

The Sanders Family Cruise - Disney Fantasy - July 23 - 30, 2016



The Sanders Family Cruise on the
Disney Fantasy!

July 23-30, 2016





In July of 2016, the Sanders Family embarked on a great adventure. They went on their first family cruise together on the Disney Fantasy! Here is the story of that adventure.....



raphersWife.com



FRIDAY, July 22, 2016:

First we stayed at the Country Inn & Suites in the Port Canaveral area so we would be close to the Port when it was time to board on Saturday



Ciara and Kayden always have to hit the pool, no matter where they stop!



Saturday, July 23, 2016
DAY ONE

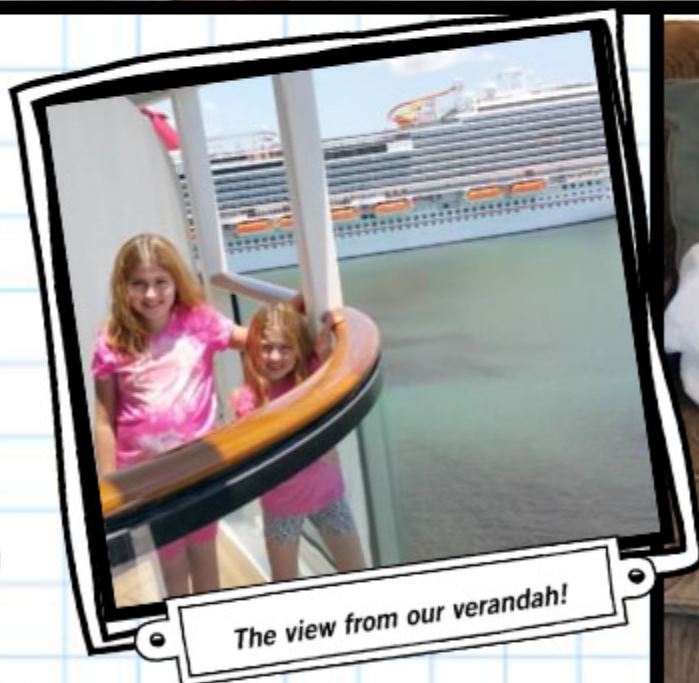
It was finally time to board the Disney Fantasy! The first stop was the concierge area for a snack and orientation!



This is what our Stateroom looked like!



Kayden and Ciara enjoyed the robes, slippers, and fruit tray waiting in our rooms, which included grapes and coconut!

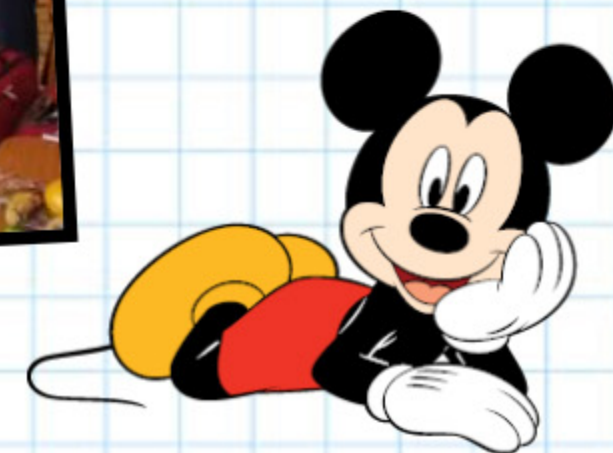


The view from our verandah!

Our Stateroom was awesome!



Our home for one week!





Exploring the ship on the first day!





On the first day, our first character sighting was Goofy. After that, we went to our first show on the cruise, "A Fantasy Come True" Welcome Show!



Dinner on night one was in The Royal Court!



Checking out
the view from
our verandah!

Nothin' but
water!

DAY 2 - At Sea
Sunday, July 24, 2016



Time to get into the
WATER





The Aquaduck was the favorite water activity on the ship! It was a long water tube ride around the ship!

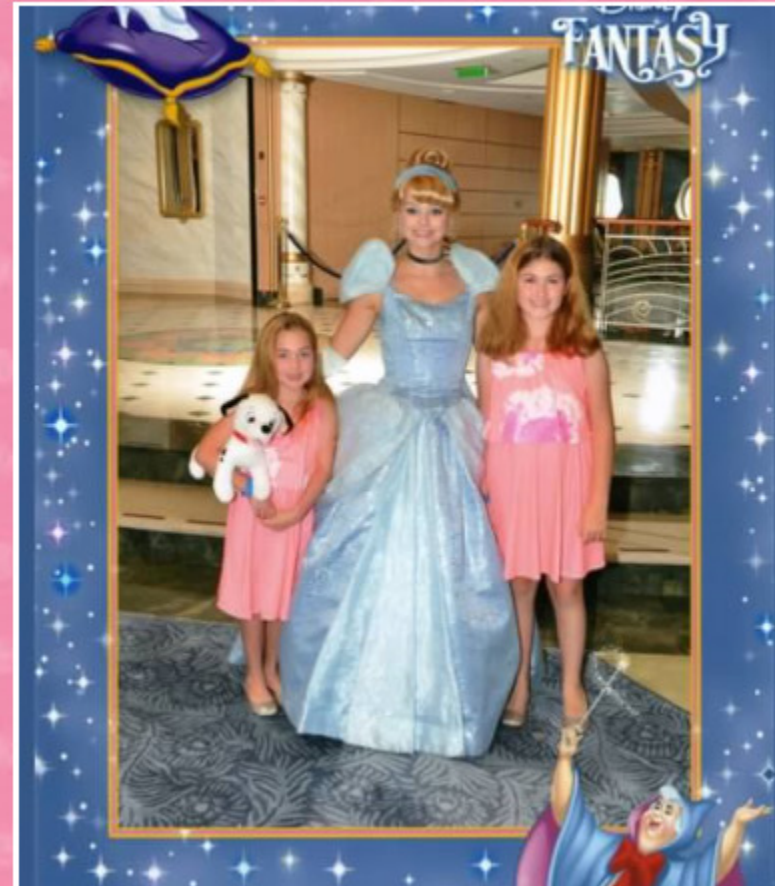


After fun in the sun (and water), everyone enjoys a bite to eat at Cabana's, the cruise's very large buffet! Watch out for the pelicans and sea gulls!





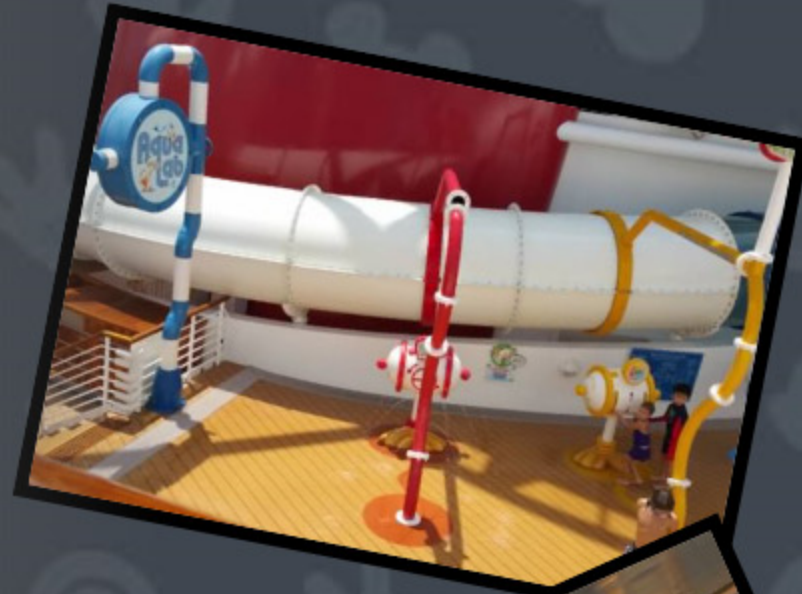
*A Disney Cruise must always include Princesses!
Visiting with Tiana, Cinderella, Ariel, and Belle!*



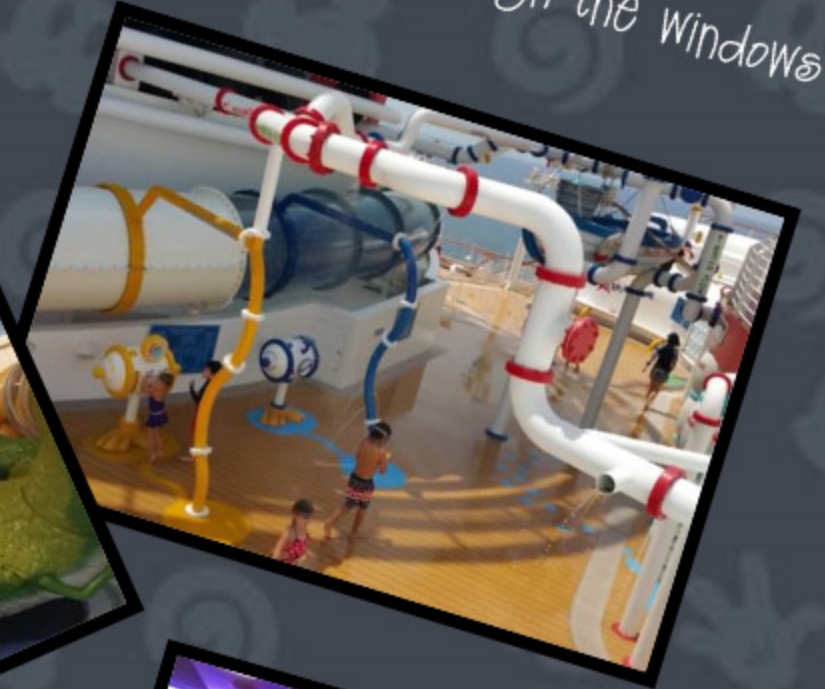
So - What is there for
kids to do on a Disney
cruise?



Golfing
.... hanging
around



... the Oceaneer's Club...
... the AquaLab ...
... spring through the windows ...



**MIDSHIP
DETECTIVE
AGENCY**

**THE CASE OF THE MISSING PUPPIES &
THE CASE OF THE PLUNDERED PAINTINGS**

**HERE'S A LIST OF SUSPECTS!
THE CLUES YOU FIND WILL HELP
YOU NARROW DOWN THE LIST.
AFTER YOU'VE CROSSED OFF
SIX OF THE SUSPECTS, THE
ONE REMAINING HAS TO BE
OUR CRIMINAL.
GOOD LUCK, DETECTIVES!
Mickey**



Kayden & Ciara became a part of the Midship Detective Agency! They used their detective badges to activate videos throughout the ship for clues to a mystery that they had to solve. We definitely got in our exercise that day!

**MIDSHIP
DETECTIVE
AGENCY**
AGENT NO. **3492**

**MIDSHIP
DETECTIVE
AGENCY**
AGENT NO. **3493**

**HOLD
HERE**

**HOLD
HERE**

**MIDSHIP
DETECTIVE
AGENCY**

THE CASE OF THE STOLEN SHOW

**HERE'S A LIST OF ALL THE MUPPETS
ON BOARD.
THE CLUES YOU FIND WILL HELP YOU
NARROW DOWN YOUR SUSPECTS...
AND FIGURE OUT WHO-DUN-IT!
TIP: JUST BECAUSE SOMEONE HAD A
PROP STOLEN DOESN'T MEAN THEY
ARE INNOCENT.
GOOD LUCK, DETECTIVES!
Kermit**



At the end of Sunday, Day 2, everyone got dressed up in anticipation of the Captain's Dinner that night.



Ciara and Kayden are determining if the Top Hat is a part of formal wear!



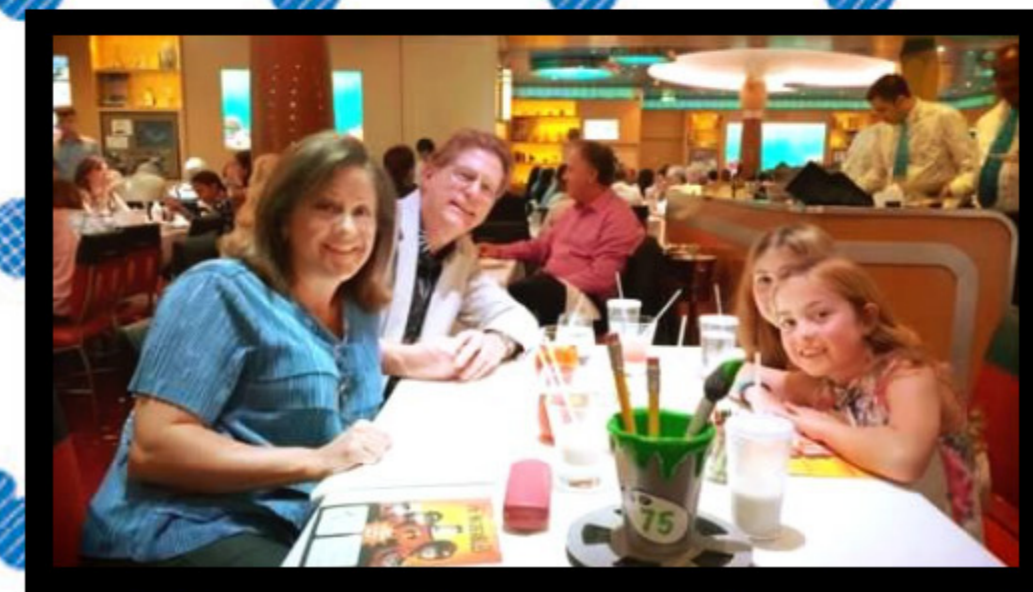
The show for that night was "Aladdin", a full musical production! The Captain, Commodore Tom Forberg, introduced himself to the crowd prior to the show. Many members of the cruise staff thought that Daddy-Kevin looked a lot like Commodore Tom!



ANIMATOR'S PALATE RESTAURANT

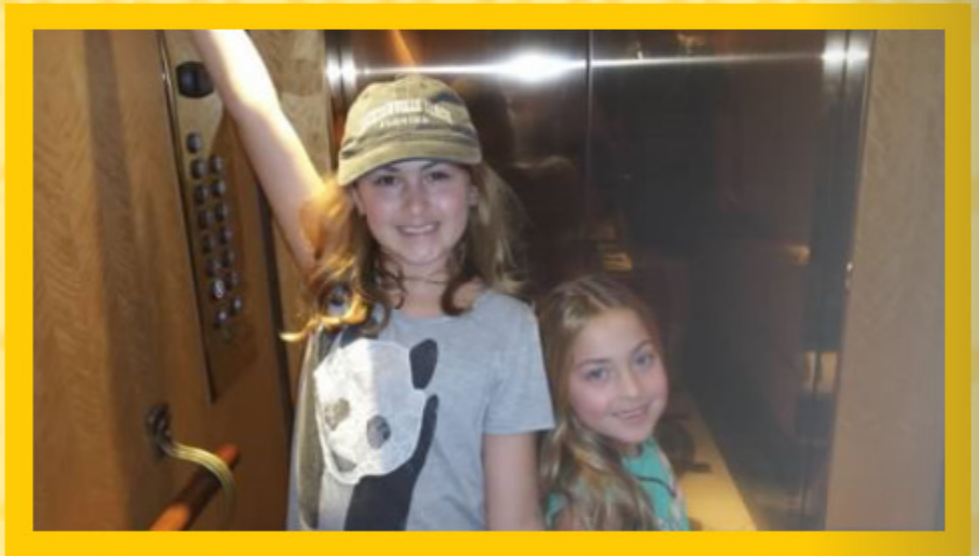


The dressy Captain's Dinner took place at "Animator's Palate"! There were video screens everywhere with animation on them, and some were like a look into an aquarium, where Crush the turtle interacted with guests.





Monday, July 25, 2016
DAY 3
Cozumel, Mexico!



About to visit the first port of call!



Cozumel, Mexico

HERE WE COME!

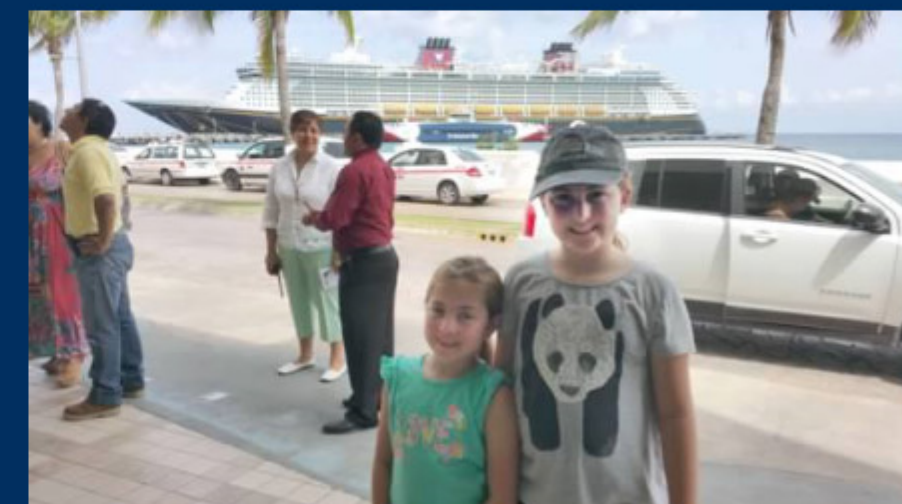
COZUMEL, MEXICO - DAY 3 - Monday, July 25, 2016



ADVENTURES

COZUMEL MEXICO

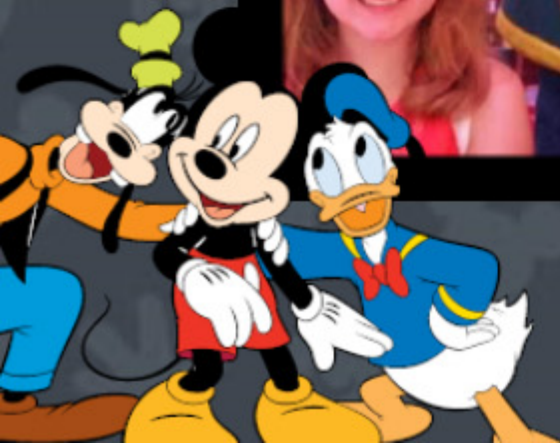
Cozumel was full of vendors and sellers, and everyone wanted our business. It was fun looking at all of the Cozumel merchandise, pretty colors, and coconut trees. Ciara and Kayden got bracelets as their souvenir.





On Day 3, after enjoying Cozumel, everyone hit the pool, enjoyed the Aquaduck, tried on Mad Hatter hats, and saw the evening's show, "The Physical Comedy of Max Winfrey." He was an awesome juggler and comedian! Dinner that night was at the Enchanted Garden. The dinner starts out as if it was daytime, and as the dinner progresses, the windows and ceilings seems to appear as if it became nighttime, and the flower lights opened!





*Tuesday, July 26, 2016 - DAY 4
Disney Jr. Character Breakfast at Animator's Palate*

*Sophia the First, Jake and the Neverland Pirates,
Doc McStuffins, and Mickey Mouse!*



TUESDAY
JULY 26, 2016
DAY 4

TO GET TO THE GRAND
CAYMAN ISLANDS, YOU
HAVE TO TAKE A TENDER
(SMALL BOAT) FROM THE
CRUISE SHIP TO THE
PORT!



A VIEW FROM OUR
VERANDAH
BEFORE GOING TO
GRAND CAYMAN!



THE
GIRLS



EXPLORING GRAND CAYMAN

Awesome!



We enjoyed the sights, and even had lunch there at the Hard Rock Cafe - Cayman Islands! The girls saw lots of large fish, birds, snails, and even iguanas! Iguanas are so common there, they are everywhere you look (just like squirrels are to us in the U.S.).

LOCATION: Grand Cayman, The Cayman Islands

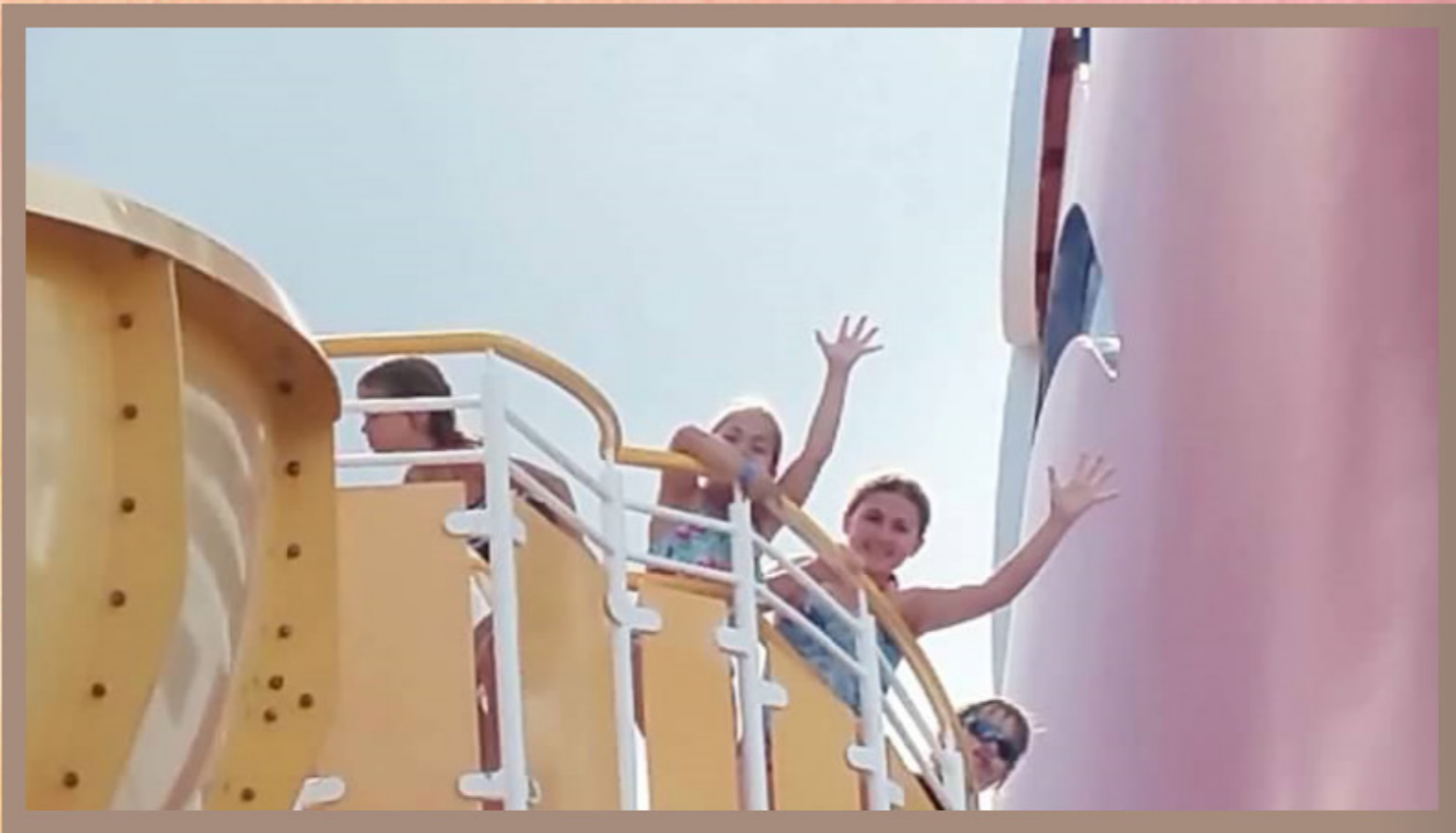


More Grand Cayman



Yes, iguanas climb fences.





After enjoying Grand Cayman, the Sanders family came back to the Disney Fantasy and hit the pool, the yellow slide, and the Aquaduck! Dinner on Day 4 was back at the beautiful Royal Court restaurant.



The Tuesday night show was "Disney Wishes"



DAY 5
Wednesday
July 27, 2016



Before visiting Jamaica, we enjoyed a buffet breakfast at Cabana's, and could see Jamaica from our table!



A few scenes from the concierge lounge! They had an amazing model of the Disney Fantasy on display.



IT'S JAMAICA,
MON!



In the Buena Vista Theatre, we could see first-run, in-theatre movies!



We saw "Finding Dory"



.. and "Alice Through The Looking Glass"



Pirate Night



There was a pirate show on the top deck of the midship (the pool area). Everyone dressed up in their pirate gear!



Pirate Characters



Pirate Night Fireworks

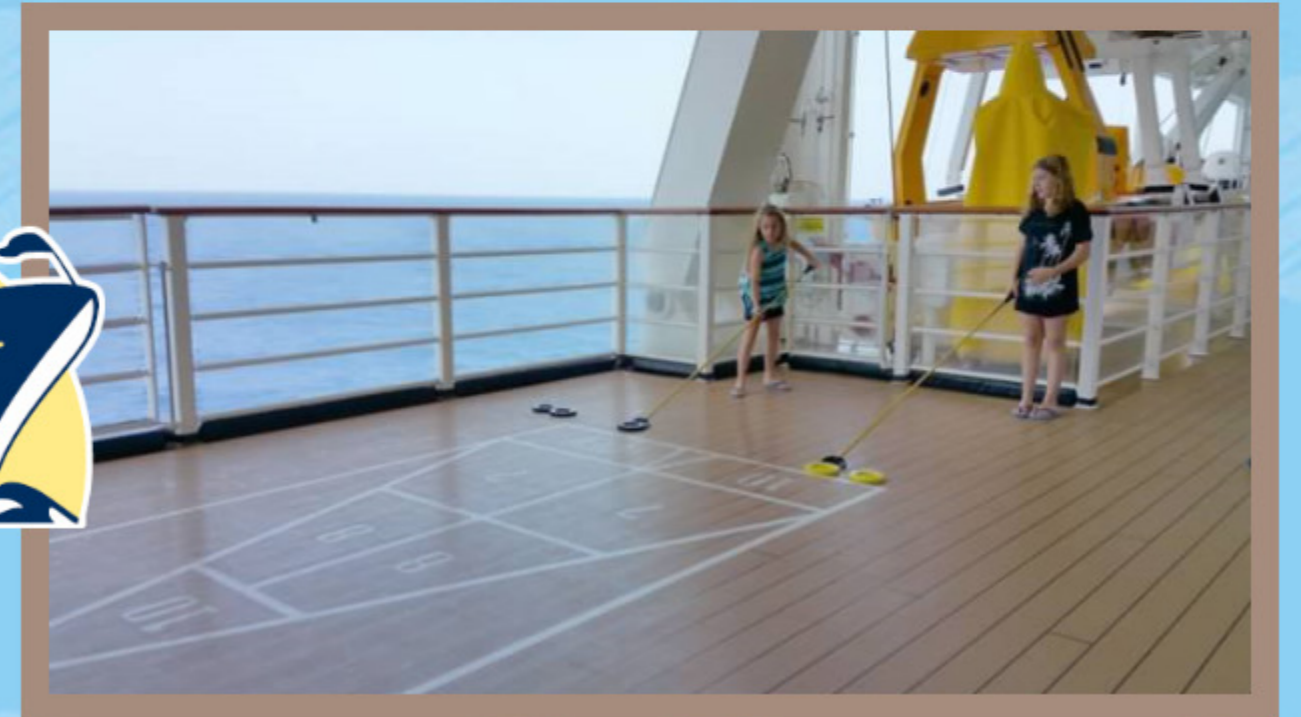


DAY 6 - AT SEA

Thursday, July 28, 2016



Day 6 was a full day at sea as we sailed toward our final port of call. After breakfast, we played a game of shuffleboard! What is a cruise without shuffleboard? It took a while to get the hang of it, but it was fun!



What is a warm tropical cruise
without a little snow?



Day 6 - At Sea



Cruisin' with Anna & Elsa



"Nemo's Reef" was a fun splash zone, which was great for cooling off!





Special meet and greet with Minnie Mouse at the Concierge Lounge and Deck!



Minnie

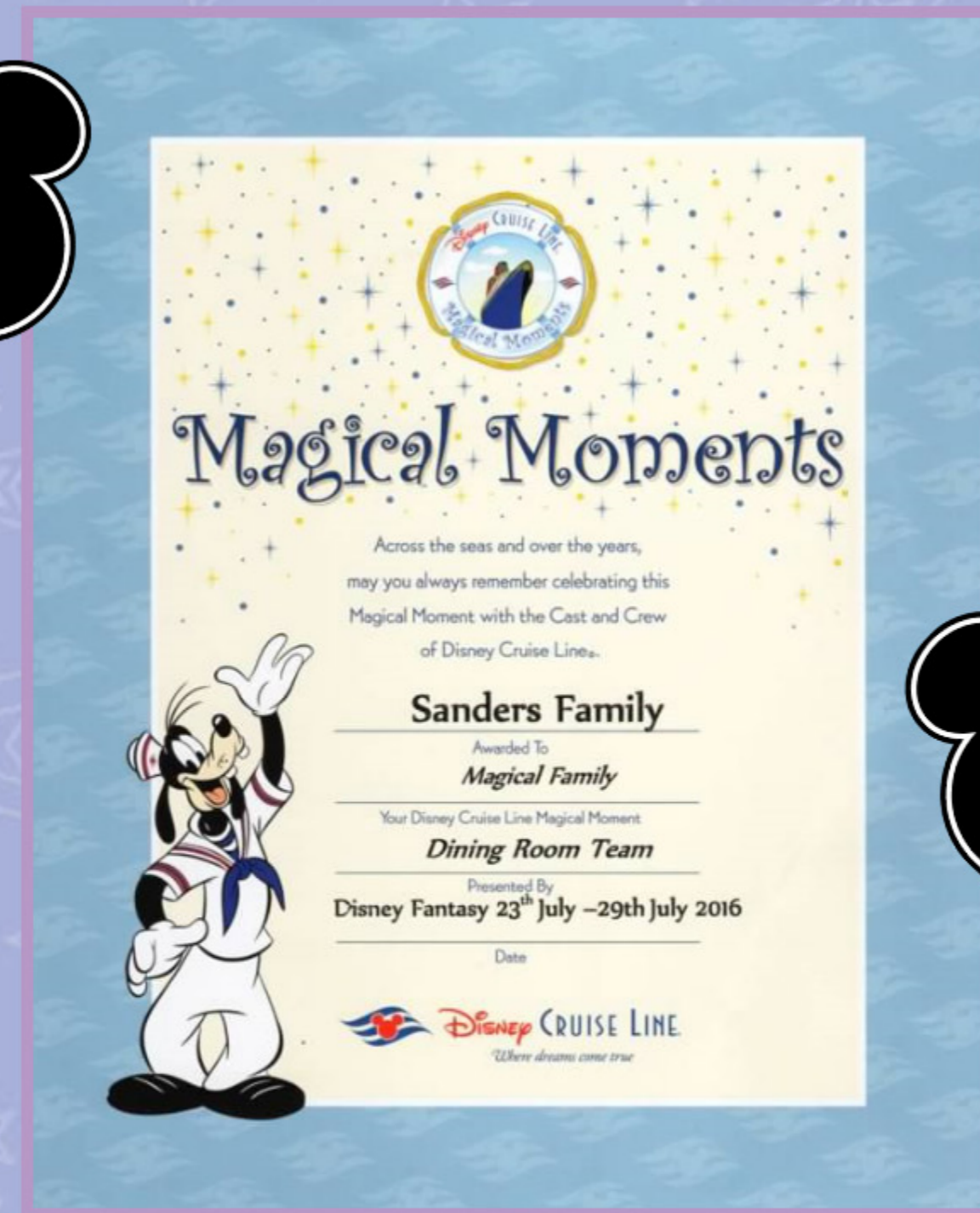


Day 6





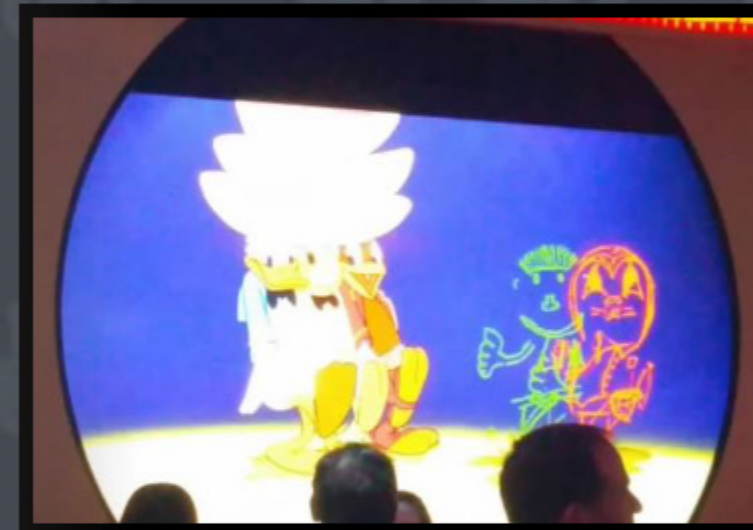
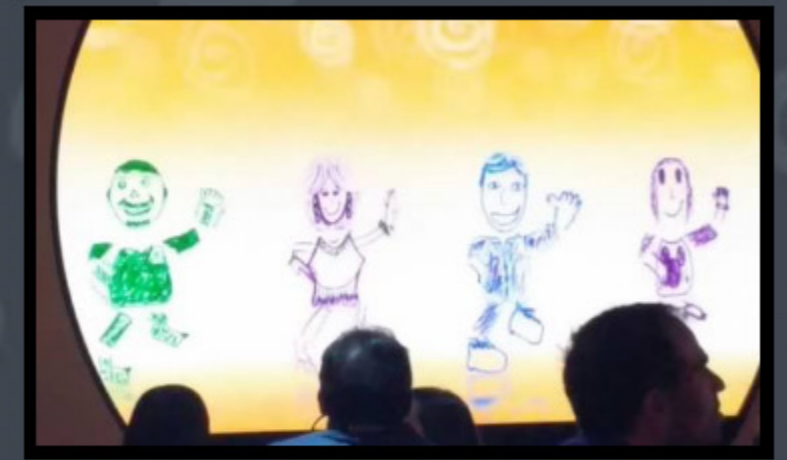
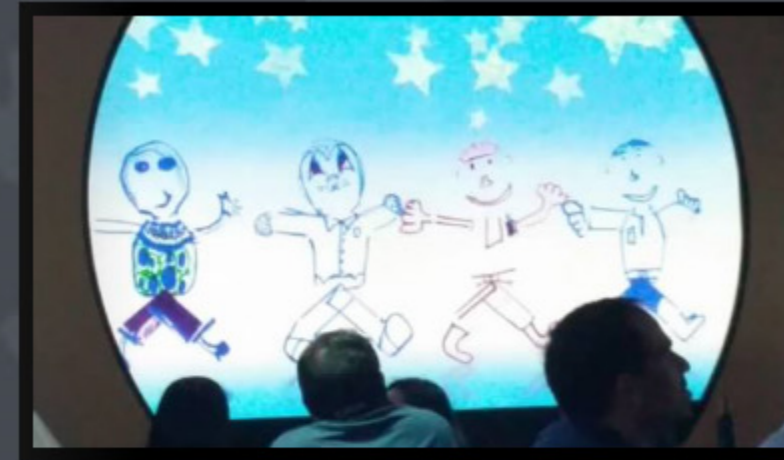
As the day was wrapping up, we enjoyed the show for the evening, "Disney's Believe". On the way out of the theater, we ran into Chip & Dale!



The head server for the restaurant told us that we were his "magical family" for the cruise, and awarded the Sanders Family this special certificate!



At Animator's Palate, we drew crazy characters on our place mats. With the help of Disney Magic, our characters were brought to life on the big video screens in our restaurant!



Our names even appeared in the credits! We are official Disney animators now.



DAY 7 - Castaway Cay - Disney's Private Island





Castaway Cay was the best place ever to relax, enjoy the sun and water, and eat some BBQ!



TO THE BEACH



In the final show, "The Unforgettable Journey", Ciara and Kayden did the limbo on stage!



What a way to spend the last day on the ship!
IN THE SHOW!



Magician, Mike Super, winner of NBC's "The Phenomenon", welcomed Daddy-Kevin onstage to do some magic with him!



It was an honor to take a photo with Natalie, the Cruise Director for the Disney Fantasy!



The staff and crew on the
Disney Fantasy were
fantastic! By the end of the
week, we were saying goodbye
to good friends.

Rogue ("Rocky")
and Johnny



One last visit to the
Concierge Lounge and the
Enchanted Garden for
breakfast! Last chance to
say goodbye to the beautiful
lobby.



Ronald
and Danson

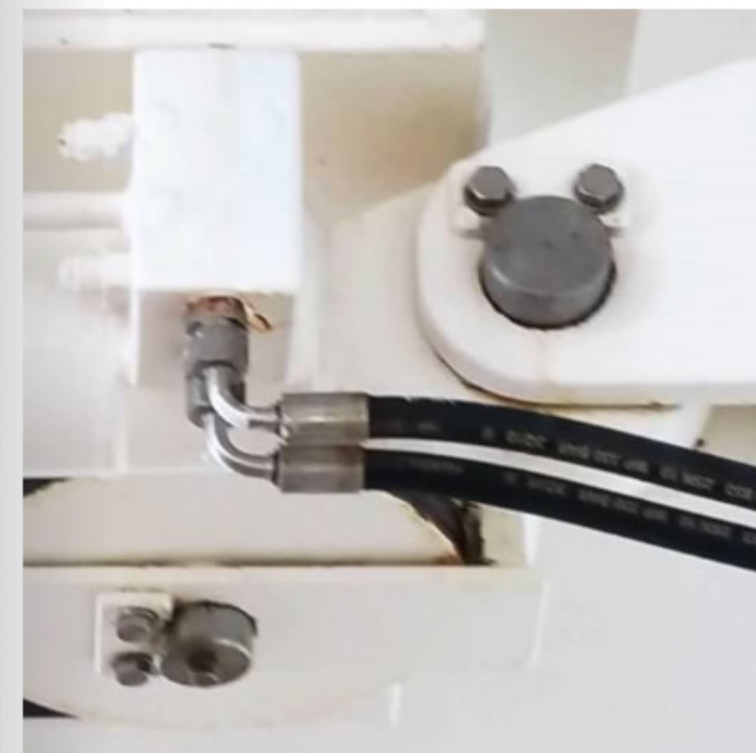


We Don't
Wanna
Go!

MORE MISCELLANEOUS MAGICAL MEMORIES



Each night we had a new folded-towel creature!



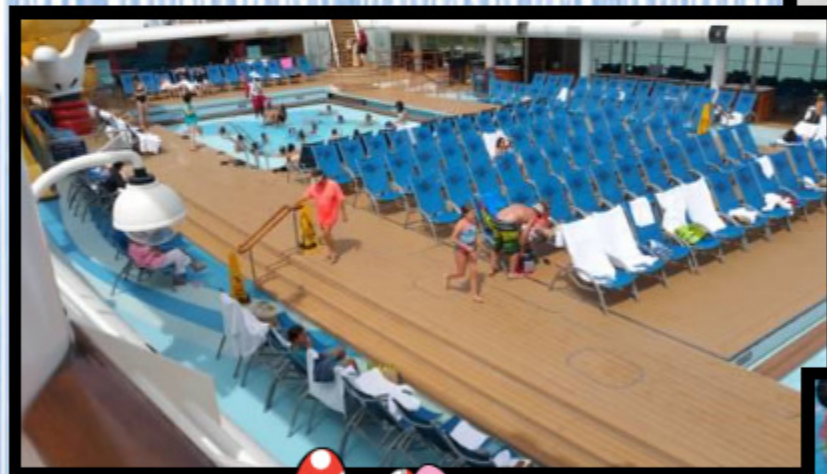
Everything on the ship was Mickey-shaped!



THE DISNEY
FANTASY HAD AN
AMAZING COLLECTION
OF DISNEY ART AND
MOVIE CELS!



*More Pictures from the
Pools and Hot Tub*



More pictures from Pirate Night





These are the magical cards that got us on, off, and around the cruise! They have a very impressive system to keep track of all of their passengers.



Being a Concierge guest, we received this beautiful, special edition, print of the Disney characters enjoying a cruise!

The Disney Fantasy



A Vacation To
Remember

