

Sustainable cruise tourism

protecting our oceans



CLIA cruise line members are committed to preserving and protecting the health of the world's oceans. We all make efforts in our daily lives to minimize waste by reducing what we consume, recycling where possible, or reusing products. Cruise lines have adopted this approach too and go to great lengths to minimize waste. Even before the ship leaves shore, cruise lines reduce the amount of waste that comes onboard by working with suppliers to reduce packaging. Onboard, cruise lines have put a lot of measures in place to reduce, reuse and recycle waste, as well as to convert waste to energy.

Recycling

One of the ways that cruise lines minimize waste is by separating recyclable materials, compacting aluminium cans into bricks, compacting plastics, crushing glass, and flattening or shredding paper and cardboard. When a ship arrives in port, you may see crates holding these recycled materials being offloaded as they are being sent to a recycling facility.

Food waste management

Onboard dining is an integral part of the cruise experience. Food sourcing and food management is an important part of sustainability and cruise lines are continually working to reduce food waste. Cruise lines work with organizations such as the Marine Stewardship Council to source food responsibly. Some cruise lines use digital technology to monitor consumption, understand consumer trends, and order only what is needed for the voyage.

Conserving water

CLIA member lines recognize water as a precious resource. Through state-of-the-art systems, cruise lines work to conserve and preserve water rather than drawing from areas where resources are limited.

Wastewater treatment

Most CLIA member cruise line ships have advanced wastewater treatment systems that operate to a higher standard than shoreside treatment plans in many coastal cities. Oily water mixtures from machinery and engines, or bilge water, are held in storage tanks and can only be discharged after meeting strict environmental regulations on oil content. Bilge water that cannot be discharged is offloaded on shore.

DID YOU KNOW?



On some ships, 100% of waste generated on board is repurposed



100% of new ships are being built with state-of-the-art Advanced Wastewater Treatment facilities.



Some cruise ships produce more than 90% of the freshwater used onboard.

For more information on how the cruise industry is improving its sustainability, you can visit CLIA's sustainability toolkit at: www.cruiseinfohub.com