

**TRAVEL | FINDING FREEDOM AT SEA**



**We're Back!**

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

A promotional graphic with a red border. At the top, the text "We're Back!" is written in a large, bold, red font with a white outline. Below the text is a photograph of three people: a man on the left in a black and orange Atlanta Falcons jersey, a man in the center with a mustache wearing an orange jacket, and a woman on the right wearing an orange and white jacket. They are standing in front of a large, white, geodesic dome structure. The background also shows a palm tree and a clear sky.

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](http://www.royalcaribbean.com). **BN**



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