

TRAVEL | FINDING FREEDOM AT SEA



We're Back!

The FaithDome - 7901 S. Vermont Ave., L.A. - Sunday Services: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

An advertisement for 'The FaithDome' church. It features three people (two men and one woman) standing in front of a large, white, geodesic dome structure. The man on the left is wearing a dark Atlanta Falcons jersey. The man in the middle has a mustache and is wearing an orange jacket. The woman on the right is also wearing an orange jacket. The background shows a palm tree and a clear sky. The text 'We're Back!' is written in large, red, stylized letters at the top. Below the image, the church's name and address are listed, along with Sunday service times.

Actually traveling to an exotic destination on Royal Caribbean's absolutely huge cruise ship Freedom of the Seas is almost beside the point, because this ship is pretty much a destination unto itself. The ship is the world's largest, towering at a whopping 208 feet (that's the same height as the Statue of Liberty according to the press release) and if cruising is your thing, you will find everything you need and even some stuff you never imagined you needed!

First up is the FlowRider. You may have seen it on the cruise line's "Get Out There" commercials. It's a surfing simulator, which is actually much harder than it looks (or was that because I only managed to reach an upright position for about 10 seconds before wiping out?) The top deck also has several pools, cantilevered whirlpools and the H2O Zone, a water park perfect for younger kids. A Sports Deck offers a 9-hole miniature golf course, basketball, volleyball and lots of other "get out there" activities including a rock-climbing wall.

If you have 14 friends you want to splurge with, you might want to rent out the Presidential Suite. It has its own Jacuzzi, private deck and, at 1,215 square feet, is much larger than most New York City apartments!

Big, big, big is also the theme below deck. There is an actual ice-skating rink, where you can catch a show, a 1,300 seat theater, a large day spa, the world's largest fitness center at sea and a boxing ring. The Royal Promenade looks like an actual city block, if you live in fantasyland of course. It is longer than a football field and features lots of shops, bars, restaurants, even a wedding chapel if you decide to tie the knot. We are talking a seriously big boat!

There are over 1,500 rooms and if your budget allows try to get one with an ocean view and private deck—it's worth it to sit and relax and watch the world float by. The cruise ship sails various itineraries in the Caribbean and already has plans to expand. For more information go to www.royalcaribbean.com. **BN**



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9:00 a.m.



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