

A man with short brown hair and a beard, wearing a dark pinstriped suit jacket over a white shirt and dark tie, is seated at a black grand piano. He is looking down at the keys, focused on playing. The piano is a high-end model with a polished finish. The background is a warm, golden-brown wall with a glass door or partition reflecting light. The overall atmosphere is elegant and sophisticated.

*At Last We
Get to Explore
the Entertainment
on the Cruise!*

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Last month we explored the Royal Caribbean cruise ship's atmosphere and culinary journeys. Now we will share some of the immersive entertainment, activities, ice skating, and dance shows!

We like cruising a lot. A cruise adventure is like staying at a sleek resort where plush accommodations, gourmet dining, and immersive entertainment come together in one destination.



Jed loves the attention at karaoke!

Now this month, we'll delve into the ship's entertainment and activities. And did I mention – it's an elegant ship?

Yes! Well onboard, the ship offers us a wide range of activities including many different genres of live music to enjoy throughout the day, wellness classes at no charge, giveaways for complimentary massages and artwork, sport activities, splashing down the waterslides and rockclimbing for all ages (even 76 year olds), ice skating shows, day and night dancing, musicals and dance performances by professionals, and more.

Free and free. That's what we like, and as far as physical activities, there is rock climbing, archery, pingpong, mini golf, complimentary massage tasters, ice skating sessions, cart racing, track walking and more. The ship becomes a floating playground where friendly competition follows us from one deck to another.



Members of the jazz band!

We first try our hand at archery, quieting the world for a perfect shot. Well, the free lessons make me an amateur. Then our energy builds with fast rallies between my traveling companion, Marie, and I (both of us are fairly experienced in this sport). Now onto the ping-pong table where we both engage in sharp, rhythmic exchanges back and forth at the ping-pong table. I win three; and, Marie wins four games. Rock climbing opens. I am ready for a new experience as I put on my helmet and get into my harness. Up the wall I travel aiming for the blue color bolted-on hand and foot holds that will lead me to the top. I'm determined to make it to the top, yet it is very challenging mentally; and, requires me to strategize. It's my first time; and, well, I only make it up a foot. Okay. That's not too bad. But it is possible for seniors to climb the wall; as I witnessed my neighbor, who at age 75, climb up to the top to ring the bell.

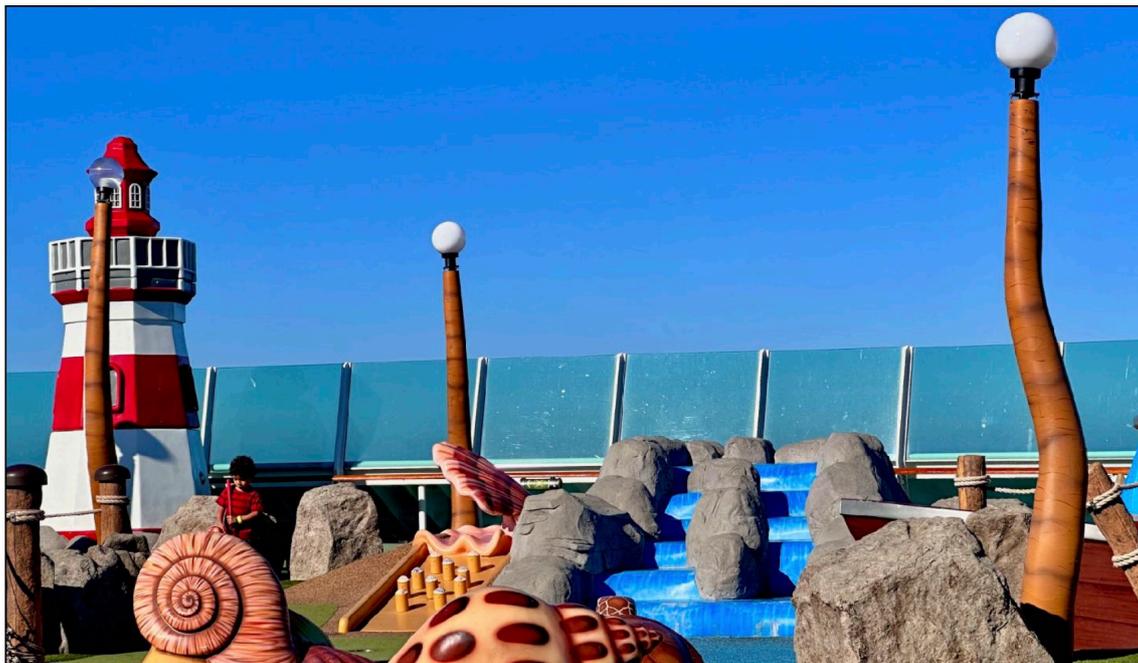
So now, to slow our pace down, off to miniature golf with Marie and my putters clicking as we giggle and enjoy the carefree fun under the open blue sky.

In the evening, there is ice skating. Yes, a genuine ice rink on a cruise ship. Well I was a little skeptical when I first heard about SOL, the ice-skating dance show that's put on nightly at the ship's ice-skating rink. At first I thought, would it be a snoozy set of ice dancing? Well, it didn't take long for me to realize this was definitely not the Ice Capades show of my dreams, but it is very entertaining.

There is choreography, immersive effects and visuals, and a thematic journey of skating by this group telling us an exciting story. So inspiring that the next morning I sign myself up to try out an ice skating session for 30 minutes. It is frightening but exhilarating as I simply glide around and around the rink over and over along with the other



Katharine the Piano Woman!



Miniature golf course for relaxation!



Fabulous Ballroom Fever dancers!

aviators of the Generation Alpha (12 year olds). Well, this is the first time I have skated in 50 years.

There is much entertainment on the ship. There are many exhibits, lectures, and activities. So in one afternoon, Park West Gallery hosts live art auctions and exhibits featuring a wide range of artwork from renowned artists (Thomas Kinkadee) and emerging artists. The event is very popular, maybe due to a complimentary glass of champagne, a large free photograph and the give-away of bottles of bubbly wine, and other popular, maybe due to a complimentary glass of champagne, a large free photograph and the give-away of bottles of bubbly wine, and other goodies. Or is it the auctioneer's fast, confident, and infectious words which tumble out in a rhythmic rush, rising and falling and pulling listeners into a commitment that attracts many attendees? We love the show with the high-energy bidding, interesting artwork, and it provides an entertaining, educational experience for us.



Vibrant artwork on display!

Now one of my favorites. At dusk when the sun slips into the water and the chandeliers in the atrium wake up, the classical pianist arrives in one of the lounges. He sits straight-backed, dressed in formal attire. His attention belongs to the piano keys as we listen intently to the magnificent renderings of the most intricate and difficult pieces, Sergei Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3, Chopin's Etudes, Op. 10 and 25, Paganini's Variations and many more. Years of discipline show in his wrists and his motion. The beauty of the pianist on our cruise is mesmerizing. He shows years of rigorous practice as his fingers move so fast that it seems impossible. For 2 evenings we attend all his performances, determined not to miss a moment of magnificence. Yes, we are enraptured and transfixed by the ability and passion of the artist.

Just the opposite of traditional classical music, we find



The color coded wall for rock climbing!



The Royal Theatre for all the shows!

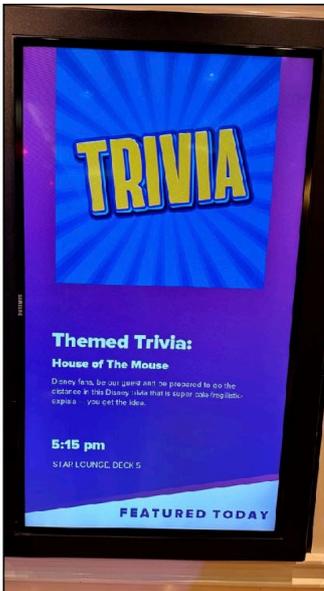
another piano entertainer performing popular piano with vocals, Katharine. She is a highly popular singer and pianist on Royal Caribbean ships, and performs interactive, high-energy piano bar performances, and is recognized for her engaging performances in the Schooner Bar on this ship. She takes requests and has incredible vocal agility equal to Beyonce.

Such showmanship. She entertains us for hours with pop, musical, rock and country tunes. The audience is charmed by her ability to create a fun and interactive atmosphere with her wide repertoire – renditions of Bruce Springsteen, Elton John, Beyonce, Cyndi Lauper, and many more.

There is so much more entertainment... an 8-member jazz band, rock dancing in the atrium with our DJ, dazzling Broadway musicals, trivia games, origami, name that tune, adult karaoke, and more.

In the evening, one of our favorites is the production show, “Ballroom Fever!” When we wander into the Royal Theater on the cruise we were expecting a pleasant diversion, maybe a few dance tunes but what I didn’t expect was Ballroom Fever to grab us and show us tangos with dramatic pauses, hips snapping into time with the percussion, in that unmistakable flirtation between the dancers and audience. A foxtrot becomes a gentle romance, a quickstep turns playful and mischievous. Each dance is dramatic, intense, romantic and full of emotional display. That night, we find ourselves swept into a Broadway-style spectacle and so Marie and I spend two evenings immersed in this ballroom fever inspired performance.

So, seniors, let’s think about cruising with friends or family. It is a splendid experience that feels both magical and luxurious.



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