

MAXCON 2027

First time cruising for work? Here's the honest answer.

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If you've never been on a cruise before, MAXCON might raise practical questions you don't see addressed elsewhere. This is the doc to answer them — written candidly, not as marketing. If something here doesn't match what you'd expect to hear, push back and we'll get you a straight answer.

1. Seasickness

Short version: you almost certainly won't feel it.

- Utopia of the Seas is one of the largest cruise ships ever built — roughly 228,000 gross tons and nearly 1,200 feet long. At that scale, motion is minimal. Most first-timers report not feeling the ship move at all.
- The itinerary stays in sheltered Bahamian waters in April — historically the smoothest sailing weather of the year.
- The onboard medical center stocks Bonine, Dramamine, and prescription motion patches if you're prone to it. People who pre-load Bonine almost always do fine.
- If you're genuinely worried, book a cabin mid-ship and mid-deck — that's the most stable spot on the ship.

If you've gotten sick on smaller boats, this is a different experience. Closer to being in a hotel than being on a boat.

2. Food and dietary restrictions

If you're a picky eater, have allergies, or follow a specific diet, you'll have more options than at any land-based conference.

- The ship has 20+ dining venues — formal sit-down restaurants, casual buffets, pizza, burgers, sushi, salads, vegetarian. All meals are included.
- Dietary accommodations (kosher, halal, vegan, gluten-free, nut allergies) are standard. Notify Royal Caribbean at check-in or up to 60 days in advance and a chef will work with you.
- 24-hour room service is included if you want to eat in your cabin.
- Picky-eater tier: pizza is available 22 hours a day. You will not go hungry, regardless of how unadventurous your palate.

3. “I’m not really a cruise person”

The format is workshop-heavy, not party-heavy. The crowd is Maximo and TRIRIGA professionals, not Spring Break.

- The conference uses dedicated workshop and meeting spaces during the day. When you're in MAXCON sessions, you're with other MAXCON attendees.
- Evenings are unstructured. You can join organized peer networking, dine quietly with new contacts, or retreat to your cabin. No one will pressure you to participate in cruise entertainment.
- The ship is a venue, not a vibe. The bars, casino, water slides, and shows are there if you want them and invisible if you don't.

If you've been to a corporate offsite at a resort with a beach attached, this is functionally similar — except the offsite happens to move from one Bahamian beach to another.

4. Traveling solo

You won't feel alone, but you won't be forced to socialize either.

- The conference crowd is your peer group — people working with the same tools, on similar problems. Conversations start naturally in workshops and at meals.
- Royal Caribbean has solo-friendly shared-table dining if you don't want to eat alone.
- Cabins are private. You're not sharing with a stranger unless you choose to.

5. The cabin reality

Standard interior staterooms are roughly 150 square feet — comparable to a Midtown Manhattan hotel room, slightly smaller than a typical airport hotel.

- Bed, desk, bathroom, TV, climate control, safe, plenty of outlets.
- Interior cabins have no window — quietest option, good if you sleep poorly with light.
- If you'd prefer a window or balcony, those are available at upgrade cost during registration.

You'll spend most of your awake hours in conference spaces, dining venues, and on deck. The cabin is primarily for sleeping.

6. Embarkation day (one thing worth knowing)

Arrive at Port Canaveral on April 4 (the day before MAXCON officially starts). Royal Caribbean check-in is online — photo upload, payment confirmation, time-of-arrival window. Show up at your assigned time, security takes 20-30 minutes, and you're on the ship.

Your cabin may not be ready until early afternoon, but the rest of the ship is open from the moment you board. Pool, restaurants, lounges, deck space — all available while your luggage is delivered to your cabin.

One last note. If you read this and still have a specific concern, just ask. We'd rather answer the real question than pretend it doesn't exist. Email MAXCON@LiquidEnterprise.com or reply to whoever sent you this doc.