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Disney Cruise Planning Checklist

From Tiffany at Travel Magic Network — Personalized planning from first call to final itinerary.

Getting started (6–12 months out)

- [ ] Pick your dates and ship — each has its own restaurants and shows (see the separate *Which Ship Has What?* checklist)
- [ ] **Choose your room type:** inside (best value), oceanview (a real window), verandah (your own balcony), or concierge (suites and lounge)
- [ ] **Then choose its location** — midship rides smoothest; check what is above, below and near the elevators. Ask Tiffany first: she knows hidden-gem staterooms that aren't shown on the deck plans
- [ ] Make sure everyone sailing has the right travel documents (passport or certified birth certificate, depending on your itinerary)
- [ ] Plan to fly in the day **before** embarkation — never the morning of
- [ ] Stay the night before at a **Disney resort or partner hotel** near the port, and ride Disney transfers straight to the ship

Right after you book

- [ ] Download the Disney Cruise Line Navigator app — everything onboard runs through it
- [ ] **Order DisneyBand+ (MagicBand+ works too)** — one band for easy access: boarding and check-in, stateroom door, onboard charges and photos
- [ ] Circle your booking-window date (it opens by Castaway Club level) — at 90 days out for Silver members, be ready for the midnight sprint below
- [ ] Reserve specialty dining early — Palo and Enchanté book up fast. Palo is now à la carte, and Platinum & Pearl members get a $55/person credit toward dinner
- [ ] Check for a themed day on your sailing (Marvel Day at Sea, Pixar Day at Sea) — Marvel Day at Sea replaces Pirate Night, so pack superhero gear, not the pirate costume
- [ ] **Plan the fun extras:** pick your cabin door decorations and pixie dusting gifts — small surprises for fellow cruisers. See the separate *Cabin Door Decorating* sheet and *Pixie Dusting Ideas* page

60–30 days out

- [ ] Book port adventures for your stop days
- [ ] Plan your private island day around the cabana you booked in the 90-day sprint — island excursions go quickly too
- [ ] Book **Disney ground transfers** to the port where available (airport, Disney resort or partner hotel), or parking if driving
- [ ] **Plan past disembarkation:** book a post-cruise hotel stay and activities for when you get off the ship
- [ ] Add travel protection if you skipped it at booking

Final week

- [ ] Pack a carry-on with documents, medications and swimsuits — luggage arrives later, and embarkation-day pool time is too good to miss
- [ ] Pack your themed outfit, plus a light layer — theaters and dining rooms run chilly
- [ ] **Print your port arrival form** — screenshots are not accepted. Keep the printed form with your travel documents
- [ ] Charge everything and download movies for travel day

Embarkation day

- [ ] Arrive at your scheduled port arrival time, documents in hand (not in checked bags)
- [ ] In the terminal, **connect to the ship's Wi-Fi** — onboard activities only appear in the Navigator app once connected, so start adding plans before you board
- [ ] **Want a room upgrade?** Check availability online a few days before sailing — after check-in, ask the managers at Guest Services in the port
- [ ] **Once onboard, head to a sit-down lunch** in one of the dining rooms — skip the buffet on the pool deck

90 days out — the midnight booking sprint

Be online at midnight Eastern when your window opens. Check in first — travel documents for everyone sailing and the card for onboard charges ready — and grab an early port arrival time. Then book in this order:

BOOK FIRST — MOST COMPETITIVE

- [ ] **1. A cabana** at Castaway Cay or Lookout Cay — the hardest reservation on the sailing; gone in minutes
- [ ] **2. Palo brunch** — just as competitive, and the most in-demand meal onboard
- [ ] **3. Prima Notte at Palo** — offered on the first night only; book it under onboard experiences, not premium dining

THEN, IN ORDER

- [ ] **4. The princess experiences** — the Royal Gathering, the Royal Court Royal Tea and Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique (kids under 12) all fill fast
- [ ] **5. The whisky experience at Hook's Barbery** — the hidden-bar tasting on Wish-class ships
- [ ] **6. Spa treatments and salon appointments** — the best days and times go first

Want someone to handle this whole list for you? That's my job.

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