Majesty of the Seas

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Majesty of the Seas is a *Sovereign*-class cruise ship owned by Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd and operated by Royal Caribbean International. She was built at the Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyards in Saint-Nazaire, France, and placed in service on 26 April 1992. Her Godmother is Queen Sonja of Norway. As of 2020, she is the only *Sovereign*-class ship still in service.

The cruise ship offered guests 4 and 5-night Caribbean getaways. It sailed from Florida. Along with *Empress of the Seas*, it was scheduled to sail to Cuba until 2020, but as the US Government applied travel restrictions to the Caribbean Island, Royal Caribbean will transfer the ship to New Orleans, where it offered 7-night cruises to the Bahamas.

Majesty of the Seas anchored off Coco Cay in 2009

History	
Bahamas	
Name:	*Majesty of the Seas*
Owner:	Royal Caribbean International
Port of registry:	1992–2005: Oslo, Norway 2005–2020: Nassau, Bahamas
Builder:	Chantiers de l'Atlantique (St. Nazaire, France)
Launched:	21 September 1991
Christened:	Queen Sonja of Norway
Completed:	26 April 1992
Maiden voyage:	4 April 1992
In service:	1992
Refit:	12 January 2007
Homeport:	Port Everglades, Florida
Identification:	Call sign: C6FZ8 IMO number: 8819512 MMSI number: 311734000 DNV ID: 16765
General characteristics	
Class and type:	*Sovereign*-class cruise ship
Tonnage:	73,941 GT
Length:	880 ft (270 m)
Beam:	106 ft (32 m)
Draught:	28 ft (8.5 m)
Decks:	13 passenger decks
Speed:	22 knots (41 km/h; 25 mph)
Capacity:	2,767 passengers
Crew:	833

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Description [edit]

The ship has a casino and 11 passenger elevators, two of which are glass-walled, various bars, two swimming pools, four hot tubs, a basketball court, and a rock climbing wall. The ship holds 2,350 guests at double occupancy and a maximum of 2,767 guests.[1]

Service history [edit]

On 12 January 2007, *Majesty of the Seas* entered a 4-week dry-dock period where she underwent a multimillion-dollar refurbishment of the pool decks, all public areas, restaurants, shops, centrum and cabins.

Plans to transfer *Majesty of the Seas* to Pullmantur in 2016 had been announced on 21 November 2014, however in July 2015, Royal Caribbean reversed those plans, instead stating that *Majesty of the Seas* would stay with Royal Caribbean International.[2]

Majesty of the Seas entered dry-dock after her 29 April 2016 cruise to receive several upgrades, a children's water play area, a poolside movie screen, and modifications to the casino.[3][4]

Majesty of the Seas entered another dry-dock on 24 January 2018. The dry-dock was completed on 4 February 2018. As of 11 July 2019, *Majesty of the Seas* offers guests 4 and 5-night Caribbean getaways sailing from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Along with *Empress of the Seas*, it was scheduled to sail to Cuba until 2020, but as the US Government applied travel restrictions to the Caribbean island, Royal Caribbean has been working to secure alternative itineraries. For the upcoming years beginning in January 2020, it will sail year-round voyages with New Orleans as its homeport offering seven-night voyages to the Caribbean including Key West, Nassau, Grand Bahama, and Coco Cay.

COVID-19 pandemic [edit]

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the CDC reported, as early as 22 April 2020, that at least one person who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 was symptomatic while on board.[5] As of 14 March 2020 the ship's cruising operations were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.[6]

Scale model [edit]