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| Book your cruise | Read ship, port, and excursion reviews on our site. Then choose and book your cruise on iCruiseApp | Before booking the cruise | ☐ |
| Check-in online | Check-in online to save time at the port. Don't forget to request your bed configuration, dining times, and setup your onboard charge account | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Print boarding passes/tickets | Print your boarding passes/tickets | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Notify bank of travel plans | Avoid the headache! Inform your bank(s) of your travel plans and to ensure that your debit or credit card will work in the countries you will be visiting. Additionally, sost cruise lines offer a cashless onboard credit program, which allows guests to charge onboard purchases and gratuities directly to a personal account. Make sure you know your limits. | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Purchase travel insurance | Purchase travel insurance from iCruiseApp to cover the nonrefundable costs associated with your trip in case of an unforeseen event, such as a medical emergency or trip cancellation. Travel insurance can provide peace of mind and help manage risks associated with travel, such as unexpected expenses or emergencies | A few weeks before departure | ☐ |
| Check visa/passport requirements | It is important to check the visa/passport requirements for the countries you will be visiting during your cruise | A few months before departure | ☐ |
| Schedule COVID test (if required) | Schedule COVID test if required | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |

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| Research port of calls | Research the ports of call on iCruiseApp to find all the hidden gems | A few weeks before departure | ☐ |
| Book shore excursions | Book shore excursions on iCruiseApp | A few weeks before departure | ☐ |
| Reserve specialty dining | Reserve specialty dining onboard the ship | A few weeks before departure | ☐ |
| Purchase drink packages | Purchase drink packages (both alcoholic & non-alcoholic) | A few weeks before departure | ☐ |
| Sign up for cruise line loyalty program | This will help you earn points, perks, and more. Don't forget to link it to your iCruiseApp Porthole Account! | Before booking the cruise | ☐ |
| Download cruise line app | Download the cruise line app or use ours to navigate your way through the ship | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Check weather forecast | Check weather forecast | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Arrange transportation to port | Consider cruise line transfers, shuttles, taxis, hotel shuttles, and shared ride services | A few weeks before departure | ☐ |
| Review cruise line dress code | Review cruise line dress code for various onboard activities and dining options | A few weeks before departure | ☐ |
| Pack formalwear (if required) | Based on the dress code make sure you pack to impress (sometimes you'll get turned away if you don't) | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack casual clothes | This all depends on your itinerary and weather | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |

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| Pack swimsuits and cover-ups | Pack swimsuits and cover-ups | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack comfortable shoes | Pack comfortable items such as walking shoes, sandals with arch support, flip-flops, flats, or loafers | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack dress shoes | Pack dressy evening shoes for formal occasions or date night | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack jacket/sweater | This all depends on your itinerary and weather. Warning: It can get breezy at times | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack rain jacket/poncho | Roll it up and put it away for a rainy day | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack hat/visor | Protect your face and head from the sun's potentially harmful rays | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack sunglasses | Protect your eyes from the sun's potentially harmful rays and getting sand in them at the beach | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack sunscreen | Consider a biodegradable and waterproof SPF 30 or higher to protect your skin | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack beach towel | Some cruise lines provide them for you, but if not, don't forget | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack water shoes | Some ports, excursions, and beaches are rocky. Water shoes will protect your feet from unwanted pokes, scrapes, and cuts. | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack flip flops/sandals | Pack flip flops/sandals | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |

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| Pack sneakers/walking shoes | Pack sneakers/walking shoes if you plan on doing walking tours or exploring the ship | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack toiletries | Most ships are equipped with soap, shampoo, and conditioner. Don't forget your toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, feminine products, hand sanitizer, etc | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack medications | From prescriptions to pain medicine to sinus relief. It'll be cheaper to bring your own | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack motion sickness medication | Motion sickness can affect some people on cruises, but not everyone experiences it. Antihistamines such as Dramamine and Bonine are among the most common over-the-counter medications for motion sickness. | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack seasickness bands | AKA an acupressure wristband, is a wearable device that applies pressure to specific points on the wrist to alleviate symptoms of nausea and vomiting caused by motion sickness. Sea-Band is a popular brand | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack first aid kit | A small kit never hurts, especially if you have little ones. Ships will have some in the infirmary but its sometimes easier to bring your own (band-aids, antibiotic ointment, alcohol wipes, tweezers, eye drops, diarrhea medication) | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack insect repellent | Insect repellent is an essential item to pack for a cruise, especially if you are visiting destinations that are different from home and have a higher risk of insect bites | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack laundry detergent | If you won't be using the ships laundry services (extra fee). | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |

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| Pack clothesline | See above | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack power strip with USB ports | Your stateroom will have limited outlets and likely no surge protection. This also saves space by allowing you to charge multiple devices with one outlet. | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack portable charger | Laptops, phones, e-readers | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack travel adapter | Don't forget your power voltage adapter if you're going to a country who differs from you (ie 110V vs 120V vs 220V, etc) | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack walkie-talkies | Instead of costly WiFi on the ship, walkie talkies can be used to communicate with other members of your group or family while on board the ship or in port | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack door decorations | Personalization: Decorating your cabin door is a fun way to express your personality and make your cabin feel more like home | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack refillable water bottle | Stay hydrated, save money, reduce plastic, and have H2O conveniently at your fingertips | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack snacks | Most cruise lines allow you to bring pre-packaged snacks and treats that are non-perishable (check for any restrictions) | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack gum/mints | Keep your breath fresh and alleviate motion sickness. If you are using nicotine gum or lozenges as part of a nicotine replacement therapy, you can bring them on board with you | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |

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| Pack hand sanitizer | In the post-pandemic era, bringing hand sanitizer on a cruise is even more important to help prevent the spread of germs and viruses | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack dirty clothes bag | Its not critical but will help you organize dirty from clean and transport items to the laundry room or pack for the trip home | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack lightweight beach bag or tote bag | Mesh bags, backpacks, waterproof bags will protect your belongings from sand, sun, and water | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack extra zip-top freezer bags | These are good for snacks, storage, laundry (including wet/dirty clothes), and waterproofing | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack bubble wrap for souvenirs | Okay, even we think this one is far-fetched…but if you have fragile souvenirs that you want to protect, you can use bubble wrap or other materials to wrap them up before packing them in your luggage | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack lanyard for cruise card | Although not mandatory, lanyards help keep your cruise card safe and minimize the chances of losing it or getting it stolen | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack highlighter pens | These will help you organize your trip using the daily newsletter or schedule of onboard activities | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack Poo-Pourri | Let's face it… all cruis cabins are not made equal. Freshen yours up with things like Poo-Pourri toilet spray | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack travel pillow/blanket | This is a personal preference, but if it provides added support and comfort why not?! | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |

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| Pack earplugs | Earplugs can help reduce noise from other passengers, announcements, or other sources, which can be especially helpful for light sleepers | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack eye mask | An eye mask can help block out light and create a dark environment, which can help you get a better night's sleep | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack books/magazines | Books and magazines can provide entertainment during downtime on the ship or during excursions BUT see below | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack e-reader/tablet | E-readers and tablets are lightweight and take up less space than physical books, making them a convenient option for travel | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack laptop/iPad/Kindle | Laptops, iPads, and Kindles can provide entertainment during downtime on the ship or during excursions, with access to movies, TV shows, e-books, and other media. Additionally, you can get dual use for work or productivity tasks | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack camera | Depending on your level of photography don't forget your DSLR, point-and shoot, waterproof, mirrorless, or tablet/smartphone cameras to capture memories | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack memory cards | As a necessary companion to your camera, memory cards are important to pack for a cruise to ensure that you have enough storage space for your photos and videos | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack batteries/charger | Bringing extra batteries and a charger is important for a cruise to ensure that your camera or other devices stay charged throughout your trip. TIP: Solar chargers can | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |

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| | be used to charge your devices using solar power, which can be especially helpful during outdoor activities or excursions | | |
| Pack binoculars | Binoculars can be used to view wildlife and scenery from the ship or during excursions | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack phone charger including plug and cord | Pack phone charger including plug and cord | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Pack mobile phone | NOTE: Using a cell phone on a cruise can be expensive due to roaming charges and other fees. Additionally, most cruise WiFi packages are expensive and spotty. | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |
| Send your itinerary to a relative | In case of an emergency, your relative will have access to your itinerary and can contact the cruise line or authorities if necessary | A few weeks before the cruise | ☐ |
| Know where your local consulate is (if overseas) | In the event of an emergency, such as a medical issue, natural disaster, travel documentation, or legal issues, the consulate can help and support to citizens | A few months before departure | ☐ |
| Book your PTO at work | Don't forget to request your time off from work | A few months before departure | ☐ |
| Turn your out of office on | Setting up an out of office message can help manage expectations and let people know that you may not be able to respond to messages or emails right away. Include the dates of your absence, the reason for your absence, and any alternative contacts or resources that people can use in case of an emergency | A few days before the cruise | ☐ |

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| Pay your remaining cruise balance | Set calendar reminders on your phone or office. The final payment due date for a cruise varies depending on the length of the cruise and the cruise line. If you do not pay the remaining balance by the final payment due date, the cruise line may cancel your reservation and you will not be allowed to sail. | A few months before departure | ☐ |
| Register for Kids Clubs | Kids clubs (often FREE) offer supervised age-appropriate activities and programs for children, which can help keep them entertained and engaged during the cruise | A few weeks before the cruise | ☐ |

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