

# **"Performance at Sea"**

Destination: Nassau & Perfect Day at CocoCay, Bahamas | Ship: Royal Caribbean  
Utopia of the Seas

Dates: Sunday, March 21 – Friday, March 26, 2027

Group: High School Band & Choir (Grades 9-12)

Price: \$1785 per person – Price could come down depending on Airfare

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## **1. Learning Objectives (The "Why")**

- **THE MISSION IS RECRUITMENT, and RETENTION:** Students need to not only have a reward for doing exceptional work but also must be able to experience the exceptional work of other musicians.
- **Professional Performance:** Students will adapt their performance technique to a non-traditional, professional venue (ship theater or atrium), managing unique acoustics and logistics.
- **Critical Analysis:** Students will analyze professional musicianship by attending Broadway-style productions and live set performances, critiquing staging, balance, and endurance.
- **Cultural Connection:** Students will identify Caribbean musical influences (Junkanoo, Calypso/Soca) during port visits to Nassau and CocoCay.

## **Field Trip Operations Plan: *Utopia of the Seas***

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### **MR. COPPICUS'S STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:**

- A) Student must be in Band and/or Choir during the entire 2026/2027 School year.**
- B) Student must have no academic or chemical violations from the initial deposit through the leaving date of the trip.**
- C) Students must be on track to graduate.**

# Itinerary

## Sunday, March 21: The Launch Phase

- **Arrival:** Fly into MCO, transfer to Port Canaveral group hotel.
- **4:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Final Preparatory Rehearsal.** Final run-through for Band and Choir.
- **7:00 PM:** Mandatory Group Dinner & "Safety at Sea" Briefing. Review rules regarding stateroom conduct, "Rule of Three," and the curfew system.

## Monday, March 22: Embarkation Day & Orientation

- **10:30 AM:** Boarding at Terminal 1.
- **12:00 PM:** Buffet Lunch at Windjammer.
- **1:30 PM: "Utopia Quest" Orientation Scavenger Hunt.** Students move in buddy groups of 3+ to find and photograph:
  - The Band Performance Venue (Royal Theater/Lounge).
  - The Central Park performance location (Choir check-in).
  - The Medical Center (Deck 2).
  - The designated "Emergency Group Meeting Hub" (usually Deck 4 or 5).
- **4:00 PM:** Mandatory Muster Drill.
- **8:00 PM:** Dinner in the Main Dining Hall
- **Evening:** Attend the Broadway-caliber production (e.g., *All In!* or the touring production show).
  - *Assignment:* Observe the professional musicians in the pit/orchestra for technical skill and endurance.

## Tuesday, March 23: Sea Day (The Big Performances)

- **9:30 AM: Band Performance.** Most likely in the Royal Theater or Star Lounge. Focus on sound projection and stage presence.
- **11:30 AM:** Post-performance celebration/lunch.
- **2:00 PM: Choir Performance in Central Park.** \* *Atmospheric Challenge:* Students must perform in an outdoor, ambient environment (acoustics are more "open"). Focus on vocal clarity and blend against the ship's white noise.
- **4:00 PM:** Group Q&A session with a ship entertainment technician (if available) or individual reflection time.
- **6:00PM:** Take in the Aqua Show
- **8:00 PM: Main Dining Room Formal Dinner.** Celebrate the successful performance day as a full department.

## **Wednesday, March 24: Perfect Day at CocoCay (Island Vibe)**

- **9:00 AM:** Full beach day on the private island.
- **Assignment:** Watch the "Junkanoo" parade or live island musicians.
- **4:30 PM:** Re-board the ship.
- **8:00 PM:** Dinner in Main Dining Hall
- **9:00 PM:** Themed deck party or movie night.

## **Thursday, March 25: Nassau, Bahamas (Culture & Heritage)**

- **8:00 AM:** Dock in Nassau.
- **9:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Excursion/Field Study.**
- **Suggestion:**
  - **National Art Gallery of the Bahamas**
  - **Junkanoo Museum** tour to understand the rhythmic roots of Bahamian music.
  - **Junkanoo Museum Heritage Tour** Hands-on study of Caribbean rhythm and drum history.
  - **Pearl Island** – History of the island, culture, and music, along with opportunity to snorkel and experience Caribbean aquatic life
- **2:00 PM:** Return to ship for supervised free time/packing.
- **6:00 PM:** Dinner in Main Dining Hall
- **8:00 PM:** Final Ship performance
- **10:00 PM:** Final Room Checks & Suitcase Departure.

## **Friday, March 26: Departure**

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- **7:30 AM:** Breakfast & Customs.
- **11:00 AM:** Bus transfer to Orlando (MCO).





Royal Caribbean's  
Utopia of the Seas  
March 22-26, 2027  
4 Night Bahamas Cruise  
From Port Canaveral, FL

MUSIC  
FESTIVALS  
AND TOURS  
★★★★★



ROYALTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

DAY/DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sunday	Fly to Orlando/Hotel		
Monday	Port Canaveral, FL		4:00 PM
Tuesday	Cruising – Day at Sea		
Wednesday	Perfect Day at CocoCay	7:00 AM	5:00 PM
Thursday	Nassau, Bahamas		
Friday	Port Canaveral, FL	6:30 AM	

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- \* 4 night cruise aboard the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's *Utopia of the Seas*
- \* Roundtrip flight from Minneapolis to Orlando- 3/21-3/26/2027
- \* Motorcoach transfers from Orlando Airport to hotel, hotel to port and port to hotel
- \*Overnight hotel in the Orlando area w/ pizza dinner on arrival and breakfast the next morning
- \* Complimentary cruise package for staff/chaperones in double occupancy based on 1 free per every 16 paid travelers (17<sup>th</sup> pax free)
- \* All meals are included on the ship along with all of the entertainment and activities
- \*A visit to Perfect Day CocoCay, RCCL's private island with swimming, sun bathing, water park, zip lining, beach bar-b-que
- \* A full-size swimming pool, mini-golf, basketball court, fitness center, sauna, spas, a walking track & rock climbing wall
  - \* Package includes the cruise fare, port charges, taxes and pre-paid gratuities
  - \* Accommodations in double, quad or triple occupancy for students and double occupancy for adults
- \* Director's gifts include a specially engraved photo plaque with a photo of the ship for each staff person
  - \* Public performances can be arranged on the ship or you can select the Festival Adjudication
    - \* Adjudication - Rating and Comments (conditions apply)
- \* Clinic/Workshop by Nationally recognized Music Educators\* \* Awards Ceremony \* Trophies & Awards
  - \* Director's Gift \*Cruise Festivals Lanyard for each participant \* Baggage Tags
- \* CRUISE FESTIVALS staff on cruise to coordinate all aspects of the cruise and performances

NOTE: The following prices are estimated and a final cost can be calculated once flight schedules are available

CABIN CATEGORY	QUAD	TRIPLE	DOUBLE	SINGLE
INTERIOR	\$1,785 pp	\$1,890 pp	\$1,908 pp	\$2,872 pp



