

## Top 10 Reasons to join us on *Anthem of the Seas Bermuda Cruise*

### **Homeport Destination**

Cape Liberty in Bayonne, NJ is perhaps one of the best departure ports in the Northeast. Just a stone's throw away from New York City, you can explore all Manhattan has to offer without having to deal with too much congestion. Many hotels (see our picks for top Hotels Near Cape Liberty Cruise Port) are located in the New Jersey area that are about 20 minutes away from the cruise port and are close to public transit into the city. But, don't count out New Jersey as a great pre-cruise destination as there are also some fun and exciting things to do without having to cross the Hudson River. Cape Liberty is the perfect commuter port for us New Englanders.

### **Just long enough!**

Another great reason to take an Anthem of the Seas Bermuda Cruise is that it's the perfect amount of time. We decided to take the 5 day Bermuda Cruise; this cruise was just long enough for a nice retreat but did not eat up too much of our vacation time. It was also a great chance to get to see the island as the itinerary gives you a day and a half to explore the history and culture of Bermuda.

### **Pre-Cruise Planning**

Using Royal Caribbean's online cruise planner, you can reserve everything you need for your cruise including dinner reservations, entertainment reservations, shore excursions, drink packages, and more in advance. The Cruise Planner does take some getting used to for first timers, but once you get the hang of it, you will love the online calendar and features which makes planning your trip a breeze.

### **The Technology**

Anthem of the Seas is the perfect ship for those tech savvy cruisers. Anthem of the Seas features a smart check-in process and the fastest internet at sea, Voom, which means you can access social media and even stream video while onboard. Digital touch screens throughout the ship give you an up-to-date calendar to see what is happening throughout the day. You can also access this same information on the Royal IQ app for your smartphone. Technology is embedded in every aspect of the ship, including our favorite venue Two70. Anthem of the Seas also hosts the first robotic bartenders at sea at the Bionic Bar, serving up drinks ordered from an iPad.

### **The Food**

A big part of the cruise experience is the food. Our decision to take an Anthem of the Seas Bermuda cruise was an easy choice given the variety of dining options. From the four themed complimentary dining rooms, to our preferred breakfast and lunch stop at Cafe Two70, the choices are endless. Specialty dining is also one of a kind on Anthem of the Seas. Wonderland, a culinary and visual journey through the looking glass, is a must for any foodie. Italian offerings at Jamie's Italian, by celebrity chef Jamie Oliver, is another great choice. Small bites are also available at Michael's Genuine Pub, so you can snack while enjoying the custom brews at this venue.

## **Entertainment**

Bermuda is a beautiful destination, but you are not going to spend all of your time ashore. Luckily, when you take an Anthem of the Seas Bermuda cruise, you will have plenty of entertainment options onboard the ship. From the We Will Rock You Broadway show in the Main Theater to Spectra's Cabaret in Two70, the nightly entertainment is anything but ordinary. You can also enjoy a cover band in the Music Hall, test your wits in the Puzzle Room, or partake in the diverse entertainment offered in the SeaPlex, including rolling skating, bumper cars, and even the flying trapeze. Not to mention, all of the other Royal Caribbean staples that you know and love.

## **Indoor Pools**

Unlike many southern departure points, the weather may not always be sunny and warm when cruising from Cape Liberty to Bermuda. Of course, we are hoping for great weather, but at least cruisers of all ages can still enjoy some pool time on an Anthem of the Seas Bermuda Cruise regardless of what Mother Nature throws your way. For adults, the indoor Solarium offers a tranquil environment featuring a multi-tiered pool that is great for relaxing and enjoying a cocktail from the Solarium Bar. For families, the Indoor Pool is your escape for those rainy or cool sea days. Here, the kids can still enjoy some swimming under the comforts of a retractable roof.

## **Overnight Stay**

During most cruises, you get to explore a new location for the day and then head off to the next stop; however, the 5 day Anthem of the Seas Bermuda cruise features an overnight stay at the island. Not only can you enjoy the beaches and daytime activities, but you now have the opportunity for some nighttime fun. You can take a Bermuda Triangle nighttime cruise, head to Hamilton for the nightlife, or perhaps enjoy a bonfire on the beach. It's all up to you without the worry of returning to the ship on time.

## **Flying High While Onboard**

Featuring many firsts at sea, Quantum-class cruise ships have two of our favorite cruise innovations. The first is the aerial gondola, North Star, giving cruisers the opportunity to soar 300 feet above sea level. This gondola moves up and over the ship providing great vantage points of the open ocean, the cruise ship, or the current port of call. If you'd rather truly experience "flying", the Ripcord by iFLY is your chance. This skydiving simulator lets you feel the rush of free falling safely from the outdoor decks of the cruise ship. Both high flying cruise features are musts for cruisers of all ages traveling on this ship.

## **Bermuda**

If you aren't already convinced to take an Anthem of the Seas Bermuda cruise, then perhaps learning more about the island will motivate you to hop onboard. The Royal Naval Dockyard has a rich history, but traveling beyond the port through the parishes of St. George and Hamilton, you can also explore old forts, caves, and other notable landmarks. If relaxing on sandy beaches is more your thing, then you will want to take advantage of one of the beautiful beaches like Horseshoe Bay Beach or Tobacco Bay Beach. Golfing, shopping and dining, and snorkeling in the Bermuda Triangle are also popular activities at this destination. There is certainly an activity that everyone will enjoy during a visit to Bermuda.