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Newsletter

Royal Caribbean's Empress of the Seas Sails to Miami, Cuba Likely Next

Fun Facts about Cuba

- The island nation of Cuba is located south of the Bahamas and the United States.
- Jamaica and the Cayman Islands are south of Cuba
- The Dominican Republic's island of Hispaniola is southeast of the small island nation.
- Mexico is located west of Cuba.
- The Capital of Cuba is Havana

After refurbishment delays, the Empress of the Seas has officially returned to the Royal Caribbean International fleet, homeporting from Miami, Florida beginning on May 28. The revitalized ship will likely be the first for the cruise brand to head to Cuba in the near future as well.



After a stint with Pullmantur Cruises, the revitalized Empress has rejoined the Royal Caribbean fleet with a number of modifications just made during its recent \$50 million dry-dock. Onboard features include a rock-climbing wall, new pools and whirlpools, a spa and the free-of-charge Adventure Ocean kids program. Dining offerings range from the Windjammer Cafe buffet to the Chops Grille steakhouse. Plus, the ship will boast the line's signature Voom high-speed internet connection.

To start on Saturday, the ship will sail to Royal Caribbean's CocoCay private island and Nassau in the Bahamas. Then it will embark on 4- and 5-night itineraries to Nassau, The Bahamas; Cozumel and Costa Maya, Mexico and Grand Cayman and Key West, Florida; with extended hours planned in each port as well as select overnights in Cozumel.

Its next stop might be Cuba, as USA Today is reporting that Michael Bayley, President and CEO, Royal Caribbean International, has indicated that the ship will likely be the one deployed to the Caribbean island nation, once granted approval. Like Carnival Corporation and its Fathom brand before it, Royal Caribbean is just waiting.

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Shelling on the Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel

Anyone who has ever been on The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel in Florida is likely already aware of the lure the region has for those who collect seashells, or even those who just enjoy looking at unusual shells.

The area has developed a sort of fame as a hotspot for shell collecting. Many local residents and frequent visitors are, frankly, somewhat obsessed with seashells and all things related to them. That's not all that surprising, though, when you think about it—with more than 50 miles of publicly accessible coastline, this area is like Mother Nature's treasure trove of seashell bounties.

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Loyalty Trivia

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time doesn’t
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currents,
plan by the
tides and
follow the
sun.”***

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Las Vegas, NV	Jockey Club	Aug. 14-21	2 bdrm/sleeps 6	\$799.00
Orlando, FL	Grande Villas Resort	Sept. 2-9	3 bdrm/sleeps 8	\$899.00
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REMEMBER, THIS IS JUST A PARTIAL LISTING OF CONDOS. PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU DO NOT SEE THE AREA YOU ARE INTERESTED IN. WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF CONDOS WORLDWIDE.

Once again we must reiterate, if you make a self booking, please notify this office immediately to ensure you have covered everything and we can help you if needed.

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Ship	Sailing Date	Destination	Departure Port	Ports of Call	Prices*
Alaska					
Star Princess	June 10, 2017	10-Nights on Your Own Land and Sea	Whittier, AK–Vancouver B.C,	Fairbanks, AK; Denali, AK; Talkeetna, AK; Mt. McKinley, AK; cruising Hubbard Glacier; cruising Glacier Bay; Skagway, AK; Juneau, AK; Ketchikan, AK.	Ocean View- \$1,379 Balcony- \$2,679
Holland Noordam	June 18, 2017	7-Day Glacier Discovery Northbound	Vancouver B.C.- Anchorage, AK	Cruising the Inside Passage; Ketchikan, AK; Juneau, AK; Skagway, AK; cruising Glacier Bay.	Inside- \$999 Ocean View- \$1,329 Balcony-\$1,799
Holland Eurodam	July 8, 2017	7-Day Alaska	RT Seattle	Juneau, AK; cruising Glacier Bay; Sitka, AK; Ketchikan, AK; Victoria, B.C.	Inside- \$1,199 Ocean View- \$1,589 Balcony-\$1,999
Star Princess	July 19, 2017	10-Nights on Your Own Land and Sea	Whittier, AK–Vancouver B.C,	Fairbanks, AK; Denali, AK; Talkeetna, AK; Mt. McKinley, AK; cruising Hubbard Glacier; cruising Glacier Bay; Skagway, AK; Juneau, AK; Ketchikan, AK.	Inside- \$1,924 Ocean View-\$2,824 Balcony-\$3,274
Canada and New England					
Crown Princess	Oct. 15, 2017	10-Day Classic Canada and New England	New York, NY-Quebec City, Quebec	Saint John, New Brunswick (for the Bay of Fundy), Halifax, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Bar Harbor, Boston, Newport,	Inside-\$1,399 Ocean View-\$2,099 Balcony-\$2,539
Caribbean					
MSC	Jul. 15, 2017	7-Night Western Caribbean	RT Miami, FL	Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Georgetown, Cayman Islands; Cozumel, Mexico; Nassau, Bahamas	Inside-\$779 Ocean View- \$929 Balcony- \$1129
RCCL Liberty of the Seas	Jan 22, 2017	7-Night Western Caribbean	RT Galveston, TX	Roatan, Honduras; Belize City, Belize; Cozumel, Mexico	Inside-\$544 Ocean View- \$683 Balcony- \$762
Bahamas					
RCCL Enchantment of the Seas	Jan 20, 2017	3-Night Bahamas	RT Miami, FL	Cococay, Bahamas; Nassau, Bahamas	Inside-\$209 Ocean View-\$239 Balcony-\$429
RCCL Majesty of the Seas	Feb 13, 2017	4 Night Bahamas	RT Port Canaveral, FL	Cococay, Bahamas; Nassau, Bahamas	Inside-\$319 Ocean View-\$359
Europe					
Celebrity Reflection	Sep 1, 2017	10-Night Italy & Greek Isles	RT Rome, Italy	Sicily, Italy; Mykonos, Greece; Ephesus, Turkey; Rhodes, Greece; Santorini, Greece; Naples, Italy	Inside-\$1,709 Ocean View-\$2,399 Balcony-\$2,549

*Prices are listed per person based on double occupancy. They do not include port fees and taxes. All prices are subject to availability and may change until confirmed.