



Blue Notes



FESTIVAL AT SEA

2024 THEME • PORTS-OF-CALL • HOTELS • ITINERARY

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FAS SHIPMATES: THE UNCF BACHELOR AUCTION

We would like to recognize that the UNCF is now in its 80th year! Many of you may have sailed on Festival at Sea several times but may not know about the origin of our UNCF commitment. Our first sailing was in 1992 and the beginning of this wonderful support of African college students.

The artist Phyllis Hyman, helped to get us started by donating an autographed T-shirt which yielded \$600 via an onboard auction and helped to set the bar for over 30 years of generosity. Both individuals and groups have joined in making a dream come true. We also must thank the late Gail Walton who stepped up to serve as the first chairperson of this great cause and now we thank her daughter, Dr. Monique Walton for continuing to carry on the baton.

Every year our Festival at Sea men have volunteered to be part of our Bachelor Auction. We would like to thank them for providing one of our most popular onboard events while enabling us to raise money for such a worthwhile cause. We couldn't do this without you!

Patricia Nicholson Yarbrough
President & Founder
Blue World Travel Corp.

UNCF Highlights

Special Recognition: Blue World Travel would like to give special recognition to all of the people who have made it possible for us to support our young people in their pursuit of higher education.

Dedicated Committee: Several members of our UNCF Committee are graduates of HBCU's (Delaware State, Norfolk State, and North Carolina Central) and have careers in education, behavioral health care, armed forces, and business education and consulting. Uplifting and empowering our youth is a passion for all of us and it is an honor to be able to lead the Festival at Sea's/UNCF's fundraising efforts. We enjoy getting to know our passengers every sailing and are forever grateful for your generosity and love. Let's get \$100K this year!

Individual Donations: Jay Lightner has not only been a bachelor in our Auction, but over the past 10 years has also donated over \$30,000.00. He has been the Director of the Lighthouse Mentoring Center in Pittsburgh, Ca for 24 years. It's Mission is "To provide a stable, structured and loving home in a positive environment where each child can maximize their potential achieve independence and become a contributing member of society."

Group Donations: Financial District Information: For the past 15+ years, a group of family and friends infamously known as the Iowa Connection or The Financial District have been top contributors in Festival at Sea's UNCF fundraising efforts. With their strong belief in education, mentorship, and community empowerment, these ladies have donated close to \$100k over the years. We are so appreciative of their unwavering support of our efforts to make college a reality for our youth.



Large: 30th Anniversary Bachelors
Small: Our AMAZING UNCF Committee



Dr. Monique Walton

BLACK HOLLYWOOD *meets* BLACK BROADWAY

A CELEBRATION OF BLACK ARTISTRY

Black film and stage presence has been fueling the entertainment industry for decades.

This year our theme will pay tribute to the array of incredible Black performers from the stage to the screen!



THEME SUGGESTION WINNER

Congratulations to Shonda Brown for suggesting that we “Dress like the characters from the movie the Wiz and walk down the yellow brick road.”

Her suggestion and other similar recommendations have inspired this perfect opportunity to bring together the talents of the stage and the screen for our 2024 theme:

Black Hollywood meets Black Broadway

Dress up as a Black movie or theatre character and recreate the look of your favorite production!

NEED IDEAS?

BROADWAY INSPIRATIONS

THE WIZ

Ease on down the lido as Scarecrow, Tin Man. Click your heels as Dorothy or wear green to get in Emerald City!

SOUL TRAIN

Platform shoes, bell bottoms, afros and groovy colors. Or better yet, be Don Cornelius himself!

THE MJ EXPERIENCE

Time for rehearsal! Get your white gloves, white socks, hat, shades & military jacket. Who has the best moonwalk?

TINA

Show what love's got to do with dressing up like the iconic Tina Turner! Shiny dresses, wigs, jean jackets & heels!

OTHER PLAYS: THE COLOR PURPLE, DREAMGIRLS, MOTOWN, AIN'T TOO PROUD, R.E.S.P.E.C.T. & MORE!

HOLLYWOOD INSPIRATIONS

COMING TO AMERICA

“If you're really a prince I'll marry you!” Be Prince Akeem, be the “Queeen to beeee” or grab a shift at Wacarnolds!

HARLEM NIGHTS

Guard your pinky toe! Take the party uptown and show us that 1920s style!

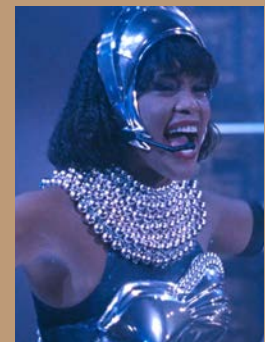
SHAFT

I wonder if we'll see any bad mutha-SHUT YO MOUTH! We're just talkin' 'bout Shaft! Can you dig it?

FRIDAY

Craig, Dae Dae, Pops, Felcica or *tucks chain* DEE-BO!

OTHER MOVIES: HOUSE PARTY, SISTER ACT, "A SPIKE LEE JOINT" & MORE



PORTS OF CALL



JULY 14

NASSAU

Nassau is the largest city and one of the most popular destinations in the Bahamas. Whether you are stopping over during a cruise or decide to spend a couple of weeks on the island, you are going to love the mix of historic architecture and modern restaurants, bars, and coffeehouses.

7AM — 4PM



JULY 16

SAN JUAN

A place where the Old World meets the new in fascinating ways, San Juan is also a hub of more modern pursuits, including shopping, dining, and nightlife. Whether you're into tropical beaches, historic sites, art museums, salsa music, or something else entirely, you'll find it in San Juan.

10AM — 7PM



JULY 17

ST. THOMAS

Your must-see for culture. St. Thomas, shopping capital of the Caribbean, draws hundreds of thousands of visitors each year to buy goods duty-free. Yet it's the laid-back lifestyle, ear-to-ear smiles and joy of our people that make this island a must-see for culture- and experience-craving travelers.

8AM — 6PM



JULY 18

ST. MAARTEN

The island of St Maarten / St Martin boasts breathtaking shorelines, the prettiest beaches and bluest waters in the Caribbean, exciting nightlife, world-class shopping and an inspiring arts and culture scene that has catapulted this destination to become the "Culinary Capital of the Caribbean."

8AM — 6PM

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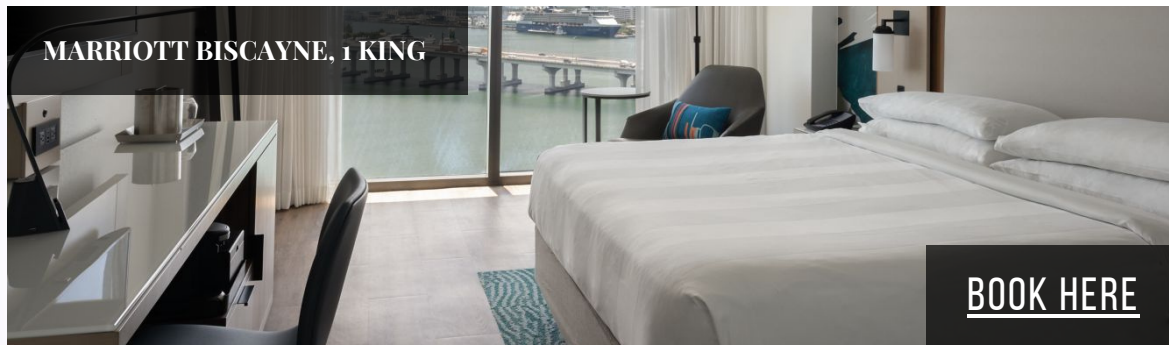
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DATE	PORT	ATTIRE
SATURDAY JULY 13TH	FORT LAUDERDALE	RESORT CASUAL
SUNDAY JULY 14TH	NASSAU	COCKTAIL
MONDAY JULY 15TH	AT SEA	HOLLYWOOD MEEETS BROADWAY
TUESDAY JULY 16TH	SAN JUAN	RESORT CASUAL
WEDNESDAY JULY 17TH	ST THOMAS	RESORT CASUAL
THURSDAY JULY 18TH	ST MAARTEN	WHITE NIGHT
FRIDAY JULY 19TH	AT SEA	WAKANDA AT SEA/AFRICAN ATTIRE
SATURDAY JULY 20TH	AT SEA	FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM DAY
SUNDAY JULY 21ST	FORT LAUDERDALE	DEBARKATION

HAVE YOUR FAS AND CABIN NUMBER READY WHEN BOOKING

HOTELS



1 KING BED, 2 NIGHTS

Single rate: \$558

This is the Pre-Cruise Party Hotel. The classic rooms offer floor-to-ceiling windows, Wi-Fi (fee) and flat-screen TVs, plus desks and coffeemakers; many have bay views.



2 QUEEN BEDS, 2 NIGHTS

Double rate: \$305pp

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2 QUEEN BEDS, 2 NIGHT

Double rate: \$305pp

Minifridges, 47-inch TVs and WiFi (fee) are offered in each room, as well as modern decor and custom-designed beds. 4 on-site restaurants, fitness center and outdoor pool.

All packages include:

Room Rate, Room Tax, Housekeeping, Bellman, Luggage Pull & Pier Portorage, the Pre-Cruise party at The Marriott Biscayne and transfers to the ship.

SPRING BLUE NOTES COMING IN APRIL!



Entertainment Release



Beverage Packages



Tours & Excursions



UNCF Bachelor Auction



Fashion Week at Sea



Renewal of Wedding Vows



Last Comic Sailing



Basketball Tournament



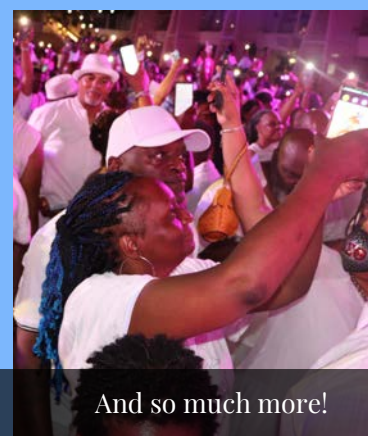
Games & Activities Signups



Children's Book Drive



Gospel Brunch



And so much more!

Festival at Sea is about you!

In our Spring Blue Notes you'll find out about all of the activities that you'll be able to participate in.
There is so much to do...



ASK IKE!

What clothes should I bring!?

No worries, mon I got your starter list right here!



- Outfits:
 - Hollywood meets Broadway
 - White Night
 - African Attire
 - Cocktail Attire
- Black Culture T-Shirt Day
- Sports Team Day
- Books for Book Drive
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses

Hey Ike, why do I need trip Insurance?

Listen close and let me ya so...



INSURANCE :

We all want to have a trip without any “surprises” however, as we have seen over the past 30 years, **situations do occur that are unexpected.** A cruise vacation is also an investment and it is wise to protect this investment with insurance. **Here are some of the reasons why you should be insured:**

Cancelled Flights & Flight Delays & Missed Flights: If you miss your flight or your flight is cancelled, you could possibly miss the ship. That is also a reason for you to book the pre-cruise!

Unexpected Sickness and Injuries: If you, or your roommate cannot travel you will be not be reimbursed unless you are insured. Our charter sailing is non-refundable.

Sickness that occurs onboard the ship. – If you must leave the ship because of illness, those expenses will not be covered unless you are insured.

Sickness onboard which requires quarantine: Although testing is currently not required to sail, Celebrity reserves the right to re-instate any rules that support the health of the guests. For example, if you become ill with Covid or any other contagious virus, **Celebrity has the right to quarantine you in your cabin** or in a cabin specified for illness. Unfortunately, no refunds will be given if this occurs. Your only reimbursement would be from insurance. Feel free to research insurance policies of your choice and what the specific policy includes. Blue World Travel has worked with Travelex Insurance and you may want to compare their rates. To get a quote you may call 800-228-9792. They will ask for your Location number. It is 05-1094 . Or you can go-online at www.festivalatsea.com/insurance You can then hit the “Click Here for a Quote” button and get a quote and purchase insurance immediately.

Get Ready for our 17th Annual UNCF Bachelor Auction

Over the past 31 years our **Festival at Sea passengers have donated close to \$600,000** to support our young people and their quest for higher education. We are grateful to all of you who continue to support the United Negro College Fund who are celebrating their 80th year!

This year, we would like to raise \$100,000 between our Raffle Ticket Sales and Bachelor Auction. **Gentlemen, this will be our 17th Annual UNCF Scholarship Bachelor Auction and we are looking for 16 Good Men to participate. It is open to all ages 21 and up.**

In April you will have a chance to sign up for this fun and worthy cause to support students wanting to attend UNCF

Sign-ups will be in our Spring Blue Notes in April.

Ladies, no need to sign up in advance. Just come and bid for your Bachelor!



Shout Outs

Did you forget
to send a shout out?
We got you next time!

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2 - Karen Moore
July 3 - Kathy Hall
July 4 - Yolanda Tyler
July 5 - Shireese Lincoln
July 7 - Ava Stanley
July 7 - Anita Moore
July 8 - Charles Ivey
July 9 - Melanie Burroughs
July 9 - Lauren Spencer
July 10 - Marlene Anthony
July 10 - Erica Williams
July 11 - Phyllis Artis
July 12 - Tabatha Harris
July 13 - Stephanie Smith
July 13 - Dorothy Williams
July 14 - Rene Hunter
July 15 - Traci Smith
July 16 - Julia Jones
July 16 - Willie Brown

Timothy Alexander White - July 17
Saige Byers - July 17
Alisa Fields - July 18
Calvin (Mr. Smooth) Sibert - July
18
James Summerville III - July 19
Kimbily McClain - July 19
Malyay King - July 20
Cheryl Mack - July 21
Majorie Williams - July 21
Shanice Todd - July 21
Eric Augustus - July 23
Ryan Bacon - July 24
Karen Winesberry - July 25
Frances Donison - July 25
Jade Dennis - July 26
James Broussard - July 26
King Brilk - July 28
Michelle Brice - July 28
Jewel Cummings - July 29

Shout Outs

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dawn Burton - August 1
Raymond Beck - August 1
Miriam Wallace - August 2
Iris Moore - August 2
Naomi Price-Burton - August 5
Deneen Jones - August 5
Renee Flagg - August 7
Tierra Howse - August 8
Selwyn Wilkinson - August 8
Frances Ivey - August 9
Paulette James - August 18
Renee Pierce - August 19
Cynthia Jordan - August 19
Barbara Ford - August 20
Nicole Smith - August 20
Donovan Esver - August 20
Dena McClendon - August 21
Crystal Haley - August 22
Marshall Cowell - August 23
Brenda Tennell - August 30
Virietha Turner - August 31

BIRTHDAY MILESTONES

16 - Donovan Esver - August 20th
18 - Norah Price-Burton - November 10th
21 - Naomi Price-Burton - August 5th
30 - Marshall Cullors - June 6th
40 - Quenton Alexander - October 15th
45 - Kimbily McClain - July 19th
50 - Dena McClendon - August 21st
50 - Shireese Lincoln - July 5th
50 - Damon Brown - May 28th
50 - Anita Moore - July 7th
60 - Traci Smith - July 15th
60 - Denita R. - March 25th
60 - Talitha Howse - February 27th
60 - Katherine Weathers - May 13th
60 - Cassandra Chapman-Tabor - January 21st
60 - Roberta Nelson - July 10th
60 - Stephanie Bronson - January 26th
65 - Pam Presley - June 16th
65 - Selwyn Wilkinson - August 8th

Shout Outs

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Year - Christopher Desper Jr. & Crystal Haley-Desper - May 6th

1 Year - Andre & CJ Johnson - November 5th

3 Years - Byron & Marlene Anthony - July 9th

10 Years - Lernard & Shawn Person - August 22nd

13 Years - Aaronita & Hersey Wilkins - September 4th

16 Years - Bernard & Valerie Dixon - July 17th

18 Years - Marsha & Marshall Conwell - April 6th

18 Years - Bobby & Nicole Smith - August 20th

20 Years - Marvin & Renee Love - October 17th

23 Years - Dorothy & Robert Williams - July 21st

25 Years - Daniel & Davona Sanders - March 17th

26 Years - Brenda & Van Tennell - August 8th

30 Years - Dorothy & Ronell Ellis - September 3rd

31 Years - Cathy & Darryl Rodgers - July 17th

31 Years - Ronell & Dorothy Ellis - September 3rd

34 Years - Charles & Frances Ellingberg - July 7th

39 Years - Benjamin & Pamela Jones - July 6th

46 Years - Nancye & Victor Brazil - July 1st

HONEYMOONS

Maxine Crawford Smart & Robert Smart - June 1st

Chester & Vickie Rayner - December 16th

Shout Outs

RETIREMENTS

Congratulations to Renee Flagg who is retiring from Kaiser Permanente Hospital after 36 years.

Congratulations to Marth Huffman who retired from Santa Clara County after 30 years -- now celebrating 20 years of retirement,

Congratulations to Daisy Anderson who is retiring from Chicago Public Schools after 43 years.

Congratulations to Felicia Morgan-Percy who is retiring from Chicago Public Schools after 31 years.

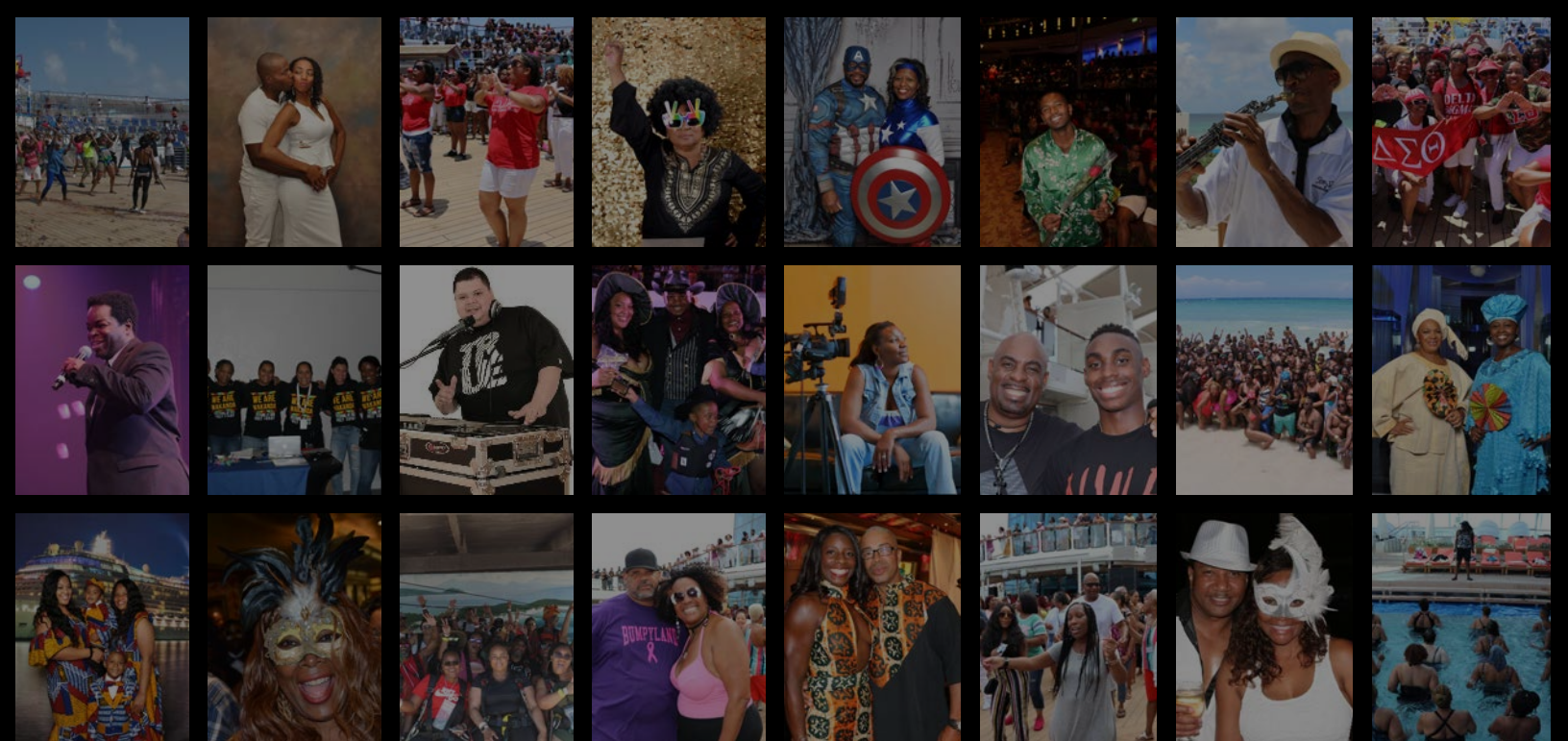
Congratulations to Dorothy Ellis who is retiring from Juvenile Probation after 25 years.

Congratulations to Tonya Chatman who is retiring from Ford Motor Company after 30 years.

GRADUATES

Audrey Jones - California State University Monterey Bay - Bachelor

Jade Cummings - Howard University - Bachelor of Science in Communications, Television & Film



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