

Cruise Holidays

If the mention of going on a cruise makes you turn 40 shades of green and brings back 'fond' memories of travelling across the Irish Sea by ferry, well think again. Cruising is totally unlike travelling on a ferry, Cruise Liners glide smoothly and calmly across the Ocean and you would almost be unaware that you are sailing on water, think of it as being on a 'luxurious floating city'.

Years ago, when sailing the seven seas was limited to the well heeled, the number of Cruise Liners could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Nowadays cruising is the fastest growing segment of the Travel industry.

The first thing you notice when you go on a Cruise Ship is the vastness and the amount of space that you have to move around, you will not at any time feel crowded.

A cruise could be regarded as a menu from which you get to sample various ports and have the unique opportunity to experience different destinations on one holiday without having to pack and unpack.

What about being bored on a cruise?

The perception that you spend 7 days vegetating and eating couldn't be further from the truth, there are hundreds of attractions to keep you occupied.

The sheer joy of cruising is that you do as much or as little as you like and everything is at your own pace. It is the ideal holiday / honeymoon for people with different tastes – if you have one person who likes to lay out in the sun all day and the other person likes to keep busy and would get bored sitting around, a Cruise combines both and gives you the opportunity to visit as many as five different ports in a week. Whether you prefer sightseeing, shopping or lying on a deckchair, you will have the ultimate holiday on a cruise.

One of the most popular Cruises is on the Voyager of the Seas with Royal Caribbean.

Be entertained

See a musical stage production or catch a live band, visit the cinema or go to a live show, go to bingo or the nightclub. From the majestic, 1,350- seat La Scala Theatre, to Studio B, to the Piano Bar or Jazz Club there's nightly entertainment on every scale.

Take a chance

Visit Casino Royale for everything for blackjack, roulette, poker and slot machines.

Dine in style

Whatever you feel like, the choice is yours. There are so many restaurants that you never need to dine in the same place twice. It also has a 24 hour café bar.

Feeling adventurous?

Take a challenge of the Rock Climbing Wall, play Basket Ball and Volley Ball on the full-size Sports Court.

There is also Roller-Blading, Jogging Tracks and an Ice Skating Rink on board.

For golf enthusiasts there's a 9-hole Golf Course, driving range and simulators.

Bring the family

A Royal Caribbean Cruise is the ideal family choice offering an array of activities.

Adventure Ocean is a program of free activities supervised by fully qualified staff. Whether your child is an Aquanaut (3-5), Explorer (6-8), Voyager (9-12) or a Navigator (13-17) there is a tailored adventure just waiting for them.

The Teen Scene Club is fully supervised and gives children a chance to meet and enjoy the company of other children their own age.

Stay Healthy

There are plenty of exercise machines and aerobics sessions to keep in shape. On the other hand, why not give in to the best-equipped Spa available and let them pamper you all day with massages, facials, reflexology and much more.

Find a quiet moment

There are several intimate places for those quieter moments, like the Connoisseur Club for fine brandy and cigars; the Champagne Bar for elegant aperitifs; the Seven Hearts for cards and table games and the calm of the twin-decked Library.

All meals, entertainment and sport activities are included in the cost of your cruise. If you never enjoyed an ever changing view of the world from the privacy of your own veranda, you are in for a treat.

A visit to the cruise specialists at Eblana Travel will give you so many choices you'll soon be saying "ship ahoy". To book your Royal Caribbean Cruise, contact us on (091) 501400 or email sales@eblanatravel.ie