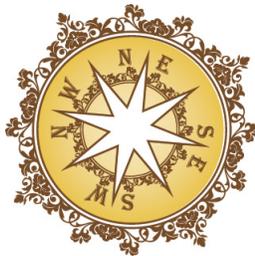


Insider Secrets for Sailing with

Disney Cruise Line

Tips and Hints to Make the Most of Your Vacation

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Final Reminders Before you Sail

1. Plan to complete online check-in and print off all boarding verification documents. These documents are required for boarding your ship.
2. Ensure you have proper identification. Although a passport book is the recommended and safest form of identification, you may use the following forms of identification:
 - 1- Passport Card
 - 2- Certified Birth Certificates, plus each adult must also present a driver's license

*If your last name does not match your birth certificate, you must also provide your marriage license
3. Plan to bring your credit card for onboard expenses, as well as some cash to be spent while at port.
4. If you did not pre-pay gratuities, expect to see them added to your stateroom bill. Expect approximately \$13.50 per guest, per night.
5. Download the Navigator app onto your cell phone. It features restaurant menus and copies of the Daily Navigator (activity & entertainment itinerary). Families may also use the free onboard texting option to communicate with one another while on the ship.
6. Ahoy, mateys! Don't forget to pack your pirate gear! Guests are encouraged to bring costumes from home and dress up on pirate night. Don't worry, Disney Cruise Line also provides a low-key option if you're not prepared: your stateroom host will set out pirate bandanas in your stateroom in the afternoon that day!
7. Consider bringing your own bottled water or alcohol. Unopened bottled water can be carried on at embarkation, but no drinks of any kind can be packed in your luggage!

Each guest may also carry on the following at embarkation and at port: 2, 750ml bottles of wine OR 6, 12oz beers

8. Think about decorating your door with fun themed magnets! These are a unique way to personalize your stateroom door. It's easy to get turned around while wandering the corridors, and having a themed door helps families locate their cabins. Many Etsy sellers create unique door magnet options should you wish to purchase them, or you can create your own from card stock and add magnet stickers to the back. Dry erase boards are a great idea for your door, too!
9. Don't forget to schedule your complimentary call with a Disney character! Visit My Reservations under My Disney Cruise and select "Request Call" beside the Free Character Call header. This link will take you to a site where you can choose a Disney character, enter your phone number, schedule a call time and provide additional information for your Character Call.
10. Consider purchasing a photo package. They're available at a discount 2+ days prior to sailing on your Disney Cruise Line online account.
11. Wine packages are available and are less expensive than buying by the glass. You can purchase them prior to sailing or onboard.
12. Plan to arrive at the port 60-90 minutes prior to your boarding time. Once you've cleared security (as well as perhaps parked your car), all guests need to check in and receive their Key to the World card. There is a station set up where you can file paperwork and have kids club bands placed on your children prior to boarding (this saves a great deal of time on board), and there is a place to have photos taken with a character prior to boarding as well. Occasionally they will get ahead of schedule and call boarding times early. It's always a good idea to be there early!

Ideas for your Packing List

1. Swimsuits and a beach bag. No need to pack beach towels, these are provided at the pools, Castaway Cay, and prior to disembarking for other port excursions. If you are boarding early and want to swim right away, pack swim suits in your carry-on bag. Your room and luggage won't be available until after 2pm.
2. Water shoes to help grip wet pool deck and for rocky beach areas.
3. Casual clothes are fine for dinner in the dining rooms. If you're dining at Palo or Remy, there is a strict dress code: no flip flops/tennis shoes, wear slacks/collared shirts, dress or skirt. On 7 night sailings, there will be one formal night in the main dining room, but you can still choose to dress casually if you prefer.
4. A watch to keep track of time on the ship.
5. Autograph book or photo mat for character signatures.
6. Trading pins- Cast Members trade on the ship just like they do at the parks. There will be a Captain's Trading event one night during your sailing.
7. Pop up hamper for dirty clothes.
8. Clothes Pins (to hang up wet swim suits on the shower line).
9. USB light or batter powered light to use as a night light; it can be very dark!
10. Motion sickness relief such as Sea Bands, Bonine/Dramamine, or Motion Eeze. If you forget, the front desk will provide them at no additional cost.
11. A warm sweater or light jacket, as the air is chilly on deck at night.
12. Bring your own bottle for drinks. The paper cups on the pool deck are small. A personal bottle or tumbler makes for easy transport around the ship. Remember sippy cups for younger children.
13. Sunscreen, and lots of it!
14. Ozium air sanitizer for your room. It will rid your stateroom of odors without a heavy fragrance.
15. Bring along a lanyard or two to hold your Key to the World card (room key, and you can make charges with it as well).
16. Wrinkle-release, as no irons are allowed on board. Hairdryers are provided though!

General Tips

1. Once onboard, make sure to check with guest services for any additional openings for desired onboard activities or shore excursions. You can also inquire about upgraded staterooms for an additional rate.
2. Plan to familiarize yourself with the ship early in your sailing, including a trip to the youth clubs for an open house if you have children in tow!
3. After receiving your Key to the World card, be sure to take note of the dining rotation listed. If you need to make adjustments to your rotation or reservations at Remy/Palo, visit the dining concierge onboard to ask about availability.
4. Parents should consider taking advantage of the Dine and Play Program for club-eligible children age 3+ dining at second seating. Parents can enjoy an appetizer while the children eat their meals. Then, a youth club attendant will escort your children to the youth clubs 45 minutes later. Parents remain at their table to enjoy a leisurely dinner, while the kids go play! Please notify your server upon arrival if you wish to use this service. For families with the main/first seating, parents may still follow this method but one parent must personally escort their child to the appropriate youth club.
5. Character greetings will occur throughout the day. Please refer to your Daily Navigator for times and locations. For popular characters, if you arrive a few minutes early, you'll find the experience to be smooth and easy!
6. Your Navigator (or app) also shows sunrise and sunset times for the day. It's worth making the effort to see one of those!
7. Don't miss your nightly show. Disney produces wonderfully themed shows for your family's enjoyment. If your little ones are too tired, you can also opt to watch a pre-recorded version right in your stateroom!
8. Also note that movies shown onboard are first-run movies that sometimes haven't even been released in theaters yet!
9. If your family decides to make a memory book, plan to work on it at one of the kiosks a little bit each day. This will help you avoid the crowds rushing to complete them on the last night. The same goes for reviewing your photos each day if you have a photo package!

10. Gift shops are generally only open while at sea, not when docked at port.
11. Try the Midship Detective Agency on the Disney Fantasy and Disney Dream. You can play detective while exploring the ship and stretching your legs!
12. Keep in mind that pools on cruise ships are smaller in size than your typical hotel pool, and try to visit early or late in the day if you want to avoid crowds. The slides, water coaster, and water play areas are excellent! Also remember, you will likely have swimming opportunities at your ports of call as well!
13. If you are traveling in a group with multiple staterooms, ask the photographers to scan a room key from each stateroom to ensure each guest receives a copy of all of the photos taken.
14. Procedures for disembarking can be a bit confusing. If you would like Disney Cruise Line to handle your luggage, note the instructions carefully about when to have your luggage packed and placed outside in the hallway (the final evening of your cruise). Note, also, that you do not have to do this with your bags! You can absolutely carry them off on your own in the morning.
15. Cell phones do not work while out to sea. Internet data packages are available for purchase while on board (including a very small free package). Be sure to put your phone on airplane mode to avoid hefty international data fees. While at port, many locations offer free wi-fi. It's also worth calling your cell phone provider *before the trip* to ask about affordable mobile plan options while at port!
16. The Dream and Fantasy offer a coffee card program. Visit the Cove Cafe for your favorite specialty coffee drink and ask for a punch card. Buy 5 coffees, and get 1 free!
17. All ships offer a special alcoholic drink of the day and feature beer specials. If interested, chat with a server on the pool deck on embarkation day. Some specials must be purchased on day one in order to take advantage of these offers.
18. All restaurants are "all you care to enjoy." You can order as many items off the menu as you'd like without any surcharges. Children are also welcome to order off the adult menu anytime! It's a great time for them to try new foods!
19. Most items from room service are included at no extra charge onboard (though you should provide gratuity). If you have an early port excursion scheduled,

consider ordering room service breakfast the night before. The buffet is very crowded on mornings the ship docks at a port.

20. Have time while at sea? Skip the buffets and enjoy a nice table service meal for breakfast or lunch in the main dining rooms.
21. Don't miss the fireworks! Disney Cruise Line is the only cruise line to offer fireworks at sea. It is truly a cannot miss experience! A good place to watch them on the Dream and Fantasy is by Mickey's hand on the yellow slide.
22. You could consider purchasing a souvenir popcorn bucket on the first night of your sailing, then enjoy low cost refills!
23. Soft serve ice cream and soda from the fountains on deck are available at no extra charge on the ship! Yum.
24. On some sailings, the famous Dole Whip may be available for purchase!
25. If you are taking a longer sailing, don't miss your second night at Animator's Palate. It is a must do experience the entire family will enjoy!
26. On board the Fantasy and Dream, the Aqua Duck lines can become long. Try boarding early on embarkation day, ride at night, or stay on board while the ship is at port to enjoy much shorter lines.
27. Don't forget to return children's bands to the kids club area prior to disembarking. Returning the bands will avoid being charged a fee for the bands.
28. On the last morning of your sailing, you will be instructed to visit your last scheduled main dining restaurant for breakfast before disembarkation. If you are planning to keep your luggage and self carry it off the ship, you can also consider having breakfast at Cabanas to disembark quickly if you prefer.
29. Did you enjoy your Disney Cruise Line experience? Don't forget to purchase a \$250 refundable placeholder deposit before exiting the ship. You can avoid the lines of guest rebooking onboard by filling out a half sheet of paper and dropping it in the placeholder box. Disney Cruise Line will charge your onboard spending account the \$250 fee and email you a confirmation for the placeholder. Once you are home from your sailing, contact your Travel By Design agent to begin the booking process. Your agent will book your next cruise at 10% off prevailing rates when applying a placeholder reservation (some sailing excluded).