

Planning an Ocean Cruise

Doing It Right The First Time

Planning for your first cruise is exhilarating. After all, what can be more relaxing, entertaining and rejuvenating than spending days upon days on the calm and peaceful sea - completely away from it all? Cruises are a great all-in-one vacation combining shopping, shows, dining, lodging and transportation all in one complete package. But there's a few things to consider before waving 'anchors away'.

Solo, Couple or Family? Cruise packages and destinations give you a range of choices. These include family fun trips, romantic honeymoon cruises, and theme lines for single, senior, disabled, gay or lesbian passengers. Choosing the right package will ensure you have the most pleasant and satisfying vacation.

Where, When and How Long? Because your final seaport is just as important as the ride itself, research the many luxurious destinations available. Next, decide how long you'd like to set sail. Can you afford a week away or just a quick weekend get-away? What's the ideal date range for your excursion? This will depend both on your availability and the peak season for your destination. If you can't afford to change plans due to acts of nature, be sure to book around hurricane and other seasons.

Scuba Diving or Cultural Exploration? Are you a dive in and get wet type, or do you prefer more relaxing and educational activities like touring European cities or visiting museums? Check with various cruise lines to ensure your shore activities align with your personal style.

Formal or Casual? Cruise liners offer a great opportunity to deck out in your favorite evening dress, or unwind in a pair of flip-flops. Select a cruise line and destination that lets you express your inner fashion diva, and remember to ask about deck attire before you pack.

Plan, pack and play your stresses away on the seven seas. To learn more about cruise packages, liners, destinations and seasonal travel deals, visit Vasrue.com Travel, today.

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