

## Cruise Planning Part IV: The Family Packing List

### For the Moms

#### Clothes

- bras (include strapless if needed for evening wear)
- panties
- lingerie/night gown/pajamas (2-3 for a week, keep in mind where you are cruising)
- robe
- exercise/walking socks
- trouser socks
- pantyhose
- camisole/slip
- purses (travel/day and evening)
- belts
- scarf, gloves and hat (if traveling to Alaska or Northern Europe)
- walking shoes (for shore excursions)
- gym shoes (for working out)
- evening shoes (some people bring two pairs, one for general and one for formal)
- rubber sandals or flip flops (for the beach or walking around the pool)
- jewelry
- 1-2 swimsuits
- swimsuit cover-up/sarong
- workout clothes and jog bra
- 1-3 dresses/outfits for informal nights on ship
- 1-2 dresses/outfits for formal nights on ship
- 3-4 dresses/outfit for casual nights on ship
- 3-4 shorts (for warmer cruises)

- 1-2 pairs of capri pants
- 1-2 slacks (if you aren't a jeans person or like something nicer for evening)
- 1-2 pairs of jeans (for warmer cruises) or 3-5 pairs (for colder)
- 5-7 tops of all types (sleeveless, short-sleeved, long-sleeved)
- windbreaker jacket (great for colder cruises)
- sweatshirt
- evening sweater or wrap (even on warmer cruises, theaters and dining rooms can be cool)
- raincoat with hood or umbrella
- theme outfits (check with your line to see what they have planned)

### **Toiletries**

- curling iron or curlers (hairdryers are almost always provided)
- comb/brush
- hair gel/hair spray
- shampoo
- conditioner
- shower cap
- shower gel/soap
- deodorant
- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- dental floss
- mouthwash
- tweezers
- make-up and make-up bag(list can be endless!)
- make-up remover
- perfume or body splash
- cleanser
- moisturizer and freshener
- nail polish and remover

- nail clippers and file (be sure to pack in checked luggage)
- razor and shaving cream
- hat

## **For the Dads**

### **Clothing**

- underwear (briefs or boxer shorts)
- undershirts
- pajamas (2-3 for a week, keep in mind where you are cruising)
- robe
- exercise/walking socks
- dress socks
- belts
- scarf, gloves and hat (if traveling to Alaska or Northern Europe)
- walking shoes (for shore excursions and daytime activities)
- gym shoes (for working out)
- evening shoes (some people bring two pairs, one for general and one for formal)
- rubber sandals or flip flops (for the beach or walking around the pool)
- jewelry
- 1-2 swimsuits
- tuxedo jacket and pants (or dark suit)
- tuxedo tie, suspenders, and cummerbund
- cufflinks/studs
- tuxedo shirt
- sport coat (for semi-formal nights)
- regular ties
- dress shirts
- 1-2 swimsuits
- workout clothes/T shirts
- 3-4 shorts (for warmer cruises)

- 1-2 slacks (if you aren't a jeans person or like something nicer for evening)
- 1-2 pairs of jeans (for warmer cruises) or 3-5 pairs (for colder)
- 5-7 tops of all types (sleeveless, short-sleeved, long-sleeved)
- windbreaker jacket (great for colder cruises)
- sweatshirt
- raincoat with hood or umbrella
- theme outfits (check with your line to see what they have planned)
- hat

### **Toiletries**

- comb/brush
- hair gel/hair spray
- hairclips/hair ties
- shampoo
- conditioner
- shower gel/soap
- deodorant
- cologne or body spray
- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- dental floss
- mouthwash
- tweezers
- razor and shaving cream (or electric razor and supplies)

### **For the Grownups**

#### **Plug It In**

- power strip
- extension cord
- plug adaptor and converter (if you are staying at a foreign hotel)

- cell phone or PDA and charger (you might pay roaming charges unless you have a plan that lets you call internationally)
- ipod/mp3/music player
- laptop computer (although ships do have Internet cafes that have packages where you can pay per minute)
- binoculars
- camera (digital or regular camera film or memory card with extras (don't put undeveloped film in checked luggage)
- disposable underwater camera - for snorkeling or beach days
- batteries or charger for digital camera
- small travel alarm clock (so you have a clock in your room)
- lighted dial clock for cruise ship cabin
- small flashlight
- night light

**Don't Forget....**

- reading glasses
- sunglasses
- guidebooks, maps and other port of call information (ships do provide port shopping guides at each stop and there is always a crew member who specializes in port information)
- foreign language phrase book or dictionary
- books or magazines (many ships have libraries where you can borrow a book if you forget yours)
- journal or notebook and pen/pencil
- cards with your e-mail address to give out to new friends
- address book

**For the Kids**

**Clothing**

- 1 shirt/day plus 1 extra

- 1 shorts or skirt/day plus 1 extra
- 2 pairs jeans (more for cooler cruises)
- 2 formal outfits for dinner
- 1 pair socks/day plus 1 extra
- 1 set underwear/bra per day plus 1 extra
- 1 light rainproof jacket
- 1 sweater/sweatshirt for evenings
- 1 hat
- 2 swimsuits
- 2-3 pair pajamas
- theme costumes
- plain white T-shirt or pillowcase for new friends to sign

### **Toiletries**

- deodorant
- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- dental floss
- mouthwash travel soap
- comb/brush
- hair gel/hair spray
- shampoo
- conditioner
- shower cap
- shower gel/soap
- face cleaner
- makeup

### **In the Backpack**

- sunglasses
- books
- travel games

- portable electronic games
- ipod/mp3/music player
- camera
- journal
- coloring book and crayons
- craft/hobby (friendship bracelet kit, lanyard, etc.)
- favorite toy, stuffed animal, etc

## **For the Family**

### **For Your Health**

- glasses
- contacts
- contact solution
- lens case
- prescription drugs and any other essential medications in carry-on bag
- ear plugs for swimming and for noise on plane
- small first aid kit (bandages, cotton swabs, sea sick pills or bracelets, antibiotic cream, anti-diarrheal medication, cortisone cream, aspirin)
- antibacterial hand gel
- hand lotion
- foot spray
- bug spray (to use in port)
- sunscreen/lip sunblock in variety of SPF levels
- aloe vera (for burns)
- travel pillow for those long airplane flights

### **The Really Important Stuff**

- airline tickets or e-ticket confirmation
- cruise documents (see part III about online check-in)
- passports and visas (if necessary) or proof of citizenship
- vaccination certificate (if required)

- driver's license and auto insurance card (if you decide to rent a car in port or before or after your trip)
- medical insurance cards
- copy of prescriptions and list of all medicines you are taking
- picture ID (if you don't take driver's license)
- credit cards (call credit card companies before traveling to let them know where you are going and when you'll be back so they won't put a hold on your card during your vacation)
- watch
- ATM card
- pre-paid phone card (to make calls in port)
- cash or traveler's checks (be sure to keep traveler's checks receipt in separate location)
- copies of your passport, credit cards, itinerary and airline ticket (you should have an extra one with you and give a copy to someone at home)
- contact numbers to report lost/stolen credit cards or traveler's checks
- emergency numbers for whomever is watching you home
- currency conversion chart (although the rate if you use your credit card is sometimes better than with cash)
- wallet

**Just in Case (some of these might seem odd, but veteran cruisers are always prepared)**

- Gum/breathmints (much more expensive onboard)
- duct tape (for repairing any rips in luggage extra luggage name tags (in case yours are lost on the outbound trip)
- plastic bags of all sizes for dirty clothes
- Swiss Army knife or something similar (be sure to put in checked luggage) over the door shoe holder (for storing toiletries since the bathroom shelving isn't huge)
- highlighters (to mark up daily schedules)

- sticky notes (to let family members know where you are)
- two-way radios (to communicate if the family is in different areas of the ship, but be mindful that there are only so many frequencies to go around)
- playing cards
- sports gear (e.g. snorkeling gear so you don't have to rent it)
- shoe horn
- sewing kit and scissors (pack in checked luggage)
- travel-sized stain cleaner
- empty folding tote bag - for souvenirs or beach days
- insulated thermos or large cups (to fill up at the free beverage station and drink in your room or at the pool)