

Pre- Cruise Planning Checklist

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📅 3–6 Months Before Departure

- ☐ Choose your cruise line & itinerary
- ☐ Book your cruise (consider travel agent perks or group deals)
- ☐ Reserve flights (arrive at least one day early if flying)
- ☐ Renew passports (valid at least 6 months beyond return date)
- ☐ Review vaccine & travel requirements for all ports
- ☐ Purchase travel insurance (include medical + trip interruption)
- ☐ Research excursions (compare ship vs. independent options)
- ☐ Check visa requirements (especially for non-U.S. passport holders)

🧳 1–2 Weeks Before Departure

- ☐ Confirm all reservations & times
- ☐ Print cruise documents and port address
- ☐ Reconfirm airport or port transport
- ☐ Call bank/credit card to alert of international use
- ☐ Make copies of important documents (passport, insurance, etc.)
- ☐ Download maps, entertainment, or e-books offline
- ☐ Arrange mail hold or ask a neighbor to collect
- ☐ Pack cruise essentials



🧳 Embarkment Day

- ☐ Attach luggage tags before leaving home
- ☐ Keep passport, cruise documents, meds, and valuables in carry-on
- ☐ Arrive at port early
- ☐ Take embarkation day photo
- ☐ Explore ship & make specialty dining or show reservations
- ☐ Relax—you're officially on vacation!

🇺🇸 1–2 Months Before Departure

- ☐ Book pre/post-cruise hotel stays
- ☐ Reserve parking or airport transfers
- ☐ Download cruise line's app
- ☐ Complete online check-in
- ☐ Register credit card & print boarding docs
- ☐ Purchase drink/dining/wifi packages (if desired)
- ☐ Order luggage tags from cruise line
- ☐ Check formal night & theme night schedules
- ☐ Schedule pet care / house sitter
- ☐ Create a packing list

🧳 Packing Essentials

- ☐ Passport + ID
- ☐ Cruise documents & luggage tags
- ☐ Day bag / backpack for embarkation
- ☐ Swimsuits & coverups
- ☐ Casual daytime clothes
- ☐ Dinner outfits (casual & formal)
- ☐ Excursion gear (snorkel, water shoes, dry bag)
- ☐ Medications + seasickness remedies
- ☐ Toiletries + sunscreen + bug spray
- ☐ Reusable water bottle
- ☐ Power strip (non-surge protected)
- ☐ Lanyard for keycard
- ☐ Waterproof phone pouch