

Pacific Coast Cruise Planning Checklist

Everything to book, pack & know —
from 90 days out to the gangway.

*A step-by-step countdown so nothing slips through the cracks:
documents, packing, excursions, and the money-saving moves that
make a Pacific Coast cruise effortless.*

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Your cruise, fully handled

Follow the countdown and you'll step aboard relaxed, packed right, and nothing forgotten.

A Pacific Coast cruise — California wine country, the redwoods, the Oregon and Washington coast — is one of the easiest, most scenic ways to see the West. This checklist walks you from booking to boarding so the only thing left to do is enjoy it.

HOW TO USE THIS CHECKLIST

Work through it by timeline: **90 days**, **30 days**, **the week before**, and **embarkation day**. Print it or check it off on your phone.

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SECTION 01

90 days out

Get the big pieces in place while there's still choice and savings.

- **Book your cabin** — the best rooms and prices go early. Pick your deck and cabin type deliberately (see the tip).
- **Check documents** — make sure passports are valid at least 6 months past your sail date; renew now if not.
- **Buy travel insurance** — cheapest and most complete when purchased right after booking.
- **Plan your arrival** — fly in the day before; a missed embarkation is the one mistake you can't undo.
- **Reserve excursions** — the best shore tours sell out; book the marquee ones early.
- **Note dining & specialty restaurants** — reserve popular tables as soon as they open.

CABIN KNOW-HOW

Prone to seasickness? Choose a **midship, lower** cabin — the most stable spot on the ship — and pack [motion-sickness bands](#) just in case.

30 days out

Tie up the details so the last week is calm.

- **Complete online check-in** — upload your photo, add documents, and print or save your boarding pass and luggage tags.
- **Confirm flights, hotel & transfers** — and how you're getting from the airport to the port.
- **Set a cabin budget** — decide on a drink/Wi-Fi package now; they're cheaper pre-cruise than onboard.
- **Sort medications** — bring enough for the whole trip plus a few extra days, in original bottles.
- **Notify your bank** — flag your travel dates so cards don't get frozen.
- **Download the cruise line's app** — many now handle your schedule, maps, and messaging onboard.

Let me handle all of this

Every item on these lists is something I take care of for my clients — for free. Tell me your cruise and I'll make sure nothing slips, and that you're getting every perk and price break available.

What to pack

The Pacific Coast is cool and changeable — pack smart, not heavy.

The cruise kit

- **A packable rain jacket** — a waterproof layer; Pacific ports get breezy and damp.
- **Comfortable walking shoes** — comfortable walking shoes for ports and long deck days.
- **A packable daypack** — a foldable day bag for excursions and layers.
- **A cruise-safe power strip** — a power strip / USB hub (cruise-safe, non-surge) — cabins are short on outlets.
- **Motion-sickness relief** — motion-sickness relief, just in case of open-water stretches.
- **Documents pouch** — passport, boarding pass, insurance card, and a little cash for tips.

CARRY-ON THE ESSENTIALS

Your main luggage may not reach your cabin for hours. Keep meds, documents, a change of clothes, and swimwear in your **carry-on** so you can start enjoying the ship right away.

Embarkation day — you're ready

A few easy next steps — and how I can help.

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