

# Cruising Earth Pre-Cruise Checklist

**Cruise Ship:**

**Embarkation Port:**

**Departure Date:**

## When Booking Cruise

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Decide if you are going to purchase travel insurance. To qualify for full coverage, you typically must buy travel insurance within 15 days of booking your trip. It can be a good safety net for all costly non-refundable purchases. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Book your flights.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Book your pre-cruise and/or post-cruise hotel accommodations.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Research and book your shore excursions. The popular ones can fill up quickly. It is recommended you book them as early as possible.  |

## 90 Days Before Cruising

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Apply for a passport or track down your passport and/or other required travel documents. Check with your cruise line for their specific requirements. <i>*Cruising Earth always recommends travelling with a passport, even if it's not required.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Book any onboard beverage or dining packages.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Book any onboard spa treatments and/or specialty dining reservations.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Get any immunizations or vaccines needed.   |

## After Final Payment Is Made (typically 30 to 90 days before cruising)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Print out any boarding passes / luggage tags and anything else your cruise line may issue to you online.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Make a new cruise playlist for your phone. Use it while traveling, onboard poolside, in your cabin, etc.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Arrange for any required shuttle service(s) to/from port.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Arrange for any needed accommodations for your pets while away.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Order any gifts / liquor / etc. through your cruise line. Cutoff date for pre-cruise purchases through a cruise line is usually one to two weeks prior to departure.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Make doctor's appointment to get refills on any prescription medications.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Create a packing list for the cruise (see "What To Bring" example list below). Be sure to also check out the: <a href="#">Cruising Earth - Pre-Cruise Packing Guide</a> for additional recommendations and the <a href="#">Cruising Earth Amazon Storefront</a> for any purchases you may need in o your cruise vacation run a little smoother. |

## What To Bring – these are general recommendations, adjust according for cruise length and cruise destination(s).

### Casual Clothing

- 2 - bathing suits (they don't dry overnight)
- 1 - pair of flip flops
- 1 - pair of sneakers
- 1 - sweatshirt/sweater
- 1 - hat or visor
- ? - shorts, pants/jeans, shirts, socks, underwear (adjust quantity according to your cruise length)

### Cruise Line Dress Code

Make sure you are familiar with any dress code your cruise line may have. Whether the code is for dining or any other formal onboard events. You may not be excluded but you may feel out of place if you don't have the recommended attire to wear for the occasion.

### Non-clothing

- Cell phone / camera with charger(s)
- Prescriptions
- Non-prescriptions - aspirin, ibuprofen, sea sickness pills/patches, antacid, etc.
- Hot/Cold cup with a lid - take drinks to and from cabin, easily distinguish from others onboard
- Bug repellent - for some shore excursions
- Sunglasses / Sunscreen / Aloe Vera
- Flashlight with extra batteries - no need to wake everyone up in the cabin at night
- Febreze® (or similar) - keeps room and clothes smelling fresh in humid cruising environments
- Downy wrinkle release

<p><b><u>Formal Clothing</u></b></p> <p><b>Ladies:</b> Dress or dress slacks and dress shoes  <b>Gentlemen:</b> Dress shirt &amp; pants, tie, dress shoes or Suit/Tuxedo if you want to go to the next level</p>	<p><b>*** <u>Don't Over Pack</u> ***</b></p> <p>If you don't necessarily need it, don't bring it!  Most cruise lines offer laundry services for a fee onboard.  Some cruise lines offer a discounted laundry price mid-cruise.</p>
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## 1 Week Before Cruising

<input type="checkbox"/>	Notify banks (debit/credit cards) that you will be travelling, where you will be travelling to and when you will return.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check with your cellular company for their international rates for countries visiting. Sign up for international roaming if needed / wanted. Your cabin phone may be cheaper, check with your cruise line for in cabin phone rate and onboard cellular rates.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify your required travel identification (passport, birth certificate, etc.) is in hand.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pick up prescription medications.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrange to have mail held and suspend newspaper deliveries: <a href="#">USPS - Hold Mail Service</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Print a copy of your itinerary.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Download to your phone and print a copy of your ship's deck plan. You can find these in <a href="#">Cruising Earth - Downloads</a> or on your cruise line's website/app.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leave contact information, ship name and travel dates with family in case of emergency.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop off / pick up dry cleaning for any clothing items you'll be cruising with.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notify school that children will be out, ask for work in advance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Register with the US Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): <a href="https://step.state.gov/step/">https://step.state.gov/step/</a>

## 1-2 Days Before Cruising

<input type="checkbox"/>	Re-verify with banks (debit/credit cards) that your accounts are noted correctly for international travel.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pay bills that will come due when you are gone.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get cash prior to cruising - plenty of small bills for tipping and/or shopping in port(s). You can also at times negotiate lower prices with cash purchases in many port locations. Keep in mind ship and port ATMs typically have higher fees.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Print any cruise line purchase (gifts / liquor / etc.) confirmations you have already and take them with you.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Print excursion confirmations to take with you. If you purchased through the cruise line, check their policy for delivery. There may also be a copy in your cabin when you board.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack luggage - Don't over pack! Cruise Packing Rule Of Thumb: "You'll need about half of what you think." Don't forget you'll likely be coming back with more than when you left, leaving room for some travel souvenirs can be important.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you are issued luggage tags from your cruise line, attach them to any bags that you will be checking in. If you are flying to the port it may be best to attach them after your flights so they are not lost or damaged prior to the cruise.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Print an 8 ½ x 11 sheet with your name, address, cabin # and phone # on it and put it inside <u>each</u> piece of luggage in case your luggage tag(s) fall off.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirm any accommodations (hotels, Airbnb, etc.) and transportation services (port shuttles, etc.) you will be using pre-cruise and/or post-cruise.

## Morning of Departure / Before You Leave Home

<input type="checkbox"/>	Turn off or adjust air conditioning / heat & verify doors, windows and gates are closed and locked.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop pets off at kennel.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Set garage door on vacation mode (can only be opened from the inside).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Set alarms on vehicles and home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Put your keys where you will easily find them after the vacation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify you have all cruise & other travel documents, booking confirmations, and required identification with you.

**Get on the ship and enjoy your cruise!**