Packing Tips

Cruise Ticket, Passports And Travel Documents

Please be sure to bring your Cruise Ticket and Passage contract with you to embark on the ship. You should read the Passage contract carefully as its terms and conditions apply to you and your cruise.

All itineraries require you to carry proper travel documents. U.S. and Canadian citizens need proof of citizenship when taking a cruise to any destination. A passport is required for almost any destination nowadays so we recommend obtaining one as soon as possible. (It may take more than 3 months to process although in some cases it may be expedited for an extra charge) Various countries require additional visas for entry as well as medical insurance. Please check with your travel agent for details.

Note that residents of countries other than the U.S. and Canada require a passport for all sailings, and may require additional documentation. Check with your travel agent or the Consulate for each port you will visit for any specific documents you need to obtain prior to your cruise.

Although a passport is not specifically required for U.S. and Canadian residents in the Caribbean, Alaska, Mexico, Panama Canal and Canada/New England, it is highly recommended that you always carry your passport for U.S. and Canadian residents in these destinations, an original or certified birth certificate along with a photo ID is acceptable. A driver's license alone is not sufficient. United States Resident Aliens must bring their Alien Registration Card.

Important: Visa requirements may vary by destination and do change from time to time. Be sure to check with your travel agent to verify current regulations.

Clothing Suggestions

You should dress for cruising the same way you would dress for any smart land based resort. Casual sportswear including shorts, light weight pants and jogging suits is the order of the day both at sea and ashore in our hotter climates. Just remember to bring a light sweater or jacket for cool evenings. For shore excursions bring a sweater, a light jacket and an all weather coat, depending on your destination. Due to unpredictable weather, don't forget a hat or visor, and a collapsible umbrella.

You'll also want low heeled, rubber soled shoes for strolling on deck as well as comfortable walking shoes or sandals to wear while exploring.

Dressing Up

When you're in port, evening dress is casual, slacks; sweaters, blouses, open neck shirts, etc. are typically worn. Cut off T-shirts, "torn" jeans and bare feet are not permitted in the dining room. For smart casual evenings, passengers dress as they would for a fine restaurant at home, with ladies in skirts/dresses/pant suits and gentlemen wearing shirts with collars and/or a sports jacket. On formal nights, typical black tie formal wear is appropriate. Items include evening gowns and cocktail dresses for ladies and tuxedos, dinner jackets or dark suits for men. Tuxedo rentals can be arranged prior to the cruise on certain itineraries. See the chart below for general dress code schedule:

Length Of Cruise	# Of Formal Evenings	# Of Smart Casual Evenings
2-6 days	1	1-5
7-14 days	2	5-12
15-21 days	3	12-18
22-29 days	4	18-25
30 + days	5 minimum	25+