

# Cruise Checklist

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- Choosing a Cruise
  - Decide where you want to go.
  - Make a list of cities that you would like to visit on your trip.
  - Figure out how much you can afford to spend on a cruise.
  - List your expectations of the ship itself.
  - Compare cruise lines.
  - Narrow down your options to be left with a very short list.
  - Choose the cruise that gives you the most bang for your buck.
  - Check what sorts of shore excursions do the chosen cruise line offer.
- Booking a Cruise
  - Contact a travel agent to plan your trips.
  - Outline the option you've chosen, and see what kind of deal they can get you.
  - Research online to see if you can find any discounts.
  - Book your cruise.
  - Select multiple options for your cabin choice in descending order of preference.
  - Make airline and land travel arrangements that will coincide with the start and end of your cruise.
  - Review the literature that comes with your cruise package.
  - Plan your itinerary, including any shore excursions, classes or activities that you will want to partake in during your vacation.
  - Make your final payment on the cruise on or before the due date.
- Packing for a Cruise
  - Make sure your travel documents are in order.
  - Be sure you know exactly what sort of documentation you will need.
  - Make multiple photocopies of your passport, your driver's license and all travel documents.
  - Make a list of emergency contact numbers.
  - Visit your pharmacy and make sure any prescription medication you are taking is filled to last the duration of the cruise.
  - Pack your clothing, accessories, and toiletries.

- Make arrangements for home care.
- Fill out the pre-boarding forms that the cruise line requires.