

SAINTS / GHOST RIDERS

WE ARE POLLING FOR INTEREST

4 OR 5 DAY CRUISE

COZUMEL / PROGRESSO MEXICO

FROM GALVESTON

At the Sparks Reunion it was suggested that we do a short cruise. First off what is a short cruise, a few days, a week, two weeks, or perhaps 30 days? Right off, a 4 or 5 day cruise may be all that most pocket books can entertain.

The next item that enters the picture is the location. Perhaps something central enough that the majority can attend.

Perceived in the cruise is a "Ready Room" where we can meet and get reacquainted. Perhaps show some video and photos that many have not seen. (There may be some cost associated with this item. It will not be given to us free) the cost might be tagged to how many of us attend. We will target use two times per day while at sea for two hours.

Carnival Cruise ships have as many as 22 bars, I am sure that you can find something that appeals to you. Rum Swizzles are good along with the Conga. You can dine formal, or hit the buffet on the Lido deck, or go to one of the specialty restaurants for a MODEST FEE \$\$\$. Your preference!

The Mighty O boat was 888 feet in length, the Carnival Valor is 953 feet in length. Should one be an early riser, the LIDO DECK equals roughly 3 laps to the mile. The ship has lots of amenities', too numerous to mention, it's online if you wish to see it. Modern ships have Gyro Stabilizers, bow and stern thrusters.

As stated this is a POLL, we need to know your intentions such as I am going to attend / No interest. Should you be going to attend, we need to know how many. There are activities onboard for children please read the Carnival guidelines that apply.

March / April of 2019 are a ways out, however we need to get the planning started NOW! There is a target price sheet and itinerary attached.

Carnival Valor sails the 4 day and 5 day cruises year round out of Galveston. (Cozumel & Progresso) The starting rate quoted does not include the taxes, port fees, and gratuities. The rates can change at any time. THESE ARE INSIDE CABIN RATES OTHERS ARE HIGHER.

#### PER PERSON RATES

4 day (One Port of Call, Cozumel) April 25.....\$339

5 day (Two Ports of Call, Cozumel & Progresso (Merida)) April 20.....\$419

Low to High is \$80 (\$419-\$339)

Deposits on 4 & 5 day cruises are \$150 per person with the final due date usually due about 70 days before the sailing.

### **Cruise Line Transfers**

Carnival offers round-trip transfer service for \$74 per person from Hobby Airport and \$94 per person from Bush Intercontinental Airport to Galveston.

#### ESTIMATED COST BREAKDOWN FOR 5 DAY CRUISE TO 2 LOCATIONS

# **PER PERSON**

Cost of Cruise \$419

Gratuities \$75 (Built in NOT optional covers crew)

Taxes & Port Fees \$167 Houston Xfer \$94

Ready Room \* (\$-unk) Excursions \* (\$-unk) Insurance \* (\$-unk)

Estimated Total \* \$755

Excursions are also separate and can be paid for and booked on the ship. You don't need passports but they are recommended. Insurance is optional but highly recommended. It covers if you need to cancel at the last minute due to a death or illness in your immediate family, subpoenaed, called to jury duty, have a fender bender on the way to the ship and miss the boat. It will also reimburse any medical

<sup>\*</sup>DOES NOT INCL TRAVEL COST FROM HOME DESTINATION ALL ARE DIFFERENT; NEED TO KNOW THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FOR THE Ready Room COST.

<sup>\*</sup>Generally, everything is included in the price except alcoholic drinks, Sodas, and certain shops on the ship but yes food and other drinks like milk, coffee, punch, lemonade, and tea are already included in the price of the cruise.

expenses on board the ship or in a foreign port with return flight home, whereas normal insurance usually doesn't cover you out of the country.

## **Sample Itinerary**

Day 1

Galveston, United States Depart: 4:00 pm

Day 2 at Sea

Day 3 Cozumel, Mexico Arrive: 9:00 am Depart: 6:00 pm

Blue Water the photos do not do it justice, diving / smoking. Tequila tours "OMG". Mayan Ruins, San Garvasio (not the same WOW factor as seen in Uxmal. Worth seeing for its historical significant value.

Day 4 Progreso, Mexico Arrive: 10:00 am Depart: 6:00 pm

(+/- \$100) shore excursions to Uxmal about 90 minutes away "WOWI A must if you have not seen Uxmal get on the bus, fantastic place, \$5 fee for cameras. ", another closer tour to Dzibilchaltun smaller temple of the Dolls and open Spanish Church. Take a look at Uxmal on the net!



Day 5 at Sea

Day 6 Galveston, United States Arrive: 8:00 am

Regards,

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