

SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

ON ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S "EXPLORER OF THE SEAS"

from Port Canaveral, FL



11 DAYS - 10 NIGHTS
FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 7, 2015

\$1705 Double Inside Cabin / \$1910 PP Double Outside Cabin
\$2465 PP Double Balcony Cabin

PRICES INCLUDE ALL PORT CHARGES & TAXES -TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM PORT CANAVERAL -AND PRE CRUISE HOTEL ENROUTE

Come away with IONOSPHERE TOURS as we depart from **Port Canaveral, FL** on a **9-Night Southern Caribbean Cruise** onboard **Royal Caribbean's "Explorer of the Seas"**. This Voyager class ship is packed with signature innovations that we'll love. We'll never be at a loss for a new onboard experience. We'll be traveling on the state-of-the-art Explorer of the Seas and have the opportunity to take exhilarating shore excursions that will allow us to explore the culture, history and sights of the Caribbean.

Our first port of call is **Labadee, Haiti**. This private paradise, reserved exclusively for **Royal Caribbean** guests, features pristine beaches, walking trails and panoramic vistas. We may choose to explore the enchanting Bay of Labadee and absorb the breathtaking surroundings and learn a bit about the Haitian culture. Our second port of call is **Kralendijk (Bonaire), Antilles** and the forecast calls for sunshine and 81 degrees! The westernmost of the ABC Islands (the others being Aruba and Curacao), Bonaire is shaped roughly like a drawn bow aiming an imaginary arrow at the Netherlands, of which the island is a municipality. We'll want to take an hour out of our cruise to walk Kralendijk, the capital. We'll likely hear people speaking Dutch, English, Spanish and Papiamentu as we pass the brightly colored shops and restaurants. After we see the town, we may want to explore the island. To the north is Washington Slagbaai National Park, to the south is the flamingo sanctuary at Pekel Meer, and all around is some of the best diving in the world.

Our third port of call is **Willemstad (Curacao), Antilles**. If there were no canals, the Dutch would have invented them. Behold Willemstad, with its deepwater harbor, interlacing waterways, and narrow shop fronts that seem always to be stretching to their full height. The capital City of Curacao is a Caribbean cruise delight. Willemstad graces the Shottegat harbor with neighborhoods that mix Dutch, Spanish, and Portuguese urban styles and then dresses them in effulgent pastels. It's a combination seen nowhere else in former Dutch colonies. Wander the shops and markets of the Punda and Otrobanda districts and soak up some color.

Oranjestad, Aruba is our final port of call. Any visitor will create their own Aruba cruise experience. First, there is the Aruba of beaches, sun and shopping; and why not? The beaches shimmer and the sun grants its benedictions through dry, 82-degree days all year long. Also, the shopping buzzes along Main Street and Lloyd G. Smith Boulevard. Second, there is the time-sculpted Aruba. Arikok National Park covers nearly one-fifth of the island and is home to species you'll find nowhere else; caves for exploring, and ragged, wind-torn bits of coastline.

While onboard we can and enjoy leisurely meals in the **Windjammer Cafe** or full service meals in the **main dining room**. Other delightful ways to dine include **Jade Sushi and Asian-fusion cuisine**; **Café Promenade** for coffee and pastries/snacks or casual dining and snacks at **Johnny Rockets and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream**. There's also **Portofino Italian Restaurant**, where for one low cover charge we can choose any items off the menu from appetizer to dessert, and complimentary 24-hour in-room dining.

There will be many options for us to choose from each day. We may want to take a dip in the crystal-clear pool, get a facial, relax in one of the poolside whirlpools, or relax on the pool deck. There is a variety of name-brand, duty-free shops on the Royal Promenade including jewelry, perfumes, apparel and shopping for teens and kids. The evenings onboard are, in a word, magical. There will be complimentary Broadway-style entertainment in the Main Theater, complimentary ice-skating shows in Studio B, a Vegas-style Casino Royale® with 287 slots and 16 tables and clubs and lounges that never have a cover, including Champagne Bar, Crown & Kettle Pub, and The Chamber nightclub. We'll want to immerse ourselves in the sights and sounds of the Main-Street-style Royal Promenade, perfect for people watching, designer shopping, and a cold drink at the British-style pub.

Day 1 - Wednesday, February 25 - We depart early this morning and head south for our overnight stay in the St. Augustine, Florida area.

Day 2 - Thursday, February 26 - Set Sail! This morning we have continental breakfast at the hotel before continuing down the coast to Port Canaveral. Around lunchtime we will board Royal Caribbean's "Explorer of the Seas". At 5:30 pm we sail away on our nine-night cruise adventure to Labadee, Haiti; Kralendijk, Bonaire; Willemstad, Curacao and Oranjestad, Aruba. Most dining options, nightly entertainment, and most shipboard activities are included onboard. (B)

Day 3 - Friday, February 27 - at sea

Day 4 - Saturday, February 28 - Labadee, Haiti

The entire day will be spent exploring Royal Caribbean's pristine private island. Our scheduled arrival is 8:00 am and departure is set for 5:00 pm.

Day 5 - Sunday, March 1 - at sea

Day 6 - Monday, March 2 - Kralendijk, Bonaire

Our scheduled arrival is at 8:00 am and departure is scheduled for 6:00 pm. A variety of optional shore excursions available

Day 7 - Tuesday, March 3 - Willemstad, Curacao

Our scheduled arrival is at 7:00 am and departure is scheduled for 11:00 pm

Day 8 - Wednesday, March 4 - Oranjestad, Aruba

Our scheduled arrival is at 7:00 am and departure is scheduled for 5:00 pm

Day 9 & 10 - Thursday, March 5 & Friday March 6 - at sea

Day 11 - Saturday, March 7 - Home - This morning we arrive back in Port Canaveral, where our Ionosphere Tours motorcoach awaits us. We head north and travel home. We have had such a wonderful and relaxing Cruise Vacation. By late afternoon we arrive back home, and we've loved this life of leisure.

****Please note: You will need a valid passport for this tour
Please use your legal given name when making your reservation**

For Information and Reservations, please call:

Ionosphere Tours at 800-972-1741 or 864-225-7783

Deposit/Payment Requirements:

**\$500.00 Deposit Per person due with Reservation
or by September 22, 2014 ****

****Or until sold out.**



*** Your deposit reserves your spot on the tour. We must provide Royal Caribbean with the names of everyone going on this cruise by the deposit date listed above. After this date we may or may not be able to secure additional cabins. Your deposit will be refundable until the final payment due date. So please deposit by September 22, 2014 to secure your cabin.

Plus cost of Deluxe Travel insurance if desired - cost per person is: \$139 (inside or outside cabin) - \$175 (balcony)

CANCELLATION POLICY WITHOUT INSURANCE:

Due to the strict cancellation policies of Royal Caribbean, any cancellation after final payment date will result in charges for any unrecoverable expenses that would not be refunded to Ionosphere Tours.

Final Payment Due by November 24, 2014

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