

## Cabins, Parking and Hotels

**SHIP'S LOCATION** – Black Falcon Cruise Port - #1 Falcon Avenue, Boston. Sailing 4 PM.

### PARKING

There is a parking lot directly across the street from the ship's dock. No reservations. Opens for incoming cars at 10:30 AM 1 October [I assume as the passengers offloading drive out]. Cost \$16/night.

### HOTEL

Hotels are expensive. **Those near the ship are filling up fast. Make your reservations now.** Those coming in from the west coast presumably cannot fly in on 1 October before the ship departs at 4 PM so they will need to overnight ashore on September 30.

My research recommends the Comfort Inn Boston. They have free Airport shuttle, free shuttle to Black Falcon cruise terminal, free breakfast, free parking, & free Wi-Fi. You have several ways to make a reservation:

1. Non refundable made only on the web site - \$229.00 no discounts  
<https://www.choicehotels.com/massachusetts/boston/comfort-inn-hotels/ma109>
2. If you make your reservation direct, (617) 287-9200) it will be \$242.00 if you join their Choice program at [www.ChoicePrivileges.com](http://www.ChoicePrivileges.com) and get a military, AAA, or AARP discount. This is refundable but \$13 more than option #1.

While I could make the reservation through my sources, they are slightly more expensive. I recommend you make your reservation NOW.

### CABIN LOCATIONS

The location of those in category I cabins are shown in the attachment of the foreword 3<sup>rd</sup> deck.

Olson & Smith are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> deck in cabins 2001 and 2007 respectively.

Colussy is on the 7<sup>th</sup> deck in cabin 7672.

### REBATES

30 to 45 days after the cruise, you will receive a rebate from me. This is the fee the agent normally gets. I have been advised the amount is:

Category I=\$157,28

Category I= \$180.46 (Bruisma only since he paid more after the price hike)

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Category U= \$117.93

Category JS= \$765.32

## **DINING**

On the second and the fourth days, we are at sea. I want to set up special dining at the three paid restaurants. The top one is the Chef's Table – a table of 14 people. We can only get 10 seats. It is a fixed three course dinner with wine included for \$85. The second 10 person group is for the Chop Grill serving steaks and seafood. The third restaurant is an Italian restaurant for \$30/person. I haven't been able to make the arrangements yet. I am also trying to set up reservations for meals in three groups of ten (that is the maximum number in a reservation), for four nights in the main dining room (meals included in ticket price). The remaining two nights you are on your own.

## **CROWN & ANCHOR SOCIETY**

If you know your society number go to <https://secure.royalcaribbean.com/cas/enroll/home.do> and enroll in the Society. Enrollment requires your number. If you have sailed on a Royal Caribbean ship before and don't have your number, and the bottom right of the page, click on "Forgot Your Crown . . . ." and get your number. All you need is your first and last name and your date of birth.

## **PLANNING YOUR CRUISE**

Go to <https://www.royalcaribbean.com/> . Assuming you have logged in/enrolled in the society, click on "Already Booked" then on "Cruise Planner." This allows you to book most everything you want to do on the cruise. I will book shore side tours for you at a savings. Please fill out my question sheet sent you in my first Information Sheet.

## **MEETING LOCATIONS**

I am working on meeting locations. The meeting locations are free but must be approved by the ship. If they are in private rooms, a bar and waiter cost \$150 per night. However I am trying to plan them in bar areas roped off for our use only for two hours before meals. Because this is the first night , cruise personnel will be overwhelmed so I have requested the conference room for an hour before dinner. This will be Wee's time to hold a meeting and bring us up to speed on any subjects he wants. I will also take some time to makes sure any questions regarding the cruise are answered. Bring your drink with you as there will be no served drinks.

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## **MORE TO COME**

As you can see, all is not yet arranged. Shore side tours, dinner arrangements and meeting locations and time all remain to be set. Hopefully I can get those issues resolved in the next few weeks. Again, I need to hear back from you on the shore side tours.

A copy of this and the first cruise info bulletin will be posted on the web site.

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