**Rotary District 7470**

**District Conference**

**5 Day Cruise to Bermuda – Ship Royal Caribbean, Anthem of the Seas**

**May 26 – 31, 2017**

**Information – Frequently Asked Questions**

**How do I register?**

Registration is a two part process:

1. Conference Registration. The registration link below is for district conference registration or you may find the link on the district website. Cost to register for the district conference is $35.00 per person attending

[***District Conference Registration Link***](https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=4c726f45-f83d-4bf6-b4bb-da01be994e59)

1. Cruise Registration. The registration link below will is for cruise registration. You may also find this link on the district website. Cost is dependent upon the type of accommodation you select

[***Cruise Registration Link***](http://www.travelbysylvia.com/rw/cruise/8876)

**What are the dates?**

The District Conference will be from May 26th to May 31st, 2018. It will be a 5 day cruise to Bermuda departing from Bayonne, New Jersey. All rotary conference business will take place aboard the ship on the days at sea. A detailed schedule is currently being developed. All time ashore in Bermuda is free/vacation time. There will be no Rotary activities ashore.

**What is the cost of the District Conference?**

District Conference Fee is $35.00 per person attending.

**Group Cruise Rates**, for the 5 day cruise, start with Inside stateroom at $749 pp, Oceanview at $819 pp, and Balcony at $979 pp. All prices are per person and do not include government taxes of $184.32 pp. However, our Travel Agent will honor the current Royal Caribbean promotion pricing if it is lower than the Group Cruise Rate, whichever is lower at time of booking. Suites and other accommodations are also available.

**Can you give a description of the ship?**

The ship is Royal Caribbean Anthem of the Seas. Here is a link to ship details:

[Anthem of the Seas – Ship Highlights](https://secure.royalcaribbean.com/cruise-ships/anthem-of-the-seas?ecid=ps_43700008553577706&gclid=Cj0KEQjw_JrMBRDPx_PF9fjmgrcBEiQAKKzUfI4yhkVuHzm7q34xfgUL9ils4SSIBtVYiYGzBbjJQ_QaAhyv8P8HAQ&gclsrc=aw.ds)

**What does the cost of the cruise include? Are there any extra cost?**

The cost of the cruise includes: cruise, $50 per cabin credit, all meals aboard ship, entertainment, ship activities. The only other expense that would be added to your bill would be gratuities for ship staff at approximately $13.50 per day per person. You may wish to provide additional gratuity for special services. 18% is automatically added to alcohol purchases and 18% is added to spa services

Other optional expenses may include: parking fees in Bayonne, purchase of alcohol, shore excursions, spa services, upgraded dining, specialty services, personal shopping, internet, photos, etc.

**What about food choices, do I need reservations, is there any specialty dining?**

There are numerous dining choices aboard the Anthem of the Seas here is a link to dining options: [Dining Options](http://www.royalcaribbeanincentives.com/ship/anthem-of-the-seas/dining/) When booking your cruise you will be asked to select a dining time. **My Time Dining\*,** Royal Caribbean’s award-winning dining program found onboard the rest of our fleet, offers flexible and traditional options. This program offers the flexibility to select your own dining time and table companions on a daily basis between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:30 pm, and it does not have to be the same time every day. The traditional dining experience allows you to choose either 6:30 pm or 8:30 pm seating times.

**Is telephone, texting, internet available?**

Yes, at an additional cost. Here is the link explaining the various plans: [Telephone, Texting, Internet](https://www.royalcaribbeanblog.com/2017/02/07/guide-royal-caribbean-voom-wifi-internet-prices-and-tips) You may also want to check with you local carrier as most have inexpensive international options.

**What about bed set up i.e. single, twin, queen, etc.?**

Let you cabin steward know and he/she will take care of it.

**Can I bring an iron?**

No, irons or hot plates are considered a fire hazard. Pressing of clothes is available through your cabin steward for a small fee.

**After I book, if I find a less expensive rate – what happens?**

Contact Sylvia Molbury at 973-940-0202

**What if I have special needs or need special assistance**

Contact Sylvia Molbury at 973-940-0202

**Where does the ship depart and return? What about parking? When can I board?**

The Cruise departs/returns from Bayonne, NJ. Parking is available at the Cape Liberty Port which opens at 10:30 day of departure. Parking space is guaranteed at a cost of $20 per day. Less expensive parking is available nearby private lots with shuttle service available. Check the internet.

**Should I drop off my luggage before parking?**

If you are parking at the Cruise Port, drop your luggage off first, then park. Don’t forget to tip the porters as they will be handling your luggage for the cruise

**Do I need a passport?**

A passport is **highly** **recommended** when cruising to Bermuda. Should some unforeseen event happen, you will not be able to **fly** back to the states without it.

**What about shore excursions?**

<https://www.shrerips.com/excursions/group-g170806006>

**How much is the deposit, what is the payment schedule, when is final payment due?**

Deposit is $250 per person - $500.00 per cabin – balance of payment is due February 15, 2018. The final amount is dependent upon the type of accommodations selected.

**What if I want to upgrade/downgrade or need special accommodations?**

Contact Sylvia Molbury, travel specialist and or district’s cruise planner at 973-940-0202

**Who do I contact if I have general questions about the district conference?**

Bob Peters, District Conference Chair, at [bobpetes5@optonline.net](mailto:bobpetes5@optonline.net) or 973-517-2993

**What is the cost if I attend as a single?**

The cost for the District Conference is based upon double occupancy per cabin. So, the cost for a single to attend is double. (two times the single rate). If you want to attend as a single and you need help finding a roommate, contact Barry Kroll at [barrykroll@aol.com](mailto:barrykroll@aol.com) or 973-476-2772 who will keep track of roommate requests.

**What is Royal Caribbean’s refund policy if I must cancel for any reason?**

\*\*New policy as of July 1st. Non-refundable deposits. Go to <https://www.royalcaribbeanblog.com/2017/05/09/royal-caribbean-announces-new-non-refundable-deposit-program>

The above applies to anyone booking under the new Non-refundable deposit rates.

  90+ No charges

  89-57 Days Deposit amount

  56-29 Days 50% of Total Fare (taxes, fees & port expenses excluded)

  28-15 Days 75% of Total Fare (taxes, fees & port expenses excluded)

  14 Days or less No refund except for taxes and fees

**Can I purchase trip insurance for this cruise?**

Yes, optional trip travel insurance is available for this cruise, please be sure to be aware of all of the terms and conditions. To purchase trip insurance contact Sylvia Molbury, cruise specialist, at 973-940-0202. Approximate cost is $80-$100 per person depending on the type of accommodation you book.

**What happens if I book directly with Royal Caribbean?**

You will only be a part of our group if you book through the Rotary Conference Group. Sylvia, Rotary’s Travel Agent, ill provide you with the same rate as the cruise line. If you book direct you have 60 days to transfer your booking to Sylva – if you do not book through our group reservation system you will not be included in Rotary functions.

**Will there be any activities planned for when we are in Bermuda?**

Peggy to answer

**Are prices subject to change?**

Cruise Rates will not change, however Royal Caribbean promotions will change.

**For other FAQs go to:**

<https://www.royalcaribbean.com/faq>