

Quality Seminar at Sea --- September 2024

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Dates: Sun, Sep 22 – Sun, Sep 29, 2024

RCI Cruise Line

Departing: Port of Galveston, TX

Itinerary:

Sun 22-Sep travel to Galveston – embark ship 12 – 3 pm ** depart 4 pm **

Three Days... days at sea – morning Speaker sessions – afternoon Forum topics

Three Days... days in port – Roatan Honduras, Costa Maya Mexico, Cozumel
on your own – excursions – beaches – shopping

Sun 29-Sep return to Galveston – disembark typically by 10 am – travel home

Program:

The program is anchored by a 12 hour Leadership Course hosted by the Xstream Leadership Group. Presented in daily sessions.

In addition to the core offering, we offer as much variety as possible on the other 6 hours at sea. We provide content that will appeal to a wide audience, like leadership, general personal growth, and common topics that cross industries and quality functions. With sufficient participation, we can plan for two concurrent topics. This permits the scheduling of 60-90 min morning presentations (9 am to noon).

After a 2-hour lunch break, we open the sessions to small discussion groups that focus on personal or common theme issues. There is much less structure with individuals forming small groups for “on-the-spot” created topics. Some members skip this and join their guests for shipboard activities. We track hours of participation and issue CEU credits per participation; up to 3.0 CEU can be earned.

At 5 pm we formally break and hold no evening activities... perhaps there may be social time with guests or informal gatherings of the group participants. In the three days ports, we do no formal group activities.

A DRAFT program is provided (subject to change - see Cruise home page table). If you attempt to get some payment made by your company, this is your best “sales tool” to convince them of the business value. Feedback has been “Speaker quality is Better than standard conferences.” Many companies over the years have paid the conference fees and/or some (or most) of the cruise and travel costs. Utilize your Personal Development Plan as the basis for approval and funding, and maybe even do it all on company time as you would get for other conferences. ASK!

The Costs:

Conference Fees: \$150 Conference participant – payable via link BELOW

\$ 50 all non-seminar guests

\$ 25 youth / senior guests (3rd and 4th persons in cabins)

Personal costs include the cost of the cabin you choose for you and your guests. All cabins are booked at a per person (pp) cost and require cabin double occupancy or a “solo” supplement. You may want to book a hotel the night before (9/21) to ensure you’re in Galveston on the Sailing Date... you’ll not want to ‘miss the boat’.

Group Cabin Rates:

\$1046 pp for Balcony
954 pp for Ocean View
663 pp for Inside

Children/Parents? – OK as 3rd or 4th passenger in the same cabin; generally half the standard cabin rates?

Add these to above regardless of cabin choice:

Taxes, fees, and mandatory tips not included... currently they are:

\$135.38 pp for Taxes, Fees & Port Expenses

\$112.00 pp stateroom and dining staff

If going “solo”, the cabin price doubles, but fees above are not doubled

Comparative Pricing:

(estimates based on a 2024 Six Sigma conference in Phoenix)

<u>Cost Item</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Cruise</u>	<u>... Cruise Notes ...</u>
Conf Fee (2 day)	1175	150	receive shipboard credits of ~\$50 (also a 3rd conference day)
Hotel (3 nights)	765	1295	7 nights (Balcony cabin) --- requires double occupancy
Meals (3.5 days)	250	0	7 days – included in total cost
Total	\$2190	\$1445	plus the fun factor and enjoy the experience with a guest

Shipboard Life:

Food, food, and more food... all at your discretion. We do nothing to coordinate breakfast or lunch meals... spend time with your guests. For dinner, we do have a reserved block of tables where we dine together. If you have a concern about seasickness call to discuss; ships are very stable.

Reservation Process:



Step 1: Register for the conference through the link provided on the Cruise home page table. After we receive notification, we provide a planning worksheet that helps you determine your needs and prepare the information the booking agent requires.

Step 2: Using the worksheet, contact the cruise line to choose your cabin and pay the \$500 deposit. Our Group Block for the current advertised pricing and specific cabins expires 6/22/24.

Payment Schedule:

NOW – Conference Registration – \$150 per Seminar participant – \$50 per guest
To Jun 22 – Cruise Reservation – \$500 deposit for cabin payment at reservation time
Aug 22 – 30 days – final coordinated arrangements for hotel / special transportation
Sep 22 – departure – Bon Voyage

Registration: Web Page: [Quality Seminar at Sea Cruise 2024](#) at (\$150/\$50/\$25)

Make your choices and use the   icons to log-in and access your shopping cart. I will get a notice and then email information for making RCI cabin Reservations.

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