



Norwegian Luna

Norwegian Cruise Line

OVERVIEW: The 3,565-passenger *Norwegian Luna* is the 21st addition to the NCL fleet and second in the Prima Plus Class, alongside sister *Aqua*. They have more space, bigger outdoor areas and increased capacity due to it being 22m longer than the rest of the Prima Class. This ship offers a good balance of facilities: if clients want high energy, adrenaline and excitement, they'll find it, but the space means they can seek out a quieter spot too. The ship is contemporary in design and aimed at couples, families (particularly multigenerational) and groups.

CABINS: Accommodation spans Solo, Inside, Oceanview and Balcony cabins, plus Suites in The Haven, the upscale 'ship within a ship' area. My Balcony Suite in The Haven was generous, with a seating area, a divinely comfortable bed, balcony with table and two chairs, and ample storage. It also came with a fridge and coffee machine, bathroom with double-width sink, walk-in shower and a dressing table with amazing lighting. On the upside, there were more USB plug sockets than ever, but the downside was water priced at \$5 a can.

FOOD AND DRINK: There are 17 dining venues: a mix of complimentary options such as always-buzzing Indulge Court, where you order on an iPad from a range of cuisines, to speciality restaurants where there is a surcharge. I tried authentic Thai food in Sukhothai, upscale Italian at Onda by Scarpetta and the excellent Cagney's Steakhouse. Los Lobos (Mexican) and Hasuki (teppanyaki) also make a welcome return, while Soleil Bar on deck eight is hard to beat for a sundowner.

FACILITIES: Like *Aqua*, *Luna* boasts the Aqua Slidecoaster (the first hybrid waterslide and rollercoaster at sea); The Drop, a 10-storey-high drop slide; and the Glow Court, an outdoor LED-lit sports court that's now easier to access than on *Aqua*. New for *Luna* is the Moon Climber obstacle experience, an enlarged mini-golf course and the addition of sit-down soccer and shuffleboard to the Midway Games area, plus new games and loungers in Horizon Park and enhanced lighting around the ship to transform it at night.

USP: Entertainment on *Norwegian Luna* is excellent – highlights include a high-octane celebration of Elton John in the theatre, a new Eagles tribute band in Syd Norman's Pour House and the adult-only *LunaTique*: *Pop Circus* production. This risqué combination of singing, dancing and comedy is performed by six talented artists in racy, burlesque-style costumes, accompanied by a live band. It comes at a \$49 surcharge including four cocktails with suitably naughty names and had the audience singing, whooping and whistling along. A stunning art installation of a moon is another plus point for Instagram fans.

BOOK IT: A seven-day Caribbean: Great Stirrup Cay, Dominican Republic & Tortola cruise departing from Miami on a September 26 costs from £645 for an Inside cabin, or from £1,155 for a Balcony cabin, both cruise-only. ncl.com

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