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Cruise Ship Safety

PLAYING IT SAFE IN PORT

Drink only bottled water and other beverages, and avoid salads and other fresh vegetables.

If you go swimming, snorkeling, or scuba diving, look for posted signs that may caution you about a strong current or undertow. The excursion office onboard the ship can also advise you on safe areas to explore the underwater world.

Never leave valuables like a camera, watch, or phone unattended while you are swimming in the ocean or pool. Ask a friend or someone you can trust to watch it for you until you return.

Don't get stranded! If you are taking a taxi to a beach on the other side of the island, make a deal with the taxi driver to come back at a certain time and bring you back to the ship. To guarantee you get picked up, agree to pay him for the entire trip (both ways) when he returns!

Crowded marketplaces are a haven for pickpockets and thieves. Secure your purse, wallet, and jewelry.

Never carry a wallet in your rear trouser pocket. It is too easy for pickpockets to steal. Keep it in a front pocket of your pants or in an interior pocket of your jacket.

Carry your identification card from the ship at all times!

SHIP SAFETY

The captain will not risk the lives of any passengers or crew members. Should threatening weather or political conditions crop up in a particular port or region, the itinerary of the cruise may be changed. If this happens, go with the flow. Don't grumble -- such shifts in plans are made for your safety.

Check the life jackets in your cabin. Are they properly maintained, with a whistle, proper ties, and a light (when the jacket hits salt water, the emergency light attached to the jacket automatically goes on)? Sometimes these items are missing. If this is the case, ask your cabin steward to solve the problem.

After participating in the lifeboat drill on the first day of the cruise, look down the hallway near your cabin and locate the closest fire extinguisher and emergency call buttons.

Many doorways and thresholds on the ship have elevated ledges to cross over. Be extra careful when walking through them.

Should there be an emergency, you will be told where to go. Do not push or shove other passengers, and follow the instructions given by the crew members in charge of the muster station (the place where you gather).

SECURITY

Lock the door each time you leave your cabin. (If you happen to lock yourself out, the purser's desk will arrange to have someone come by and open the door, or you can ask the nearest cabin steward for a hand.)

If there is a safe in your cabin, use it to secure your valuables, including your travel documents. If your cabin does not have a safe, ask at the purser's desk to use a safe-deposit box. These boxes are usually available at no extra cost.

MEDICAL CARE

If you use the doctor's services or the hospital facility onboard the ship, you will be charged. Your medical insurance should cover this -- but be sure to check with your insurance company before leaving on the cruise. Get everything in writing!

PREVENTING SEASICKNESS

Avoid looking out the window of your cabin or of one of the lounges. The up-and-down motion can make you nauseous.

Take an anti-seasick pill at least two hours before sailing time and throughout the cruise, if needed. If the directions on the medicine says it can cause drowsiness, take half a dose. This will allow you to enjoy the activities and entertainment without being too sleepy.

Some people wear a medicated patch behind their ears to prevent seasickness. Ask your doctor about this option.

When the seas are rough, don't read a book, write postcards, or do anything else that focuses your attention downward. This may cause you to get seasick.

Old-fashion cures that sailors have sworn by: If you do begin to feel sick, go outside, look at the horizon, and stay in the middle section of the ship. Also, eat some dry crackers or bread sticks, and stay away from liquids.

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