



Before Boarding:

- **Complete Online Check-In:**
 - Many cruise lines offer online check-in. Complete this process before arriving at the port to streamline your boarding experience.
- **Print Important Documents:**
 - Ensure you have all necessary documents, including your luggage tags, boarding pass, passport, and any required visas. Keep physical and digital copies.
- **Check Visa and Vaccination Requirements:**
 - Verify if your cruise destination requires specific visas or vaccinations. Make sure you comply with any health and safety regulations.
- **Set up Cruise Line Apps:**
 - Download and set up any official cruise line apps. These apps often provide important information, schedules, and can be useful for communication on board.
- **Review Cruise Itinerary:**
 - Familiarize yourself with the cruise itinerary, including port stops and scheduled activities. Plan any shore excursions you want to participate in.
- **Inform Your Bank:**
 - Notify your bank of your travel plans to avoid any issues with credit or debit card transactions while abroad.
- **Purchase Travel Insurance:**
 - Consider purchasing travel insurance that covers unforeseen events, cancellations, or medical emergencies.

What to Pack:



- **Carry-On Essentials:**
 - Pack a small carry-on/tote bag with a swimsuit and essentials like medications. This allows you to start enjoying the cruise while waiting for your luggage to arrive at your cabin.
- **Sun Protection:**
 - Pack sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat for sun protection, especially if you plan to spend time on deck.
- **Travel-Sized Toiletries:**
 - While cruise cabins typically provide basic toiletries, having travel-sized versions of your preferred items can be convenient.
- **Power Strip or USB Hub:**
 - Cruise cabins may have limited power outlets. Bringing a power strip or USB hub can be useful for charging multiple devices.
- **Refillable Water Bottle:**
 - Staying hydrated is essential. Bring a refillable water bottle that you can use throughout the cruise, especially during excursions.
- **Snacks:**
 - While there is usually an abundance of food on cruises, having some snacks on hand for your cabin or excursions can be convenient.
- **Medications and First Aid Kit:**
 - Pack any necessary medications and a basic first aid kit. While cruise ships have medical facilities, it's good to have essentials like pain relievers, bandages, and seasickness remedies.
- **Seasickness Remedies:**
 - Even if you're not prone to seasickness, it's wise to bring remedies such as ginger candies or wristbands, just in case.
- **Travel Adapters:**
 - Check the type of outlets on the cruise ship and bring any necessary travel adapters to charge your devices.
- **Lanyard or Card Holder:**
 - Most cruise ships provide a key card for accessing your cabin and making onboard purchases. A lanyard or card holder can keep it easily accessible.
- **Light Jacket or Sweater:**
 - Even in warm destinations, it can get cool at night or in air-conditioned areas of the ship. Bring a light jacket or sweater for comfort.
- **Documentation:**
 - Carry important documents, including your passport, cruise tickets, and any required visas.
- **Plan for Formal Nights:**
 - If your cruise has formal nights, pack appropriate attire if you plan to participate in these events.

Onboard:

- **Attend the Mandatory Safety Drill:**
 - Participate in the mandatory safety drill at the beginning of the cruise. Familiarize yourself with the location of life jackets and emergency exits.
- **Explore the Ship:**
 - Take some time to explore the ship upon boarding. Locate key areas such as dining venues, entertainment spaces, and the spa.
- **Meet Your Cabin Steward:**
 - Introduce yourself to your cabin steward. They can provide information about the ship's services and assist with any specific requests you may have.
- **Make Dining Reservations:**
 - If your cruise offers specialty dining options, consider making reservations early to secure preferred dining times. (*Specialty dining is often at an additional cost.)
- **Participate in Onboard Activities:**
 - Check the daily schedule for onboard activities and entertainment. Take advantage of shows, classes, and other offerings.
- **Connect with Fellow Cruisers:**
 - Attend meet-and-greet events or use social media groups to connect with other passengers. It's a great way to make new friends and get insider tips.
- **Try Different Dining Options:**
 - Experiment with various dining venues, including specialty restaurants. Many cruises offer diverse culinary experiences.
- **Stay Informed:**
 - Stay informed about any changes to the itinerary, weather updates, or important announcements. Cruise staff often provide updates through announcements or newsletters.
- **Plan Your Next Cruise:**
 - Are you enjoying your cruise so much, you are planning the next one before you even disembark? If so, be sure to visit the concierge desk to ask about onboard booking promotions and discounts! You can secure your next cruise while on board and our team will be ready to assist with the details when you return!
- **Relax and Enjoy:**
 - Remember that you're on vacation! Take time to relax, unwind, and enjoy the amenities and activities the cruise ship has to offer.

BON VOYAGE!

