

What to Pack for your Cruise



- Life aboard a cruise ship is generally casual. Pack for comfort. If you are going to a warm destination bring sandals/flip-flops and a cover-up to wear from your stateroom to the pool.
- If you plan to workout make sure you pack exercise clothes and sneakers.
- If your cruise will go through different climates make sure you pack accordingly for the warm and chilly temperatures.
- For shoes, pack walking/running shoes for when you are in port.
- Even if you are going somewhere warm, pack a sweater or sweatshirt.
- Outside of the main dining room, dining areas allow jeans, shorts, and t-shirts.
- If the main dining area calls for "casual" dress, plan for "golf" attire, not jeans, shorts, or t-shirts.
- If the main dining area calls for "informal" dress, plan for "business casual" attire: khaki pants, button-down shirts, casual skirts or dresses, pants suits.
- If the main dining area calls for "formal" dress, plan for suit, tuxedo, cocktail dress, or evening gown.
- Tuxedos are not required for formal nights, but if you don't own one and would like to wear one, there is usually tuxedo rental available on the ship.
- Most ships have laundry service for a fee, or laundry facilities if you would like to wash your own clothes.
- Don't forget sunglasses and sunscreen, even if you are going to Alaska.
- Bring a camera, extra film or memory cards, batteries, and charger.
- Pack your passport, airline tickets, cruise documents, visa, license, medications in your carry-on luggage. Never put them in checked luggage.
- If you take prescription medication, pack enough for the entire voyage.
- Pack a written list of your medication name, dosage, and times taken in case it gets lost. The ship may be able to refill it onboard.
- Items to pack in your carry on bag include: perishables, cash, credit/debit cards, jewelry, business documents, insurance information, laptops, computer disks, cell phones, cameras, binoculars, film, videotapes, CDs, bathing suit (if you plan to swim or lay by the pool before the ship leaves port), change of clothes, basic toiletries.
- Bring credit cards and travelers cheques instead of large amounts of cash.
- Use collapsible luggage (e.g. duffel bags) that can be easily stored in the stateroom closet after you have unpacked.
- Put a card with your name and address inside your luggage as well as outside.
- Bring a small portable clock, or a watch that glows in the dark to put on your night stand. Most staterooms do not have clocks, although you can arrange for wake up calls if you need them.
- It is helpful to bring a lanyard to clip your cruise card on and wear around your neck.