SHIP NOTES · UTOPIA OF THE SEAS

A mega-ship *on a three-night schedule.*

Utopia is Oasis-class — up to about 7,900 people, 18 decks, eight neighbourhoods — but she sails short Bahamas trips from Port Canaveral. That combination is unusual, and it changes the calculation: you get every facility of the biggest ships, and only three or four days to walk them.

At a glance

CLASS	Oasis · up to ~7,900 people
ACCESSIBLE CABINS	44 of 2,834
LIFTS	24, with destination panels
HARDEST PART	Short sailings leave no recovery day

44 ACCESSIBLE CABINS, AND A SHORT SAILING TO CLAIM ONE

The same 44 wheelchair-accessible staterooms as Wonder, among about 2,834 — one Crown Loft Suite, two junior suites, a family balcony, 24 balcony, 8 Boardwalk or Park balcony, 2 oceanview and 6 inside. On short cruises they turn over faster, which cuts both ways: more sailings to choose from, but a lot of competition for each.

Getting around *the ship*

- **24 lifts serve decks up to 16**, twelve forward and twelve aft, with six more reaching decks 17 and 18.
- **Destination elevators**, introduced with Icon class: you choose your deck on a panel *before* boarding the lift, and there are no buttons inside. Fewer stops, less crowding — but it's a change if you're used to older ships, so give yourself a moment the first time.

- **Two escalators connect decks 2 and 3**, forward and aft, which helps on embarkation day.
- **Eleven decks have cabins** across eight neighbourhoods, so the cabin you pick decides how far you walk all week.

The short-cruise *trade*

- **Less time to recover.** On a three-night sailing there is no sea day to write off — if embarkation day costs you, it costs a third of the trip.
- **Busier ship, per day.** Short sailings draw a livelier crowd and the venues fill faster.
- **But two port days at most**, so the hardest part of cruising — getting ashore and back — happens less often.
- **She's LNG-powered and new** (2024), so her accessible cabins are built to current standards.

> **A GOOD SHIP FOR A FIRST TRY**
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> If someone is testing whether cruising still works for them, a short sailing on a new, well-equipped ship is a sensible experiment: modern accessible cabins, plenty of lifts, and you're home in three days if it doesn't suit.

Check with Royal Caribbean

- Ask which accessible cabins remain and where they sit fore to aft.
- Ask how the destination elevators work on your sailing if you'd rather not learn at the lift.
- Ask about pool and whirlpool lifts, which exist on the fleet but aren't self-service.
- Request pier assistance 30 days ahead, Royal's stated window, or call the Access Department on 866-592-7225.

Where this comes from

- Royal Caribbean — guest special needs and accessibility
- Firsthand observation on recent sailings, with the date noted above.
- How we check things — our method, and what "last checked" means.

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