

The Cruise Capsule Wardrobe Checklist

Pack fewer pieces, get 20+ outfits, and still nail every moment — from sea days to formal night.

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TOPS

3-4

BOTTOMS

2-3DRESSES /
EXTRAS**1-2**

LAYERS

3

SHOES

20+

OUTFITS

Tops

5-8

- ☐ 2-3 casual tees or tanks
- ☐ 1-2 breezy blouses
- ☐ 1 linen shirt (covers a swimsuit too)
- ☐ 1-2 dressier tops for dinner

Bottoms

2-3

- ☐ 1 pair wide-leg or linen pants
- ☐ 1 pair shorts or a skirt
- ☐ 1 dressier pant (climate-dependent)

Dresses & Jumpsuits

2-3

- ☐ 1 sundress (day to lunch)
- ☐ 1 maxi or midi dress (day to dinner)
- ☐ 1 jumpsuit for evening

Swimwear

2-3

- ☐ 2 swimsuits (always have a dry one)
- ☐ 1-2 cover-ups / sarong / kaftan

Layers

1-2

- ☐ 1 cardigan or wrap (for ship A/C)
- ☐ 1 light blazer or packable jacket

Shoes

3

- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes (ports)
- ☐ Casual sandals (pool & ship)
- ☐ 1 dressier pair (evenings)

Wear your bulkiest pair on travel day.

Accessories

- ☐ Statement + everyday jewelry
- ☐ 1-2 scarves (double as a sarong)
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ A fedora (skip wide brims — they blow off)
- ☐ Straw tote + small crossbody

Formal / Chic Night

- ☐ 1 elegant dress, jumpsuit, or blazer look
- ☐ Restyle it with different shoes + jewelry

No tuxedo or gown needed on most lines.

Pack by Trip Length

3-5 days

4-5 tops · 2 bottoms · 1-2 dresses · 3 shoes

7 days

6-8 tops · 3 bottoms · 2 dresses · 1-2 layers

10-14 days

Pack for 5-7 days + use onboard laundry

Climate Swaps

Caribbean

Linen, cotton, quick-dry, sun protection

Mediterranean

Breathable days + light layers; modest port option

Alaska / N. Europe

Warm mid-layer + waterproof shell; layer up

5 Quick Rules Before You Zip the Bag

- Stick to 2-3 neutrals + 1-2 accent colors so everything mixes.
- Every piece must work at least two ways — no single-taskers.
- Lay out full outfits and photograph them as your onboard cheat sheet.
- Choose wrinkle-resistant fabrics; roll, don't fold. (Most cabins have no iron.)
- Then remove a few things. You'll wear less than you think.