



"Autism on the Seas" Past Guest Excursion Reviews Nassau, Bahamas

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Blue Lagoon Dolphin Encounter

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise April, 2022
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 4 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments During this excursion, my daughter became scared, crying and wanting to get out. They were very accommodating and kind to us. Before she had gotten out of the water, the dolphin came to her location and was quickly signaled to leave and move past my daughter. I was impressed and would recommend this excursion.

SeaWorld Explorer

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Dec, 2021
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 2 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? No

Comments Submarine portion of the excursion was crowded and loud.

Blue Lagoon Dolphin Encounter

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Dec, 2021
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 4 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Amazing experience. Everyone in our group enjoyed themselves, we were able to really interact with a dolphin with no issues at all. The beach was equally beautiful and relaxing. It was not overcrowded or overrun. highly recommend. I do recommend taking support staff with you if needed, this put an extra level of comfort for the experience.

Blue Lagoon Dolphin Encounter

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise June, 2022
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 4 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments The beach was perfect for my child however the dolphin experience itself was a lot for her. It was very loud and she hates water in her face and they kept splashing her. If someone goes I HIGHLY recommend talking to the person about those two things before starting the encounter itself if those are issues for their kids.

Hilton Hotel

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Feb, 2020
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 6 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Very fun for staff and families this is a staffed excursion organized by aots the location is beautiful afn the ocean and sand is wonderful. Kids had fun and everything is close together
The one draw back is it's open to all ships so it was very busy hard to get food or drinks waited 2 hours for our lunch and my son does not wait well.

Staff Assisted Nassau Beach Day

Cruise Line RCL



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Date of Cruise Mar, 2019
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx)
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families?
Comments Did not attend

Blue Lagoon Island Dolphin Encounter and Beach Day

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Feb, 2019
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 4 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes
Comments No accommodations for special needs. Very crowded on ferry and we had a difficult time finding seats together. The dolphin encounter was first rate! It was an awesome experience. Staff was very kind and patient. Very limited time for any beach activities or lunch before having to go back.

Hilton Private Resort

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Aug, 2018
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 4 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes
Comments Absolutely beautiful location. Everything included such as towels, chairs, sports equipment, food and drink. Beautiful beach, pool, outdoor cafe.

Hilton Nassau

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Aug, 2018
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 4-5 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes
Comments This was a staffed excursion. Staffed helped us off the ship and into taxis, which took us to the Hilton. Pros: The hotel was excellent for a staffed excursion. Pool and beach were close and very clean. Hotel staff was friendly and the food was very good. Cons: this excursion should have been paid for in advanced. To have such a large group check in with only one hotel staff was ridiculous! We could have bought this excursion through RCL in advanced. Or aots could have pre purchased the excursion and we could have paid in person to aots staff or could have had it added onto original invoices, so that bracelets could have been handed out upon arrival to the hotel. We are VERY happy that Aots added this options for Nassau, since 90% of families didn't want to do the public beach but some of the kinks need to be ironed out in advanced for a better check in. Also it was obvious that the hotel was not aware about the amount of people that were in our group. There was not enough chairs and shade for everyone. But the hotel did offer 3 cabanas for families to share to try to rectify this situation. The aots staff was wonderful by providing extra swim time since we spent an hour checking in. It ended up being a wonderful day.

Hilton one day pass

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Aug, 2018
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 3 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? No
Comments Very bad. the process of getting onto the taxis was poorly executed. This lead to the ASD kiddos waiting for long periods of time in the heat and noise of the island. I saw one really severe meltdown occur. My family was traveling with a 5 year old and a 9 month old. We were the last to get a taxi. Not a big deal except for the baby began to get super hot



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Nassau Hilton

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Aug, 2018
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 3-4 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Went with our group to the Hilton for the day, we checked in and went to their own private beach with a pool. This place was great(not crowded, we basically had it to ourselves). My son had a great time here, if we go back to the Bahamas we would definitely come back here.

Hilton pool and beach

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Aug, 2018
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) All Day

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Feel that maybe aots could have pre registered us or given us a link to do so, spent almost an hr waiting to register

Dolphin Excursion Blue Lagoon

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Jul, 2018
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 1 HR

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Depending on your child you will want to go with him/her.

Dolphin Encounters

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Jul, 2018
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 4 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments swimming with the dolphins was such an amazing experience for all of us. They were very understanding about my son with autism and allowed us to be in the first group so that Raymond would not have to wait a long time for his turn. I think they were very accommodating.

Beach

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Jul, 2018
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 6 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Having the staff available to help with our autistic daughter was great. She was so comfortable by this point that she really enjoyed being with everyone.

Beach

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Jun, 2018
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 3 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Getting to the beach and the beach was great we didn't have trouble getting back to the ship but one family did because no staff came back with us so I had to help with getting the person back to the ship

Sea Lion Excursion



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Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Jun, 2018
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 30 mon
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments The lines once off the ship were not autism friendly. We did bring along a staff member with us. The waiting was very difficult. The staff assisting (not sure who they were with-Adventure Cove maybe) didn't have the crowd well organized and seem to not know where people should stand in line to wait for the boat to excursion. Some people requested a refund and got back on board RC ship. Our actual excursion was about 30 minutes which was perfect for us. Directions for activity were tolerable and one step which made it successful for my son. Would recommend with better organization and accommodations with lines and crowds at beginning of day.

Dolphin Encounter

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Jun, 2018
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 1 hr
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? No Answer

Comments Our son had some issues with the noise. Beyond that, he was very curious.

Hilton hotel

Cruise Line CAR
Date of Cruise Apr, 2018
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 3 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments The staff played with all the kids, they forget to eat ?Jay was having so much fun that my son Sebastian didn't want to leave. I have no idea what they take but they were able to keep up with all the kids. Thank you

Atlantis

Cruise Line CAR
Date of Cruise Apr, 2018
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 4 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Beautiful and lots to do. You can go to the beach, pools, aquarium, dining. Very family friendly.

Top 10 Best of Nassau

Cruise Line CAR
Date of Cruise Apr, 2018
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 4 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Great tour. Several stops so if your kiddo is good with getting on and off the bus, that's a plus.

Dolphins

Cruise Line CAR
Date of Cruise Apr, 2018
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 4 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments At first she was very nervous and scared but soon adjusted.

Beach day



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Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Apr, 2018
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 2.5 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? No
Comments It was conveniently located to the ship but the staff at the bar/restaurant were very rude and unaccommodating.

Blue Lagoon Beach day

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Mar, 2018
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 8+ hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes
Comments The site is about a half hour boat ride fro Nassau. They play loud music on the boat. It wasn't an issue for us, but it could be for others. If you like the beach, this was a great excursion. The setting is gorgeous. The lagoon in shallow enough and calm enough that you can give your child some freedom of movement in and out of the water. We thoroughly enjoyed it, despite the water being a bit chilly in late March.

Junkanoo beach

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Feb, 2018
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 3 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? No
Comments The beach was very rocky, had lots of seaweed, and a strong current. While it is free and an easy walk from the port, it would be worth it to go to a different beach. There was a party atmosphere, with lots of rowdy drinkers, too, and while we were able to move down the beach to avoid them, we ended up in a very rocky area that was painful to walk and swim in. We left after half an hour and went back to swim on the boat.

Junkoo beach

Cruise Line Carnival
Date of Cruise Jan, 2018
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 3 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes
Comments It was great. Loved that they were in the water the whole time with our children

Beach

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Nov, 2017
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 1.5 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes
Comments Wonderful

Semi submarine

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Jul, 2017
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 1.5-2 hours
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? No
Comments We did not encounter any issues on this excursion. The semi-submarine is a relatively small vessel and you sit in an enclosed space with large windows/portholes submerged underwater. I would not



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recommend this excursion if your child has any issues in small spaces. You would do better on a glass bottom boat excursion.

Atlantis

Cruise Line RCL

Date of Cruise Jul, 2017

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 5 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? No

Comments Overall not a good excursion. tour leaves at 8, but pools at Atlantis don't open till 9 and slides not open until 10 AM. A lot of wasting time and our son was upset because he couldn't go swimming. And it was very expensive. Not worth it!

Beach Day

Cruise Line Car

Date of Cruise Jun, 2017

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 4.5 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments It was as described, short boat ride to a private island (shared by Sandals resort which had a separate area), chairs and umbrellas were available for free first come, first served (there were plenty), snacks, drinks and lunch were available for purchase. There was a dj and plenty of space to swim in the beautiful water. A pool was available but we did not utilize it. the DJ was a little loud at times, loading the boat was stressful with a long walk and long, hot wait. We were on the first boat but there were a lot of people who had to wait for them to drop us off and return which was easily an 1.5 hour wait. I would have been furious.

atlantis waterpark half day

Cruise Line RCL

Date of Cruise Mar, 2017

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 4 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments excellent

Blue Lagoon Sea Lion

Cruise Line RCL

Date of Cruise Apr, 2016

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 4 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments They were very patient with my son, who did not enjoy the interaction. They kept us back and tried to have him interact with a blind and deaf sea lion. He was still not ready, but we appreciated their patience and support.

Dolphin Encounter

Cruise Line Disney

Date of Cruise Jun, 2016

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 4 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments This was the best excursion ever! The staff at the Blue Lagoon Dolphin Encounter were fabulous and gave special attention to our daughter. The staff was very friendly! I would highly recommend this excursion for everyone.

Aquaventure At Atlantis



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Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Apr, 2015
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 5 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments If your child loves the water, then you may want to consider this experience. Though this excursion is very expensive, we were happy that we did it. The Atlantis Resort is gorgeous! My son loved The Dig Aquarium and swimming in pools and lazy river. Keep in mind that the lazy river is not lazy at all, there are rapids, it's get crowded, it's fast moving, and inner tubes collide often. My son loved the slides, though expect to wait in long lines. The slides close at 5 pm, so plan your day accordingly. We ate on the ship before and after because the food is very expensive and it was hard to find gluten free options. Lastly, it takes at least 30 minutes to get off the ship, wait in line, get on the buses, and actually get to the resort. Once there, it's a good walk through the casino to get to all the pools and slides.

Aquaventure At Atlantis

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Mar 2015
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 5 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? No

Comments DISASTROUS! Place was too big, too overwhelming and set us up for meltdowns for the rest of the cruise - since Eric couldn't understand the next morning that the boat had moved and he couldn't go back to the "new big aquarium".... we paid all that money and my husband's and son's toes never hit the water...and instead walked miles back and forth between the different tanks (Sharks, stingrays, etc.)

Balmoral Island

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Jun 2015
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 5 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? No

Comments We had to wait a LONG time to start walking to the ferry, and once we did, it was a LONG (and very HOT) walk. So much so, in fact, that two of our party of four had to turn around and go back to the ship. Once we were actually on the island, it was uncrowded with a nice private beach with no waves and lots of loungers and umbrellas available. It was nice, too, that there was a big saltwater swimming pool, freshwater showers, and only one souvenir shop. We did the stingray portion, which was AMAZING - there was no time limit for how long you got to spend with them, so we spent nearly 3 hours in the water swimming around with them, feeding them, etc. Truly an incredible experience! The price for snacks was pretty steep. (I paid nearly \$12 for a small bottle of apple juice + a can of Diet Coke and \$6 for a snack-sized bag of M&M's + a snack-sized bag of Cheetos.) Also, there was music on the beach, which was somewhat loud - and they played the same 8 songs over and over.

Beach Excursion by AOTS

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Jun 2015
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 2 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes



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Families?

Comments

IT WAS A REALLY GREAT DAY AT CABBAGE BEACH. WE TOOK A TAXI AND THE KIDS AND FAMILIES HAD A REALLY GREAT TIME.

Glass Bottom Boat

Cruise Line

RCL

Date of Cruise

March 2015

Booked through Ship

Yes

Duration (approx)

2hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Very well, Staff was on target in needs of kids with wheelchairs and non verbal

Nassau Sea & Sea

Cruise Line

RCL

Date of Cruise

Jul 2015

Booked through Ship

Yes

Duration (approx)

2. hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments We chose this excursion since our daughter does not swim nor does she like to walk long distances and we wanted something the whole family would enjoy. The tour is basically 3 parts: Harbor boat tour, an underwater tour in a semi-submarine boat & a brief tour of the city. This tour is very low key and the most difficult for anyone is getting on/off the boats. You do have to transport from one boat to the other, which was a little rocky, but the staff was helpful getting our daughter from boat to boat. The ladder down into the underwater viewing boat was similar to a water slide ladder which did not give her any problems. The land tour was not as long as expected, but we were given a brief period to stop and look around at Ft. Fincastle. The family enjoyed the overall tour & we didn't have a meltdown so we consider it a win.

Pirates Museum

Cruise Line

RCL

Date of Cruise

Jun 2015

Booked through Ship

No

Duration (approx)

1 HRS

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? NO.

Comments This excursion was a huge fail. The museum is filled with life like wooden figures that were very creepy. Also voices of pirates talking can be heard though out the whole museum. We struggled to get our 8 yr old ASD son in the building. Once in, he walked through with his eyes closed and ears covered. Toy gun we bought at the gift shop, as a reward for making through the museum, was confiscated by ship security. Drinks at the bar were good.

Cable Beach (Wyndham Resort)

Cruise Line

RCL

Date of Cruise

Mar, 2014

Booked through Ship

No

Duration (approx)

5 Hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Took a cab to Cable Beach (\$5 pp). The Wyndham and Melia Resorts share beach and pool facilities. The Wyndham has a wonderful pool and great waterslide that kept the kids busy for HOURS! The beach and facilities are very nice. A day pass cost \$20 pp and included chairs, towels, umbrellas, and changing facilities/restrooms.

Blue Lagoon Private Dolphin Encounter

Cruise Line

RCL

Date of Cruise

Aug, 2014

Booked through Ship

Yes



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Duration (approx) 4.5-5 Hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? No

Comments The boat ride over took almost an hour which was too long for my son. The heat during the presentation was difficult. Spending time in the water with the dolphin was fun. The salt water was a sensory problem for my son - made him itchy. He was allowed to sit on side of the pool but did not get the full experience. Had to wait after the experience for the boat back to the ship and the heat got to my son. It was a long walk back to the ship and he wasn't feeling well so it made it a difficult day. Plus, the shops all closed at 5:30 so if you book this excursion, be aware that you will not have time to shop.

Aquaventure At Atlantis

Cruise Line Dis

Date of Cruise Aug 2014

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 4-5 Hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments The check in process and waiting for the group was not accommodating at all. If your child has a difficult waiting, it will be challenging. It took an hour to check in and start to our destination.

Day Pass at British Colonial Hilton

Cruise Line RCL

Date of Cruise Mar, 2014

Booked through Ship No

Duration (approx) 6 Hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments I feel it is a great excursion for special needs families. Walking distance from the cruise ships. The pass includes lunch, a few bar drinks, towels, beach chairs, very nice beach and a very nice pool. Many shaded areas. Really appreciated how close it is to the ships if your child needs to get back to the room.

Glass Bottom Boat

Cruise Line RCL

Date of Cruise Aug, 2014

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 2.5 Hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? No

Comments Waiting on the dock was long and hot, 5 minute walk to the boat. Inside boat was extremely hot. Restrooms were on lower level and were pump activated, and apparently disgusting since no directions were provided on how to flush. Kids really enjoyed seeing the sea life through the glass.

Shallow Water Dolphin Encounter

Cruise Line RCL

Date of Cruise Aug 2014

Booked through Ship No

Duration (approx) 1.5 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Very accommodating, but they had limits, since the dolphin was trained and has its own limits. They did try and were very understanding. Better for people not as fearful of animals.

Ship Sponsored Snorkeling- Nassau

Cruise Line RCL

Date of Cruise Feb, 2014

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 2.5 Hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments The wait to get off the ship was a little hard on kids -- but the duration of the excursion and the excursion itself were just right. Kids got to try snorkeling without too much pressure and it was not too



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long for them to get fidgety or impatient.

Snorkeling- Nassau

Cruise Line RCL

Date of Cruise Feb, 2014

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 1.5 Hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments No special accommodations. We did not ask for any. Ethan did not want to do the snorkeling so they were fine with him staying on the boat.

Dolphin Cay Shallow Water

Cruise Line RCL

Date of Cruise Aug 2013

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 2 Hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Trainers seemed experienced in dealing with young adult with autism...

Atlantis Beach Day

Cruise Line Disney

Date of Cruise May 2013

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 6 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments It was good except there was quite a bit of walking from the bus to the far side of the property where the beaches are and it was hot. We ended up coming back by ourselves to the cove area. Transportation was good between the ship and the resort. Lunch was included in the price and was decent, but we had to wait in a long line to order lunch.

Blue Lagoon Private Island Getaway

Cruise Line Carnival

Date of Cruise May, 2013

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 3 Hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments We walked to a boat, took the boat out to an island and played on a sheltered beach. It was fun and low key. The only thing about it is that when the excursion is over they drop you off on a different side of the port, so it's a hike through a noisy, crowded market back to the ship

Nassau

Cruise Line Disney

Date of Cruise July 2013

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 4 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments It was nice. The only complaint is the boat ride to the lagoon; the boat only had stairs, making it difficult to get her stroller in and out of the boat. We had to get other guests to help us as the staff would not help. I understand this isn't run by Disney, so I don't know if there is anything that could have been done.

Stingray Encounter

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Booked through Ship Yes



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Duration (approx) 4.5 Hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? No

Comments They said you could come and go all day with the sting rays but that wasn't the case. It was one time with 30 other people. I took this excursion so our son could come and go if he liked it and then we wouldn't have to pull him away if it was only once. The excursion was not correct. They didn't accommodate anything - we didn't mention a lot because there were so many people and we had VERY limited time with the sting ray anyway.

Dolphin Close Encounter

Cruise Line Carnival

Date of Cruise April 2012

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 4 Hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments There were no special accommodations made for us. The bus ride from the boat to the business was difficult again because it was crowded. The boat ride from the business to where the dolphin encounter happened was easier because we sat around the perimeter of the boat without people in front of us and behind us. Our daughter was much more relaxed and the boat driver was very good with her (she wanted to talk on his boat radio and he let her). The encounter itself was a lot of waiting for our turn and waiting after our turn for the others to finish. She doesn't wait well. They also had some large parrots there that someone was letting people hold on their arms for a picture. She loved that because she loves birds (we used to have a very tame cockatiel).

Blue Lagoon Island

Cruise Line RCL

Date of Cruise Aug 2012

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 5 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families?

No

Comments I wouldn't book this again - the floating climbing things were an exercise in pure frustration for my child who didn't have the upper body strength to pull herself up and there was no assistance from staff once they clipped the vest on. Although one staffer felt bad that my daughter was in tears from the frustration and tried to help console her. The meal was mediocre burger or chicken on a roll, fries (which were tasty) with a 10 oz cup of fruit punch (no refills). Given the heat and the hour wait between ferries it was not our best day - couldn't wait to get back to the ship. Might be worth it if they had more frequent ferries back.

Blue Lagoon with lunch

Cruise Line Carnival

Date of Cruise Mar, 2012

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 4 Hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Half the island is bustling and fun (or maybe over stimulating) but the other half is pristine and natural. Just beautiful.

Dolphin Encounter

Cruise Line Carnival

Date of Cruise April 2012

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) 3 Hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes



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Comments OK

Jeep Tour

Cruise Line Carnival
Date of Cruise Mar, 2012
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 2 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments If the child likes to ride in a car, this is the tour. Only issue is the noise from the walkie talkie.

Gran Lucayan Resort Day Pass

Cruise Line Carnival
Date of Cruise Mar, 2012
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 4 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments If the child enjoys the beach or the pool this is for any family.

Gran Lucayan Resort Day Pass

Cruise Line Carnival
Date of Cruise Mar, 2012
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 3-7 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Really liked the Gran Lucayan, and should be on Carnival as a mainstay excursion. It has a huge shopping area, and food places. The day pass is only \$15 per person, with a \$10 each taxi ride. Many cruisers were there, but not too crowded. They had a scavenger hunt for the kids, and a DJ that made it fun for the whole family, not to mention, 4 pools!

Private Beach Getaway

Cruise Line Carnival
Date of Cruise Mar, 2012
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 4 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Excellent for the children because it has a huge pool with a waterslide, and a beach next to the pool. Not too crowded either, and would certainly recommend.

Wyndam Resort

Cruise Line Carnival
Date of Cruise Mar, 2012
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 4 hrs

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families?

Comments If you want beach time without the madness of Atlantis, this is a good excursion. However, we found the time to be too short, and we opted to stay longer and take a taxi back to town. That worked well and was not expensive. You could take taxi both ways and buy the resort pass without buying the ship's excursion package - would be cheaper.

Discover Nassau By Jeep

Cruise Line Carnival
Date of Cruise Aug 2011



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Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 2 Hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes
Comments Guided self driven tour through Nassau. Our particular excursion worked well for our son, because he likes to take rides and we didn't need anything extra.

Atlantis Beach Day

Cruise Line Disney
Date of Cruise Jun 2011
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 5 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? No
Comments This was horrible. The amount of walking to just get out on the beach at Atlantis was terrible. Once on beach you were hounded by vendors for hair braiding, buying t-shirts. They charged \$30 for a sun umbrella on the beach which was 100% needed. Terrible experience... the water dropped down a few feet immediately not safe at all.

Atlantis Beach Day Disney
Cruise Line Jun 2011
Date of Cruise Yes
Booked through Ship 4 hrs
Duration (approx) Yes
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Awful. Long walks between things at the Atlantis Hotel (we were there to see The Dig, the aquarium feature); very poor signage to find eating areas (with maps that were unclear at best), and it was FAR TOO HOT. All the kiosks that offered the lunches included with the excursion were outside, and I don't know about other autistic kids, but our two become overheated very easily and their bodies seem unable to regulate their temperatures. We returned to the ship early.
Comments

Aquaventure At Atlantis

Cruise Line Carnival
Date of Cruise Aug 2011
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 3.5 Hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes
Comments Went to the Aquaventure at Atlantis. Our children enjoy water parks, and we had done this once before. Our son has no physical restrictions, so we didn't take much notice of whether the park could accommodate those with physical disabilities. It is a large park, with lots of visual obstacles, so important to stay close to children or you could easily lose sight of them. Quite crowded, so not for children/adults who don't deal well with crowds. Our son enjoyed it, and I would recommend it generally, but could present some challenges for special needs families.

Sea Lion Encounter

Cruise Line Disney
Date of Cruise Jun 2011
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 3 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes
Comments Danny did not accompany us on this excursion. It was only my daughter and I. However, I think it would have been good for Danny as he has done wonderful on other animal encounters. If you are doing this for special needs kids, especially ASD kids, you might want to consider a smaller private group. Just as noise bothers some of the ASD kids, some of the self stimming behaviors might upset the animals. You would have to research this with someone who knows both autism and sea lions as this is a special circumstance. We brought Danny to a sea lion show at an aquarium when he was a little boy. When it was his turn to accept a kiss from the sea lion, he freaked a little and the sea lion did not like that. According to the trainer, he could have been bitten when he startled the animal. I would recommend to other special needs families but would



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recommend doing some research on whatever particular animal they are going to encounter with.

Seas Lion Interaction

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Jun 2011
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 3 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments It was a neat experience and I would recommend it. They recognized the special needs in my son and were very accommodating and understanding. He even asked for another sea lion and they brought a second one out!

Zoo and City Tour

Cruise Line Carnival
Date of Cruise Oct, 2011
Booked through Ship Yes
Duration (approx) 3 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? No
Comments Not accommodating was a waste of money

Atlantis

Cruise Line Disney
Date of Cruise Jun 2011
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) 8-9 hrs
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Fine. We should have booked our excursion through Disney though. No doubt it would have been superb.

Atlantis

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Jun, 2010
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*

Comments This was an awesome experience for all of us. We just did not have enough time to really explore all they had to offer. We chose to book this excursion on our own and not through the ship because it was much cheaper. Our boys loved this excursion. Again, there were no special accommodations needed

Dolphin Cay

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Jun, 2010
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*

Comments Amazing! Staff was wonderful with my son who needed 'clear' instructions. A great experience at Atlantis! (booked through the website)

Nassau

Cruise Line RCL
Date of Cruise Sep, 2010
Booked through Ship No
Duration (approx) *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*
Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*



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Comments We did not pay for any excursions. We walked around the shops then took taxi to Atlantis. At Atlantis, we weren't allowed to leave the lobby area which was disappointing. We rode the water taxi back and enjoyed it much more than the road taxi there.

Snorkeling Trip

Cruise Line RCL

Date of Cruise Jun, 2010

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*

Comments Staff was great, Very well run trip.

Atlantis

Cruise Line RCL

Date of Cruise Jun, 2010

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*

Comments Another excursion that he didn't want to do. My son didn't want to get off the ship. For some reason he was scared to get off the ship. We were grateful that these excursions were refunded.

Atlantis Aqua Adventure

Cruise Line DISNEY

Date of Cruise Jul, 2009

Booked through Ship Yes

Duration (approx) *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*

Comments Water park was a lot of fun. My daughter had some mild "transition" issues coming to and from the ship. But she had a great time while she was there.

Pirates Of Nassau

Cruise Line RCL

Date of Cruise Dec, 2009

Booked through Ship No

Duration (approx) *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*

Comments This was amazing! I never thought Ian would do it, but Jamie and Brandon coaxed him in. This was one of the coolest museums we have ever been to and Ian loved learning about pirates. It worked out perfectly as this night was also the pirate parade

Atlantis Complex

Cruise Line DISNEY

Date of Cruise Jul, 2009

Booked through Ship No

Duration (approx) *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? *Question not part of feedback form at time the feedback was obtained.*

Comments We had read on other travel message boards about being able to use the Atlantis facilities for "free" if we were guests at the next-door Comfort Suites, so we had booked a room at the Comfort Suites for the day we were in port, and it worked out as well as we would have liked. The cost was cheaper than booking the excursion through Disney (or dealing directly with the Atlantis hotels), and we were able to change in the room after swimming at the Atlantis pools all day before returning to the ship.

Atlantis Complex N/A

Cruise Line N/A

Date of Cruise N/A

Booked through Ship Yes



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Duration (approx) *4 hrs*

Would recommend to other Special Needs Families? Yes

Comments Overall, okay experience for ASD person. My only advice to other ASD families, is there is A LOT of walking to get to the beach, so be wary of that. Atlantis is huge! The beach itself, however, was not crowded, and the lounge chairs were comfortable and shaded. The lunch areas were a little crowded.