

Cruise Essentials Checklist

This checklist focuses on the important travel items, carry-on essentials, cabin gear, toiletries, medications, and other often-forgotten items that can make your cruise vacation easier and less stressful.

Important Travel Documents

- ☐ Passport or birth certificate
- ☐ Driver's license / government-issued ID
- ☐ Cruise boarding documents
- ☐ Travel insurance information
- ☐ Visa documents (if needed)
- ☐ Emergency contact list
- ☐ Reservation confirmations
- ☐ Cruise luggage tags
- ☐ Medical insurance information

Carry-On Bag Essentials

- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Important travel documents
- ☐ Phone charger and cables
- ☐ Portable charger
- ☐ Swimwear
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Hair clips / scrunchies / elastics
- ☐ Change of clothes
- ☐ Personal electronics
- ☐ Refillable water bottle
- ☐ Wallet / purse
- ☐ Cash (small bills for tips)
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Jacket
- ☐ Valuables / jewelry

Shore Excursion Items

- ☐ Backpack / tote bag / crossbody
- ☐ Beach bag
- ☐ Waterproof phone pouch
- ☐ Water shoes
- ☐ Dry bag
- ☐ Snorkel gear
- ☐ Bug spray
- ☐ Rain jacket
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Ponchos

Toiletries

- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Shampoo / conditioner
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Razor / shaving cream
- ☐ Hairbrush / comb
- ☐ Makeup
- ☐ Skincare products
- ☐ Moisturizer
- ☐ Nail file / clippers
- ☐ Nail polish
- ☐ Hair products
- ☐ Lip balm
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Aloe vera gel
- ☐ Anti-chafing cream
- ☐ Cotton balls / swabs
- ☐ Mouthwash
- ☐ Rubbing alcohol
- ☐ Contacts, solution, & case
- ☐ Dental floss
- ☐ Feminine hygiene products
- ☐ Perfume / cologne
- ☐ Shower cap
- ☐ Tweezers

Cruise Cabin Essentials

- ☐ Magnetic hooks
- ☐ Cruise-approved power strip
- ☐ Over-the-door organizer
- ☐ Collapsible laundry hamper
- ☐ Night light
- ☐ Portable USB fan
- ☐ Towel clips
- ☐ Poo-Pourri / travel air freshener
- ☐ Extra-long USB charging cables
- ☐ Magnetic dry erase whiteboard
- ☐ Travel adapter
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Disinfecting wipes
- ☐ Cabin decor

Medications & Health Items

- ☐ Prescription medications
- ☐ Vitamins
- ☐ Motion sickness medication / patches
- ☐ Travel-size first aid kit
- ☐ Pain reliever
- ☐ Allergy medication
- ☐ Anti-itch / bug bite cream
- ☐ Electrolyte packets
- ☐ Prescription eyewear

Other Helpful Items

- ☐ AirTags / luggage trackers
- ☐ Keycard lanyard
- ☐ Laundry items
- ☐ Wrinkle release spray
- ☐ Travel stain remover
- ☐ Swim goggles
- ☐ Zip-top bags (sandwich & gallon sizes)
- ☐ Sharpies / pens / highlighters
- ☐ Items for themed nights

Cruise Clothing Checklist

What clothing you pack will vary greatly depending on your cruise style, destination, itinerary, and even the length of your cruise. Use this checklist as a starting point and customize it to fit your trip.

Casual Daytime Clothes

- ☐ T-shirts / casual shirts
- ☐ Tank tops
- ☐ Casual tops
- ☐ Golfing polos
- ☐ Hawaiian shirts
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Casual dresses
- ☐ Jeans / light pants
- ☐ Activewear
- ☐ Hoodie
- ☐ Light jacket

Evening & Dinner Outfits

- ☐ Formal wear
- ☐ Dress shirts
- ☐ Polo shirts
- ☐ Cocktail dress
- ☐ Dress pants
- ☐ Sweater / shawl
- ☐ Jewelry / accessories

Swimwear

- ☐ Swimsuits
- ☐ Cover-ups
- ☐ Rash guards

Sleepwear & Basics

- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Bras / undershirts
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Belts

Shoes

- ☐ Walking shoes
- ☐ Sandals
- ☐ Flip flops
- ☐ Dress shoes
- ☐ Flats
- ☐ Water shoes
- ☐ Hiking shoes

Cold Weather Itineraries

- ☐ Waterproof jackets
- ☐ Coats
- ☐ Warm layers
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Beanie