

PREPARE FOR YOUR CRUISE

MUST-DO'S BEFORE YOU CRUISE

First things first, make sure you have your travel docs in order, including government issued photo ID, passports, visas and other mandatory [documents required to travel](#). We strongly recommend that you bring a valid passport if your itinerary visits a non-U.S. port. A passport is required for all international travel.

Have special needs or dietary restrictions? All of our ships have designated staterooms to accommodate wheelchairs and guests with hearing impairments. We can accommodate special food requests (Gluten-Free, Vegetarian, Kosher) if we're notified in time. Let our [Access Desk](#) know you're coming at least 8 weeks prior to cruising to ensure the best experience possible.

Last but not least, [Log In to My NCL](#) to complete online check-in, download eDocs, reserve Shore Excursions, Dining, Entertainment* & Spa* in advance. If you booked your cruise reservation with a Travel Agent or an online travel website, create an account on NCL.com and answer the questions under "Create a New Account". You will be prompted to provide your reservation number so it can be added to your account for you.

[Watch the Videos: Get to Know My NCL](#)

Top "To-Do's" Before You Cruise

- [Travel Documentation \(Passports & Visas\)](#)
- [Arrange for Transfers/Getting to the Pier](#) (This is included as part of your Dance Cruise unless noted otherwise)
- [Log In To My NCL](#)
 - Complete Online Check-In (no later than two days prior to sailing)
 - Download eDocs
 - Book Excursions, Dining* & Spa*
*Starting 90 days prior to sail date
- Arrange [Special Occasions or Celebrations](#) On Board

BOOK THINGS TO DO: ON LAND AND ON BOARD

Maximize every day and night of your cruise. Before you set foot on board, you can line up all your shore excursions, specialty dining reservations, entertainment, spa appointments and more. Having everything pre-arranged means less time coordinating and more time enjoying. After all, you're on vacation.

BOARDING CHECKLIST: Be sure to bring these

- Government-issued photo ID
- Passport, if applicable
- eDocs (One copy per stateroom)
- Luggage labeled with bag tags
- Credit card for onboard expenses*
- Small bag with essentials**

[*NCL strongly recommends you NOT use a debit credit card.](#)

****Bring along what you need to lounge by the pool deck while waiting for your bags to be delivered to your stateroom (delivery can take several hours) —medication, change of clothes, sunscreen, swim suit, sunglasses, camera, etc.**

PACKING FOR THE JOURNEY

WHAT TO WEAR

On Norwegian, you can pretty much wear what you want to wear, when you want to wear it. Go cruise casual or get all-decked out and look your best — it's totally your call. That's the freedom of Freestyle Cruising.

DRESS FOR THE DESTINATION

Whether your destination is warm and sunny or crisp and cool, packing layers will your best bet. Also think about the shore excursions you'll be taking and pack accordingly, including comfy walking shoes. For kids and adults it's good to pack a pair of closed toe shoes for active shore excursions and sports activities on board. And be sure to pack a sweater — the air conditioning can be chilly.

DRESS FOR THE EVENT

Our newest event, Norwegian's Night Out, is the perfect opportunity to get dressed up for an evening of cocktails, fine dining and great entertainment. You may also want to pack an all-white ensemble for our iconic White Hot Party.

CRUISE CASUAL

Dress cruise casual anytime during the day, in the buffet and in most specialty restaurants. For women, it includes summer and casual dresses, skirts, regular or capri pants, shorts, jeans and tops. Khakis, jeans, shorts and casual shirts are fine for men.

SMART CASUAL

Dress smart casual in our more formal dining room or in our more upscale specialty restaurants. For women, it includes slacks or jeans, dresses, skirts and tops. For men, it's jeans or slacks with a collared shirt and closed-toed shoes.

A FEW DINING CONSIDERATIONS

Kids 12 and under are welcome to wear nice shorts in all our restaurants. However, tank tops for men, flip flops, baseball caps, visors and jeans that are overly faded with holes or tears and worn below the hips are not permitted in main dining rooms or specialty restaurants.

LAUNDRY/DRY CLEANING

For your convenience, we offer laundry and dry-cleaning services. Express, same-day service is also available. Just complete the order form in your stateroom and your stateroom steward will pick up your laundry and return it to you clean and folded.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Be sure to pack your medications or any medical equipment you may need to use. Also, since your suitcases are collected the night before you leave the ship to return home, remember to set aside any need-to-have items.



ELECTRONICS

Remember all of your tech stuff:

- Tablets
- Chargers
- Cameras
- Spare memory cards
- Batteries
- Power converters

FORGET SOMETHING?

We've got you covered! We have items including toiletries, books, clothes, baby needs and more all available for purchase on board.

WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME

Guests are [not allowed to bring](#) on board alcoholic beverages (except for wine & champagne which is subject to a [corkage fee](#)), firearms, weapons of any kind, ammunition, explosive substances or any goods of a dangerous nature, nor animals of any kind, except service or guide animals.

WINE & CHAMPAGNE

Guests may bring bottles of wine and champagne on board; however these bottles are subject to a [corkage fee](#). Consider one of our beverage packages, which offer real value compared to purchasing your drinks separately. [Log In to My NCL](#) and go to Gifts & More to purchase in advance.

ORGANIZE YOUR LUGGAGE

Each guest is allowed **two** pieces of checked luggage with a 50-pound maximum each, same as airlines. Luggage should be clearly labeled with your name, address and contact number. Luggage tags will be provided to print on the last page of your eDocs.

BRING A SMALL OVERNIGHT BAG

Since suitcases are collected the last night of your cruise, don't forget a small overnight bag for carrying any necessary medication, valuables, important documents and need-to-have items.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISE FARE

[With so much that's included](#), Norwegian offers a wide range of extras which help make your vacation all the more amazing.

IN YOUR STATEROOM

All staterooms feature a TV, safe, hair dryer and bath products as well as a mini-bar, which are pay upon consumption. Room service is available from 5 am to midnight (subject to convenience charge), and all stateroom-to-stateroom calls are free.

Guests in The Haven Suites can enjoy exclusive access to The Haven Courtyard, Restaurant & Lounge, 24-hour butler service, priority restaurant reservations, Bliss Collection bedding and much more.

Guests staying in Studios have access to the Studio Lounge.

POOLSIDE & SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Enjoy complimentary beach towel service as you lounge poolside, go for a swim or relax in a hot tub. Or take part in any number of onboard sports activities, even work up a sweat in the fitness center, featuring all the latest equipment.

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

You'll find complimentary dining throughout the ship, including two main dining rooms, a buffet, coffee bar and more. Select ships feature a third main dining room, 24-hour dining venue, outdoor buffet, and a pool bar and grill.

Let us entertain you with stand-up comedy, live bands, poolside games and activities, piano players — it's all included. Once you get to your stateroom, check your "Freestyle Daily," which highlights the next day's happenings: port highlights, entertainment, events and activities, and all the rest.

For a nominal fee per person, enjoy award-winning entertainment on board Norwegian Epic and Norwegian Breakaway that combines Broadway style entertainment with dinner. Discover shows like Cirque Dreams & Dinner Jungle Fantasy or the hilarious "Presumed Murdered" mystery lunch performed by The Second City.

CONSIDER BRINGING THESE ITEMS ON YOUR CRUISE

Use this cruise packing list as a starter and modify it for your personal tastes. You may not need everything on this list, but all are items worth considering. While you are traveling, it is not as easy to find some items that you may need. Some items may be available on the cruise ship or in ports of call; however, many items will not be available or come at a high cost. Don't overpack.

Travel Documents, Wallet Items, and Paperwork Packing List

- Airline tickets or e-ticket confirmation
- Cruise documents
- Passports and visas (if necessary) or other proof of citizenship
- Vaccination certificate (if required)
- Driver's license and auto insurance card - in case you decide to rent a car when ashore
- Medical insurance cards and medical history (especially if traveling alone)
- Copy of prescriptions and list of all medicines you are taking
- Another government-issued picture ID (e.g. driver's license)
- Credit cards (*be sure to call credit card companies before traveling to alert them you are traveling outside your normal area*)
- ATM card (*be sure to call your bank to notify them you are traveling*)
- Pre-paid phone card or SIM card for mobile phone (*these can also be purchased at your destination*)
- Cash (*some in small bills for tipping or buying low priced souvenirs*)
- Copies of airline tickets, cruise tickets, passports/visas, itinerary: Pack one copy in your carry-on, one copy in your checked luggage, and leave one copy with someone at home. Alternatively, you can scan the documents and email an electronic copy to yourself so that you can access them from any computer terminal.
- Contact numbers to report lost/stolen credit cards or traveler's checks
- Emergency numbers at home
- Wallet - purse
- Watch

Reading Material and Necessities Packing List

- Glasses, contacts, contact cleaner
- Sunglasses
- Reading sunglasses
- Guidebooks and other port of call information
- Maps – if going off the beaten path
- Reading material (*books to read while on the plane or lounging by the pool; if you pack an electronic book, don't forget the charger*)
- Journal or notebook and pen/pencil (*for making notes to tell your friends back home about your experiences*)
- Business cards with email address to give out to new cruise friends
- Home and email addresses of friends/relatives back home (*for sending postcards, emails, or gifts*)

Electronics and Camera Equipment Packing List

- Plug adapter and converter (*most electronic items like cameras, computers, and e-books do not need a converter, but if in doubt prepare*)
- Mobile phone and charger
- Tablet or e-book and charger
- Laptop computer
- Binoculars
- Underwater camera (*for snorkeling or beach days*)
- Camera/Digital camera and manual
- Extra memory cards for digital camera
- Batteries for digital camera - Battery charger
- Extension cord/power strip with multiple plug-ins – without surge protection – maybe with USB charging ports
- iPod or mp3 player (*for listening on the airplane, walking on deck or on a treadmill*)
- Small travel alarm clock (*battery operated*)
- Small flashlight (*good to use at night so as not to have to turn on light to use restroom, etc*)
- Nightlight

Medicine Kit Packing List

- Prescription drugs and any other essential medications in carry-on bag (*copy of prescriptions or proof of prescriptions. If possible keep prescriptions in original containers*)
- Earplugs or "ear planes" and sleep mask
- Small first aid kit (*band-aids, Q-tips, vaseline, Dramamine, antibiotic cream, bandages, anti-diarrhea medication, cortisone cream, aspirin/Tylenol/Advil, moleskin, etc.*)
- SeaBands*
- Germicidal hand cleaner (*hand sanitizer*)
- Handi-wipes (for cleaning hands when ashore)
- Hand lotion
- Rubbing alcohol or foot lotion for soothing tired, hot feet
- Bug spray (not for your cabin on the ship, but for those pesky mosquitoes and "nonos" ashore)
- Sunscreen/sunblock and lip sunblock

Other "Necessities or not" Packing List

- Duct tape or strapping tape
- Extra plastic cable-lock ties for securing luggage for the return trip (*better than locks, but one-time use only*)
- Extra luggage name tags (*in case yours are lost on the outbound trip*)
- Zip type plastic (Ziploc) bags of all sizes and garbage/laundry bags (*use for wet swimwear, mobile phones and other items to keep dry while at the pool or beach*)
- Corkscrew or Swiss Army knife or something similar with screwdriver head, etc. (*be sure to put in checked luggage*)
- Small umbrella
- Collapsible travel pillow for those long airplane flights
- Crazy glue
- Playing cards
- Magnets or magnetic hooks (*cabin walls/doors are metal and offer a way to hold notes etc.*)
- Sticky notes (*Post it Notes - use to leave a note to yourself, roommate or cabin steward*)
- Highlighter – Pen (*use to identify items you wish to do aboard the ship*)
- Sports gear (*e.g., snorkeling gear*)
- Shoehorn (*for getting those shoes back on your swollen feet*)
- Sewing kit and scissors (*pack in checked luggage*)
- Travel-sized detergent
- Stain removal pen (*Tide pen*)
- Clothespins – Beach towel clips
- Empty folding tote bag (*for souvenirs or while at the pool or the beach*)
- Hats/caps/visors
- Money Belt (*helpful to have one large enough to hold passport during ports of call*)
- Insulated large coffee mug or water bottle
- Light windbreaker jacket or sweater (*nights can cool off while out at sea*)
- Raincoat or poncho with hood (*it is the tropics and prone to rain while in port*)

Women's Cruise Clothing Packing List

- Bras (include strapless if needed for evening wear)
- Panties
- Lingerie/nightgown/pajamas/robe
- Compression stockings (*for airplane flight to prevent swollen ankles*)
- Exercise/walking socks
- Workout clothes
- Trouser socks or pantyhose
- Camisole/slip
- Belts
- Scarves
- Gloves and stocking cap (*if expect cold weather*)
- Walking shoes
- Dance shoes
- Walking sandals
- Rubber sandals for reef walking and beach
- Evening shoes
- Costume jewelry and extra watch
- Swimsuit - Swimsuit cover-up/pareo/sarong
- Dress/outfit for informal nights on ship
- Dress/outfit for formal nights on ship
- Dress/outfit for casual nights on ship
- Shorts
- Tops of all types (sleeveless, short-sleeved, long-sleeved)
- Capri pants
- Slacks

Women's Sundries and Miscellaneous

- Comb/brush
- Hair gel - Hairspray (non-aerosol)
- Shampoo - Conditioner
- Shower cap
- Bar soap in plastic container
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush - Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Mouthwash
- Tweezers
- Make-up and make-up bag - Make-up mirror
- Make-up remover - Cleanser
- Moisturizer and freshener
- Nail polish and remover
- Nail clippers and file (*be sure to pack in checked luggage*)
- Razor and shaving cream

Men's Cruise Clothing Packing List

- Underwear
- Undershirts
- Pajamas and robe
- Compression socks (*for airplane flight to prevent swollen ankles*)
- Exercise/walking socks
- Workout clothes – Tee shirts
- Black dress socks
- Belts
- Gloves and stocking cap (if you expect cold weather)
- Walking shoes
- Walking sandals
- Rubber sandals/shoes for reef walking and beach
- Evening or dress shoes
- "Docksider" casual shoes
- Dance shoes
- Tuxedo jacket and pants (*or dark suit*)
- Tuxedo tie, suspenders, and cummerbund
- Tuxedo cufflinks/studs
- Sport jacket
- Regular ties
- Tuxedo shirt
- Dress shirts
- Swimsuit
- Swimsuit cover-up
- Shorts
- Casual shirts
- Slacks (casual and dress)

Men's Sundries and Miscellaneous

- Comb/brush
- Shampoo and hair products
- Bar soap in plastic container
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Mouthwash
- Tweezers
- Nail clippers and file (*be sure to pack in checked luggage*)
- Razor and shaving cream (*or electric razor and supplies*)