



## AUTISM FRIENDLY SHIPS

Celebrity Cruises® has achieved Autism Friendly Cruise Line status, having completed [Autism Friendly Certification](#) with Autism on the Seas™. Autism Friendly Certification is awarded to cruise lines for their efforts to ensure their products and services are accessible for inclusion and participation by the autism and developmental disability community.

Celebrity Cruises has achieved the following Autism Friendly Certifications fleet wide:

- **Bronze Level** – all required autism friendly products and services in place
- **Silver Level** – all Youth staff trained on autism awareness

Developed by Autism on the Seas' Advisory Team, autism awareness training covers the following topics: characteristics of autism and developmental disabilities, and communication tactics, such as person-first language and terms, and skills to initiate a conversation with a parent about his or her child's needs.

In addition, all Youth staff are required to have a four-year University degree or international equivalent in education, recreation or a related field. They must also have at least three to five years of qualified experience in working with children ages 3 to 17 years.

Celebrity Cruises offers autism friendly initiatives for families living with autism. This includes sensory friendly films and toys, dietary menu options, and overall autism friendly training for Fun Factory staff. Additionally, we offer a wide range of autism friendly products and services, which include:

- Priority check-in, boarding and departure
- Special dietary accommodations including gluten-free and dairy-free
- Fun Factory flexible grouping by ability for children 3 to 11 years old
- Fun Factory toilet-trained policy exception
- Pagers/phones for parents of children while signed into the care of Fun Factory programs (subject to availability)



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## AUTISM FRIENDLY FILMS

Autism friendly films are presented in a low-lit and low volume environment. Guests are encouraged to freely talk and walk around during the film. These films will be offered on all autism group cruises, and cruises when there are at least five children with autism onboard. Dates and times will be highlighted in Celebrity Today.

## AUTISM FRIENDLY TOY LENDING PROGRAM

In our efforts to deliver top-rated products with both play and educational value, Celebrity Cruises partnered with Fat Brain Toys, one of the most highly regarded toy companies by occupational, physical and play therapists, to offer an exclusive Autism Friendly Toy Lending Catalog. We also offer: non-toxic crayons, markers, water colors, building blocks, dominoes and picture books. Upon request, we will provide a tote bag with the Fat Brain Toys of your selection.

[Download Autism Friendly Toy Lending Catalog.](#)

## AUTISM FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

We offer activities for children of all abilities. Families are encouraged to consult with Fun Factory staff regarding any special needs that their children may have in order to identify which activities are appropriate for their child and any possible modifications.

## CRUISING SOCIAL STORY

A Social Story is a written or visual guide describing various social interactions, situations, behaviors, skills or concepts. These Social Stories help individuals with autism to better cope with social situations. Celebrity Cruises offers a Social Story Booklet about cruising to help families with autism prepare for their cruise vacation.

[Download Cruising Social Story Booklet.](#)

## WHAT DO YOU OFFER FOR TEENS WITH AUTISM?

- Expedited check-in, boarding and departure
- Special dietary accommodations including gluten-free
- Autism Friendly Toy Lending Program
- Autism Friendly Films
- Social Story Booklet
- Our Teen Program with teens-only hangouts and activities.

*Please note while some activities are hosted, they do not provide supervision or one on one attention.*

## WHAT DO YOU OFFER FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM?

- Expected check-in, boarding and departure
- Special dietary accommodations including gluten-free
- Autism Friendly Toy Lending Program
- Autism Friendly Films
- Social Story Booklet
- Our Cruise Activities Program.

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(Adults are not permitted in Teen or Fun Factory spaces.)*



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