

John and Jackie's Ultimate Pre-Cruise Check List



Within two weeks of booking your cruise

- Buy travel insurance
- Renew your passport or apply for a new one
- Start reading up on your ports of call

Three to four months before your cruise:

- Research entry requirements and apply for visas
- Book your flights
- Book your pre- or post-cruise hotel
- Research and book shore excursions
- Pay your final bill (dates can vary – check the booking terms)

One to two months before your cruise

- Arrange for rental cars in port
- Book airport transfers
- Fill out and print cruise line e-docs
- Book a beverage or dining package
- Pre-book spa treatments and specialty dining reservations
- Get any immunizations needed
- Draft a packing list
- Plan your coordinating outfits for the on-boarding and formal night photos

One to two weeks before your cruise

- Make arrangements for your home while you're gone
- Call your bank and credit cards to alert them to your travel plans
- Locate port parking information and directions if you're driving
- Sign up for an international calling plan for your cell phone
- Check the destination's weather
- Pack
- Stock up on reading material (magazines, e-books, library books, etc.)
- Refill prescriptions
- Acquire some foreign currency or small bills for tipping

The day before your cruise

- Attach cruise line luggage tags
- Charge all your electronics – then pack the chargers
- Assemble travel snacks or any soda/water/wine you're bringing aboard
- Make a list of anything you need to pack the morning of your cruise
- Set an alarm (or two) if you have an early departure
- Check in for your flight

