



ATLANTIS EVENTS

Everything You Need to Know About Atlantis Cruises: 2026 & 2027 Guide

Discover the ultimate guide to Atlantis Events gay cruises for 2026 & 2027. Compare itineraries, explore ships, and learn why booking with Pride Travelers elevates your entire vacation.

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Intro

If you've ever researched LGBTQ+ travel, chances are you've heard the name **Atlantis Events**. For over three decades, Atlantis has been the gold standard for all-gay cruises, transforming world-class ships into massive, floating festivals of community, high-energy parties, and unapologetic fun. But with epic new itineraries spanning from the Mexican Riviera to the sun-drenched Southern Caribbean, figuring out *which*

cruise fits your vibe—and managing the logistics to actually get on board—can quickly become overwhelming. That's where we come in. At [Pride Travelers](#), we are dedicated LGBTQ+ travel experts who know the cruise industry inside and out. While clicking "book direct" might seem like the quickest option, partnering with our travel agency means you get completely personalized guidance, insider knowledge, and seamless coordination of your *entire* trip—including the stressful pre- and post-cruise logistics like flights, hotels, and port transfers. In this complete guide, we are breaking down the history of Atlantis Events and comparing their hottest 2026 and 2027 sailings, so you can set sail with total confidence.

Comparing 2026 & 2027 Atlantis Gay Cruises at a Glance

Choosing the right all-gay cruise comes down to your preferred ship style, party vibe, and destination preference. Whether you want the mega-ship energy of over 5,000 guys or an boutique island-hopping itinerary with all-inclusive dining, here is how the upcoming Atlantis Events sailings stack up against each other:

Cruise Name	Ship & Cruise Line	Dates & Length	Departure & Itinerary	Key Highlights & Inclusions	Best For
<u>San Diego Mexico Cruise 2026</u>	Holland America <i>Koningsdam</i>	Nov 7–14, 2026 7 Nights	• San Diego, CA • Cabo San Lucas • Puerto Vallarta (Overnight) • Mazatlán	• Fares from \$799 • 2,500 guests • 3-story Magradome pool deck for night parties	West Coast travelers, classic luxury lovers, and overnight Vallarta nightlife
<u>Thanksgiving Caribbean Cruise</u>	Virgin Voyages <i>Resilient Lady</i>	Nov 22–29, 2026 7 Nights	• Miami, FL • Puerto Plata • San Juan • Bimini Beach Club	• All specialty dining included • Free Wi-Fi & basic drinks • ~2,800 guests	Holiday getaways, foodies, and modern adults-only luxury
<u>Epic Allure Caribbean Cruise</u>	Royal Caribbean <i>Allure of the Seas</i>	Mar 7–14, 2027 7 Nights	• Miami, FL • Nassau (Beach Club Takeover) • Cozumel • Roatán	• Fares from \$1,499 • 5,600+ guests (Largest gay cruise ever) • Includes Beach Club pass & drink booklets	High-energy circuit parties, mega-ship thrills, and world-record atmosphere
<u>Southern Caribbean Cruise 2027</u>	Virgin Voyages <i>Valiant Lady</i>	Mar 27 – Apr 3, 2027 7 Nights	• San Juan, PR • Aruba • Curaçao • Antigua • St. Maarten	• All specialty dining included • Free Wi-Fi & basic drinks • ~2,800 guests	Deep Caribbean island-hopping, beach lovers, and boutique cruise vibe

Which Atlantis Cruise Is Right for You?

- **For Budget & Value:** The **San Diego Mexico Cruise** offers the lowest entry price point (starting at \$799), combined with Holland America's premium service and an overnight stay in Puerto Vallarta.

- **For the Ultimate Party & Scale:** The **Epic Allure Caribbean Cruise** is the flagship event of the year, bringing together over 5,600 guests on one of the world's largest cruise ships with massive production venues.
- **For Stress-Free Dining & Modern Perks:** Both **Virgin Voyages sailings** (Thanksgiving & Southern Caribbean) eliminate hidden add-ons by including all specialty restaurants, essential drinks, Wi-Fi, and fitness classes in the cruise fare.



Photo courtesy of Atlantis Events.

Who is Atlantis Events? (History & What Makes an All-Gay Cruise Unique)

If you are new to the world of LGBTQ+ travel, you might be wondering what exactly sets an Atlantis cruise apart from booking a standard vacation.

Founded in 1991 by Rich Campbell, [Atlantis Events](#) started with a simple concept: organizing an all-gay week at a Club Med resort in Mexico so friends could vacation freely together. By 1998, they began chartering entire cruise ships, completely revolutionizing the gay travel industry. Today, Atlantis is the largest LGBTQ+ vacation company in the world, hosting tens of thousands of guests a year.

The "Full Charter" Difference

The biggest distinction between Atlantis and a regular cruise is that Atlantis operates **full ship charters**. This means they rent out the *entire* ship from major cruise lines like Royal Caribbean, Virgin Voyages, or Holland America.

When you sail with Atlantis, every single passenger (and sometimes even the customized entertainment and DJs) is part of the Atlantis family. You don't have to worry about adjusting your behavior, holding hands by the pool, or dealing with judgmental stares from traditional cruisers. It creates a powerful, liberating environment where guests can be 100% their authentic selves.

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The Vibe: Is it Just One Big Circuit Party?

A common misconception is that Atlantis cruises are strictly non-stop, 24/7 circuit parties. While they *are* famous for their massive, over-the-top outdoor dance parties featuring world-renowned DJs, laser shows, and elaborate costumes, that is only one piece of the puzzle.

Atlantis curates a full festival of entertainment, including:

- **Headline Performers:** Past guests have included massive stars, Broadway legends, and top-tier drag queens (like Bianca Del Rio).
- **Daytime Activities:** From pool games and afternoon T-dances to glass-blowing demonstrations, wine tastings, and fitness classes.
- **A Welcoming Community:** You will find guys of all ages, body types, and backgrounds. Whether you want to dance until sunrise, relax quietly by the pool, or watch a comedy show, the cruise is designed to let you play exactly how you want to play.



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Why You Shouldn't Book Direct (And Why Pride Travelers is Your Best Bet)

If you have found the perfect sailing, your first instinct might be to click "book" directly on the Atlantis Events website. But here is the travel industry's best-kept secret: **booking your Atlantis cruise through a specialized LGBTQ+ travel agency like Pride Travelers costs you exactly the same as booking direct, but you get significantly more value.**

Atlantis relies on travel agents to help guests manage their bookings. In fact, their own reservation system notes that if you prefer to use an agency, you must have the agency make the booking for you. Here is why you should:

1. We Master the Pre- and Post-Cruise Logistics

An Atlantis cruise is only one part of your vacation. How are you getting to the port? Where are you staying the night before? (Never fly in on the day of departure!). We take the stress out of your vacation by seamlessly coordinating your **flights, pre- and post-cruise hotel stays, and port transfers**. We ensure that your entire journey, from your front door to the ship's gangway, is completely mapped out.

2. Deep Industry and Cruise Knowledge

Not all cabins are created equal. Because we are dedicated travel experts who know the cruise industry inside and out, we can guide you to the right stateroom for your needs. Want to be close to the pool deck parties? We know the decks. Want a quiet retreat far away from the late-night music? We know exactly which cabins to avoid. We match you with the right ship, the right room, and the right vibe.

3. We Are Your Dedicated Advocates

If an itinerary changes, a flight gets canceled, or you need to adjust your reservation, dealing with customer service call centers can be a nightmare. When you book with Pride Travelers, we sit on hold. We advocate for you, handle the frustrating logistics, and ensure your vacation stays on track.

Ready to Set Sail?

Don't leave the details of your dream vacation to chance. Let us handle the logistics so you can focus on packing your best outfits (and figuring out your theme party looks).

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Atlantis Events Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Do I need a passport to go on an Atlantis Events cruise?

While some closed-loop cruises (sailings that depart and return to the same U.S. port) allow U.S. citizens to travel with a government-issued photo ID and an official birth certificate, **a valid passport is strongly recommended for all guests**. Having a passport ensures smooth embarkation and protects you in the rare event of an emergency requiring you to fly home early from a foreign port. Ensure your passport is valid for at least six months beyond your cruise return date.

Are food, drinks, and Wi-Fi included in the Atlantis cruise fare?

What is included depends on the cruise line hosting the charter:

- **Virgin Voyages Sailings** (*Thanksgiving Caribbean & Southern Caribbean*): Includes all specialty dining (no buffets, no surcharge restaurants), essential beverages (sodas, juices, drip coffee, water), basic Wi-Fi, and onboard fitness classes in the base fare.
- **Holland America & Royal Caribbean Sailings** (*San Diego Mexico & Epic Allure*): Includes standard dining options (main dining room, buffet) and basic shipboard entertainment. Specialty restaurants, alcoholic beverages, sodas, and Wi-Fi packages are available for purchase separately.

What is the typical age range and demographic on an Atlantis cruise?

Atlantis cruises attract a diverse, welcoming international crowd. Guests typically range in age from early 20s to 70s, with the average age usually falling between **30 and 55**. You will find single travelers, couples, groups of friends, first-time cruisers, and loyal alumni who have been sailing with Atlantis for decades.

What should I pack, and how do theme parties work?

In addition to your standard resort wear and swimsuits, packing for an Atlantis cruise means preparing for their legendary **themed T-dances and night parties**. Atlantis releases the official theme party lineup a few weeks before departure (common themes include *The White Party*, *Dog Tag*, *Neon*, and *Retro 80s/90s*). You can go all-out with elaborate costumes or keep it simple with basic themed accessories—there is zero pressure, and everyone is encouraged to participate at their own comfort level.

Does booking through Pride Travelers cost more than booking directly with Atlantis?

No, absolutely not. Booking your Atlantis cruise through [Pride Travelers](#) costs the exact same as booking directly on the Atlantis website. Atlantis welcomes travel agent bookings and pays us directly for managing your reservation. By booking with Pride Travelers, you pay zero extra fees while gaining a dedicated expert to handle your cabin selection, flights, pre- and post-cruise hotel stays, and transfers.

