

Room with a view

Ever wondered which cruise line has the largest rooms? We've filtered through the major cruise ships heading for Australian waters in summer 2020/2021 to put together this handy guide. We've compared the size and offering of the smallest rooms with a window (usually referred to as oceanview staterooms, depending on the cruise line), because we can't all book onto the upper decks.

Carnival Cruise Line

Carnival Spirit Length: 294m **Tonnes:** 88,500 **Cabins:** 1,062 Capacity: 2,124 **Crew:** 930

Pax : Crew = 2.3 cruisers per crew member

Room size: 17m²

Carnival Cruise Line takes out top spot for the largest oceanview room. Interestingly the oceanview rooms on Carnival Splendor are almost exactly the same size as a balcony cabin in terms of interior real estate (not counting the extra couple of square metres you get with the balcony), meaning the room is a good value choice if you're looking to save a couple of pennies. An oceanview room on either ship offers a king bed which can be separated into two twins and a double-seater couch separates the bed and ensuite.



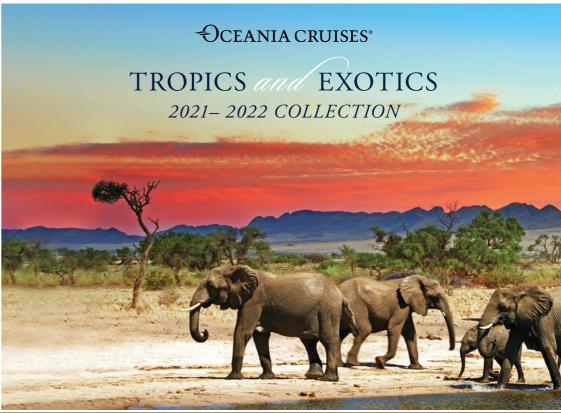
Tonnage: 113,300 tonnes

Cabins: 1,503 **Capacity:** 3,012 **Crew:** 1,150

Pax : Crew = 2.6 cruisers per crew member







Royal Caribbean International

Ovation of the Seas

Length: 348m **Tonnes:** 167,800 Total cabins: 2,090 Capacity: 4,905 guests

Crew: 1,500 crew

Pax : Crew = 2.8 cruisers per crew member

Voyager of the Seas

Length: 310m **Tonnes:** 137,27 **Cabins:** 1,713 **Capacity: 3,258 Crew:** 1,176

Pax : Crew = 2.7 cruisers per crew member

Serenade of the Seas

Length: 293m **Tonnes:** 90,090 **Cabins:** 1,075 Capacity: 2,150 Crew: 884

Pax: Crew = 2.4 cruisers per crew member

Radiance of the Seas

Length: 293m **Tonnes:** 90,090 **Cabins:** 1,061 **Capacity: 2,146** Crew: 884

Pax: Crew = 2.4 cruisers per crew member



Room size: 17m² to 28m² (depending on the cabin)

Royal Caribbean International ties with Carnival Cruise Line with identical-sized oceanview rooms. Ovation's staterooms have the largest bed of all the cruise lines, but only just, with two twin beds converting to a Royal King – a total of 0.1m² larger than a standard King. The same category on Voyager, Radiance and Serenade only offers a queen, rather than a king. There's also a two-seater lounge, plus vanity area consisting of a desk with mirror and chair.

Celebrity Cruises

Celebrity Solstice Length: 317m **Tonnes: 122,000** Total cabins: 1,426 **Capacity: 2,850 Crew:** 1,250

Pax : Crew = 2.3 cruisers per crew member

Room size: 16m²

Celebrity Cruises is just nipping at the heels of Carnival Cruise Line and Royal Caribbean International ships when it comes to oceanview room size. The staterooms include a queen bed that can be converted to two twin beds, as well as a sitting area with a sofa that accommodates two. Some rooms have a trundle bed as well to fit an extra passenger in the room.

Celebrity Eclipse Length: 317m **Tonnes:** 122,000 **Cabins:** 1,279 **Capacity: 2,850** Crew: 1,250

Pax: Crew = 2.3 cruisers per crew member





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Princess Cruises

Sapphire Princess **Sun Princess** Length: 290m Length: 260m **Tonnes:** 115,875 **Tonnes:** 77,441 **Cabins:** 1,337 **Cabins:** 1,011 **Capacity: 2,000 Capacity:** 2,670 **Crew:** 1,100 Crew: 924

Pax : Crew = 2.4 cruisers per crew member Pax : Crew = 2.2 cruisers per crew member

Pacific Princess Sea Princess Length: 180m Length: 261m **Tonnes:** 30,277 **Tonnes:** 77,499 **Cabins:** 338 **Cabins:** 1,008 Capacity: 670 **Capacity: 2,000 Crew:** 375 **Crew:** 910

Pax: Crew = 1.8 cruisers per crew member Pax : Crew = 2.2 cruisers per crew member



Room size: 13.5m² to 19m² (depending on the cabin)

This room offers a queen bed or two twin beds. Some rooms also have the option of a third or fourth berth. The usual layout of the room doesn't include a sitting area - just a desk and chair – unlike some of the other rooms in this comparison, except on *Pacific Princess* where passengers have a small sofa to relax on. Regal Princess and Majestic Princess will both be sailing down under in the 2020/2021 season as well, but don't have oceanview staterooms.

Norwegian Cruise Line

Norwegian Jewel Length: 294m **Tonnes:** 93,502 **Cabins:** 1,190 **Capacity: 2,376** Crew: 1,069

Pax:crew ratio = 2.2 cruisers per crew member

Room size: 12.8m² to 17m² (depending on the

cabin)



One of the smaller cabins in this line up, there are a couple of different versions of the oceanview stateroom on Norwegian Jewel which can have a large porthole or a window. Rooms have two twin beds that can convert to a queen. Unlike many cabins in this category on other cruise lines, there is no sofa or lounge, just two small desks on either side of the room.

P&O Cruises

Pacific Aria **Pacific Explorer** Length: 219m Length: 260m **Tonnes:** 55,820 **Tonnes:** 77,441 **Cabins:** 630 **Cabins:** 999 **Capacity:** 1,503 **Capacity:** 1,998 **Crew:** 597 Crew: 856

Pax:crew ratio = 2.5 cruisers Pax:crew ratio = 2.3 cruisers per crew member

per crew member

Pacific Adventure Length: 290m **Tonnes:** 108,865 **Cabins:** 1.316

Capacity: 2,636 Crew: 1,100

Pax:crew ratio = 2.4 cruisers

per crew member

Room size: 12.5m² to 24m²

P&O Cruises brings up the rear, with the smallest oceanview room onboard Pacific Adventure. Pacific Explorer and Pacific Aria actually have fairly large oceanview rooms (between 16m² and 24m²), comparable to Celebrity Cruises. Oceanview staterooms can accommodate twin and gueen beds, or you can stay in a quad room with two bunks (four beds). The rooms include a single armchair, as well as a desk and chair. The window is either a porthole or larger window, depending on the deck.



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