



Independence of the Seas®

AS YOU DEPART

Dear Guest,

On the day of departure, feel free to relax in your stateroom, or if you prefer, enjoy breakfast in one of the below dining areas. Be sure to leave enough time to meet in the designated waiting areas shown below. (Note: announcements regarding departure formalities will only be heard in the assigned waiting areas). Your luggage will not be available in the pier terminal until your number tag has been called.

Breakfast will be available:

5:30 am – 9:30 am Café Promenade, Deck 5

6:30 am – 8:00 am Romeo & Juliet, Deck 3 (Continuous service)

6:00 am – 8:30 am Windjammer Café, Deck 11 (Buffet breakfast)

PLEASE HAVE YOUR SEAPASS CARD, COMPLETED CUSTOMS FORM AND PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP READY IN HAND WHEN PROCEEDING TO THE GANGWAY.

FIVE STEPS AS YOU DEPART . . .

STEP ONE The Night Before

- Attach one of the numbered tags, delivered by your Stateroom Attendant, to each piece of luggage.
- Any alcohol purchased in our Shops Onboard or ports of call during this cruise vacation will be delivered to your stateroom on the final evening of the cruise.
- Place each piece of luggage outside your stateroom between 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm on the last evening. Please make sure you don't pack your flight tickets, passport/proof of citizenship and medications. Please hand carry all fragile items such as lap tops, glass souvenirs, etc. It is imperative that your luggage be placed outside your stateroom no later than 11:00 pm on the last evening to ensure your luggage is received in a timely manner in the terminal. All guests wishing to participate in the Self Assist program are asked to keep their luggage in their staterooms and proceed directly to the gangway on Departure morning.
- Please hand carry all fragile items such as lap tops, glass souvenirs, etc.
- Please take a moment to view the departure video for an overview of the departure process on channel 27.



Crown & Anchor Society

All Crown & Anchor Society Guests are invited to enjoy their private Departure Lounge from 6:30 am onwards in Pyramid Lounge, Deck 5.

Family Zone

Guests travelling with children can enjoy a fun family environment in On Air, Deck 3 between 6:30 am and 10:30 am.

Gratuities

The automatic daily gratuity charged to the onboard SeaPass account is shared by among the dining services staff, Stateroom Attendants and other housekeeping services crew who work to enhance the overall cruise experience. Guests who prepay their gratuities prior to boarding their cruise, will not have a daily automatic gratuity charged onboard.

Many of our guests wish to reward particularly exceptional service during their cruise with additional gratuities. Guests may do so by increasing the automatic gratuity amount on their SeaPass® onboard account at the Guest Services desk or with a cash gratuity at their discretion.

Luggage Valet Service

Guests enrolled in the Luggage Valet Program may depart the ship any time after 7:30 am, using the gangway located on Deck 4. You do not need to collect your luggage at the terminal.

Concierge Suite Guests

are invited to enjoy their Private Departure Lounge between 6:30 am and 8:30 am. Continental breakfast is served from 6:15 am to 8:30 am, Concierge Lounge, Deck 10.

SELF ASSIST (carry your own luggage)

Guests on Self Assist must be able to carry off their own luggage (maximum of 2 pieces). Luggage and wheelchair assistance will not be available. Guests can depart between 6:15 am and 7:30 am via the gangway located on Deck 4, forward. Due to pier terminal restrictions, ONLY guests on Self Assist may depart the ship during this time.

WHEELCHAIR ASSISTANCE



Guests requiring wheelchair assistance should meet in Boleros, Deck 4, 30 minutes before your number tag assignment. You will be escorted off as your number is called. Wheelchair assistance is provided from Boleros to the pier terminal luggage holding area only.

DEPARTURE ORDER

The first number tag will be called off the ship at approximately 7:30 am. The last number will be called off the ship at approximately 10:30 am. Please note that departure times are subject to change, depending on clearance of the vessel and guest/luggage flow in and out of the pier terminal.

CONFISCATED ITEMS

To reclaim prohibited items taken from you on boarding day, please present your receipt to Mc Roberts Security in the terminal building. Items not picked up at the end of your cruise vacation will be discarded.

DEPARTURE CHART

Number Tag	Departure Lounge	Time
1 & 2	Alhambra Theatre, Deck 4 (Guests with transfers to Miami Airport)	7:30 am
3 & 4	Macbeth Dining Room, Deck 4 (Early departure request)	7:30 am
7 & 8	Alhambra Theatre, Deck 3 (Guests with Shore Excursions)	7:30 am
9 & 10	Macbeth Dining Room, Deck 4	7:45 am
11 & 12	Alhambra Theatre, Deck 4 (Guests with transfers to Ft. Lauderdale Airport)	7:45 am
14 & 15	Macbeth Dining Room, Deck 4	8:00 am
16 & 17	Alhambra Theatre, Deck 4	8:00 am
18 & 19	Macbeth Dining Room, Deck 4	8:15 am
20 & 21	Alhambra Theatre, Deck 4	8:30 am
22 & 23	Macbeth Dining Room, Deck 4	8:30 am
24 & 25	Alhambra Theatre, Deck 4	8:45 am
26 & 27	Macbeth Dining Room, Deck 4	8:45 am
28 & 29	Alhambra Theatre, Deck 4	9:00 am
30 & 31	Macbeth Dining Room, Deck 4	9:00 am
32 & 33	Alhambra Theatre, Deck 4	9:15 am
34 & 35	Macbeth Dining Room, Deck 4	9:15 am
36 & 37	Alhambra Theatre, Deck 4	9:30 am
38 & 39	Macbeth Dining Room, Deck 4	9:30 am
40 & 41	Alhambra Theatre, Deck 4	9:45 am
42 & 43	Macbeth Dining Room, Deck 4	9:45 am
44 & 45	Alhambra Theatre, Deck 4	10:00 am
46 & 47	Macbeth Dining Room, Deck 4	10:00 am
48 & 49	Alhambra Theatre, Deck 4	10:15 am

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STEP TWO Morning of Departure

SeaPass accounts are automatically billed if you have registered a credit card. A statement of your account will be delivered to your stateroom by 6:00 am on the morning of departure. For your convenience, accounts established with a credit card will remain active on the morning of departure, for any last-minute purchases. If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact Guest Services before 8:30 am on Departure morning by dialing "0". Remember that you can review your SeaPass account at any time by using the RCTV system. Stateroom mini-bars will be verified in the morning of departure and any consumed items will be billed in addition to the statement received that morning.



- Guests settling SeaPass accounts with cash may do so prior to departing the ship. If you would like to continue using your SeaPass card throughout the night, a cash deposit is needed for the SeaPass account to remain active.
- Please be reminded that your SeaPass card is required at the Gangway as you depart the ship.

Stateroom

Please check your stateroom thoroughly before departing - make sure that you take all your personal belongings with you. Please leave your stateroom safe unlocked and open.

Smoking Location

Please be advised that guests wishing to smoke on Departure morning can utilize the Connoisseurs Club, Deck 5 or Deck 11 portside. Due to bunkering in Fort Lauderdale, smoking is not permitted on other open decks.

Photo Gallery

Due to United States Customs Regulations, the Photo Gallery will not be open this morning. For those guests that pre-paid for certain products or services, these purchases can be collected this morning from 7:00 am to 8:30 am in the Photo Gallery.



STEP THREE Luggage Claim

Please have your SeaPass card ready in hand when proceeding to the gangway, along with your completed Customs declaration form and proof of citizenship.

Once inside the terminal, proceed to the baggage claim area designated for your luggage tag number. Remember luggage tends to look alike, please be sure to check the personal name tags on your bags prior to claiming.



STEP FOUR Customs and Border Protection

All guests must present themselves to the United States Customs and Border Protection in the terminal building once you've collected your bags. All guests must complete a United States Customs form before departure. Only one form is required per family household.

Please have all of your documents and proof of citizenship in hand and your passport open to the photo page. Anyone who has exceeded their exemption in merchandise, liquor or are carrying monies in excess of \$10,000 must present themselves to a United States Customs and Border Protection Officer in the terminal. By law it is imperative that you declare these items to the officials.

Customs Allowance:

- \$800 in merchandise from any of our ports of call or purchased onboard (Please note that an additional \$800 on merchandise is allowed for purchases made in the United States Virgin Islands - on applicable itineraries).
- 1 carton of 200 cigarettes (plus additional 800 cigarettes if it is a product of the United States Virgin Islands) must be 18 years or older. Excess United States manufactured cigarettes made for export only will be seized. Foreign manufactured tobacco products will be subject to duty and internal revenue taxes.
- 100 cigars - must be 18 years or older. No Cuban cigars are permitted into the United States.
- 1 liter of alcohol (plus additional 4 liters if it is a product of the United States Virgin Islands) - must be 21 years or older.
- Applicable internal revenue taxes and duties will be assessed on any overages.

Please note: Travelers should have the original receipts for their purchases on hand at Customs inspection in the terminal building. Furthermore, non-US guests will be subject to their home country travelers' allowances and customs limitations when they arrive at home. These may vary from country to country.



STEP FIVE Transportation/Onshore Connections

Once you have cleared Customs and Border Protection inspection, please proceed outside the terminal where transportation will be available. Guests with pre-purchased transfers to the airport, post-hotel packages or tours booked with Royal Caribbean International will board the buses in front of the terminal, and place your luggage on the same bus you are travelling on. Taxis are also available for our Cruise Only/ Independent guests. Royal Caribbean staff will be available to provide guidance and assistance.

*On behalf of Royal Caribbean International, we would like to thank you for cruising onboard Independence of the Seas.
We look forward to welcoming you aboard another Royal Caribbean International ship in the near future.
Have a safe journey home!*

**Please be sure to save this flyer
to assist you on the morning of departure.**