

## Cruise Q & A

### 1. What is the breakdown of costs?

	<u>Inside Cabin</u>	<u>Outside Cabin</u>
Cabin Cost	\$ 220	\$ 280
Gov't taxes & fees	147	147
Fuel Surcharge (NEW)	25	25
Prepaid gratuities	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
Total (per person)	\$ 442	\$ 502

### 2. Is it too late to make a reservation?

No, it's not too late. Our District has 50 cabins "held". Once those are filled, you can still make a reservation, however the rates for our District (as quoted on the promotional brochure) may not be guaranteed.

However, the later you wait to make a reservation you'll need to pay more each month than the payment plan suggests in order to stay on schedule to be paid in full by October 15, 2008.

### 3. Do we need a passport?

Yes, passports will be required by the time we sail for everyone traveling. Everyone is required to have a valid passport. They no longer accept expired passports on a cruise. Currently, passports are taking 4-6 weeks from application to you receiving it. You can get passports done at most post offices. Check the Postal Service website, [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com), to see which stations offer this service.

### 4. What things will we charged for while onboard the ship?

The only thing you will be charged for while onboard the ship is: specialty drinks such as Cappuccino, etc. and soft drinks. Coffee, Iced tea, juice and water are free with meals and there are several self-service drink stations throughout the ship where tea, coffee, lemonade, fruit punch and fresh water can be obtained 24 hours a day. Of course, any purchases of a personal nature, such as gift shop purchases, beauty salon, etc. are at your own additional expense.

**5. Can we purchase shore excursions?**

Shore excursions can be purchased through the cruise line but are optional. Many people choose just to do their own thing once in port. It is much less expensive to do it this way. Shore excursions purchased through the cruise line average from \$15 to \$300 per person.

**6. Who is eligible to go on this cruise?**

Currently we are looking at the same persons who would be attending our annual Ministers and Mates Retreat. The purpose is for the edification, inspiration and relaxation of our pastors and ministerial staff or those called into full-time ministry service. So those who are elders, deacons as well as local and district licensed ministers and retired pastors would be eligible to attend.

**7. Will there be a schedule of group activities?**

We will be meeting only once per day and those times will not interfere with shore excursions. You will have ample time for R & R.

**8. Can we upgrade our cabin?**

Yes, you can upgrade. Until you get to \$200 paid in per person, your cabin is a "guarantee", which means there is no cabin assignment yet. If no cabin is assigned, it is possible that the cruise line will automatically upgrade you free of charge (only in same cabin type – just different location). This is a possibility only – not a guaranteed upgrade. The upgrade for inside cabins would be from inside cabin category 4A to 4B, 4C, etc. and from outside cabin 6A to 6B, 6C, etc. The difference is the location on the ship. The rooms are the same size. "A" refers to the lower deck of cabins, "B" is the next deck up, and so on. Anyone specifically requesting to be upgraded will have to pay an upgrade charge of about \$150-\$300 per cabin. If you have no deck preference you can wait and see if you are automatically upgraded by the cruise line. Once you are assigned a specific cabin number you can no longer upgrade. If you request to be located next to someone specific, you are assigned a cabin and can not be upgraded.

**9. Can we upgrade to a suite?**

Yes, you can upgrade to a suite. Suites are more spacious and have a separate sitting area and a private balcony. The total cost of a suite is \$1,904.00 per couple (not per individual). This includes taxes and pre-paid gratuities. This is an option for those who plan to spend less time on the decks or onshore at ports.

**10. Is there a difference in the cabins on each deck?**

The cabins are the same size. The only difference is on the lower decks you feel less movement of the ship. On the higher decks you feel more movement and can feel the wind.

**11. If we reserve a cabin and then can not go, can we transfer the cabin to someone else?**

The cruise line sometimes allows a name change (or a transfer), but up to a certain time frame and subject to Homeland Security regulations. The best thing to do would be to call the phone number on the brochure for the travel insurance company and ask them if the travel insurance would cover that. If the answer is yes and there is a chance you may not be able to go, then you could just add travel insurance to your reservation. Depending on the timing, you may still be subject to cancellation fees.

**12. When is the final payment due?**

Payment in full is due to Group Travel Services by October 15, 2008. If you are using the payment plan, please note that your final payment is due 2 ½ weeks after your September payment.