

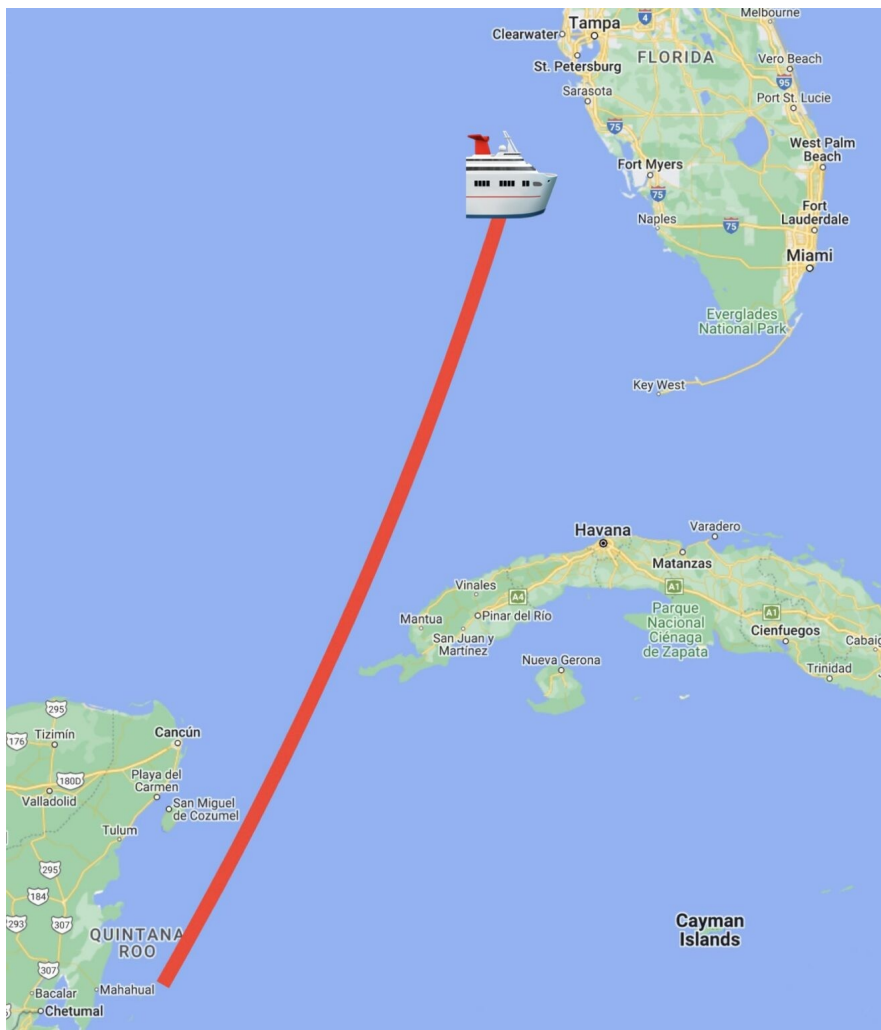
2022, OUTSIDE THE US
OUT AT SEA 2022- DAY 9

November 11, 2022

Locations: Gulf of Mexico / Caribbean Sea

Cruise Day: 7 of 8 (Cruising Out at Sea)

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Today was a day at sea because the ship was now headed back to the States. With it being everyone's last full day on the boat, if there was anything that you wanted to do while on the

ship, like permanently getting banned from this cruise line... today was your lucky day! Sadly, I'm still good. Ha

I should also point out that due to Hurricane Nicole (2022, [wiki](#)) that passed through Florida the day before, the ocean waves were a little choppy on this day, and you could feel the ship gently rocking port to starboard, not bow to stern (as you will see in videos later on).

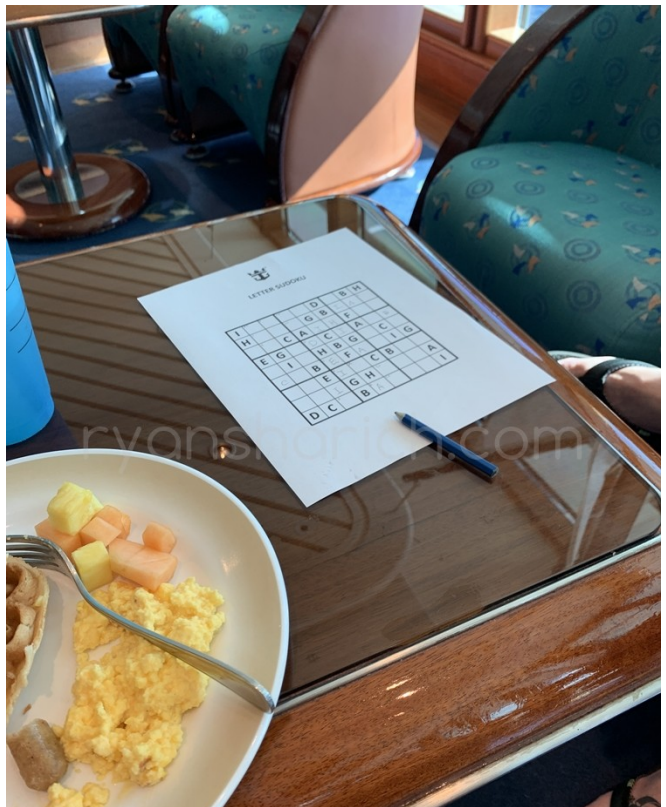
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After getting ready, I went up to quickly grab a plate of food to then take it with me down to the Schooner Bar to join my sister and her boyfriend and play Alphabet Sudoku. I've always played the number version. This trivia was just for fun, and had no prizes. Then later there was another trivia of General Knowledge. I still did pretty well.



Hello there...

(Woke up to see this playing on the TV)



Sudoku and breakfast



And the answer is...

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While I was coming back from my room afterwards, I noticed that they had a _____ ag ceremony taking place in the Centrum (L4) since today was Veterans Day.





From L11

I made my way up to L13 to climb the rock wall. My brother joined and recorded me climbing up the wall to ring the bell towards the top. I said I was going to climb this wall before our cruise was over... and I did it.



I made it... Rock on kids 🙌

Once I finished with climbing, we went over to the pool area on L12, to watch the flag parade circle around the upper pool bar area, and then down the stairs to meet underneath the giant display next to the pool. They went through all the countries of all the crew members on the ship. There were so many, and everyone would cheer for the big groups and Ukraine!

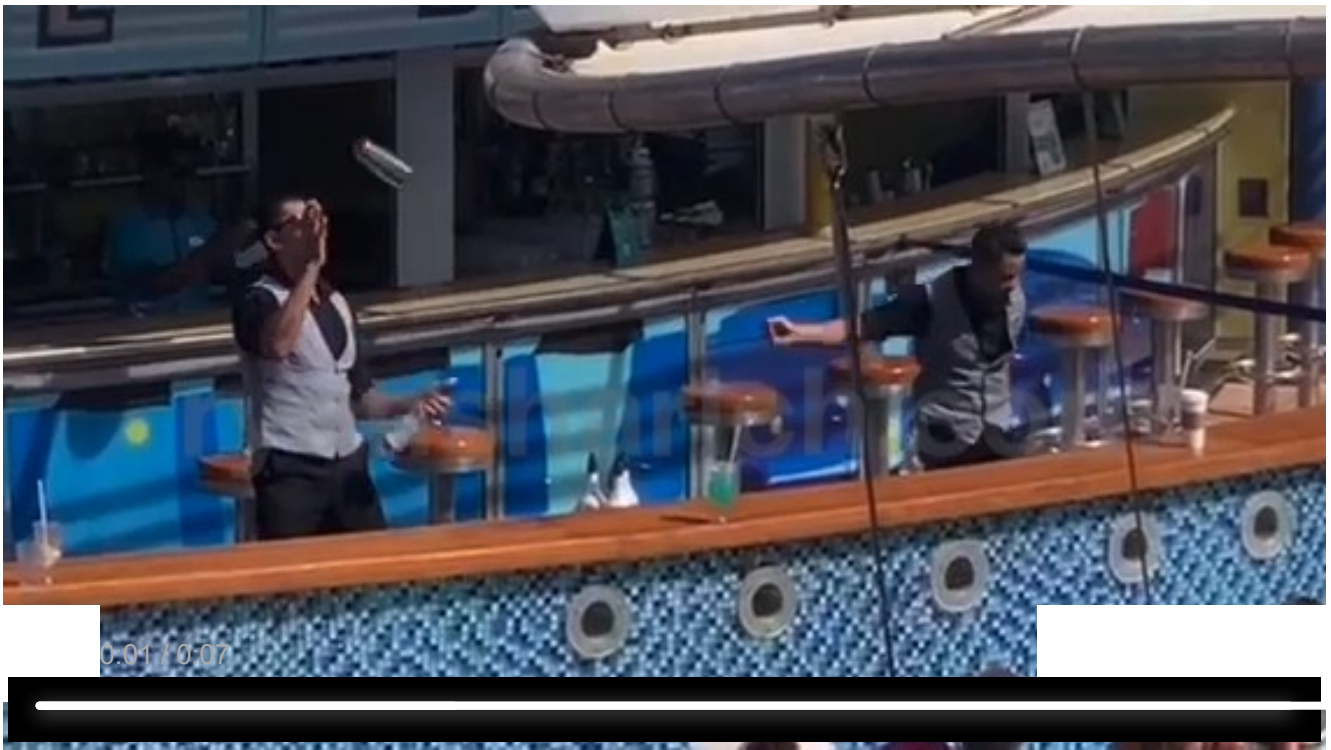


'Merica!



Looking out and seeing if they could spot anything.





Bar tenders showing o their skills.

After this, I grabbed something to eat with my siblings.



Little Caesar's? — Pizza and burgers were my go to meal







My sister's POV

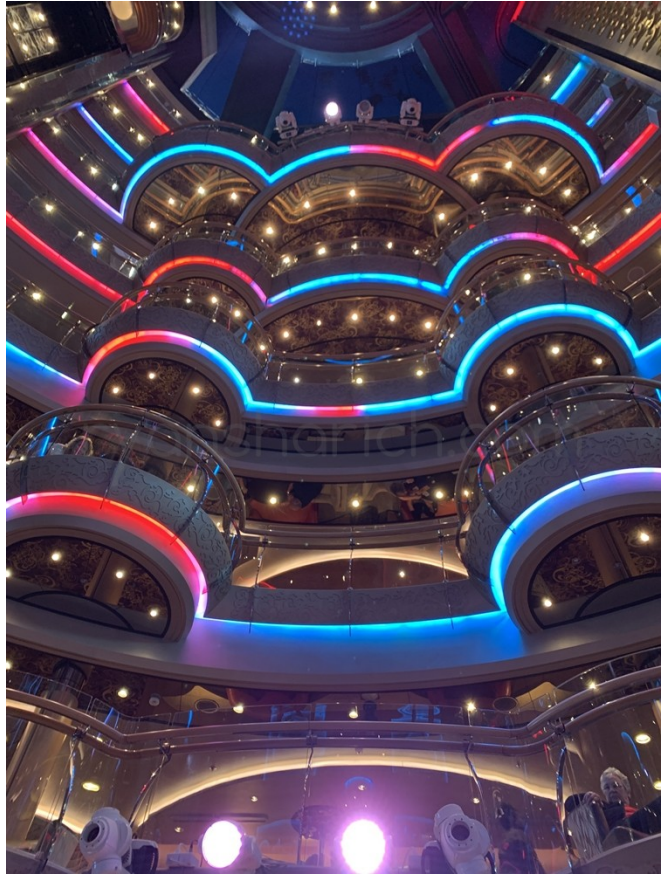
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I excused myself a little later, so I could venture down to the Centrum on L4 to watch the animal towel folding presentation done by 5 different room sta. After the presentation, I

grabbed a complimentary pamphlet on how to make 10 different animals with towels.



My view from the elevator



Pig, elephant, tortoise, snail and orangutan

I knew my family would still be up near the pool, because the “ World’s Sexiest Ma n” competition was taking place (they had a few ladies sitting on folding chairs watching each male contestant do a sexy strip show- only shirts came o). Many found it fun to watch, but like the other night with the “Adult Party Game”, it couldn’t keep my attention (like the Belly Flop Competition). So I ended up walking around those levels taking photos of the ship.



I love how I captured him looking at me.



I did meet up with my mom and sister in the Photo Gallery (L5) where the pictures taken by staff photographers throughout our cruise are printed and displayed to let anyone look at those pictures during the entire cruise. Since today was the last day, it was your last chance to purchase any of those pictures. We ended up buying 4 of them. Because these were Christmas gifts, I couldn't post what I originally wrote for one of the previous days...

[Day 4/Cruise 2] "A few days later, the Photo Gallery sales crew told my siblings that so many people asked them about their picture... " *What was happening in the picture?* ". They said no one has ever caused so much interest in one picture. We always said it looked like it was a photo shoot for a band/album art. Well, those two do play musical instruments."



Once the time arrived, I met up with my family at The Safari Room (L6), to watch everyone play Bingo for the final time that cruise. I didn't want to buy any cards on this day, but I ended up playing all the extra bonus cards my mom received to play that would have been too much for her to keep up in the 3rd round. Still, nobody in our group won... except on the ship's custom scratch tickets.



A ship wayyyyyy out there...





Showing us his dance moves

When that was over, I made my way over to the Schooner Bar to play the *Star Wars* trivia. I was able to answer the questions that involve the movies, but not the TV/Streaming episodes of the different *Star Wars* shows since I have not watched those... yet.



"What is Baby Yoda's real name?"



As soon as that trivia ended, I rushed to my room to change into nice clothes, and made my way back up to our dining table in the restaurant to eat dinner with the family. I noticed that

the sun was setting, so I ran out to get some sunset pictures while my dinner was being made.



Taken the day prior.

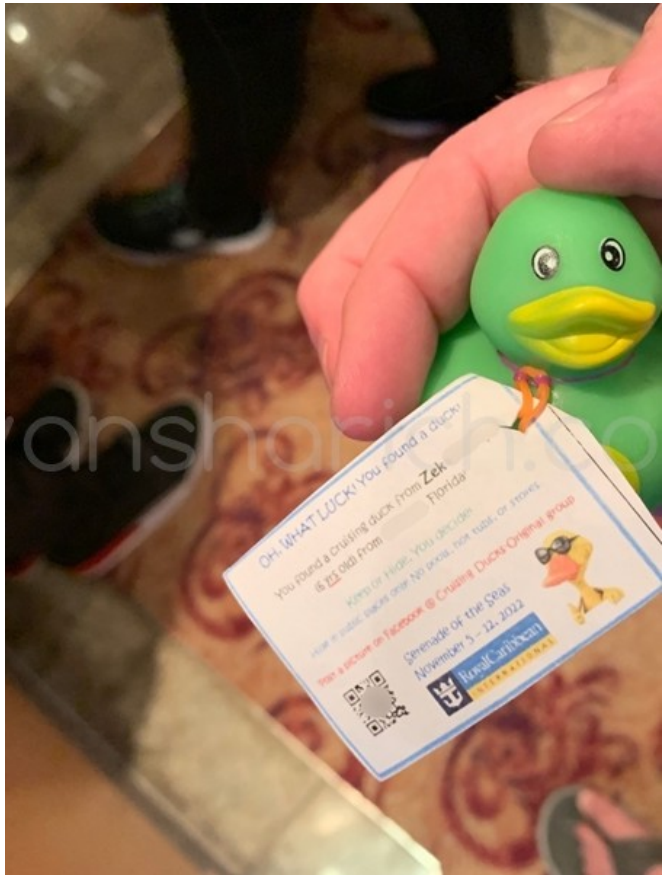
During dinner, the waiter sta put on a farewell show. Notice how many patrons are waving their dinner towels/napkins in the air?



After eating, I let my family know that I was going to start my little side photography project that I was wanting to do this whole cruise. I would be walking all over the ship taking pictures of the entire ship levels using the light from the ship at night.

But before I started that project, I went to my room to change back into casual clothes. When I hopped in the elevator to start the project by heading up to the buffet, I noticed another rubber ducky outside the elevator in an area that no one walks (perfect hiding spot). It was too late to exit the elevator, so I pressed the next level button, exited, and bolted down the stairs to grab that ducky before someone else did. This was my third and final rubber ducky that I found on the ship. Sadly, I misplaced the first one I found, and I ended up giving my kids the remaining two.

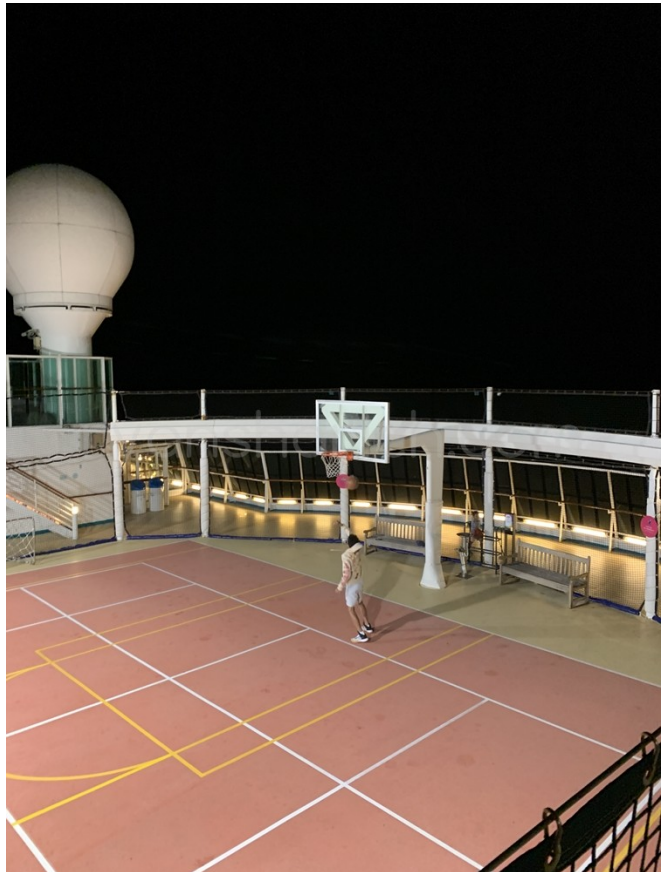
(Also, ever since getting back to work after the cruise, I felt like I am still on the cruise because every once in a while I will find the same kind of mini rubber duckies all over in random spots in my store.)

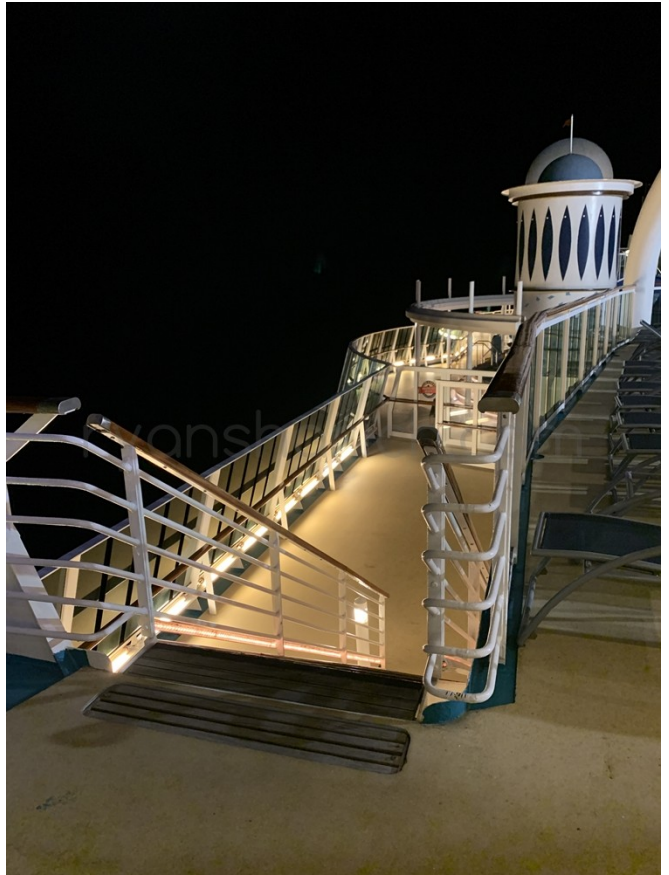


I stopped to re ll my drink, and saw a Congo line until they started dancing to the center of the Windjammer.

I made my way up to Level 13 to start from that level, and work my way down to L2. I mentioned on social media that I took over 3000+ photos/videos from this trip... 1200+ ($\frac{1}{3}$) were from this day alone because of this project. If you are wondering, "Where are all these pictures?"... Some were multiples, others didn't turn out like I hoped (or at all), and I noticed while writing this that I didn't want to bore you with so many random and pointless pictures. So, here is the best 100-ish of the 900+ project pictures.

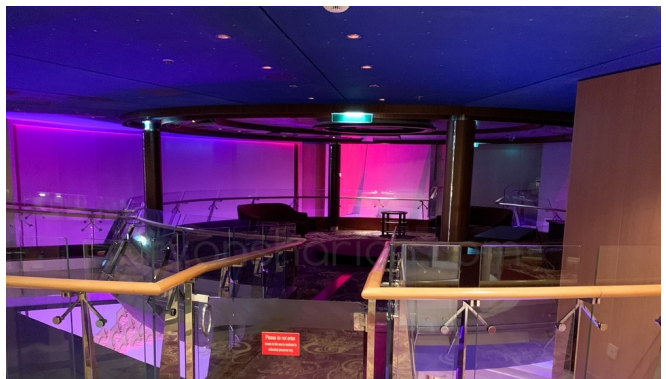
Level 13



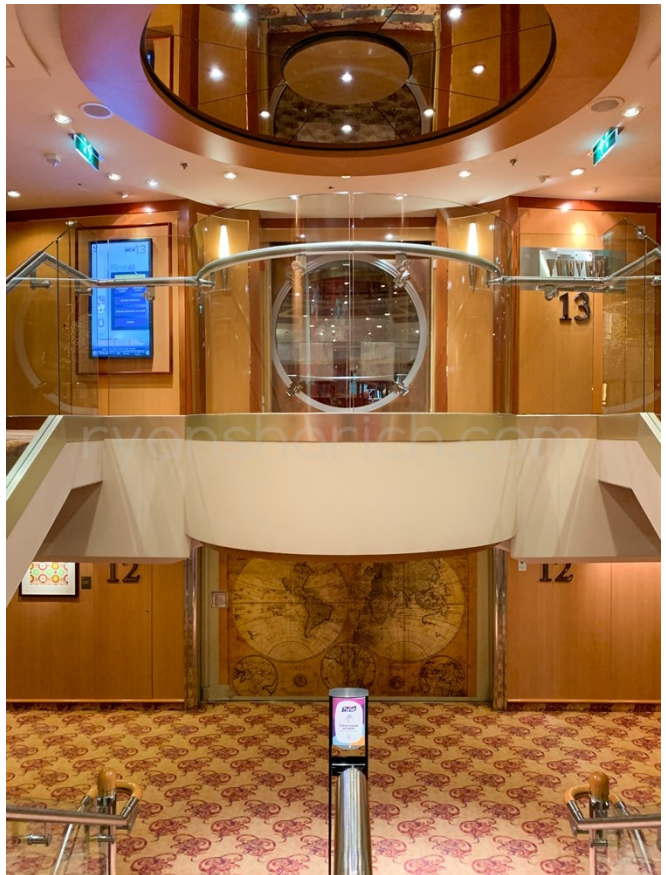




Viking Crown Lounge (L13)



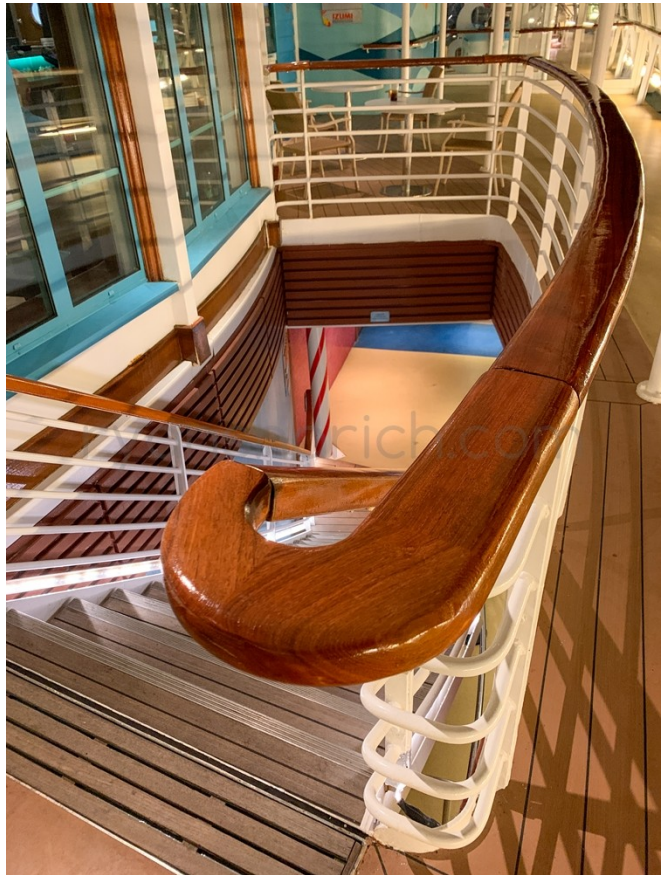
This is above the Centrum... nothing below it
except L4 (9 floors if it were to drop)

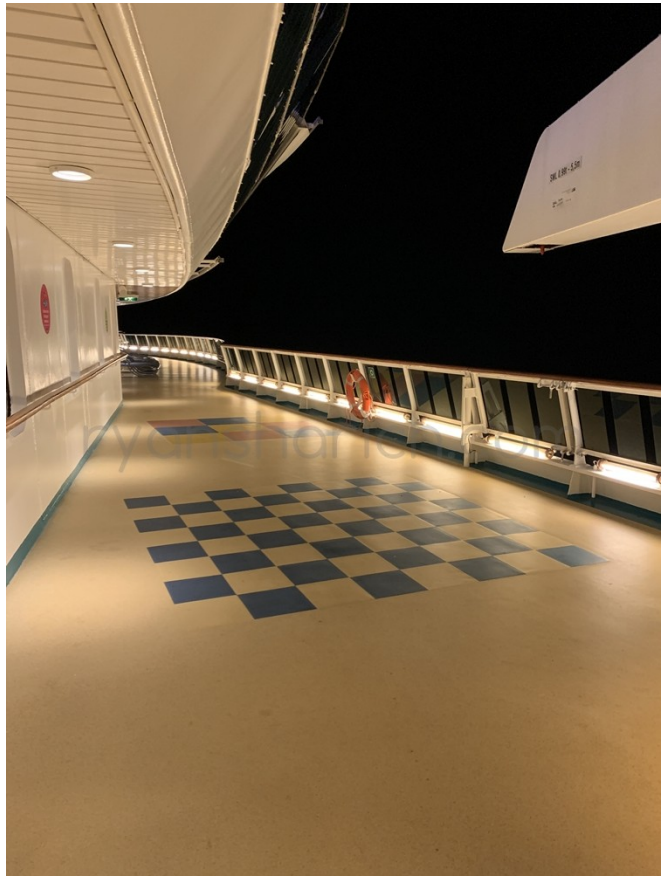


While taking pictures on Level 12, a girl from Greece asked me to take her picture while posing next to a ring buoy on a railing (she had an accent and said “ *pay no attention to the Greek music* [on her phone that I used to take her pictures]”). And no, I didn’t get a picture of her.

Level 12









Outdoor Pool Area (Levels 11 and 12)



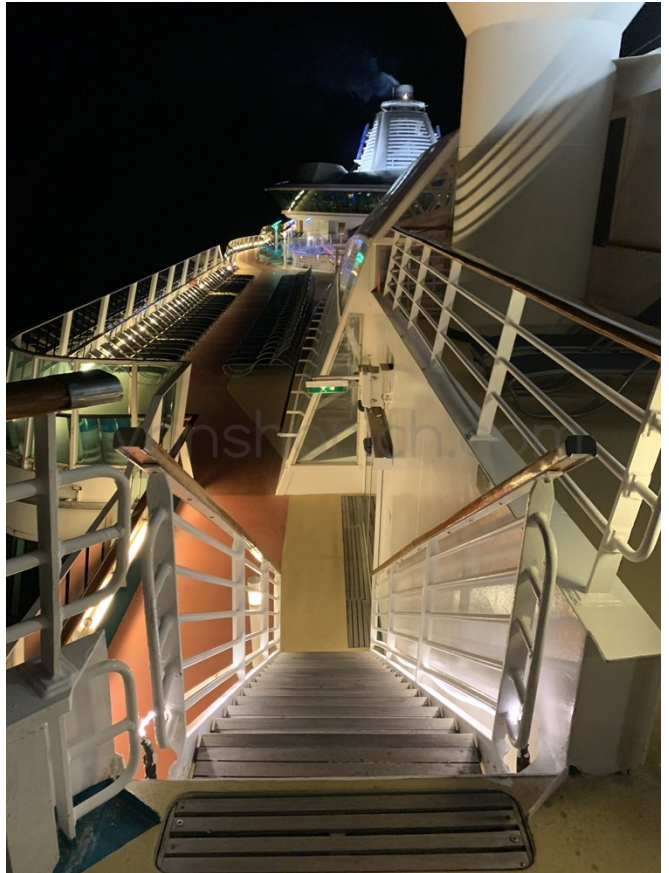
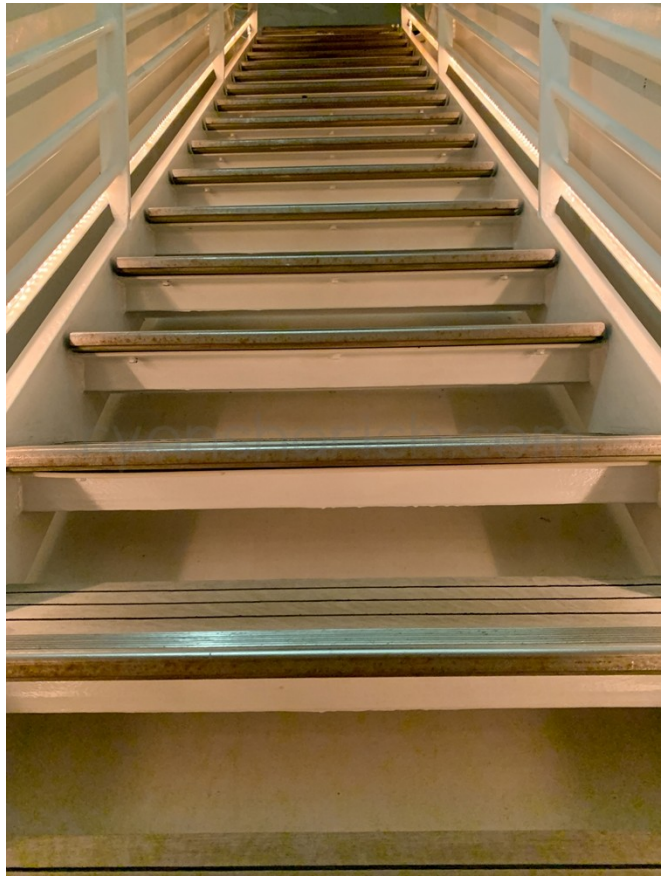








Bow (Level 11 and 12)





After I finished taking pictures on Level 12, I went down to my room to charge my phone for an hour. Once charged, I went back up to meet the family in the theater (L6) to watch the closing show, involving all the different singers and the comedian we saw the first night (new material). I so needed the laughs.



Opening band



Musician



Phil Palisoul

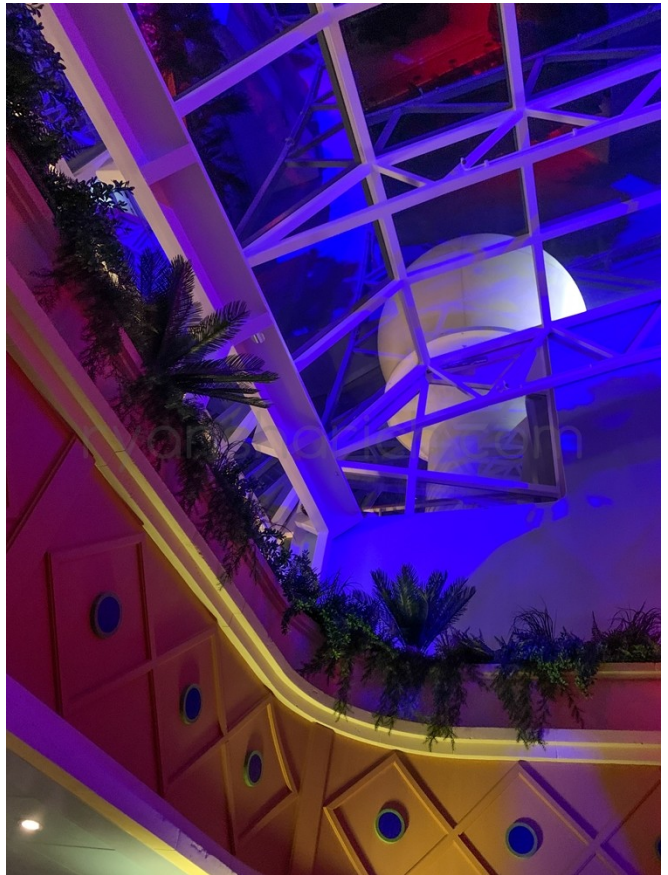


Group musicians

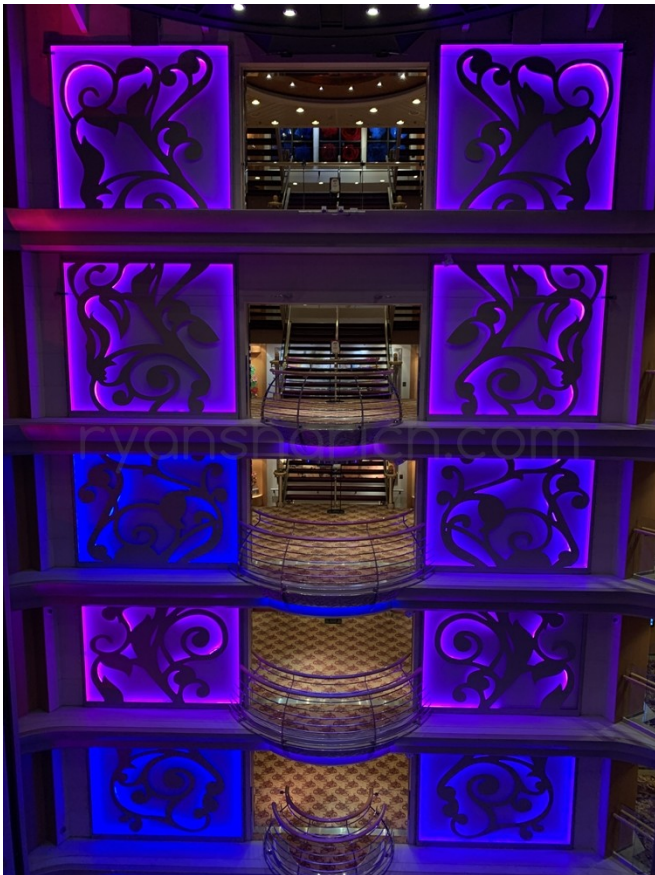
Once the show ended, my brother joined me walking around the remainder of the night on the ship taking pictures... So you will see him in some of the pictures when he got in the way... lol.

Indoor Pool (Level 11)





Centrum (Multiple Levels)



Stairwells (Multiple Levels)



Plates to make an image. It's permanent there.



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Level 6.



Guitarist playing in one of the bars behind the casino.



Wine bottles, nice and chilled.



Exiting the casino.





Schooner Bar (Level 6)



As you enter the Schooner Bar area.

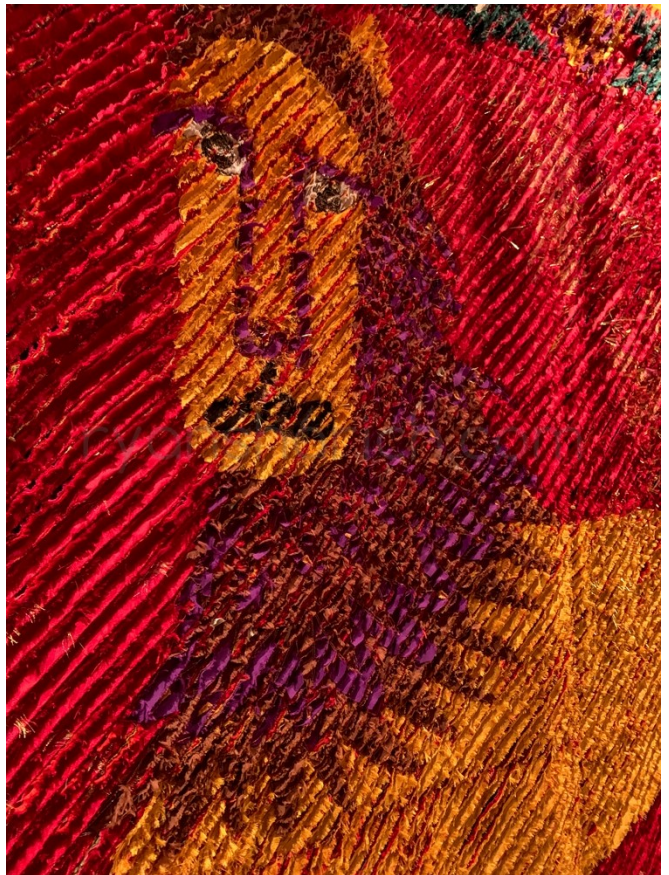


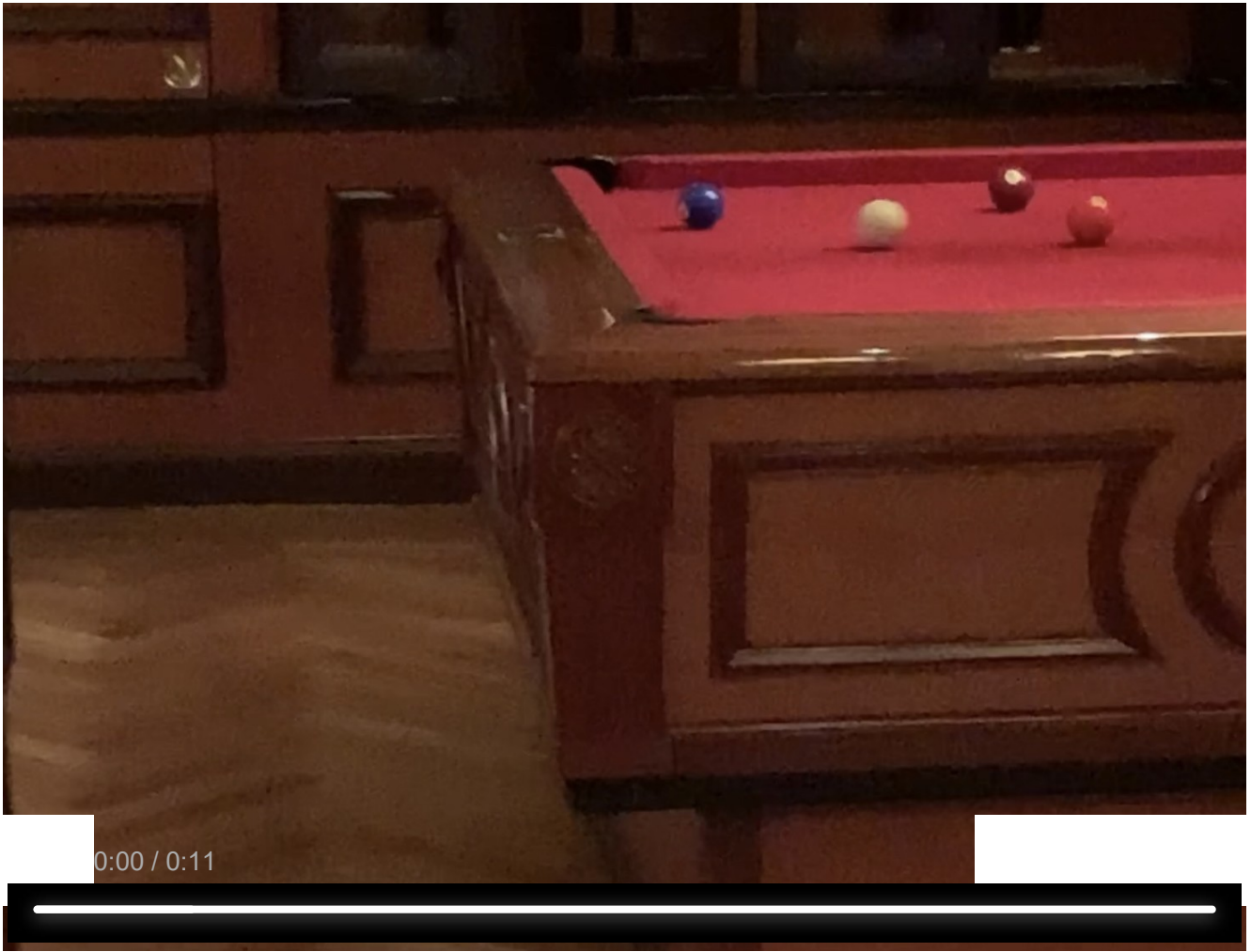


Entertainer playing the piano for guests.

Safari Lounge (Level 6)







Notice how fast it reacts to the boat swaying.

Reactions (Level 5)



The entrance to the restaurant at night.



Shattered glass pane next to the restaurant.



Walking around the stern of the ship.

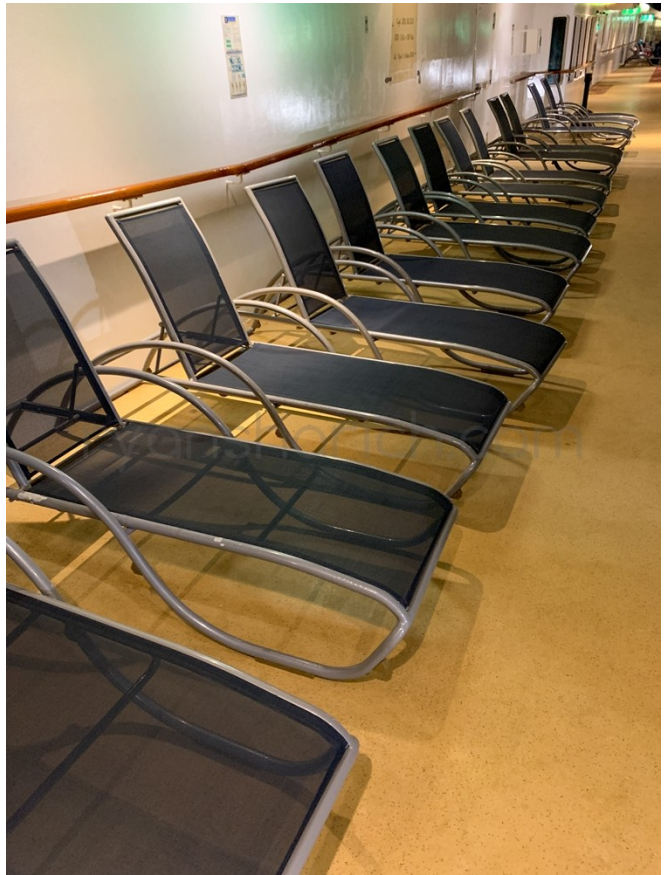


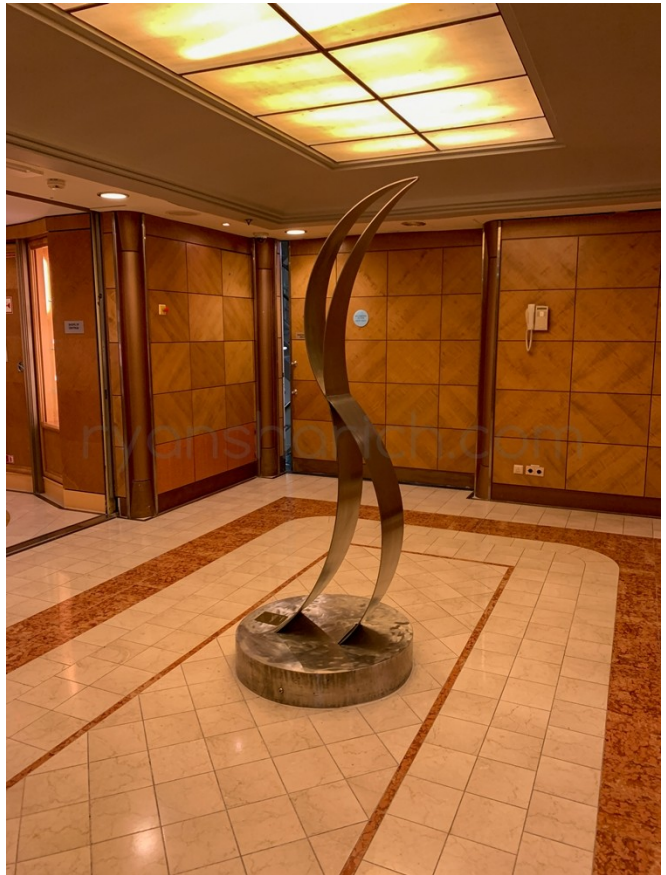
Photo Gallery and Shops (Level 5)



Looking towards the shop's entrance at the Art Gallery.



Where you buy your cruise pictures



Port



Starboard



The door was open a crack.



When you need your longitudes and *Latte-tudes* ...



Art in one of the stairwell level splits.

Levels 2 and 3



Looking up towards the elevator from L2.



Around the other side of the elevator, looking up.



L3 painting between the elevators. Reminded me of El from *Stranger Things*



My family reminded me of the panoramic pictures I did like this in the past.

We walked from Level 12 all the way down to Level 2 while I was taking pictures. By the time we finished, my brother wanted to go play in the arcade. Due to faulty payment equipment on the games, we ended up at the pool area once more.

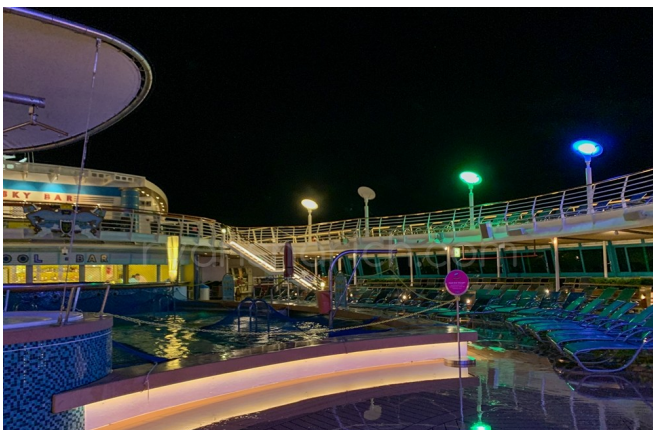
Since it was after midnight by this time, and I had no more pictures to take, we both called it a night since we had to be up early to exit the ship. We got our luggage packed in our suitcases and left them out in the hallway (with assigned tags) so crew could get them off the cruise line in the night, and have them in the building outside the ship once we walked off.



So much for night swimming



Hungry again from walking all over the ship with me.



They hosed down the walkway areas.





This reminded me of The Beatles waiting to cross
Abbey Road



Good night, Mr. Cool Towel Bear

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