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Vintage 80s cruises: See what Princess, Carnival & other cruise ships used to look like



What were cruises like a few decades ago, when all-inclusive on-the-ocean vacations were getting popular?

Here, see food, entertainment, cabins/rooms & pricing from the most popular vintage 80s cruises and luxury cruise ships!

Vintage 80s cruises: Royal Cruise Lines cabins and staterooms (1981)

**15-Day Air/Sea Cruise
1981 Departures**

Athens to Lisbon
May 2 and 28
July 5 and 31
September 7

Lisbon to Athens
May 15 August 13
June 10 September 20

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Superior Deluxe Outside Stateroom on Laguna and Coral Decks
Amidships with two large portholes, two lower beds in L-shape and extremely spacious. Elegant Rosewood furnishings, three closets, armchair, mirrored vanity, reading lamp, and fully-tiled bathroom with bathtub and vanity.

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Deluxe Outside Staterooms on Laguna and Coral Decks
Two lower beds most in L-shape for extra spaciousness. Some staterooms with parallel beds. Two large portholes, extra arm chair, mirrored vanity, closets, reading lamp, and fully-tiled bathroom with shower and vanity.

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Deluxe Inside Staterooms on Marina, Laguna and Coral Decks
Two lower beds, extra chair, twin closets, mirrored vanity...fully-tiled bath with shower and vanity.

Holland America Cruises: Rotterdam (1982)

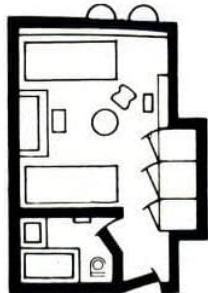
See the ship's cabins (including floorplans), dining room and deck plans – check out the portholes as the only cabin windows!

Outside Double: Twin beds with shower or bath and shower

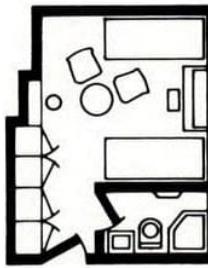
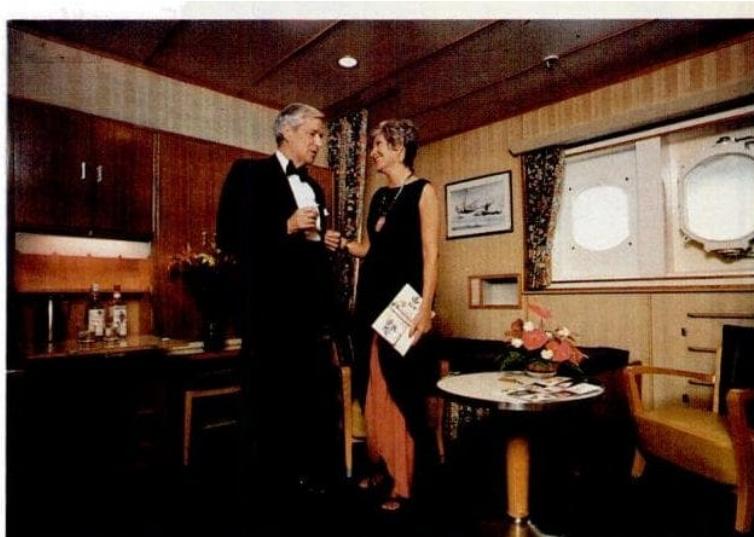
Inside Double: Twin beds with shower or bath and shower

Economy Outside Double or Single: Lower bed upper berth, shower or bath and shower

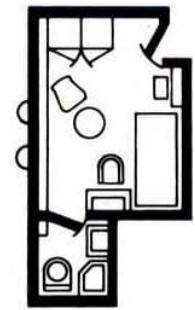
Economy Inside Double or Single: Lower bed, upper berth, shower



Outside Double
Twin beds with
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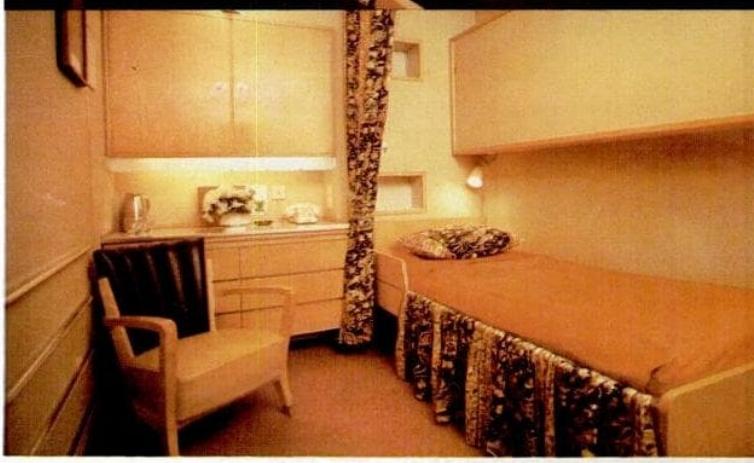
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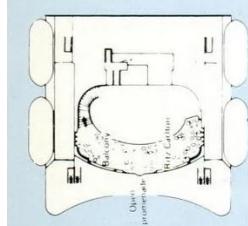
Pillared dining room (above) recalls magnificent grand salons of by-gone days. Non-smoking areas are available at advance request. Blackjack tables and duty-free shops shown below.

Holland America Cruises ROTTERDAM—Facility, Cost and Schedule Guide

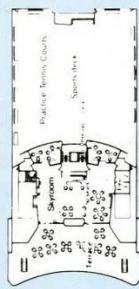
To help you better understand the often confusing array of facts and figures involved in selecting your cruise vacation, we have simplified all information into one concise layout including Deck Plans. By collecting these ship "Profiles" from each

issue you will have a complete up-to-date library of cruise ship information. Watch future issues of Cruise-Travel Magazine for continuously revised material to add to your file.

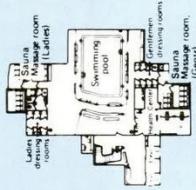
Deck Plans (Dining and Entertainment Areas)



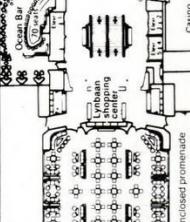
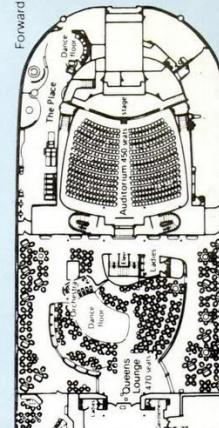
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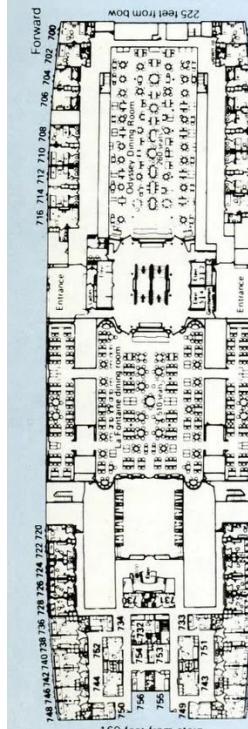
Navigating Bridge Deck



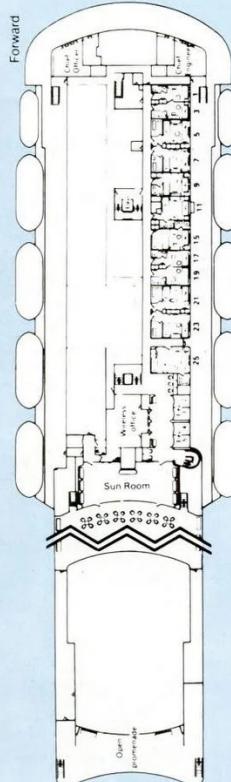
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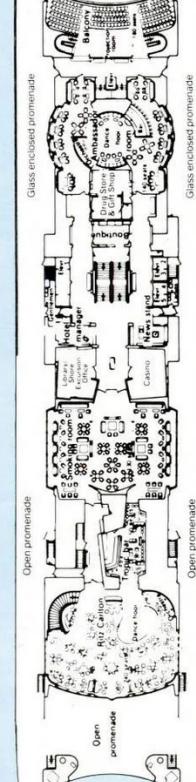
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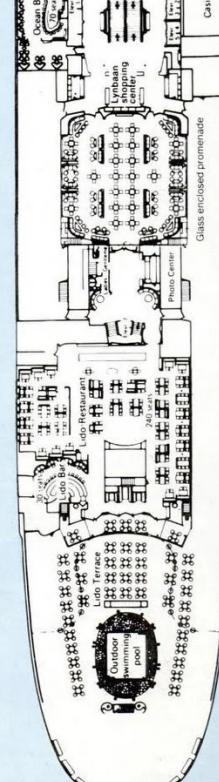
B-Deck



Sun Deck



Upper Promenade Deck



Promenade Deck



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Sitmar vintage 80s cruises (1981)

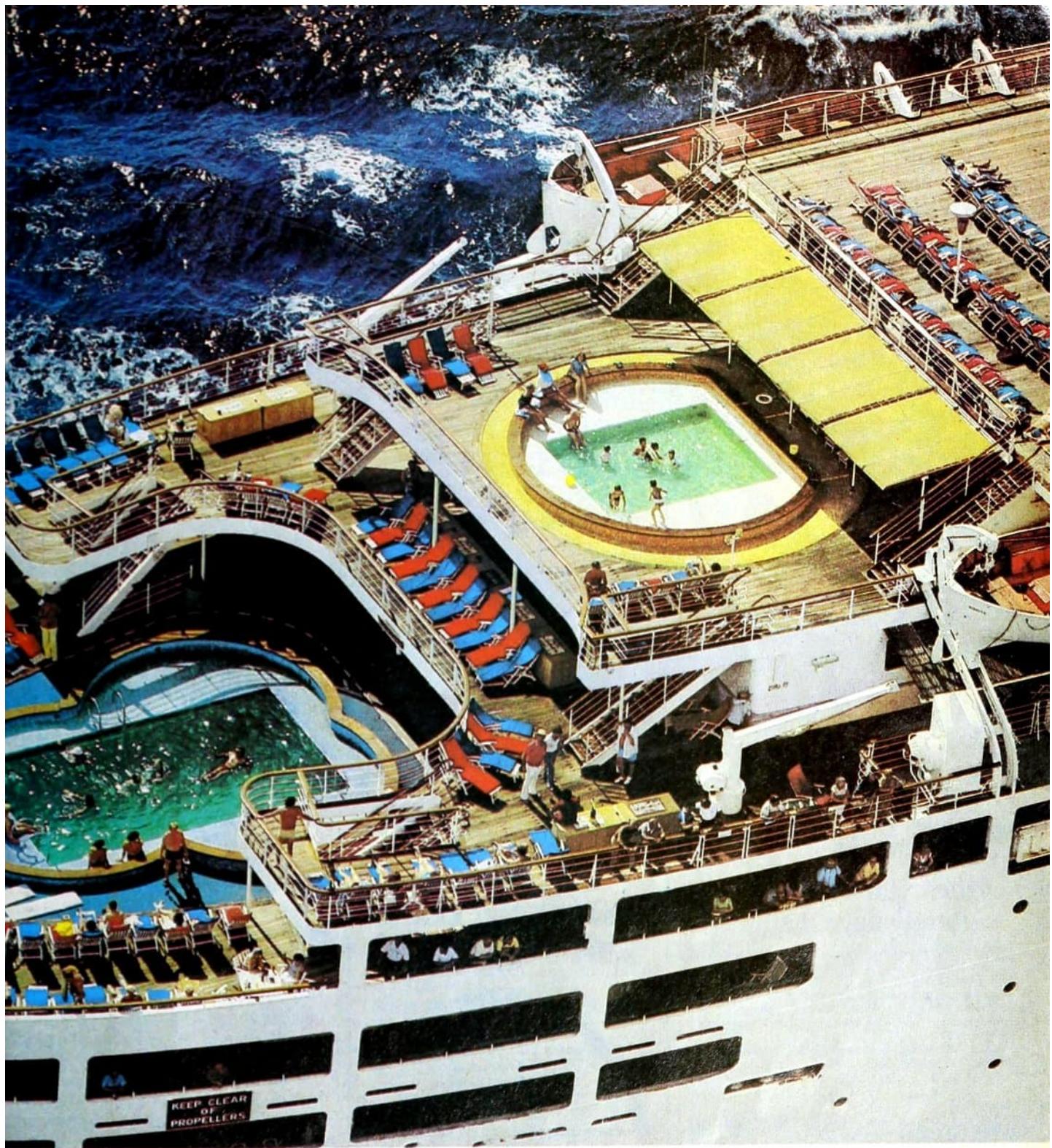
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Stand by the railing of a Sitmar ship, surrounded by nothing but sea and sky and you'll know why. Your cruise is everything you ever dreamed of.

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on a Sitmar ship, whether the Liberian-registered T.S.S. Fairwind or Fairsea, life on land may never seem quite the same again.

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The Sitmar Experience

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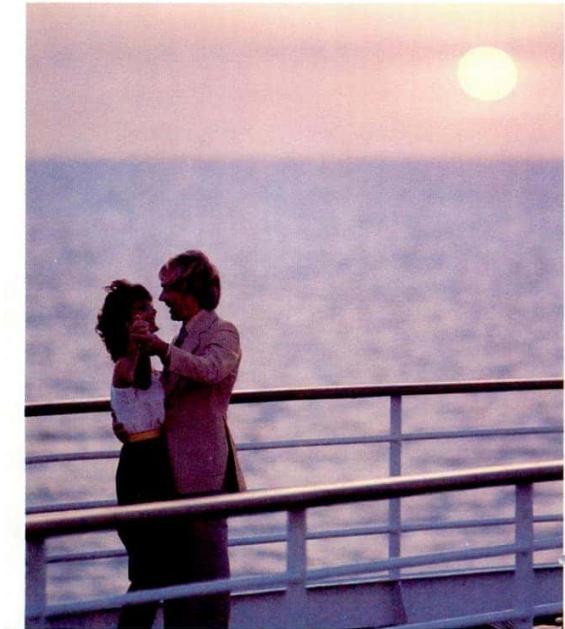
Caribbean & South America. Mexico.
Panama Canal. Canada & Alaska.

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Royal Caribbean Cruises (1982)

When you spend months saving for a cruise, make sure you spend it on the right one.

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We know how you feel.

You want to be absolutely certain you're spending your time and money on the best Caribbean cruise you can find.

That's why you'll find dining that reminds you of great restaurants on every Royal Caribbean cruise. And personal service that does everything but tuck you in for the night.

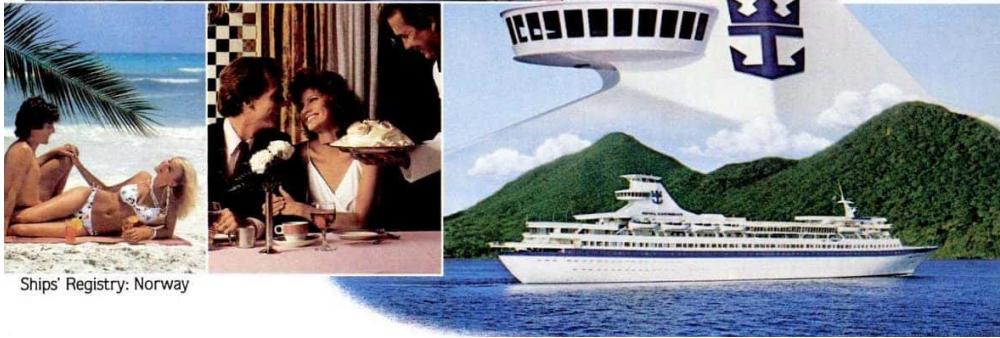
You'll find new friends. Sparkling entertainment and activities. Tropical islands like Cozumel, Martinique and St. Thomas. And you'll find ships designed especially for Caribbean cruising: Song of Norway, Sun Viking and Nordic Prince. With the new Song of America on the way.

We sail from Miami every week year-round. Dining, entertainment and accommodations are all included in one price that costs no more than a good resort. And we fly you free both ways from most major cities on our 10, 11 and 14-day cruises. And for Next-to-Nothing on all 7-day cruises.

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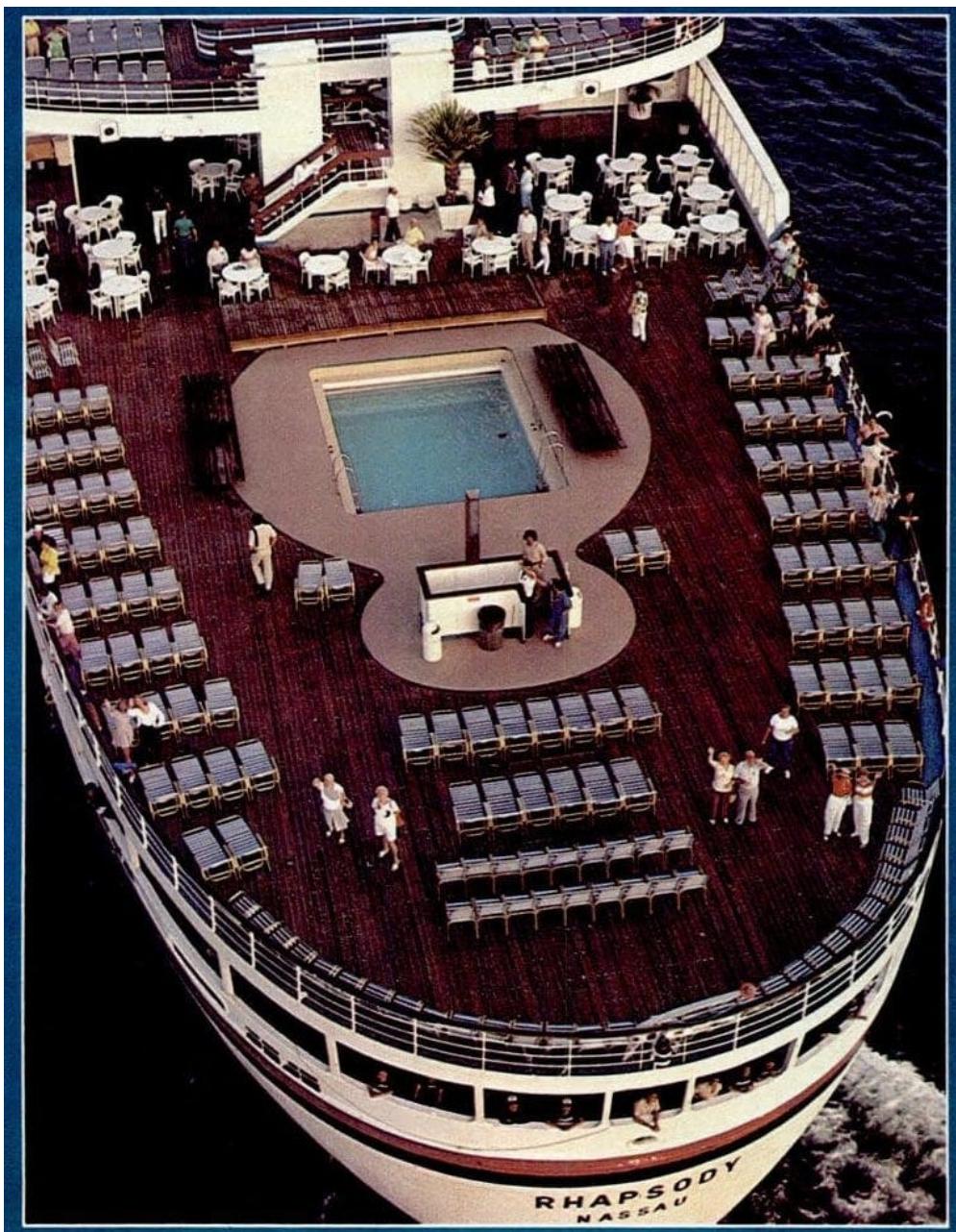
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Paquet – the retro Rhapsody cruise ship (1985)

See some of the amenities, cabins, the main restaurant, deck plans and more from this French cruise line that was popular in the '80s. (Check out that tiny swimming pool (/tag/swimming-pool)!)



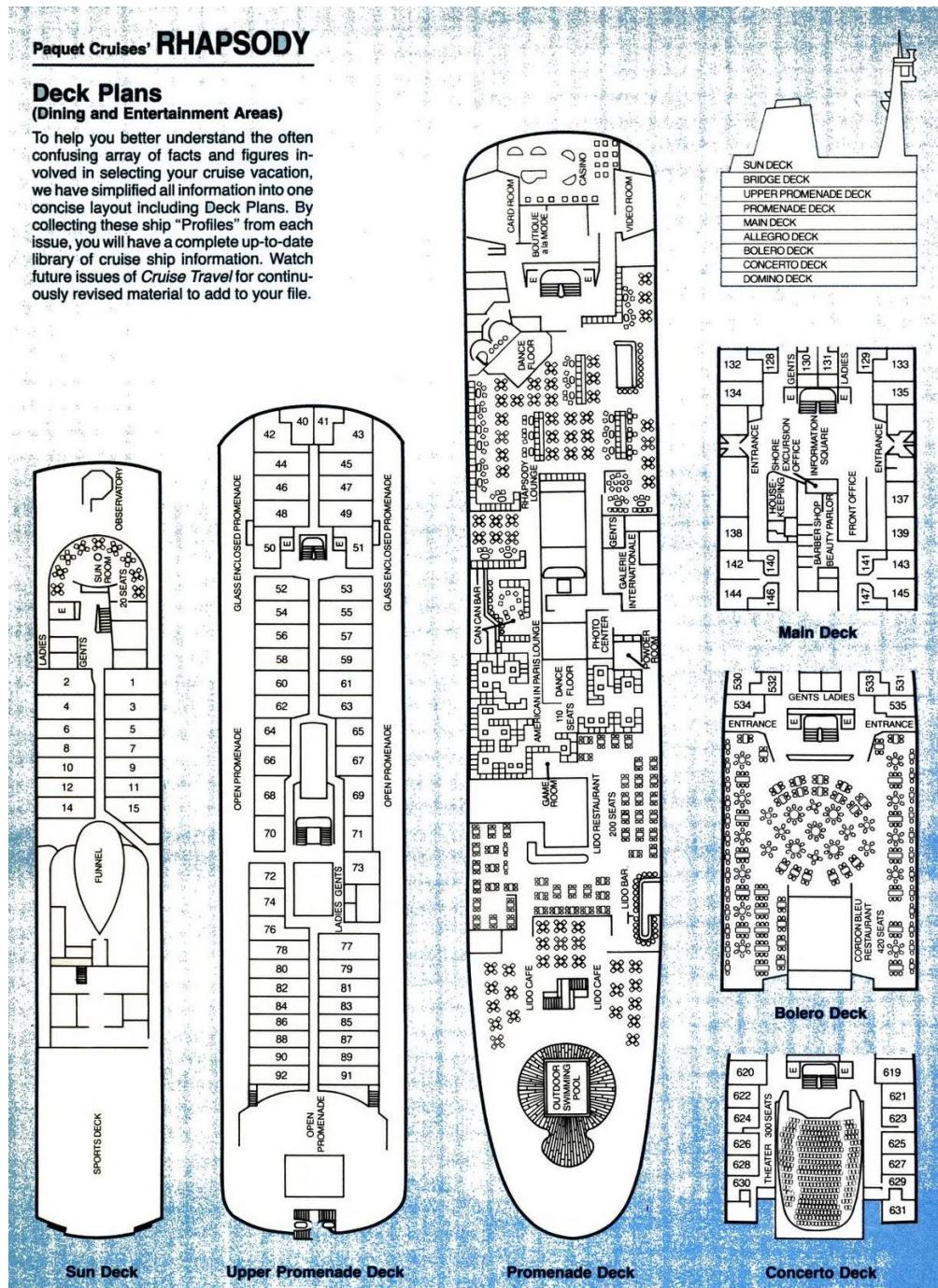
Rhapsody features nearly 18,000 sq. ft. of open teak decking, indoor and outdoor swimming pools.



Deluxe outside double with sitting area.

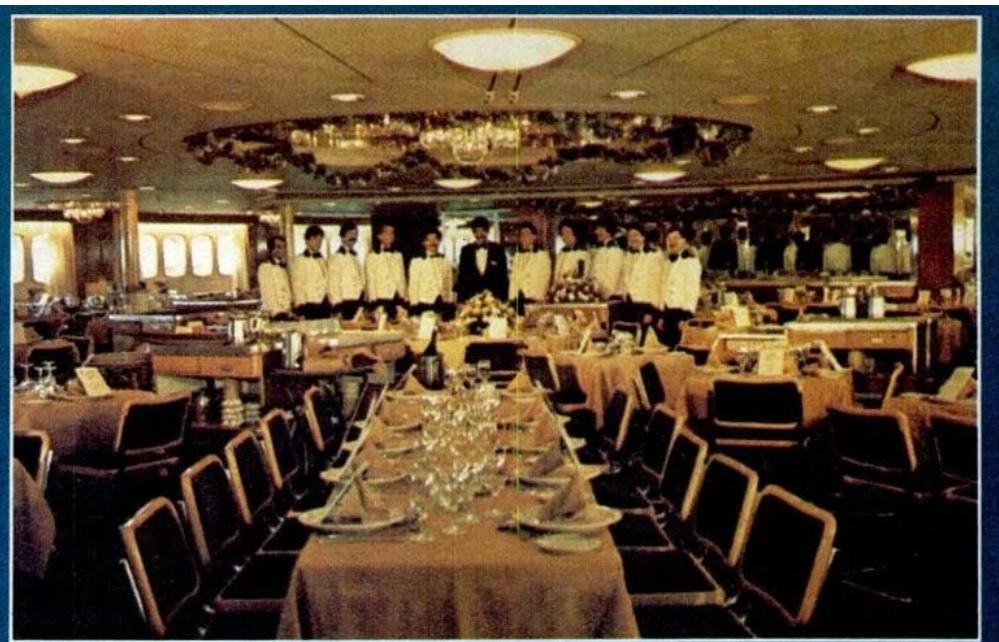


Superior outside double.



Main dining room/restaurant on the Rhapsody ship

The Rhapsody's Cordon Bleu Restaurant seats 420 and serves, as might be expected on a French ship, an embarrassment of riches, plus unlimited complimentary wines are offered at dinner.

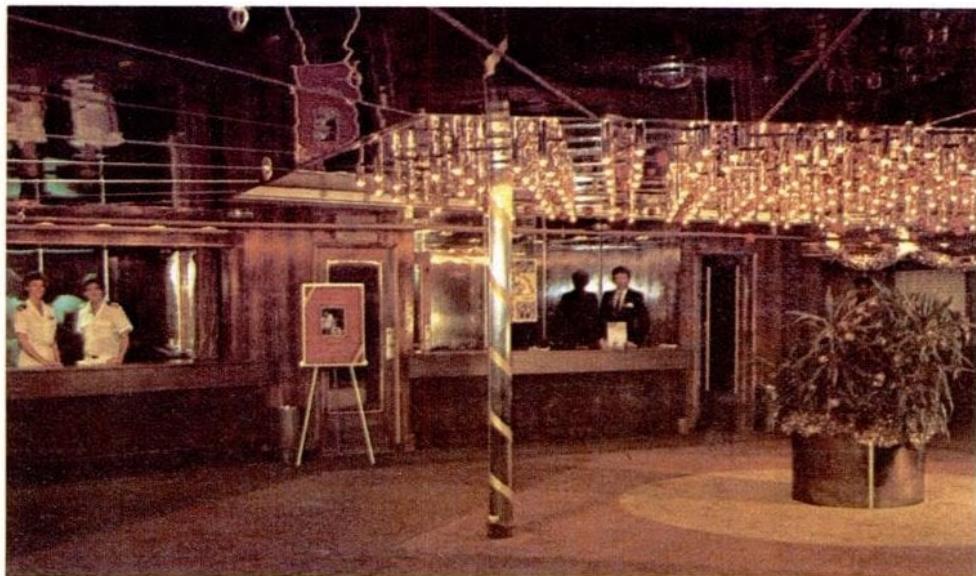


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Rhapsody vintage 80s cruise ship lounge

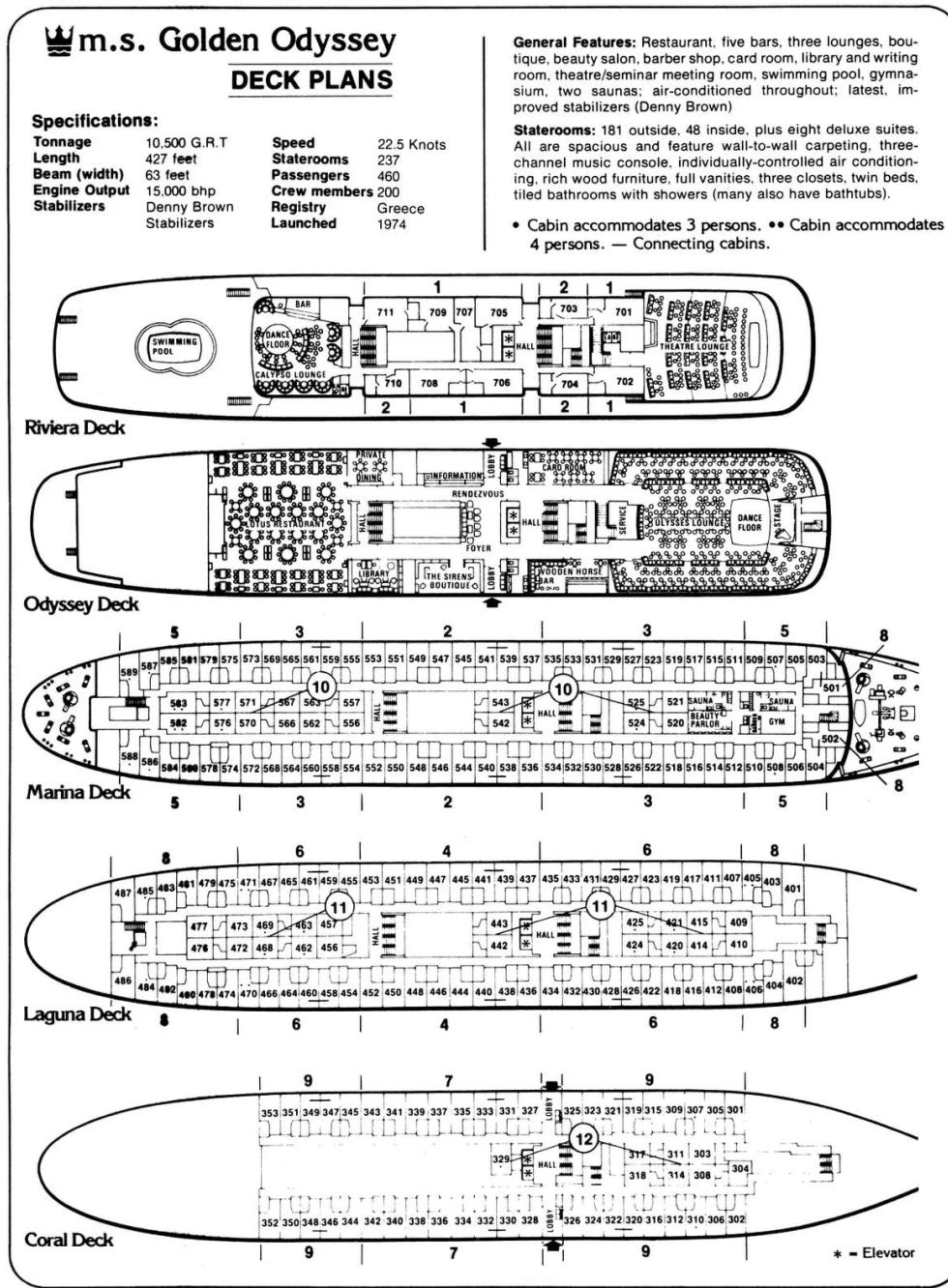


Theme cruises, like annual "Music Festival at Sea," include concerts in 420-seat Rhapsody Lounge.



A spacious Purser's Square offers a gracious welcome to passengers boarding Paquet's *Rhapsody*.

Golden Odyssey cruise ship deck plans (1981)



American Hawaii Cruises from the 80s (1987)

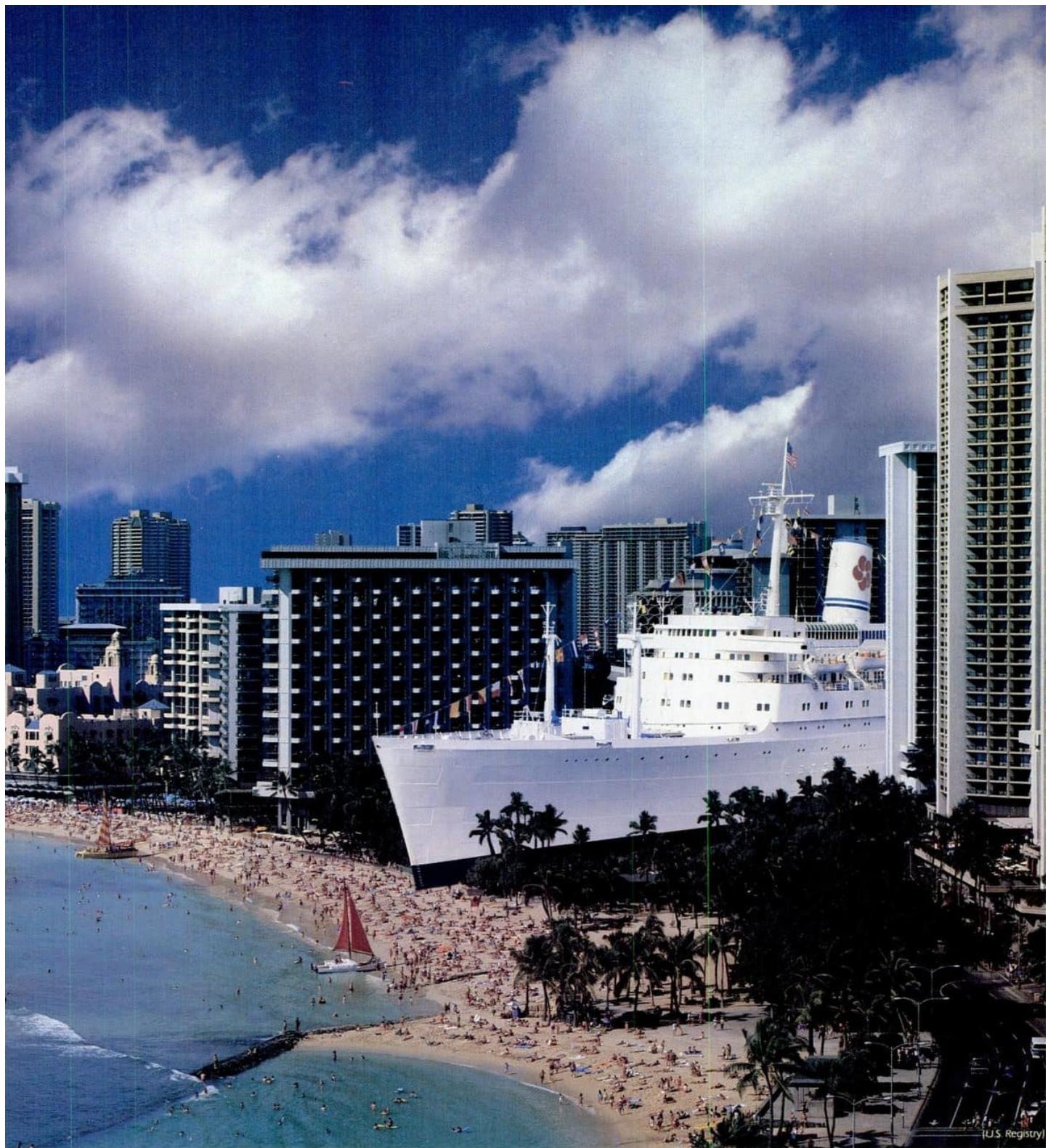
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CARNIVAL CRUISES

The "Fun Ships" of Carnival Cruise Lines (1981)

What a bargain! Not only will we spend seven days in the sunny Caribbean visiting different islands, our cruise price includes eight meals and snacks a day, 24-hour room service, dozens of shipboard activities, gala cocktail parties, a full gambling casino, and dazzling nightclub entertainment.

Next year, we're taking a "Fun Ship" cruise, and from what our friends have told us, we know we'll love it.

On this year's vacation, all we got for \$80 a day, was this:



A hotel room, juice, a roll and coffee

Next year, for \$110 a day, we're taking a "Fun Ship" cruise that includes all this:



Eight meals and snacks a day



Excellent service



Great live entertainment



A full gambling casino



Gala parties



Dozens of activities



3 ports of call



No covers or minimums

What a bargain! Not only will we spend seven days in the sunny Caribbean visiting different islands, our cruise price includes eight meals and snacks a day, 24-hour room service, dozens of shipboard activities, gala cocktail parties, a full gambling casino, and dazzling nightclub entertainment. All for less than \$30 a day more than the price of just a hotel room on our last vacation! And that hotel room was just for starters: The week's meals, taxis, and entertainment alone wound up costing us over \$100 a day more! We don't want any unpleasant surprises like that again...so next year we're taking a "Fun Ship" cruise — and from what our friends have told us we know we'll love it.

The "Fun Ships" of



Miami, Florida

Weekly Departures:
The "Fun Ships"® Carnivale, Festivale, Mardi Gras and Tropical depart every Saturday and Sunday from Miami for exotic Caribbean ports such as Nassau, San Juan, St. Thomas, Samana, Grand Cayman, Cozumel and Ocho Rios.
Cost comparison is based on per person, double occupancy rate.
(Money saving air/sea programs are available throughout the United States and Canada. See your travel agent.) Ships of Panamanian and Liberian registry.



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Carnival Cruises in the '80s: Cold relief. (1982)

The best prescription you can get for winter cold is a sun-drenched Caribbean cruise aboard a "Fun Ship." And now is the time to start making plans!

Here's the vacation you've always wanted at a price that makes it easy. In fact, a Carnival "Fun Ship"-cruise is typically \$200-\$400 less per couple than other 7-day Caribbean cruises.

And you get value no land vacation can match. Not only do you visit three exotic ports, but you can indulge yourself with eight meals and snacks a day including two late-night buffets and round-the-clock stateroom service.

And the nightlife is fantastic with exciting entertainment in our clubs and lounges. Or enjoy a game of chance in our glittering full casino. During the day, you can choose from dozens of shipboard activities or just loll by the pool and work on a gorgeous tan.

We also offer Fly Aweigh air/sea packages that include great deals on airfare between Miami and over 100 cities across the United States and Canada.

Take a "Fun Ship"-cruise and see why we're the most popular ships in the world. You'll get fast relief from winter cold.

The "Fun Ships" Carnivale, Festivale, Mardi Gras and Tropicale depart weekly from Miami every Saturday or Sunday for exotic Caribbean ports such as San Juan, St. Thomas, Nassau, Samana, Ocho Rios, Grand Cayman and Cozumel.

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**The "Fun Ships" of
Carnival Cruise Lines**
Take one at the first sign of winter cold.

The three most popular resorts in the Caribbean (1981)

The Three Most Popular Resorts In The Caribbean



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Vintage 80s cruises: Carnival wrote the book on fun! (1989)

Here's Kathie Lee Gifford for Carnival Cruise Lines, talking about the "Fun Ships"

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This year, we're taking a Fun Ship cruise. (1982)

We thought we were getting a great deal on last year's vacation. But that "great deal" wound up being a "come on" price.

When we added on all our entertainment, meals, taxis and other extras. our trip cost us a lot more than we'd planned.

But on this year's Carnival cruise, we're getting virtually everything included for one low package price: eight sumptuous meals and snacks a day, a full gambling casino, nightclub entertainment and a whole ship full of activities. Plus your choice of tropical ports in the sunny Caribbean or Mexico (/tag/mexico).

All included in a price so low it's typically \$200-\$400 less per couple than other 7-day Caribbean cruises. We're getting it all this year with peace of mind and no expensive surprises!

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"Last year at a resort, we got this."

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1980s Carnival Cruises

The "Fun Ships" give you more of what you vacation for (1984)

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If you only take one cruise in your life... let it be on one of the "Fun Ships." (1979)

Upcoming cruises for 1980

If you only take one cruise in your life... let it be on one of the "Fun Ships."

We're the most popular cruise ships in the Caribbean. And it's easy to see why. The fun builds from the moment you step on board, and never lets up!

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PRINCESS CRUISES

Here's a look back to the eighties for some adventures on the Love Boat (<https://clickamericana.com/media/television-shows/welcome-aboard-the-love-boat-theme-song-intro-1977>) – when you could spend a week or more seeing Alaska, Europe, Australia, the Caribbean, Panama Canal from the deck of a Princess cruise ship for less than \$1000 per person.

Princess Cruises: The Mexican Riviera. Sun, sand and stars. (1981)

Nothing captures it like the Love Boat.

The Pacific Princess is the essence of elegance, comfort and unstinting service. Superb cuisine artfully served as only the Italians can. Our British officers, so charming. Our entertainment and musical revues, the finest afloat.

No other cruise line visits 5 ports in 7 days. Including Acapulco. Magical places. Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, Manzanillo, Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo.

You get so much more from a Princess Cruise. Join us.

The Caribbean, the Mexican Riviera via the incredible Panama Canal. All in one glorious Princess Cruise. (1981)

14 unforgettable days. Soft, tropical nights. Fabulous ports of call.

And your Princess ever the charming hostess. Rise when you will. Join the activities. Or curl up with a book.

Dine like royalty. Never have you seen a tableside flambé done so artfully. The service is impeccable.

ALSO SEE

The Love Boat: Find out about the classic TV show, plus the intro & theme song (1977-1986)

(<https://clickamericana.com/media/television-shows/welcome-aboard-the-love-boat-theme-song-intro-1977>)

Let Princess take you to the best of Europe (1988)

"Two weeks of cruising Europe on the Love Boat. What could be more perfect? – Gavin McLeod

Copenhagen, Stockholm, Amsterdam, and Russia. Barcelona, the French and Italian Rivieras. Venice and the Greek Isles. London. Oslo and the Norwegian Fjords. Istanbul and the Black Sea.

And gourmet cuisine, terrific entertainment and Princess service all the way.

'80s Princess Cruises to Australia: The cruise of a lifetime in just 14 G'Days (1988)

"See Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific on the Love Boat." – Gavin McLeod

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All on the world-renowned Sea Princess. With award-winning cuisine, Broadway-style entertainment, and impeccable service.

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The Love Boat: Once upon a time, A Princess went to Europe (1989)

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Princess Cruises trip to the Panama Canal (1980)

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