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

## **Chapter 5**

### **Your Carry-On Strategy**

One of the biggest mistakes first-time cruisers make is packing everything in their checked luggage. Your suitcases may not arrive at your stateroom until later in the afternoon or even early evening. A well-packed carry-on ensures you have everything you need while you wait for your luggage.

#### **What Should Go in Your Carry-On?**

Your carry-on should include:

- Passport and travel documents
- Cruise boarding documents
- Medications and medical devices
- Wallet, cash, and credit cards
- Cell phone and chargers
- Swimsuit and sunscreen
- A change of clothes if desired
- Glasses, contacts, or other personal essentials

#### **Keep Valuables With You**

Never place medications, passports, jewelry, electronics, or other valuables in checked luggage. Always keep these items with you until you reach your stateroom.

#### **Pack Light, Pack Smart**

Choose a comfortable backpack or small rolling bag that is easy to carry around the ship while you wait for your cabin to become available. Remember, you'll likely be exploring, eating lunch, and completing your muster drill before you can unpack.

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

I always pack my swimsuit in my carry-on. Many people head straight to the pool or hot tubs after boarding, and it's much more enjoyable when you don't have to wait for your luggage to arrive.