

FIRST-TIME CRUISE PACKING CHECKLIST

HOW TO USE THIS CHECKLIST

This list is sized for a **five-night sailing**. If your trip is described as five days but includes only four dinners, simply omit Dinner 5. Pack one set per traveler unless an item is shared.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Passport or accepted citizenship documents
- ☐ Government-issued photo ID
- ☐ Cruise boarding documents and luggage tags
- ☐ Airline, hotel and transportation confirmations
- ☐ Travel-insurance information
- ☐ Credit card and a small amount of cash
- ☐ Copies or secure photos of important documents
- ☐ Cruise-line app downloaded before departure

EMBARKATION-DAY CARRY-ON

Checked luggage may not reach your cabin until late afternoon or early evening. Keep everything needed for the first several hours with you.

- ☐ Travel documents and identification
- ☐ Prescription medications
- ☐ Phone, camera and valuables
- ☐ Swimsuit and cover-up
- ☐ Sunscreen, sunglasses and sun hat
- ☐ Dinner outfit for the first evening
- ☐ Essential toiletries
- ☐ Refillable water bottle
- ☐ Portable phone charger

DAYTIME CLOTHING

- ☐ 5 casual shirts or tops
- ☐ 3-4 pairs of shorts, casual pants or skirts
- ☐ 2 swimsuits
- ☐ 1-2 swimsuit cover-ups
- ☐ Underwear for each day, plus two extras
- ☐ 5-6 pairs of socks
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Lightweight sweater or jacket
- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes
- ☐ Sandals or flip-flops
- ☐ Sun hat or baseball cap
- ☐ Workout clothing, if desired
- ☐ Outfit for traveling home

DINNER OUTFIT CHANGES

Dining rooms are usually more polished than the buffet or pool deck. Your cruise line may also schedule a theme or elegant night.

- ☐ **Dinner 1:** Casual dress, polo with slacks, or blouse with pants
- ☐ **Dinner 2:** Smart-casual outfit
- ☐ **Dinner 3:** Elegant-night dress, suit, sport coat, or dress shirt with slacks
- ☐ **Dinner 4:** Smart-casual outfit
- ☐ **Dinner 5:** Casual but polished outfit
- ☐ Dress shoes, flats or attractive sandals
- ☐ Coordinating belt, jewelry or accessories

Space-saving tip: Pack neutral pants, skirts and shoes that coordinate with several tops. One jacket, wrap or accessory can create a different evening look.

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ELECTRONICS AND CHARGING

- ☐ Phone
- ☐ Camera and memory card
- ☐ Smartwatch or tablet
- ☐ Charging cables for every device
- ☐ Spare camera battery
- ☐ Earbuds or headphones
- ☐ Portable USB battery pack
- ☐ Cruise-compliant multiport USB wall charger

CHOOSE A CRUISE-COMPLIANT CHARGER

Use a safety-certified USB-A/USB-C charging block that plugs directly into one outlet and provides **USB ports only**. It should have **no household AC outlets, extension cord or surge protector**. Look for a recognized marking such as UL, ETL or CE. Always recheck your cruise line's current prohibited-items policy before sailing.

TOILETRIES AND HEALTH

- ☐ Toothbrush, toothpaste and floss
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Shampoo, conditioner and body wash
- ☐ Hairbrush or comb
- ☐ Razor and shaving products
- ☐ Makeup and skincare products
- ☐ Reef-conscious sunscreen
- ☐ Aloe or after-sun lotion
- ☐ Prescription medications in original containers
- ☐ Seasickness medicine or motion-sickness bands
- ☐ Pain reliever
- ☐ Antacid and stomach medication
- ☐ Bandages and small first-aid supplies
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Wrinkle-release spray

If flying to the port, remember that airline carry-on liquid limits still apply.

PORT AND EXCURSION ITEMS

- ☐ Lightweight backpack or beach bag
- ☐ Waterproof phone pouch
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Reusable water bottle
- ☐ Small bills for tips and local purchases
- ☐ Comfortable walking or water shoes
- ☐ Collapsible rain poncho
- ☐ Copies of excursion confirmations
- ☐ Zip-top bags for wet clothing

HELPFUL CABIN ITEMS

- ☐ Magnetic hooks
- ☐ Cruise luggage-tag holders
- ☐ Towel clips
- ☐ Small night-light
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ Packing cubes
- ☐ Highlighter for printed schedules
- ☐ Pen
- ☐ Lanyard or card holder for the cruise card

LEAVE THESE AT HOME

These items are commonly prohibited or subject to confiscation. Your cruise line's list controls.

- ☐ Clothes iron
- ☐ Garment steamer
- ☐ Candles or incense
- ☐ Surge protectors
- ☐ Extension cords
- ☐ Multi-outlet power strips
- ☐ Household appliances such as coffee makers
- ☐ Weapons or prohibited recreational items

FINAL 24-HOUR CHECK

Attach luggage tags, complete online check-in, confirm your arrival time, charge every device, place documents and medications in your carry-on, and verify the terminal address. Review the cruise line's current dress guidance and prohibited-items list one final time.

Ready to sail?

Keep this checklist with your travel documents and mark each item as it goes into your luggage.