

San Diego with Mexican Riviera Cruise February 29 - March 10, 2024 (11 days)



Balcony Stateroom Features: Approx 214-222 sq. ft. including floor to ceiling sliding glass doors to private balcony with two chairs & a table. Queen bed or two twins, private bathroom with shower, & fridge.

HIGHLIGHTS

Stay 3 Nights at beautiful Embassy Suites

Scenic San Diego Tour with Step-On Guide including Balboa Park, Gaslamp District, **Coronado Island, La Jolla, Mt. Soledad, and more!**

USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Tour

Museum of Making Music

Evening Performance at The Welk

7 Night Cruise aboard Norwegian Bliss with Ports of Call at Mexico's Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Ensenada

Ensenada

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles

San Diego

Cabo San Lucas

MAP AT A GLANCE

Puerto Vallarta

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Cabo San Lucas' "El Arco

Day 1 - Home to San Diego, CA

Today we start our adventure by boarding our flight to the west coast by the Pacific Ocean. Upon arrival, we'll check into our beautiful hotel property, the Embassy Suites, near San Diego's waterfront. The Embassy's nicely furnished suites, great services, wonderful amenities, and location on the harbor make for a relaxing and enjoyable four night stay! Plus a complimentary nightly guest reception from 5:30-7:30 pm featuring cocktails, soft drinks, and light snacks is always available. A welcome dinner is served tonight as we get to know our fellow travelers. **Included Meals: Dinner, Guest Reception**

Hotel: Embassy Suites - San Diego Bay (3 Nights)

Day 2 - San Diego

After a full included breakfast buffet, we will enjoy an all-day city tour with an experienced step-on guide who will orientate us to the lovely area. We'll view "Unconditional Surrender," the statue of the sailor kissing the nurse. We'll visit picturesque Balboa Park, which is a National Historic Landmark and is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visiting San Diego's historic Gaslamp District with its interesting and colorful past will be a highlight! Did you know that prior to 1867, the area was jokingly known as "Rabbitville" due to the fact while they couldn't seem to get the city built, the rabbit population was successfully creating their habitat?! We'll drive around the charming seaside village of Coronado, which is actually a tied island and home to the famous Hotel del Coronado. Time will be given in Old Town to explore and grab lunch on your own before departing for La Jolla, San Diego's "Jewel by the Sea." With a dramatic coastline boasting incredible views, being surrounded on three sides by the sea and backed by the steep slopes of Mt. Soledad, La Jolla is one of the most popular beach destinations in California. We will also stop and see the sea lions lounging in the sun! Lastly our guide will take us to Liberty Station, located on a peninsula jutting into the sea, this 361-acre waterfront village was a former Naval Training Center and the U.S. Navy's first foothold in Southern California. This will be a great day getting acquainted with the amazing area. Be sure to enjoy the guest reception when we return to the hotel or have dinner on your own. **Included Meals: Breakfast, Guest Reception**

Day 3 - San Diego

This morning after another wonderful breakfast buffet, we will head to the USS Midway Museum. Through the self-guided audio tour of the USS Midway Naval Aircraft Carrier, the ship's story comes to life as we explore the carrier from top to bottom. Lunch is on our own today before we visit the Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad, CA. Founded in 1998 by the National Association of Music Merchants, the Museum was developed to showcase and celebrate the music product industry. The Museum has hundreds of vintage instruments, audio & video clips, and a vibrant interactive area. As we make our way back to San Diego, we will partake in the guest



Take in the incredible views from one of the Observation Lounges!



reception at the hotel before we enjoy an evening performance at The Welk.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Guest Reception

Day 4 - San Diego to Ship Embarkation

After breakfast our motorcoach will take us to the Port of Los Angeles where we will board the beautiful Norwegian cruise ship, Norwegian Bliss. The Bliss will be our home for the next seven nights as we travel along the beautiful Mexican Rivera. Once we have boarded the cruise ship and you have located your outside stateroom, enjoy a late lunch aboard. Afterwards, take time to get acquainted with the ship, settle into your stateroom with its private balcony, decide what your dinner experience will be, and enjoy the views as we set sail!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - At Sea

There are so many things to do and places to explore on the Norwegian Bliss! From mini golf to simply relaxing by one of a number of pools, this ship has it all! Maybe today will be a day to pamper yourself at the spa, or work off some of the fabulous foods at the fitness center. Remember to soak in the stunning view from the revolutionary Observation Lounge. Anything you choose to do today is going to be a highlight. And the music shows and other entertainment will make your evening! Don't forget the variety of wonderful culinary delights throughout the ship! **Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



Day 6 - Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

Cabo San Lucas is a resort city on the southern tip of Mexico's Baja California peninsula, a paradise where the Sea of Cortez meets the Pacific Ocean. Cabo is known for its beaches, water activities, and night life. Walk the beaches and you'll definitely see El Arco, the iconic natural archway in the sea cliffs. If you've purchased a shore excursion today, have fun! Otherwise, you can simply relax in this wonderful paradise!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Dav 7 - Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Puerto Vallarta is a resort town on Mexico's Pacific coast, in Jalisco state. It is also known for its beaches, water sports, and nightlife scene. Its cobblestone center is home to the ornate Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe church, boutique shops, and a range of restaurants and bars. El Malecón is a beachside promenade with contemporary sculptures, as well as bars and lounges. If you've purchased a shore excursion today, have fun! Or you can simply relax in the warm sun!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 - Mazatlan, Mexico

Mazatlán is a Mexican resort town along the Pacific shoreline in the state of Sinaloa. Sandy beaches line its 12 mile-long malecón (boardwalk), and it's renowned for big-game fishing. In its Centro Histórico, or Old Mazatlán, 19th-century landmarks include the performance hall Teatro Ángela Peralta and the towering Immaculate Conception Basilica. The modern district of Zona Dorada is known for nightlife and hotels. If you've purchased a shore excursion today, enjoy!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Dav 9 - At Sea

Another relaxing day to enjoy more of the ship. Experience the unparalled views from the stare-of-the-art ship today or participate in some of the myriad of activities offered. Perhaps you'll want to slip into your swimsuit and sink into the bubbles in one of the many hot tubs, or if you're feeling more adventurous, zip down one of the waterslides! If you're feeling lucky, head to the Bliss Casino. If you're feeling young at heart, try your hand at laser tag or on the racetrack. The day is yours!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 - Ensenada, Mexico

Ensenada is a port city on the Pacific coast of Mexico's Baja California peninsula. At its heart is the harbor and waterfront area with the Malecón promenade. Once a casino, the Riviera de Ensenada is now a cultural center. The nearby Museum of History and the Regional Historical Museum trace the area's people and past. Migrating gray whales visit the waters offshore. Southwest of the city is La Bufadora blowhole. Have fun if you've purchased a shore excursion today or you can simply relax in your stunning surroundings as this is your last day in Paradise! Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 - Los Angeles to Home

This morning we will arrive back at the Port of Los Angeles. We bid the Norwegian Bliss farewell and head to Los Angeles International Airport for our flight home. Reminisce with your new traveling friends about our full, yet leisurely, vacation to the Pacific Coast - what wonderful memories! **Included Meals: Breakfast**

At each port of call, there will be several shore excursion options available to purchase. You will receive more information regarding onboard purchases after booking this tour.



Mazatlan's Malecón (aka boardwalk)



<u>Get your fill of sun & vitamin D while relaxing on the pool deck</u>



Texas Smokehouse - ship's BBQ joint

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2024 DATES & PRICES		
Dates:	February 29 - March 10, 2024 (11 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$4,499 Double	\$5,889 Single
Price Includes:	Roundtrip Airfare from MSP including all baggage fees, taxes & surcharges, 25 Meals & 3 Guest Receptions, Hotels & Activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach, 7 Night Cruise in Balcony Stateroom, & Onboard Ship Gratuities!	
Deposit Due Per Person:	\$200 deposit per person at time of reservation. Full payment due Nov. 1, 2023.	
Optional Travel Protection P/P:	\$305 Double p/p	\$445 Single
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