2024 Tribute Cruise DECEMBER EMAIL UPDATE (Dec 11, 2023)

Hello Tribute Cruisers!

This is the **fifth** of our regularly scheduled email updates for the 2024 Tribute Cruise from Galveston, TX. You are receiving this because you have a confirmed booking!

If any of your cabin mates did not receive this email, it is because we don't have their email address as part of your confirmed reservation. Please have them reach out to me directly in order to get their email address registered. If we do



not have a unique email address for each passenger, those passengers may miss notices and updates and will not be able to participate in our survey at the end of the cruise.

Only A Minimal Number of Cabins Still Available!

Only a handful of cabins are left on board and they are now available at the regular rate, which fluctuates daily. If you still have friends or family who want to join us, make sure they book ASAP!

Welcome Celebration

We will be having our annual welcome party on February 24th from 5 PM-6:30 PM, the night prior to departure at the host hotel. At the party you will get your swag bag, hear all of the last minute updates as well as enjoy entertainment from some of our headliners.

Swag Bags, T-Shirts, Passes, & Schedules

Your Cruise Swag Bag will be available at the Welcome Celebration at the DoubleTree on February 24th at 5 PM and also once onboard in the conference center (Deck 3, forward) from 2 PM until 4:30 PM. Due to boarding procedures we are sometimes delayed, so please be patient for us to arrive and get everything ready for distribution on board. If you get on board after we are closed down in the Conference Center, you can pick up your bag at our first Meet & Greet on February 24th from 7 PM - 8:30 PM in the Solarium (deck 15, forward).

Royal Caribbean App (iPhone or Google Play)

We recommend that all of our guests download and log into the Royal Caribbean App on their cell phone. It is available via the iPhone App Store and Google Play. Through the app you can

book specialty restaurants and manage purchases on your cruise such as internet services, drink packages and excursions. You can also communicate with other guests on board using the app without having internet access (although this service is somewhat limited). You can find out more information by <u>clicking here</u>.

Excursions, Drink Packages and VOOM internet!

Information on excursions, internet and drink packages can be found through Royal Caribbean's "Cruise Planner." We are recommending that all of our guests only book excursions through Royal Caribbean. The reason for this is that RC tracks its guests and will hold the ship if your officially endorsed RC excursion is late in returning. The other reason is that RC more closely monitors the excursion operators for health and security purposes. To book your excursion or purchase your drink package, visit www.royalcaribbean.com/booked or use your phone to log on to the Royal Caribbean App. You will need your reservation number and your login information if you have previously registered. If you have not previously registered you can create an account in minutes. If you can't manage to book your excursion online, you may call the RC Cruise Planner at 1-800-398-9819 and they can assist you.

Scooters & Other Special Needs

If you would like to rent a scooter to use onboard, or have any other special needs you would like us and Royal Caribbean to know about, please complete this form and we will assist you in any way we can! Please fill out the form, even if you have already requested a scooter on your registration form.

IMPORTANT - Host Hotel

We have selected the DoubleTree by Hilton Houston Hobby Airport as our host hotel. The resort is just a few miles from Houston Hobby Airport and has a free shuttle to and from the airport. The hotel is offering a very special nightly rate of just \$129 for Tribute Cruise guests. Click here for our website and a link to book your room! The cut off date for reservations is February 9, 2024 but availability is limited so make your reservations now!

Transportation for those staying with us at the DoubleTree Houston Hobby Airport Hotel For those flying into the Houston Hobby Airport you can catch a free shuttle to the DoubleTree Houston Hobby by calling 713-645-3000 once you arrive. The hotel is less than a quarter mile from the airport.

Parking at the DoubleTree throughout the Cruise

For those driving to Houston and staying with us at the DoubleTree you can make arrangements by talking to the front desk to leave your car while we cruise for \$8 per day. If you are not staying at the resort, we recommend you park at the port (see below).

IMPORTANT - Hotel to Port Shuttle (and return)

We have secured buses to transport guests staying with us at the DoubleTree Houston Hobby Airport to and from the port. The cost this year will once again be \$35 per person, per direction. You can make your reservation for yourself, or your group by clicking here and completing the

secure "Tribute Cruise Transportation Arrangements" form with payment information. Shuttle reservations must be made by December 22, 2023 to be guaranteed!

Transportation for those flying in on the day of departure

For those flying in on the day of departure, shuttles to the Port of Galveston may cost over \$120 per person. Please make sure your fights arrive in Houston no later than 11 AM on the day of departure as transportation to the Port is about 60+/- minutes from Houston Hobby Airport and 90+/- minutes from Bush International Airport and traffic could make that longer. We recommend you book your ground transportation in advance. Click here for a third party website with more information.

Parking for those driving to the Port of Galveston

For those driving to the Port of Galveston parking at the port is available by reservation for \$20-\$27 per day. Other, off-port options are also available. We recommend you review the port's website by <u>clicking here</u> and make your reservation in advance!

Transportation to the airport for those flying out on the day we return

If you are flying out on the day we return to port, you should make your transportation arrangements directly with Royal Caribbean while we are on board the ship. We strongly recommend you schedule your flight out of Houston no earlier than 1:30 PM.

On Board Schedule

The schedule of shows has been posted to the website and is subject to change. Note that we are once again planning a door decorating contest, a 50's night and a Hawaiian Shirt night, so pack accordingly.

Door Decorating

A statement from Royal Caribbean: "Royal Caribbean permits guests to decorate their cabin door. In fact, many of their decoration packages include a door magnet of some sort, and it is quite common to walk the hallways and find doors decorated. However, please ensure that your decorations will not scuff up or leave adhesive on the stateroom door."

2025 Tribute Cruise

Mark the dates for the 2025 Tribute Cruise February 23 - March 1, 2025. More details will be available at the end of this year!

Terms and Conditions

Please review the Terms and Conditions of your reservation (View T&C).

Social Media

Please follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> and stay tuned to the cruise website at <u>www.tribute.cruises</u> for up to date information.

Join Us On Land!

- Brunswick Georgia Tribute Festival March 21-24, 2024
- Empire State Tribute Festival May 2-5, 2024
- Images of the King in Memphis during Elvis Week August 9-16, 2024
- The all new Cape Cod Tribute Festival October 3-6, 2024

Visit www.TributeFestival.Rocks for all the details and to purchase tickets.

Feel free to email us back with any questions.

See you all onboard if not before!

TCB!

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