

TOP 10

FINE CRUISING

TIPS



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Over recent years cruising has really gained in popularity as a great way to enjoy a holiday. It is the ultimate way to have all the elements of a holiday taken care of – no thought is required as someone else on your floating resort is looking after the transportation, accommodation, Ports of Call, sightseeing, dining and entertainment.



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There are many different types of cruises to suit your personal circumstances from the trendy river and canal cruises to luxury ocean, family, adventure, tropical, educational and cultural cruises. The size of ships vary as does the quality and often deciding which cruise and cruise line can be very confusing.

There is a lot to consider and decide so that you get what you dreamed about rather than what you may have inadvertently selected.

To help you take advantage of every opportunity and avoid 'traps' when planning your cruise, we would like to share our Fine Cruising Tips with you



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FINE CRUISING TIP 1

➤ Don't get caught-out

by "*marketing hype*"

such as vast percentages off the cruise fare. Like rack rates at hotels, cruise lines have brochure prices that they rarely sell.





FINE CRUISING TIP 2

➤ An inside cabin


is the *least expensive*

for a reason. There is no natural light so you need to set your alarm to announce the sun has risen and they may also have slightly less space.

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FINE CRUISING TIP 3

➤ **A true luxury cruise line**

offering *bonus inclusions*

like all beverages, onboard credits, gratuities and sometimes shore excursions, is often better value once you consider how much you might otherwise spend on such things.





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➤ If you are looking for a *family oriented cruise*

then check the facilities for the children like kid's clubs, entertainment, activities and babysitters. Luxury cruises generally do not cater well for younger children. Selecting a family friendly ship can make the difference between you relaxing and enjoying the cruise or you running after the children to keep them out of other's hair.

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A man with dark hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, is sitting in a wooden lounge chair on the deck of a cruise ship. He is looking out over the ocean. The deck is made of wood, and there are other wooden chairs visible. A blue semi-transparent box is overlaid on the left side of the image.

FINE CRUISING TIP 5

➤ While generally all *modern ships*

have great seagoing traits, if you do happen to be particularly sensitive to motion sickness, you might prefer to book more mid-ships and lower down. After mid-ships, aft generally has less movement than forward.





FINE CRUISING TIP 6

➤ If you like *all-round views*

maybe consider an aft facing balcony cabin. You see all sides from there and the sound of the wake can be soothing. Ask the cruise line about any vibration in the aft cabins. This is a challenge for some ships so if this will bother you, don't book it. A similar cabin forward is far less likely to have usable balcony space due to wind speed so there is a trade-off.




FINE CRUISING TIP 7

➤ For river ship cruising

it can *pay to avoid*

the lowest deck aft as there may be some engine noise.





FINE CRUISING TIP 8

➤ Don't be overly worried if your *cabin might*

face away from coast. Ships are rarely in very close proximity to coasts anyway and the opposite side might also get more sun...depending on the itinerary. Also often when docking the cabins that face the shore have a great view of the wharf and containers while the cabins on the other side can enjoy the sea and harbor views.



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A photograph of an airport terminal with large windows. Silhouettes of people and luggage are visible against the bright light coming through the windows. The text 'FINE CRUISING TIP 9' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

FINE CRUISING TIP 9

➤ **Don't plan** your *departure flight*

for earlier than midday on day of ship disembarking. The cruise line will never guarantee you can make it otherwise. If you have to disembark early for some reason, always discuss your arrangements with the Concierge on board so they can advise you.





FINE CRUISING TIP 10

➤ **Always be** *extremely wary*

of booking a cruise from a source outside New Zealand. Many lines do not permit cross border sales of their cruises and reserve the right to deny boarding at the pier.





REMEMBER...

A great cruise is an investment with the memory staying long after the price is forgotten.

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