

Your Embarkation Day on Disney Cruise Line

Embarking your Disney Cruise Line ship is so exciting! When they announce your family as you step aboard, you know you are in for an amazing journey! There are few things to complete before you embark!

AT HOME

- **Complete online 'paperwork', download your QR Code**
- **Pack Essential Items in a Carry On**
 - Before boarding, you will pass your luggage off to the porters to be delivered to your room later. When you give your luggage to the porters, you'll keep your carry-on purse, tote, or backpack with you.
 - You may not receive your luggage until mid to late afternoon, so be sure to pack everything you'll need for the first several hours, including medications, identification, eyeglasses, sunglasses, sunscreen, and swimsuits. (No need to pack pool towels, which are available onboard.)
 - Attach Disney Cruise luggage tags to your bags. Be sure to fill out the identifying information, including your stateroom number.

Have small bills handy. When you get to the port, you'll hand off your luggage to the porters. (It's customary to tip \$1 to \$2 per bag). The next time you'll see your luggage will be outside your stateroom later that afternoon. If you are using a Disney Cruise Line Transfer from the airport or a Disney hotel, you won't need the bills for the porters, but they are good to have in port anyway.

AT THE TERMINAL

- **Go Through Security**
 - Passing through security is very similar to security at the airport, but a little less strict. The only size restriction for carry-ons is that they must be able to fit through the X-Ray machine. If you are taking advantage of Disney's BYOB policy, you'll have those with you, but no hard-sided coolers are allowed. Ice packs are also not allowed unless they're chilling medicine, and the medicine must be kept separate from drinks/ beverages while going through security.
 - Once you reach one of the check-in desks, you'll be asked for your proof of citizenship, your cruise documents and the QR Code you printed during your online check-in, and a Health Questionnaire you may have been given before getting in line.
- **Relax and Plan**
 - Assuming boarding has not begun, find a seat in the terminal and plan your day. Check to see what activities you may want to sign up for once onboard and see if there are any afternoon activities you don't want to miss, like a walking tour of the ship.

ONBOARD

- **Go to Guest Services**

- You will want to go sign up for any extra activities as soon as you can at Guest Services. This is also a good time to get tickets for a character breakfast and or tea if there is one available on your sailing.
- **Update Dining Rotation**
 - Now is your chance to get your dining set up just how you like it. If you weren't able to book Palo or Remy, now is the time to try again. Your Navigator will tell you where to go for reservations, usually one of the main dining rooms. Your Navigator will often say these reservations open at 1:00 pm, but my experience is that they are usually open as soon as boarding begins. Go check and save yourself a long line later.
- **Have Lunch**
 - Your stateroom won't be ready until 1:30 pm or so. If you are on the ship before this, there's still plenty for you to do! You can head up to the upper decks for lunch. One of the main dining rooms will be open with a buffet, as well as Cabanas/Marceline Market (on the Wish) on the pool deck. We prefer going to the buffet and having a great meal...and our kids get to pick out whatever they want!
- **Find Your Muster Station**
 - You are instructed to go to the location/letter that is assigned to your stateroom. All guests are required to go to their assigned station. The DCL Navigator app will notify you of your time and location. Typically this happens around 5:15 pm.
- **Attend the Sail Away Party** and start enjoying your cruise!



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