

SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN EXPLORER 🗱 (JANUARY 15TH-26TH, 2025) This is not your

average vacation. This is *adventure* in a bold new light — on the fleet-favorite Explorer of the Seas[®]. Soak up the sunshine and chill vibes at the adults-only Solarium. Indulge in authentic Tuscan cuisine at Giovanni's Table. Then catch a jaw-dropping original production in the Main Theater, or dance the night away at Club Twenty. On this ship, there's no wrong way to vacay.

** PASSPORT REQUIRED - MUST BE VALID FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS AFTER RETURN **



Per Person Occupancy Pricing

Balcony Stateroom - Double \$3599; Single \$5099 Ocean View Stateroom - Double \$2899; Single \$3599 Interior Stateroom - Double \$2499.00; Single \$3099

Important Information

Included: Round trip Motor Coach transportation between Findlay & departing airport: Roundtrip Air to Miami: 1-Night Pre-Cruise in Miami with breakfast: 10-Night Cruise onboard Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas with meals, drinks (non-alcoholic), entertainment: Cabin Steward & Wait Staff gratuities; S50 On-board Credit per Stateroom; All port taxes & service fees.

<u>Not Included:</u> Airline baggage fees: Hotel incidentals: On-board expenses (alcoholic & speciality beverages, shore excursions, spa treatments, Wi-Fi packages, surcharges at Specialty Restaurants).

World of Travel: A Tour Manager will travel with the group for the duration of the program.

<u>Iravel Protection</u>: Travel Protection is not required but is highly recommended. Our preferred travel protection partner, Travel Insured, offers comprehensive coverage for domestic & international travel. Please see the Terms & Conditions page for additional information.

<u>Deposit</u>: A deposit of \$750 per person is due upon booking to secure your reservation.

Final Payment: Final payment is due on/before October 18th, 2024,

Program at a Glance

Day 1: Fly to Miami, FL Overnight Miami

Day 2: Board Explorer of the Seas for 10-Night Cruise (Breakfast, Embarkation)

Day 3: Day at Sea

Day 4: Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic (Arrive 7:00am / Depart 4:00pm)

Day 5: San Juan, Puerto Rico (Arrive 9:00am / Depart 6:00pm)

Day 6: Philipsburg, St Maarten (Arrive 8:00am / Depart 6:00pm)

Day 7: St John's, Antigua (Arrive 8:00am / Depart 6:00pm)

Day 8: Castries, St Lucia (Arrive 7:00am / Depart 4:00pm)

Day 9: St Croix, USVI (Arrive 9:30am / Depart 5:00pm)

Day 10: Day at Sea

Day 11: Day at Sea

Day 12: Disembarkation; Return flights to Columbus (Breakfast on ship)

Day-by-Day in Detail

Wednesday, January 15th - Today, we will fly to Miami, FL - Upon arrival, check into our hotel for 1 night and dinner will be on your own.

Thursday, January 16th CRUISE EMBARKATION - Following breakfast, we will transfer via motor coach to the cruise port. Here, we will board the Explorer of the Seas and embark on our magnificent 10-night journey through the Caribbean.

Friday, January 17th DAY AT SEA - Settle into your cruise with a relaxing day at sea. Explore the ship's shops, take in a show, perfect your putt on the miniature golf course, take a dip in the hot tub, or relax by the pool.

<u>Saturday. January 18th</u> PUERTO PLATA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - Puerto Plata is the Dominican Republic's oldest city in the north and a tourism pioneer. Nestled by the ocean with a mountainous backdrop, the city offers a lively pier, which is known as the Malecon, colorful shops, and opulent homes from the 1800s. The city is famous for Parque Independencia (also known as Parque Central), a park fringed by royal palms and Victorian architecture. In Puerto Plata, you can hop on a cable car for sky-high views, take a tour of the local cacao farms, and buy some of the clearest amber in the world. *Arrive: 7:00am - Depart 4:00pm*

Sunday, January 19th SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO - Puerto Rico's 500-year-old capital is a history buff's dream come true. The Spanish settled this harbor as a New World home base, and that influence is still evident, from the fortress walls lining the coastline to the rainbow of colonial buildings along narrow streets. Venture further out from the old town and nature unfolds. You can scale high into the jungle mountains of El Yunque Forest, or keep to the foothills on a riverside horseback ride. If despacito is more your speed, pick a pristine beach and recline with codfish fritter and rum drink in hand. San Juan cruises give you the perfect outpost to dial up or dial down your vacation. *Arrive: 9:00am - Depart 6:00pm*

<u>Monday, January 20</u>th PHILIPSBURG, ST MAARTEN - What makes St. Maarten so unique is its blend of cultures. The island is home to 120 different nationalities speaking over 80 languages, and is governed by two countries: the Netherlands and France. In fact, it's the smallest land mass in the world to be shared by two different nations. While it may be less than 40 square miles, there's plenty to do on this little island: you can travel back in time while exploring centuries-old ruins and get your adrenaline fix by ziplining through lush tropical forests. If you're after a little rest and relaxation during your cruise to St. Maarten, you'll find plenty of secluded beaches where you can work on your suntan before treating your taste buds to some of the best cuisine in the Caribbean. *Arrive: 8:00am - Depart 6:00pm*

<u>Tuesday, January 21</u>st ST JOHN'S, ANTIGUA - Antigua has a beach for every day of the year— literally. But the island experience goes beyond 365 distinct ribbons of white sand and clear waters. In the capital city of St. John's, you'll discover charming candy-colored architecture, lively markets, and a beautiful baroque cathedral. And smiling locals greet you everywhere you go. On the southern coast, you can explore Nelson's Dockyard, a centuries-old British naval base built by Admiral Horatio Nelson. Past Antigua's yacht-studded coastline, you'll find upscale boutiques, wild forest trails, hidden coves, and coral reefs bustling with tropical fish. But the best way to really see the island is from up above, so cruise to Antigua and hop into a helicopter for a panoramic look at lush jungles, golden beaches, and the nearby volcanic island, Montserrat. *Cruising 8:00am - 6:00pm*

<u>Wednesday</u>, January 22nd CASTRIES, ST LUCIA - From dramatic landscapes molded by ancient volcanoes to sparkling palm-fringed beaches, St. Lucia is some amazing Caribbean eye candy. Luxury resorts nestle up to the natural beauty, giving this island just the right touch of exclusivity. Cruise to St. Lucia and explore the coast by catamaran. Hike to the peaks of the soaring twin Pitons. Tour rainforests and explore the fishing villages of Anse-La-Raye. In the capital of Castries, you'll find touches of French and British heritage, from the architecture to the cuisine. *Arrive:* 7:00am - Depart 4:00pm

<u>Thursday, January 23rd ST CROIX, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS</u> - The largest of the U.S. Virgin Islands, St. Croix has it all— gorgeous natural scenery begging to be explored, and quaint colonial towns perfect for wandering. It used to be nicknamed the 'Garden of the Antilles' because of its lush fields of sugarcane— and its sugar mills dating back to the 18th century are still popular spots. But these days, it's world-class dive sites like Salt River Canyon, powdery beaches like Cane Bay, and rainforests teeming with tropical wildlife that keep people coming back. Plus, award-winning rum of course. Cruise to St. Croix and discover plenty of Victorian Dutch architecture and charming colonial churches in Frederiksted and Christiansted. *Arrive: 9:30am - Depart 5:00pm*

Eriday, January 24th DAY AT SEA - Many fun experiences await your discovery on this day at sea!

Saturday, January 25th DAY AT SEA - Cap off this amazing journey with one last full day at sea - This is your opportunity to explore & experience everything else the ship has to offer.

Sunday, January 26th DISEMBARKATION - This morning, enjoy one last breakfast onboard the ship before disembarkation. We will then head to the Miami airport for our return flights, arriving home this evening.