

THE END OF ANOTHER TRAVEL YEAR

The year 2012 drew to a close with another cruise, not a motor home adventure! An opportunity arose to join a group aboard the new Celebrity ship, the Reflection. It went out of Miami to San Juan, St. Marteen, and St Thomas. The ship was on its eighth sailing. There were 3,400 souls aboard, about 3,000 were Florida retirees. The average age was about 85 yrs. There were more scooters, walkers and canes than I have ever seen before. (I fit right in!)



When the ship docked in St. Marteen, there were a total of six ships there, releasing about 18,000 people into the town!

The ship is similar to the other ones of its class, with a few minor changes. The top deck still has the area of real grass that has to be mowed, but it is now separated into areas for bocce ball etc. and picnic area and there is a specialty restaurant facing another, and an area for seating at a bar.

There were so many ships docked at St. Thomas that we had to dock at a navy repair area, about 2 miles from town!

The ship had some electrical transformer issues that slowed the electric pod propellers and the ship could not reach cruising speed. It was worked on by the factory repair crews as we sailed. It delayed our arrival at San Juan by several hours.



This being cruise number 99, it necessitates a number 100 one! It is now booked for April 22, 2013, and is a California coastal cruise, God willing and the creek don't rise!

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