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Cruise Packing Checklist

If you're like me, there is nothing that I hate more than packing. I am notoriously an over-packer because I try to cover all scenarios when it comes to my outfits and my shoes. The beach isn't so hard for me, but going on a cruise was ridiculously tough, and granted, it probably didn't have to be!

Taking a cruise is one of those things that gets easier the more cruises you go on because you learn a little something from each adventure! A checklist is certainly a good idea because there is so much to think about, it is almost inevitable that something is going to be left behind. Plus, you'll have to purchase it at an inflated price on the ship or port of call.

One great piece of advice is if you are traveling with someone, it is a good idea to divide your checked items into two suitcases. This ensures that if one goes missing, you will each have something to wear until your bag is retrieved. Don't forget to pack your Towel Bandit Towel Holders to secure your beach towels to your deck loungers! No more struggling with your towel on a windy deck! Use them to reserve your spot and easily find your chair!

Cruising Essentials

- Travel documents, Packing list
- Airline tickets or e-ticket confirmation
- Passports and visas, if required, or other proof of citizenship
- Driver's license and auto insurance card - in case you decide to rent a car when ashore
- Vaccination certificate if needed
- Medical insurance cards and medical history
- Copy of prescriptions and list of all medicines you are taking
- A government-issued picture ID (e.g. driver's license)
- Credit cards (be sure to call credit card companies before traveling to alert them you are traveling outside your normal area)
- ATM card (be sure to call your bank to notify them you are traveling)
- Pre-paid phone card or SIM card for mobile phone
- Cash in small bills for tipping or buying low priced souvenirs
- Copies of airline tickets, cruise tickets, passports/visas, itinerary: Pack one copy in your carry-on, one copy in your checked luggage, and leave one copy with someone at home.
- Contact numbers to report lost/stolen credit cards or traveler's checks
- Currency conversion chart or app
- Emergency numbers at home
- Business cards
- Towel Bandit Beach Towel Holders**
- Cruise ship luggage E-tag holder
- Hanging travel toiletry organizer bag
- Travel organizer

Reading Material and Necessities

- Reading glasses, extra reading glasses, contacts, contact cleaner
- Foreign language phrase book or dictionary
- Sunglasses, prescription sunglasses
- Guidebooks and other port of call information
- Maps
- Reading material for the plane or lounging on deck
- E-book and charger
- Journal or notebook and pen/pencil
- Home and email addresses of friends/relatives back home
- Camera
- Plug adapter and converter for electronics like cameras, computers, and e-books to use in hotels
- Mobile phone and charger
- Tablet, laptop computer or e-book and chargers
- Binoculars
- Underwater camera for snorkeling or beach days
- Digital camera with extra memory cards, batteries, charger
- Extension cord/power strip with multiple plug-ins
- iPod or mp3 player for listening on the airplane, walking on deck, or lounging by pool
- Small travel, battery operated alarm clock
- Lighted dial clock
- Small flashlight
- Nightlight
- Luggage scale
- Universal cable organizer/electronic accessories travel case
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Medication and Hygiene

- Prescription drugs and any other essential medications in carry-on bag
- Small first aid kit containing assorted sizes of band-aids, Q-tips, Vaseline, Dramamine, antibiotic cream, bandages, anti-diarrhea medication, cortisone cream, Tylenol/Advil
- Hand lotion
- Foot lotion for soothing tired feet
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen, sunblock and lip balm with sunscreen
- Handi-wipes, Kleenex
- Germicidal hand cleaner/hand sanitizer
- Natural mosquito repellent bracelets
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Miscellaneous

- Duct tape or strapping tape, crazy glue
- Extra plastic cable-lock ties for securing luggage for the return trip
- Extra luggage name tags
- Ziploc bags of all sizes and garbage/laundry bags
- Corkscrew (be sure to put in checked luggage)
- Swiss Army knife or something similar with screwdriver head, etc. (be sure to put in checked luggage)
- Small umbrella
- Collapsible travel pillow for the flight
- Playing cards
- Snorkeling gear
- Shoehorn in case you need help getting your shoes on your swollen feet
- Sewing kit and scissors (pack in checked luggage)
- Travel-sized detergent
- Clothespins
- Empty folding tote bag (for souvenirs or the beach)
- Hats/caps/visors
- Insulated large coffee mugs
- Lint roller
- Swimming goggles
- Beach towels
- Packing cubes
- Travel jewelry case
- Waterproof beach bag
- Shoulder sling messenger bag
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Women's Clothing Necessities

- Lingerie/nightgown/pajamas/robe
- Compression stockings if needed for swelling
- Exercise/walking socks
- Trouser socks or pantyhose
- Camisole/slip
- Purses (day and evening)
- Belts (casual and dressy)
- Scarves
- Gloves and stocking cap if traveling in colder climates
- Walking shoes
- Comfortable sandals
- Rubber sandals for reef and beach walking
- Evening shoes
- Jewelry and extra watch
- Swimsuit
- Swimsuit cover-up or sarong
- Thongs/flip-flop shoes
- Work-out clothes and sports bra
- Dress/outfit for informal nights on ship
- Dress/outfit for formal nights on ship

- Dress/outfit for casual nights on ship
- Shorts in a variety of casual and dressy
- Variety of tops in sleeveless, short-sleeved, and long-sleeved
- Capri pants
- Slacks
- Windbreaker
- Sweatshirt
- Day sweater
- Evening sweater
- Hooded rain jacket
- Sun visor or hat
- Watch
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Men's Cruise Clothing Packing List

- Underwear, either boxer shorts or briefs
- Undershirts
- Pajamas and robe
- Compression socks
- Sports socks for exercise and walking
- Black dress socks
- Belts (one casual and one dressy)
- Gloves and stocking cap if needed
- Walking shoes that are comfortable
- Walking sandals with rubber sole
- Rubber sandals/shoes (crocs) for reef and beach walking
- Evening or dress shoes
- Casual shoes
- Tuxedo jacket and pants or dark suit
- Tuxedo tie, suspenders, and cummerbund
- Tuxedo cufflinks
- Sport jacket
- Regular ties
- Tuxedo shirts
- Dress shirts
- Swimsuit
- Exercise clothes and T-shirts
- Shorts, casual and dressy
- Casual shirts
- Slacks, casual and dressy
- Windbreaker jacket
- Sweatshirt
- Hooded raincoat
- Sweater
- Sun visor or hat
- Watch
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Women's Sundries and Miscellaneous

- Curling iron or curlers
- Comb/brush
- Hair styling product
- Non-aerosol Hairspray
- Shampoo, Conditioner
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Mouthwash
- Shower cap
- Deodorant
- Tweezers
- Make-up mirror
- Make-up and Make-up bag
- Make-up remover wipes
- Cleanser
- Moisturizer and freshener
- Nail polish and remover
- Nail clippers and file (put in checked bag)
- Shaving cream and razor
- Perfume
- Feminine products
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Men's Sundries and Miscellaneous

- Comb/brush
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Bar soap in plastic travel container
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Floss
- Mouthwash
- Tweezers
- Nail Clippers and file (pack in checked luggage)
- Shaving cream and razor
- Styling product for hair
- Aftershave
- Cologne
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Notes and Reminders: