Family Vacation *Planning Timeline*

Your step-by-step countdown for a stress-free family cruise or Caribbean vacation.

9–12 months before

- [ ] Set your total budget, including extras
- [ ] Choose cruise, resort, or a mix of both
- [ ] Pick dates around school breaks, which book up first
- [ ] Check everyone's passports. Kids under 16 need both parents to apply
- [ ] Book your trip and travel insurance

4–6 months before

- [ ] Book flights, ideally arriving the day before a cruise
- [ ] Book excursions kids will love
- [ ] Reserve family dining, shows or character experiences
- [ ] Look into kids' club details and registration
- [ ] Request connecting rooms or cribs

1–2 months before

- [ ] Make your final payment
- [ ] Complete online check-in
- [ ] Write a consent letter if only one parent is traveling
- [ ] Refill prescriptions for everyone
- [ ] Buy swimsuits, sunscreen and water shoes

1–2 weeks before

- [ ] Start packing with a list for each person
- [ ] Download shows, games and music for the kids
- [ ] Print or download boarding passes and documents
- [ ] Tell your bank and phone carrier about your trip
- [ ] Plan snacks and activities for the travel day

The day before

- [ ] Pack carry-ons with swimsuits, meds and a change of clothes
- [ ] Charge every device and pack chargers
- [ ] Put luggage tags on every bag
- [ ] Set out passports, IDs and boarding passes
- [ ] Get a good night's sleep!

Travel day

- [ ] Leave extra time for security with kids
- [ ] Keep snacks, wipes and entertainment within reach
- [ ] Take a photo of your luggage
- [ ] Start the vacation!

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I handle the bookings, reminders and details, so you can focus on your family.