Family Cruise *Checklist*

Everything to plan, pack and know before your family sets sail.

When you book

- [ ] Choose a ship with the things your kids will love (water slides, kids' clubs, family shows)
- [ ] Book early for cabins that sleep 4 or more, or connecting cabins
- [ ] Pick a cabin near the elevators if you have little ones or a stroller
- [ ] Buy travel insurance for every traveler
- [ ] Check kids' club ages and rules. Most require kids to be potty trained

Documents for kids

- [ ] Passports, or birth certificates for closed-loop cruises
- [ ] Only one parent traveling? Bring a signed consent letter from the other parent
- [ ] Different last names? Bring proof of relationship
- [ ] Copies of all documents, saved on your phone too

Pack for the kids

- [ ] Swimsuits, cover-ups and water shoes
- [ ] Kid-friendly sunscreen and a hat
- [ ] Motion sickness medicine made for kids
- [ ] A night-light (inside cabins are pitch black)
- [ ] Headphones, tablets and downloaded shows
- [ ] Lanyards to hold their keycards

Handy for families

- [ ] Magnetic hooks for wet swimsuits and hats
- [ ] An over-the-door shoe organizer for small items
- [ ] Refillable water bottles for everyone
- [ ] Snacks for the travel day
- [ ] Small toys and card games for downtime

Once you're on board

- [ ] Register the kids for the kids' club on day one
- [ ] Ask about kids' ID or tracking wristbands
- [ ] Pick a family meeting spot
- [ ] Set up the cruise app so you can message each other
- [ ] Check the teen curfew and pool rules
- [ ] Look at the daily schedule together each night

GOOD TO KNOW

Most cruise lines don't allow swim diapers in regular pools. Many ships have splash areas made for little ones, so ask me which ships do.

BEFORE YOU BOOK

Every cruise line does families differently. I'll match you with the ship that fits your kids' ages and your budget.