

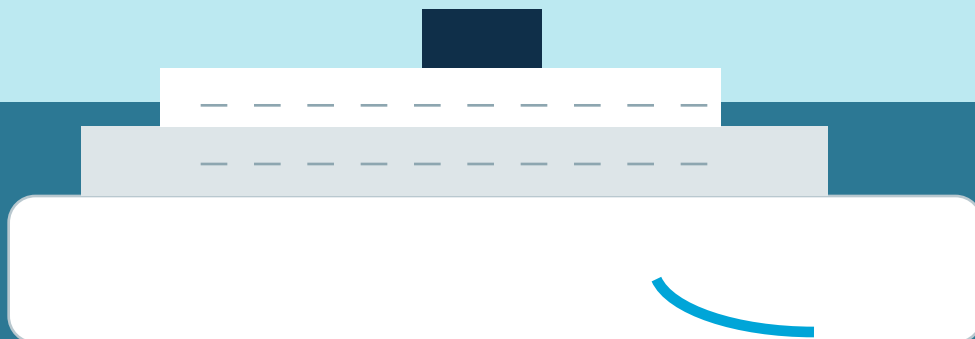


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7220 TRAVEL

GUIDE 2 | NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE

Choosing the Right NCL Ship

THE NEWEST SHIP IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY THE BEST SHIP

Compare ship size, age, activities, layout and itinerary so the vessel fits the people taking the trip.

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Choose the Ship Around Your Travelers

NCL has ships ranging from smaller, more traditional vessels to large activity-packed ships and new Prima / Prima Plus designs.

LARGE SHIP ADVANTAGES

More dining and entertainment choices, bigger activity zones, and more variety for kids and teens. Great when sea days matter and different generations want different things.

SMALLER SHIP ADVANTAGES

Often easier to navigate and can feel less overwhelming. A strong fit when the itinerary is destination-first, mobility matters, or your group values simplicity over having every attraction onboard.

NEWER IS DIFFERENT, NOT ALWAYS BETTER

Norwegian Aqua (2025) and Norwegian Luna (2026) are Prima Plus ships. Norwegian Aura is scheduled for 2027. NCL also continues to refurbish older ships, so compare actual onboard features - not just build year.

MULTIGENERATIONAL FIT

Ask whether grandparents can comfortably reach dining and entertainment, whether teens have enough to do, and whether young kids have convenient access to Splash Academy and pools. Location matters almost as much as ship size.

7220 TRAVEL DECISION FILTER

If this choice makes the trip easier for the people taking it, it is probably the right direction.

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Your Planning Checklist

Use this page to make the decision before the cruise makes it for you.

CHECK WHAT MATTERS TO YOUR TRIP

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| ☐ Kids / teens need lots to do | ☐ Adults want quiet spaces |
| ☐ Grandparents prefer shorter walks | ☐ We care about newest attractions |
| ☐ We want a more intimate feel | ☐ We need connecting rooms |
| ☐ Sea days are a big part of trip | ☐ Itinerary matters more than ship |
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FAMILY / GROUP WORKSHEET

Top 3 must-have ship features:

Who needs the easiest deck access?:

Do we want a large or smaller ship?:

What onboard feature could we skip?:

ONE MORE QUESTION

What part of this decision is creating the most uncertainty? That is usually the part worth solving before you book.

Final Check & Current Sources

Save this page with your cruise notes and recheck live details before travel.

THE 7220 TRAVEL FINAL CHECK

- ☐ The choice fits the people traveling
- ☐ The total trip cost has been considered
- ☐ Travel documents are understood
- ☐ Critical reservations are on the calendar
- ☐ We have a backup plan for delays / weather
- ☐ The family knows what matters most
- ☐ We have permission to change the plan

VERIFY BEFORE TRAVEL

NCL can change itineraries, venues, policies, package details, age rules, reservation windows and onboard offerings. Use My NCL, the NCL app and NCL.com for the final live details.

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[NCL fleet](#)

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Ready to match the cruise to your family?

7220 Travel can help narrow the choices and build the full trip around you.

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