

# Romance *and Other Escapes from Reality*

October 1-10, 2009 Cruise

## Travel & Course Logistics

### *Tuition*

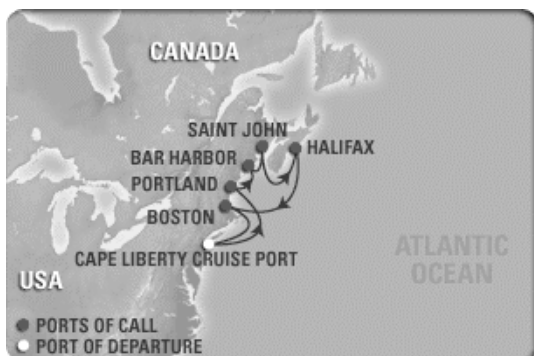
Shipboard accommodations, ocean transportation, meals, some beverages, gratuities, and most onboard entertainment are included in your tuition. Not included are air transportation, transfers to and from the pier, items of a personal nature, such as shore & land excursions, specialty restaurant fees, some beverages, photographs, and medical services.

### *Accommodations*

You will be booked in the cabin category you selected when you registered. We will make every effort to obtain the best possible cabins aboard the ship. If you registered in a Double Occupancy cabin and have not already requested a specific roommate, we will select a same-sex roommate for you. For additional information about this cruise and the ship: Explorer of the Seas, visit: [Royal Caribbean Cruise Line](#).

### *Ports of Call*

The design of the course will allow you to have time throughout the cruise to enjoy the amenities of the ship and to explore the ports of call.



Cape Liberty, NJ  
Portland, ME  
Bar Harbor, ME  
St. John, NB (Bay of Fundy)  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Boston, MA  
Cape Liberty, NJ

New England and eastern Canada have an unmistakable charm, rich history and natural beauty all their own. And there's no better time to visit than the fall – when the foliage is brilliant in every imaginable color, with lighthouses dotting the beautiful coastline. For information about Excursions at each Port of Call, visit: [Canada & New England Cruise Excursions](#).

### **Portland, ME**

Portland offers a unique combination of Maine's rich history and its own vibrant culture. Local artisans offer their handiwork along the streets of the Arts District and the Old Port Exchange. Colorful boats line the shores of Casco Bay, and wonderful freshly cooked seafood abounds in this charming seaside town. For more information about this Port of Call, click here: [Portland, ME](#)

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### **Bar Harbor, ME**

Charming cobblestone streets and quaint storefronts make Bar Harbor a delightful New England destination. But it's what's just down the road that makes it truly unique. Arcadia National Park, just a short drive from Downtown Bar Harbor, is a triumph of the Parks System Conservative Program and offers a spectacular display of nature at its finest. Rocky cliffs and ragged coastline open to beautiful ocean views and stony beaches, perfect for a mouthwatering traditional Maine Lobster bake. For more information about this Port of Call, click here: [Bar Harbor, ME](#)

### **Saint John, New Brunswick**

Founded by Loyalists escaping the Revolutionary War in 1785, Saint John has emerged as a thriving port city. Its restored historic waterfront and surrounding natural beauty have made Saint John a wonderful destination. For more information about this Port of Call, click here: [Saint Jon, NB](#)

### **Halifax, Nova Scotia**

As the ship comes into port, a bagpiper will welcome you to Halifax, the capital city of Nova Scotia. The "City of Trees" offers the warmth and charm of a small town along with all the excitement you would expect from a great city. Peggy's Cove, Citadel Hill, and the Acadian Country are just a few of the sights that will herald your arrival here. For more information about this Port of Call, click here: [Halifax, Nova Scotia](#)

### **Boston, MA**

Known in pre-revolutionary days as "the Hub of Civilization," Boston is still an exciting, vibrant city. Home to some of the world's greatest universities and colleges, there is always something happening there. It's an extremely walk-able city with an easily accessible public transportation system, making it easy for tourists to explore.

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### *General Information*

**Cruise Time Zone:** October 1 – 4: (EST) Eastern Standard Time. October 5 – 7: (ADT) Atlantic Daylight Time, October 8 – 10: (EST) Eastern Standard Time.

**Climate:** Average temperatures will range from an evening low of 39 degrees Fahrenheit (12 Celsius) to a daytime high of 54 degrees Fahrenheit (12 Celsius). It will be cold when we are out at sea.

#### **What to Pack:**

Days onboard are casual. To be most comfortable, we recommend:

- Jeans or slacks
- Several sweaters, a winter-weight jacket, a windbreaker and a raincoat, gloves, and hats.
- Low-heeled shoes for deck activities, walking shoes for ports of call.
- Overnight bag for your first night at sea (in case your luggage is delayed).

Dinner Attire in the Main Dining Room varies by evening. There will be two formal, one Smart Casual, and six casual evenings. Shorts are not allowed in the Main Dining room for dinner. You don't need to take dinner in the Main Dining Room, and if you do, the dining room suggests:

- Casual: Dresses or slacks and blouses for women, sport shirts and trousers for men
- Smart Casual: Dresses or pantsuits for women, sport shirts, and coat and trousers for men.
- Formal: There will likely be two formal dinners. Cocktail dresses for women, suits and ties or tuxedos for men (you can arrange to rent a tuxedo onboard)

**Currency:** The currency used in Canada is the Canadian Dollar (CAD), which is divided into 100 cents. Banks and bureaux de change will change money and travelers cheques. Major credit cards are widely accepted and ATMs are plentiful. US Dollars are largely accepted, though due to fraud, larger notes might not be and change is usually given in Canadian dollars.

**Passport:** For all passengers, a valid passport is required for this cruise. If you are a citizen from a country other than the U.S., Canada, the U.K. or the European Union, a tourist visa may be required in addition to a valid passport. Please check with your country's embassy for the documents required to visit the United States and Canada.

**Air Travel:** The nearest airport to Cape Liberty Cruise Port is Newark International Airport (EWR). For information about taxis, driving directions, and parking information at the Cape Liberty Cruise Port, visit <http://www.cruiseliberty.com>

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**Ground Transportation:** You are responsible for your travel to/from the ship. The travel time from Newark International Airport to Cape Liberty is about 20 minutes by taxi. Fares from the Airport to the Cruise Port are regulated – the fare each way will be about \$50. For information about taxis, driving directions, and parking information at the Cape Liberty Cruise Port, visit <http://www.cruiseliberty.com>

If you require assistance, you are welcome to contact your preferred travel agency, or A Cruise World, the travel agency who has arranged this cruise for us. A Cruise World can be reached at (800)442-9278.

**Port Information:** Cape Liberty Cruise Port  
14 Port Terminal Boulevard  
Bayonne, New Jersey 07002  
<http://www.cruiseliberty.com>

**Departure:** The ship is scheduled to sail by 5:00pm on Thursday, October 1, 2009. Royal Caribbean requires that all passengers check in at the Cruise Terminal no later than **3:30pm\*\*** on Thursday, October 1, 2009. **Passengers who arrive after 3:30pm will be denied boarding.** Boarding should begin by 1:00pm.

\*\* If you encounter a long flight delay or might possibly be missing the ship, please call Royal Caribbean at (800) 256-6649 for assistance. They will assist you in making alternate arrangements to board the ship, in an alternate Port if necessary. Please note that Royal Caribbean will not hold the ship for late passengers and any costs that you may incur to get to the next port will be your own responsibility. You can also call A Cruise World at (800) 442-9278 for additional assistance.

**Arrival:** The ship is scheduled to arrive back in Cape Liberty Cruise port by 7:00am on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Please schedule your departure flight for after 12:00pm.

**Boarding the Ship:** When you arrive at the pier, look for the “Explorer of the Seas” sign. Give your luggage (tagged with your stateroom number) to the terminal porters so they can deliver the bags to your stateroom. Keep any carry-on bags with you.

The Landmark Education welcome team will greet you just inside the terminal entrance. Be sure to place the Romance Cruise ID sticker on your shirt or jacket so that we and your fellow Romance Cruise participants can easily identify you.

Embarkation will begin around 1:00 PM. Your embarkation forms are in your cruise booklet. Please fill them out beforehand (or complete your web check-in online at [www.rccl.com](http://www.rccl.com) and

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print your Setsail pass) and have your passport in hand. At check-in, the ship's staff will collect your forms and give you a SeaPass card. The SeaPass card is your stateroom key. It will also serve as identification, allowing you to get on and off the ship throughout the week. In addition, you can use your SeaPass card to charge purchases, such as soft drinks, bar beverages, shore tours, personal gifts, and personal services to your onboard account.

**Gratuities:** Gratuities for Ship-board staff (stateroom attendant, dining room waiter, assistant waiter, and headwaiter) have been pre-paid and are included in your tuition. A 15% gratuity will automatically be added to your bar bill or wine check when you are served. Additional gratuities for ground transportation, pier side luggage handling, and extraordinary service on board are at your discretion.

**Communication:** In the event your family or business associates might need to reach you during the cruise, have them first try your cell number (in the event you may be in cell phone range). If not reachable this way, they can also reach you by calling the Royal Caribbean hi-seas operator at 1-888-724-7449. The cost of this call will be \$7.95 per minute and be charged to their credit card. Please have them provide the operator with the name of the ship: Explorer of the Seas, and also your stateroom number.

You will be able to check email onboard for a fee via web-based mail servers such as Yahoo, Hotmail, Gmail, and AOL. Wi-Fi Hotspots can also be found throughout the ship for those wishing to bring a laptop. Rates vary based on package price but start at around 55 cents per minute for both the Wi-Fi and computer desktop stations.

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### Course and Cruise Schedule

Weather and other unforeseen circumstances can alter the ship's itinerary. The course schedule may also change. You will receive a final Course Schedule on board.

<b>Thursday October 1</b>		<b>Cape Liberty, NJ</b>	<b>Depart 5:00 PM</b>
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Welcome Session **	Conference Center
		<i>**Friends and Family who are not in the course are welcome to join you at the Welcome Session</i>	
<b>Friday October 2</b>		<b>At Sea</b>	
9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Course Session	Conference Center
3:30 PM	6:30 PM	Course Session	Conference Center
<b>Saturday October 3</b>		<b>Portland, Maine</b>	<b>8:30 AM- 7:00 PM</b>
10:30 PM	11:30 PM	Evening Sharing	Conference Center
<b>Sunday October 4</b>		<b>Bar Harbor, Maine</b>	<b>7:00 AM- 5:00 PM</b>
5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Course Session	Conference Center
10:30 PM	11:30 PM	Evening Sharing	Conference Center
<b>Monday October 5</b>		<b>St. John</b>	<b>7:00 AM- 3:00 PM</b>
4:00 PM	7:00 PM	Course Session	Conference Center
10:30 PM	11:30 PM	Evening Sharing	Conference Center
<b>Tuesday October 6</b>		<b>Nova Scotia</b>	<b>9:00 AM- 6:00 PM</b>
10:30 PM	11:30 PM	Evening Sharing	Conference Center
<b>Wednesday October 7</b>		<b>At Sea</b>	
9:00 AM	7:30 PM	Course Session	Conference Center
10:30 PM	11:30 PM	Evening Sharing	Conference Center
<b>Thursday October 8</b>		<b>Boston, Massachusetts</b>	<b>7:00 AM- 5:00 PM</b>
5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Course Session	Conference Center
10:30 PM	11:30 PM	Evening Sharing	Conference Center
<b>Friday October 9</b>		<b>At Sea</b>	
9:30 AM	12:30 PM	Course Session	Conference Center
3:30 PM	6:30 PM	Course Session	Conference Center
<b>Saturday October 10</b>		<b>Cape Liberty, NJ</b>	<b>Arrive 7:00 AM</b>
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Farewell Get Together	Conference Center

Dinner each evening is at approximately 8:30 PM in the Magellan Dining room.

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### *Travel Checklist*

#### **Before You Leave**

- To expedite your cruise check-in, go to [www.rccl.com/onlinecheckin](http://www.rccl.com/onlinecheckin) and enter your personal information.
- Reconfirm your flights

#### **Packing List:**

- Passport - required
- Visa – if required
- Cruise booklet and airline tickets
- Prescriptions (duplicates)
- Formal dinner attire for 2 nights
- Ties, cuff links, belts
- Jewelry
- Dress shoes
- Casual attire
- Scarves, shawls
- Warm Jacket, gloves, and hat
- Walking shoes
- Swimsuit
- Suntan lotion / sun screen
- Sunglasses
- Camera, film, batteries
- Cell phone, charger