



Royal Caribbean First-Time Cruiser Checklist

The short list to save before you sail

A first cruise should feel exciting, not like a scavenger hunt for rules, reservations and documents.

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Planning a Royal Caribbean cruise?

Use this guide to narrow the choices. When you want help matching the ship, itinerary and stateroom to your family, 7220 Travel can take it from there.

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Make the big decisions early

- ☐ Confirm every traveler's legal name matches travel documents.
- ☐ Decide whether your itinerary requires passports, visas or other entry documents.
- ☐ Price the whole trip: cruise fare + flights + hotel + transfers + packages + excursions + gratuities.
- ☐ Fly to the departure city at least one day early when practical.
- ☐ Check the deck above and below your stateroom before locking in the cabin.
- ☐ Discuss travel protection, especially for expensive or international trips.

45 days before sailing

- ☐ Complete Royal Caribbean app check-in when it opens for your sailing.
- ☐ Choose your terminal arrival window.
- ☐ Review Cruise Planner reservations: dining, excursions, internet, beverage packages and eligible entertainment.
- ☐ Recheck package pricing if cancellation/rebooking rules allow.

Pack for the first six hours first

CARRY-ON

Travel documents, medication, valuables, chargers, swimsuit, sunscreen, kid essentials and anything you would hate to wait for.

CHECKED BAG

Most clothing, extra shoes, toiletries within policy, and items you will not need immediately after boarding.

DO NOT PACK

Irons, clothing steamers, candles, prohibited extension cords/power strips or other banned items.

SAVE OFFLINE

Boarding documents, reservation details, travel-insurance information and emergency contacts.

Embarkation day

- ☐ Arrive in your assigned window.
- ☐ Complete safety briefing requirements promptly.
- ☐ Register children at Adventure Ocean.
- ☐ Confirm high-priority dining/show reservations.
- ☐ Walk one practical route instead of trying to tour the entire ship.
- ☐ Stop planning and enjoy the first evening.

Want a cruise plan instead of a checklist?

A checklist helps you remember tasks. A good cruise plan helps you make the right decisions in the first place.

- We help match the ship and itinerary to your family.
- We look beyond cabin category names to actual location and sleeping setup.
- We help organize flights, hotels, transfers and planning milestones.
- We can help you decide which extras are worth buying - and which you can skip.

READY TO PLAN YOUR CRUISE?

Tell us who is traveling, what matters most, and what would make the trip feel worth it. We will help narrow the Royal Caribbean choices and build the trip around your family.

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