

# Card Player Cruises

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Please join us for our  
**12 Night Dubai & India Cruise**  
 Aboard Royal Caribbean's  
 Brilliance of the Seas

April 07 - April 19, 2012  
 From **Just \$1,139\*** per person  
 \* Not including taxes



Bookings must be made through Card Player Cruises to have access to the poker room.

## Itinerary

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart	Activity
07-Apr	Dubai, United Arab Emirates		6:00 PM	
08-Apr	Cruising			
09-Apr	Cruising			
10-Apr	Cruising			
11-Apr	Cochin, India	8:00 AM	6:00 PM	Docked
12-Apr	New Mangalore, India	7:00 AM	5:00 PM	Docked
13-Apr	Goa (Mormugao), India	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Docked
14-Apr	Bombay (Mumbai), India	8:00 AM	9:00 PM	Docked
15-Apr	Cruising			
16-Apr	Cruising			
17-Apr	Muscat, Oman	8:00 AM	4:00 PM	Docked
18-Apr	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	2:00 PM		Docked
19-Apr	Dubai, United Arab Emirates			

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## Cruise Highlights



### **Dubai, United Arab Emirates:**

Believe everything you've heard about Dubai - it truly is that incredible. Honestly, where else on earth can you ski both in a shopping mall and out in the desert? As one of the world's fastest growing cities, Dubai has emerged as a premier luxury travel destination, drawing visitors from all over the globe. Its dry and sunny weather, incredible shopping experiences, and unique tourist attractions have helped to turn it into a bona fide hot spot where ancient and modern cultures come together.

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### **Cochin, India:**

One of the finest natural harbors on the Arabian coast of India, Kochi (also known as Cochin) was once known as the center of the Indian spice trade. The town has a distinct European feel due to the fact that it was once inhabited by the Portuguese, Dutch, and English. Their influence on the town's forts, palaces, museums, and old churches is still evident today, which is why Kochi is known as the "Queen of the Arabian Sea."



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### **New Mangalore, India:**

The New Mangalore Port is located along the coast of South India and is the ninth largest port in the country. The port is surrounded by scenic land that is dominated by coconut, Ashoka and palm trees, rolling Sahyadri Mountains and majestic rivers that flow toward the Arabian Sea. The bustling city of Mangalore - with its rich historical influences, narrow winding streets, quaint gable-roofed houses and intoxicating aroma of spicy coconut curries - is nearby and ready to offer its visitors a memorable cultural experience.



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### **Goa (Mormugao), India:**

How can you resist a place whose local motto is "Sossegade," which translates to "Take it Easy"? Long a favorite destination for New Age travelers seeking the transcendent good life, these days Goa is more hip than hippie. High end restaurants and shopping now complement the dreamy beach life, and Goa's easygoing streets make an easy and rewarding first introduction to India. Goa's historical atmosphere, shaped by a fascinating mix of Portuguese and Indian influences, is unique. The Portuguese were here for some 500 years, and their presence can still be felt in customs like the siesta the easygoing Goans take every afternoon. Sossegade!



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### **Bombay (Mumbai), India:**

The Hollywood of India, Mumbai (previously known as Bombay) is a unique city pulsating with energy, life, and excitement. You can find everything from vibrant street scenes and the country's best nightlife, to an abundance of shopping. The city serves as both the financial and entertainment capital of India, so you are just as likely to see a famous "Bollywood" movie star as you are a high-powered businessman. With all there is to see and do, you will discover that Mumbai truly lives up to its billing as the "City of Dreams."

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### **Muscat, Oman:**

As one of the Middle East's oldest cities - dating back to the 2nd century AD, it's hard to believe that Muscat has been open to tourists for only a few decades, but seeing is believing! From the beautifully manicured parks and long, unspoiled stretches of beach to the stone moat that still surrounds the area, it is clear that Oman's monarchy has worked hard to protect the rich history and small, safe neighborhood feel of its capital city



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### **Things You Don't Want to Miss:**

**Dubai:** For a sampling of some of Dubai's greatest treasures, be sure to visit the coastal town of Jumeirah during your stay. Here you'll find one of the world's finest hotels - as indicated by its elusive seven-star rating, as well as the beautiful Jumeirah Mosque - one of the few mosques open to non-Muslims for tours. After a day of exploring, take in the breathtaking scenery over a bite to eat on the beach.

**Cichin:** Drive out of Cochin city, pass through one of the India's most beautiful and serene landscapes to the district of Alappuzha. Here you can explore the Kerala backwaters as you take a motor boat ride through the waterways lined with dense tropical vegetation, and observe rural Kerala lifestyles that you would never see from the road.

**New Mangalore:** For a true cultural experience, the elaborate, night-long, dance-drama performance of the Yakshagana is something that simply cannot be missed while visiting Mangalore. Beginning at the twilight hours with the beating of drums, the Yakshagana consists of music, dance, and dialog portraying a story. The actors are adorned in beautifully vibrant costumes, headdresses and face paint, which they apply themselves.

**Goa (Mormugao):** Strong Portuguese influences make Goa unique in India, and many major monuments are within walking distance of each other, making this part of Goa's history easy to explore. The Arch of the Viceroys, built in 1597, commemorates the arrival in Goa of Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama. St. Catherine's Cathedral, which took 80 years to build, is said to be larger than any church in Portugal itself. And if you're drawn to miracles, the Church and Convent of St. Monica Christon is home to an image of the crucified Christ which is said to have spoken and opened its eyes.

**Bombay (Mumbai):** An architectural marvel, the Taj Mahal Palace and Towers, in its highly desirable waterfront location, provides breathtaking views of the Arabian Sea. Built in 1903, the hotel offers a unique blend of Indian class and Western style. An extraordinary example of luxury and elegance, the Taj Mahal Palace has hosted royalty, heads of state, business tycoons, celebrities, and hopefully soon, you!

### **When in Dubai:**

- Enjoy a sail boat ride to The Palm, a tree-shaped island that has been reclaimed from the sea. Once The Palm Island are completed, they will add 120 kilometers of sandy beaches to Dubai and be visible from the moon. The Palm Island is built in the shape of 17 huge fronds surrounded by 12 kilometers of protective barrier reefs called a crescent.
- Visit the landmark of modern Dubai, the Burj Al Arab hotel. A monument worthy of the new millennium, this world-famous hotel stands on a man-made island linked by a bridge to the mainland. Upon arrival, guests proceed to a private room for high tea, a British tradition dating back to the 1840s.
- The Dune Dinner Safari is a great opportunity to explore the desert in just a few short hours. Experience the thrill of driving up and down golden yellow sand dunes in the comfort of our four-wheel drive vehicles. A sumptuous Arabian style BBQ of various succulent fresh meats and salads will be served.

Not only is Dubai home to world-class golf courses and beautiful beaches - unusual activities like desert safaris and sand skiing are also among its available adventures. If you're looking for a unique spectator sport, check out Camel Racing, one of Dubai's major pastimes. Then afterward you can fuel up with a freshly cooked campfire breakfast. It's no wonder Dubai is becoming known as an exotic playground for world travelers!

**Shopping for Bargains:** Wondering why Dubai is fast becoming a shopping mecca? Picture this: In the morning you're exploring the Mall of Emirates - a huge, elaborate shopping mall with over 200 shops, some theaters, and restaurants. Maybe you've even decided to take a few runs down its indoor ski slope. Come afternoon, you're walking through a souk buying spices from all over the Middle East, straight out of the sacks. By dinnertime, you've hit the jackpot at the Gold Souk, one of the world's largest retail gold markets. Come to think of it, you better stay awhile - you haven't even gotten around to checking out the finest Persian rugs outside of Iran. If you're in the market for one, you may want to do some advance research and be prepared to negotiate!

**Get a Taste of Local Flavor:** Dubai's cultural richness and diversity translate tastefully into the cuisine of the region, where you'll find a great variety of Gulf, Arabian, and Middle Eastern food options. Whether you're on a budget or going gourmet, Dubai offers a wide range of restaurants bound to please even the most sophisticated palate. Wherever you decide to eat, be sure to sample one of Dubai's most popular dishes - Shawarma, a sandwich containing any variety of shaved meats.

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## Staterooms - Brilliance of the Seas



**Owner's Suite:** Queen-size bed, private balcony, private bathroom with whirlpool tub, double sinks, separate shower and bidet, separate living area with queen-size sofa bed, and concierge service. (512 sq. ft., balcony 57 sq. ft.) Also includes dry bar, entertainment center including a 42" flat screen TV, stereo and DVD player, dinette for two, lounge chair with ottoman in bedroom, walk-in closet, vanity area, hair-dryer, phone, computer jack, vanity table with an extendable working surface for laptop computers and 110/220 electrical outlets. Sleeps up to four people and can accommodate a rollaway bed and/or Pack 'n Play.

**Category OS**



**Grand Suite:** Two twin beds (can convert into queen-size), private balcony, sitting area, and concierge service. Also referred to as Grand Ocean View Suite. (358-384 sq. ft., balcony 106 sq. ft.) Includes minibar, TV, stereo, DVD player, larger private bathroom with bathtub and double sink, vanity area, hair-dryer, phone, vanity table with an extendable working surface for laptop computers and 110/220 electrical outlets. Sleeps up to four people and can accommodate a rollaway bed and/or Pack 'n Play.

**Category GS**



**Junior Suite:** Two twin beds (can convert into queen-size), private balcony, private bathroom with bathtub and a sitting area with sofa bed. (293.9 sq. ft., balcony 66.7 sq. ft.) Also includes minibar, vanity area, hair-dryer, TV, phone, vanity table with an extendable working surface for laptop computers and 110/220 electrical outlets. Sleeps up to 4 guests.

**Category JS**



**Balcony:** Two twin beds (can convert into queen-size), private balcony, sitting area, and a private bathroom. (184.1 sq. ft., balcony 43.1 sq. ft.) Also includes minibar, vanity area, hair-dryer, TV, phone, computer jack, vanity table with an extendable working surface for laptop computers and 110/220 electrical outlets. Some have a Pullman bed and/or sofa bed and can accommodate 3-4 guests. Some can also accommodate a rollaway bed or Pack 'n Play.

**Category D1**



**Outside:** Two twin beds (can convert into queen-size), sitting area with sofa, vanity area and a private bathroom. (164.7 sq. ft.) Also includes minibar, hair-dryer, TV, phone, vanity table with an extendable working surface for laptop computers, and 110/220 electrical outlets. Some have Pullman beds and can accommodate 3-4 guests.

**Category H**



**Inside:** Two twin beds (can convert into queen-size), sitting area, vanity area, and a private bathroom. (165.8 sq. ft.) Also includes minibar, hair-dryer, TV, phone, vanity table with an extendable working surface for laptop computers, and 110/220 electrical outlets. Some have Pullman beds and can accommodate 3-4 guests.

**Category N**

Please Note: Smoking is not permitted inside any stateroom or on Oasis class Boardwalk or Central Park private balconies, however, it is permitted on private ocean view balconies of balcony/suite staterooms

Stateroom availability is subject to change without notice. Please contact us for more details.

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# Brilliance of the Seas

## Ship Highlights

The ship offers the ultimate in sightseeing with more glass, open space, and balconies than any other cruise ship of its size. In fact, you'll find amazing views everywhere you go, from the Sports Court to the Day Spa to the glass elevators in the nine-story Centrum. Have you ever imagined getting a manicure while witnessing some of the most breathtaking landscapes in the world? You could, on the amazing Brilliance of the Seas. It is full of wide-open spaces and acres and acres of glass. You can watch for whales while you ride the elevator, relax in the glass Solarium and watch the sun set, or stand just about anywhere and see something amazing. And to make sure the scenery remains unspoiled for generations to see, the Brilliance of the Seas utilizes gas-turbine engines, which are the most environmentally-friendly engines at sea.

### Ship Features

- Rock-climbing wall
- Portofino Italian Restaurant
- Chops Grill
- Seaview Café
- Latté-tudes,SM a specialty coffee house featuring Seattle's Best Coffee®
- Themed bars and lounges
- Casino RoyaleSM
- Indian Raj-themed Solarium
- The Colony Club, a unique British colonial-style lounge with self-leveling pool tables
- Indoor/outdoor country club with golf simulator
- Adventure Ocean® youth facilities
- Day Spa and Fitness Center

### Ship Facts

- Maiden Voyage: July 19, 2002
- Passenger Capacity: 2,114 double occupancy; 2,502 maximum
- Godmother: Marilyn Ofer
- Gross Tonnage: 90,090
- Length: 962' Beam: 105.6'
- Draft: 27.9'
- Cruising Speed: 22 knots

### Highlights

- Challenge yourself on a rock wall 150 feet above the ocean
- Play a basketball game
- Sample cuisine and wines from around the world in a spectacular two-story dining room
- Watch the scenery go by through our glass walls and windows
- Enjoy a cappuccino and a conversation at our Latté-tudes coffee shop
- Play pool on our innovative self-leveling pool tables
- Relax in the Day Spa
- Soak up the sun in our stunning Solarium
- Play a round of golf at our indoor/outdoor country club with golf simulator
- Give the kids a vacation to remember with our award-winning Adventure Ocean® Youth Program

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## Poker Room



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Card Player Cruises proudly features a professional, fully staffed, non-smoking poker room. The poker room is usually open for play immediately after the first-seating dinner on your departure day. The poker room remains open throughout most of the cruise except when the ship is in port.

Free beginner lessons for novices are offered, followed by a low limit hold'em game for beginners only.

The Card Player Cruises staff will be happy to spread any game and limit that enough players want to play.

A general guideline regarding the games and limits on most cruises is as follows:

Texas hold'em: \$2-\$4, \$4-\$8, \$10-\$20, \$20-\$40

Omaha/8: \$4-\$8, \$10-\$20, occasionally higher

Mixed games: \$20-\$40, occasionally higher

No-limit hold'em at blinds of \$1-\$3 and \$2-\$5 with capped buy-ins

All poker games are open to anyone 18 years and older.

**Great poker action - Exciting ports**

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