



Disney Destiny

Disney Cruise Line

OVERVIEW: *Disney Destiny* is the third Wish Class ship and the first in the fleet to have a heroes and villains theme, with accompanying character meet-and-greets, new venues, artwork and design throughout. The ship also introduces more Broadway-style musical entertainment, immersive dining experiences and themed spaces.

CABINS: The 4,000-passenger ship has 1,246 staterooms, of which 1,123 are outside with a veranda or ocean view and 123 are inside. Each cabin's decor is themed around a Disney film, from *Hercules* to *Big Hero 6*. I stayed in a Deluxe Family Oceanview Stateroom with a veranda, which included an interconnecting door and a separate bathroom and toilet, a useful practical consideration for groups or families. The highest level of suite is the Marvel-inspired Tower Suite in the ship's forward funnel, which spans two storeys and has space for eight passengers. Also new for the ship are the *Hercules* and *The Incredibles* suites within the Royal Suite category.

FOOD AND DRINK: Adult-only lounge De Vil's, pirate-themed Cask & Cannon, Pixar-inspired Edna À La Mode Sweets and Dr Strange-themed The Sanctum all make their debuts on *Destiny*. Drinks are tailored for each venue, with non-alcoholic options available. My favourite was the Fearless Sir Galahad cocktail at De Vil's (pictured, right). Main dining rooms Pride Lands: Feast of the Lion King, Worlds of Marvel and 1923 form part of the rotational dining experience where the same waiters serve you at each meal. There is also the buffet restaurant Marceline Market and outdoor Mickey & Friends Festival of Foods,

offering everything from barbecue to rice bowls. The Cove Café and lounge area is a returning favourite, perfect for groups of adults or couples wanting a quiet moment.

FACILITIES: Kids are welcome in the Oceaneer Club at no extra charge, with different venues to cater for every interest, from the Marvel Super Hero Academy and Star Wars: Cargo Bay to Rapunzel's Art Studio and Belle's Library. The entertainment line-up features Broadway-style musicals of *Hercules* and *Frozen*, as well as live comedy and trivia.

USP: *Disney Destiny* offers as much for adults as children, with incredible attention to detail. There are two adult-only fine-dining restaurants, Palo Steakhouse and Enchanté, while The Rose provides an exclusive setting for a pre or post-dinner cocktail with amazing views. A returning favourite for the Wish Class, the adult-only Haunted Mansion is a spooky setting for a drink. New on *Destiny*, couples can hold a wedding there with up to 23 guests, starting from May next year.

BOOK IT: *Disney Destiny* will sail three, four and five-night cruises from Fort Lauderdale to the Bahamas and western Caribbean in its inaugural season. A three-night Bahamian cruise round-trip from the Florida port starts at £612, based on two adults and two children aged three to 11 sharing an inside stateroom. disneycruise.disney.go.com; pixiedusthq.com

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