## ESSENTIAL ROYAL HOLIDAY TIPS FOR CRUISE TO THE WESTERN CARIBBEAN



There are plenty of ways to plan your dream Caribbean vacation, but instead of taking on the burden of mapping out your entire itinerary, including flights, hotel accommodations, dining, activities, and more, wouldn't you rather let someone else do it for you, and save money in the process? When you book your cruise through Royal Holiday, you can get everything you want.

Royal Holiday may be best known for their many vacation destinations around the world, but thanks to partnership with Carnival Cruise Lines, members can now enjoy all-inclusive trips around the Western Caribbean aboard Dream Class vessel the Carnival Breeze, including stops in Grand Cayman and Cozumel, just for example. Here are a few essential tips to ensure every Royal Holiday member has a fun and memorable cruise.

## **Prep Accordingly**

The Caribbean enjoys temperate climes year-round, so any time you go, chances are you're going to pack light. Just make sure to bring plenty of broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunblock to combat the equatorial rays.

You'll also want to pack comfortable walking shoes for your shore excursions so you can get in all the shopping and sightseeing you want without tuckering out your toes. Don't forget that the fall months are often punctuated by seasonal storms, so it's best to book your cruise December through April to take advantage of prime weather conditions.

## **Can't Miss Destinations**

You can go snorkeling or scuba diving pretty much anywhere in the Caribbean thanks to warm, clear waters. However, there are few better destinations for these water activities than Grand Cayman, where exquisite underwater features make for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Do you want to see turtles or wade with stingrays? Are you looking for white sand beaches and swaying palms? Grand Cayman is the epitome of the Western Caribbean vacation and Royal Holiday can take you there.

Another option is to check out Cozumel. This island has become a mainstay of Caribbean cruises, thanks to white sand beaches, beachfront shops, and access to all kinds of fun activities. If you're looking to snorkel or scuba dive, the Great Mesoamerican Reef is nothing to sneeze at.

You can also swim with dolphins, go zip-lining, or take the ferry to the mainland to visit the historic Mayan ruins of Tulum, including the incredibly well-preserved Pyramid El Castillo and Temple of the Frescos. You might even have time for a day trip to Chichen Itza.

Finally, check out Montego Bay. It's all about kicking back in this Jamaican city, where you can sway to reggae at barefoot beach bars, lounge under palm trees on beautiful beaches, or squeeze in a round of golf with the cerulean Caribbean waters as your backdrop. Looking for a little more adventure? Take a hidden waterfall tour, try a Jamaican bobsled ride, or visit a local haunted

mansion.

## **Take Advantage of Onboard Amenities**

Shore excursions in the Western Caribbean are certainly fun, but with a slew of impressive amenities offered on the Carnival Breeze, you might never want to leave. Check out the water park, Jacuzzis, spa, movie theaters, lounges, comedy club, video game room, and myriad fine dining options while you're aboard.

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