

More ocean. Less admin.

A four-page planning workbook for choosing a sailing, pricing the full trip and keeping the family coordinated.

HOW TO USE THIS WORKBOOK

Compare actual quotes for the same travelers, dates and cabin occupancy. Each household confirms its own requirements and booking terms before paying.

Travel window / departure ports we can realistically reach

Our must-haves (access, cabin layout, activities, food)

Comfortable all-in budget per household

Compare like for like	Option A	Option B
Ship / sailing dates		
Cabin type / occupancy		
Full trip total		
Deposit / final payment		

Price the whole holiday

Check what your fare already includes. Enter each cost once; do not double-count taxes or prepaid packages.

Cost for this household	Estimate	Confirmed
Fare incl. taxes / fees		
Service charges / gratuities		
Travel to port + hotel		
Parking / transfers		
Excursions / port transport		
Drinks / dining / Wi-Fi extras		
Insurance / documents		
Clothing / gifts / laundry		
Contingency		
TOTAL		

Travelers: ____ Total \$____ / ____ people = \$____ each

Keep optional purchases separate. If cabin costs are shared, agree on the split, due dates and cancellation responsibility in writing before a deposit.

One plan. Room to roam.

Keep this with the organizer. Share only what travelers need; keep passports, payment details and private health information out of group chats.

Task / decision	Owner	Due date
Verify documents / entry rules		
Confirm access / food needs		
Pay booking / final balance		
Arrange arrival + transfers		
Confirm dining requests		
Choose group photo moment		

Our one shared daily anchor (meal or meetup)

If phones / messaging do not work, meet here at...

SMALL TRADITION, EASY WIN

One shared meal, one willing group photo and one low-cost holiday ritual are enough. Optional time apart belongs in the plan.

Ready for boarding day

Tailor this checklist to your itinerary and your cruise line. Rules and deadlines vary.

- ☐ Required travel documents / visas verified for every traveler
- ☐ Check-in, terminal address and boarding deadline confirmed
- ☐ Medication and essential first-day items in your carry-on
- ☐ Weather-appropriate layers, comfortable shoes and dinner outfit
- ☐ Swimwear / sun protection if suited to the itinerary
- ☐ Phone, cables and chargers checked against the line's rules
- ☐ Gift / decoration rules checked; no assumed appliance exemptions
- ☐ Port-day return time and ship time understood
- ☐ Transport home and post-cruise arrangements confirmed

One thing we still need to confirm (and who will do it)

OFFICIAL RESOURCES TO CHECK BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Travel documents: travel.state.gov - Cruise Ships

Holiday activities: your cruise line's current holiday page

Packing restrictions: your cruise line's official prohibited-items policy

Booking terms: your actual quote, invoice and cancellation conditions

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