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Ship Review

CARNIVAL ELATION

Mrs. Holmes and I sailed on the Carnival ELATION in November of 2001 from Long Beach/ San Pedro California to the traditional Mexican Riviera ports. This was our first trip on Carnival although we have visited several Carnival ships as travel agents on familiarization trips.

At 70,000 GTons the Elation is one of the smaller of Carnivals ships as she holds just a few over 2000 passengers.



One has the feeling of a Las Vegas strip at sea when boarding the Elation for the first time. Its promenade links just about every major public venue except the pool area and once you have mastered its opportunities, you know just what the whole ship is about. The narrow corridors

Linking the staterooms to the elevators were somewhat claustrophobic and looking into the many room occupied by families of five or six we had great empathy for the occupants and especially the crew assigned to clean them.

Our cabin was an outside category but at the stern of the ship. We had a small and almost nonexistent window which hardly qualified our expectation of an outside cabin. The room itself was clean and relatively spacious but extremely devoid of any comfortable furnishings. In addition to the bed there was one straight back desk chair and even the wastebasket was hard to find.

During cleaning hours, we had the opportunity to peek into other cabins and our opinion was not changed by this inspection.

Public rooms in general were spacious and carried forth the Las Vegas image and we found them to be functional and easy to enjoy. We did find the children's play facilities to be much smaller than we would have expected for the family atmosphere that Carnival claims in its advertising. They were well equipped but just excessively

lacking in space. As we stated earlier the action is to be found in the various locations off the main promenade you can't get lost here there are five bars plus five entertainment venues.

There are two major dining rooms on the Elation plus the buffet style LIDO which serves breakfast and lunch and which becomes the SeaView Bistro for casual dinner dining at night.

We found the meals to be plentiful in both quality and quantity and had no complaints whatsoever in this area. The shows in the public rooms as well were well presented, entertaining and of high quality. As with almost all ships and lines, room service is a well known opportunity to get away from the rat race. Our complaint was that used trays seemed to gather in the corridors and remain there for hours, often causing foot traffic problems.

The pool deck is large and almost always crowded with sunbathers and pool swimmers. We found the number of inebriated young college age cruisers to be both embarrassing and dangerous at times. The funship image can have its drawbacks at times and certainly this was not a good standard to set for younger families en cruise! It is hard to find a quiet space aboard at night just to enjoy a drink and the ambiance of being at sea..... the parties rock on everywhere including in the corridor outside your room.

We rate the CARNIVAL ELATION a 76 on a scale of 1 to 100

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