



We're thrilled to announce *Set Sail: A Voyage of Faith*, a faith-enriching cruise experience hosted by Lori Joiner Ministries. Join us as we deepen our walk with Christ and make unforgettable memories with like-hearted women of faith. We are in for an incredible weekend together as women gather to build relationships, take a break from regular life, and dive into God's Word. What better way to have a girl's weekend than a girl's weekend at sea? So, grab your besties, your bathing suit, your passport, and your Bible, and get ready to ***Set Sail!***

**Q: When is this cruise?**

Thursday, October 7 – Monday, October 11, **2027**. Royal Caribbean Cruise Line sailing out of the Port of Galveston, TX (to Cozumel, Mexico).

**Q: How much does a cruise cost?**

This depends on the type of cabin you book. There are three cabin types to choose from: balcony rooms, ocean-view rooms (with a window), and inside cabins. To see pictures of each room type and inquire about pricing, please visit the site below to connect with our Set Sail travel agent to find you the best deal on a room with our group.

<https://sbanks.dreamvacationsgroups.com/group-registration/#/groups/39702>

You can also email Susan Banks, our travel Advisor, for pricing information at [s.banks@dreamvacations.com](mailto:s.banks@dreamvacations.com) or text: (281) 413-8093.

## **Q: What is included in a cruise ticket price?**

The price of your cruise vacation includes:

- Ship accommodations
- Ocean transportation
- Most meals onboard
- Some beverages onboard
- Most entertainment onboard

The following services are not included in the cruise price:

- Dining in Specialty Restaurants
- Spa and Salon services
- Gambling (Including Bingo)
- Art Auction
- Any purchases made in the gift shops onboard
- Shore excursions
- Photographs
- Video Arcade
- Medical Services
- Internet Access
- Transfers (airfare, transport to port, port parking)
- Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Services
- Ship to Shore Telephone Calls
- Gratuities
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Non-Alcoholic Beverages (excluding water, lemonade, and iced tea)
- Trip Insurance

## **Q: When do I have to pay?**

To reserve a stateroom, \$200 is required (\$100 per person). A full legal name and date of birth are required for booking. Final payment is due July 5, 2027, and will be billed to the same credit card. The cruise line can set up a payment plan with no interest, provided the final

payment is made on July 5, 2027. Please contact Susan Banks, our travel Advisor, for more information. [s.banks@dreamvacations.com](mailto:s.banks@dreamvacations.com)

**Q: How do I pay for conference fees, t-shirts, etc.?**

An additional fee of **\$100 per person** will cover the on board Set Sail Conference fees, t-shirts, special gifts, audio/visual needs, etc. This fee will be paid directly to Lori Joiner Ministries. **An invoice will be sent to you 100 days before sailing.**

**Q: Who do I contact to book my room, make my deposit, or with room or cruise questions?**

Susan Banks, with *Dream Vacations*, is the Travel Advisor handling all room reservations and cruise questions for the Set Sail Cruise. Susan Banks: [s.banks@dreamvacations.com](mailto:s.banks@dreamvacations.com), (281) 413-8093.

**Q: Can I bring my husband on the Lori Joiner Ministries Women's Conference?**

This Lori Joiner Ministries Women's Conference is specifically geared to women of all ages. You can bring your husband; however, the meetings and conference events are for the gals only.

**Q: Can I stay in a stateroom (cabin) by myself?**

Yes, you can. However, if you would like a roommate, let Lori know, and she will see if others are also looking. She can connect you both!

**Q: Can a 3rd or 4th person stay in one stateroom?**

Yes. Susan, our travel advisor, can help you get a room with the occupancy you need and ensure your room is included in our group for all group activities on board.

**Q: What travel documents are required to board a cruise?**

Everyone must present an accepted form of identification to board the ship based on their nationality/country of citizenship. Guests who do

not bring the required documents may be denied boarding. **A passport is highly recommended.**

**Q: Is there a Facebook page for this cruise so I can get more information and meet others who are going?**

Yes! Please click here for the Set Sail Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/603771705716432>

**Q: What are the top things to know after I have booked this cruise?**

- Gathering Documents—Make sure you have the proper forms of identification for your cruise. Give yourself ample time to obtain or renew your passport, if necessary.
- Vaccination Guidance— COVID-19 vaccination is not required to sail on the cruises.
- Testing Requirements— Pre-cruise testing is no longer required to sail on the cruises.
- Before You Board— Don't forget to hand-carry your passport, Boarding Pass, valuables, and medications in your carry-on bag. You'll need your passport and Boarding Pass to board the ship.

**Q: Can I bring my own food, alcohol, bottled water, or soda onboard a Royal Caribbean cruise ship?**

One of the best things about cruising is the food! And there will be many dining options available to suit most tastes and preferences. However, you are free to bring non-perishable prepackaged food in limited quantities. While we have many drink offerings on board, you can bring select beverages.

Royal Caribbean states that on embarkation day, each guest of drinking age may bring one (1) sealed 750 ml bottle of wine or champagne. Boxed wine and other containers are prohibited. Guests who purchase alcohol bottles onboard, in a port-of-call, or bring more than the one permitted bottle on boarding day, will have their items safely stored by

the ship. These bottles will be returned on the last day onboard for enjoyment once home.

Alcoholic beverages (beer, seltzer or hard liquor) seized on embarkation day will not be returned.

Guests may also bring non-alcoholic beverages as carry-on items on boarding day. Non-alcoholic beverages may not exceed 12 standard (17 oz.) cans, bottles, or cartons per stateroom. Milk and distilled water brought on for infant, medical, or dietary use are permitted.

**Q: What dining times are available in the Main Dining Room?**

When you book your cruise with the Set Sail Women's Conference, you'll be assigned to the traditional early dining time of 5:30 PM (**Choose 5:30PM Dining time if asked when registering for your room**). We will coordinate with the cruise staff to have the group seated together.

**Q: How do the cruise lines accommodate guests with special dietary requirements or gluten and other food allergies?**

- Every effort is made to accommodate guests' dietary requirements whenever possible.
- We can accommodate dietary needs such as: Food allergies, Gluten-free, Kosher, Low-fat, and Low-sodium.
- A variety of vegetarian meals are available on all menus in the Main Dining Room and Buffet daily. Guests do not need to make a special request for these meals.
- Special meal requests received less than 45 days before sailing (90 days for European/Asian itineraries) are dependent on the ship's product availability. The cruise line will try to accommodate them to the best of its ability.

**Q: Will my phone work onboard a ship?**

Yes, cruise lines work with cellular networks to enable your device to connect via "cellular at sea". These roaming rates to utilize your device are determined by your cellular provider. Before your sailing, it is recommended that you contact your cellular provider for more information on these rates and available special packages.

**Q: Do I need to have an internet package? How do I connect to the ship Wi-Fi?**

No, you do not need an internet package to use the app onboard. Simply connect to your ship's guest Wi-Fi to use the app for free without an internet package. The easiest way to connect to the ship's Wi-Fi once onboard is via your phone's Settings. Every ship's Wi-Fi follows the same format: Guest-(ship name)-Wi-Fi. Once you're connected, you can continue to use the mobile app or purchase or activate an internet package by going to login.com in a browser.

**Q: Can you tell me more about the *Set Sail Conference* on board?**

Lori will host a welcome reception upon boarding the ship, where you will see the venue for the large meetings, receive your conference registration packet, and *Set Sail* agenda. She looks forward to hugging necks and meeting some of you for the first time! She will speak 4 times and is thrilled to be writing a completely new retreat just for our voyage.

Below is a rough draft agenda to show the overall conference and how it fits into the cruise experience. Please note that many details are still in flux as we work with the Royal Caribbean staff to best suit the needs of the *Set Sail Conference*.

#### Day 1: Thursday, October 7

**12:00-2:00** Board ship, check out your cabin, grab lunch in the Windjammer Restaurant

**2:00-4:00** Welcome Reception and Conference Packet pick up for *Set Sail Conference*

**4:00** Embarkation

**5:30 Dinner**

**Day 2: Friday, October 8 (sailing)**

**9:00 Main Meeting**

**9:30 Lori Speak Session 1**

**10:15 Discussion Questions**

**10:30 Break**

**10:45 Lori Speak Session 2**

**11:30 Discussion Groups**

**12:00 Break for Lunch**

**Day 3: Saturday, October 9 (Cozumel)**

**Day 4: Sunday, October 10 (sailing)**

**9:00 Main Meeting**

**9:30 Lori Speak Session 3**

**10:15 Discussion Questions**

**10:30 Break**

**10:45 Lori Speak Session 4**

**11:30 Discussion Groups**

**12:00 Break for Lunch**

**Day 5: Monday, October 11 (disembarkation, back in Galveston) – no events**

**Q: Do I need a passport to cruise?**

Everyone will need to present an accepted form of identification to board the ship. We strongly recommend that all guests present a passport as their form of ID on boarding day, and for some guests, a passport is required.

**The passport must be valid for six months after the day your cruise ends. The name on your passport should match the name on your reservation.**

While some other forms of ID may be accepted for your cruise (such as a birth certificate), a passport is the very best option, and here's why:

- A passport is the hassle-free, gold standard for traveling between countries.
- Boarding and disembarking through customs with a passport is usually faster than with other types of ID.
- If you have an issue while exploring a foreign port (such as missing the ship), it's best to have a passport with you.

**Guests who do not bring the required documents may be denied boarding.**

**Q: What if the name on my identification does not match my reservation due to a legal name change, married name, or other reason?**

Everyone will need to present an accepted form of identification to board the ship. It's important that the name on your reservation appears exactly as it does on the government-issued identification document(s) that you use to board the ship.

If your name has changed since your document was issued, you will either need to update the name on that document or bring an additional, official supporting document to help explain why the name is different. This can include one of the following:

- State, county or province-issued marriage license
- Divorce decree
- Government-issued name change document
- Official adoption papers

U.S. citizens who are able to present a birth certificate plus a government ID for their itinerary, should keep in mind that the name on BOTH of these documents must match each other, and match the reservation. If they don't, you'll need a supporting document as listed above.

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For additional information and for non - U.S. citizens please refer to this link: [Travel Documents & Requirements | Royal Caribbean Cruises](#)

**Passport Application Information:**

**STEP ONE:** Visit this link to the passport application site to apply for a passport or renew an old one. Your passport must be valid for six months after the day your cruise ends. The name on your passport should match the name on your reservation. If in doubt, renew your passport.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply.html>

**STEP TWO:** You will fill out your passport application online and **print**.

**STEP THREE:** Then you will go to the United States Postal Service website to schedule a passport **appointment** to show up in person to apply for your passport. You will be able to search for a post office near you that processes passport applications.

<https://www.usps.com/international/passports.htm>

**STEP FOUR:** Proceed to your nearest Walgreens to have them take your **passport photo**.

**STEP FIVE:** Take all the above documents (and any needed documents from your application such as driver's license and birth certificates, etc.) passport photo, and money to pay for your new passport to your actual passport appointment. **Note:** you will stand in line. It takes a while. Do

not schedule anything directly after your passport appointment or you will be late.