

Miami!

Miami is a well-known city throughout the world and offers a wealth of food, beaches, and culture if you have the time to take part either before or after the cruise. Please visit <http://www.miamiandbeaches.com> to learn about what is going on around the time of our cruise and/or what other things in the area might interest you.

Our ship, Royal Caribbean's Jewel of the Seas, is scheduled to leave port at 4:30pm on Saturday, January 15th. **We are required to be boarded by 2:30pm.** If you are intending to travel on embarkation day, please keep in mind that weather or other unforeseen circumstances can change plans in an instant.

We are departing from one of the terminals at Port of Miami:

Port of Miami
1015 N. America Way
Miami, FL 33132

Air:

If you are traveling by air, you have a couple of choices for airports, the largest of which is Miami International Airport (MIA). Miami International is serviced by many national and international airlines including: American Airlines, Delta, Frontier, United, Virgin America, and WestJet. Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) is another option and carries many of the same airlines as Miami, but it also has JetBlue and Southwest. MIA is only about 7 miles from the cruise port, while FLL is 26 miles away. Directions from either airport can be found on this Royal Caribbean page: <https://www.royalcaribbean.com/faq/questions/driving-directions-port-miami>

Transfers:

- Royal Caribbean does offer airport transfers on embarkation and debarkation days only. The rates are \$32 round-trip from MIA and \$60 round-trip from FLL. If you would like to book an airport transfer through Royal Caribbean, please give me a call. You must have your specific flight itinerary; the latest flight arrival on Saturday the 15th is 11:30 AM from FLL and 12:30 PM from MIA to use RCCL transfer services, likewise the earliest departure on Saturday the 29th is 1:00 PM from FLL and 10:00 PM from MIA. If your flight itinerary does not meet this criteria, Royal Caribbean will not allow you to use their transfer services.
- You may take a cab from the Miami airport to the port at a set rate of \$27. It would be substantially more from Fort Lauderdale airport, and it would be metered. The estimate I saw was \$75 each way.
- A great option these days is using a service like uber or lyft. These are people who use their cars in their spare time to offer rides around town, and you'll get much better rates than taxis through these services.
- Lastly, many people seem to forget about it, but Supershuttle has been around for a long time now and has been consistent and cost-effective in my experience. I put in trips for two people from FLL and MIA on their site, and prices started at \$56 and \$26 respectively, so that's a good option too. Their web-site is www.supershuttle.com.

Parking:

- Parking is available at the cruise port. For 14-day cruises, parking is \$350.
- Alternative parking is available as well. Here's 3 less expensive options that all offer shuttles to the port:
<http://www.airportparkingreservations.com> has several options from as low as \$115.
<http://www.premiercruisebooking.com> is about \$145.
<http://www.safecruisebooking.com> is about \$105.
- If you plan to stay at a hotel the night before, check to see if they will take you to the port and pick you up when we return and/or if they'll at least let you park your car there for free during the cruise.

Lodging:

If you are coming in the night before, there are several options for places to stay, most offering free parking for the duration of the cruise. I actually found a great web-site that lists lots of places and their rates. It's <http://www.cruzely.com/miami-hotels-with-cruise-parking>.

You'll see these listed on the web-site above, but my top recommendations are Comfort Suites and the Hampton Inn Miami Airport/Blue Lagoon. Both advertise free parking and shuttles to/from the airport and cruise port, and both offer nice rooms at decent prices with great breakfasts. 😊

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As always, please do not hesitate to call or email if you have any questions or concerns. I always want to help when I am able!