

Cruise Packing Checklist

A complete cruise packing checklist covering documents, formal and casual attire, cabin essentials, shore-excursion gear and what not to bring.

Documents and Money

- ☐ Passport or required ID and any visas
- ☐ Cruise boarding pass and luggage tags
- ☐ Booking confirmation and shore-excursion tickets
- ☐ Travel insurance details
- ☐ Credit card and some cash for ports
- ☐ Printed copies of key documents as backup

Store copies separately from the originals.

Formal and Evening Wear

- ☐ At least one formal outfit per formal night
Check your cruise line's dress code before you pack.
- ☐ Dress shoes or smart sandals
- ☐ Accessories: jewelry, tie, or a clutch
- ☐ A wrap or light jacket for cool dining rooms
- ☐ Smart-casual outfits for regular dinners

Casual and Daywear

- ☐ T-shirts, shorts, and breathable daywear
- ☐ Two swimsuits and a cover-up
- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes for ports
- ☐ Flip-flops or pool sandals
- ☐ A light sweater for air-conditioned areas
- ☐ Workout clothes if you plan to use the gym

Cabin and Toiletry Essentials

- ☐ Toiletries and travel-sized shampoo
- ☐ Sunscreen and after-sun lotion
- ☐ Daily medications and motion-sickness remedy
- ☐ Small first-aid kit and pain relievers
- ☐ A power bank and the right charging cables
- ☐ A magnetic hook or two for the metal cabin walls
- ☐ A nightlight and a lanyard for your cruise card

Shore Excursions and Day Bag

- ☐ Small day pack for off-ship trips
- ☐ Reusable water bottle
- ☐ Hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen
- ☐ Waterproof phone pouch
- ☐ Snorkel gear if not provided
- ☐ Cash in local currency for ports

- ☐ Carry-on with day-one essentials for embarkation

What Not to Bring

- ☐ Irons and steamers (usually banned)
- ☐ Candles or anything with an open flame
- ☐ Surge-protected power strips
- ☐ Drones unless explicitly allowed
- ☐ Large quantities of alcohol
Most lines limit or prohibit bringing your own alcohol.
- ☐ Anything on your cruise line's prohibited-items list