



Ultimate Floating Seminar Cruise 2009 – Newsletter 5

Hello Again Fellow Cruisers

The current sleep countdown is around 117 sleeps until we set sail.

Please Let Us Assist You

Remember that we're here to assist, offer you advice and find solutions to any problems. Please contact us by phone or email when anything comes up that you feel we can help you with:

If you're one of the group who have booked more recently, and haven't been on the newsletter mailing list since the beginning, remember that to visit our website and download any that you have missed, just visit:

<http://www.cruisemarketer.com/> and click on "Newsletters" on the menu bar.

If you receive an invitation from us to join our mailing list, then please click on the link included in the invitation to automatically receive future newsletters.

Stateroom Allocations Are Filling

As our booking requests for the group progress, we have reached the stage where we have already exceeded the number of staterooms that were allocated to us in some categories.

For this reason, some of the bookings are now listed as "on request". This means that we must take individual stateroom requests and forward them to the Miami head office of Royal Caribbean in order to

ensure that it is possible for them to offer a further stateroom of the category requested.

We realise that this does have the effect of increasing the time that it takes to confirm your stateroom allocation, but please bear with us – we are doing our best to find suitable staterooms for all of the people who book for the cruise.

Also be aware that we need to have received the following from anyone who wishes to book a stateroom:

- the names of all passengers
- the dates of birth of any children
- the deposit for all passengers

We're unable to process a request for a stateroom allocation until all of these are in place.

Questions and Answers

We haven't received many questions this week, so you must either be fully informed about everything that you need to know about the cruise, or you're as busy as we are, and simply haven't had time to send us your questions this week.

However, there are a few questions that arose during the last cruise, so I'll cover some of those in this newsletter.

Q: *What type and voltage of power outlets are provided on the ship?*

A: All staterooms in the Independence of the Seas are fitted with US standard 110V AC power outlets.

In order to power up your own appliances, you will need to make sure that they are able to work on dual voltage (the Australian voltage standard is 240V AC). To check this, read the power specifications on your appliance.

In order to plug an Australian device in to a US power outlet, you will need an outlet adaptor (easily purchased at a range of stores).

If you have more than one appliance, one tip that makes things easier is to take a 4-outlet power board with you on the cruise. This allows you to use only one outlet adaptor to supply up to four appliances.

Q: Where can I go to get some photos and information about the Independence of the Seas?

A: One member of the group has asked about where it may be possible to get some photos of life on the ship, as well as some further information about facilities onboard.

The following URL takes you to a selection of more than 5,000 photos of the Independence of the Seas that have been posted by cruise passengers who have previously travelled on the ship.

<http://tinyurl.com/l6uzl5>

Sharing Your Stateroom

We have successfully managed to link together a number of people from our group who wish to find a travelling companion in order to reduce the cost of the cruise..

Remember that the cost of sharing is considerably less than a single cabin. As examples, for an inside stateroom, the

costs are \$3,449 for solo occupation or \$2,626 for twin share. For a balcony, the costs are \$5,297 and \$3,550 respectively.

Please email us at info@cruisemarketer.com if you also want to find someone to share with.

“Fare Watch”

Once again, we've worked our way through the current airfare offerings, so that we can continue to provide you with regular updates on what is currently on offer.

The table below summarises the fares listed on the internet as at Tuesday July 28th.

Best fare deals discovered as at: 28/07/09

	Fares from	
Sydney to New York		
Qantas	\$A 1172	via Los Angeles
Delta	\$A 1052	via Los Angeles
United	\$US 767	Via San Francisco

Sydney to Los Angeles		
Qantas	\$A 965	direct
Delta	\$A 1057	direct
United	\$US 774	Via San Francisco
V Australia	\$A 1281	direct

Sydney to London		
Qantas	\$A 2270	via Singapore
Korean Air	\$A 1572	via Seoul (42 hr)
Etihad	\$A 2395	via Abu Dhabi
Emirates	\$A 2491	via Dubai
Malaysia	\$A 1816	via Kuala Lumpur

Los Angeles to London		
Air New Zealand	\$A642 O/W	direct

New York to London		
Aer Lingus	\$A 509 O/W	via Dublin
Delta	\$USD 671 return	direct

Remember that you always have the opportunity to leave this part of the trip to a professional. If you wish to do this, we recommend that you should contact our recommended travel agent, Josh Zuker at the Flight Centre office at Waverley Gardens in Victoria.

You can contact Josh by email to: josh.zuker@flightcentre.com.au or by phone on (03)-8543-1777