First-Time Cruiser *Checklist*

Your countdown from booking day to sail day, so nothing gets missed.

Right after you book

- [ ] Save your booking confirmation number
- [ ] Note your final payment due date
- [ ] Buy travel insurance
- [ ] Check that every passport is valid for at least 6 months after your trip
- [ ] Create your account on the cruise line's website and app

2–3 months before

- [ ] Book shore excursions
- [ ] Reserve specialty dining and shows
- [ ] Book flights to arrive the day before you sail
- [ ] Book a hotel near the port
- [ ] Decide on drink, Wi-Fi or dining packages

1 month before

- [ ] Complete online check-in and pick your arrival time
- [ ] Print or download your boarding pass and luggage tags
- [ ] Order anything you need, like a power strip without a surge protector
- [ ] Tell your bank and phone carrier about your trip

1 week before

- [ ] Check the weather for each port
- [ ] Start packing using your packing list
- [ ] Refill prescriptions
- [ ] Download the cruise app and your itinerary
- [ ] Make copies of passports and IDs

The day before

- [ ] Pack a carry-on with swimsuits, meds and chargers
- [ ] Put luggage tags on your bags
- [ ] Charge your phone and devices
- [ ] Set out documents and boarding pass

Sail day

- [ ] Arrive at your check-in time
- [ ] Keep documents in your carry-on
- [ ] Put your phone in airplane mode once at sea
- [ ] Enjoy the sail-away!