



PRIVATE BEACH CLUB

The ship's best-kept secret is a pass to the exclusive Vibe Beach Club. An extra \$100 gets guests into the oasis for the whole week — no lounge-chair jockeying and no line for the bar or hot tub.

SPECIALTY DINING

Not that anything's wrong with a good buffet (and the buffet on this ship is beyond good), but after a week at sea, standing in line can get pretty old. Instead, sample the 17 specialty dining options on board. Cagney's Steakhouse's from-scratch jumbo crabcakes and truffle fries are calling.

DAY TRIPS

Norwegian Escape departs from Miami for seven-day cruises to St. Thomas, Tortola and Nassau, Bahamas. Best of luck deciding which excursion to fill your precious hours with. Dive the most famous wreck in the Caribbean, the *RMS Rhone*, or explore one of *Islands'* favorite Caribbean beaches, the Baths on Virgin Gorda. Just disembark already! *Eastern Caribbean cruises from \$749 per person.*



Clockwise: Cunard's Queens Grill, MSC Divina's Sofia Loren suite, the Quiet Cove Pool on *Disney Dream*.



ROYAL TREATMENT

Where else can you find first-class service at sea? Here are three more ship-within-a-ship experiences. — *Janice Mucalov*

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MSC CRUISES YACHT CLUB

Fresh pasta and barista-made cappuccinos? No, this isn't Venice; it's MSC Cruises' fleet of Mediterranean-inspired mega-ships. A special key card on the four newest ships (*Preziosa*, *Divina*, *Splendida*, *Fantasia*) unlocks doors to the MSC Yacht Club, where guests in 69 suites are cosseted with marble bathrooms, pillow menus and 24-hour butler service. Take a foot-selfie on the Swarovski-crystal staircase, which leads to the 24-hour, concierge-staffed reception. Wine is included at the restaurant for club guests. **Itinerary pick:** Seven-night Caribbean and Antilles cruise on *MSC Divina*; from \$2,069 per person.

2

DISNEY CRUISE LINE ADULTS-ONLY

Experts recommend getting eight hugs a day. Get yours from Mickey and Minnie on one of Disney's four ships. Cruises are family-oriented, with Broadway musicals and *Toy Story* playrooms. Still, every vessel has adults-only refuges like the Cove Café coffee shop, the Quiet Cove Pool with a bar, and a wine-tasting seminar. But perhaps the most blissful grown-up space is Serenity Bay on Castaway Cay, Disney's private Bahamian island, where there's little to do but sway in a double hammock. **Itinerary pick:** Seven-night western Caribbean cruise on *Disney Fantasy*; \$2,858 per person.

3

CUNARD QUEENS GRILL

Lavish balls and champagne for breakfast — Cunard hasn't forgotten the golden age of sea travel. Queens Grill passengers stay in the best suites — *Queen Mary 2* even offers a 2,249-square-foot grand duplex with gym equipment. A personal butler will happily unpack suitcases and shine shoes, and Penhaligon's toiletries and fresh flowers are delivered daily. Come dinnertime, order chateaubriand off the menu in the exclusive Queens Grill restaurant. Correspond with the commoners back home on your personalized stationery. **Itinerary pick:** Seven-night trans-Atlantic crossing on *Queen Mary 2*; \$4,949 per person.