Radiance of the Seas offered us many fun features, including shore excursions to the colorful Mexican ports. On board, there was great live entertainment, games, comedy, first-run movies, excellent sit-down dining, as well as a big buffet restaurant and a bunch of snack shops.

On deck was continuous live music, dancing, a rock-climbing plastic mountain, large pool and several spas. For adults only, in a luxurious, glass-enclosed, flower-lined Solarium, were a pool, spas, snack bar and booze bar.

A great feature of the Radiance was its glass interiors and exteriors all around, including outside elevators that whisked us up and down 14 decks with excellent day and night views of the passing ocean. We also had a balcony cabin, and it afforded impressive views as we sailed out of San Diego and into Ensenada's colorful port, and then on to Cabo with its world-famous rock formations.

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