



# Crafty Neighbor Cruises

## FAQs

### Where does the cruise go/What ports does the ship visit?

This fun-filled cruise features 5 nights at sea, including the ports of Cozumel and Progreso, Mexico. Our port itinerary is as follows:

- **Saturday, Sept. 18:** Galveston, Tx; Depart 4:00 pm
- **Sunday, Sept. 19:** Fun day at sea; cropping, classes, make-n-takes, etc.
- **Monday, Sept. 20:** Progreso, Yucatan, Mexico; 7:00 am – 3:00 pm
- **Tuesday, Sept. 21:** Cozumel, Mexico; 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- **Wednesday, Sept. 22:** Fun day at sea; cropping, classes, make-n-takes, etc.
- **Thursday, Sept. 23:** Galveston, Tx; Arrive 8:00 am

### What is included in the price?

All our quoted prices include your room and board, port fees, taxes and all associated group fees. Basically, the only things that are NOT included in the price are gratuities (about \$50) and insurance (information provided below). Carnival may also elect to reinstitute a \$9 per person/per day fuel service charge. Your meals and entertainment are included in your cruise package. However, there are some optional amenities that will incur additional costs, including, but not limited to: alcoholic beverages, photo packages, spa treatments, onboard shopping, gambling, and anything you might do in port or off the ship.

### **How much is the deposit?**

If you book before May 1, 2010, all regular Inside and Oceanview rooms require a \$50 per person, non-refundable deposit. Suites, Balconies, pre-assigned cabins, and cabins with additional occupants are not part of our regular package and require a \$200 per person deposit (a portion may be refundable). After May 1, all cabins will require a \$200 deposit, and payments will be due according to the payment schedule listed below. You may pay your full balance at any time before the due date.

### **How do I pay?**

We accept cash, checks, money orders and all major credit cards. Call to ask about PayPal payments. Payments should be made payable to Travel For You, Inc. by:

- Mail: **Travel for You Inc at 3436 Livingston, Carrollton, TX 75007**
- Fax: **Available on request. Call 972-965-2606 first.**
- Phone: **972-965-2606 or 214-288-0075**
- Email: **cruise@craftyneighbor.com**
- Online: **<http://www.craftyneighbor.com>**

### **Do you have payment plans?**

Once you have paid your initial deposit to hold your room, you can make payments by mail, fax, phone, or email. You can make payments at any time using any of our payment methods, however, you must meet the following payment guidelines set by Carnival:

- **Additional \$150, or a total of \$200 on account, by May 1, 2010**
- **Full payment due by July 1, 2010**

### **What kinds of rooms are available?**

We currently have two types of cabins reserved for our group: Oceanview and Inside. These are both 2-person staterooms with twin beds. Oceanview cabins feature a window (or in some cases, a porthole). Inside cabins are on the interior of the ship and have no windows or portholes. Cabins with King-sized beds instead of twins MAY be available on request.

### **Do you have Suites/Rooms with Balconies/Rooms for 3 or 4 people?**

Because these cabins are not reserved as part of our regular cruise package, availability is limited. Some cabins may require a \$200 per person deposit.

### **What is the cost of Suites/Rooms with Balconies/Rooms for 3 or 4 people?**

Because these cabins are not reserved as part of our regular cruise package, pricing may vary. Prices quoted are current as of the date listed and may change at any time. Please call or email to confirm current pricing.

- [Contact us for current cabin pricing](#)

### **What are some other things I might have to pay for?**

Your cruise package includes room and board, taxes, port fees and all group fees. This includes your meals and most of the activities onboard. There are a few exceptions, including, but not limited to spa treatments, alcoholic beverages, photo packages, onboard shopping, gambling, and anything you might do in port or off the ship. Not included in your package are gratuities (about \$50) and insurance (information provided below). Carnival may also elect to reinstitute a \$9 per person/per day fuel service charge. Those fees will be assessed before you board.

### **What kinds of documents do I need/Do I need a passport?**

You will need a passport and some form of government-issued photo I. D., such as driver's license or state I. D. card. If you do not have a passport already, you should apply for one as soon as possible. Passports generally take 6-8 weeks once you apply, but delays can occur and you will not be allowed to travel without it. You can apply for a passport at your local post office or county government office.

### **What if I can't travel/Can I purchase travel insurance?**

You can purchase optional insurance at an additional cost (about \$40) that will protect you in case you are unable to travel after you have paid for your cruise. Please contact us to discuss the rates and limitations of coverage.

### **When is the crop room open?**

We are working to ensure that we have a crop room available for 24-hour access during your cruise. The exact location and availability of the crop room will be announced at a later date.

### **Can I leave my scrapbooking supplies in the crop room?**

In the past, the room that was provided to us did not lock; therefore, it is advised that you take your scrapbooking materials and supplies with you whenever you leave.

### **Are there classes?**

We plan to have several classes if there is sufficient interest. Details about all classes and make-n-takes will be announced at a later date.

### **Are there make-n-takes?**

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### **Can other cruise passengers crop with us?**

Many of you have asked if your friends and family who are already booked on this cruise can join us in the crop room. The answer is YES! We'd love to have your friends and family join us! Croppers who are not part of our group can join us in the crop room for free on a "space available" basis, however, they will not receive any goodie bags or group benefits that may be available to registered participants. Walk-in croppers may participate in our scheduled classes and workshops by registering for them in advance when the class list becomes available.

### **What if I don't scrapbook?**

That's okay! There are still plenty of things to do onboard, and you don't have to scrapbook for even one minute if you don't want to! Many of our participants never scrapbook at all!

## **What else is there to do on the ship besides scrapbook?**

A cruise ship is a lot like a city at sea. There are LOTS of things to do at all hours of the day and night. If you don't feel like scrapbooking, you might be interested in some of these other activities:

- Captain's Dinner
- Fine Dining
- Mini Golf
- Youth Programs - (ages 2-15)
- Singles Meet & Greet
- Full gambling
- Karaoke
- Nightclub shows
- Midnight shows
- Spa
- Fitness classes
- Beauty seminars
- Art Auction
- Guest Talent Show
- Duty-Free Shopping
- Late Night Deck Party
- Dance classes
- Couples and Lovers Game
- Lido Deck and Pool Games
- Much more!

## **What kind of things can I do while I'm in port?**

Both Progreso and Cozumel offer a wide variety of planned off-ship **Excursions** that can be booked through Carnival once you have received your boarding documents. Many shore excursions have little or no additional fees. You may also opt to venture out on your own, or simply stay aboard the ship and enjoy some of the amenities there. Some of our participants just stay onboard and scrapbook!

## **Can I bring my husband/kids?**

Absolutely! There are lots of activities for your family to do onboard, including special programs just for kids. Inquire about our multi-occupant pricing.

### **What kinds of tools and scrapbooking supplies can I bring?**

We are working on a list of approved tools that the cruise line will allow you to bring. All tools must meet the approved guidelines. More details will be available at a later date. When packing tools, it is advised that you partner with your friends to bring only what is necessary, and avoid duplicating larger and seldom-used tools if possible.

### **How many bags/how much luggage can I bring?**

Currently, there are no restrictions on the number of bags/suitcases you can bring with you on a Carnival cruise. However, keep in mind that most of your luggage will be “checked” and delivered to your stateroom after the cruise is underway. Carnival does suggest limiting your baggage to two (2) checked bags. We recommend using a porter to check your luggage for a modest tip at embarkation; \$1 per bag is customary. You may bring one carry-on tote/bag with you at embarkation.

### **What can I bring with me at embarkation, and what to I have to “check”?**

Carnival allows passengers to bring one carry-on bag/suitcase/tote with them at embarkation, however, for security reasons, your scrapbooking tools should be checked. Checked luggage will be delivered to your stateroom as it is processed onboard. This process can take several hours, and your luggage may not be delivered until late in the evening. It is advised that you pack your carry-on bag to include any necessities you might need for the day as well as any valuables.

### **Should I lock my luggage?**

For security reasons, all luggage is screened at embarkation. Therefore, it is advised that you do not **lock** your luggage. Instead, we advise that you purchase a number of inexpensive “zip ties” and use those in place locks whenever possible. This will ensure the cruise line access to your luggage if necessary, but will also prevent accidental opening during loading.

### **Do I have to pay for food/beverages?**

Your meals and beverages are provided on the cruise at no extra cost. This includes the main dining room, buffets, casual dining restaurants, and room service. The only exceptions to this are the coffee shop/dessert bar, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages. In addition, Carnival offers an “Unlimited Soft Drinks” package for a modest fee plus gratuities. You may also bring a small quantity of soft drinks on board for personal use in your stateroom. Guests (21 years of age

and older) may bring on board one bottle (750ml) of wine or champagne, per person at embarkation, only in their carry-on luggage. A \$10 corkage fee per bottle will be charged should you wish to consume this wine in the main dining room. Guests may bring a small quantity of non-alcoholic beverages. All prohibited alcohol, excessive quantities of wine/champagne or non-alcoholic beverages will be removed and stored for safekeeping until the end of the voyage. The retained item(s) will be delivered to your stateroom on the last night of the cruise. Unsealed containers with prohibited liquids will be discarded, as well as any unclaimed items left after the voyage, and no compensation will be given in either case. Alcoholic beverages of any kind purchased in any Port-of-Call will be retained at the gangway, stored on board and held by Carnival until the end of the voyage. Alcoholic beverages of any kind purchased in the ship's gift shop will be stored on board and be retained by Carnival until the end of the voyage.

### **How much/what can I buy duty free?**

All Heads of Households are required to complete one U.S. Customs Declaration Form, to include those family members traveling with them who reside at the same address. The Head of Household must declare the total value of all articles acquired abroad that they are bringing into the United States, including those items purchased on the ship, in foreign ports and any duty free stores. All purchases including tax-free items (ex: artwork, unset precious gemstones, perfume, cosmetics, antiques and U.S. made products) must be listed on the back of the U.S. Customs declaration form. Undeclared merchandise is subject to seizure and/or penalty. If the family has exceeded the U.S. Customs exemptions, the Head of Household must present him or herself with receipts to the Customs Agents on the last morning of the cruise before the debarkation process begins.

Duty-Free Allowance:

- \$800 (retail) of duty-free purchases per person may be spent
- 1 liter of alcohol per person (21 years or older)
- 1 carton of cigarettes containing 200 cigarettes (18 years or older)
- 100 non-Cuban cigars (18 years or older)

### **Where can I get more information about the cruise?**

Please visit the Carnival FAQ page for more information about Carnival Cruises at [Carnival Cruise FAQs](#)

Or contact us at [cruise@craftyneighbor.com](mailto:cruise@craftyneighbor.com)