

A Review of the 2024 Big Nude Boat nude cruise sponsored by Bare Necessities

The following is based on our firsthand observations and are our opinions...you can and should draw your own conclusions.

We have received a lot of questions about how we liked the nude cruise...what we thought of it...would we go again, etc. so we figured we'd write a brief article.

First and foremost...we had a great time, it was a wonderful cruise with some fantastic excursions. We hung out with friends, made new friends, caught up with old friends that we hadn't seen in forever. We ate, we swam, we ate some more lol, we snorkeled for almost an entire day. We sat by the water and relaxed, we napped and we ate some more. If you hadn't guessed there is a lot of great food on the ship. Everything from the finest of dining in the dining room, to Guy's burgers (yes, that's Guy Fieri), to some very good pizza, salads, Chinese, carved meats, desserts that were off the charts. Be sure to ask Kim about the molten lava chocolate cake.

We met some fantastic advocates for the naturist cause...Linda Weber, Francelli, Martin Desnudo, Mitch London and many others.

We were able to catch up with some friends from the east coast and a whole bunch of folks from the amazing Star Ranch in McDade, TX.

It was just a wonderful time of fun, fellowship and food.

BUT...there was a side of the nude cruise that quite frankly disappointed us and discouraged us about the overall direction of the naturist movement.

There was a not so hidden undertone of sexuality and elements of the swinger lifestyle that was there and not in a hidden manner...it was on display for the whole world to see. I'd have to say that the naturists were definitely in the minority on the cruise and the sexual nudists were in the majority.

Bare Necessities lists on their website under the section titled Decorum Rule in the 3rd section down “Lingerie, fetish-wear, and excessive genital jewelry are not appropriate at any time” and yet based on our firsthand observation not only was it allowed, it was everywhere we turned all day every day.

Sexy lingerie, fetish-wear and genital jewelry were common sights no matter where you were on the ship. The overall vibe of the ship was not naturist, but sexual. Several among our group made the statement that we all felt like we were in the minority and that we were the only group that it was ok to discriminate against.

On top of the abundance of lingerie and genital jewelry were the shows, comedy club routines, etc. Our cruise director Jasper was openly hitting on both men and women on the cruise in very crude manners from the stage, and even making public comments like “he prefers spit to lube” from the stage during the Family Feud Live show. A show that we walked out on 10 minutes after it started due to the completely vulgar nature of both the show’s content and the horrible behavior of the cruise director.

So...yes, we had an absolutely wonderful week, enjoyed a lot of time with friends, enjoyed our excursions and came home well rested.

Our only advice is for Bare Necessities to actually enforce their own rules so the folks who do not yet fully understanding what the naturist lifestyle is about do not get the wrong impression of naturism. A lot of these folks are looking for a nonsexual and family friendly venue.

If a first timer, who had been told that naturism was wholesome and nonsexual and good for the whole family had gone on this cruise as their first naturist experience and that is what they had been looking for...our guess would be they would give up on naturism and throw the whole thing out based on what they saw on that ship. This cruise is not a naturist venue based on what we saw this year.

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