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The CRUISE DESTINATION ATLAS

Discover the World's Most Remarkable Cruise Regions, Ports & Voyages



8 AMAZING CRUISE REGIONS TO EXPLORE

CARIBBEAN & BAHAMAS

MEDITERRANEAN

ALASKA

MEXICO & NORTH COAST

NORTHERN EUROPE & BALTIC

AUSTRALIA, NZ & SOUTH PACIFIC

ASIA

CANADA & NEW ENGLAND

Welcome to the World of Cruising

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Inspiring Destinations. Unforgettable Experiences. A World Waiting to Be Explored.

Cruising is more than a vacation — it's a gateway to incredible destinations, diverse cultures, breathtaking landscapes and unforgettable experiences. Whether you're dreaming of tropical beaches, historic cities, majestic glaciers or vibrant coastal towns, there's a cruise region to match every travel style and interest.

This guide will take you on a journey through the world's most remarkable cruise regions, highlighting their unique character, must-visit ports, and practical travel insights to help you plan your future adventures.

Let's explore where your next voyage could take you!

WHAT YOU'LL FIND INSIDE

Amazing Cruise Regions
Explore the world's most popular and breathtaking cruise destinations.

Featured Ports
Discover five must-visit ports in each region with highlights and insider tips.

When to Go
Learn about the best times to cruise, season highlights, and what to expect throughout the year.

Cruise Styles
From short getaways to epic voyages — find the cruise experiences that suit your style.

Practical Tips
Get helpful insights to make the most of each destination and plan with confidence.



How to Use This Guide

Each cruise region is presented over 2–3 pages with maps, featured ports, seasonal guidance, destination highlights and practical tips. Use the contents page to quickly find the regions that interest you, or browse through to discover new places to add to your travel wish list.

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Explore the World One Region at a Time

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Our Cruise Regions

Seven incredible regions. Countless unforgettable experiences.
Where will your next voyage take you?





"Different seas. New cultures. Unforgettable horizons."

This guide is your passport to inspiration — helping you discover amazing cruise regions and start planning your next adventure.

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Caribbean & Bahamas

DISCOVER THE REGION

The Caribbean and Bahamas are among the world's most popular cruise destinations — and for good reason. With year-round warm weather, turquoise seas and picture-perfect beaches, this region offers the ultimate easygoing escape. From vibrant island cultures and rich history to world-class snorkeling, relaxing beach days and exciting water adventures, every stop brings something new to discover. Whether you're a first-time cruiser, a family looking for fun in the sun, or a seasoned traveler chasing new islands, the Caribbean and Bahamas deliver unforgettable experiences time and time again.

WHY CRUISE HERE?

Easy Warm-Weather Getaways
Swap everyday life for sunshine, warm seas and a laid-back island vibe.

Huge Itinerary Variety
From the Bahamas to Mexico and beyond, explore a mix of islands, cultures and experiences.

Stunning Beaches & Snorkeling
Crystal-clear waters, colorful marine life and some of the world's best beaches.

Family-Friendly Appeal
Something for everyone — from kids' activities and water parks to relaxing beach days for adults.

Many Convenient Departure Options
Sail from Florida and other U.S. ports, making it easy to plan your perfect getaway.

CARIBBEAN & BAHAMAS AT A GLANCE



AT A GLANCE

Best For
First-time cruisers, beach lovers, families, island hoppers.

Best Time
December to April for the driest weather. Summer is warmer and can be more humid.

Typical Cruise Length
3–10+ nights

Cruise Vibe
Sunny, social, easygoing, and activity-filled.



PLANNING TIP
Hurricane season affects parts of the Caribbean from June to November, with the highest risk generally August to October. Itineraries can vary by cruise line and departure port, so always check the latest information when planning your trip.

Island time awaits...

Caribbean & Bahamas

FEATURED CRUISE PORTS

From vibrant cities to tropical beaches, these must-visit ports showcase the best of the Caribbean & Bahamas.



1 Nassau

BAHAMAS



Nassau blends beautiful beaches, lively culture and easy-going island vibes. It's the perfect mix of relaxation and adventure, with something for every type of cruiser.

Highlights

- Stunning beaches
- Shopping at Bay Street
- Historic forts
- Island excursions

2 Cozumel

MEXICO



Cozumel is known for its crystal-clear waters, vibrant marine life and rich Mayan history. It's a paradise for snorkelers, divers and adventure seekers, with both relaxation and exploration opportunities.

Highlights

- World-class snorkeling and diving
- Ancient Mayan ruins
- Local markets and crafts
- Authentic Mexican cuisine

3 San Juan

PUERTO RICO



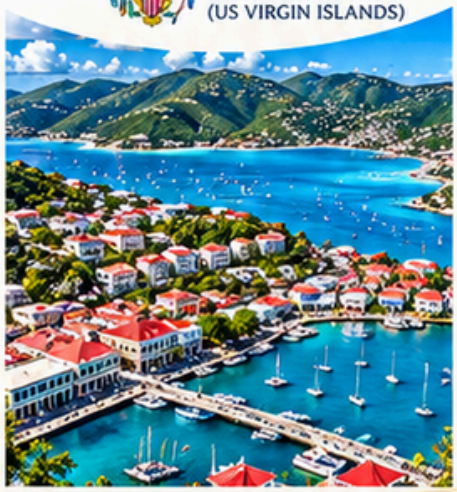
San Juan offers a unique blend of history, culture and Caribbean charm. Stroll through colorful streets, explore 500-year-old forts and enjoy delicious local cuisine.

Highlights

- Historic Old San Juan
- Iconic forts (El Morro & San Cristóbal)
- Local Puerto Rican cuisine
- Charming shops and art

4 Charlotte Amalie

ST. THOMAS (US VIRGIN ISLANDS)



Charlotte Amalie is a shopper's paradise with duty-free deals, stunning scenery and easy access to beautiful beaches. It combines island charm with rich history and breathtaking views.

Highlights

- World-famous duty-free shopping
- Beautiful beaches
- Scenic viewpoints
- Island excursions

5 Philipsburg

ST. MAARTEN



Philipsburg is a vibrant waterfront town known for its beautiful beach, shopping, dining and lively atmosphere. It's a great spot to relax on the beach or explore the unique Dutch and French influences on the island.

Highlights

- Great Bay Beach
- Duty-free shopping
- Waterfront dining
- Scenic boardwalk
- Exploring the island (Dutch & French sides)

Quick Tips for These Ports

- Check your ship's times — and plan to return early.
- Book popular excursions in advance.
- Keep local currency or small bills for tips and purchases.
- Wear comfortable shoes, sunscreen and stay hydrated.
- Be aware of your surroundings and keep valuables secure.

"Five incredible ports. Countless unforgettable experiences. The Caribbean & Bahamas always deliver."

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Caribbean & Bahamas



PLAN YOUR PERFECT VOYAGE

Choose the right itinerary, cruise length and departure port for your travel style.

CHOOSE YOUR ITINERARY

1 Bahamas Getaways



Short and easy escapes, often beach-focused, with beautiful private islands and quick access from U.S. ports.

Best for:
First-timers, families and quick breaks.

2 Eastern Caribbean



Pretty island scenery and classic beach ports, with a mix of popular destinations and easygoing island charm.

Best for:
Relaxed cruising, beach lovers and tropical scenery.

3 Western Caribbean



A mix of beaches, reefs and adventure-focused stops such as Cozumel, Costa Maya and the Yucatán region.

Best for:
Active travelers, snorkelers and a mix of culture and adventure.

4 Southern Caribbean



Longer voyages with more island-hopping and a wider variety of cultures, from Dutch influences to pristine, less-visited islands.

Best for:
Seasoned cruisers, island hoppers and travelers looking for a broader experience.

HOW MANY NIGHTS?

Find the cruise length that fits your time, budget and travel style.



3–4 Nights

A quick escape with limited port time. Ideal for testing cruising or a short, relaxing break.



5–7 Nights

The most popular option, with a balanced mix of sea days and ports. Great variety of itineraries and destinations.



8–12+ Nights

A more immersive experience with broader itineraries, often including the Southern Caribbean or combination sailings.

POPULAR DEPARTURE PORTS

Available routes vary by cruise line and season.

1 Miami
FLORIDA



One of the busiest cruise ports in the world, with a wide range of itineraries to the Bahamas and across the Caribbean.

2 Port Canaveral
FLORIDA



A convenient option for Orlando visitors, with many departures to the Bahamas and eastern Caribbean.

3 Fort Lauderdale
FLORIDA



A major hub with varied itineraries and cruise lines, offering easy access and plenty of pre-cruise options.

4 Galveston
TEXAS



A popular departure port for western Caribbean itineraries, including Cozumel and the Yucatán region.

5 San Juan
PUERTO RICO



Ideal for eastern and southern Caribbean sailings, with a great mix of itineraries and the bonus of exploring Old San Juan.

SMART PLANNING TIPS

- Consider whether you prefer more port days or more relaxing sea days.
- Compare private-island stops versus culture-focused itineraries.
- Budget for excursions, gratuities and onboard spending.
- If traveling June–November, monitor hurricane-season forecasts and keep plans flexible.
- Check documentation requirements and arrive a day early when possible for embarkation.

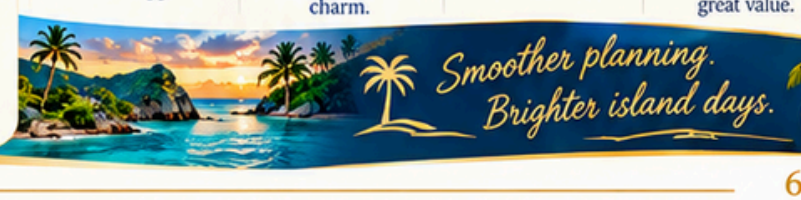
AT A GLANCE

Best For
First-time cruisers to seasoned island hoppers.

Typical Vibe
Sunny, social, easygoing, and full of island charm.

Good Starting Length
5–7 nights.

Best-Value Timing
Shoulder seasons often offer great value.



Mediterranean

DISCOVER THE REGION

Where ancient history, charming coastal towns, world-class cuisine and breathtaking scenery come together — the Mediterranean offers an unforgettable cruise experience.



1 A Region Like No Other

The Mediterranean is a cultural treasure, where thousands of years of history meet modern-day luxury. From the romantic coasts of Italy and the sun-drenched islands of Greece to the vibrant cities of Spain and the picturesque shores of Croatia, each destination tells its own story.

Why Cruise the Mediterranean?

- Ancient history & iconic landmarks
- World-class cuisine & wines
- Stunning coastal towns & islands
- Diverse landscapes & experiences
- Rich cultures and warm hospitality



2 What Makes It Special

The Mediterranean offers an incredible variety of experiences, all in one journey. You can explore ancient ruins in the morning, enjoy a leisurely lunch by the sea in the afternoon, and watch a stunning sunset from your ship in the evening.



History

Walk through ancient ruins, UNESCO sites and medieval towns.



Scenic Beauty

Dramatic coastlines, crystal-clear waters and picturesque islands.



Cuisine

Savor fresh seafood, local wines and a blend of cultures and flavors.



Island Life

Discover charming towns, vibrant harbors and relaxed coastal lifestyles.



Cultural Variety

Experience a unique mix of languages, traditions and world-famous art and architecture.

"History, culture and beauty — all within a single voyage."

Mediterranean

FEATURED CRUISE PORTS

From vibrant cities to ancient landmarks and breathtaking islands, these five featured ports showcase the diversity of Mediterranean cruising.



1 Barcelona

SPAIN



Barcelona is a major cruise embarkation port and a city full of culture, creativity and charm. Explore Gaudi's extraordinary architecture, stroll along Las Ramblas and the Gothic Quarter, relax on its beaches and enjoy world-class food, shopping and vibrant city life.

Top Highlights

- Gaudi's masterpieces (Sagrada Família, Park Güell)
- Las Ramblas & Gothic Quarter
- Beaches and a lively waterfront
- Tapas, local cuisine and shopping

2 Civitavecchia (Rome)

ITALY



Civitavecchia is the main cruise port serving Rome, a gateway to one of the world's most historic cities. From here you can visit the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Vatican City, and iconic piazzas and fountains. It's the perfect port for exploring Rome's incredible history, art and culture.

Top Highlights

- The Colosseum & Roman Forum
- Vatican City & St. Peter's Basilica
- Famous piazzas and fountains (Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps)
- Extraordinary history, art and culture

3 Piraeus (Athens)

GREECE



Piraeus is the main cruise port serving Athens, a gateway to ancient history and modern Greek culture. Visit the Acropolis, explore the charming Plaka district, discover world-class museums and experience authentic Greek cuisine. It's the ideal port for a journey into the birthplace of democracy.

Top Highlights

- The Acropolis and ancient sites
- Plaka's charming streets
- World-class museums
- Authentic Greek cuisine

4 Santorini

GREECE



Santorini is one of the Mediterranean's most iconic islands, famous for its dramatic caldera views, whitewashed villages and blue domes. Explore charming towns, volcanic landscapes, local wineries and breathtaking sunsets that make Santorini truly unforgettable.

Top Highlights

- Stunning caldera views
- Picturesque villages & blue domes
- Local wine tasting
- World-famous sunsets
- Volcanic landscapes and boat tours

5 Dubrovnik

CROATIA



Dubrovnik is a stunning coastal city known for its medieval walls, limestone streets and breathtaking Adriatic setting. Explore the UNESCO-listed Old Town, walk the historic city walls, and soak up the beauty, culture and charm of this remarkable destination.

Top Highlights

- The walled Old Town (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Walk the city walls
- Beautiful Adriatic scenery
- Rich history and cultural heritage
- Seaside dining and stunning views

"Each port, a new story. The Mediterranean always inspires."

Mediterranean

PLAN YOUR PERFECT VOYAGE

From Italy's ancient ruins to Greece's island gems and Spain's vibrant cities, the Mediterranean offers a variety of itineraries to suit every traveler. Use this guide to choose the right route, cruise length and departure port for your dream trip.



1 Choose Your Mediterranean Itinerary

Different regions offer unique experiences. Here's a quick guide to help you decide.



Western Mediterranean

- Italy, France, Spain
- Historic cities, coastal towns, and scenic islands
- Great for first-time visitors



Eastern Mediterranean

- Greece, Türkiye, Croatia
- Iconic islands, ancient ruins, charming ports
- Perfect for culture and history lovers



Adriatic Coast

- Croatia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Italy
- Medieval towns, dramatic coastlines
- Ideal for a mix of culture and natural beauty



Greek Islands Focused

- Santorini, Mykonos, Crete and more
- Stunning island scenery and relaxed pace
- Best for beach lovers and picturesque views

2 How Many Nights Should You Cruise?

Choose the cruise length that fits your time, budget and travel goals.



7 Nights (Week-Long)

- Most popular option
- Typically visits 3–4 ports
- Great balance of exploration and relaxation



10–12 Nights (Extended)

- More ports and regions
- Time to explore multiple countries
- Ideal for those who want a deeper experience



14+ Nights (Grand Voyage)

- Visit more countries and unique ports
- Relaxed pace with more sea days
- Perfect for experienced cruisers

3 Best Time to Cruise

The Mediterranean cruise season runs from spring through fall. Each season offers a different experience.

Spring (April – May)	• Mild weather, fewer crowds • Beautiful landscapes and blooming flowers
Summer (June – August)	• Warm and lively atmosphere • Ideal for beach lovers and vibrant nightlife
Fall (September – October)	• Pleasant temperatures • Fewer crowds and great value
Winter (November – March)	• Limited sailings • Some itineraries available (especially in southern Mediterranean)

4 Where to Depart From

Major departure ports make it easy to start your Mediterranean adventure.



Rome (Civitavecchia) ITALY

Main gateway for Western and Eastern Mediterranean cruises. Approx. 1–1.5 hours by train or private transfer to Rome.



Barcelona SPAIN

Popular starting point with easy international access. Combine your cruise with time to explore this vibrant city.



Athens (Piraeus) GREECE

Main port for Greek Islands and Eastern Mediterranean cruises. Approx. 30–45 minutes by taxi or metro to Athens city center.



Venice ITALY

A unique departure port for Adriatic and Eastern Mediterranean itineraries. Arrive early to explore this enchanting city.

5 Smart Planning Tips

Make the most of your Mediterranean cruise with these helpful tips.

Book Early
Popular itineraries and cabins can sell out quickly, especially in summer.

Consider a Pre- or Post-Cruise Stay
Explore the departure city and reduce travel stress.

Check Visa Requirements
Some itineraries may require a Schengen visa, depending on your nationality.

Pack for Variety
Light clothing for warm days, but also layers for cooler evenings and visits to churches and historic sites.

Get Travel Insurance
It's a smart way to protect your investment and travel with peace of mind.

"Plan well, cruise better and discover more of the Mediterranean."

Alaska

DISCOVER THE REGION

Majestic glaciers, breathtaking mountains, abundant wildlife and charming frontier towns — Alaska offers a cruise experience unlike anywhere else on earth.



1 A Land of Natural Wonders

Alaska is a place of unparalleled beauty, where towering glaciers, rugged mountains and pristine wilderness create a stunning backdrop for your cruise. From the serene waters of the Inside Passage to the chance to see incredible wildlife up close, every moment in Alaska offers a new discovery.

Why Cruise to Alaska?

- Breathtaking glaciers and scenery
- Incredible wildlife encounters
- Charming frontier towns
- Scenic cruising through the Inside Passage
- Unique photo opportunities



2 What Makes Alaska Special

Alaska combines dramatic landscapes, fascinating wildlife and a rich cultural heritage. Whether you're watching a glacier calve, spotting a whale in the distance, or exploring a historic gold rush town, Alaska delivers unforgettable experiences at every turn.



Glaciers

Witness towering glaciers, including Hubbard Glacier and the glaciers of Glacier Bay, up close from your ship.



Abundant Wildlife

Look for humpback whales, orcas, sea otters, bald eagles, bears and more in their natural habitat.



Charming Towns

Explore historic ports like Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan with their rich gold rush history and unique local culture.



Stunning Scenery

Cruise through the Inside Passage, with its majestic mountains, forests, waterfalls and pristine wilderness.



Rich Heritage

Discover Alaska Native culture, frontier history and the fascinating stories that shaped this extraordinary region.

"Glaciers, wildlife and endless horizons — Alaska is a journey like no other."

Alaska

FEATURED CRUISE PORTS

Alaska's ports are gateways to stunning glaciers, abundant wildlife and rich frontier history. Each stop offers a unique experience — from vibrant coastal towns to untouched wilderness, making your cruise truly unforgettable.



1 Juneau

USA (ALASKA)



Alaska's capital city, Juneau, is surrounded by mountains, glaciers and pristine wilderness. It's one of the most scenic and accessible ports in the region.

Top Highlights

- Mendenhall Glacier
- Whale watching tours
- Mount Roberts Tramway
- Local shops, seafood and culture

2 Ketchikan

USA (ALASKA)



Known as the "Salmon Capital of the World," Ketchikan is rich in Native culture, vibrant waterfront views and abundant wildlife.

Top Highlights

- Totem Bight State Historical Park
- Creek Street historic district
- Alaska Native art and culture
- Wildlife and fishing or floatplane tours

3 Skagway

USA (ALASKA)



Step back in time in Skagway, a well-preserved gold rush town and gateway to the Klondike. It offers history, stunning scenery and unforgettabble rail journeys.

Top Highlights

- White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad
- Historic downtown
- Gold rush history and museums
- Hiking and scenic waterfalls

4 Sitka

USA (ALASKA)



Sitka blends Native Tlingit heritage with Russian history, offering a unique cultural experience along with incredible natural beauty.

Top Highlights

- Sitka National Historical Park
- Russian history and Saint Michael's Cathedral
- Wildlife viewing and sea kayaking
- Scenic hiking and coastal trails

5 Icy Strait Point

USA (ALASKA)



Icy Strait Point is a former cannery town owned by the local Tlingit community. It offers authentic Alaskan experiences and some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities.

Top Highlights

- Whale watching (high success rate)
- Zip-lining through the rainforest
- Native culture and Tlingit heritage
- Hiking, beaches and scenic views

Planning Your Port Visits

Make the most of your time in Alaska with these helpful tips.

Check Port Times
Review arrival and departure times to plan your activities.

Book Early
Popular excursions like whale watching and the rail journey can sell out quickly.

Dress in Layers
Weather can change quickly, so be ready for rain, wind and cooler temperatures.

Bring a Camera
You'll find incredible photo opportunities of wildlife, glaciers and scenic landscapes.

Valid ID May Be Required
Some Alaska cruises may require a passport, especially for itineraries with Canadian ports.

Featured Ports on the Alaska Map



"From glaciers to gold rush towns, each port in Alaska is a new adventure."

Alaska
CRUISE ITINERARIES

From scenic glacier cruises to in-depth land and sea journeys, Alaska offers a variety of itineraries to match your travel style, schedule and interests.



1 Types of Alaska Itineraries

Alaska cruises come in several itinerary styles, each offering a unique way to experience this remarkable region.



Inside Passage Cruises

The most popular option, featuring scenic cruising through fjords, glaciers and charming coastal towns.

Best for:
First-time visitors and spectacular scenery



Glacier-Focused Cruises

Designed to get you closer to Alaska's magnificent glaciers, with extended scenic cruising in glacier bays such as Hubbard Glacier and Glacier Bay.

Best for:
Nature lovers and photography enthusiasts



One-Way Cruises

Travel between Seward (or Whittier) and Vancouver (or the reverse), often with more time in scenic areas and a mix of unique ports.

Best for:
Travelers who want a deeper, less repetitive experience



Cruisetour Packages

Combine a cruise with a land tour to explore Alaska's interior, including Denali National Park, wilderness lodges and scenic rail journeys.

Best for:
Those who want to see more of Alaska beyond the coast

2 Typical Cruise Lengths

Alaska cruises range from short getaways to longer, more immersive journeys.

7 Nights

The most common length, usually round-trip from Seattle or Vancouver, with scenic cruising and 3–4 ports.

8–9 Nights

Offers more time in glacier areas and an extra port or two for a deeper experience.

10–11 Nights

Often includes less-visited ports or a one-way itinerary between Alaska and Canada.

12–14 Nights

Ideal for a more in-depth exploration, sometimes combined with a land tour to Denali.

3 When to Cruise to Alaska

The Alaska cruise season runs from April to September. Each month offers a slightly different experience.



April – May

- Fewer crowds
- Lower prices
- Stunning spring scenery
- Wildflowers begin to bloom



June – July

- Warmest weather
- Long daylight hours
- Best time for wildlife viewing
- Peak cruise season



August

- Great wildlife viewing
- Active glaciers
- Slightly fewer crowds
- Comfortable temperatures



September

- Fall colors add a unique beauty
- Fewer crowds
- Often lower prices
- Still excellent wildlife viewing

4 Planning Tips

Book early
Alaska cruises are popular and can sell out quickly.

Consider flights
Arrive a day early to allow for any travel delays.

Pack for all weather
Layers are essential, as temperatures can change quickly.

Bring a camera
You'll find incredible photo opportunities at every turn.

Explore on shore
Choose excursions that match your interests, from wildlife to culture.

Check requirements
Some itineraries may require a passport, especially for one-way cruises.

"Glaciers, mountains and endless horizons — Alaska cruises create memories that last a lifetime."

Mexican Riviera & Pacific Coast

DISCOVER THE REGION



1 A SUN-SOAKED PACIFIC ESCAPE

The **Mexican Riviera & Pacific Coast** combines sunny beaches, dramatic desert-meets-ocean scenery, vibrant Mexican culture, charming coastal towns and relaxed, scenic cruising. This beautiful region stretches along Mexico's Pacific shoreline, from the Baja California Peninsula to the mainland coast, offering a perfect mix of natural beauty, rich heritage and unforgettable seaside experiences.

WHY CRUISE HERE?

- **Warm sunshine and easy winter escapes** with pleasant year-round temperatures.
- **Beautiful beaches and dramatic coastlines,** from golden sands to rugged cliffs and iconic rock formations.
- **Rich Mexican culture, cuisine and local charm** in historic towns and modern resort cities.
- **Great marine life and seasonal whale watching,** especially along the Baja coast (winter months).
- **A balanced mix of relaxation, exploration and adventure,** with something for every type of traveler.



2 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGION

Stunning landscapes, vibrant culture and unforgettable coastal experiences.



Golden Beaches

Beautiful stretches of sand, crystal-clear waters and iconic landmarks like Land's End in Cabo San Lucas.



Marine Life & Whale Watching

See humpback whales (during winter months), dolphins, sea lions and a rich variety of marine life in pristine waters.



Charming Coastal Towns

Explore vibrant cities like Mazatlán, Puerto Vallarta and Ensenada, each with its own unique character, history and laid-back Pacific vibe.



Flavorful Cuisine & Culture

Savor authentic Mexican cuisine, from fresh seafood to regional specialties, and experience warm hospitality, local markets and rich traditions.



Scenic Sunsets & Sea Views

Enjoy breathtaking sunsets, dramatic coastal scenery and picture-perfect moments throughout your journey along the Pacific coast.

"Golden coasts, warm sunsets and unforgettable ports — the Pacific side of Mexico invites you to slow down and explore."

Mexican Riviera & Pacific Coast

VIBRANT CULTURE • BEAUTIFUL BEACHES • UNFORGETTABLE VIEWS



Featured Cruise Ports

From dramatic coastal landscapes to colorful colonial towns, the Mexican Riviera and Pacific Coast offer a perfect blend of relaxation, adventure and authentic cultural experiences.

1 Cabo San Lucas
MEXICO



Famous for its dramatic rock formations, golden beaches and lively marina, Cabo San Lucas is a favorite for both relaxation and adventure.

Top Highlights:

- El Arco (Land's End)
- Beaches and water activities
- Sport fishing and boat tours
- Dining, shopping and nightlife

2 Mazatlán
MEXICO



A charming coastal city with a rich history, beautiful beaches and a lively cultural scene, Mazatlán blends old-world charm with modern amenities.

Top Highlights:

- Historic Old Mazatlán
- Beautiful beaches
- Seafood and local cuisine
- Cultural performances

3 Puerto Vallarta
MEXICO



Known for its stunning beaches, cobblestone streets, art galleries and welcoming atmosphere, Puerto Vallarta offers a perfect mix of relaxation and culture.

Top Highlights:

- Charming Old Town
- Beaches and water activities
- Art, food and local markets
- Friendly and vibrant atmosphere

4 Manzanillo
MEXICO



A relaxed port known for its pristine beaches, excellent fishing and a more authentic, less crowded atmosphere.

Top Highlights:

- Beautiful beaches
- Deep-sea fishing
- Local markets and cuisine
- Nearby natural parks

5 Ensenada
MEXICO



A popular stop just south of the U.S. border, Ensenada offers beautiful coastal scenery, excellent seafood and easy access to wine country.

Top Highlights:

- Wine tasting in Valle de Guadalupe
- Fresh seafood
- Coastal scenery
- Shopping and local culture

PORTS LOCATION MAP



QUICK PORT COMPARISON

Port	Best Known For	Shore Excursions
Cabo San Lucas	Iconic rock formations, beaches and nightlife	Boat tours, snorkeling, beach time, ATV tours
Mazatlán	Historic charm, beaches and culture	City tours, beaches, local markets, cultural shows
Puerto Vallarta	Cobblestone streets, arts and dining	City tours, beaches, ziplining, water activities
Manzanillo	Relaxed atmosphere and fishing	Beach day, sport fishing, nature tours, local cuisine
Ensenada	Wine country, seafood and coastal views	Wine tasting, city tours, beaches, shopping

TIPS FOR EXPLORING THESE PORTS

Book Excursions Early
Popular tours can fill up quickly, especially during peak travel times.

Be Prepared
Bring sunscreen, a hat and comfortable shoes. It can be warm, especially in summer and fall.

Support Local
Explore local markets, artisans and restaurants for a more authentic experience.



Mexican Riviera & Pacific Coast

CRUISE ITINERARIES & PLANNING

With easy-to-reach ports, beautiful beaches and a rich blend of culture, cuisine and coastal charm, the Mexican Riviera and Pacific Coast offer cruise itineraries that fit a variety of travel styles, from quick getaways to longer, more immersive journeys.



1 POPULAR ITINERARY OPTIONS

Choose the itinerary that best fits your time, budget and travel style. These are general examples, not guaranteed routes or schedules.

3–5 Night Getaways
QUICK & EASY ESCAPES



Short and convenient cruises, usually round-trip from Los Angeles or San Diego, often visiting Cabo San Lucas and/or Ensenada. Ideal for a quick break and first-time cruisers.

Best for:
First-time cruisers, couples and weekend getaways.

6–7 Night Cruises
THE MOST POPULAR



The most common option, with stops at 2–3 ports such as Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlán or Manzanillo. A great balance of relaxation, exploration and value.

Best for:
Families, couples and travelers looking for a variety of experiences.

8–10 Night Cruises
MORE TIME TO EXPLORE



Visit more ports and enjoy extra time in each destination. These itineraries may include a mix of Mexican Riviera favorites and additional Pacific Coast ports, such as California or Central America.

Best for:
Travelers who want a more relaxed pace and deeper exploration.

10+ Night Cruises
EXTENDED ADVENTURES



Longer itineraries may include a wider mix of destinations, such as additional Mexican ports, California coastal cities, Central America or even Hawaii, depending on the cruise line.

Best for:
Experienced cruisers and travelers seeking a more immersive journey.

2 BEST TIME TO CRUISE

The Mexican Riviera and Pacific Coast can be enjoyed year-round, with each season offering a different experience. Winter and spring are commonly favored for Mexican Riviera cruising because conditions are often milder and drier, but weather is never guaranteed. The Eastern Pacific hurricane season officially runs from May 15 through November 30. Tropical storms and hurricanes can affect Mexican Pacific coastal itineraries, especially during parts of summer and autumn. Actual weather and sailing conditions vary by destination, itinerary and date.

Winter
(Dec – Feb)



- Popular season for cruising the Mexican Riviera
- Generally mild and pleasant weather
- Busier, with higher prices than other times of year

Spring
(Mar – May)



- Warm and sunny conditions
- Often fewer crowds than winter
- Great for exploring ports and outdoor activities
- Late spring approaches the start of the Eastern Pacific hurricane season.

Summer
(Jun – Aug)



- Hotter and more humid conditions
- Possibility of tropical storms and hurricanes
- Fewer crowds and potentially lower prices
- Be flexible, as weather can affect itineraries.

Fall
(Sep – Nov)



- Warm temperatures and attractive pricing are possible
- This period overlaps the Eastern Pacific hurricane season (May 15 – Nov 30)
- Conditions can vary, and tropical weather may affect itineraries.

3 TRAVEL TIPS

Make the most of your Mexican Riviera and Pacific Coast cruise with these helpful tips.

Book Early
Popular winter and spring sailings can sell out quickly and often have higher prices.

Prepare for Heat and Sun
Bring sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses and light, breathable clothing. It can be hot and sunny, especially in summer and early fall.

Bring a Camera
You'll find incredible photo opportunities, from dramatic coastlines to colorful towns and local life.

Explore Local Cuisine and Culture
Try fresh seafood, regional dishes and local traditions, and take time to explore ports beyond the main tourist areas.

UNIQUE EXPERIENCES



- Relax on world-famous beaches
- Savor fresh seafood and regional cuisine
- Explore charming colonial towns
- Enjoy outdoor activities like snorkeling, ziplining and golf
- Take in breathtaking coastal sunsets

Sun, sea and unforgettable moments along the Mexican Riviera.

Northern Europe & Baltic

DISCOVER THE REGION

HISTORIC CITIES • SCENIC LANDSCAPES • RICH CULTURE

The Northern Europe and Baltic region offers a captivating blend of medieval cities, royal history, stunning coastlines and natural beauty. From colorful waterfronts to grand palaces and scenic fjords, this region delivers a unique mix of culture, history and breathtaking landscapes.



REGION AT A GLANCE

Historic Charm
Explore medieval old towns, royal palaces and UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Stunning Landscapes
From dramatic fjords to thousands of islands, the region offers incredible natural beauty.

Rich Maritime Heritage
Discover seafaring history, Viking roots and vibrant harbor cities.

Unique Cuisine
Enjoy fresh seafood, local specialties and a mix of traditional and modern flavors.

Cultural Experiences
World-class museums, art, music and seasonal festivals bring each destination to life.

NORTHERN EUROPE & BALTIC MAP



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGION



COPENHAGEN
DENMARK

A modern and historic city known for its royal palaces, colorful harbor and relaxed atmosphere.



STOCKHOLM
SWEDEN

A beautiful city spread across islands, with medieval streets, museums and a vibrant waterfront.



HELSINKI
FINLAND

A stylish city with a unique blend of modern design, historic landmarks and stunning seaside views.



TALLINN
ESTONIA

A beautifully preserved medieval old town with charming streets, historic walls and a rich cultural heritage.



RIGA
LATVIA

A lively city known for its Art Nouveau architecture, medieval center and vibrant local culture.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

May – September
The main cruise season offers mild to warm weather, longer daylight hours and the best conditions for exploring the region.



GOOD TO KNOW

- Wide variety of itineraries from 7–14 nights
- Different currencies across countries
- Cooler temperatures, even in summer
- Long daylight hours, especially in June & July
- Pack layers and a light waterproof jacket

Northern Europe & Baltic

FEATURED CRUISE PORTS

Each port in Northern Europe and the Baltic offers its own unique blend of history, culture and breathtaking scenery. From royal capitals and medieval towns to modern Nordic cities, these destinations showcase the rich heritage and natural beauty that make this region so special.



1 Copenhagen
DENMARK



A modern and welcoming capital known for its royal palaces, colorful harbor and world-class dining.

Top Highlights:

- The Little Mermaid
- Nyhavn waterfront
- Amalienborg Palace
- Tivoli Gardens
- Local cuisine and design

2 Stockholm
SWEDEN



A beautiful city spread across 14 islands, offering a mix of medieval charm, modern design and stunning waterfront views.

Top Highlights:

- Gamla Stan (Old Town)
- Royal Palace
- Vasa Museum
- Archipelago boat tours
- Shopping and dining

3 Oslo
NORWAY



A vibrant capital surrounded by fjords, forests and islands, blending rich history with contemporary Nordic culture.

Top Highlights:

- Viking Ship Museum
- Akershus Fortress
- Oslo Opera House
- Fjord excursions
- Parks, museums and local cuisine

4 Helsinki
FINLAND



A stylish seaside city with a unique blend of modern design, historic landmarks and a relaxed, contemporary atmosphere.

Top Highlights:

- Senate Square
- Helsinki Cathedral
- Design District
- Suomenlinna Fortress
- Saunas and local cuisine

5 Tallinn
ESTONIA



A charming medieval old town with cobblestone streets, historic city walls and a rich cultural heritage.

Top Highlights:

- UNESCO Old Town
- Toompea Castle
- Alexander Nevsky Cathedral
- Medieval city walls
- Local markets and cafés

CRUISE PORTS LOCATION MAP



BEST TIME TO VISIT

May – September

The main cruise season offers mild to warm weather, long daylight hours and the best conditions for exploring the region.

TIPS FOR EXPLORING THESE PORTS

Wear Comfortable Shoes	Many destinations have cobblestone streets and involve a lot of walking.
Bring a Camera	You'll find incredible photo opportunities from historic landmarks to scenic waterfronts.
Pack Layers	Weather can be unpredictable, so bring layers and a light waterproof jacket.
Plan Ahead	Popular attractions can be busy, especially in summer, so consider booking excursions early.



Northern Europe & Baltic

PLAN YOUR CRUISE



From fairytale cities to dramatic fjords, Northern Europe and the Baltic offer a variety of itineraries, seasons and experiences. Here's what you need to know to plan the perfect cruise for your travel style and interests.

POPULAR ITINERARY CHOICES



Baltic Capitals

Discover historic cities such as Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki and Tallinn, with a blend of royal palaces, medieval old towns and modern design.



Norwegian Fjords

Sail through dramatic fjords with towering cliffs, waterfalls and charming coastal villages, combined with vibrant cities like Oslo and Bergen.



Combined Voyages

Enjoy the best of both worlds with itineraries that include Scandinavian cities, Norwegian fjords and Baltic capitals in one unforgettable journey.

CRUISE DURATIONS

7-Night Cruises

Typically focus on the Baltic capitals or a short fjord itinerary. Great for a first visit.

10–12-Night Cruises

Allow more time to explore both Scandinavian cities and scenic fjords, with a relaxed pace.

Extended Cruises

14 nights or more combine Northern Europe, the Baltic and even Iceland or the Arctic for a more in-depth experience.

COMMON DEPARTURE GATEWAYS



Copenhagen, Denmark

A major hub for Baltic and Scandinavian itineraries.



Southampton, UK

Popular for a wide range of Northern Europe and Baltic cruises.



Kiel, Germany

A convenient gateway for Baltic and Scandinavian itineraries.



Stockholm, Sweden

Often used for Baltic cruises, especially during the summer season.

WHEN TO GO

Spring (Apr–May)

Milder weather, fewer crowds and blooming landscapes. A great time for city exploration.

Summer (Jun–Aug)

Warmest weather and long daylight hours, perfect for sightseeing and scenic cruising. Peak season with more crowds.

Fall (Sep–Oct)

Colorful foliage, cooler temperatures and fewer tourists. Still good conditions for cruising, especially in early fall.

Winter (Nov–Mar)

Limited cruise options, but offers a chance to see the Northern Lights on select itineraries, especially to Norway and Iceland.

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Travel Documents

A valid passport is required. Check visa requirements for specific countries.

Multiple Currencies

Different countries use different currencies (e.g., Euro, Swedish krona, Danish krone, Norwegian krone). Credit cards are widely accepted.

Be Ready to Walk

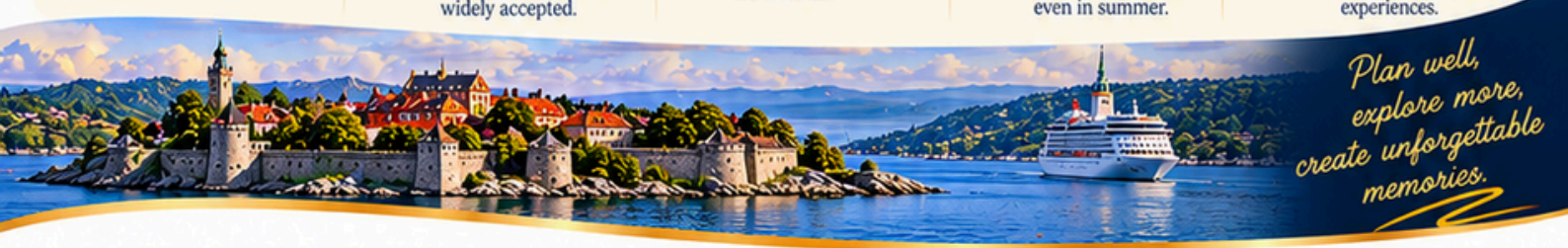
Many ports have cobblestone streets, stairs and uneven terrain. Comfortable walking shoes are essential.

Variable Weather

Weather can change quickly. Pack layers, a waterproof jacket and be prepared for cooler temperatures, even in summer.

Plan Ahead

Popular excursions can fill up quickly, especially in summer. Consider booking early to secure your preferred experiences.



Plan well, explore more, create unforgettable memories.

Australia, New Zealand & South Pacific

DISCOVER THE REGION



From Australia's vibrant cities and stunning coastlines to New Zealand's dramatic landscapes and the idyllic islands of the South Pacific, this region offers a perfect blend of natural beauty, unique wildlife and rich cultures. It's a dream destination for cruise travelers seeking adventure and relaxation in some of the world's most breathtaking settings.

WHY CRUISE THIS REGION?

BREATHTAKING LANDSCAPES
Experience diverse scenery, from Australia's beaches and the Great Barrier Reef to New Zealand's fjords and volcanic landscapes, and the pristine islands of the South Pacific.

UNIQUE WILDLIFE
Encounter incredible marine life, including turtles, colorful reef fish and even whales (in season).

RICH CULTURES
Explore Aboriginal heritage in Australia, Maori traditions in New Zealand, and the warm hospitality of Pacific island cultures.

ISLAND PARADISES
Visit idyllic islands with crystal-clear waters, powdery beaches and a relaxed, tropical lifestyle.

VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES
Enjoy city exploration, nature excursions, water activities and cultural experiences all in one cruise.

REGION AT A GLANCE



This region includes Australia, New Zealand and the island nations of the South Pacific, such as Fiji, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Samoa and Tahiti. It offers a wide range of cruising experiences, from dynamic cities to remote, picture-perfect islands.

AUSTRALIA



Vibrant cities, iconic landmarks, the Great Barrier Reef and stunning coastal landscapes.

NEW ZEALAND



Dramatic fjords, glaciers, beautiful coastlines and a rich Maori heritage make New Zealand a must-visit destination.

SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS



Pristine beaches, turquoise waters and friendly island cultures offer a true taste of paradise.

UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

SNORKEL & DIVE
Explore vibrant coral reefs, including the world-famous Great Barrier Reef.

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS
Spot whales (in season), sea turtles, dolphins and a variety of exotic marine life.

NATURAL WONDERS
Visit fjords, volcanoes, rainforests and stunning beaches.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
Learn about Aboriginal and Maori traditions and experience the warm hospitality of Pacific island communities.



Australia, New Zealand & South Pacific

EXPLORE FEATURED CRUISE PORTS

From iconic cities and natural wonders to idyllic island escapes, these featured ports showcase the best of Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. Each destination offers its own unique charm, culture and unforgettable experiences.

1 SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



Sydney is a vibrant harbor city known for its iconic landmarks, beautiful beaches and relaxed outdoor lifestyle. It's a must-visit port for Australia and South Pacific itineraries.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sydney Opera House & Harbour Bridge
- Bondi Beach
- Royal Botanic Garden
- Taronga Zoo
- Great shopping and dining

TRAVEL TIPS

- Use public transport or shore excursions
- Wear comfortable shoes for walking
- Allow extra time to explore the harbour

2 BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA



Brisbane offers a relaxed, subtropical vibe with a thriving cultural scene, river walks and easy access to Queensland's natural attractions, including the Gold Coast and hinterland.

HIGHLIGHTS

- South Bank Parklands
- Brisbane River cruises
- Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary
- Gold Coast beaches
- Vibrant dining and arts scene

TRAVEL TIPS

- Consider a day trip to the Gold Coast
- Try a river cruise for city views
- Check the weather – it can be warm and humid

3 AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND



Auckland, known as the "City of Sails," combines a modern city atmosphere with stunning natural beauty. It's the perfect gateway to New Zealand's islands, wineries and volcanic landscapes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sky Tower and city views
- Waitematā Harbour
- Waiheke Island wineries
- Rangitoto volcanic island
- Beautiful beaches and coastal walks

TRAVEL TIPS

- Take a ferry to Waiheke Island
- Dress in layers – weather can change quickly
- Allow time for both city and nature experiences

4 TAURANGA, NEW ZEALAND



Tauranga is a popular port known for its golden beaches, relaxed atmosphere and access to world-class natural attractions. It's a gateway to Rotorua's geothermal wonders and rich Māori culture.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Mount Maunganui and stunning beaches
- Rotorua geothermal parks
- Māori cultural experiences
- Hobbiton Movie Set (popular day trip)
- Fresh local cuisine and markets

TRAVEL TIPS

- Shore excursions to Rotorua are popular – book early
- Wear comfortable walking shoes
- Be prepared for variable weather

5 NOUMÉA, NEW CALEDONIA



Nouméa offers a unique blend of French and Pacific cultures, with beautiful lagoons, pristine beaches and a relaxed island atmosphere. It's a favorite port for those seeking a taste of the South Pacific.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Crystal-clear lagoons and white-sand beaches
- Île aux Canards (Duck Island)
- Local markets and French-inspired cuisine
- Cultural experiences and Pacific island traditions
- Snorkeling and water activities

TRAVEL TIPS

- Bring swimwear and reef-safe sunscreen
- Local currency is the CFP franc (credit cards widely accepted)
- Consider a lagoon boat tour or snorkeling excursion

Australia, New Zealand & South Pacific

PLAN YOUR CRUISE

With diverse itineraries, world-class scenery and unique cultures, Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific offer unforgettable cruise experiences. From short getaways to extended voyages, there are options for every travel style and interest.

ITINERARY CHOICES

AUSTRALIA COASTAL CRUISES
Explore iconic cities, beautiful beaches and the stunning Great Barrier Reef with itineraries along Australia's east and west coasts.

NEW ZEALAND VOYAGES
Discover dramatic fjords, glaciers, pristine coastlines and Māori culture with cruises around North and South Islands.

SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS
Sail to idyllic island destinations such as Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Samoa and Tahiti, known for their crystal-clear waters and warm hospitality.

COMBINED AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND & PACIFIC VOYAGES
For a more in-depth experience, choose longer itineraries that combine Australia, New Zealand and multiple Pacific islands in one unforgettable journey.

TYPICAL CRUISE ROUTES



Cruises in this region typically explore Australia's coastlines, New Zealand's islands and fjords, and the island nations of the South Pacific, such as Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Samoa and Tahiti. This map is a geographic illustration and not a detailed route map. Itineraries range from short regional sailings to extended voyages that combine multiple destinations.

CRUISE DURATIONS



7-NIGHT CRUISES
Popular for Australia's east coast or short South Pacific island itineraries.

10–14 NIGHT CRUISES
Ideal for New Zealand circumnavigation or multi-island South Pacific voyages.

EXTENDED CRUISES
14+ nights offer a more in-depth experience, combining Australia, New Zealand and multiple Pacific islands.

DEPARTURE GATEWAYS



SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
Major gateway with a wide range of itineraries, including Australia's east coast and the South Pacific.

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA
Popular for Queensland, the Great Barrier Reef and South Pacific cruises.

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND
Key departure port for New Zealand voyages and South Pacific itineraries.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
Seasonal departures, including Australia's south coast, Tasmania and trans-Tasman cruises.

BEST TIME TO CRUISE



AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND: NOVEMBER TO APRIL
Popular cruising season with warmer Southern Hemisphere conditions; summer departures are common.

SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS: MAY TO OCTOBER
Often drier in many island destinations, though conditions vary by island and region.

CYCLONE & SHOULDER SEASONS: NOVEMBER TO APRIL IN TROPICAL AREAS
Parts of the South Pacific and northern Australia can be affected by cyclone season; check destination-specific conditions and sailing dates.

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS
A valid passport is required. Check visa requirements for Australia, New Zealand and each island destination.

CURRENCIES
Multiple currencies are used, including Australian Dollar (AUD), New Zealand Dollar (NZD) and various Pacific island currencies.

GETTING AROUND
Ports often involve walking or short transfers. Shore excursions make it easy to explore key attractions.

WEATHER
Expect warm, tropical conditions in island nations and variable weather in New Zealand. Pack layers, sun protection and light rain gear.

WHAT TO BRING
Lightweight clothing, swimwear, comfortable walking shoes, reef-safe sunscreen and a camera for unforgettable scenery.

Asia

DISCOVER THE REGION

From vibrant cities and ancient temples to tropical islands and stunning coastlines, Asia offers a captivating blend of tradition and modernity. With diverse cultures, world-class cuisine and breathtaking landscapes, it's a remarkable region to explore by cruise.



THE ASIA CRUISE REGION



REGION HIGHLIGHTS

RICH HISTORY & CULTURE

Explore ancient temples, imperial cities and UNESCO World Heritage Sites that showcase Asia's diverse and fascinating heritage.

TROPICAL ISLANDS & COASTLINES

Discover pristine beaches, turquoise waters and picturesque islands across Southeast Asia, from Thailand and Vietnam to the Philippines and Indonesia.

MODERN CITIES

Experience dynamic cities like Singapore, Hong Kong and Tokyo, where futuristic skylines, world-class shopping and vibrant nightlife await.

INCREDIBLE CUISINE

From street food to fine dining, Asia offers an extraordinary variety of flavors, with each country and region offering its own unique culinary experiences.

UNIQUE CRUISE EXPERIENCES



SCENIC SAILINGS

Cruise through breathtaking landscapes such as Ha Long Bay in Vietnam, with its towering limestone islands, or the stunning island chains of Indonesia and the Philippines.



CULTURAL IMMERSION

Visit ancient temples, local markets and historic cities, and experience warm hospitality and unique traditions across the region.



ISLAND HOPPING

Explore idyllic islands with crystal-clear waters, vibrant marine life and pristine beaches, perfect for snorkeling, diving and relaxing onshore.



WHY CRUISE IN ASIA?

- A perfect mix of iconic cities and natural beauty
- Diverse itineraries from short getaways to extended voyages
- Easy access to multiple countries and cultures
- Warm hospitality and unforgettable experiences
- Ideal for first-time and seasoned cruisers alike

Asia
FEATURED CRUISE PORTS

Asia's cruise ports offer a fascinating mix of modern cities, ancient traditions and natural beauty. From futuristic skylines to historic temples and tropical islands, each destination provides a unique and memorable experience.



1 SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE



Singapore is a modern, multicultural city known for its iconic skyline, world-class attractions and diverse cuisine. It's a major cruise hub in Asia and an ideal starting point for regional itineraries.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Marina Bay Sands and Gardens by the Bay
- Chinatown, Little India and Kampong Glam
- World-class shopping and dining
- Clean, safe and easy to explore

SHORE EXCURSIONS
- City sightseeing tours
- Gardens by the Bay and cultural tours
- Sentosa Island beach and attractions
- Night safari and wildlife experiences

2 HONG KONG, CHINA



Hong Kong offers a captivating blend of East and West, with a stunning skyline, rich cultural heritage and vibrant street life. It's a popular port for Asia cruise itineraries.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Victoria Peak for panoramic views
- Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront
- Temples and traditional markets
- World-class shopping and dining

SHORE EXCURSIONS
- Guided city tours and harbour cruise
- Ngong Ping and the Big Buddha
- Local food and market experiences
- Day trips to nearby islands

3 YOKOHAMA (TOKYO), JAPAN



Yokohama is the main cruise port for Tokyo, offering easy access to Japan's vibrant capital. From futuristic districts to historic temples and traditional gardens, Tokyo combines modernity with centuries of culture.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Tokyo city highlights (via transfer)
- Senso-ji Temple in Asakusa
- Shibuya and Shinjuku districts
- Traditional gardens and cultural sites

SHORE EXCURSIONS
- Tokyo city tours (approx. 1–1.5 hours by coach or train from Yokohama)
- Visit to Mount Fuji and Hakone
- Historic temples and shrines
- Shopping and local food experiences

4 KAOHSIUNG, TAIWAN



Kaohsiung is Taiwan's largest port city, known for its friendly atmosphere, modern attractions and rich cultural heritage. It's a convenient gateway to Taiwan's temples, markets and scenic natural wonders.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Lotus Pond and Dragon & Tiger Pagodas
- Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum
- Cijin Island and scenic waterfront
- Local night markets and street food

SHORE EXCURSIONS
- City sightseeing and cultural tours
- Fo Guang Shan Monastery
- Cijin Island by ferry
- Local food and market experiences

5 LAEM CHABANG (BANGKOK), THAILAND



Laem Chabang is the main cruise port for Bangkok, Thailand's vibrant capital. From ornate temples to bustling markets and world-class dining, it offers a fascinating mix of tradition and modernity.

HIGHLIGHTS
- The Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew
- Wat Arun and historic temples
- Floating markets and local markets
- Vibrant street food and shopping

SHORE EXCURSIONS
- Bangkok city tours (approx. 1.5–2 hours by coach from Laem Chabang)
- Grand Palace and temple visits
- Damnoen Saduak or Amphawa Floating Market
- Cultural shows and Thai cooking experiences



Asia
PLAN YOUR CRUISE

From dynamic cities to ancient temples and tropical islands, an Asia cruise offers an incredible variety of experiences. Use this guide to plan your ideal itinerary, choose the best time to go and know what to expect.



1 CHOOSE YOUR ITINERARY STYLE



JAPAN EXPLORER
Modern cities and timeless traditions, with a mix of culture, cuisine and scenery.
- Tokyo (Yokohama) • Osaka
- Hiroshima • Kanazawa
- Scenic coastal cruising



CHINA & TAIWAN
Iconic cities, rich culture and history, with modern skylines and traditional sites.
- Hong Kong • Shanghai (select)
- Kaohsiung • Keelung (Taipei)
- Scenic coastal cruising



SOUTHEAST ASIA ISLANDS
Tropical beaches, vibrant cultures and diverse destinations.
- Singapore • Vietnam • Malaysia
- Cambodia • Indonesia (Bali, Komodo)
- Scenic island cruising



INDONESIA & PHILIPPINES
Pristine islands, unique cultures and natural beauty.
- Bali • Komodo • Manila
- Palawan • Boracay (tender)
- Scenic island hopping



REPOSITIONING CRUISES
Longer voyages between Asia and Australia or between Asian regions.
- Singapore to Australia
- Tokyo to Singapore
- Seasonal repositioning itineraries

2 TYPICAL CRUISE LENGTHS

7–10 NIGHTS
Popular for first-time Asia cruises or a single region, such as Japan or Southeast Asia.

10–14 NIGHTS
Explore multiple countries, for example Japan and Korea or Southeast Asia.

14–21 NIGHTS
Combine regions, such as Japan, China & Taiwan or Southeast Asia and Indonesia.

21+ NIGHTS
Repositioning cruises or in-depth voyages with several countries and extended time in port.

3 POPULAR DEPARTURE GATEWAYS



SINGAPORE
Common gateway for Southeast Asia cruises, with excellent flight connections.



HONG KONG
Common gateway for China, Taiwan and regional itineraries.



TOKYO (YOKOHAMA)
Common gateway for Japan cruises with easy access to the city.



SHANGHAI (select)
Gateway on some itineraries for China cruises.

4 BEST TIME TO CRUISE



SPRING (MARCH – MAY)
- Often popular for Japan and Korea, including cherry blossom season in some years.
- Comfortable sightseeing conditions in many East Asian ports.



SUMMER (JUNE – AUGUST)
- Japan and Korea can be hot, humid and sometimes rainy.
- Southeast Asia varies by destination, and some routes may experience monsoon conditions.



FALL (SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER)
- Often popular for Japan and Korea, with autumn foliage on some itineraries.
- Tropical weather risks can still affect some Southeast Asian destinations, especially earlier in the season.



WINTER (DECEMBER – FEBRUARY)
- Commonly appealing for some Southeast Asia itineraries, though monsoon patterns vary by destination.
- Cooler conditions in Japan and Korea.

Weather varies widely across Asia and by itinerary.

5 TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Visa and entry requirements vary by country, as rules differ for different nationalities. Check the latest requirements before you travel.

FLIGHTS
Major international airports in Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Shanghai offer strong global connections.

PRE- & POST-CRUISE STAYS
Consider spending a few days in the departure city to explore, recover from travel and see key sights.

WHAT TO PACK
Lightweight, breathable clothing, comfortable walking shoes, sun protection and a light jacket for cooler evenings or Japan.

ONSHORE EXPERIENCES
Excursions vary from city highlights to cultural experiences and beach time, with options for different activity levels.

6 GOOD TO KNOW

- Some itineraries include overnight stays in cities such as Singapore, Hong Kong or Tokyo.
- Ports can be busy and popular excursions may require advance booking.
- Inland highlights such as Kyoto, Bangkok or Angkor Wat are usually reached by transfer from cruise ports.
- Local customs, language and weather conditions vary by country.
- Local events and seasonal festivals can enhance your trip.

Canada & New England

DISCOVER THE REGION

Rugged coastlines, historic cities and charming seaside towns make Canada and New England a favorite cruise destination. Experience vibrant fall foliage, rich maritime history, fresh seafood and warm hospitality at every port.



1 REGION OVERVIEW

A Canada and New England cruise takes you along spectacular coastlines filled with natural beauty, historic landmarks and welcoming small towns. From the lighthouses of Maine to the cobblestone streets of Quebec City, this region offers a perfect blend of culture, history and unforgettable scenery.

2 WHY CRUISE HERE?

BREATHTAKING SCENERY
Dramatic coastlines, fjords, forests and world-famous fall foliage.

RICH HISTORY
Explore colonial towns, historic forts and maritime heritage.

DELICIOUS CUISINE
Fresh seafood, including lobster, clam chowder and local specialties.

CHARMING SMALL TOWNS
Quaint villages with unique character and friendly locals.

INCREDIBLE PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
Capture iconic lighthouses, colorful harbors and stunning autumn landscapes.

3 TOP EXPERIENCES



FALL FOLIAGE
Witness breathtaking autumn colors from the ship and on shore excursions.



HISTORIC CITIES
Explore Quebec City's European charm and Boston's Revolutionary past.



SCENIC COASTLINES
Visit iconic lighthouses and discover pristine natural landscapes.



LOCAL CULTURE
Experience maritime traditions, local markets and warm hospitality in charming towns.

4 REGION MAP



5 REGION HIGHLIGHTS



QUEBEC CITY
A UNESCO World Heritage Site with cobblestone streets, historic architecture and European charm.



HALIFAX
A vibrant harbor city with maritime history, museums and a lively waterfront.



SYDNEY
Gateway to Cape Breton Island, known for dramatic scenery, the Cabot Trail and rich Celtic culture.



BOSTON
A historic city with a rich Revolutionary past, world-class museums and a beautiful waterfront.



PORTLAND
A charming coastal city famous for lighthouses, seafood and New England character.



CHARLOTTETOWN
The capital of Prince Edward Island, known for Victorian charm, seafood and the beauty of Anne of Green Gables country.



Canada & New England

FEATURED CRUISE PORTS

From historic cities to picturesque coastal towns, Canada and New England offer a memorable mix of natural beauty, maritime heritage and warm hospitality. Here are five top cruise ports to explore in this region.



1 QUÉBEC CITY, CANADA



HIGHLIGHTS

- UNESCO World Heritage Site (Old Québec)
- Historic architecture and cobblestone streets
- French-Canadian culture and cuisine
- Breathtaking views from Château Frontenac

CRUISE INFO

- **Port:** Québec City (Canada)
- **Docking:** City centre (walking distance)
- **Best Time:** September – October (fall foliage)
- **Popular For:** History, culture and scenic beauty

2 HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA



HIGHLIGHTS

- Rich maritime history
- Halifax Citadel National Historic Site
- Beautiful waterfront boardwalk
- Museums, local culture and fresh seafood

CRUISE INFO

- **Port:** Halifax (Nova Scotia, Canada)
- **Docking:** Downtown (walking distance)
- **Best Time:** June – October
- **Popular For:** History, maritime heritage and seafood

3 BAR HARBOR, MAINE (USA)



HIGHLIGHTS

- Gateway to Acadia National Park
- Stunning coastal scenery
- Hiking, wildlife and outdoor adventures
- Charming downtown with local shops and seafood restaurants

CRUISE INFO

- **Port:** Bar Harbor (Maine, USA)
- **Access:** Large ships generally anchor offshore and passengers travel ashore by tender, subject to local regulations and cruise-line arrangements.
- **Best Time:** June – October
- **Popular For:** Acadia access, coastal scenery, nature and

4 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS (USA)



HIGHLIGHTS

- Freedom Trail and Revolutionary history
- World-class museums
- Charming neighbourhoods
- Excellent dining and shopping
- Vibrant waterfront

CRUISE INFO

- **Port:** Boston (Massachusetts, USA)
- **Docking:** Flynn Cruiseport (near downtown)
- **Best Time:** May – October
- **Popular For:** History, culture, shopping and city attractions

5 CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



HIGHLIGHTS

- Birthplace of Canada (Charlottetown Conference, 1864)
- Victorian architecture
- Anne of Green Gables heritage
- Picturesque waterfront and historic district
- Friendly small-town atmosphere

CRUISE INFO

- **Port:** Charlottetown (Prince Edward Island, Canada)
- **Docking:** Downtown (walking distance)
- **Best Time:** June – October
- **Popular For:** History, heritage, coastal beauty and local cuisine



Canada & New England

PLAN YOUR PERFECT VOYAGE



From charming coastal towns to historic cities, Canada and New England offer a variety of cruise itineraries. Whether you want to see the fall foliage, explore maritime history or enjoy scenic coastal beauty, this region has a voyage for every traveler.

1 CHOOSE YOUR ITINERARY

Canada and New England cruises offer different experiences, from historic cities to charming coastal towns. Here are three popular itinerary styles to consider:



NEW ENGLAND COAST

- Explore classic coastal towns and picturesque harbors
- Beautiful scenery and fall foliage
- Typically 7–8 days
- Often round-trip from Boston or New York



ATLANTIC CANADA

- Discover Canada's maritime provinces and unique culture
- Charming coastal towns and historic cities
- Typically 7–10 days
- Often includes Halifax, Charlottetown and Québec City



ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

- Journey through the historic St. Lawrence River
- Visit Québec City, Montréal and smaller river towns
- Rich history, culture and scenery
- Typically 10–14 days
- Often one-way between Montréal and Boston (or New York)

2 HOW MANY NIGHTS?

Cruises in this region range from short getaways to extended voyages. Choose the length that fits your schedule and interests.



SHORT GETAWAY 5–7 NIGHTS

- Ideal for a quick escape
- Focus on New England ports
- Great for first-time visitors



STANDARD VOYAGE 7–10 NIGHTS

- Most popular option
- Includes a mix of U.S. and Canadian ports
- More time to explore each destination



EXTENDED VOYAGE 10–14 NIGHTS

- Deeper exploration of the region
- Often includes the St. Lawrence River and overnight stays
- Ideal for history, culture and scenic cruising

3 POPULAR DEPARTURE GATEWAYS

Canada and New England cruises depart from several convenient U.S. and Canadian cities.



BOSTON

- Most popular gateway
- Wide range of itineraries



NEW YORK

- Convenient option with multiple cruise lines
- Easy to combine with a city stay



QUÉBEC CITY

- Ideal for Canada-focused itineraries
- Often includes overnight stays



MONTRÉAL

- Great for extended voyages
- Easy access and pre-cruise exploration

4 WHEN TO CRUISE

Each season offers a different experience. Fall is the most popular time, especially for the stunning foliage.



SPRING

April – May

- Cooler temperatures
- Fewer crowds
- Beautiful spring blooms



SUMMER

June – August

- Warm and pleasant weather
- Full range of itineraries
- Great for outdoor activities



FALL

September – October

- Peak foliage season
- Crisp, comfortable weather
- Most popular time to cruise



WINTER

November – March

- Limited itineraries
- Colder temperatures
- Some repositioning cruises

5 SMART PLANNING TIPS

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- A valid passport is recommended for all Canada and New England cruises.
- Requirements vary by itinerary and nationality, so check with your cruise line before booking.

DRESS IN LAYERS

- Weather can change quickly, especially in spring and fall.
- Bring a waterproof jacket, comfortable walking shoes and layers for cool evenings.

PLAN SHORE EXCURSIONS

- Book popular tours early, especially in fall.
- Consider a mix of guided tours and independent exploration.

CONSIDER A PRE- OR POST-CRUISE STAY

- Add a few days in cities like Boston, New York, Québec City or Montréal.
- Explore historic sites, enjoy local cuisine and make the most of your trip.



CRUISE REGIONS COMPARED

Compare the world's top cruise regions at a glance to find the right fit for your travel style, season, and interests.



01 CARIBBEAN & BAHAMAS



SIGNATURE APPEAL
Tropical beaches, island hopping, warm weather.

BEST SEASON
Dec–Apr; hurricane season runs Jun–Nov.

BEST FOR
First-time cruisers, families, beach relaxation.

02 MEDITERRANEAN



SIGNATURE APPEAL
Historic cities, iconic ports, cuisine and culture.

BEST SEASON
Apr–Jun and Sep–Oct; summer can be hot and crowded.

BEST FOR
Culture lovers, foodies, classic Europe sightseeing.

03 ALASKA



SIGNATURE APPEAL
Glaciers, wildlife, scenic fjords.

BEST SEASON
May–Sep; selected departures may operate beyond this window.

BEST FOR
Nature lovers, photographers, adventure seekers.

04 MEXICAN RIVIERA & PACIFIC COAST



SIGNATURE APPEAL
Sunny beach towns, Pacific scenery, laid-back escapes.

BEST SEASON
Nov–Apr; Eastern Pacific storm season runs mid-May–Nov.

BEST FOR
Winter sun, beach lovers, West Coast getaways.

05 NORTHERN EUROPE & BALTIC



SIGNATURE APPEAL
Fjords, capitals, maritime heritage.

BEST SEASON
May–Sep; long daylight in summer.

BEST FOR
Scenic cruising, history, cooler-weather travel.

06 AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND & SOUTH PACIFIC



SIGNATURE APPEAL
Diverse coastlines, island cultures, epic scenery.

BEST SEASON
Varies by destination: many Australia & NZ cruises favor the warmer southern months, while several South Pacific islands are often drier around May–Oct; cyclone risk varies.

BEST FOR
Longer voyages, southern-hemisphere escapes, mixed scenery.

07 ASIA



SIGNATURE APPEAL
Dynamic cities, ancient traditions, rich cuisine.

BEST SEASON
Varies by region: spring/autumn often suit Japan & Korea, while tropical Southeast Asia has destination-specific monsoon patterns.

BEST FOR
Culture, food, city-to-island variety.

08 CANADA & NEW ENGLAND



SIGNATURE APPEAL
Fall foliage, charming ports, maritime history.

BEST SEASON
Sep–Oct; peak foliage varies by location and year.

BEST FOR
Autumn scenery, history, coastal town charm.

Seasonal windows are general guidance and may vary by itinerary and cruise line.

When to Cruise WHERE

A month-by-month guide to all eight regions



FIND YOUR SAILING SEASON

Compare broad weather-friendly periods, not guaranteed cruise departures.

GENERALLY FAVORED · TRANSITION / VARIABLE

Subrows remain part of Regions 06 and 07.

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
01	Caribbean & Bahamas Drier season typically Dec–Apr; storms Jun–Nov.	■	■	■	■	▫						▫	■
02	Mediterranean Apr–Jun and Sep–Oct suit sightseeing; summer hotter.				■	■	■	▫	▫	■	■	▫	
03	Alaska Main cruise season May–Sep; dates vary by operator.				▫	■	■	■	■	■	▫		
04	Mexican Riviera & Pacific Coast Nov–Apr often milder; tropical-storm risk May–Nov.	■	■	■	■	▫					▫	■	■
05	Northern Europe & Baltic May–Sep primary season; summer long daylight.				▫	■	■	■	■	■	▫		
06	Australia & New Zealand Nov–Mar for southern routes; north Australia differs.	■	■	■	▫						▫	■	■
↳	South Pacific islands May–Oct often drier; cyclones mainly Nov–Apr.				▫	■	■	■	■	■	■	▫	
07	Japan & Korea Spring and autumn favored; late summer can be stormy.			■	■	■	▫			▫	■	■	
↳	Southeast Asia Many routes favor Dec–Mar; monsoons vary by coast.	■	■	■	▫							▫	■
08	Canada & New England Jun–Oct common; fall foliage varies by latitude.					▫	■	■	■	■	■		

A SEASONAL SHORTLIST

Choose the experience first, then check the specific itinerary.



SPRING MAR–MAY

Japan blossoms · Mediterranean cities · Pacific Mexico



SUMMER JUN–AUG

Alaska glaciers · Northern Europe · Atlantic Canada



AUTUMN SEP–NOV

Canada foliage · Mediterranean ports · Japan



WINTER DEC–FEB

Caribbean islands · Mexican Riviera · Southern NZ/Australia

BEFORE YOU BOOK

STORM SEASONS

Atlantic: Jun–Nov. Eastern Pacific: mid-May–Nov. South Pacific and tropical northern Australia: Nov–Apr.

HEMISPHERES MATTER

Southern Australia and New Zealand are warmest around Dec–Feb, when Alaska and the Baltic are in winter.

REGIONAL VARIATION

Asian monsoons differ by coast; island weather, foliage dates and actual ship schedules change by route and year.

Sources: NOAA · Australian Bureau of Meteorology · JNTO. These are broad planning windows, not live schedules.

Choosing Your NEXT CRUISE

Turn inspiration into the right itinerary for you.



START WITH WHAT MATTERS MOST

A great cruise fits your interests, available days, travel effort and realistic total cost—not just a tempting fare.

01 PICK YOUR KIND OF ADVENTURE



SUN, SAND & SLOWER DAYS

Caribbean & Bahamas • Mexican Riviera & Pacific Coast

South Pacific islands also appeal to beach lovers. Look for relaxed port days, swimming and easy excursions.



HISTORY, FOOD & CITY LIFE

Mediterranean • Northern Europe & Baltic • Asia

Prioritize walkable historic centers, museums, architecture and time to experience regional cuisine.



WILDLIFE & DRAMATIC SCENERY

Alaska • Australia & New Zealand • Northern Europe

Look for scenic cruising, fjords, wildlife-focused excursions and time outdoors.



COASTAL CHARM & SEASONAL COLOR

Canada & New England • Mediterranean

Great for harbor towns, lighthouses, relaxed sightseeing and local culture; fall foliage varies by date.

Tip: For Australia, New Zealand & South Pacific, compare individual subregions—their seasons and experiences differ.

02 MATCH THE TRIP TO YOUR AVAILABLE TIME

3–5 NIGHTS

SHORT ESCAPE

Quick getaways can work well when departures are close to home. Availability varies by region.

6–9 NIGHTS

BALANCED BREAK

More time for a mix of sea days and ports, without committing to a long vacation.

10+ NIGHTS

DEEPER EXPLORATION

Often better for distant destinations, multi-country trips or routes with more scenic cruising.

03 COMPARE THE REAL TOTAL COST

CRUISE FARE IS ONLY THE START

Compare two sailings using the same categories. A lower advertised fare may cost more once you add travel and time ashore.

CRUISE	+	GETTING THERE	+	ON BOARD	+	ASHORE	+	PROTECTION
fare + taxes		flights + hotel		tips + extras		tours + transport		cover + buffer

04 VERIFY THE DETAILS BEFORE BOOKING

1 ROUTE & PORT TIME

Check real arrival/departure times, sea days and the ports you care about.

2 SEASON & CONDITIONS

Use Page 29 for broad patterns, then confirm weather and sailing dates.

3 DOCUMENTS & ACCESS

Check visas, passport rules, tendering, mobility and long transfer times.

4 YOUR SHIP & BUDGET

Compare cabin location, amenities, inclusions and cancellation terms.

05 CHOOSE TWO REAL OPTIONS TO COMPARE

YOUR NEXT
ADVENTURE
STARTS HERE

Shortlist two or three actual sailings—not just destinations.

Compare the full itinerary, total cost, port times and travel requirements side by side. Then turn to Page 31 to capture your dream cruise shortlist.

My Dream Cruise SHORTLIST

Compare three real sailings. Choose the one that fits you.



YOUR THREE-CRUISE COMPARISON

Fill in one card for each actual sailing. Compare total trip costs and confirm details before booking.

1 CRUISE OPTION 1

DATE RESEARCHED: _____

CRUISE REGION / ITINERARY

CRUISE LINE / SHIP

DEPARTURE DATE

NUMBER OF NIGHTS

DEPARTURE PORT / CITY

CRUISE FARE + TAXES

TRAVEL + EXTRAS

ESTIMATED TOTAL TRIP COST

TOP PORTS / SEA DAYS

WHY I LIKE THIS CRUISE

ONE DETAIL TO VERIFY BEFORE BOOKING

2 CRUISE OPTION 2

DATE RESEARCHED: _____

CRUISE REGION / ITINERARY

CRUISE LINE / SHIP

DEPARTURE DATE

NUMBER OF NIGHTS

DEPARTURE PORT / CITY

CRUISE FARE + TAXES

TRAVEL + EXTRAS

ESTIMATED TOTAL TRIP COST

TOP PORTS / SEA DAYS

WHY I LIKE THIS CRUISE

ONE DETAIL TO VERIFY BEFORE BOOKING

3 CRUISE OPTION 3

DATE RESEARCHED: _____

CRUISE REGION / ITINERARY

CRUISE LINE / SHIP

DEPARTURE DATE

NUMBER OF NIGHTS

DEPARTURE PORT / CITY

CRUISE FARE + TAXES

TRAVEL + EXTRAS

ESTIMATED TOTAL TRIP COST

TOP PORTS / SEA DAYS

WHY I LIKE THIS CRUISE

ONE DETAIL TO VERIFY BEFORE BOOKING

MY FIRST CHOICE

CIRCLE OR CHECK ONE: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

THE MAIN REASON THIS CRUISE IS MY FAVORITE

MY NEXT STEP BEFORE BOOKING

MY MAXIMUM TOTAL BUDGET

REMEMBER: Check the current itinerary, port times, documents, policies and final price with the provider.

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