

BEST INSIDER TIPS FOR FIRST TIME CRUISERS



PLANNING & PACKING

The 3R's of Planning: Research, Reviews and Recommendations — Research cruise line websites, read reviews from seasoned cruise travelers and get the best recommendations.

Tap Into the Experts — CLIA Travel Agents have access to the best deals and promotions and can provide you with incredible travel advice.

Browse the Blueprint — You can get a lay of the land (or ship in this case) before boarding by previewing the ship layout on cruise line websites.

Consider Packing Some “Nice to Haves”

- 1 Power Strips
- 2 Dry Erase Board
- 3 Alcohol
- 4 Wrinkle Release Spray

ONCE ON BOARD

Settle In — Take the time to unpack, settle in and then stow away your luggage to maximize space.

Get with the Program — Read the ship's daily newsletter and activity program for the most up to date opportunities.

Appealing Apps — Download an app like Whatsapp to create a way for every member of your party to stay connected while onboard.

EXPLORING PORTS AND DESTINATIONS

Time for Tours — Check with guest services, or your travel agent to book tours and excursions that are guaranteed to get you back to the ship on time.

Divide Your Days — Review the ports and destination itinerary in advance and designate specific days for shopping, relaxing and adventure. Don't try to do too much at each location

Before Heading Out — On most ships, room service is complimentary. Take advantage of breakfast in the room on days in port.