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Venice + Cruise

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Depart for Venice

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Airfare is not included into package.

Please [contact us for flight options](#).

Day 2



Welcome to Venice!

Arrive in Venice

Welcome to Venice - one of the most charming cities of Italy.

All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates.

The rest of the day is at your own leisure to relax after the trip.



Day at leisure

Check-in into hotel: 3 or 4 stars, will be defined at finalization of your cruise vacation.



Day 3



Boats and Behind-the-Scenes Experiences

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a wonderful walking city tour of all the must-see places.

Your sightseeing program starts with a visit to St. Mark's Basilica, where you can see the astonishing Pala D'Oro altar. Next you go up to Loggia dei Cavalli to enjoy the best panoramic views of St. Mark's Square.

After the tour return to your hotel and have the rest of the day at leisure or may go on an optional gondola ride.

Venice is filled with countless bridges, canals large and small, and boats of every shape and size. With three days in the Floating City, you can fully experience the city's waterways and sti have time for museum visits and food tours.



Skip the Line: Venice in One Day Including Boat Tour

3 hours (Approx.)

See the best of Venice in a day on a tour that combines a guided walk with a cruise along the bustling Grand Canal.

Hear the history of St Mark's Square and Rialto Bridge from a guide, and visit St Mark's Basilica with a skip-the-line ticket to beat the long admission lines. Discover the tucked-away treasures of Venice's backstreets and charming canals, and then finish on a high note: a water taxi cruise on the Grand Canal.

Highlights

- Combination walking and boat tour of Venice
- Enjoy a walking tour including the famous monuments of St Mark's square
- Gain skip-the-line entry to St Mark's Basilica See Campo Santa Maria Formosa, the home of Marco Polo and the Rialto Bridge
- Explore small back streets, narrow passageways and piazzas as you learn about historical Venice from your guide Cruise along the Grand Canal on a 1-hour water taxi ride
- Break for lunch and shopping with free time between tours

After the tour return to your hotel and have the rest of the day at leisure or may go on an optional gondola ride.



Dining

Venice has a large variety of restaurants. As usual with Italian cities, the best dining experience can be enjoyed at a simple neighbourhood trattoria off the tourist rabble. Venice has many culinary specialities, like bigoli in anchovy sauce or castraure — tiny artichokes with Parmesan shavings and olive oil.

Make sure to always look at the bottom of the menu to see if a service fee is added to your bill.

"Service included" or "12% added/charged" means that another 12% of the total cost will be added to your bill. "Non cover" means no service fee will be included in the price and there will be no additional charge.



Day 4



Cruise on Rhapsody of the Seas

Departure time: 5 pm

Passengers: 2,040

Best for: Families and fun seekers who want plenty to do but don't want to navigate a mega-sized ship

At a Glance: Refurbished in 2016, Vision-class ships are known for their smaller size and beyond-the-Caribbean itineraries. *Rhapsody of the Seas* specializes in Mediterranean cruises, with multiple sailings in the Greek isles and Croatia. And though it's more intimate than Royal Caribbean's largest ships, it still has plenty of fun activities to choose from (rock climbing, anyone?).

Five Things to Know About Rhapsody of the Seas Cruise Ship

#1 You Won't Get Lost

While Royal Caribbean is best known for floating metropolises like *Symphony of the Seas*, aka the largest cruise ship in the world, the line's Vision class feels much more intimate. *Rhapsody of the Seas* carries fewer than half the passengers as *Symphony*. But you'll still find many Royal Caribbean's signature activities, kids' programs, and restaurants.

#2 It's a Great Way to Explore

There may be a less to do onboard, but *Rhapsody of the Seas* keeps its passengers plenty busy with island-hopping and mainland-centric itineraries on both sides of the Atlantic.

#3 You Can Stay Active

Rhapsody of the Seas may not be the biggest Royal Caribbean ship, but it still offers many ways to play. There's a rock-climbing wall, a video arcade, two pools, and a poolside movie screen. And if you're in the mood for a workout, you can always hit the fitness center where you'll find lots of classes to help you work off that buffet.

#4 Relaxation is a Priority

If you'd rather chill by the pool with a book than hit the rock-climbing wall, this is the ship for you. The adults-only Solarium pool has a retractable glass roof. Or book a treatment at Vitality Spa, which offers everything from body wraps and massage to acupuncture and Botox.

#5 There's Plenty to Eat

When you're not sampling the local cuisine onshore, you'll have several onboard options to choose from. During the day, grab a sandwich at Park Café or hit the buffet at Windjammer Café, then grab a scoop at Ben & Jerry's. For dinner, do the main dining room or pay an extra fee for steak at Chops Grille, Japanese at Izumi, Italian at Giovanni's Table, or a five-course, wine-paired extravaganza at the intimate Chef's Table.



Rhapsody of the Seas

The Rhapsody of the Seas started sailing in 1997. Former names: none. The Rhapsody of the Seas is registered in Nassau, Bahamas. The Rhapsody of the Seas has 1013 cabins. 23 percent of the staterooms on board have balconies.

You can expect between 2026 to 2431 passengers on a typical sailing. This means that at the higher number (usually peak and holiday sailings) Rhapsody of the Seas has a space ratio of 32.3. *(A space ratio less than 33 means that you may find the ship crowded in areas. A space ratio greater than 39 means that there should be plenty of space for each passenger.)* When this ship isn't sailing at capacity the space ratio can be as good as 38.7.

The Rhapsody of the Seas has 765 crew members on board. There are 3 passengers for every crew member on board. There are no self serve laundromats on this cruise ship.

The ship last major refurbishment was in Nov 2016.

There are 12 decks on this ship. The highest deck number is 12. The number of decks with passenger cabins is 5.

There are 14 special needs cabins on this ship. These cabins have been modified for accessibility purposes.

- 1 Indoor Pools
- 1 Outdoor Pools
- 6 Whirlpools (hot tubs)
- Rock Climbing Wall

Features

- WIFI Ship Wide
- Casino
- No Cigar Lounge
- Chapel
- Video Arcade
- No Cinema

- Show Lounge
- Hair Salon
- Spa
- Fitness Center
- Library
- No Bridge Viewing Area
- Outdoor Movie Screen
- Teen Lounge
- Passenger Promenade Deck
- Sea Viewing Lounge on upper deck
- Adult Only Outside Lounge Area



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Day 5



Split, Croatia

Arrival time: 9 am

Departure time: 6 pm



The City

Split is the second largest city in Croatia. It is a dynamic and vibrant holiday resort that turns into life over the lively summer season. Its pulsating heart is concentrated in the compact Old Town, composed of the orderly streets and monuments of the imposing Roman emperor's abode.

Just a stone's throw away from the Palace, Riva, the evocative seafront promenade, runs parallel to the city in a hub of activities that buzzes with life since the early hours – wealthy in shops, cafes and bars, the seafront boardwalk is where both locals and tourists congregate day and night, mingling and mixing.

If the city centre and the crowded beaches have become a major draw for tourists, Split peninsula is where serenity reign supreme and a backdrop of Mediterranean flora shapes the atmosphere.

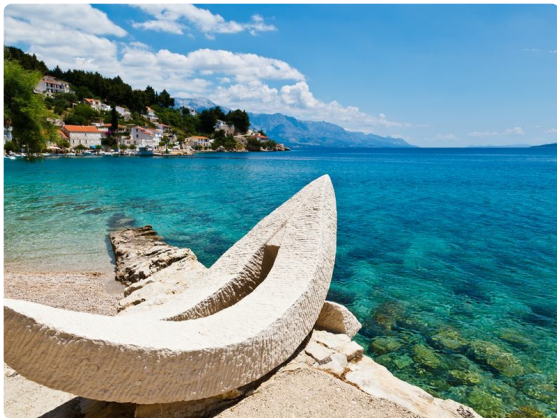


Do & See

The ancient walls of the Old City encircle squares, crescents and architectural beauties that create a cultural hub for the travellers to discover. Split has a rich history as you will notice when exploring the city. Here you will find historical sites like The Cathedral Of St. Domnius, Pjaca Clock Tower and Diocletian's Palace to name a few.

Split has also a beautiful nature, its crystalline waters, long stretches of white beaches and a green lung embedded in the peninsula are a major draw for nature-lovers, offering hundreds of options for outdoor activities or water-sports.

Thanks to its stunning surroundings the captivating city of Split has beautifully developed around tourism, creating a destination where its natural peculiarities have been enhanced by a vibrant atmosphere of bars, restaurants and shops.



Day 6



Dubrovnik, Croatia

Arrival time: 7 am

Departure time: 4 pm



The City

Few places in the world master the mix of young and modern with the medieval and baroque better than Dubrovnik. The city naturally evolves around the Old Town which is inside the city walls.

The Old Town provides a blend of shops, cafés and bars, a fantastic atmosphere, and some very beautiful sights as you walk along down the Stradun. The squares in the Old Town are lined with bars or restaurants that have outdoor seating, giving the visitors, as well as the locals, a chance to relax with a drink in the sunshine.

Outside the city walls, modern Dubrovnik offers everything you would expect from a Mediterranean country and figs, lemons, oranges and peaches are to be found dangling from the trees in many of the gardens.

The town's architecture displays very little evidence from the 'Siege of Dubrovnik' in 1992, during which more than two thousand bombs were dropped on the town. The only hint of this is the presence of all the newly tiled roofs in town.

Dubrovnik is well worth a visit any time of the year, but, naturally, spring and summer brings out the best in the city.



Do & See

"The pearl of the Adriatic" as the city is described, Dubrovnik, offers a great mix of history, sun and sea making it a popular tourist destination. Thanks to its location between the towering Dinaric Alps and the Adriatic Sea, the city has an incredible scenery that just needs to be seen with your own eyes. There are plenty of gems and spots to discover and the visitors are spoiled with choices all year round. Start your day by exploring the town's history and walk around the city walls and the Old Town, no visit to Dubrovnik would be complete without these two spectacular attractions. If you want to cool down, head over to one of the beaches with crystal clear sea and within easy reach. Alternatively, why not take a water taxi to one of the islands around Dubrovnik and enjoy gorgeous beaches, lush vegetation and the relaxed vibe. Either way, you will find endless things to do, so you better start planning.

All [optional excursions are available here](#).





Day at Sea

Enjoy day at sea.



Day 8



Santorini, Greece

Arrival time: 7 am

Departure time: 6 pm



The Island

The island's beauty has been waxed lyrical over the years, fully earning the epithet "kalliste" (the most beautiful). Along with "Strogili", this was one of the former names lent to the island over its troubled history. Its history is one of battles and conquests, of a tragic eruption and a blossoming renaissance – events that haven't altered Santorini's charm but that undoubtedly scarred it.

Together with the inhabited Thera and five other smaller islands, Thera (Santorini's Greek name) belongs to the namesake archipelago which is the vestige of a volcanic caldera. Places of unspoiled nature and postcard-like views, the islands are reachable by boat and bear the original appeal of the old-fashioned Santorini.

The main island is split further into picturesque villages masterly painted in dazzling blue and white hues, outlining the holiday resort's multi-faceted personality and its extraordinary variety of landscapes.



Do & See

The scent of wine grapes and vineyards stretching lazily down Santorini's unrefined hills; the unique taste of tomatoes grown solely on volcanic soil and the soaring temperature of the island; the subtle sand or the smoothness of white pebbles and turquoise waters of some of Europe's most suggestive beaches; the upbeat sound of the buzzing nightlife; the spectacle of the sun setting behind the village of Oia and the caldera to finally plunge into the skyline. Santorini gratifies all 5 senses, treating the traveler to enchanting views and thousands of colours.

Please [find all optional activities and excursions here.](#)



Day 9



Katakolon

Arrival time: 9 am

Departure time: 5 pm

Katakolon Port serves as the main sea-gate to Olympia, one of the most important sites in Greece. With all the pine and olive groves, the imposing remains of the temples and the stunning stadium of the Games, Ancient Olympia stands as one of the most important archaeological sites in the world.



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Katakolon, Greece: Seaport to Ancient Olympia

The seaside Greek town of Katakolon, with a population around 600, is your typical small-town cruise port -- fishing boats bob in the harbor; cafes lace the waterfront; shops sell T-shirts, hats and jewelry; and a small beach draws swimmers and splashers. But that's not why ships make this town a destination. They arrive because Katakolon serves as the cruise gateway to Ancient Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games.

Drive 40 minutes from Katakolon and you are transported back thousands of years. Stroll the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ancient Olympia, and you walk in the footsteps of early Greek and Roman athletes -- wrestlers, chariot drivers, discus throwers, runners and long-jumpers -- who vied for glory and the gods' favor. Stand alongside the massive columns, and, with the tales of a good guide, you can envision the once-magnificent temples, athletes training in the palestra and runners readying on the track. Alexander the Great, Nero, Plato and Aristotle are among those who watched the games from where you stand.

Tourists flock to the site and its companion museums, including the Archaeological Museum of Olympia, a treasure trove of pieced-together sculptures and statues that once adorned the ancient structures, and the Museum of the History of the Ancient Olympic Games, where you can learn about the original competitions.

If you've already visited Ancient Olympia, there are other sights in the area, including the spectacular temple of Apollo Epicurius and the medieval Chlemoutsi (Hlemoutsi) fortress -- or seek out the golden-sand beaches that ring the Gulf of Kyparissia.

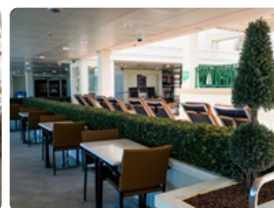
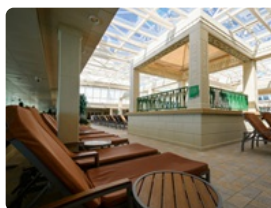
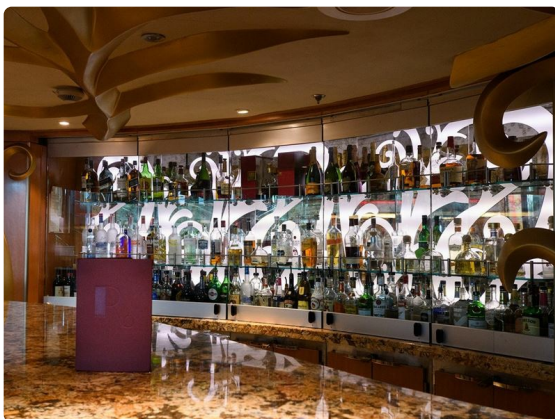


Day 10



Day at Sea

Enjoy Day at Sea!



Day 11



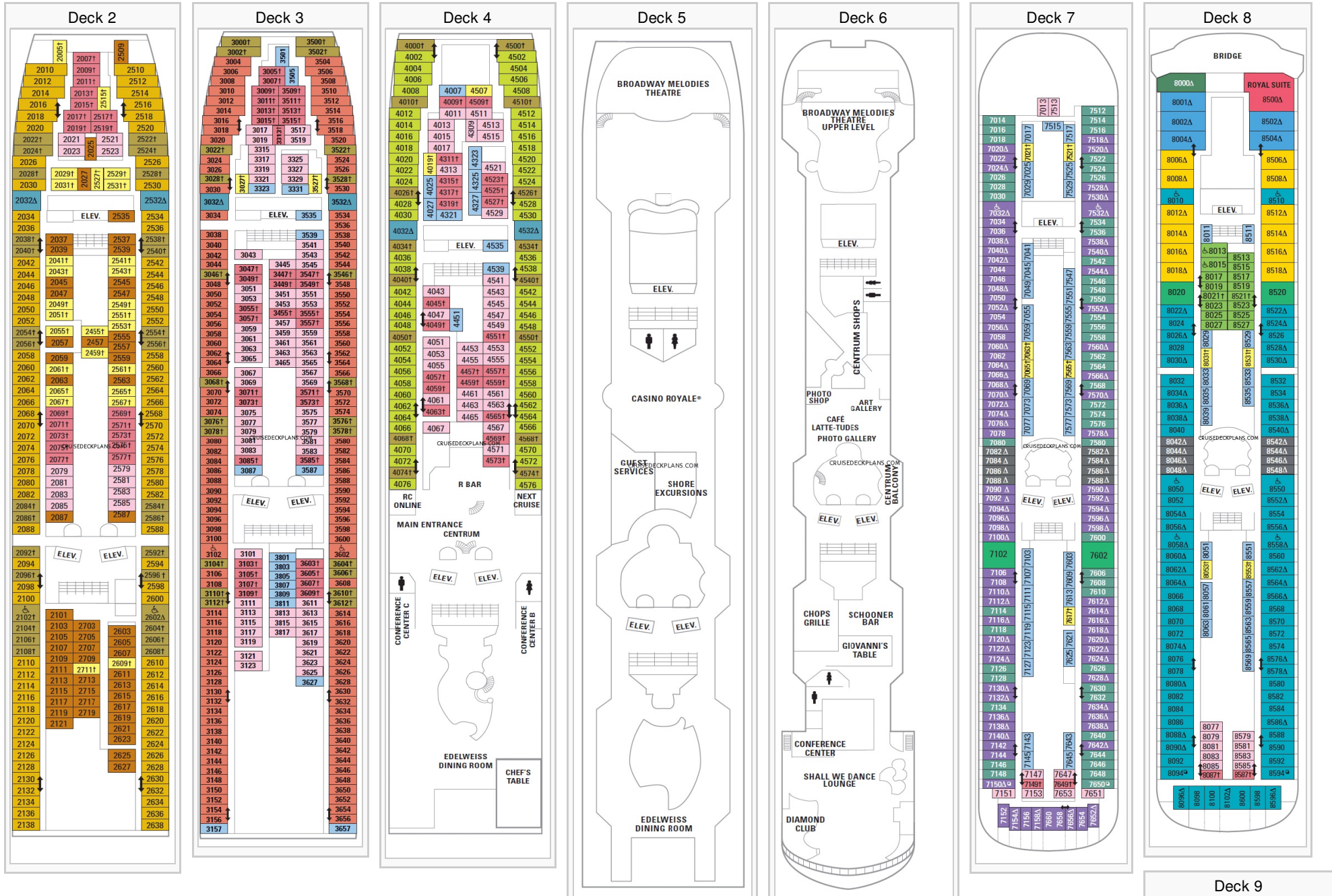
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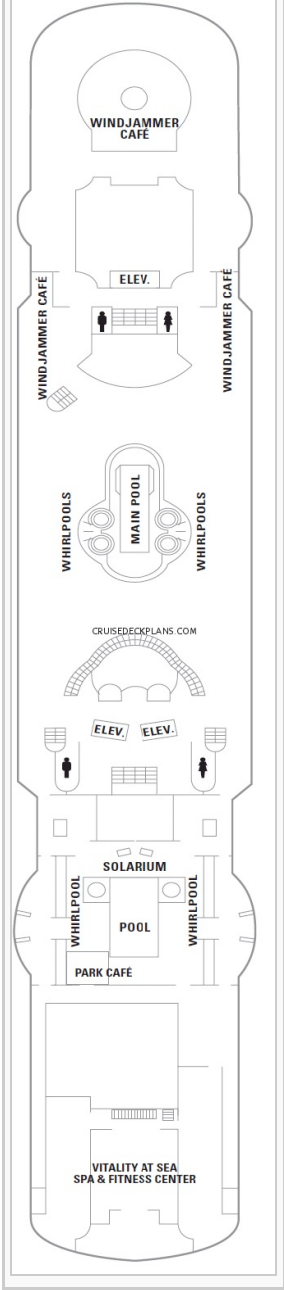
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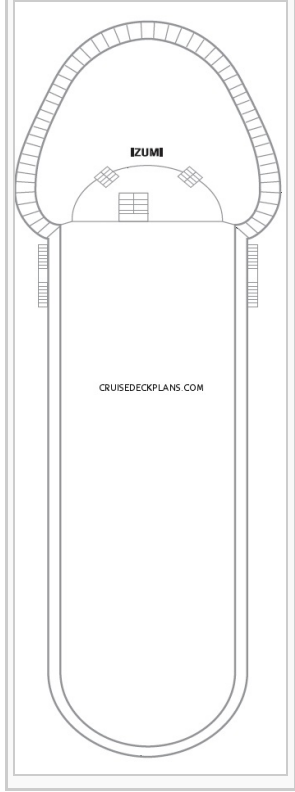
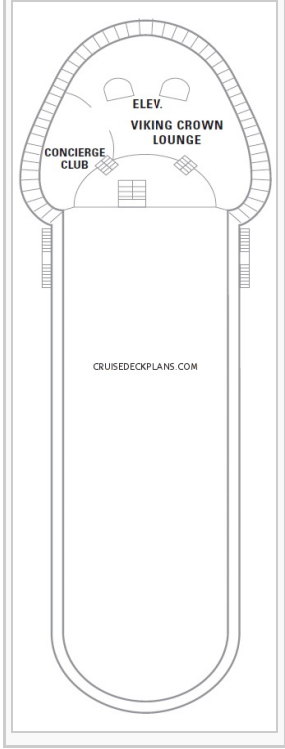
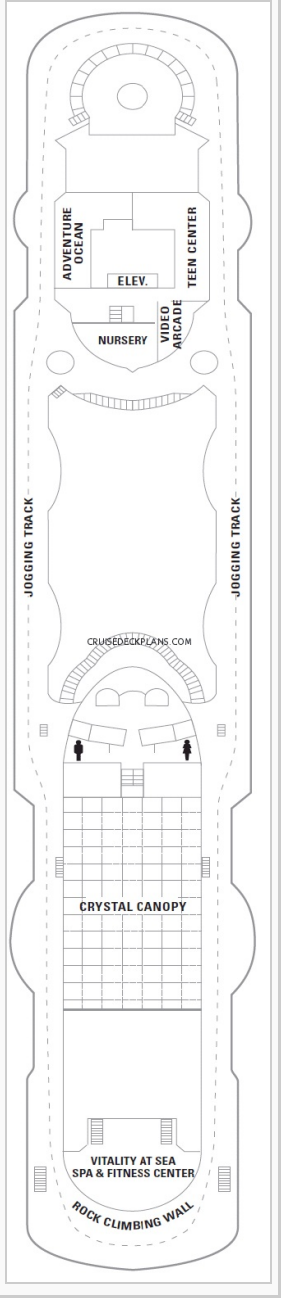
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Stateroom symbols: Royal Suite: RS Owners Suite: OS Grand Suite - 2 Bedroom: FS Grand Suite - 1 Bedroom: GS Junior Suite: FF JS Spacious Balcony: D1 D2 Ultra Spacious Oceanview: FO Oceanview: PV F G H I Interior: J K L M N Q

Symbols: Connecting staterooms Four pullman beds Handicapped facilities One pullman bed Sofa and pullman bed Sofa bed Two pullman beds







Rhapsody of the Seas

Fast Facts

Registry: Bahamas • Built at Chantiers de L'Atlantique, St. Nazaire, France
 Maiden Voyage: May 19, 1997 • Refurbished: March 2012
 Godmother: Bodil Wilhelmsen, wife of Royal Caribbean principal shareholder
 Gjert Wilhelmsen

78,491 GRT • 915.35 feet long • 105.6 feet wide • 25 feet draft • 22 knots cruising speed
 11 guest decks • 12 total decks • 9 passenger elevators • 2 bow thrusters • 1 stern thruster • 2 stabilizers
 1,998 guests (double occupancy) • 2,416 guests (total) • 765 crew (International)

Ship Facilities

Public Rooms	Capacity	Public Rooms	Capacity
Edelweiss Dining Room	1,090	Casino Royale	282
Windjammer Café	710	Schooner Bar	145
Giovanni's Table	79	Viking Crown Lounge	85
Izumi	79	R Bar	66
Park Café	76	Diamond Club	32
Chops Grille	74	Concierge Club	30
Chef's Table	14	Adventure Ocean Youth Area	40
Broadway Melodies Theatre	870	Royal Babies and Tots Nursery	8
Shall We Dance Lounge	300	Conference Center	104

STATEROOMS

Total: 1,020 • Ocean View: 613 (233 with balconies) • Interior: 407
 Staterooms with third/fourth berths: 212 • Wheelchair accessible staterooms: 14
 All staterooms convert to Royal king size bed configuration and have private bath, phone,
 flat panel LED televisions, mini-bar, hair dryers and individually controlled air conditioning

OTHER AMENITIES

Vitality Spa & Fitness Center • Beauty Salon • Solarium • Two Pools • Six Whirlpools
 Rock-climbing Wall • Jogging Track • Outdoor Movie Screen
 Boutiques • Video Arcade • Art & Photo Gallery • Medical Center
Royal Caribbean Online Internet Center

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