

SAFN Sails the Seas Update #3

Six months from now (I'm writing this on 9 March), we'll be setting sail for our wonderful convention at sea aboard the Harmony of the Seas. In this update, I am providing the most current attendees list, I will be answering individual questions I have received, talk about tours, reminding you about pre-hotel reservations & giving a "broad" agenda.

First, who will be with us as we have our first convention at sea? Please click on the link below. As you look at this list, if you do not see a member's name, please contact them and invite them to come along. In May, Susan has to turn back to Royal Caribbean any cabins allocated to us and not yet reserved as of that date. We have only 9 cabins left of the 100 (3 Interior, 2 Ocean View, 3 Balcony and 1 Aqua Suite). If you or any of your friends or family are interested in reserving one of these cabins, please register now before it's too late. After May, there may be no more cabins available on the ship as it is filling up fast. Please also know that prices are going up so pat yourself on the back for registering when you did! You may register at our Convention website <http://safn.org/national-conventions/convention-2017/>

What about parking during the cruise? The parking deal for the cruise is only for guests who stay the night at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The price is \$21 for the night you stay & \$7 for each night you are away on the cruise. You must let the hotel know you plan to leave your car when you make your reservation. Otherwise, there is parking available at the pier. The cost there is currently \$15 per day. There are several other parking lots in the area that offer cruise parking due to the proximity to the airport. Just google Port Everglades Parking and you'll see a list of independent lots as well if you prefer to check with them.

Regarding activities; everyone (SAFN members and guests) who registers for our SAFN @ Sea convention will have the same privileges as it relates to activities, etc. on the cruise. Guests may attend our meetings, our tours, our dinners, everything. They can consider themselves "honorary members" for the duration of the cruise. So, anytime I say SAFN or members during our cruise, I am including everyone who registered with us.

Regarding laundry services, the ship does NOT have pay washers as some ships do. If you need something laundered or dry cleaned, you may ask your steward & he/she will see that it is done for a fee.

Some of you asked if we could secure some nights before the pre-cruise nights. Susan contracted at the Embassy Suites at the same rate for those who want to come in two days early. Yes, it is now done. There are 15 extra night rooms available, and if we need more, Susan can probably get more. Simply book two nights instead of one through that online link that is on the SAFN website.

There is a FAQs link on Royal's website, especially the Onboard section, that may answer many of your questions. If it is not listed, please contact me and I will get a list of questions asked to

Susan and we will answer them all on the next update. Here's the link, in case you want to look it over: <http://www.royalcaribbean.com/customersupport/faq.do>

Concerning an agenda, a complete agenda will not be available until later but for planning purposes, all SAFN meetings will be conducted on the first two **days** at sea, not evenings or nights. A welcome reception will be on the departure day after we board. The last day at sea we ask that you not plan a specialty dinner but plan to have our "banquet" at our usual seating, 6PM, in our reserved seating area.

As mentioned earlier, we want to offer a group excursion (available only to our SAFN group attendees). This tour will be limited to one port, San Juan, so that everyone has the freedom to explore ports on their own as well. That way everyone has the first and last port to do on their own. It will be an excursion that can handle a group of our size, which rules out many excursions offered that require special equipment/transportation or have limited space. There are also several in our group with mobility issues, so we will take that into account. Susan and I will have the specifics of the tour available soon, but we wanted you to know which port it will be on so if you want to book tours at the other ports, you will know which one our SAFN tour will be on.

Royal Caribbean offers a myriad of excursions with something for anyone's taste or activity level, and Shore Excursion Group offers several more from which to choose for St. Maarten or Labadee. Royal Caribbean indicates which excursions are best for those with limited mobility, making it easier to choose for those members. The most popular excursions in these ports are published on a flyer for travel agents, and I've attached them here, along with a map of Royal's private island, Labadee. (click here to see what Shore Excursion Group offers)

<https://www.shoreexcursionsgroup.com/?&id=329626&data=sales@dreamvacations.com>

If you want to book any of the tours, you can go to <http://www.royalcaribbean.com/customersupport/faq.do> and click on "before you board". There you will find excursions. You will need your booking ID but if you do not remember it, check the attendees list and you will find it there.

Until my next update, Carole McAlister found a great video on youtube she thought everyone would enjoy "How to Board, Navigate, Live & Eat" on board the Harmony of the Seas. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1M-rUuf6-A&t=6s> (8 minutes).

Kay Fryman
Convention Chair

WELCOME TO LABADEE®

Christopher Columbus was the first European to set foot on this spectacular peninsula of Hispaniola in 1492, when the Santa Maria ran aground off the coast on Christmas Day. Five centuries later, Royal Caribbean has transformed this secluded paradise into Labadee, a tropical retreat and playground, created exclusively for its guests. Behind the breezy island charm is a rich and colorful swashbuckling past. Nellie's Beach is named for the Englishwoman who, legend has it, arrived at the time of the buccaneers and set up a trading post and tavern to serve visiting ships and their crews. The Old Ball Tower was erected to herald their arrival. Although the bell has been lost to history, the tower still stands today.



DRAGON'S PLAZA

- 1 Pier Entrance
- 2 Dragon's Tram Station
- 3 Information Center and Meeting Point
- 4 Dragon's Café
- 5 Dragon's Breath Pub
- 6 Dragon's Lookout Point
- 7 Dragon's Flightline Sign Up

BUCCANEER'S BAY

- 8 Adventure Tours
- 9 Wave Jet Tour
- 10 Parasail & Speed Boat Adventures
- 11 Buccaneer's Trading Post
- 12 Tour Information

ADRENALINE BEACH

- 33 Dragon's Tail Coaster
- 34 Adrenaline Sign Up
- 35 Adrenaline Beach Cabanas
- 36 Basketball Court

BAREFOOT BEACH CLUB*

- 13 Barefoot Cabanas
- 14 Oceanview Spa
- 15 Barefoot Tram Station
- 16 Barefoot Trading Post
- 17 Floating Mat Station

*Barefoot Beach Club is exclusive to guests reading in Grand Suites and above

NELLIE'S BEACH

- 31 Nellie's Beach Cabanas
- 32 Kayak Adventure and Floating Mat Station
- 44 Nellie's Beach Tram Station

COLUMBUS COVE

- 37 Dragon's Splash Water Slide
- 38 Columbus Cove Café
- 39 Arawak Aqua Park
- 40 Columbus Trading Post
- 41 Aqua Park & Water Slide Sign Up
- 42 Floating Mat Station
- 43 Columbus Cove Tram Station

TOWN SQUARE

- 18 Schooner Bar
- 19 Café Labadee
- 20 Artisan's Village
- 21 Artisan's Market
- 22 Artisan's Showcase
- 23 Nellie's Tavern
- 24 Nellie's Outpost Ruins
- 25 Town Square Tram Station
- 26 Adventure Ocean Oasis
- 27 Information Center
- 28 First Aid Station
- 29 Hairbraiding Station
- 30 Village Amphitheater

LEGEND

- FOOD
- RESTROOMS
- BEVERAGES
- SWIMMING
- SUNBATHING
- LEISURE PATH
- MODERATE PATH
- STRENUOUS PATH
- FIRST AID

7 DRAGON'S BREATH FLIGHT LINE

Experience the bird's-eye view and a rush of adrenaline as you zip over the sea at speeds of 40 to 50 mph from the mountaintop launch point.

8 ADRENALINE COASTAL TOUR

Adventure lovers will love this exciting ride and narrated sightseeing tour aboard a RIB, a small but powerful vessel that zips along the scenic shoreline.

9 LABADEE WAVE JET TOUR

At this thrilling way to take to the waters of Labadee — on your own personal watercraft. New and experienced drivers welcome.

10 PARASAIL ADVENTURE

See the gorgeous scenery from a unique vantage point, soaring 400 feet above the sea.

31 BEACH CABANA AT NELLIE'S BEACH

Our beach cabanas are a great place to relax in private while enjoying direct access to the water and remaining close to all the action.

32 KAYAK ADVENTURE

Enjoy a leisurely paddle on the turquoise sea with one of your SeaTrak guides. Learn about the rich and colorful heritage of the Haitian culture while enjoying the beautiful scenery that Labadee has to offer.

33 DRAGON'S TAIL COASTER

Take a ride on the wild side past the top of the mountain on this thrilling alpine coaster through a series of dips, waves and curves. All day access.

37 DRAGON'S SPLASH WATERSLIDE

Slip and slide down Labadee's newest attraction, the 300-foot-long salt water slide that ends with a giant splash zone. All day access.





LABADEE®, HAITI

Dragon's Breath Flight Line™

FAMILY CONNECTION

Dragon's Tail Coaster™ — All Day Access ZL37

Enjoy the breathtaking beauty of Labadee from an alpine coaster moving at 30 miles per hour. Roaring down the gorgeous mountainside forest, this alpine coaster is one thrilling ride.

Activity Level: Strenuous
Duration: At your leisure

ACTIVE ADVENTURES

Dragon's Breath Flight Line™ ZL26

One of the island's most popular attractions is the world's longest zip line over water, extending 2,600 feet from the hilltop start to the finish.

Activity Level: Strenuous
Duration: 1hr. 15min.

ACTIVE ADVENTURES

Labadee Wave Jet Tour ZL03

Speed your way through the waters of Labadee on your own watercraft. You will experience the thrill of a high speed ride as you put your jet in gear and ride along the coastline throughout this thrilling adventure.

Activity Level: Moderate
Duration: 1hr.

ACTIVE ADVENTURES

Full-Day Beach Bed Rental ZL29

While in Labadee, be sure to reserve your very own Beach Bed, a retreat nestled on the white sands of Adrenaline Beach.

Activity Level: Mild
Duration: At your leisure

ACTIVE ADVENTURES

Parasail ZL04

Get a bird's-eye view of Labadee while soaring 400 feet high, on this exciting parasail excursion.

Activity Level: Moderate
Duration: 1hr.

ACTIVE ADVENTURES

Labadee Speedboat And Snorkel ZL29

A unique, intimate adventure is in store on this excursion to one of Haiti's best reefs.

Activity Level: Strenuous
Duration: 1hr. 30min.

-  New Tours
-  Meal
-  Wheelchair Accessible
-  Shopping
-  Family Friendly
-  Snack
-  Wheelchair Transfer
-  Dress Code



PHILIPSBURG, ST. MAARTEN

Catamaran Mirabella

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

St. Maarten Via Fun Mobile SMO2

Explore French St. Martin and Dutch St. Maarten in an easy-to-operate Fun Mobile, an open-top, three-wheeled vehicle.

Activity Level: Moderate
Duration: 3hrs. 15min.

NEW

ACTIVE ADVENTURES

St Maarten Airport Adventure And Snorkel Cruise SMN8

Experience the thrill of watching St. Maarten's world-famous beachside airport traffic while on a lively boat cruise through picturesque Maho Bay.

Activity Level: Moderate
Duration: 3hrs. 30min.

NEW

ACTIVE ADVENTURES

Tiki Hut Relax And Snorkel SM72

Snorkel above sunken shipwrecks, a helicopter, and a submarine, or relax on the floating Tiki platform in the pristine waters of St. Maarten.

Activity Level: Strenuous
Duration: 3hrs.

ACTIVE ADVENTURES

Catamaran Mirabella — Beach and Sea SMH6

Sail past St. Maarten's picturesque seashore in a sleek catamaran, then snorkel in the crystal clear waters of the Caribbean Sea.

Activity Level: Strenuous
Duration: 4hrs.

ACTIVE ADVENTURES

Loterie Farm Treetop Adventure Tour SM88

Surround yourself with St. Maarten's natural beauty while ziplining through the treetops at a historic plantation. Enjoy exhilarating thrills along zip lines, rope swings and suspended bridges.

Activity Level: Strenuous
Duration: 3hrs. 45min.

ACTIVE ADVENTURES

St. Maarten Mountain Bike Adventure SM57

Pedal along St. Maarten's stunning coastline and enjoy some off-road adventure on a guided bicycle tour for experienced riders, then cool off with a refreshing swim at beautiful Friar's Bay.

Activity Level: Strenuous
Duration: 3hrs. 30min.

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