

<u>Milton High School Band</u> 5-Night Cruise: Cozumel & Yucatan (Progreso) <u>Carnival Valor</u>

Group Leader: Michael Schultz

Monday - March 18, 2024

7:30am Buses arrive for loading.

8:00am Depart for Port of New Orleans – Approximately 215 miles / @ 3 ½ hours of drive time

12:00 PM Arrive PORT of NEW ORLEANS / CARNIVAL CRUISE Terminal for the CARNIVAL VALOR, Board Ship -

Your "Festivals At Sea" representative (name & cell phone number to be provided) will meet you upon

arrival and assist with boarding and check-in procedures.

Please Note: Proof of citizenship is required at this time. Birth Certificate with Legal Photo ID or Passport required. Boarding can be denied with no refund without proper ID.

* IMPORTANT *

"Sail & Sign" Credit Card Payments should be made at check-in. Cash Payments must be done at the Purser's Desk, preferably prior to the orientation. You will be unable to make purchases onboard until you activate your "Sail & Sign" card.

12:30-3:30pm LUNCH Buffet - Served on Lido Deck.

3:30 PM The CARNIVAL VALOR Sets Sail for COZUMEL, MEXICO!

TBD WELCOME ONBOARD ORIENTATION Meeting & Social in the "TBD" (Mandatory) - Meet your "Festivals

At Sea" representative and ship's security officers to learn about the ship and your cruise to Mexico. Information on customs rules and regulations, onboard activities and more! Refreshments will be served.

8:00 PM **DINNER** - Main sitting in your respective dining room (no shorts or swimming attire).

Tuesday – March 19, 2024

BREAKFAST - Open sitting or a buffet breakfast on Lido Deck from 7:00-10:30am.

Onboard **"Fun Day at Sea"** – Enjoy some of the many activities onboard today.

12:00 PM **LUNCH** - Open sitting, served until 2:00pm or a buffet lunch served on Lido Deck from 12:00-2:30pm.

8:00 PM **CRUISE ELEGANT EVENING** – dinner in your respective dining room.





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Wednesday – March 20, 2024	
	BREAKFAST - Open sitting or a buffet breakfast on Lido Deck from 7:00-10:30am.
8:00 AM	Arrive COZUMEL! – Swim, snorkel, see historical sites or look for the incredible bargains on Mexican handicrafts.
9:00 AM	PASSION ISLAND SHORE EXCURSION - You have secured 16 tickets for this excursion which will be picked up at the Shore Excursion Desk onboard.
12:00 PM	LUNCH - Open sitting, served until 2:00pm or a buffet lunch served on Lido Deck from 12:00-2:30pm.
4:00 PM	The Carnival VALOR Departs for YUCATAN (PROGRESO)!
8:00 PM	DINNER in your respective dining room.
Thursday – March 21, 2024	
	BREAKFAST - Open sitting or a buffet breakfast on Lido Deck from 7:00-10:30am.
8:00 AM	Arrive YUCATAN (PROGRESO)! - Enjoy the fun in the sun activities for everyone at this glorious resort.
8:15 AM	BLUE HOLE CENOTES & SWIM ADVENTURE SHORE EXCURSION - you have secured 37 tickets for this excursion which is 6 hours 30 min.
12:00 PM	LUNCH - Open sitting, served until 2:00pm or a buffet lunch served on Lido Deck from 12:00-2:30pm.
4:00 PM	The Carnival VALOR Departs PROGRESO!
8:00 PM	DINNER in your respective dining room.
Friday – March 22, 2024	
	BREAKFAST - Open sitting or a buffet breakfast on Lido Deck from 7:00-10:30am.
Onboard	"Fun Day at Sea" – Enjoy some of the many activities onboard today.
12:00 PM	LUNCH - Open sitting, served until 2:00pm or a buffet lunch served on Lido Deck from 12:00-2:30pm.
8:00 PM	DINNER in your respective dining room.

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Saturday - March 23, 2024

BREAKFAST - Open sitting or a buffet breakfast on Lido Deck from 7:00-9:30am.

8:00 AM Arrive PORT of NEW ORLEANS - Expect to wait as long as an hour for the disembarkation process.

Passengers will not be permitted to leave the ship until it has been cleared by U.S. Customs.

DISEMBARK SHIP.

8:30am Buses arrive for staging.

@9:00am Depart for home.

Please Note: Bus Driver Hours and Electronic Logs

The US Department of Transportation (DOT), and Group Travel Network (GTN), take the safety of your students very seriously. As such, GTN supports the DOT's efforts to mitigate driver fatigue and keep bus driver hours within allowable and lawful parameters. The use of Electronic Driver Logs on every motor coach is required starting on January 18, 2018. These logs will monitor and record the activity of every driver and require them to adhere to the laws of the DOT. These laws are outlined in the following ways: 1) Bus Driver(s) are allowed to be "on duty" no more than 15 hours during any 24-hour period. 2) Bus Driver(s) are allowed to be "driving" no more than 10 hours during any 24-hour period. 3) Bus Driver(s) are required to have 8 hours of "rest time" once either of the previous two rules are reached. GTN will make every effort to mitigate any negative impacts to the itinerary. Please be aware, if your itinerary is adjusted in any way (by design, due to traffic, etc.), and causes your driver(s) to reach their allowable driving or on-duty maximums, you may be delayed until the 8-hour rest period is fulfilled.

Overnight Travel: It is our goal to provide the most economical/enjoyable travel experience possible for your group, including overnight bus travel IF required, however, it is our position that all groups consider daytime travel in an effort to lessen the possibility of driver fatigue.