

BOOK #007

The Smart Traveler's Cruise Packing Guide

Chapter 9 — Frequently Asked Questions

Imagine chatting with fellow passengers on the final evening of your cruise. As everyone shares favorite memories, many of the same packing questions come up again and again. Here are answers to some of the questions I hear most often from travelers preparing for their cruise.

How much luggage can I bring?

Most cruise lines don't have strict baggage limits like airlines, but if you're flying to your cruise, your airline's baggage rules will apply. Pack only what you need to make traveling easier.

Can I bring bottled water or soft drinks?

Policies vary by cruise line. Many allow a limited amount of bottled water or canned soft drinks, while others have restrictions. Always check your cruise line's current policy before you travel.

Can I bring wine?

Many cruise lines allow guests to bring a limited amount of wine at embarkation, although corkage fees may apply if consumed in restaurants. Policies differ, so review your cruise line's guidelines before packing.

Do I need formal clothes?

Not necessarily. Most cruise lines have become much more casual, although some guests still enjoy dressing up for formal or elegant evenings. Check your cruise line's dress code before packing.

Can I do laundry onboard?

Many ships offer self-service laundries, laundry packages, or wash-and-fold services. Knowing what's available may allow you to pack fewer clothes for longer cruises.

Aimee's Insider Tip

If you're ever unsure about what to pack, ask your travel advisor before you leave. I'd much rather answer a quick question before your vacation than have you discover you left something important at home.