



Questions to Consider When Choosing a Cruise

Use these questions to explain what you want and compare actual sailings. Write your priorities and bring unresolved questions to JKA Travel.

Your travel style

1. What do I most want from this vacation: relaxation, sightseeing, food, entertainment, adventure, family time, or a celebration?
2. Would I prefer a lively atmosphere, a quieter experience, or a mix of both?
3. Who is traveling, and which needs must the trip accommodate, including children, mobility, dietary needs, or medical equipment?

My three most important priorities

Destination and timing

4. Which destinations matter most, and how much usable time does each itinerary provide in port?
5. How many nights can I travel, including flights, hotel stays, and time needed before and after the cruise?
6. What weather, daylight, seasonal closures, or disruption risks should I investigate for these dates?
7. Do I want more port days or more sea days? Would an overnight port stay matter to me?
8. How flexible are my dates, and am I comfortable with busier holiday or school-break sailings?
9. If a port changes or is missed, would the overall trip still meet my expectations?

Preferred destinations and dates



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The ship and cabin that fit your needs

The specific ship

10. Do I want a larger ship with more venues or a smaller ship that may be easier to navigate? How does this particular ship compare?
11. Which features are actually on this ship, regardless of what the cruise line advertises across its fleet?
12. If I am considering an older or newer ship, what do its current condition, layout, recent updates, and relevant guest reviews tell me?
13. Which activities, pools, shows, dining choices, and quiet spaces will my party realistically use?
14. If traveling with children, what age groups, supervision arrangements, hours, reservations, and extra fees apply?

Ship features I need and features I can skip

Your cabin

15. Which cabin fits my budget and comfort needs: interior, oceanview, balcony, or suite?
16. Would I prefer to select a specific cabin or accept a guarantee booking where the line assigns the cabin? What exactly is guaranteed?
17. What is above, below, and beside the cabin? Are noise, walking distance, view obstructions, privacy, or motion concerns?
18. Does the sleeping arrangement work for everyone, including bed type, sofa beds, bunks, connecting rooms, and bathroom access?
19. Are an accessible cabin, suitable shower, equipment storage, or step-free routes needed, and have those details been confirmed?

Cabin preferences and questions



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Total cost and final booking decisions

Price and inclusions

- 20. What is the complete trip cost, including taxes, fees, gratuities, transportation, hotels, excursions, meals, and optional purchases?
- 21. Which drinks, dining venues, internet services, and activities are included, and which carry additional charges?
- 22. Would any package save me money at my expected use? What limits, exclusions, age rules, or cabin-wide purchase requirements apply?
- 23. Is the quote per person or per cabin, for how many travelers, and does it include the same items as the other quote?

My comfortable total budget and absolute maximum

Travel arrangements and booking terms

- 24. Is the cruise round trip or one way? What will it cost to reach the departure port and return home?
- 25. Do the flights and transfers allow time for delays, embarkation, disembarkation, and airport procedures?
- 26. What documents and entry permissions does each traveler need for every destination and transit stop?
- 27. What are the deposit, final payment, cancellation, refund, and change terms? Are any amounts nonrefundable?
- 28. What travel protection fits this trip, what does it exclude, and what deadlines apply?
- 29. Who handles a booking problem or travel disruption, and what assistance contacts should I keep?

My preferred sailing and the reason I chose it

Questions to resolve before paying a deposit

JKA Travel can help you work through these choices. Visit jkatravel.com.