

# The Smart Cruiser's Budgeting Guide

## Chapter 9: Sample Cruise Budgets

Every cruise vacation is different, but reviewing sample budgets can help you estimate what your own trip might cost. Use these examples as a starting point and adjust them to match your destination, travel style, and priorities.

Vacation Type	Estimated Total Budget (Per Couple)
■ 4-Night Caribbean Cruise	\$2,000 – \$3,000
■■ 7-Night Caribbean Cruise	\$3,500 – \$5,000
■■ 7-Night Alaska Cruise	\$5,000 – \$7,500
■ 10–14 Night Europe Cruise	\$7,000 – \$10,000+
■ Luxury Cruise	\$10,000+ depending on itinerary and accommodations

### Remember: Every Budget Is Different

These examples are intended for planning purposes only. Your actual costs will depend on the cruise line, itinerary, cabin category, airfare, travel season, excursions, and optional purchases.

### Build a Budget That Fits You

The goal isn't to spend as little as possible—it's to create a vacation that matches your priorities and financial comfort level. By planning ahead, you can enjoy your cruise knowing you've prepared for the expenses that matter most.

**Aimee's Budget Tip:** Every traveler has a different definition of value. I'll help you build a budget that balances comfort, experiences, and affordability.

**Coming Up:** Chapter 10 includes practical budgeting worksheets to help organize your cruise finances.