

Royal Caribbean Deep-Dive & First-Timer Hacks

"From Bucket lists to boarding passes!"

1. Royal Caribbean Deep Dive: Fleet & Zero-Spend Strategy

The Experience: High-energy, innovative mega-ships packed with activities (FlowRider, ice skating, Broadway shows).

Zero-Spend Dining: Eat exclusively at the Main Dining Room, Windjammer buffet, Sorrento's Pizza, and Café Promenade to keep costs at zero.

Free Drinks & Hydration: Utilize free hydration stations (water, coffee, tea, lemonade, juices) and bring your allowed 12 cans of soda and 2 bottles of wine per stateroom at embarkation.

2. Ultimate First-Timer Cruising Hacks

Bring a Insulated Tumbler: Fill it up at the buffet drink stations to keep your water, iced tea, or lemonade cold all day long around the ship.

Magnetic Hooks are a Lifesaver: Stateroom walls and doors are metal! Grab heavy-duty magnetic hooks on Amazon to hang hats, lanyards, jackets, and bags to instantly free up surface space.

Clear Plastic Luggage Tag Holders: Cruise lines email printable tags, but staple-and-paper tears easily. Buy clear plastic cruise tag holders on Amazon to protect them from weather and rough handling.

Store Luggage Under the Bed: Once unpacked, slide your empty suitcases completely underneath your stateroom bed to declutter your living space instantly.

Navigate Like a Pro: Use the Royal Caribbean app for deck plans and ship navigation on Day 1, and remember that carpet patterns with fish often point forward toward the bow!

3. Packing Essentials & Preparation

Hand-Carry Documents: Keep passports, boarding passes, medications, and your allowed wine/soda in your carry-on bag on Day 1.

Power & Comfort: Pack a non-surge-protected power strip, comfortable walking shoes, and smart-casual wear for evening dining.

Practical note: Onboard policies and free venue offerings can vary by ship class—verify details with Double B Travel before sailing.