



QUICK TIPS FOR FIRST TIME CRUISERS

Be sure to choose your cabin location carefully. Price and location are very important, but there are other variables that you should consider as well. Your cruise consultant will help you to determine the best cabin options for you.

Many cruise lines offer discounts for seniors, active duty military, fire and law enforcement as well as state residency. There are also promotions available such as on board ship credit that may be combinable.

Pay for extra travel / trip interruption insurance. It is worth it if weather, flight delays, or other unforeseen circumstances prevent you from making your cruise. It will also cover situations that may occur while on board.

Be sure to have proper identification, including a VALID PASSPORT for all travelers. REMEMBER YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE VALID FOR 6 MONTHS BEYOND YOUR RETURN TRAVEL DATE.

Verify international phone, text, internet and data charges with your provider prior to departure. Cruise ships do offer these services for a fee.

Seriously consider arriving at the embarkation port the day before sailing. You won't miss your cruise and you will have a day to relax prior to sailing.

You should ALWAYS carry your medication and valuables with you, do not pack them in your luggage. Depending on the cruise line, your luggage may be picked up at the airport and delivered to your stateroom prior to sailing. You may also want to carry a swimsuit or change of clothes so you can start your vacation as soon as you board.

Review shore excursions prior to your cruise. Some popular tours such as walking on the glacier in Alaska will sell out prior to your arrival. Most cruise ships have a shore excursion desk onboard.

Expect to pay gratuities of \$10 - \$20 per day, per person. Many cruise lines allow you to pay a flat fee at the beginning or end of your cruise.