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**Book #009 • Embarkation Day Timeline Guide**

## **Chapter 4**

### **Boarding the Ship**

After completing check-in and security, it's finally time for one of the most exciting moments of your vacation—stepping aboard your cruise ship. Take a moment to enjoy the experience. The friendly crew, beautiful ship, and sense of anticipation all signal that your adventure has officially begun.

#### **Your First Steps Onboard**

As you board, crew members will usually welcome you with a smile and direct you toward the main areas of the ship. Depending on your cruise line, your stateroom may not be ready immediately, so plan to keep your carry-on bag with you for the first few hours.

#### **Complete Your Muster Drill**

One of your first priorities should be completing your required muster drill. Most cruise lines now offer an electronic or self-guided version through their mobile app, followed by a brief visit to your assigned muster station. Completing this early allows you to enjoy the rest of your day without interruption.

#### **Connect to the Cruise Line App**

Once onboard, connect to the ship's Wi-Fi and open the cruise line's app. You'll find daily schedules, dining reservations, deck maps, activity information, and messages throughout your cruise. Familiarizing yourself with the app on embarkation day makes navigating the ship much easier.

#### **Take Time to Explore**

Before the ship becomes busy, take a walk around the public decks. Locate the buffet, main dining room, pool area, guest services, elevators, and your muster station. Exploring early helps you feel comfortable with the ship's layout before activities begin.

#### **Aimee's Pro Tip**

Don't rush to do everything at once. Complete your muster drill, grab some lunch, explore a few decks, and simply enjoy the excitement of your first day. Your vacation has officially begun, and there's plenty of time to experience everything your ship has to offer.