

The Smart Cruiser's Budgeting Guide

Chapter 12: Frequently Asked Questions

Budgeting questions come up on almost every cruise I help plan. Here are answers to some of the questions I hear most often to help you budget with confidence.

Question	Quick Answer
■ How much spending money should I bring?	It depends on your travel style and what you've prepaid before sailing.
■ Is a drink package worth it?	Compare the package cost with how much you'll realistically drink.
■■ Is travel insurance worth it?	For most travelers, protecting a significant vacation investment is a wise choice.
■ Should I prepay gratuities?	Many travelers like the convenience of budgeting for them in advance.
■ What's the biggest unexpected expense?	Airfare, gratuities, onboard purchases, and excursions are the most commonly

Every Cruise Is Different

The right budget depends on your destination, cruise line, cabin category, travel season, and personal preferences. A customized budget is always more useful than relying on averages alone.

Aimee's Budget Tip: If you're unsure where to spend or save, ask! A personalized recommendation can often help you avoid unnecessary expenses while making the most of your vacation.

Coming Up: Chapter 13 wraps up this guide with a final budgeting checklist to help you prepare for embarkation day.