



2005 KDA "Vacation" November 28th – Dec 3rd

The KDA has decided to plan a get-together cruise this year rather than a three-day intense technical Conference.

For many, just meeting new KD friends and seeing old ones was reason enough to come to the Conferences.

The KDA will also try to figure out a venue in which we the researchers may present to us their current research information – whether that be on land prior to or directly after the cruise, perhaps they may join us on the cruise or maybe we can obtain and play videos of them discussing their current findings.

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Join the KDA and Associates on a Carnival Cruise to the Western Caribbean!

For fun, friendship, sharing of information, and good old relaxation and pampering – consider spending a "vacation" with the KDA this year.



The cruise sails out of Galveston, Texas on November 28th 2005 to Cozumel and Playa Del Carmon, Mexico ports-of-call. Why from Galveston (Houston area) of all places?

Galveston is in the middle of the country – the most central port we could find as far as cruises go and no one will have to travel all the way across the country -- except those of you living in the frozen north. This will hopefully keep costs down.

November 28th is best pricing deal in the Fall time frame, so this is why the date was chosen and it happens to be after Hurricane season is over which is a large plus!

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KDA Cruise (cont'd)

The link to the actual Carnival cruise (below) has a cheaper price but it does not include taxes and other charges. As a group we will all have cabins on the Riviera deck close to the elevators and many other extras. Handicap cabins are available.

Ahh... How much you ask? Interior staterooms are \$456.75 and Ocean View staterooms are \$526.75. (Less than \$100 a night for food and lodging! Where else can you find that pricing for a vacation?

We have reserved 7 interior rooms and 8 Ocean View rooms but we can add more if we find there is great interest from the KDA Associates.

All meals (8 per day if you can handle it) are free but alcohol is extra. Gratuities are \$50 or \$10/day for the people cleaning up after us. No cash is accepted on board. When you board you get a ship credit card that you will have to put a major credit card, cash, AMEX checks, etc. against.



For those of you who like to gamble, visit the casino at your own risk!

The ship also has multiple restaurants to choose from – from casual dining, to quick food, to buffets to elegant. There are also bars where you can find entertainment from the musical to just people watching. Of course there is a nightclub for those who love to boogie and Vegas-Style Shows!

This is a 5 day cruise:

1 full “fun” day at sea on the way down then 1 day at both Cozumel and Calica/Playa Del Carmen and 1 full “fun” day at sea on the way back to Galveston arriving on the morning of Dec 3rd

KDA will receive \$100.00 per person – you can write \$50.00 of this trip off your USA income tax as a donation – Carnival Matches the other \$50.00!

A \$50.00 portion of your fare will go to the KDA and Carnival Cruise lines will match your donation, so the KDA will also benefit!



Excursions & Side Trips

Any organized excursions or side trips in Mexico will be at your expense. We also will have the opportunity to have a tour conductor for our group if we like.

Some excursions offered are:

Trips to Mayan Ruins – such as Tulum or Chitzen Itza

Swimming with the Dolphins

Golfing

Shopping in Can Cun & San Miguel

Snorkeling and Catamaran Trips

4x4 Safari's

Just Hanging out at a Beach Club

And many others....

Booking Flights:

Flights can be booked through Carnival which at first glance is more expensive than Travelocity or another online booking facility -- but Carnival will guarantee you get on the boat if your flight is late, something the airlines don't care about. Carnival also takes care of your transfer from the airport to the port from IAH (Houston International) in the north end of Houston or Hobby airport south of down town to Galveston on the Gulf coast for \$66.00 (a long way and expensive fare if you took a cab).

Optional medical and emergency insurance is also available for \$59/person insurance if you were to book and have to cancel for medical reasons.



We hope you can join the KDA "family" this year on "vacation"!



We'd love to see you there!



Reservations:

If you are interested in accompanying us on this cruise please send the following information:

Legal First & Last Name:
Date of Birth:
Phone #:
Resident State:
Citizen of:

along with a \$200 deposit per person to the

KDA
P.O. Box 1105
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marked "KDA Cruise 2005" **by March 11, 2005** so we can guarantee these staterooms and prices. (Sorry for the short notice – but Carnival will only hold the space for a short time without deposits!)

We will need a final room list before Sept 28, 2005. If you were to decide to cancel, we would need to know before September 28th – as on September 29th your \$200 deposit will be forfeit and non-refundable.

Please feel free to contact Murray Williams, this year's KDA Meeting Coordinator.

For more information and Itinerary, go to:
www.carnival.com/Itinerary.aspx?embkCode=GAL&itinCode=GL8&durDays=5&sailDate=11/5/2005&shipCode=EC&sailingID=24971&subRegionCode=CW



IMPORTANT - Please note:

If there is not enough interest generated to continue with the 2005 KDA Vacation Cruise – we will advise you and refund the deposits.

However, if enough individuals come forward and register – we will go forward with the Cruise.

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