BEE CRUISE

October 8-15, 2017
Royal Caribbean’s Liberty of the Seas
7-Night Western Caribbean Cruise
We are excited to announce that the Inaugural University of Minnesota Bee Squad Bee Cruise will set sail from Galveston, Texas on October 8th, 2017 for a seven-night Western Caribbean cruise. Bee Cruise will bring together bee enthusiasts and beekeepers from across the world. The Bee Cruise Symposium will feature internationally recognized bee and habitat experts as well as accomplished beekeepers. Speaker presentations will explore the past, present and future of bee health issues. Educational bee excursions will be available to book at each port of call.

BEE CRUISE SPEAKERS

Marla Spivak, Ph.D.  
University of Minnesota

John Miller  
Miller Honey Farms

Katie Lee, Ph.D. candidate  
University of Minnesota

Dennis vanEngelsdorp, Ph.D.  
University of Maryland

Darrel Rufer  
Rufer’s Apiaries, Inc. & Deep East Texas Queens LLC

Elaine Evans, Ph.D.  
University of Minnesota

Additional speakers will be announced at a later date.
**SCHEDULE**

*Day Before Departure: October 7th- Welcome Reception Cocktail Party*

Day 1: October 8th- Set Sail at 4:30 pm from Galveston, Texas on the Royal Caribbean’s Liberty of the Seas

Day 2: October 9th- Cruising- Bee Cruise Symposium Day 1

Day 3: October 10th- Port of Call - Cozumel, Mexico*

STINGLESS BEE EXPERIENCE This port excursion will introduce the Bee Cruiser to stingless honey bees. Smaller than *Apis mellifera*, stingless bees still produce honey and can be managed (meliponiculture). Learn about the biology of stingless bees and their deep roots in Mayan culture.

Day 4: October 11th- Port of Call- George Town, Grand Cayman *

ISLAND BEE SAFARI Guided by an organization that oversees nature preserves on the island, enjoy a unique island bee safari developed just for Bee Cruisers. Learn about the island bees and other pollinators as well as the flowers they visit.

Day 5: October 12th- Port of Call- Falmouth, Jamaica*

JAMAICAN APIARY VISIT This Bee Cruise excursion is perfect for the beekeeper who wants to visit an apiary that is home to *Apis mellifera mellifera*. Guided by an expert on Caribbean beekeeping, you will enjoy meeting the beekeepers and the honey bees of Jamaica. Note: This excursion includes a possibility of getting stung during the apiary visit.

Day 6: October 13th- Cruising- Bee Symposium Day 2

Day 7: October 14th- Cruising- Bee Symposium Day 3

Day 8: October 15th- Arrive in Galveston, Texas at 7:00 am

*Registration information about Bee Cruise excursions will be emailed to you prior to departure. Additional fees will apply.*
CRUISE RATES

A deposit of $200 per person is required to confirm a cabin. Final payment is due on or before July 17, 2017. Once deposit is received all cancellations/name changes are assessed a $100 per person penalty therefore we recommend purchasing Travel Insurance. Travel insurance provides reimbursement coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, and other benefits including Trip Delay, Missed Cruise Departure, Accident Medical Expense, Sickness Medical Expense, Baggage & Personal Effects, Baggage Delay, Medical Evacuation, These prices are per person based on double occupancy. They include taxes and gratuities.

BEE CRUISE VACATION INCLUDES

- Ship accommodations
- Meals onboard (specialty restaurants not included)
- Some beverages onboard
- Most entertainment onboard

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BEE CRUISE SYMPOSIUM

The Bee Cruise Symposium will feature internationally recognized bee scientists highlighting the latest bee research during sea days. The symposium includes eight hours of programming over three sea days.

The Bee Cruise Symposium fee is NOT included with your Bee Cruise Vacation. Please register for the symposium when booking your cabin.

Early Bird Bee Cruise Symposium Rate $110.00
Bee Cruise Symposium Rate (after March 15, 2017) $150.00

www.beesquadtravel.com
REGISTRATION

7-Night Western Caribbean Cruise
Royal Caribbean’s Liberty of the Seas
Departs from Galveston, Texas on October 8, 2017

To book your Bee Cruise Vacation and Bee Cruise Symposium please visit

www.beesquadtravel.com

If you have questions about making a reservation, please call Suzi Davis Travel Group Department, a Direct Travel Company

Space is limited. Please register by 3/15 before the Bee Symposium fees increase!

For other questions about Bee Cruise, please contact
University of Minnesota Bee Squad
beesquad@umn.edu or 612-624-8989

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Bee Cruise SponsorShip Levels

Your generous sponsorShip will help bring talented bee experts on board Bee Cruise and foster opportunities for lively bee discussions and experiences.

For Bee Cruise SponsorShip information, please contact Becky Masterman at 612-624-8989 or beesquad@umn.edu

Bee Cruise is supporting efforts to Plant Seeds to Help Bees. Please consider making a donation to either the Bee and Butterfly Habitat Fund to plant acres of bee and butterfly friendly flowers in North America or to Bees for Development to plant trees to restore forest and provide nectar for bees in Ghana and Ethiopia.

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