services are provided by Travel Guard.

<sup>5</sup>Pet Medical Expense not included for KS, MN, MO and MT residents.

<sup>6</sup>Quarantine Bundle only available to residents of AL, AR, AZ, DE, HI, IA, ID, KY, MA, ME, MS, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NV, OH, OK, VA, WI, WV, and WY.

This plan provides insurance coverage that only applies during the covered trip. You may have coverage from other sources that provides you with similar benefits but may be subject to different restrictions depending upon your other coverages. You may wish to compare the terms and conditions of this policy with those of your existing life, health, home and automobile insurance policies, as well as any coverage which may be available to you through your credit card program(s). If you have any questions about your current coverage, call your insurer or insurance agent or broker. Coverage is offered by Travel Guard Group, Inc (Travel Guard). California lic. no.0B93606, 3300 Business Park Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54482, [www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com). CA DOI toll free number: 800-927-HELP. This is only a brief description of the coverage(s) available. The Policy will contain reductions, limitations, exclusions and termination provisions. Insurance underwritten by National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., a Pennsylvania insurance company, with its principal place of business at 1271 Avenue of the Americas, 37th FL, New York, NY 10020-1304. It is currently authorized to transact business in all states and the District of Columbia. NAIC No. 19445. Coverage may not be available in all states. Your travel retailer may not be licensed to sell insurance, and cannot answer technical questions about the benefits, exclusions, and conditions of this insurance and cannot evaluate the adequacy of your existing insurance. The purchase of travel insurance is not required in order to purchase any other product or service from the travel retailer. Travel assistance services provided by Travel Guard.

### EXTRA COVERAGE

- Pre-Existing Medical Condition Exclusion Waiver**  
*(Policy must be purchased within 15 days of the Initial Trip Payment. Day one is the date the initial payment is received. If the policy is not purchased within 15 days of the Initial Trip Payment, then a 180-day look-back period applies. For residents of Montana, 60-days.)*

### ENHANCEMENT SUITE

The following insurance benefits and options will be included, if elected, and appropriate costs have been paid.

- Pet Bundle:** Daily benefit for boarding, and medical expense coverage<sup>5</sup> for illness or injury of dog or cat while traveling. Includes coverage for Trip Cancellation or Interruption if your Pet is in critical condition or dies within seven days prior to the Departure Date.
- Security Bundle:** Coverage for security evacuation, Flight Guard and Trip Cancellation or Interruption due to riot or civil disorder.
- Adventure Sports Bundle:** Removes the exclusions for adventure and extreme activities from all benefits on the Policy.
- Medical Bundle:** Increases base plan medical expense and medical evacuation benefits, and adds hospital of choice and additional evacuation benefits.
- Quarantine Bundle<sup>6</sup>:** Coverage can provide a daily benefit for mandatory quarantine, ordered by a Physician or authorized local health official, due to a diagnosis and/or exposure to a communicable disease. Includes Trip Interruption coverage if you are denied boarding due to mandatory health-related screening.
- Inconvenience Bundle:** Payment for closed attractions, rental home lockout, credit/debit card cancellation, hotel infestation, hotel construction and more.
- Name Your Family<sup>\*</sup> Bundle:** Choose a person to be deemed a Family Member for the purpose of Family Member-related Unforeseen events.
- Baggage Bundle:** Baggage coverage becomes primary with increased base plan baggage coverage and baggage delay benefits.
- Cancel for Any Reason:** Reimburses up to the Maximum Limit shown on the Schedule of Benefits if you cancel your Trip for any reason, not otherwise covered under the Policy, up to 48 hours prior to your scheduled departure.
- Rental Vehicle Damage Coverage:** Reimburses up to the Maximum Limit shown on the Schedule of Benefits for physical damage to a rental car for which the car rental contract would hold you responsible.
- Wedding Bundle:** Trip Cancellation due to wedding cancellation. Coverage does not apply if you are the bride or groom in the wedding.

**Family Coverage:** One child, age 17 and under, who is booked to travel with and is related to the primary adult named on the enrollment form, is included in the rates for each paying adult. Offer does not apply to optional coverages. The child's trip cost must be equal to or less than the adult traveler(s) trip cost.

# AHOY CRUISERS!

## Frequently Asked Questions

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**Q: Why is my reservation in Royal reflecting a certain dining time and why didn't I get a choice?**

**A:** For a charter, such as the Fantastic Voyage, Royal uses this code to indicate which color of pass card you will receive, not for dining seating. Dining aboard the Fantastic Voyage is open seating; there are no assigned times. When an entertainer performs more than once aboard the cruise, the color of your card indicates which performance you will attend. The colors are distributed evenly and randomly.

**Q: Are there any more cabins available?**

**A:** Please call (214) 495-1963 to book your cabin or book online at [www.FantasticVoyage2024.com](http://www.FantasticVoyage2024.com)

**Q: How do I buy Travel Insurance?**

**A:** This is a great question as we strongly recommend travel insurance because you never know what can happen! You can purchase travel insurance from Travel Guard (Foundation receives a nominal fee) at ([www.TravelGuard.com](http://www.TravelGuard.com)) or type "cruise travel insurance" into any Internet search engine. You would normally just need your FV reservation number and not the booking number. If you have any problems with your number being accepted, please contact your CSR rep. or call (214) 495-1963.

**Q: Can I buy and bring non-alcoholic beverages onboard? How much can I bring?**

**A:** Guests may bring non-alcoholic beverages as carry-on items on boarding day. Non-alcoholic beverages may not exceed twelve standard (17 oz.) cans, bottles, or cartons per stateroom. Please read the [Royal Caribbean Policy](#).  
<https://www.royalcaribbean.com/faq/questions/food-drink-onboard-policy>

**Q: Is there an Iron & Ironing Board on the ship? How large are the Laundry bags?**

**A:** For safety concerns self-service laundry facilities are not provided onboard ships, but they do offer washing, pressing, and dry cleaning services. They do not provide irons in the staterooms as they constitute a fire hazard but do offer laundry services. Please review and read the [Laundry Service information](#).

**Q: The Cruise Line told me that my gratuities were not paid when I called.**

**A:** As a charter, the Fantastic Voyage covers all cabin-related gratuities aboard the ship, which are posted to the ship the day before sailing. The Fantastic Voyage has already made payment for the gratuities. Quoted from Royal: "We do not customize e-docs for charters, so if guests with booking reservations pull the e-docs that are automatically generated with the booking, they will find generic information like in any other sailing. The gratuities are sent over to the ship right before the charter sailing starts and that is when they will be prepaid. There is no way to stop this for just one sailing. Kindly ask them to disregard gratuity information."

**Q: What is included in the Cruise rate?**

**A:** The price includes your stateroom, entertainment, meals (except in specialty restaurants), beverages (except soda and alcohol), gratuities, government taxes, and fees, port charges, and shuttle service between the airport and pier.

Port charges include but are not limited to (i) taxes/fees assessed by governmental and other agencies; (ii) cost incidental to entering/leaving ports such as pilotage; (iii) costs incurred while in port.

The cruise vacation price does not include air transportation, shore excursions, telephone calls, Internet service, photographs, soda or alcoholic beverages, gratuities on drinks and in specialty restaurants, medical services, gift shop or souvenir purchases, beauty/barber/massage services, and gambling/casino fees.

**Q: Into which airport should I fly?**

**A:** Preferably the Miami International Airport (MIA) or Fort Lauderdale Airport (FLL). There will be complimentary shuttles provided from these two (2) airports to the pier on embarkation day April 27, 2024, and from the pier to these airports on debarkation day May 4, 2024. More information will be updated and distributed in January 2024.

**Q: Is airfare included in the cost of the cruise?**

**A:** No, airline tickets are purchased separately and are not included in the price of the cruise.

**Q: What travel documents are required to board as of August 31, 2024?**

**A:** Please carefully read the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line document requirements by clicking the link below. <https://www.royalcaribbean.com/faq/questions/what-travel-documents-i-need-for-boarding-day>

**Q. If I plan to travel with a Birth Certificate and not a passport what are the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line accepted forms of a birth certificate?**

**A:** Here is what Royal Caribbean requires if travelling with a Birth Certificate.

**Must be an original or Government issued copy**

**If U.S. Citizens aged 16 and older traveling on a closed loop U.S sailing are planning to use their Birth Certificate, Naturalization Paper, or Consular Report of Birth Abroad as their proof of citizenship, they will still need to bring a state issued photo ID if they plan to travel on a closed loop U.S. sailing without a passport book.**

- **Birth Certificate:** A “birth certificate” is issued by a government agency (federal, state, county, city, etc.). This document is legal proof of citizenship that can be used by U.S. citizens for certain international travel. For states that have a “short form” and “long form”, whichever document is government issued with the guest’s full name, birth date and US birthplace (city and state), is acceptable.
- **Birth Notice/Certificate of Live Birth:** A “birth notice” or “Certificate of Live Birth” is issued by a hospital or other type of medical facility, but it is not an approved travel document. It is a courtesy document that merely indicates where a birth occurred. It has no legal status and cannot be used to prove citizenship for travel purposes. Baptismal papers and hospital certificates of birth are not acceptable. If certificate says, “This certificate does not proof of US Citizenship,” even with raised seal, it is not acceptable. If the guest arrives with only a birth notice, they will be denied boarding.

**Hint:** If the birth “certificate” has the baby’s footprints stamped on it, or has a place for the baby’s footprints, the certificate was issued by the hospital and is NOT acceptable for proof of citizenship.

- **Birth Letters:** A letter stating that a government agency has the guest’s birth certificate on file is not an acceptable travel document. If the guest arrives with only a birth letter, they WILL be denied boarding.

**Q: When should I plan to arrive and depart for the cruise?**

**A:** When booking your flights, it is suggested that you allow 2 -3 hours of travel time from the airport, to allow for travel time, baggage retrieval, loading, and unloading.

**Arrival to Florida before boarding** – Plan to make your arrival on the date of sail no later than 2 pm.

**Departure from Florida** - Due to potential weather issues, we recommend that you make flight reservations for AFTER 12 Noon on the day of departure.

**Q: Is transportation available from the airport to the pier? Do you need my flight itinerary?**

**A:** Yes, we have planned for transportation from either the Miami International Airport (MIA) or Fort Lauderdale Airport (FLL) to be available on April 27, 2024, and May 4, 2024, during designated hours. More details will be sent out via email with your cruise documents and through guest communications leading up to the sail date.

**Q: Can I get Internet access aboard the ship?**

**A:** There is Internet aboard the ship. Internet access is billed at rates established by the cruise line. You can visit the Royal Caribbean website for the correct rate information.

**Q: How are onboard purchases charged?**

**A:** Royal Caribbean Cruise Line accepts VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and cash for a deposit on your account. Sea Pass is the Royal Caribbean's onboard cashless credit program. This allows you to charge all your services, gratuities, and purchases during your cruise to your stateroom. All locations on board will accept your Sea Pass card for payment; the casino will also accept cash. A credit card or cash deposit is needed to establish your personal onboard account.

**Q: Why haven't I gotten my reservation agreement after I booked my cabin?**

**A:** Reservation Agreements are usually sent out once per month starting near the beginning of October.

**Q: What happens if I am not able to make the cruise once I have paid?**

**A:** Troubles can occur when you least anticipate them forcing you to cancel or interrupt your trip, lose your vacation investment, and incur unplanned expenses. We strongly encourage you to consider the purchase of travel insurance from a national insurer such as Travel Guard (800-826-4919, reference number 98362) (or type "travel insurance" into a search engine). We earn a nominal commission from Travel Guard sales. Insurers usually require the purchase of coverage to occur near the date of booking. Please be aware that travel insurance purchased through your travel vendors (for example, your airline), may not cover your entire travel investment. We highly recommend that you purchase travel insurance from an insurance carrier that specializes in travel insurance to receive your best benefit.

**Q: What types of payments will be accepted to purchase a cabin?**

**A:** Credit cards (MasterCard, VISA, American Express, and Discover), personal checks, cashier's checks, or money orders. Additionally, financing is available through Uplift after qualification.

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\*\*Consult with your accountant or tax preparer regarding the tax-deductible donation.

**Q: What if I need to cancel my trip?**

**A:** Knowing that unforeseen situations may present themselves to our guests, we do offer a procedure for canceling your cruise. Cancellation requests must be received in writing. We make a great commitment to bringing such a luxurious cruise to our guests and, therefore, the deposit of \$500 per person is non-refundable regardless of circumstances. However, the balance of your cruise commitment is refundable at declining percentages closer to the sailing date (refer to the Fantastic Voyage website for specific percentages). In fairness to our passengers that purchase travel insurance, we strictly abide by the Transfer, Cancellation, and Refund Policy regardless of personal circumstances or circumstances beyond your control that prevent or delay your participation.

**Q: How much of my cabin is tax deductible?**

**A:** Your cabin purchase benefits The Tom Joyner Foundation, and a portion of your cabin purchase may qualify as a charitable contribution. Please consult with your tax advisor for details.

**Q: What are the travel dates, ports, and the name of the Cruise Ship?**

**A:** Saturday, April 27, 2024 – Saturday, May 4, 2024

Ports: Leaving from Miami, Florida. Ports of Call; Labadee, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic and San Juan, Puerto Rico back to Miami Florida for debarkation

Ship: Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas

**Q: How do I submit a proposal to host an activity/fitness/seminar on the Tom Joyner Foundation Fantastic Voyage cruise?**

**A:** Thank you but we are not accepting submissions or presenters currently.

**Q: Why didn't I get the same drink special price as my roommate?**

**A:** The Cruise Line offers specials to its own passengers daily, so you never know what is in the box of chocolates on that day. But once you book, you should be offered the special for that day.

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