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THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Blast it! I wish the economy would pick up, so we don't have to keep on supporting it. The cruise lines need so many passengers, and we can't help them all.

The Royal Caribbean cruise line needed someone to help fill their cabins on the Mariner of the Seas, to the Mexican Riviera, so we had to go again. It is such a tough job at our age, but someone has to do it!

Have to admit the weather was excellent, and the seas were calm for the whole distance. The ports of call were Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, and Puerto Vallarta.

Looking back to visits in the 80's, there is a stupendous change in all the port cities. They are so large, now that cruise tourism has contributed so much money.

The Mariner of the Seas is not even one of the largest vessels, but it comes complete with a main street, lined with shops, bars and cafes. It is like strolling down a street in Europe!



Of course, this is before you wander down to the Ice Skating Rink, to watch the Ice Follies Show! After this, you could go up top to climb the rock wall at the rear of the stack. Or to the adults only spa pool and Jacuzzi's! Or to stop at the Ben and Jerry's ice cream store to buy your favorite flavor! There are endless activities to eat away your time. Their next ship will be the largest cruise ship in the world, for 5,000 passengers, with a Central Park walk complete with trees and shrubs! And of all things, a zip line!

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