

Independence of the Seas - August 17th 2025 Sailing

- **Guide NOTES**
- **Cruise B** - August 17th, 2025 - August 24th, 2025 - Independence of the Seas (Royal) from Southampton (UK) to Bruges (Zeebrugge), Belgium; Skjolden, Norway; Olden, Norway; & Haugesund, Norway
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- Prepared by Corey (coreyseeman@gmail.com). I am planning to have these linked to my website - <https://www.squirreldude.com/cruises/2025-independence-of-the-seas> - where you will find pictures and other links as well.
- Updated August 4th, 2025

Cruise Schedule and Sunrise/Sunset Times

August 17th, 2025



Sunday August 17th, 2025 - Cruise A Disembarkation & Cruise B Embarkation Southampton, UK (British Summer Time)

- Southampton August Average Temperatures: High 70F/21C, Low 55F/13F
- Early Morning Arrival to Southampton, UK
- 4:33 AM Nautical Twilight / 5:19 AM Civil Twilight / 5:56 AM Sunrise (Southampton)
- 4:00 PM All Aboard & 5:00 PM - Disembark from Southampton, UK
- 8:22 PM Sunset / 8:58 PM Civil Twilight / 9:44 PM Nautical Twilight (Southampton)
- Cruise Ships in Port
 - Arvia (P&O)
 - Queen Anne (Cunard)

Monday August 18th, 2025 - Cruise B - Zeebrugge, Belgium (Central European Summer Time +1)

- Zeebrugge August Average Temperatures: High 70F/21C, Low 56F/13F
- 5:14 AM Nautical Twilight / 6:01 AM Civil Twilight / 6:38 AM Sunrise (Zeebrugge)
- 7:00 AM - Arrival to Zeebrugge, Belgium (Gangway Down - 7:30 AM)
- 3:00 PM - Depart Zeebrugge, Belgium (Gangway Up - 2:30 PM)
- 9:05 PM Sunset / 9:43 PM Civil Twilight / 10:31 PM Nautical Twilight (Est. North of Zeebrugge)

Tuesday August 19th, 2025 - Cruise B - Day at Sea (Central European Summer Time +1)

- 3:50 AM Nautical Twilight / 4:45 AM Civil Twilight / 5:27 AM Sunrise (Est. North Sea Between UK and Denmark)
- Day at Sea
- 9:32 PM Sunset / 10:22 PM Civil Twilight / 11:33 PM Nautical Twilight (Est. West of Bergen, Norway)

Wednesday August 20th, 2025 - Cruise B - Skjolden, Norway (Central European Summer Time +1)

- Skjolden August Average Temperatures: High 61F/16C, Low 54F/12F
- 2:26 AM Nautical Twilight / 4:17 AM Civil Twilight / 5:19 AM Sunrise (Skjolden)
- 9:00 AM - Arrival to Skjolden, Norway (Gangway Down - 9:30 AM)
- 5:00 PM - Depart Skjolden, Norway (Gangway Up - 4:30 PM)
- 9:13 PM Sunset / 10:14 PM Civil Twilight / 12:10 AM Nautical Twilight (Skjolden)

Thursday August 21st, 2025 - Cruise B - Olden, Norway (Central European Summer Time +1)

- Olden August Average Temperatures: High 65F/18C, Low 48F/9F
- 4:21 AM Nautical Twilight / 5:25 AM Civil Twilight / 5:54 AM Sunrise (Olden)
- 8:00 AM - Arrival to Olden, Norway (Gangway Down - 8:30 AM)
- 5:00 PM - Depart Olden, Norway (Gangway Up - 4:30 PM)
- 9:09 PM Sunset / 9:56 PM Civil Twilight / 10:59 PM Nautical Twilight (Olden)

Friday August 22nd, 2025 - Cruise B - Haugesund, Norway (Central European Summer Time +1)

- Haugesund August Average Temperatures: High 64F/13C, Low 55F/13F
- 2:26 AM Nautical Twilight / 4:17 AM Civil Twilight / 6:12 AM Sunrise (Haugesund)
- 8:00 AM - Arrival to Haugesund, Norway (Gangway Down - 8:30 AM)
- 5:00 PM - Depart Haugesund, Norway (Gangway Up - 4:30 PM)
- 9:13 PM Sunset / 10:14 PM Civil Twilight / 12:10 AM Nautical Twilight (Haugesund)

Saturday August 23rd, 2025 - Cruise B - Day at Sea (Central European Summer Time +1)?

- 4:53 AM Nautical Twilight / 5:49 AM Civil Twilight / 6:32 AM Sunrise (Est. North Sea Southwest of Norway)
- Day at Sea
- 7:56 PM Sunset / 8:33 PM Civil Twilight / 9:18 PM Nautical Twilight (Est. East of UK)

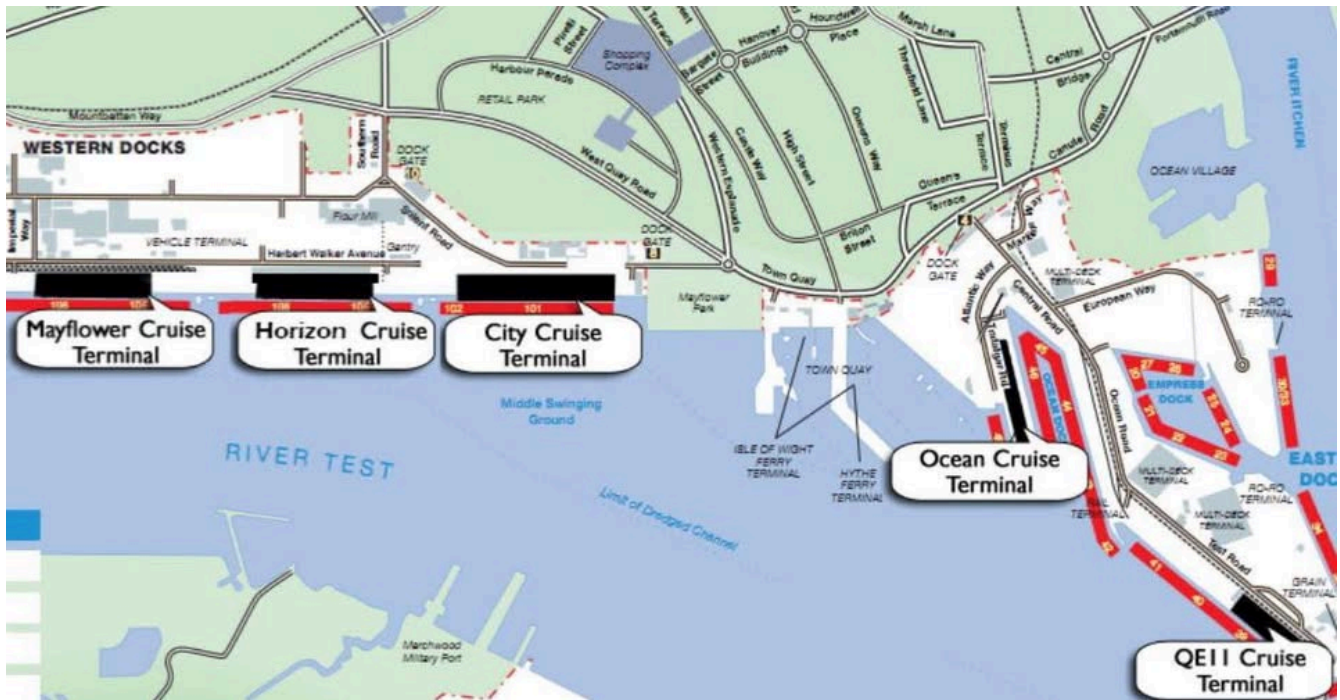
Sunday August 24th, 2025 - Cruise B Disembarkation

- Southampton August Average Temperatures: High 70F/21C, Low 55F/13F
- Early Morning Arrival to Southampton, UK
- 4:47 AM Nautical Twilight / 5:31 AM Civil Twilight / 6:07 AM Sunrise (Southampton)
- 5:30 AM - Disembarkation Day - Arrive at Southampton, UK
- Cruise Ships in Port
 - Norwegian Prima (Norwegian)
 - Oceania Marina (Oceania)

Port Information from Royal Caribbean and Other Sources

Southampton, UK (British Summer Time) - Sunday August 17th, 2025
- Cruise A Disembarkation & Cruise B Embarkation

- Currency - Pound Sterling
- DIYCRUISEREPORTS (Zana)
<https://diycruiseports.com/embarkation/southampton-cruise-port-your-ultimate-logistics-guide-from-london-airports-trains>
- Royal Caribbean Port Information
(<https://www.royalcaribbean.com/cruise-from/southampton-england>)
- Southampton Cruise Center (<https://www.southamptoncruisecentre.com/>)
- What's in Port (<https://www.whatsinport.com/Southampton.htm>)



Zeebrugge, Belgium (Central European Summer Time +1) - Monday August 18th, 2025 - Cruise B

- Currency - Euro
- DIYCRUISEPORTS (Zana) <https://diycruiseports.com/diy-port-guides/zeebrugge-cruise-port-bruges-diy-excursion>
- Royal Caribbean Port Information (<https://www.royalcaribbean.com/cruise-to/brussels-bruges-belgium>)
- What's in Port (<https://www.whatsinport.com/Zeebrugge.htm>)
- CRUISEADDICTED Port Guide (<https://cruiseaddicted.com/2022/03/03/zeebrugge-cruise-port-guide/>)

Skjolden, Norway (Central European Summer Time +1) - Wednesday August 20th, 2025 - Cruise B

- Currency - Norwegian Krone
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- Royal Caribbean Port Information (<https://www.royalcaribbean.com/cruise-to/skjolden-norway>)
- What's in Port (<https://www.whatsinport.com/Skjolden.htm>)
- Cruise Norway (<https://cruise-norway.no/destinations/skjolden/>)
- RCBlog - What I wish I knew before I took my Norway cruise this summer (<https://www.royalcaribbeanblog.com/2025/07/10/what-i-wish-i-knew-i-took-my-norway-cruise-summer>)

Olden, Norway (Central European Summer Time +1) - Thursday August 21st, 2025 - Cruise B

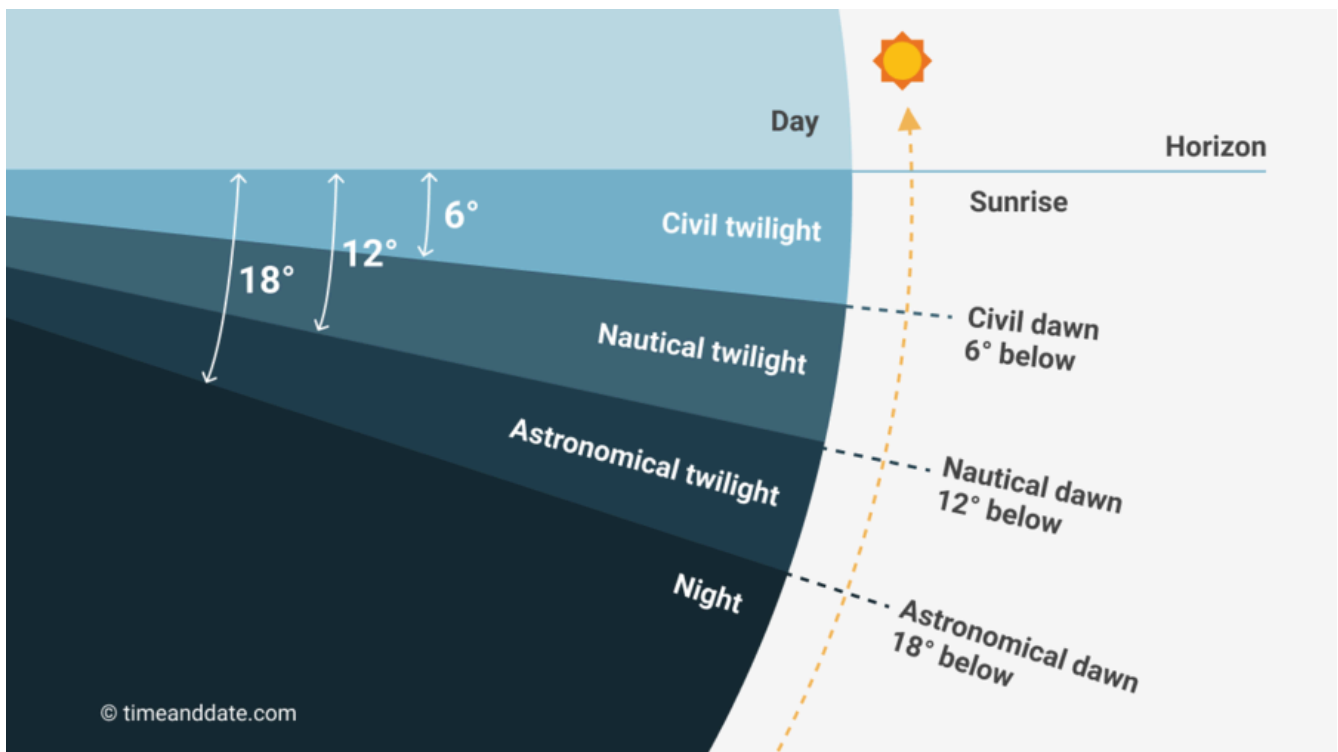
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- Royal Caribbean Port Information (<https://www.royalcaribbean.com/cruise-to/olden-norway>)
- What's in Port (<https://www.whatsinport.com/Olden-Nordfjord.htm>)
- CRUISEADDICTED Port Guide (<https://cruiseaddicted.com/2023/09/05/olden-norway-cruise-port-guide/>)

Haugesund, Norway (Central European Summer Time +1) - Friday August 22nd, 2025 - Cruise B

- Currency - Norwegian Krone
- DIYCRUISEREPORTS (Zana) - <https://diycruiseports.com/diy-port-guides/haugesund-cruise-port-diy-guide>
- Royal Caribbean Port Information (<https://www.royalcaribbean.com/cruise-to/haugesund-norway>)
- What's in Port (<https://www.whatsinport.com/Haugesund.htm>)
- Cruise Norway (<https://cruise-norway.no/destinations/haugesund/>)

Sunrise and Sunset Timings

- I use <https://www.timeanddate.com/> for determining sunrise and sunset times. When we are at sea, I use an estimate of where we might be.
- I have mentioned where the time zone changes for our stops. I am not sure when the ship's clocks will change.
- For more information on the difference between the different types of sunrises and sunsets - see - <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/different-types-twilight.html>
- "**Civil twilight** is the brightest form of twilight. There is enough natural sunlight during this period that artificial light may not be required to carry out outdoor activities. Only the brightest celestial objects can be observed by the naked eye during this time."
- "**Nautical twilight** occurs when the center of the Sun is between 6 degrees and 12 degrees below the horizon. This twilight period is less bright than civil twilight and artificial light is generally required for outdoor activities."



Currency Conversion Table & Tips

Table Updated August 4th, 2025 - Source <https://www.xe.com/>

Converting FROM	TO British Pound £	TO EURO €	To Norwegian Krone kr
USD (\$100)	£75.18 British Pound	€86.4 Euro	1026 kr Norwegian Krone
GBP (£100)		€114.9 Euro	1365 krNorwegian Krone
Euro (€100)	£87.05 British Pound		1188 kr Norwegian Krone
Can (\$100)	£54.6 British Pound	€62.7 Euro	745 krNorwegian Krone

Independence of the Seas (Ship Information)

CruiseCritic Review - <https://www.cruisecritic.com/cruise/royal-caribbean/independence-of-the-seas>

Independence of the Seas Review

4.0 / 5.0 1,738 reviews

Editor Rating 4.0 - Very Good Overall

Review by Marilyn Borth - Editor, SEO and User Engagement

Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas first launched in 2008, making it the third and final ship of the ground-breaking Freedom Class, which includes Freedom of the Seas and Liberty of the Seas. Independence was once the largest in the world before the launch of Oasis of the Seas in December 2009 and its subsequent sister ships. Today, it stands as a mid-size ship and is no longer considered one of the largest cruise ships -- but it might just be one of the cruise ships with the largest following.

Indy, as the ship is affectionately known to its many fans, is one of Royal's most beloved ships, drawing in hordes of cruisers from the U.S. and U.K. Indy homeports in Miami for a majority of the year, offering up Caribbean itineraries to Americans in the winter. But in 2025, Indy will return to Southampton, U.K. for the summer, hitting popular European destinations, like Portugal, Spain, the Canary Islands, Norway, Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium. U.K. sailors have been begging for its return since the ship was based there in 2019 -- and all because they love it that much.

Indy went through a massive refurbishment in May 2018, a part of Royal's \$900 million "Royal Amplified" program, and saw a host of new features introduced onboard including the Sky Pad, a virtual reality trampoline experience; a puzzle break room, The Observatory; a laser tag arena, two water slides and a kids' aqua park, as well as new dining and drinking venues -- and 107 new cabins, making the final count of staterooms 1,918. The refurb, true to its name, only "amplified" Indy's central focus: onboard activities, entertainment, general thrilling experiences and, simply put, fun.

Viking Crown Lounge and its popular DJ nights survived the Independence of the Seas remodel, which was not the case on other Royal Caribbean cruise ships. The Sky Pad, however, has since been revoked and now the yellow-orange structure, reminiscent of a giant pickleball, serves as an outdoor area for miscellaneous uses, like cornhole free play on sea days.

Since the refurb, Indy shows very little signs of aging, aside from some dated cabin decor and bathroom touches. The older cabins' curtains and carpeting along with the bathroom's tiled backsplash and flooring are some of the most evident indications of Indy's age, with dated color schemes and patterns. But, if you turn a blind eye to that small hiccup, Indy is looking exceptional for its age, inside and out.

The Royal Caribbean Independence of the Seas Deck Plan Is Easy to Navigate and Emulates an Open Floor Plan

Independence of the Seas' deck plan changed significantly since its refurb in 2018, yet all the new bars, restaurants and entertainment facilities fit seamlessly into the ship, almost as if they've always

been there. And while Independence of the Seas is a large cruise ship with a maximum capacity of 4,515 guests, its deck plan is well laid out for quick and easy navigation.

Cabins are spread over multiple decks, but bars, restaurants, pools and entertainment venues are almost all on decks 4 and 5, and 11 to 15. This keeps most public areas within a quick elevator ride or a couple flights of stairs away -- a good thing as there are only two elevator banks on the ship, found forward and aft. During high-traffic times, like embarkation day and meal times, this made these banks feel crowded. Otherwise, having only two fit in well with the deck plan.

The beating heart of Indy is unequivocally split between Deck 5, which is the Royal Promenade, and the Lido Deck (Deck 11). The latter is essentially divided in two: one portion for kids with Splashaway Bay, and the other with the main pool and, past the Pool Bar, the 18+ Solarium. It's also home to the six hot tubs onboard, two of which being cantilevered for a stellar view of the ocean below. The Lido Deck alone successfully portrays the Indy allure: seemingly endless carefree, exciting activities for cruisers of all ages and all interests.

Outdoor deck space can feel rather limited, especially on sea days, as crowds pack the decks, deck chairs and even the bar's chairs. Deck chairs in particular are almost all taken before noon on pleasant weather days, so passengers should get up and out early if they want to lounge in the sun.

The Royal Promenade is a fixed feature found on Voyager-, Freedom-, Oasis- and Icon-class vessels, and is a bumping strip of various coinciding venues. Indy's Promenade hosts some shops, the cafe, a few bars, an ice cream parlor, a candy shop, the shore excursions desk and guest services. Rotating nightly musical artists add some flair to the walkway, too, including DJs and live bands big and small.

The 220-square foot movie screen, while technically on deck 12, is visible from the Lido Deck and is a major source of entertainment there as it shows various films and videos throughout the sailing.

The layout of venues and walking paths are as open plan as possible, furthering the ease of navigating Independence of the Seas' deck plans. On deck 4, passengers can amble through Playmaker's Sports Bar and Arcade, then the casino and finally past the wall-less Schooner Bar where you are likely to catch a live pianist.

The Royal Promenade itself allows for "window shopping" popular locales, like the Champagne Bar, Sugar Beach, Ale & Anchor Pub, Vintages and beyond. Doors and windows are rarely closed and visibility inside ship venues is easy throughout the ship, aside from the main three specialty restaurants (Giovanni's Table, Chops Grille and Izumi Hibachi & Sushi) for privacy.

Some decks are thematically clustered as well, like deck 13. High-energy fun is its thesis, grouping all of the thrilling onboard activities conveniently together, like the FlowRider (surf simulator), The Perfect Storm (dual water slides), sport courts, a rock climbing wall and a jungle gym called the Sky Climber. Meanwhile, deck 12 places all-things-kids together, too, such as the all kids' clubs (from the nursery to teen club), the Video Arcade and the Living Room, which is the teen night club.

Independence of the Seas Rooms Are Spacious and Clean, Albeit Dated in Some Decor and Fittings
Ocean View Balcony on Indy Ocean View Balcony on Indy

Independence of the Seas' staterooms, which amount to 1,918 total, come in a breadth of styles and configurations -- and a whopping 38 cabin categories. From inside cabins and promenade staterooms to deluxe oceanview balconies and the four-bedroom Presidential Suite, Indy has the ideal accommodation for every preference, party size and budget.

Curtains and carpets in the older staterooms continue to have the same, slightly tired style from pre-refurb, which is a nautical/natural blue-and-green color scheme. While unobtrusive, it's still a reminder of decades-past cruise ship cabin interior designs. Meanwhile, the 107 new cabins take on a smidge more modern appeal with a color scheme of gray and beige.

But the older cabins' cosmetic characteristics don't speak for the spaciousness nor cleanliness of the accommodations. Cabin stewards clean every cabin once a day -- and designed for optimal comfort and space. There's ample closet space in all cabins, complete with a hanging rod and six shelves. The rest of the cabin includes several desk drawers, shelves behind parts of the cabin's mirror, and under-bed space. And the two adorable towel animals per sailing is an added bonus.

The deluxe oceanview balcony cabin, which is one of the most popular rooms on board, features a sofa and coffee table in the living area beside the queen-sized bed (can be separated into two twin beds) and sliding glass doors to the 65-square-foot balcony. These two areas can be partially split by a curtain, offering a semblance of privacy if desired. The shower in the bathroom is another spacious configuration, as it has sliding doors that are rounded instead of flat, which offers more space while inside the shower.

Independence of the Seas Food Is Highly Varied

Independence of the Seas' food leaves passengers spoiled for choice with over a dozen eateries, both for free and for-fee. Food quality is basic at best when it comes to the free options, while the specialty options are a bit more enhanced in flavor. The Windjammer Cafe, which is the ship's main buffet on deck 11, and the three-floor main dining room (decks 3, 4 and 5) are the most popular free dining choices for guests.

The buffet provides seemingly endless options to match any preference from early morning to late night (except for a short closing between lunch and dinner). The main dining room offers three-course meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner, but lunch is only available on sea days. Optional add-ons are available at dinner, too, such as Maine lobster tail, filet mignon and surf and turf.

Other dining venues offer both fare-included options alongside extras. Cafe Promenade serves Starbucks coffee and snacks; the coffee is extra while the snacks are free. Sorrento's Pizza's pizza is free, while drinks are extra. Most of the food at Fish and Ships is free, while some come at an extra cost.

There are only three substantial specialty restaurants on board Indy: Giovanni's Table, Chop's Grille, and Izumi Hibachi & Sushi. Giovanni's Table serves up Italian cuisine, Chop's is the ship's steakhouse and Izumi Hibachi & Sushi is Japanese fare, including sushi and the entertaining hibachi experience.

We recommend splurging on at least one of these on any Indy sailing for a more flavorful dining experience.

Independence of the Seas Is Family-Friendly, But Offers Plenty of Things to Do for All Ages
Independence Dunes, the mini-golf course, on Independence of the Seas
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Where Independence of the Seas really excels is in its kid-friendly offerings. The ship has an extraordinary amount on offer for youngsters -- from kid-oriented entertainment and enrichment to recreational options that range from surfing and body boarding to ice skating -- making it a superb choice for family travelers.

Adult passengers also find plenty of space for more grown-up pursuits aboard Indy, with a great selection of restaurants, a vast number of bars -- 17, to be exact -- and a huge amount of entertainment options. The fitness facility is excellent and always busy; adults-only spots beyond bars and the casino range from the Solarium pool and specialty restaurants to late-night adult-themed comedy. Travelers of many different stripes coexisted comfortably. (The ship also has outstanding facilities for passengers with accessibility needs.)

If you're after an almost limitless number of activities and forms of entertainment, whether that's watching a Broadway show like Grease, enjoying movies by the pool, or perfecting your surfing skills; or if you want fine dining and a wide bar choice, or if you just want a great kids' club and kids' facilities -- Independence of the Seas delivers, time and time again.

Pros - Ship astounds with top-notch attractions and entertainment options

Cons - Charges if you want to do everything; little public outdoor space

Bottom Line - High-energy, family-friendly ship with plenty of choices for everyone.

Passengers: 3858

Crew: 1360

Passenger to Crew: 2.84:1

Launched: 2008

Shore Excursions: 554

Sails From - Miami, Southampton, Southampton, Bayonne, Cape Liberty, Bayonne

Inclusions

Included with your cruise fare:

- Meals in the main dining room, the Windjammer Cafe (buffet), Sorrento's Pizzeria and snacks at Cafe Promenade; continental breakfast room service
- Shows in the main theater
- Most activities and events, including ice skating in Studio B
- Use of the gym, but not most fitness classes
- Use of the sports court, Perfect Storm water slides, mini-golf, FlowRider surfing simulator and rock climbing wall
- Adventure Ocean kids' club programming (extra charge for late evening activities)

Not included with your cruise fare:

- Daily crew gratuities (amount varies depending on cabin type)
- Drinks, excluding water, tea (including iced tea), coffee and juices from the Windjammer buffet
- Room service (flat-rate delivery fee)
- Most specialty dining
- Spa and salon treatments and services
- Most fitness center classes
- Auto-gratuities of 18 percent applicable to salon, spa, and beverage purchases, and all specialty dining reservations
- Activities like the behind-the-scenes ship tour, arcade games, bingo, sushi demonstrations, arts and crafts classes and all alcohol tastings
- Nighttime kids supervision programs in Adventure Ocean
- Shore excursions
- Internet access/packages
- Photos and retail purchases

Fellow Passengers

The passenger makeup varies, depending on the time of year and where the ship is based. When it homeports in Miami, Independence of the Seas' American passengers are in the majority. When it calls Southampton, U.K. its home during the summer, the ship fills with U.K. cruisers. Note that Indy will change its summer homeport again in 2026 to Cape Liberty (Bayonne, New Jersey), attracting more American cruisers.

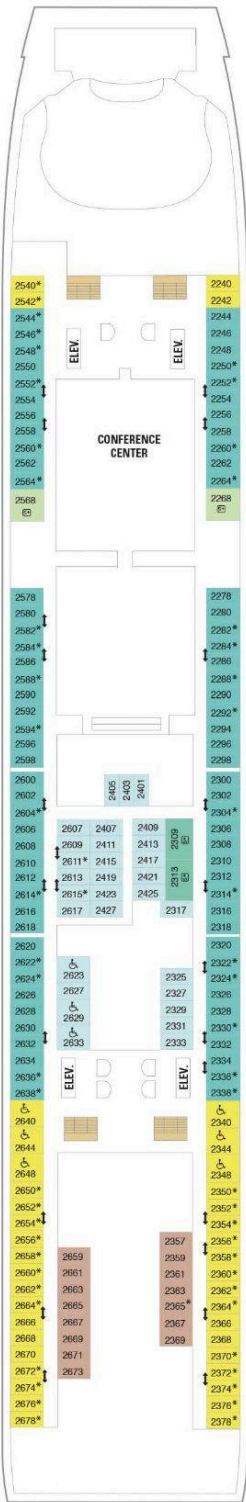
English, Spanish and Portuguese are spoken the most on board Indy, and announcements are made in both English and Spanish. A large portion of fellow passengers are Millennials, mostly with kids or in friend groups, followed by Gen X and Boomers.

During vacation periods, kids make up more than one-third of the passengers, and a significant number are teens. During periods other than school holiday breaks, the ship feels less like an all-family resort destination, though the ship's Adventure Ocean program operates year-round.

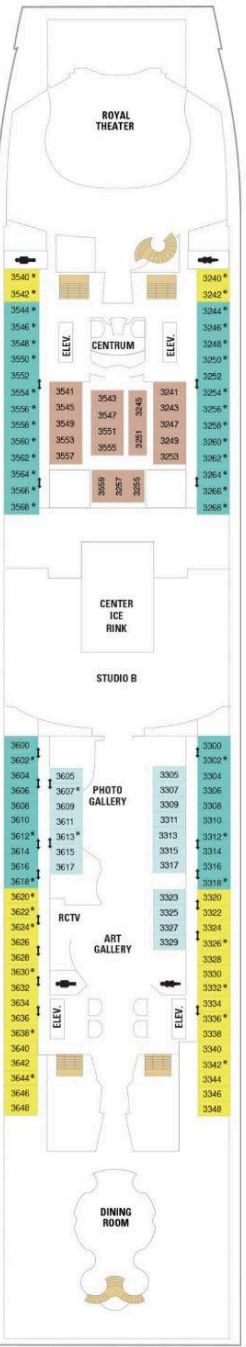
The ship makes an effort to accommodate travelers with special needs. There are 31 wheelchair-accessible cabins with roll-in showers, transfer lifts in one pool and one whirlpool, and lowered tables in the casino. Both the main theatre and Studio B are equipped with Infrared Assistive Learning Systems, and the ship's daily newsletter, called Cruise Compass, is available in braille upon request. A TTY (teletypewriter) is available in staterooms upon request as well.

Although the ambience onboard is conducive for a variety of passenger types, this is a tough ship for solo travelers -- and the fact that the ship has zero solo cabins effectively communicates that. So many passengers travel in groups of family members or friends that all but the most gregarious may find it hard to connect with fellow cruisers, though there are nightly meetups for solo travelers.

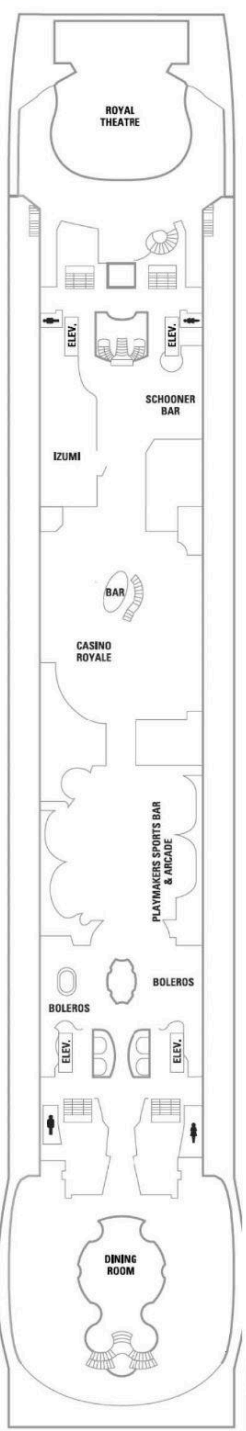
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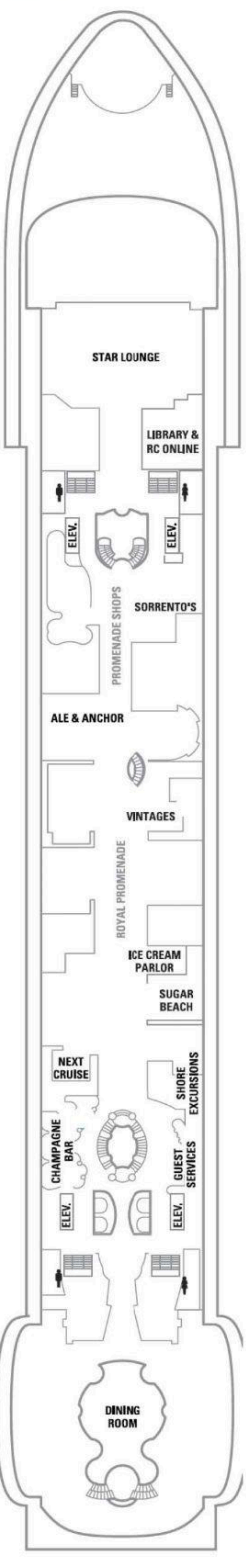
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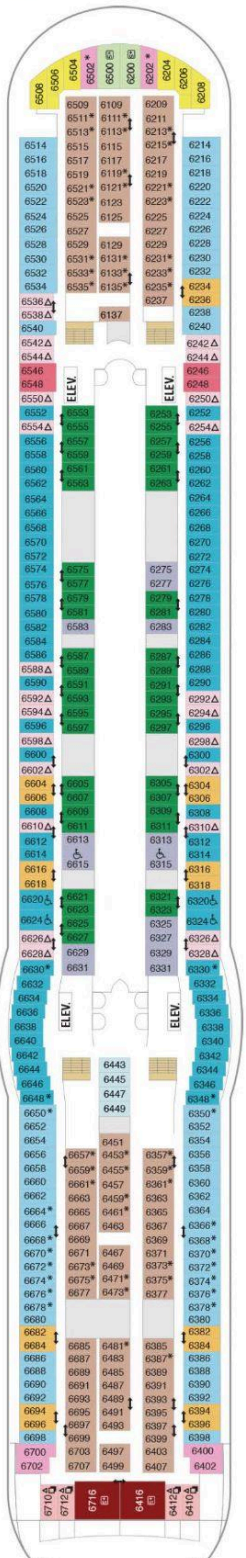
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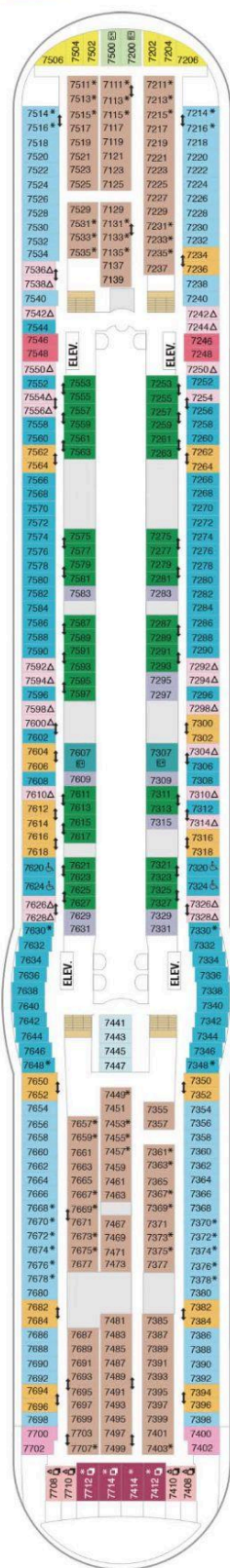
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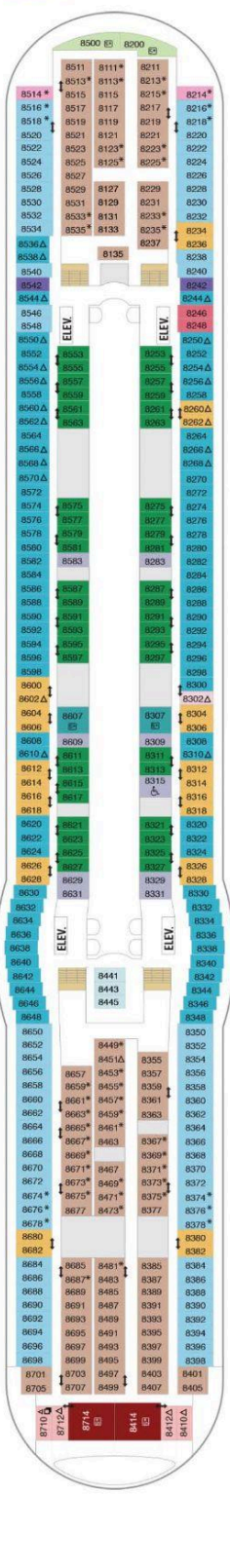
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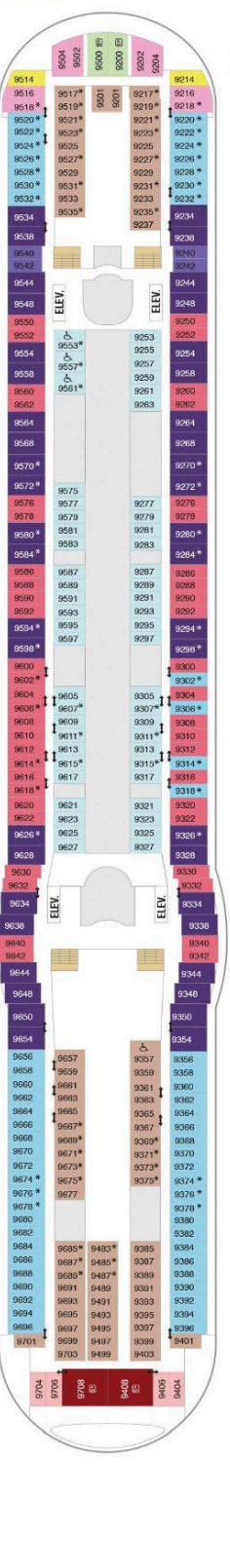
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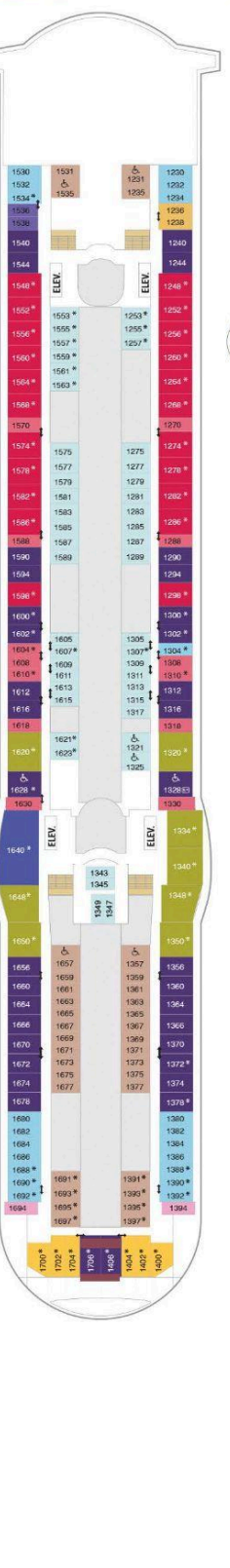
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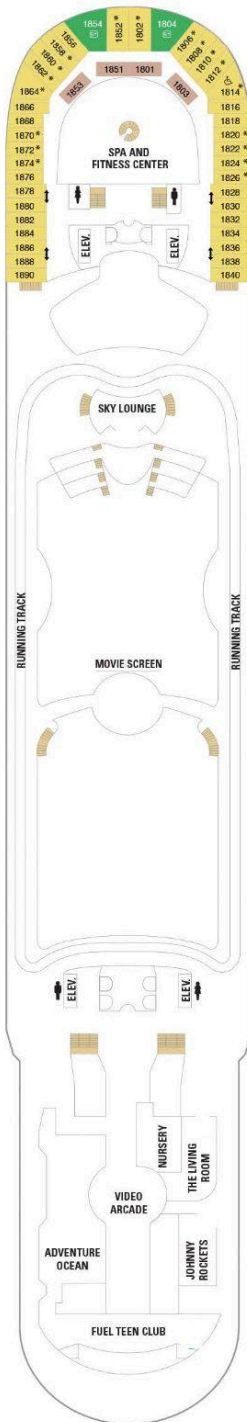
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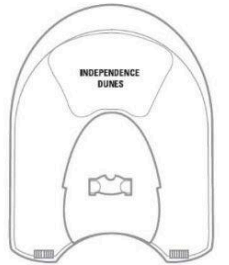
Deck 11



Deck 12



Deck 13



Deck 14



Deck 15



Review from [Cruisemapper.com](https://www.cruisemapper.com)

Independence Of The Seas Review -

<https://www.cruisemapper.com/ships/Independence-Of-The-Seas-531>

The 2008-built Independence of the Seas cruise ship is the third/last Freedom-class liner, with sisterships Liberty OTS and Freedom OTS.

The vessel (IMO number 9349681) is currently Bahamas-flagged (MMSI 309374000) and registered in Nassau.

History - construction and ownership

Royal Caribbean International (RCI) is a US passenger shipping company, trademarked travel brand, and subsidiary owned by Royal Caribbean Group (RCG/shipowner). RCI was established in 1968 and currently has over 1/5 of the worldwide cruise market. RCI also has RCG's largest fleet by both vessel number and GT tonnage (ship sizes and capacities).

The 4000-passenger ship Independence OTS underwent a US\$7 million drydock upgrade in April 2013 as part of RCI's bigger USD 300 million fleet renovation program. The new features included the Italian Trattoria "Giovanni's Table", a cupcake shop, Royal Babies and Tots Nursery, new digital signage boards, shipwide Wi-Fi, large poolside movie screen.

An excellent addition is a digital wayfinding system, especially for first-time-cruisers who get lost on enormous ships like this one. They offer directions and maps to everywhere on the Independence using a board with a keypad on which passengers can enter their room numbers and find their way to the stateroom. There are also features displaying the menus for restaurants, entertainment options, and other facilities. The large quick responsive touch screen helps in navigation around the ship.

Decks and Cabins

Independence Of The Seas staterooms (1918 total) include 127 Suites, 724 Balcony, 269 Oceanviews, 168 Promenade View, 620 Inside. Most cabins are sized 150-190 ft² (14-18 m²). Most cabin balconies are sized 65 ft² (6 m²). The largest is Vista Suite (1210 ft² / 112 m² plus 805 ft² / 75 m² terrace). Wheelchair-accessible cabins are 31.

The boat has 15 decks, of which 14 are passenger-accessible and 9 with cabins.

Shipboard dining options - Food and Drinks

The three tiers of Independence's main dining room (Romeo and Juliet, Anthony and Cleopatra and Macbeth) offer assigned-seating dining with two sittings at 5:30 pm and 8 pm), as well as My Time Dining, in which guests pick a preferred mealtime between 5:30 pm and 9:30 pm, but are able to change reservations on a daily basis. Those who opt for My Time Dining have to pre-pay gratuities. The Windjammer Cafe lido buffet offers flexibility and variety - best for families with kids. The Windjammer has one very long self-service line of cold and hot items, plus stations for salads, fresh sandwiches, pizza, carved meats, and petite desserts. An omelet station features made-to-order eggs

in the mornings; in the afternoons, guests can try the area that specializes in Asian food and goes off the beaten path with changing fare including Vietnamese and Indonesian specialties.

Follows the complete list of Independence of the Seas restaurants and food bars.

During ship's 2018 "Royal Amplified" refurbishment, RCI added the fleet's first "Fish and Ships" - poolside specialty restaurant (aft-portside on Lido Deck) offering a-la-carte priced seafood - including freshly battered cod, calamari, crispy hand-cut fries, cold brews. "Fish and Ships" replaced pool deck's Squeeze Bar.

- Romeo and Juliet Restaurant (652-seat aft Dining Room, level 1)
- Izumi (Asian/Japanese restaurant)
- Anthony and Cleopatra Restaurant; Othello Restaurant (aft Dining Rooms, part of Romeo and Juliet)
- Macbeth Restaurant (500-seat aft Dining Room, level 2)
- King Lear Restaurant (883-seat aft Dining Room, level 3)
- Windjammer Cafe Lido buffet restaurant (774-seat, offers Early Breakfast at 6:30 a.m., Breakfast between 7-11:30 am, Lunch 11.30-3:30 pm and Dinner 6.30-9 pm)
- Chops Grille (104-seat specialty restaurant; reservations recommended)
- Giovanni's Table (Italian specialty restaurant, reservations recommended)
- Johnny Rockets Restaurant (84-seat burger bar)
- Sorrento's Pizzeria (79-seat complimentary restaurant)
- WipeOut Bar (20-seat complimentary burger bar)
- Sugar Beach Candy and Ice Cream Store.

Shipboard entertainment options - Fun and Sport

Independence of the Seas has much to offer for children and youngsters - from kid-oriented amusement and enrichment to recreational options which range from surfing and body boarding to ice skating - which is a great choice for family cruisers. However, travelers are still going to find lots of zones for more mature pursuits. The fitness, boasting even a boxing ring, is great and always busy. Adults-only spots beyond bars and the casino range from the Solarium pool and boutique dining venues (that have a set age limit of fifteen) to a rather racy late-night comedy show.

Additional amenities include Complimentary 24-hour Room-Service, Supervised Youth program, Internet/WiFi Access, Laundry.

Follows the complete list of Independence of the Seas lounges, clubs and other entertainment venues for kids, teens, and adults.

- Alhambra Theatre (1320-seat, features grand production shows with dance, acrobatics, comedy, and games)
- Studio B Lounge (indoor ice-skating rink; also serves as a spot for ice shows, cooking demos, game parties)
- Photo Gallery and Shop; Art Gallery
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- On Air Club (140-seat karaoke and sports bar); The Centrum (7-deck social hub, offers aerial acrobatics entertainment); Pyramid Lounge; Next Cruise Lounge; Concierge Club (suite and past guests only); Seven Hearts (card room); Crown Lounge (fka Diamond Club Lounge & Bar for past guests only); Viking Crown Lounge and Bar
- The Raven Gothic Bar; On Air Club (140-seat sports bar); Schooner Bar (112-seat piano bar); Boleros Lounge and Bar (77-seat Latin bar); Connoisseur Cigar Club and Bar; Dog and Badger English Pub; Vintages Bar (wine bar); Ben and Jerry's Bar (ice cream parlor); Cupcake Cupboard Shop (bakery); Cafe Promenade (24-hour; serves snacks and drinks, as well as Starbucks specialty coffee); Champagne Bar; Sky Bar; The Plaza Bar; Olive or Twist Lounge and Martini Bar; Cloud 9 (24-seat sports bar)
- Casino Royale (447-seat)
- Royal Caribbean Online Center (Internet computers room; 24-hour)
- Royal Promenade Boutiques (perfumes, jewelry, duty-free alcohol, general store, logo/souvenirs); SeaTrek (shop for diving equipment)
- Vitality at Sea Spa and Fitness Center; 7 jacuzzis (2 are cantilevered); 3 pools
- Solarium lounge (includes Cafe Bar, pool bar and adults-only pool area)
- Outdoor movie screen
- Challengers Video Games Arcade; Fuel Teen Disco club; The Living Room; Royal Babies and Tots Nursery
- H2O Zone Water Park; Adventure Beach; Adventure Ocean kids lounge area, water slides, escape rooms, laser tag, trampoline park
- Sports Court (golf simulator, table tennis, basketball court); Jogging Track; Rock-climbing Wall; Independence Dunes Mini Golf Course; FlowRider (surf simulator, complimentary)
- Skylight Wedding Chapel (40-seat, used for religious services).

Independence Of The Seas (deckplan changes refurbishment 2018) - During refurbishment 2018 to the ship were added:

- RCI's signature "Perfect Storm" waterslides ("Cyclone" and "Typhoon" / high-speed racing slides.), FlowRider (surfing simulator), Sky Pad (bungee trampoline with optional virtual reality headset). laser tag ("Battle for Planet Z" / glow-in-the-dark gaming room in the Studio B complex). The new water park and the duo of waterslides (called "Perfect Storm") were first introduced on the ships Liberty of the Seas and Harmony of the Seas (Oasis-class).
- "Slashaway Bay" kids aqua park / interactive water play area with cannons and geysers (replaced the Outdoor Youth Area "back deck").
- Escape Room (by Puzzle Break) provides adventure game experiences (team building exercises) for a group of players who solve a series of puzzles by using clues, hints and group strategy. The team is given a set time limit to solve the puzzle (secret plot hidden within the room).