

Things You Definitely Should Pack for a Cruise

In 2024, an estimated 34.6 million people worldwide took a cruise, according to the Cruise Line International Association. Were you among the lucky cruisers? Whether you're new at cruising or an old hand, there may be some items you never thought to bring along on your watery vacation.

Swipe through to learn what you should definitely pack for your next cruise.



Waterproof Floating Phone Case

Your cruise might involve some water activities such as standup paddle boarding, kayaking or canoeing. You'll almost certainly want to take your phone along to capture the moment your husband rolls his kayak. Keep your phone safe from splashes with a waterproof case that also floats in case you drop it.



Travel-Size Wrinkle Release Spray

You're on vacation, so wrinkly clothes might not be your top priority. But for those special nights out, it might be nice to be wrinkle-free. Consider bringing a travel-size wrinkle release spray to quickly get rid of those creases.



Magnetic Hooks

The cabin walls of most cruise ships are made of steel. Bring along a few magnetic hooks to easily store jackets, purses and other items that you want to store out of the way.



Phone Battery Pack

Your phone is almost certainly going to run out of juice at some point when you're on deck or out on an excursion. Be sure to carry a battery pack so you can recharge on the go.





Motion Sickness Relief

Many people have no trouble with stomach problems on big cruise ships, but if seasickness is a concern, pack motion sickness relief. You might need it if an excursion finds you on a smaller boat more prone to rockin' and rollin'.



Universal Travel Adapter

Many ships are built in other parts of the world, with different electrical plugs. Be prepared for the boat and any onshore places you might visit with a universal adapter that will be sure you can get electricity wherever you are.



Shoe Organizer

Experienced cruisers know to take along an over-the-door shoe organizer to store not only shoes but also other small items that would otherwise clutter up a cramped stateroom. Think hair ties, sunscreen, razor, charging cable... anything you want to easily access.