

*If you're looking for a luxurious cruise line...*



*...it's Regent's Mariner!*

My husband and I were able to cruise the Eastern Caribbean for seven nights in April 2007 on Regent's lovely ship, the Mariner.

At check-in, stewards greeted us with champagne and directed us to the upper deck to have a marvelous lunch. Afterward we were shown to our cabin. It was fully equipped with a spacious bathroom, walk-in closet, sitting area, and bed. It even included a stunning balcony.

Each day Alona, our stewardess, greeted my husband and me by name. She made sure we had everything we needed, like beverages in the refrigerator, mints on our pillows, and specialty bath products.

The food on the Mariner is what we remember most fondly about our cruise. Some days we ordered room service for breakfast, which was always delivered in a timely manner and exceeded our expectations. We took lunch by the pool and often enjoyed the daily themed meals, such as the International Buffet or Mexican Fiesta. My husband and I love international food, and we found the variety among the four restaurants incredible. The service and presentation was impeccable.

Lounging daily by the pool was a treat. Every hour we were given cool towels and the option to place drink orders with a steward. There was plenty of seating, and a steward arranged everything for us before we sat down.

The ports of call were wonderful. We departed the ship easily and returned in the same manner. The cruise line provided bottled water and towels when we departed the ship, and concierges helped us plan daily activities. In every port the Mariner was the only ship docked, so it was easy to shop and find transportation.

Even though this ship holds 700 people and was filled to capacity, we never felt part of a crowd. We were quickly seated for dinner, given service immediately when asked, and called by name by our stewardess, wait staff, and bar staff. I feel Regent does an amazing job of providing flawless service. There is one service person for every one point six passengers!

We were never at a loss for things to do. The cruise line offered regular fitness classes, on-board lectures, games, art classes, auctions, and lively evening entertainment. A library, including movie rentals, was also accessible.

We were sad that our vacation had come to an end, but we look forward to another perfect cruise on Regent!

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