

# Kids Just Wanna Have Fun!

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Planning a family vacation is a balancing act of finding a destination and activities that will appeal to everyone. This is true whether you're a young family or traveling with adult children or grandparents; perhaps it's all of these combined?



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Cruises are a great option for families as they offer something for everyone. Royal

Caribbean cruise ships are giant floating playgrounds with so much to see and do. From an award-winning kids club, designed for all ages; and family-friendly aerial, ice, stage and aqua entertainment, to racing waterslides and even spa programs for the youngsters, you may find it hard to head back home. It's entirely up to you and your family to define your adventure, however busy or relaxing you want it to be.

### BEST CRUISE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & TEENS

Loads of laughter and unforgettable experiences go hand-in-hand when cruising with your kids. *Royal Caribbean's* games, events and cruise activities for kids are going on all over the ship throughout the day and into the evening hours, making family time a great time. And thanks to their award-winning Adventure Ocean® youth program, children love their cruise vacation just as much as their parents.

### AWARD WINNING ADVENTURE YOUTH PROGRAM

Royal Caribbean's Adventure Ocean® youth programs, not only will your children's time on board be fun, it will be educational too. Aquanauts (ages 3-5 years) will have fun conducting cool experiments and becoming Certified Junior Adventure Scientists. The specially designed Explorers program (ages 6-8 years) is packed with exciting cruise activities for kids, which includes themed parties. Voyagers (ages 9-11 years) will explore a range of activities that puts the "cool" back into learning

### NIGHT OUT FOR ADULTS LATE NIGHT PARTY ZONE

Kids and teens can enjoy activities into the late evening with extended hours in the Adventure Ocean and teen-only spaces. An hourly rate applies after 10 p.m. After Dark Fun for Kids on Royal Caribbean After a special family dinner, what better way for kids on Royal Caribbean ships to spend the night than partying with new friends at the Late Night Party Zone.

### FOR OUR TINIEST GUESTS & BABIES & TOTS PROGRAMS

Cruising with your baby was never easier. Royal Caribbean Royal Babies

program (ages 6-18 months) offers the tiniest guests and their parents interactive classes filled with enriching activities developed by early childhood experts. Its *Royal Tots* program (ages 18-36 months) offers 45-minute interactive playground sessions filled with age-appropriate activities and toys. Both programs are hosted by trained youth staff. A parent or caregiver must accompany child during all activity sessions. (Nursery dropoff not available on: Empress, Majesty, Jewel, Adventure, Explorer or Voyager of the Seas.) The cruise lines convenient service lets you pre-order Huggies® diapers, wipes and cream, and Gerber® organic baby food to be delivered right to your stateroom, when you arrive and throughout your cruise.

### TEENS & TWEENS PROGRAM

Whether hanging out with other cruisers or checking out games, sports and parties are on your tween's agenda, the teen-only spots are the places to go. Teen program also allows older kids the freedom to come and go as they please. They'll love it so much the only thing you might wish for is a little more time.

### THE LIVING ROOM

Whether you want to chill out or all-out dance, drop by teen-only spaces where the kids can hang out late. Start at the *Teen Lounge*, a laid-back hideaway, and then amp up the energy at the teen-only nightclub.

### THE ARCADES

Blips, bleeps, clangs and cheers. Play to win in a classic arcade atmosphere with timeless games like Pacman and table hockey, plus the latest – Guitar Hero, Fast and Furious Drift and more.

### YOUTH FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

Adventure Ocean youth facilities are designed to meet the needs of younger guests. Kids will have a blast at the complimentary, award-winning Adventure Ocean® Youth Program. kids and teens are broken out into age groups so that they can enjoy specialized programs made to expand their imaginations.

### MOVIE TIME

See the some great comedy movies, Shrek and Dreamworks as well as other fantastic action films brought to life in the 3D theatre or in your stateroom.

### FAMILY TIME & LIBRARY

No doubt about it, Royal Caribbean ships are built for families. Get together for festivals, poolside games, physical challenges, karaoke nights, theme nights and more.

Available in the ships library, this area offers classic and popular family titles in a variety of languages (based on the ship's itinerary) and a comfortable reading area for kids to relax and delve into a book, individually or with a parent.



Children enjoy the onboard amenities. | Photo / Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, H2O Zone

### FAMILY TIME DINING

Family Time Dining is offered for the *first seating time in the main dining room*, for children ages three to 11. Kids enjoy their meal within 40 minutes of seating, before heading to the evening's Adventure Ocean activities. The program starts the second evening you're onboard. After that, you can use it each evening or whenever you wish. A *Classic Soda Package* also available for guest up to 18 years at a fixed price.

The best tip I can offer, is book your cruise as far in advance as possible to lock in your rates and take advantage of current

promotions. And who wouldn't want to bring their family on a cruise vacation with the cruise line that has been awarded\* "The Best Cruise Line Overall" for 15 years running.

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