Lifetime of Magic

FREE PLANNING CHECKLIST

Your Disney Cruise, step by step

Every Disney Cruise Line date and deadline in the order they come up, from booking your stateroom to boarding day. Print it, tick it off, and you'll never miss a booking window.

When you book
9 to 18 months out

- [ ] Pick your sailing: dates, length, ship and departure port.
- [ ] Choose your stateroom: inside, oceanview, verandah or concierge.
- [ ] Check what everyone needs to travel. Some itineraries need a passport; others accept a birth certificate and government ID.
- [ ] Note your Castaway Club level (first cruise, Silver, Gold, Platinum or Pearl). It sets your booking windows below.

75 to 123 days before
by Castaway Club level

- [ ] Port Adventures, spa and adult dining (like Palo) open: 75 days before sailing on your first cruise, 90 for Silver, 105 for Gold, 120 for Platinum, 123 for Pearl. WE BOOK IT
- [ ] Make your wish list: excursions, spa, adult dinners and celebrations.

90 days before
sailing

- [ ] Final payment is due for most staterooms (concierge sailings of 6+ nights: 120 days). Check the date on your confirmation. WE REMIND YOU
- [ ] Decide on travel insurance (some plans must be bought before final payment).

30 days before
up to 40 days by level

- [ ] Online check-in opens once you're paid in full: 30 days before on your first cruise, 33 for Silver, 35 for Gold, 38 for Platinum, 40 for Pearl. Pick your port arrival time early. WE REMIND YOU
- [ ] Download the Disney Cruise Line Navigator app and add everyone.
- [ ] Book flights and a hotel near the port if you're arriving the day before.

Boarding day
embarkation

- [ ] Bags can reach your stateroom late, so pack a boarding-day bag (page 2).
- [ ] Keep travel documents and medicines with you, not in checked luggage.

Pack for the ship

Boarding-day bag

- [ ] Passports or birth certificates and ID
- [ ] Swimsuits and cover-ups
- [ ] Sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat
- [ ] Motion-sickness medicine
- [ ] Portable charger
- [ ] A lanyard for your room card
- [ ] Prescription medicines and valuables

For theme nights

- [ ] Cruise casual outfits (no swimwear or tank tops at dinner)
- [ ] Pirate Night outfit (optional, on many sailings)
- [ ] A dressier outfit for adult dining or formal night

Leave at home

- [ ] Power strips, irons, candles
- [ ] Over-the-door hooks (use magnets)
- [ ] Drones and balloons

Each guest can bring two suitcases, one carry-on and one personal item. Rules change, so check Disney Cruise Line's current guidelines before you pack.

What we handle for you

- ✓ Finding the right sailing, ship and stateroom
- ✓ Booking your cruise and watching for new offers
- ✓ Port Adventures, the moment your window opens
- ✓ Spa and adult dining reservations
- ✓ Payment and check-in reminders
- ✓ Answers whenever you need them, before and during your cruise

Your cruise at a glance

SAIL DATE AND SHIP

CASTAWAY CLUB LEVEL

ACTIVITIES OPEN

FINAL PAYMENT DUE

Want us to plan it for you?

There's no separate planning fee for eligible bookings, and your price is the same as booking with Disney directly. Disney pays us, not you.

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Booking windows and policies are set by Disney Cruise Line and can change. Dates shown are as of October 2026. Windows count back from your sailing date.