

BOOK #007

The Smart Traveler's Cruise Packing Guide

Chapter 3 — Shoes & Accessories

Imagine walking comfortably through a historic European port, relaxing by the pool that afternoon, and enjoying dinner that evening—all because you packed the right shoes for each activity. Choosing versatile footwear and a few helpful accessories can make your cruise far more enjoyable.

Comfortable Walking Shoes

Shore excursions often involve more walking than travelers expect. Bring a pair of well-broken-in walking or athletic shoes with good support. Avoid wearing brand-new shoes for the first time on your vacation.

Sandals & Pool Shoes

Flip-flops or waterproof sandals are perfect for the pool deck, beach days, and casual time around the ship. Water shoes are also helpful for rocky beaches and certain excursions.

Dress Shoes

If you plan to dine in specialty restaurants or participate in formal evenings, pack one pair of comfortable dress shoes that coordinates with several outfits.

Helpful Accessories

A lightweight daypack, sunglasses, hat, reusable water bottle, travel umbrella, and lanyard for your cruise card can all make your trip more convenient. Consider a small crossbody bag or backpack for excursions to keep your hands free.

Keep It Practical

Choose accessories that serve more than one purpose whenever possible. Versatile items save luggage space and reduce unnecessary weight.

Aimee's Insider Tip

One of the biggest packing mistakes I see is bringing too many shoes. Three well-chosen pairs—walking shoes, sandals, and dress shoes—are usually all most cruisers need. Your feet will stay comfortable, and your suitcase will thank you.