

Carnival Dream Oct 3, 2021 from Galveston, TX

Well, I started my morning about 5am and then got headed south by 6:15... Easy drive and got into Galveston about 11am parked and got my bag turned in.

I had messed up the health questionnaire so I had about 15-20 minutes to get thru and fix those issues but then pretty much just walked onboard!!!

Got me a Pirate Punch on Lido first thing....

It was not a big issue with wearing masks when inside or on elevator. Out at pool and around outside decks it was no mask...

We had a great Sail Away Party and Deon the cruise director was great. I had not had him as the CD before. There was a nice violin trio but they had the Lobby area messed up with decorations making it hard to see musicians from either Deck 3 or 4.

The comedians were a popular first night choice but with new rules, no standing room, everyone had to have a seat. So some were not able to get into the first show. After knowing the new rules, it was easy to plan to be there earlier if you wanted to be sure to make it. They had an unusual issue with comedians since most countries were not allowing or flying waws an issue. Usually, you would have two comedians for the first 2-3 days and then they would change in port with others that had flown in. So this trip what they did was, while in port the other Carnival ship in port, traded with us comedians, so we had new ones for the last 3 days.

I had decided before I even left I was not getting off ship. I was just going to relax and enjoy life. So, I got up about 8am and went to find a hot, hot tub and then breakfast. Then in hot tub or pool the rest of the morning. Then would see what was for lunch and then back to cabin for a nap ad listen to my audio book for the afternoon.

I discovered that being in a cabin on Deck 6 up front, allows you to have all the music from the showroom while they were practicing, all afternoon. Not a big deal, I like most the songs. This was the first cruise that I was chilling in cabin, so I will maybe try to make sure I don't do that again...

Deon the Cruise Director sent me chocolate covered strawberries the second day....

This was also the first cruise that I did anytime dining and I really liked it. I like dining early and getting started at 5:30 I could easily make the 7pm doors open for shows.

Inquiring minds ask – why are the drinks cheaper in the showroom than anywhere else onboard??

At first I thought there were going to be very few kids on board, and I guess there were not too many but the ones there did not seem to have parental supervision and were sometimes aggravating.

I was entertained about 10 minutes one day watching the guy put up the flag when we were in port. He managed to cross the lines while raising it and then did not seem to understand, take it down and uncross lines. He finally gave up and left them crossed with it not really all the way up....

Anyway, met some fun people at dinner and in the pool... I will most likely not get off the ship on my next cruise. It was so relaxing not to be stressed over excursions and getting somewhere by any certain time.

Carnival doing a great job getting us back on board and being able to cruise.