Thank you again for booking your upcoming cruise with me, and I hope you are excited about your cruise! Here are some helpful tips to ensure you have smooth sailing:

* **Passports:** All guests must have a valid passport. First and last names must match cruise and airline confirmations if air is included. The rule of thumb is that the passport must be valid for six months after your return date, but this varies based on your specific cruise, so ask if you have questions regarding passport validity.
* **Arrival:** Arrive at least 3 hours early for all flights. Arrive as close as possible to the check-in time at the cruise port.
* **Transfers**- If transfers are included, please see the representatives listed on your transfer information.
* **App**—Download the cruise line app if you haven't already. It has helpful information before and during your cruise.
* **Documents:** Keep passports, important documents, keys, and medicine in your carry-on luggage, not checked bags.
* **Credit card**—The cruise line may place a temporary hold your credit card for incidentals. This hold will fall off about two weeks after the cruise, provided you have no additional changes. I recommend using credit cards or cash at ports rather than debit cards.
* **Currency:** Convert currency before boarding if needed. Ships may not offer currency exchange.
* **Ports:** Be aware of local times at each port. Return to the ship before departure as they run on tight schedules.
* **Rooms**—Rooms may not be ready until 1:30pm on departure day. Consider packing swimwear in carry-ons so you can enjoy the pools and decks immediately.

I hope these tips help you prepare for a smooth, enjoyable cruise! Let me know if you have any other questions. Bon voyage!