Smart Travel Trips

Pre-Cruise
• Consider extending your trip with a pre- or post-cruise hotel package. The additional time may cushion jet lag as well as allow you to explore the city where your cruise embarks/disembarks. Please inquire with your travel agent about obtaining transfers to your hotel from the airport.
• Check with your agent to see what shore excursions are offered and pre-book your choices as soon as possible to guarantee availability.
• When choosing a shore excursion, be aware that some can be particularly tiring or time-consuming; they may limit your ability to explore a port of call on your own.
• Verify how many formal, semi-formal and casual meals will occur onboard, so you can pack appropriately.
• Names on cruise confirmations must match citizenship documents. Carefully review all of your documents thoroughly so errors can be corrected as soon as possible.
• Work with your AAA travel agent to complete your online registration to ensure timely processing of your cruise documents.
• Remember to take the required identification; keep it at hand in a carry-on that contains your other critical items, such as medication.

Airline Luggage Allowances and Fees
• Regulations and baggage fees for checked and carry-on luggage vary by carrier, destination, frequent traveler status, and type of ticket. Check the airline websites for details.
• Domestic routes typically allow for one carry-on luggage piece (size varies by carrier), and one personal item (laptop, purse, or briefcase).
• Items must fit in the overhead or under the seat.
• International route requirements vary by airport and destination. Check the airline and airport websites.

Embarkation (Boarding the Ship)
• Remember to verify the embarkation time periods.

Onboard
• Once you’ve located your stateroom and had a moment to get settled, explore the ship using your deck plan map. This will help to maximize your enjoyment and use of the ship.
• You might want to arrange for additional shore excursions; check the shore excursion desk hours and book as soon as possible. Some cruise lines have kiosks allowing you to book anytime.
• If you plan to enjoy alternative dining or spa experiences available onboard, try to arrange for them as soon as you board the ship.
• The daily agenda is usually posted throughout the ship and a copy is delivered to each stateroom. Take the time to review the schedule of shipboard activities for exciting opportunities.
• Consider booking your next cruise vacation while still onboard. Most cruise lines offer additional savings, onboard credits or reduced deposits. Visit the future cruise or onboard sales consultant to make your arrangements. Your AAA travel agent will be notified of your booking and will be ready to assist you upon your return.
• The concierge desk can assist you with most questions.

Disembarkation (Leaving the Ship)
• Information on disembarkation is provided on the last full day of the cruise. Review it and complete any required forms and luggage tags.
• Luggage must be placed outside your stateroom the evening before you depart the ship. Keep any necessities required for the next morning with your carry-on.

Documentation Reminders
• Remember to check entry/exit requirements for each country you are visiting. (When sailing, this is very important when planning to extend your vacation with a pre or post hotel stay.) The most accurate way is to look at the consular sheets by country on www.travel.state.gov.com.
• A visa may also be required. Travisa (www.travisa.com) is a AAA preferred partner for visa processing when necessary.

Cruise Terminal Information
• www.nycruise.com

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Have a great time on your cruise, and thanks again for your business. Bon voyage!