



Tips to Prepare for Your Cruise



- Find out what kind of ID you'll need to present to the ship at embarkation, and also what you'll need at each port. If you are going out of the country consider bringing a passport in case an emergency requires you to fly home from an international port.
- Leave copies of your passport, airline tickets, traveler's cheques, and credit cards with a trusted family member or friend at home.
- If you are traveling to a country with immunization requirements to enter, talk with your doctor to get proof of immunizations to bring with you.
- If seasickness is a concern, make sure to bring anti-nausea medication, or acupressure wristbands to curb nausea.
- Set up a web-based email account before you go (Google, Yahoo, etc.) so you can email family or friends while you are cruising.
- If you are flying to the port, call to confirm your flight 24 hours in advance.
- If you are driving to the port, prepare to arrive at least two hours early for check-in, security, and departure. There are plenty of activities to do on-board before the ship leaves port.
- If you have chronic or ongoing medical conditions, have your doctor write a brief medical history for you to bring with you.
- Go over your cruise documents in detail and verify all information is correct.
- Find out what kind of cabin voltage you will have if you are bringing a hair dryer or electric razor in case you need an adaptor.
- Leave the ship's contact information with a family member or friend in case they need to contact you in an emergency.
- If your cruise line gives you the ability to complete any forms online ahead of time, do it. It will save you time.
- Likewise, take advantage if your cruise line gives you the ability to make reservations ahead of time online. This will ensure you are able to secure the reservations you want, such as specialty restaurants, spa treatments, or shore excursions.
- Some of these preparations can be done through AAA. Visit your travel center, or click on www.aaa.com/travel/travelplanning