

World's largest and most expensive cruise ship Ever!

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THE world's biggest and most expensive cruise ship, **Oasis of the Seas**, has finally taken to the seas. Titanic times 5 in size! Nearly six years in the making and worth a staggering \$1.47 billion.

Oasis of the Seas is 16 decks high, or 65 metres above the waterline, and measures 360 metres long and 47 metres wide.

It is **50 per cent bigger** than its nearest rival, Cunard's elegant ocean liner **Queen Mary 2**.

With six levels of 2,700 staterooms and 28 ultra-modern loft suites, this 16-deck marvel proves that the impossible, is possible. You have to see it to believe it. The biggest suite is 156 square metres and features a large 78.3-square-metre balcony with a Jacuzzi.

Last Tuesday, a week ago, I was lucky to be one of the elite Aussie delegation of 40 who boarded Oasis of the Seas in its homeport of Fort Lauderdale, Florida in the USA. '**Lucky**', believe me is an understatement!

Royal Caribbean built a new dedicated terminal specifically for **Oasis of the Seas** in Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale, USA. The infrastructure and check-in efficiency took just 12 minutes curb to onboard ship was the first of our WOWing!

The **Oasis of the Seas** can accommodate up to 6360 passengers' with 2255 crew of 60 odd nationalities across the globe servicing your every need. She offers a **world of luxuries, including:** 21 swimming pools, an aqua park, a casino and mega 3 storey spa, a zip line, the world's first open-air amphitheatre at the stern, a turf-covered chip and putt golf course, two surfing simulators, a full size basketball court, dedicated kids zones catering from 6 months to teens; it's more like a giant ritzy resort than a cruise ship.

I spent my first 36 hours with my camera in hand and my mouth gaping with a **WOW, Wow, wow!** Oasis takes resort cruising and resorting completely to another level! Most amazing resort on water ever built. I kept pinching myself, unbelieving that I was even there.

She is the most innovative and imaginative ship yet, where, for the first time ever, entertainment areas have become neighbourhoods at sea. Seven distinct neighbourhoods'; ranging from Royal Promenade housing everything from an English pub to Bolero's Latin American bar specializing in mohitos; a string of shops and Karaoke and sports bars galore on deck 5. Climb up one level to Deck 6 where the Boardwalk has everything from more shops to ice-cream bars, Aqua theatre and a real carousel. Central Park on Deck 8 displays over twelve thousand real trees and plants. Restaurant '150 Park Avenue' is just one of Central Park's fine-dining restaurant managed by USA's award winning Junior Chef, Keriann Von Raesfeld. Here you walk through beautiful gardens, fountains boutique shops and cobbled walks feeling like your right in the heart of New York.

Oasis of the Sea's houses over 9800 magnificent works of art displayed throughout its revolutionary public space combining nature with nautical.

Visit the Pool and Sports Zone to explore an entire deck of pools, rock-climbing walls, basketball courts and more. And don't forget the Youth Zone - where kids can be kids and parents can be worry-free. With the total of seven distinct onboard neighbourhoods, everyone can discover a place for unique experiences.

[Pictures: Onboard the Oasis of the Seas](#)

Oasis will be sailing mainly in the Caribbean, had attracted strong pre-bookings despite the global financial crisis and said the aim was to lure new customers who have not cruised before. Mega-cruise resorts such as Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas are now tempting the resort based holiday maker to first time Cruising. "*Part of the thought process of the ship is to overcome the old myths people have about cruising*"

It's very hard to look at a vessel like this and think that cruising is secondary when you can choose rock-climbing, surfing or whiz above the boardwalk on a zip line or flying fox.

Oasis style of mega-cruising now challenges five star land-based resorts for the holiday buck. Cruising is now officially the fastest growing segment of the tourism market *Globally!*

Oasis will sail 7-day Eastern and Western Caribbean itineraries back to back and believe me that every happy cruiser will need at least 7 days to explore this ship.

Oasis of the Seas made its four-night passenger maiden voyage from Fort Lauderdale to Labadee in Haiti on December 1, 2009.

With no plans of cruising Down Under any time soon, Australian's are now able to book a seven night Eastern or Western Caribbean Cruise for just **\$1039 + Port Taxes & Gratuities per person** with [Cruisescene](#). Click [here](#) for a sneak preview or itineraries and costs.

Ship Highlights

7 distinctly designed neighbourhoods including:

Vitality at Sea Spa and Fitness

solo and couple massage suites
youth spa
complete hair and makeup services
158 state-of-the-art cardio and resistance machines
Pilates, kickboxing, yoga and spinning classes
Vitality Café

Pool and Sports Zone

H2O Zone aqua park for kids
4 pools and 10 whirlpools
tranquil poolside Solarium area
2 Flowriders®, sports courts, mini-golf and Zip line
Solarium Bistro, Wipe Out Café and Bar

Entertainment Place

Casino Royale
Studio B, featuring ice shows
Opal Theatre - 1,380-seat venue
Blaze Nightclub, Jazz on 4, Comedy Live
Dazzles, featuring musical spectacles ranging from big band to disco

Youth Zone

Play - open gym and activity area
Adventure Ocean Theatre and Science Lab
The Workshop - includes activities such as Jewelry making & scrapbooking
Royal Babies & Royal Tots - nursery service
Teen Areas including Fuel disco, The Living Room lounge, the Back Deck and more

Ship Facts

Guest Capacity:	5,400	double occupancy
Gross Tonnage:		220,000
Staterooms:		2,700
Decks:	16	high
Length:		1,184'
Max Beam:		184.40'
Draft:		30'
Cruising Speed:	22 knots	

Dining Experiences

View the variety of **dining venues** onboard OasisSM.

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Ports of Call: Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas; Philipsburg, St. Maarten; Nassau, Bahamas; Fort Lauderdale, Florida
2009 Date(s): 12 Dec, **DEALS** 19 Dec , 26 Dec
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Stateroom:	Interior	Outside	Balcony	Deluxe/Suites
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2010 Date(s): 04 Dec
2011 Date(s): 15 Jan , 29 Jan , 12 Feb , 26 Feb , 12 Mar , 26 Mar , 09 Apr , 23 Apr , 07 May , 21 May , 04 Jun , 18 Jun , 02 Jul , 16 Jul , 30 Jul , More 2011 Dates...



Stateroom:	Interior	Outside	Balcony	Deluxe/Suites
Prices From*:	1,039.00	1,249.00	1,389.00	2,529.00

7 Night Western Caribbean Cruise

starting from* **1,039.00 AUD**



Ship Name: Oasis Of The Seas
Departure Port: Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Ports of Call: Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Labadee, Haiti; Falmouth, Jamaica; Cozumel, Mexico; Fort Lauderdale, Florida
2010 Date(s): 11 Dec
2011 Date(s): 08 Jan , 22 Jan , 05 Feb , 19 Feb , 05 Mar , 19 Mar , 02 Apr , 16 Apr , 30 Apr , 14 May , 28 May , 11 Jun , 25 Jun , 09 Jul , 23 Jul , More 2011 Dates...



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Stateroom:

Interior Outside Balcony Deluxe/Suites

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