

Alaskan Cruise 2025

August 4-11

Royal Caribbean

Quantum of the Seas



Length	1,142 Ft
Width	136 Ft
Displacement	169,000 Tons
Cabins	2,105
Passengers	4,160
Crew	1,500
Decks	14
Eateries	16
Bars	10
Pools	4
Hot Tubs	6

Nine in our Party

Plus a few other Friends by the Thousands

Where We Went

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Roman

Joanne



Matt

Sarah

Day	Port of Call	Arrive	Depart
Mon	Seattle, Washington		4:00 PM
Tue	Cruising		
Wed	Sitka, Alaska	9:30 AM	5:00 PM
Thu	Skagway, Alaska	7:00 AM	8:00 PM
Fri	Endicott Arm & Dawes Glacier	5:00 AM	10:00 AM
Fri	Juneau, Alaska	1:30 PM	8:00 PM
Sat	Cruising		
Sun	Victoria, British Columbia	5:00 PM	10:00 PM
Mon	Seattle, Washington	6:00 AM	



Roman^{III}

Sue

Keegan

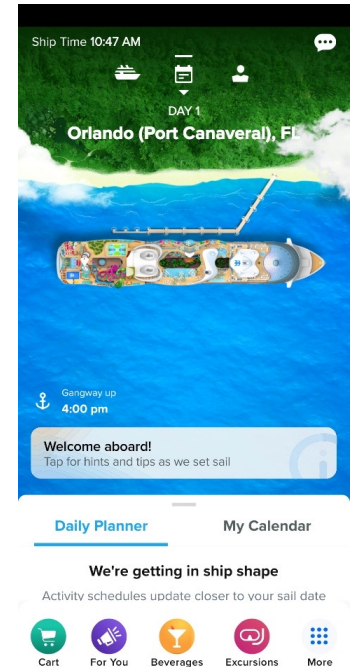
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Upfront Planning

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- **We booked this Alaska cruise on our previous cruise 16 months prior**
 - They gave us a \$100 per person on-board credit incentive
- **We spread the word with the rest of the family**
- **Downloaded the cruise line's app on our phone**
 - Did not work on our tablets
- **Sought out YouTube videos from previous cruisers**
 - “Professional” cruisers have some great tips and advice
- **Joined the Facebook page for your cruise ship**
 - Better yet find one for your specific sailing date
- **Started saving our pennies for those other costs**
 - Booked excursions early because the “popular ones” can get sold out
 - Booked other onboard amenities early (drink packages, specialty dining)
 - Drink packages are pricey and require lots of drinking to justify the cost
 - Each room member are usually required to have the same package



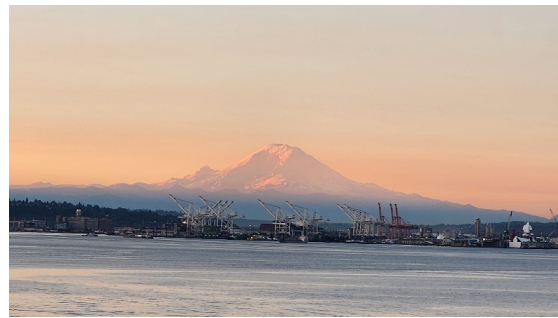
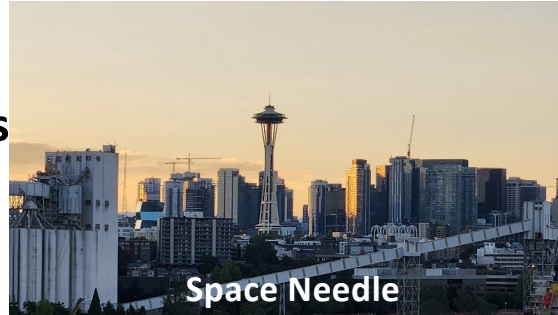
YouTube Advice Videos

- <https://www.youtube.com/@LifeWellCruised>
- <http://www.youtube.com/@ProfMelissa>
- There are many others

Arrived in Seattle Two Days Early

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- Avoided any flight delay issues
- Acclimated us to time zone changes
- Got to see the local sights



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Board Your Ship

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- Complete your phone app boarding info (morning of)
- Know the prohibited items you can't bring aboard
 - You can bring one bottle of wine per person on board
- Check in at your Muster Station; **Ship won't sail if you don't**
- Explore the ship until your room is ready
 - Eat lunch or head to the pool
 - Casino is not open yet
 - Get into vacation mode



Explore the Ship



Ice Cream in the Solarium

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Checking out our Adjacent Balconies

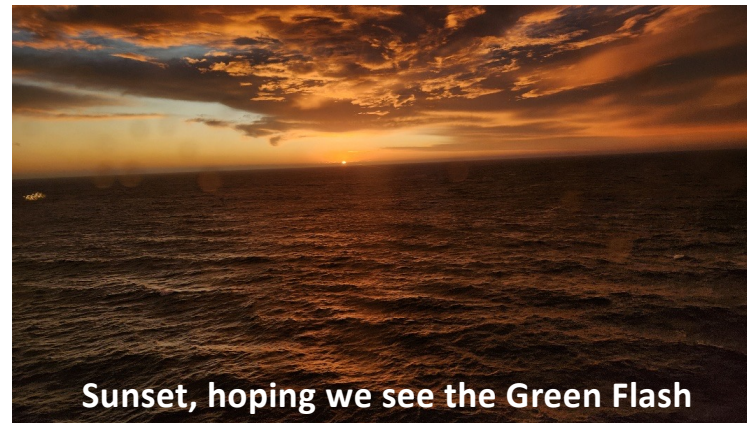


Just settling into our Room

Set Sail

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- **Set your cell phone to airplane mode**
 - Cell phone bills can become be very large if you don't
 - Some Mobile Carriers offer economical cruise plans
 - The cruise line offers pricey internet packages
- **Use the cruise phone app to communicate with family**
 - Like texting but you get no notifications
- **Check out**
 - The available food
 - Shows and Daily Briefings
 - The pool
 - The casino
 - Bingo
- **Don't fall overboard**



Sitka National Historic Park / Totem Park & Kayaking

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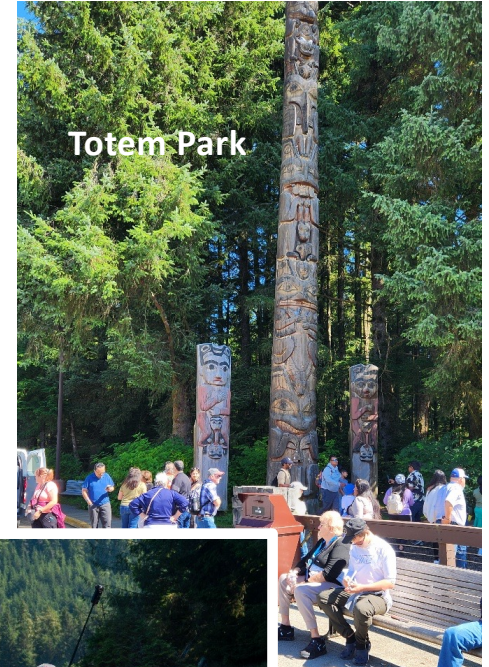
First Port of Call



Sandy Beach
but didn't see any sand



Bald Eagle Carving



Totem Park



RP3 & Rennee Kayaking

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Sitka Raptor Center & Sheet'ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi Tribal Community House

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Alaska Raptor Center



Tlingit Tribal History Storytelling & Dance



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Skagway - White Pass Railroad

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All Aboard



The Good Bridge



Canadian Border



Thankfully Not Our Bridge



Waiting for the
Steam Engine to Pass

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Skagway Walkabout

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Can't Go anywhere without finding a Quilt Shop

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Endicott Arm & Dawes Glacier

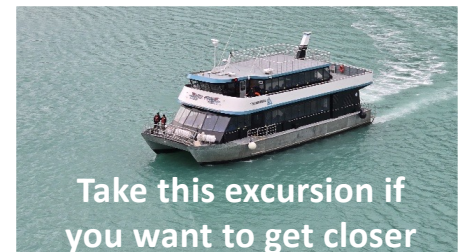
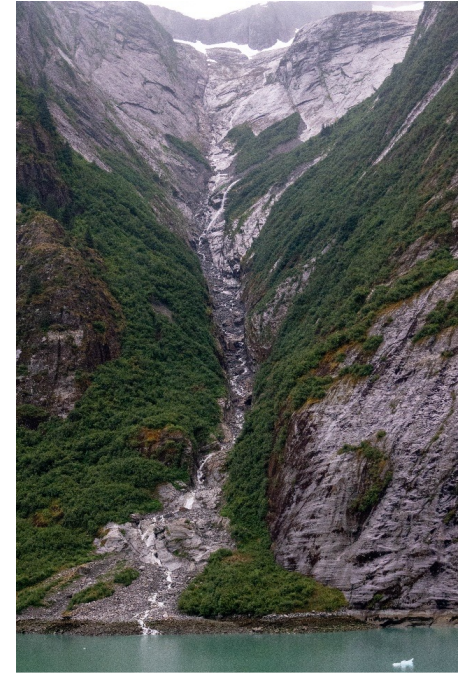
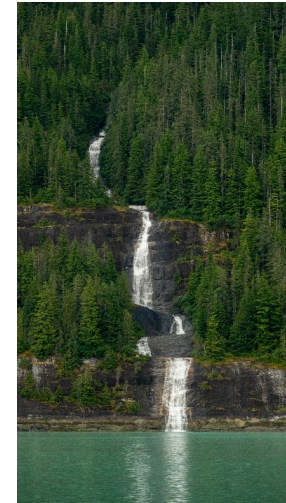
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Not a Port but a nice slow 360° spin near the glacier



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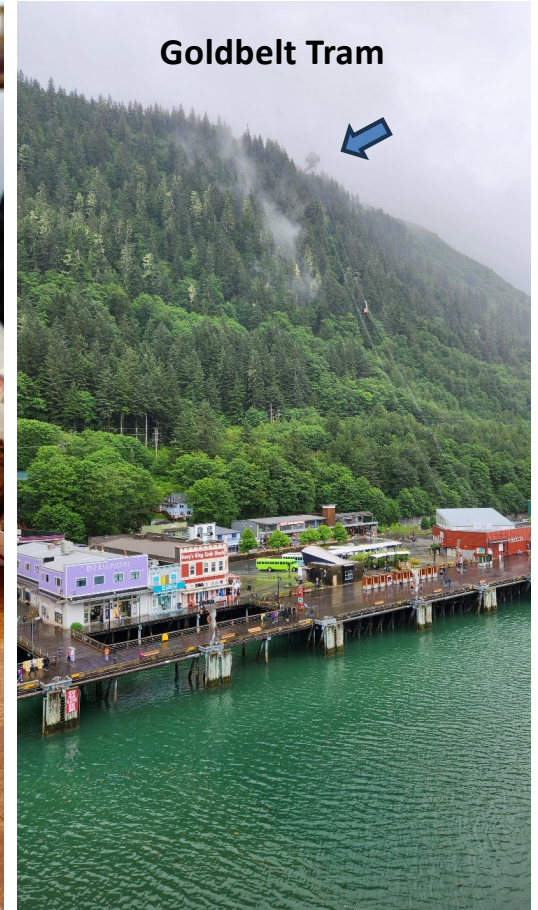
Take this excursion if you want to get closer

Juneau Walkabout

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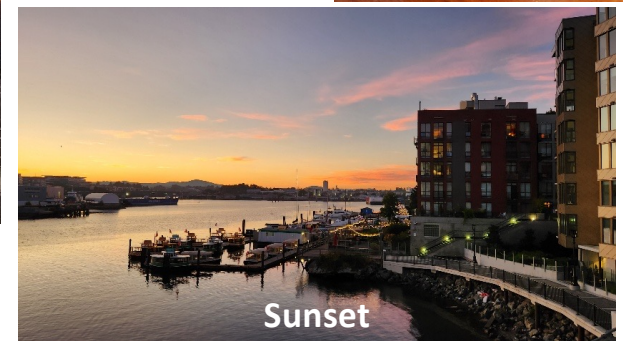
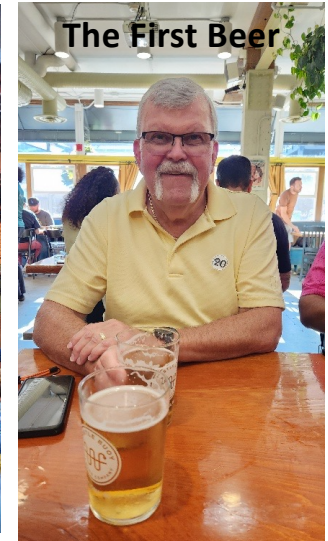
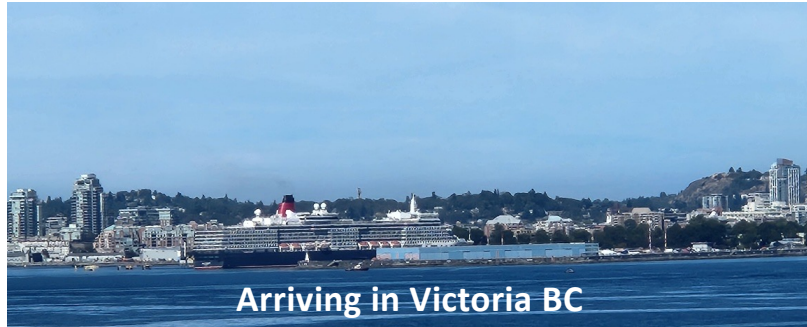


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Victoria Canadian Ale Trail & City Highlight

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Entertainment On Board

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Vegas Style Show



The "Newly Wed" Game



Juggler / Comedian



Sonic Odyssey

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Roman Asks the Question



Renee Said Yes

Recap

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- **Prepare by Learning from Others**
 - YouTube, Facebook, Friends, LAA Meetings
- **Excursions can get sold out early and be costly**
 - You don't have to do an excursion in every port
- **Take lots of pictures**
 - It helps with the LAA presentation you'll be asked to give
- **Relax and enjoy your adventure**
- **Schedule airport transfers if offered**
 - Busses to SeaTac were \$30 per person
 - We checked our luggage to home (RIC) while on-board
 - Same baggage fees as the airlines with no cruise line adder
- **We booked our next cruise on Priceline**
 - Saved about \$800 but could not select a specific room

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