

BOOK #015

Choosing the Right Cruise Line

Chapter 9 – Cruise Line Myths

Cruising has become one of the most popular ways to vacation, but many misconceptions still keep people from taking their first cruise—or cause them to choose the wrong one. Let's separate fact from fiction.

■ **Myth #1: Bigger Ships Are Always Better**

Reality: Large ships offer incredible attractions and entertainment, but smaller ships often provide a more relaxed atmosphere, personalized service, and access to unique ports.

■ **Myth #2: Cruises Are Only for Retirees**

Reality: Today's cruise ships welcome every age group, from young families and honeymooners to multi-generational groups and active retirees. There truly is a cruise for everyone.

■ **Myth #3: Every Cruise Line Is Basically the Same**

Reality: Each cruise line has its own personality, dining style, entertainment, atmosphere, and target traveler. Choosing the right cruise line can dramatically change your vacation experience.

■ **Myth #4: Cruises Are Too Expensive**

Reality: When you compare accommodations, meals, entertainment, transportation between destinations, and many onboard activities, cruising often provides excellent vacation value.

■ **Myth #5: You'll Get Bored at Sea**

Reality: Modern cruise ships offer everything from Broadway-style productions and live music to cooking classes, trivia, pools, fitness centers, and relaxing spa experiences.

■ **Aimee's Travel Tip**

One of my favorite things is helping first-time cruisers discover how different cruising really is from what they imagined. Once we match the right cruise line, ship, and itinerary to your travel style, most people can't wait to plan their next cruise!