



TRAVEL INFORMER

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An ambulance transports a passenger from our cruise ship. Photo by Sheldon Smith

Unlocking the Value of Traveler's Insurance

By Sheldon and Lolita Smith

Traveler's insurance is not just about medical emergencies; it is your safety net in a world of uncertainties.

Picture this: you are exploring Cozumel, Mexico, and suddenly, you see an ambulance rushing by.

Did that tourist have traveler's insurance? It is a question worth pondering.

But wait, there is more to traveler's insurance than meets the eye.

[Read the full article online to learn more.](#)



Labadee, Haiti, has welcomed Royal Caribbean guests since the late 1980s. Photo by Marina113

U.S. travel alert: Cruise line stops visits to popular Caribbean resort

Royal Caribbean has announced the cessation of stops at its Labadee, Haiti resort due to escalating gang violence and instability in the region. The decision comes amidst concerns for passenger safety and the volatile situation in Haiti.

Labadee, a popular destination leased by the cruise line, has traditionally attracted tourists with its pristine beaches and recreational activities. However, persistent security issues have prompted Royal Caribbean to prioritize passenger well-being and reassess its operations.

Read more about how this move reflects the cruise industry's growing recognition of the need to prioritize safety and stability in destination selection.

[Read more on AL.com.](#)

My Cruise to Cozumel

By V. Hairston

The Teen Lounge

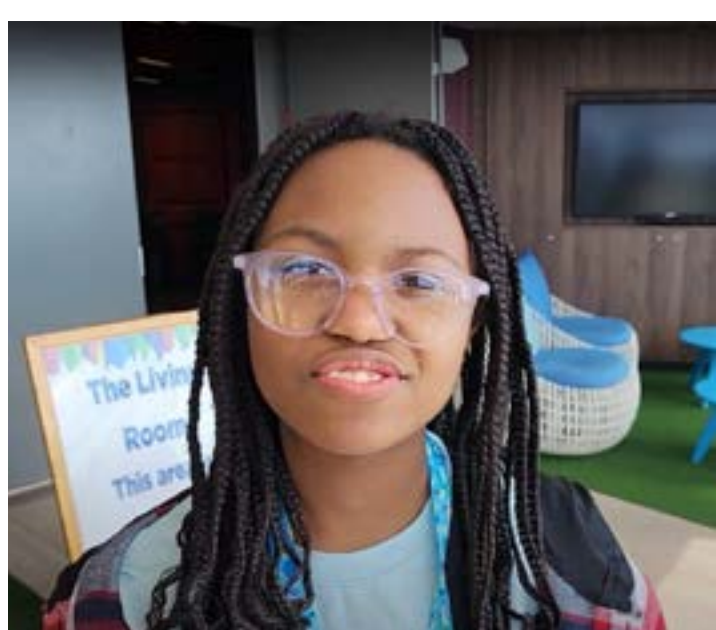
When I first went to the teen lounge, I saw a box of video games and table tennis with four paddles. Everyone was super friendly and incredibly fun. I met three new friends over time and had the best time ever in the lounge. When walking around the ship two teen girls ran into me and told me about the funny things that happened at the lounge.

The Competitions at the Teen Lounge

There are ten competitions that you can participate in, and when you win a contest, you get a gold or silver medal. The competitions consist of fireball, foosball, and a Just Dance competition and more. On the last day there was Harry Potter trivia and after the trivia match the winner would get a lanyard. Then all the kids would get pizza at the Promenade. While talking sometimes the teens would go exchange numbers or e-mail addresses and talk about all the crazy stuff that happened at the teen lounge.

The Amazing Food I Had on The Cruise

While on the cruise there was so much amazing food that my eyes could not even figure out what to eat first. The food was so delicious. The first day when we got breakfast, I went up to the Windjammer to eat. There were so many different options that it was so hard to choose what to eat. They had fruit, waffles, pancakes. They even had vegetarian options.



All the employees were so nice and sweet, and they even cleaned the table when you asked. On the last day we went to the dining room for the first time for dinner. The staff were so nice, and they even had a parking spot for walkers and buggies for my grandma. Once again, the food was delicious. The staff performed a show in the middle of dinner with all the chefs walking down the stairs and everyone waved their napkins in the air. It was so funny. If you do plan to go on vacation on a Royal Caribbean cruise, I do recommend The Windjammer, The Promenade, Giovanni's Table (Italian), the dining room, and Sugar Beach Ice Cream Shop.

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Jetsetter Jeopardy: Test Your Travel IQ!

Answers to last month's questions:

1. Which country has more than half of the world's roundabouts? France
2. Can you name the city that was once called 'New Amsterdam'? New York
3. Which country is known as 'The Land of White Elephant'? Thailand

This month's questions

- Antarctica is a Desert, true or false?
- Approximately how many airplane flights depart and land every day?
- Where is the Trevi Fountain?