Cruise Ship
TRAVEL TIPS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Bureau of Consular Affairs

Here’s what you need to know before you board your cruise:

- Research your destinations at travel.state.gov/destination.
- Always bring your passport in case of an emergency, even if your cruise says you won’t need it.
- Make sure you have the right foreign visas for all of your stops, even if you do not plan to disembark.
- Enroll in our Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at step.state.gov to get important travel and safety updates.
- Get insurance coverage for medical, emergency evacuation, and other unexpected expenses while abroad.
- Check with your doctor to see if you should travel. If you take any prescription/OTC medications, get written prescriptions and bring extra medication in case of delays.
Medications that are legally prescribed in the United States are not always legal abroad. Check with the destination country’s embassy or consulate about local laws regarding your prescribed medicines. For more information, go to [travel.state.gov/destination].

**Follow local laws and customs.** If you break the law, you will be subject to the justice system of the host country.

Be sure to write down the phone numbers of the U.S. embassy or consulate in every country you plan to dock in, even if you don’t plan to disembark.

For more information, visit our page at [travel.state.gov/cruise].

Before traveling, look up your destination at [travel.state.gov/destination] and write the address/phone number of the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate below.

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