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A PERFECT DAY AT COCOCAY

Here's everything you need to know about the Royal Caribbean Private Island.



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When you think of a Caribbean vacation, you probably envision incredible beaches, island jams and tropical drinks with obligatory little umbrellas.

But what if your day could offer more? What if you could swim in the

Caribbean's largest freshwater pool or score a bird's-eye view while drifting along in a helium balloon?

\$200 MILLION TRANSFORMATION

Soon you'll be able to do all these things and more on CocoCay, a Royal Caribbean private destination in The Bahamas. It's all part of a large-scale project transforming the private island into a destination unlike anything you've experienced. Think bigger, better, more unbelievable thrills – like a water park with the tallest waterslide in North America, a high-climbing helium balloon ride, sprawling powdery beaches and incredible new ways to kick back. Perfect Day at CocoCay is the first in a planned series of exclusive destinations around the world – the Royal Caribbean Perfect Day Island Collection – and the adventure begins May 2019.

THRILLS AND CHILLS WATERPARK

Perfect Day at CocoCay will offer all kinds of thrills and one-of-a-kind ways to chill that you won't find anywhere else in the world, and the only way you can get there is on a Royal Caribbean ship. Adrenaline-amping excitement on the 135-foot Daredevil's Peak – one of 13 waterslides? Seagull's-eye views as you float up to 450 feet above the island in a helium balloon? An incredible zip line ride that ends with a splash landing?

There's plenty to do on the chill side, too. Whether you're soaking up your private slice of endless horizon in The Bahamas' first overwater cabanas, enjoying a dip in Oasis Lagoon – the largest freshwater pool in the Caribbean – or unwinding shoreside on Chill Island beach, the experience promises to be epic.

OFFICIAL OPENING

While most Perfect Day at CocoCay experiences officially open in May 2019, some attractions on the island will

be completed in phases leading up to December 2019.

There are a lot of complimentary activities on Perfect Day at CocoCay, like Captain Jack's Galleon, an interactive shipwreck complete with slides and water cannons. Oasis Lagoon – the largest freshwater pool in the Caribbean.

And the biggest-ever Splashaway Bay, the aqua park for little explorers found on many Royal Caribbean ships, is coming ashore with even more gallons of fun. You'll also find a range of complimentary dining options, like Skipper's Grill and Chill Grill, plus, dramatically enhanced beaches like Chill Island and South Beach, both offering plenty of complimentary beach chairs and beachside activities. You can reserve activities once onboard, but heads up – the most popular attractions book up fast, so reserve them ahead of your sailing.

WHICH WAY TO THE BEACH?

Good question – which one? There are so many different beaches on Perfect Day at CocoCay. You'll find powder white sand and clear Caribbean waters all around and each beach offers its own unique vibe and experience. If it's water sports and activities you're after, head to South Beach. You can join a game of beachside volleyball or basketball, or hop into an inflatable transparent sphere called a zorb and see what it's like to run right over the water.

If fully reclined island time is the only thing on your schedule, you'll find it at Chill Island, an expansive beach with plenty of ways to lounge, plus fresh bites at the nearby Chill Grill. Or you can head to the secluded Hideaway Lagoon beach, located just a 10-minute trail walk from the pier.

And to achieve true level-10-zen, post up at Coco Beach Club. If you purchase admission, you'll enjoy access to premium amenities, a tranquil infinity pool, and upscale Mediterranean fare at Coco Beach Club's exclusive restaurant. This is also where you'll find The Bahamas' first overwater cabanas, so cue the views.

The \$200 million upgrade will also see a cruise dock added, so passengers will no longer have to tender ashore. That's scheduled to open in the fall, with Chill Island beach and Oasis Lagoon pool opening soon after, while the waterpark and South Beach area are scheduled to debut in April 2019. Coco Beach Club and its cabanas aren't



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expected to open until the end of 2019.

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