

## World's largest ever cruise ship sets sail

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The largest cruise ship ever made has set sail. The ship is 362 metres long, has 18 decks, and has room for 6,988 guests. Its name is Wonder of the Seas. It is the newest addition to the ships owned by the company Royal Caribbean. It set off

on its maiden voyage last week from Fort Lauderdale in Florida, USA. The lucky passengers will enjoy a cruise of the Caribbean islands. A company official spoke about his excitement to CNN Travel. He said: "We're excited to introduce guests across the world to Wonder of the Seas and its world-class features after a six-year-long process." He said the company's expertise and feedback from guests meant the company could "create something truly awe-inspiring".

It took a shipyard in France three years to build the enormous ship. It is an impressive vessel. It weighs 237,000 tons, and is as long as the Empire State Building is high. It is 30 metres longer than the longest aircraft carrier ever built and 306\* metres longer than the Titanic. Surprisingly, the Titanic was 1.8kph faster. The new cruise ship has eight different "neighbourhoods". These are areas of the ship that will give guests different experiences. One is called Central Park, which is filled with over 10,000 real plants. Facilities include 20 restaurants, four swimming pools, a children's water park, a full-size basketball court, an ice-skating rink, a surf simulator, a 1400-seat theatre, and two 13-metre rock-climbing walls.

\* Error: This should be 93 meters.

Sources: [cnn.com](http://cnn.com) / [thenationalnews.com](http://thenationalnews.com) / [cruisehive.com](http://cruisehive.com)

### Writing

A one-year cruise is better than a two-week cruise. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

cruise ship / set sail / guests / voyage / passenger / Caribbean / the world / feedback / shipyard / impressive / vessel / aircraft carrier / experiences / water park / basketball

### True / False

- 1) The cruise ship in the story is over 360 metres long. T / F
- 2) The name of the company that owns the ship is Caribbean Royal. T / F
- 3) The ship is heading to Florida as its first destination. T / F
- 4) Feedback from guests allowed the company to make a better ship. T / F
- 5) It took three years to build the cruise ship. T / F
- 6) The cruise ship is 30 metres longer than the Titanic. T / F
- 7) There is an area on the ship called Central Park that has more than 10,000 plants. T / F
- 8) The ship has 13 rock-climbing walls. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>addition</b>      | a. huge         |
| 2. <b>voyage</b>        | b. ship or boat |
| 3. <b>features</b>      | c. breathtaking |
| 4. <b>expertise</b>     | d. journey      |
| 5. <b>awe-inspiring</b> | e. comprises    |
| 6. <b>enormous</b>      | f. inclusion    |
| 7. <b>vessel</b>        | g. cinema       |
| 8. <b>built</b>         | h. skill        |
| 9. <b>include</b>       | i. constructed  |
| 10. <b>theatre</b>      | j. expertise    |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of the idea of a cruise?
- b) Where would you like to go on a cruise?
- c) What would you do on a cruise ship for two weeks?
- d) Would you like to be on a ship with nearly 7,000 other people?
- e) What do you think of a Caribbean cruise?
- f) How environmentally friendly are cruise ships?
- g) Do you think the Wonder of the Seas is a wonder?
- h) How 'awe-inspiring' is this ship?

## Phrase Match

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|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. The largest cruise ship ever made has    | a. carrier ever built         |
| 2. It is the newest addition                | b. class features             |
| 3. It set off on its maiden                 | c. truly awe-inspiring        |
| 4. world-                                   | d. tons                       |
| 5. the company could create something       | e. rink                       |
| 6. It took a shipyard in France three years | f. to the ships               |
| 7. It weighs 237,000                        | g. walls                      |
| 8. the longest aircraft                     | h. voyage last week           |
| 9. an ice-skating                           | i. to build the enormous ship |
| 10. two 13-metre rock-climbing              | j. set sail                   |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What are the good and bad things about cruises?
- Can you imagine how big this ship is?
- How much fun do you think a cruise on this ship would be?
- What do you think of the facilities on the ship?
- Should all cruise ships use electric engines?
- What do you think of the movie 'Titanic'?
- What questions would you like to ask the ship's captain?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. d	3. j	4. h	5. c
6. a	7. b	8. i	9. e	10. g

## Role Play

### Role A – Sunbathe

You think sunbathing is the best thing to do on a cruise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): meeting other guests, swimming or reading.

### Role B – Meet other guests

You think meeting other guests is the best thing to do on a cruise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): sunbathing, swimming or reading.

### Role C – Swim

You think swimming is the best thing to do on a cruise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): meeting other guests, sunbathing or reading.

### Role D – Read

You think reading is the best thing to do on a cruise. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): meeting other guests, swimming or sunbathing.

## Speaking – Cruise

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to do on a cruise at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|---------------------|--------|
| • Sunbathe          | • Eat  |
| • Meet other guests | • Fish |
| • Sightsee          | • Swim |
| • Meet the captain  | • Read |

### Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.