

# Character Interactions on Disney Cruise Line

One of the most exciting and unique things about a Disney cruise is all of the characters that you will find scattered throughout the ship.

Characters meet guests on Disney cruises in a way that is similar to Disney parks. See a character, join the line, and then meet the character. To find character meet and greet times and locations, consult your Personal Navigator. Make sure you download the app before you board to avoid costly wi-fi charges.

We have seen more characters on some Disney Cruise Line voyages than we have seen in the parks. They are EVERYWHERE! We even happened upon Cinderella roaming the halls as we made our way to our stateroom on the Disney Dream. It was so magical! Keep in mind that the characters onboard vary GREATLY based on the particular ship and itinerary.

## **Get to the area the character will be meeting early.**

Most character sets are 15 minutes long. While that doesn't seem like a long time, the great thing about character sets on the ship is if you are in the line for a character before those 15 minutes end, you will meet the character. If you plan on meeting multiple characters you should get to the area several minutes early, so you will be one of the first to meet one character, and can move on quicker to the next one before that line closes.

Sometimes, a character will be meeting in the same area immediately after another character. If you get there early, ask the character attendant if the new line has started yet, they'll keep you to the side and then have you get in line when they are ready to start that next character line.



## **Choose the earlier set.**

If there are multiple sets for a character, the first one usually will be less crowded. This is especially true if the ship is in port and before everyone has to be back on the ship. When there are multiple

parties where characters meet, such as the See Ya Real Soon party held on the last night of the cruise, or the Halloween party during the Halloween on the High Seas cruises, typically fewer people attend the first party.

### **Be Prepared For Longer Waits**

Unlike some meets in the parks, characters aren't there just to take a picture and move on to the next guest. Because of the quality of interaction on the ships, the lines moved slower than you may be used to.

### **Visit Guest Services Upon Embarkation**

As I mentioned in the prep-planning email some character interactions require tickets. This includes the Royal Princess Gathering, which you can book a slot for 30-days from sail date.

If you weren't able to secure those tickets at check-in then you should go directly to guest services when you arrive onboard. There are also a limited number of tickets when you first get on the ship, though they go quickly. ***If you can't get a ticket, don't worry. The same princesses will usually have a regular meet & greet during your cruise, just check the Navigator.***

The great thing about the ticketed princess meet & greet is that you get in one line, and get to meet all the princesses in a row, with a short wait. However, it is not your only chance to meet the princesses.

### **Oceaneer Club**

If you are cruising with little kids, they may be able to meet characters in the Kids Clubs onboard. Depending on your cruise itinerary, different character interactions may be available in the clubs. One of the more popular character greeting events is Pluto's Pajama Party. This is when Pluto makes an appearance in the club to have a dance party with the kids.



### **Disney's Castaway Cay**

If your Disney Cruise itinerary includes a stop at Disney's private island, Castaway Cay, you have additional chances to meet Disney Characters. Most of the Disney characters meet guests in front of the Post Office, at Mount Rushmore or on the gangway when entering or exiting the ship.

Some characters also stop by Scuttle's Cove which is the Castaway Cay kids club for ages 3 to 12 years old.

Your family is sure to see some amazing characters on your Disney Cruise!



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