

9-Night 4th of July Cruise to Bermuda and the Caribbean



July 2 – 11, 2026

Starting from: \$2,199 per person

10 Days, 1 Country

Booking Deadline: March 20, 2026

Low booking deposit of: \$250 Per Person



Relax on the pink sand beaches and the warm ocean breeze as you enjoy the many places to experience the history and culture with the best cuisine and shopping in the Caribbean.

Daily Itinerary

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Transfer by motorcoach to the Cape Liberty, NJ cruise pier to board the ship, ***INDEPENDENCE OF THE SEAS®***.

Friday, July 3, 2026

Relax and enjoy activities onboard the ship while at sea.

Saturday, July 4, 2026

Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda

Arrive in Bermuda at 8:00 am departing at 4:00 pm.

Discover an enduring legacy of seamanship, historic sights, picturesque towns, world-class golf courses and beaches of pink sand

lapped by aqua-blue waters. For endless underwater thrills, journey beneath the waves to discover enthralling sea life. Enjoy the many water sports offered in and around this gorgeous harbor with delicious places to dine and places to shop.

Fun Things to Do:

- Enjoy a cruise on one of Bermuda's glass-bottom boats to view a world of fish and coral formations.
- Browse the shops and museums of the Royal Naval Dockyard.

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Enjoy the amenities on the Independence of the Seas while at sea.

Monday, July 6, 2026

Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Arrive in St. Maarten at 12:00 pm, departing at 7:00 pm.

What makes St. Maarten so unique is its blend of cultures. The island is home to 120 different nationalities speaking over 80 languages and is governed by two countries: the Netherlands and France. In fact, it's the smallest land mass in the world to be shared by two different nations. While it may be less than 40 square miles, there's plenty to do on this little island. If you're after a little rest and relaxation during your cruise to St. Maarten, you'll find plenty of secluded beaches where you can work on your suntan before treating your taste buds to some of the best cuisine in the Caribbean.

Fun Things to Do:

- Loterie Farm is a nature sanctuary with 135 acres of hiking trails, a zip line adventure course, and a spring fed multilevel pool with cascading waterfalls.
- Head to Front Street in Philipsburg, the capital of Dutch St. Maarten, and shop your way down a mile of dutyfree stores. Before you go, pick up some famous guavaberry liqueur at the Sint Maarten Guavaberry Company.

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Arrive in Puerto Rico at 7:00 am, departing at 3:30 pm.

San Juan, Puerto Rico's vibrant capital, offers 500 years of history and culture to explore. Roam ancient fortresses and colorful colonialera buildings. Dig into flavorful criolla cuisine and reggae beats—the city is a kaleidoscope of new experiences waiting to be discovered.

Fun Things To Do:

- See Baño Grande, a natural swimming pool. Then take a walk on Caimitillo Trail and look for the artificial nest of the Puerto Rican parrot and the flora and fauna of the Palo Colorado forest.
- Explore Old San Juan, the second-oldest European settlement in the New World.

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

Arrive at 8:00 am – Departing at 4:00 pm

Puerto Plata is the Dominican Republic's oldest city in the north and a tourism pioneer. Nestled by the ocean with a mountainous backdrop, the city offers a lively pier, which is known as the Malecon, colorful shops, and opulent homes from the 1800s. The city is famous for Parque Independencia (also known as Parque Central), a park fringed by royal palms and Victorian architecture.

FUN THINGS TO DO:

- Hop on a cable car for sky-high views, take a tour of the local cacao farms, and buy some of the clearest amber in the world, you can set those amber stones in any type of jewelry, taking a piece of Puerto Plata with you.
- One of the most popular beaches in Puerto Plata, Sosua is a stretch of fluffy sand with gorgeous transparent waters ideal for swimming and snorkeling.
- There are also several busy restaurants to enjoy the local cuisine if you're looking for fruits of the sea, try a saucy Pescado con coco (fish in coconut sauce) and bars nearby after your time on the beach.

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Relax and enjoy the Caribbean breeze while at sea.

Friday, July 10, 2026

Enjoy the amenities while at sea.

Saturday, July 11, 2026

Transfer by motorcoach from Cape Liberty, NJ back to Central PA.

Itinerary is subject to change at any time without notification and/or compensation.

Included Benefits

- Free parking with roundtrip motorcoach transportation to the Cape Liberty, New Jersey
- Nine nights aboard the ***INDEPENDENCE OF THE SEAS®***
- All onboard meals and entertainment (specialty restaurants may have nominal fees)
- Onboard Gratuities
- AAA Cocktail Reception
- \$50 Onboard credit per stateroom
- Baggage handling
- Services of a AAA Journey Manager

General Info

Payment

Rates Per Person:

4B – Spacious OV Balcony; Double Rate: \$3,309; Single Rate: \$5,709

2D – Ocean View Balcony; Double Rate: \$3,069; Single Rate: \$5,239

2N – Ocean View; Double Rate: \$2,609; Single Rate: \$4,309

4N – Ocean View; Double Rate: \$2,319; Single Rate: \$3,729

2V – Interior; Double Rate: \$2,199; Single Rate: \$3,509

All non-members must add \$60 to the above rate

Rates are subject to availability at time of booking and include taxes, fees and fuel surcharges which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 25 full fare passengers. Desired pick-up location is not guaranteed until passenger minimums are met.

The rates listed above include the following which are subject to change:

Required Cruise Fees and Expenses of \$265; Double Occupancy Per Person (\$530 single occupancy) Government Taxes and Fees – \$244.73

Payment Schedule:

Deposit of \$250 per person/\$500 per cabin will confirm your reservation. Final payment is due to AAA by **March 20, 2026**.

Cancellation/Penalties

From April 3 – 17, 2026	25% of gross fare per person, plus any additional suppliers' fees
From April 18 – May 1, 2026	50% of gross fare per person, plus any additional suppliers' fees
From May 2 – June 1, 2026	75% of gross fare per person, plus any additional suppliers' fees
After June 1, 2026	Non-Refundable

Activity Level

Comfortable: This trip may include walking tours of up to two hours in length typically on level terrains. May include early morning departures or late-night returns. Climbing multiple flights of stairs, standing for short periods of time, along with moderate altitudes may be necessary.

Travel Assistance

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

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Frequently Asked Questions

When should I book shore excursions?

Your AAA Travel Advisor is happy to help reserve your choice of shore excursions. It's best to book them as soon as possible as they can sell out.

What is a Discoveries Journey Manager?

A Discoveries Journey Manager travels with you on your entire journey. They are there to ensure your trip runs smoothly so you can sit back and relax. They are constantly working behind the scenes, whether it be at airport check-in or cruise disembarkation, they have you covered!

Do I need a passport?

U.S. citizens on homeport cruises (cruises that begin and end at the same U.S. port) are currently able to enter or depart the country with a state issued birth certificate with a raised seal and government-issued photo ID. AAA recommends traveling with an original, signed passport valid for 6 months beyond stay, and with at least one blank visa page for visa stamp(s).

How many bags can I bring?

Two suitcases per person will be allowed by the cruise line. You may also bring a small carry-on bag.

Do I need travel insurance?

For your protection AAA highly recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage only if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit. Other conditions may apply; ask your Travel Advisor. AAA recommends Allianz Insurance.

What will the weather be like?

Average temperatures in Bermuda and the Caribbean for July are in the 80s. Daytime, casual clothes and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Evenings require smart casual or semiformal attire, with two formal nights.

For reservations or more information please contact your AAA Central Penn Travel Advisor at 1-888-743-2844 or visit AAA.com.