

Taking A Cruise In 2023 And How To Make It A Holiday To Remember

Setting sail on the high seas can provide a unique holiday experience. Travelling on a cruise allows you to explore parts of the world by sea, providing a different perspective of these magnificent locations.

Choosing to take a cruise is becoming a popular choice for many holiday-goers. 2023 is anticipated to see [31.5 million passengers embark on a cruise](#), soaking in the sun's rays and stunning views. Included in this statistic will likely be a few first-time cruisers.

Embarking on your first cruise might be an exciting occasion where you might find yourself not knowing what to expect. Understandably, you want to ensure you have everything you need to help make this holiday one to remember. Whether you have yet to book your holiday, or the departure date is drawing closer, here are a few things to consider.



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Choice Of Cruise Liner And Package

Of course, this one applies to those who have yet to book a cruise. You will notice there are numerous cruise liners and companies to choose from. Each one might offer a different experience – some are catered more towards families, others offer a luxury experience, and others might have high-adrenaline activities to try. As you look to book a cruise, ensure you compare the options and cruise liners to find the one that seems most suited to the holiday you have envisioned.

After choosing one, you will notice different packages, including the type of cabin you will be staying in. Your choice of cabin can impact your experience, so it is worth comparing the various packages. Whilst this task is time-consuming, the pay-off will be worth it when you set sail on this holiday of a lifetime.

Be Prepared For The Unexpected

Anything could happen on a cruise. There might be delays in leaving the docks, luggage could get misplaced, cancellations could occur, or someone in your party could fall ill. As the departure date draws closer, it is worth investing in cruise travel insurance to protect you and your party before you board your home for the next few days or weeks. Try providers like [Staysure](#) to add protection if something occurs, such as delays, illnesses or lost luggage.

Alongside insurance, consider the choice of clothes you will be taking. Check the weather report to see the predicted forecasts when you are away. Pack a few pieces should the weather turn chillier than anticipated. Pack a small first aid kit with plasters, paracetamol, and travel sickness pills. These might be available on board, but they are worth packing if you have preferences.

Treat Yourself To A Pamper Session

After you have finally set sail, spend time exploring the cruise ship. Familiarise yourself with the location of different areas and the routes to take when travelling from your cabin and back. On board the ship could be a spa – a place you can retreat to, should you want a peaceful place to relax and unwind.

During your stay, you might go to the spa as you unwind in the relaxing environment. Since you are on holiday, why not treat yourself to a pamper session or two? See what spa treatments are available and choose the most appealing. Having a spa treatment or two on holiday helps you fully unwind on this holiday. Reflecting on the trip, you will remember how relaxing it was, cruising and being pampered.

Make Plans For Excursions

Depending on the type of cruise, you might be docking at different locations along your journey. At each destination, the cruise line will provide you with a time for when you need

to be back on the ship. These stops provide you with a chance to go and explore the town or city the ship has docked in.

Whilst there, you could book to go on excursions. For some cruise-goers, these excursions are a favourite part of their trip. However, it is worth weighing up the [pros and cons of booking excursions and sightseeing independently](#). Each one will offer a different experience, but both can enable you to make lasting memories on what will likely be an unforgettable holiday.