

HT Labadee, Haiti Cruise Port Guide

Your Complete Guide to Royal Caribbean's Private Paradise on Haiti's Northern Coast



Labadee (pronounced **Lah-bah-DEE**) is one of the Caribbean's most unique cruise destinations. Unlike a traditional cruise port, Labadee is a **private resort destination operated exclusively for Royal Caribbean guests** on a scenic peninsula along Haiti's northern coast.

Surrounded by lush mountains and the sparkling Caribbean Sea, Labadee offers beautiful beaches, thrilling adventures, cultural experiences, and plenty of opportunities to simply relax in paradise.

While you're technically visiting Haiti, the experience is very different from visiting a traditional city or town. Everything is designed to provide a safe, relaxing, and memorable beach day for cruise guests.

Where Do Cruise Ships Dock?



Unlike tender ports, ships dock directly at the **Labadee Pier**, making it easy to walk ashore.

The arrival area includes:

- Welcome plaza
- Tram stops
- Excursion meeting locations
- Shopping areas
- Beach access
- Restrooms
- Guest services

Because Labadee is a private destination, you'll use your ship's SeaPass card for purchases, and many onboard amenities carry over to the island.

Understanding Labadee

One of the biggest differences between Labadee and a traditional cruise port is that there isn't a downtown area to explore.

Instead, the peninsula is divided into several beach and activity areas connected by walking paths and complimentary trams.

You'll find:

- Beautiful beaches
- Water sports
- Adventure activities
- Restaurants
- Bars
- Artisan Market
- Scenic viewpoints

Think of Labadee as a giant beach resort designed exclusively for cruise guests.

★ Top Attractions & Excursions

🪂 Dragon's Breath Flight Line



One of Royal Caribbean's signature attractions.

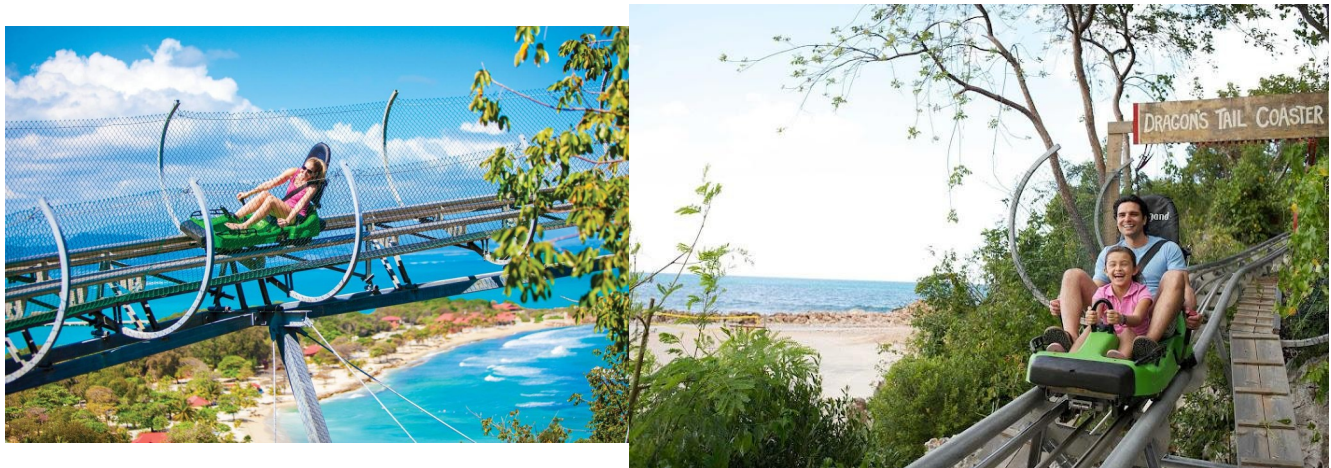
Soar over the Caribbean Sea on one of the **longest over-water ziplines in the world**.

Highlights include:

- Speeds approaching 50 mph
- Incredible ocean views
- Mountain scenery
- A thrilling ride nearly 2,600 feet long

This is one of the most popular activities in Labadee and often sells out.

🚀 Dragon's Tail Coaster



Control your own speed as you race down the mountainside on this exciting alpine-style coaster.

Perfect for:

- Families
- Couples
- Thrill seekers

Aqua Park

Seasonally available, this floating inflatable water park features:

- Climbing walls
- Slides
- Obstacle courses
- Trampolines

A favorite for older children and teens.

Jet Ski Adventure

Guided excursions explore the beautiful coastline surrounding Labadee.

A fun option for adventurous travelers.

Kayaking & Paddleboarding

Enjoy calm Caribbean waters while exploring secluded coves and scenic shoreline.

Best Beaches

Nellie's Beach



One of Labadee's most popular beaches.

Features:

- Calm swimming
- Soft sand
- Lounge chairs
- Floating mats
- Nearby food service

Excellent for families.

Columbus Cove



Known for:

- Calm water
- Beautiful scenery
- Floating Aqua Park
- Family-friendly atmosphere

One of the best beaches for children.

Adrenaline Beach

Located beneath the zipline.

Offers:

- Great swimming
- Exciting views of the Flight Line overhead
- Beautiful mountain backdrop

The surf can occasionally be rougher than other beaches.

Hideaway Beach

One of the quieter sections of Labadee.

Perfect for:

- Reading
 - Relaxing
 - Couples
 - Escaping the crowds
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Beach Cabanas



Royal Caribbean offers several private cabana experiences.

Depending on the location, amenities may include:

- Private seating
- Ceiling fans
- Beverage service
- Dedicated attendants
- Floating mats
- Snorkeling equipment

These are popular and should be reserved well before your cruise.

Shopping

Labadee offers two distinct shopping experiences.

Artisan Market

Browse locally made:

- Paintings
- Wood carvings
- Metal artwork
- Handmade jewelry
- Haitian crafts

Friendly bargaining is common and expected.

Duty-Free Shops

Near the pier you'll also find:

- Souvenirs
- Apparel
- Jewelry
- Royal Caribbean merchandise

Food & Drinks

One of the best features of Labadee is that your cruise fare includes lunch served at island buffets.

Menu items often include:

- Grilled chicken
- Hamburgers
- Hot dogs
- BBQ
- Salads
- Fresh fruit
- Desserts

Your onboard beverage package (if applicable) generally works on Labadee, making it easy to enjoy drinks without additional cost.

Hidden Gems

Many guests never venture beyond the first beach they see.

Take time to explore:

- Quiet walking trails
 - Scenic overlooks
 - Less crowded beach areas
 - Hidden photo spots
 - Sunset Point viewpoints
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Weather Throughout the Year

Labadee enjoys warm tropical weather all year.

Winter (December – February)

- Highs: **80–84°F (27–29°C)**
- Lower humidity
- Ideal beach weather

Spring (March – May)

- Highs: **82–87°F (28–31°C)**
- Warm and sunny

Summer (June – August)

- Highs: **87–91°F (31–33°C)**
- Hot and humid
- Brief afternoon showers

Fall (September – November)

- Highs: **84–89°F (29–32°C)**
- Warm ocean temperatures
- Lush tropical scenery

Trade winds help keep conditions comfortable throughout the year.

Hurricane Season

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from:

June 1 – November 30

Peak activity generally occurs during:

- August
- September
- October

Because Labadee is a private destination, itineraries may occasionally be adjusted due to weather or operational considerations.

Travel insurance is always recommended.



Getting Around

Getting around Labadee is easy.

Options include:

- Walking paths
- Complimentary tram service
- Accessible pathways

Most beaches are within a short walk or tram ride from the pier.



What to Pack

Bring:

- ✓ Swimsuit
 - ✓ Reef-safe sunscreen
 - ✓ Sunglasses
 - ✓ Hat
 - ✓ Water shoes
 - ✓ Waterproof phone pouch
 - ✓ Beach towel (provided by your cruise line)
 - ✓ Small cash if shopping in the Artisan Market
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Premium Travel Group Tip

Don't spend your entire day at the first beach you see after leaving the ship. Labadee is much larger than many first-time visitors realize, and each beach offers a different atmosphere.

If you're seeking excitement, head to **Dragon's Breath Flight Line** or **Dragon's Tail Coaster**. If relaxation is your goal, take the tram to **Columbus Cove** or **Hideaway Beach**, where you'll often find fewer crowds and spectacular Caribbean views.



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Why Visit Labadee?

Labadee offers the perfect balance of relaxation and adventure. Whether you're soaring across the Caribbean on one of the world's longest over-water ziplines, lounging beneath a palm tree with a tropical drink, or browsing handcrafted Haitian artwork, it's easy to enjoy a carefree day designed entirely around cruise guests. With beautiful beaches, crystal-clear water, and stunning mountain scenery, Labadee remains one of the most popular private cruise destinations in the Caribbean.

Joe's Logbook

Labadee is one of those places where it's easy to do as much—or as little—as you want. Some visits are all about adventure, riding the zipline or the mountain coaster. Other times, the best day is simply finding a beach chair, listening to the waves, and enjoying the fact that everything you need is just a short walk or tram ride away. If you've never been before, take some time to explore beyond the main beach—you'll discover that every corner of Labadee has its own personality.