

BOOK #017: Choosing the Perfect Cruise Cabin

Chapter 4 — Balcony Staterooms

Balcony Staterooms are the most popular cabin category on many cruise ships—and for good reason. A private balcony allows you to step outside whenever you like to enjoy fresh ocean air, breathtaking scenery, and peaceful moments away from the crowds. For many travelers, a balcony becomes one of their favorite parts of the cruise.

Why Choose a Balcony Stateroom?

■■ Your Own Private Outdoor Space

Enjoy morning coffee, afternoon relaxation, or evening sunsets without leaving your cabin.

■■ Incredible Scenic Viewing

Destinations such as Alaska, Norway, Iceland, and the Mediterranean become even more memorable when you can enjoy the scenery from your own balcony.

■ Fresh Air Anytime

Open the door, listen to the waves, and enjoy the sights and sounds of the ocean whenever you choose.

Things to Consider

Balcony Staterooms generally cost more than Interior and Ocean View cabins. Before upgrading, consider how much time you'll actually spend in your cabin. Travelers who are constantly exploring the ship or ports may not use their balcony enough to justify the additional cost.

Best For

- Alaska and other scenic cruises
- Romantic getaways
- Longer cruises
- Travelers who enjoy relaxing in private

Aimee's Travel Tip

If your budget allows for one cruise where I'd recommend splurging on a balcony, it's Alaska. Watching glaciers, whales, and breathtaking scenery from your own private balcony is an experience many travelers never forget.

Coming Up

Chapter 5 introduces Suites and Premium Cabins, exploring the extra space, exclusive amenities, and luxury perks available on many cruise lines.