Cruise Travel Checklist

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- ☐ Getting to your Ship
  - ☐ Arrive at the pier early.
  - ☐ Be onboard at least 90 minutes prior to departure.
  - ☐ Have your passport and cruise documents in-hand to speed check-in.
- ☐ Onboard Health and safety
  - ☐ Plan to take part in the ship's safety, or muster, drill.
  - ☐ Ger familiarized with the location and operation of life vests, as well as the emergency exit locations.
  - ☐ Take time to explore the ship once onboard.
  - ☐ Familiarize yourself with the onboard doctor's location and services.
  - ☐ Visit the gift shop to see what items are sold.
  - ☐ If your cabin doesn't have its own safe, ask for the option of storing valuables in the ship's vault.
  - ☐ Avoid running on the decks.
  - ☐ Get a pair of comfortable shoes for the walking you'll be doing onboard and ashore.
- ☐ Shore Excursions
  - ☐ Book your excursions far ahead of time to secure your reservations.
  - ☐ Ask onboard for advice on what to wear for your excursion.
  - ☐ Dress appropriately.
  - ☐ Choose to skip a shore excursion and enjoy a quiet day onboard.
  - ☐ If you stay onboard, consider a spa treatment.
- ☐ Returning Home
  - ☐ Review your final onboard charges statement for accuracy.
  - ☐ Consider adjusting the tip, if your service was excellent.
  - ☐ Properly label your bags for easy identification.
  - ☐ Don't forget your carry-on bag.
  - ☐ Plan pickups at the pier.