



EMBARKATION DAY CHECKLIST

How to Start Your Cruise the Right Way

Embarkation Day can feel overwhelming, but with a little planning, it quickly becomes one of the most exciting days of your vacation.



1 CHECK IN EARLY

Disney Cruise Line online check-in opens about 30–40 days before sailing at midnight in your cruise departure port's local time.



YOUR GOAL?

Get the earliest Port Arrival Time possible.

- ✓ Less waiting in line
- ✓ Smaller terminal crowds
- ✓ More time to explore the ship
- ✓ First access to lunch
- ✓ More time by the pool before cabins open



REAL MOM TIP: Set two alarms and log in a few minutes early. The earliest arrival times disappear fast!

2 TRANSPORTATION



OUR BIGGEST MISTAKE

We didn't book transportation ahead of time. Trying to figure it out on embarkation morning with luggage and kids is unnecessary stress.



WE RECOMMEND:

- ✓ Disney transfers (simplest & best)
- ✓ Pre-book your transportation



REAL MOM TIP: Nothing ruins post-cruise happiness faster than waiting with thousands of people trying to find a ride.

3 DISNEY CRUISE APP

Do this before you leave home.
The app is your cruise headquarters.



- ✓ Daily Schedule
- ✓ Character Meet Times
- ✓ Dining Reservations
- ✓ Activities & Events
- ✓ Real-Time Notifications
- ✓ Onboard Purchases
- ✓ Cruise Credit Balance



REAL MOM TIP: You do NOT need a paid internet package to use the Disney Cruise Line app onboard. Connect to the ship's free Wi-Fi and turn notifications on.

4 CARRY-ON BAG

Be ready for the first few hours onboard by packing these in your boarding backpack.

PACK A DAY-ONE BAG WITH:

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| ✓ Swimsuits | ✓ Water bottles |
| ✓ Sandals | ✓ Snacks |
| ✓ Sunscreen | ✓ Diapers/wipes if needed |
| ✓ Medications | ✓ Sunglasses + hats |
| ✓ Important documents | ✓ Change of clothes for kids |
| ✓ Chargers | |



BRING ALCOHOL

Guests 21+ can bring:

Two unopened bottles of wine/champagne (750 ml)

OR

One six-pack of beer (12 oz)



Must be in your carry-on bag

5 STATEROOM & LUGGAGE



Staterooms usually open around 1:30 – 2:00 PM.

Luggage may arrive later – sometimes not until evening.



ONCE YOUR ROOM OPENS:

- ✓ Drop your bags
- ✓ Change clothes
- ✓ Unpack essentials

Then... go enjoy the ship!



6 DON'T SKIP THE KIDS CLUB



One of the only times everyone can explore the Kids Club together is on Embarkation Day!

♥ Our son absolutely loved it and didn't want to leave, which made the rest of the cruise so much easier because he couldn't wait to go back.



While he played, we were able to enjoy some adult time—including a beer tasting—which ended up being one of our favorite afternoons onboard.



A little planning today = a smooth, stress-free start to your Disney Cruise!

