

less you are a very light drinker (bearing in mind that on a cruise, cocktails by the pool, in the many bars or even in the theatre at night are very tempting). You need to check the exact drinks package price for the cruise you are considering, as the package cost is based on the number of nights you will be sailing. The price is based at about €30 per night for the Classic Package and €38 per night for the premium package.

It would be really unfair not to mention the Celebrity theatre.

Firstly, if you have never cruised with Celebrity, you need to imagine a medium size Westend theatre with stalls and dress circle seating with space for several hundred guests in great comfort (including a table for your drinks). Every evening there are two shows, designed to fit in with dining times. There is little a Westend theatre has that these theatres don't have, including superb lighting, stages that rotate, ascend or descend to various levels, superb sets, sound and a live orchestra. This gives tal-

ented stage and set designers every opportunity to present outstanding and imaginative shows, and they don't fail! Without doubt the most spectacular presentation was their 'Land of Make Believe' with sets and costumes that took your breath away. The entertainment changes each night, from comedians, musicians, singers, and spectacular shows with their own dancers and singers. Once the show has finished, the bars and clubs feature performances from Acapela singers to a string quartet. However, there are still many quiet bars and lounges, or you can opt out of the night revelry and go back to your stateroom for an early night and you won't hear a sound.

Our perfect ideal for a cruise is rest, peace and quiet. For this reason we don't report on the various activities on board, including art auctions, bingo, casino, quizzes, seminars and competitions, but they are all there for your enjoyment. As are the many in-port excursions and shops.

I wondered why we have found cruising to be so attractive, and the answer seems to be that you can enjoy a holiday where you simply don't have any responsibilities. One of the cruise directors summed it up a year ago in his presentation, "just relax, we are going to look after everything".

And they did!

Paul Luckman



The main pool area



Afternoon tea on your stateroom balcony



The ship's officers served a banquet by the pool on the final day at sea.



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