



## **SCANDINAVIA, RUSSIA & BALTIC 9 DAY DANCE CRUISE**

### **BALLROOM, LATIN & SWING DANCE CRUISE**

**July 31 – August 9, 2020**

**Norwegian Escape**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **What documents are required to go on a cruise?**

Each guest must bring an identity document valid for foreign travel in all countries included in the itinerary: identity card or passport, depending on one's nationality and the destination of the cruise. Guests must ensure that they have the required visas and that their travel document is valid. Guests without proper travel documents will not be allowed to board the vessel and no refund of cruise fare will be given to any Guest failing to bring such documentation. FOR THIS CRUISE PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED. For requirements please go to:

[http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)

The Boarding Pass provides information required at embarkation. The information you enter when you complete your Norwegian Online Check-In, or Pre-Registration as it is also known, is required by the Department of Homeland Security prior to departure. This specific guest information is required by law, and used for internal security screening. Failure to provide this information in advance may result in your boarding being denied. Once you've booked your Norwegian cruise, "Register" for an account or "Log In to My NCL" to explore and plan all of the wonderful things you can do every night of your vacation. Your NCL Reservation # is needed in order to register and login at NCL.com to complete your online check-in, and print out your Norwegian eDocuments, which includes your Boarding pass. Online check-in must be completed at least 24 hours prior to the sail date, but we recommend you do this in advance in case there are any issues.

Sundancer can send you step by step instructions upon request.

#### **What is the Latitudes® program?**

Norwegian's Latitudes Program awards repeat guests with benefits and privileges. [Click here](#) for more information or call Latitudes Customer Service at 1.800.343.0098.

*Sundancer Tip: If you are a Latitudes Rewards member, a commemorative lapel pin is available on your sailing. The pins are available by request only. Also take advantage of special discounts offered on board.*

#### **What are the embarkation procedures?**

Check-in starts around 12:00 pm if the ship is cleared, and continues until 3:00 pm. Final boarding is 120 minutes prior. We sail at 5:00 pm. So you MUST be on board by 3:00 pm.

#### **Final Boarding Time:**

In order to facilitate the embarkation process and the processing of your eDocs, and to comply with new government regulations governing departure manifest, all guests are required to complete Online Check-In at least one day prior to sailing and must complete check-in at the cruise terminal and be onboard the ship no later than one hour prior to the

departure time noted on their cruise documents or they will not be permitted to sail. There is no clemency for passengers stuck in traffic, sidetracked by a flight delay or impacted by the weather. If you're not punctual, the ship sails without you. It's best to arrive a day before your cruise departs, so you don't have to worry about close calls or missing the boat.

#### **Boarding Time in Ports of Call:**

In all ports of call, it is also the guest's responsibility to be back onboard the ship no later than one (1) hour prior to the ship's scheduled departure time unless stated otherwise by the ship. Please be aware that shipboard time may differ from the port of call and it is the guest's responsibility to follow the shipboard time. In the event a guest misses the ship, it will be the guest's responsibility to pay all expenses incurred to rejoin the ship.

Also see "Airport and Cruise Terminal Information" posted on Sundancer's website.

#### **What To Do When You Get On Board**

When you first come aboard, be sure to check out your stateroom. There you'll find the NCL Freestyle Daily Planner with schedules for all the onboard activities. Every night a 'freestyle daily' will be placed your bed letting you know what is happening the following day. The freestyle daily is basically a schedule of where and when events are taking place around the ship

If the spa or fitness classes are your thing, try to make your appointments on the first day, as the most popular treatments and times fill up fast. So do the specialty dining venues.

Hungry? Head up to the Garden Café buffet. They'll be offering snacks, sandwiches, salads and more throughout embarkation.

After eating it would be wise to explore the vessel. If it's the shops then they won't open until the ship is in international waters. TV screens are available everywhere on the ship to access a map of the ship and to find your location.

*Sundancer Tip: Follow the fishes on the carpet to find your way. The fish are always moving forward (the ship's forward in the cabin alleys. Easy trick to figure out if you are heading forward or aft once you exit the elevators. Use the cabin alleys to get from one end to the other and then go up or down.*

Sailaway festivities: Make sure to be on the pool deck for this – you wouldn't want to miss out on the free-flowing cocktails, happy crowds, live music, and dancing under the carpet of stars.

#### ***Reservations for Shows***

For Norwegian Escape, you can pre-book the two main theater shows- After Midnight and For the Record: The Brat Pack- 90 days prior to departure (as well as dining and spa). There are also two different comedians, and their shows can only be reserved once you are onboard. The Headliners Comedy Club is a small venue, and shows sell out quickly, so we suggest booking the shows on embarkation day. If you don't get reservations, you will have to wait in the standby line the day of the show. Note, the 11 pm shows are adult only. It is best to book the shows before you cruise on the NCL website. If not try to book them on your first day onboard. You can do this through your stateroom TV or through the phone app. (It doesn't matter if you don't go, they just give away your space to somebody else). When you get to the theatre your room keycard is scanned to check that you have booked, you can go into the theatre around 30 minutes prior to show time. If you haven't booked you are made to wait outside until ten minutes before the show when they give away the remaining seats.

*Sundancer Tip: I believe if you make a reservation that line opens 15 minutes prior, and it is open seating. Then they open the line to those without a reservation. A client was on another ship in May 2019 and they were charged \$3 per person as a reservation fee on the shows they reserved.*

#### ***Evacuation Drill***

The evacuation drill is mandatory for all guests so don't miss it otherwise you may get in trouble afterward or when a real emergency occurs you'll have no clue what to do. By now you would have gone to your stateroom to check it out for the first time but don't get too comfortable because once the emergency alarms sound you'll have to head on up to the muster stations. And don't try hiding in your stateroom because your room steward will check it. You are not required to wear a life jacket while participating in the drill.

### **Luggage.**

Each person is allowed up to two pieces of personal luggage on board, with each piece weighing a maximum of 50 pounds. However, if passengers are traveling by air, they need to check with the airline for specific restrictions.

All items of luggage will be x-rayed before being brought on board. You should keep any documents, money, valuables, jewelry, personal belongings, medicines, binoculars, cameras or delicate items in your hand luggage. If the journey includes a flight, check the baggage allowance stated on the ticket. For security reasons, Guests are required to unlock their suitcases at the pier prior to giving them to the porters. Note that claims for luggage loss or damage must be made in writing to the Director of Administration or Pier Manager PRIOR to leaving the disembarkation pier.

The luggage labels will be used, when boarding, to identify and delivering the luggage to your cabin. The labels you'll receive on board, at the end of your cruise, will make it easier for you to leave the ship by showing the order of priority.

Extra ship luggage tags can be obtained from the Porters at the pier.

Also see <https://airluggage.dk/> for information to have your luggage sent directly to hotel or cruise ship and/or luggage storage. Another luggage storage is <https://luggagehero.com/>

### **Can I bring food or drink on board (from home or from a port)?**

Can I bring water or soda on board?

Effective for sailings July 15, 2016 and beyond, guests are prohibited from bringing any beverages -- including liquor, beer and non-alcoholic drinks such as water, soda and juices -- on board either as carry-on or checked luggage, with the exception of purified or distilled water in factory-sealed containers for use in conjunction with medical devices or for the reconstitution of infant formula; and fully sealed and/or corked wine bottles for personal consumption onboard that is subject to screening and a corkage fee (for guests 21 years of age or older). Open beverages of any kind must be consumed or discarded at the security check-point, on embarkation day and at any port of call. This revised policy brings the company in line with other best practice travel security protocols and reduces the need for individual time consuming screening and package inspection of large volumes of beverages. Guests who bring beverages to embarkation will be directed to return the items to their vehicle. If the guest does not have a vehicle onsite, the items will be disposed of.

*Sundancer tip: Bring a reusable water bottle or coffee cup to fill up on the ship and carry it around with you while exploring ports. There is no "open container" rule for drinks or food on board the ship.*

### **Wine & Champagne Policy**

Guests may bring bottles of wine and champagne on board. When bottles are brought on board and served or consumed in any restaurant, public room area or in their stateroom, a corkage fee will be charged according to bottle sizes noted below.

750 ml Bottle: \$15.00 USD

1,500 ml Magnum: \$30.00 USD

Wine or champagne sent directly to the ship by travel agents, friends, family, etc. or from another retail source, are subject to the same fees. Box wines are not allowed on board.

\* Norwegian encourages the responsible use of alcohol and accordingly reserves the right to permanently or temporarily revoke the drinking privileges of any guest who violates Norwegian's Guest Code of Conduct or who is deemed a danger to himself, herself or others by vessel management. Continued abuse of alcohol while sailing and/or violation of Norwegian's alcohol policy may result in immediate disembarkation.

What is the alcohol and beverage policy?

Passengers must be 21 years of age or older to purchase or consume alcohol.

Norwegian permits young adults to purchase and personally consume wine and beer only while onboard and with the consent of an accompanying parent. Authorization will be given only when the accompanying parent completes the Young Adult Alcoholic Beverage Waiver form. This form can be obtained and completed at the Guest Services Desk upon embarkation of the vessel. However, passengers 18 years of age or older are permitted to consume beer and wine when sailing on round-trip European voyages without having to complete the Young Adult Alcoholic Beverage Waiver form.

What if I purchase a beverage in a port of call?

Guests will not be permitted to bring any beverages onboard the ship in ports of call and any locally-purchased beverages will be disposed of prior to embarkation. No open containers of beverages, including water, will be allowed onboard during a port of call. If you purchase any alcohol at one of the ports-of-call or in the onboard shops, NCL will safely store your purchase(s) and either on the final night of the cruise or the morning of debarkation it will be available for pick up in a designated area.

If I need to bring water or milk onboard for a medical reason or infant, what's the process?

Guests who have special needs, medical requirements, or families with infants who require water for formula or milk, should contact the access desk at [accessdesk@ncl.com](mailto:accessdesk@ncl.com) to verify if an exception can be made for their beverage and to obtain pre-approval to provide to security at embarkation. Note: You may need to bring your own extension cord if bringing a CPAP machine.

### **Cabins**

Every cruise line guest is assured of comfortable accommodations featuring staterooms above ocean level for a more comfortable cruise. Staterooms and suites vary by ship, but every room offers air-conditioning, carpeting, ample drawer and closet space, a television, telephone, private bath, shower, vanity and a hair dryer. And, like a fine hotel, all staterooms provide body wash and shampoo. Depending on your stateroom/suite category, your accommodations may include other amenities such as bathrobes, mini bars and more.

Beds are standard twin beds. Beds convert into queen-size. If you want your beds put together or apart, just ask your stateroom steward and he or she will take care of that for you.

All staterooms and suites have mini-safes. Please note, however, that Norwegian is not responsible for valuables left in staterooms or elsewhere on board.

NCL does not provide or allow steamers or irons in the staterooms as they constitute a fire hazard. There is no self-service laundry. Complete valet services including laundry, pressing and dry cleaning, can be arranged through your stateroom steward/stewardess and billed to your shipboard account.

*Sundancer Tip: Running out of clean laundry? See if the ship runs a mid-week laundry promo. This can be a great savings, especially if you packed light for the trip. You could also hand wash some clothing in your sink or shower. There is no ironing room, but depending on availability you can sometimes request an iron and ironing board for a short time to be delivered to your cabin. You would need to be there to accept it.*

### **Will I need an electrical converter?**

The current on board is 110 volts & 220V AC. However, some high-voltage hair dryers, electric rollers and electric razors may require a converter

Norwegian Cruise Line has introduced an enhanced room service menu. The new menu offers an expanded selection for breakfast, in addition to a wider variety of options available 24 hours. Individual items on the menu remain available on a complimentary basis and a convenience charge of up to \$7.95 USD will be added to each order placed (Morning coffee, continental breakfast and orders placed by guests sailing in [The Haven](#) will not attract a charge)\*. Room service is one of up to 29 dining options offered across the fleet, and guests continue to be able to enjoy a wide array of complimentary choices onboard 24 hours a day.

\*Prices subject to change.

Inspect your stateroom and report any complaints immediately to the Information Desk and your stateroom steward or stewardess. Please let Sundancer know if you do not get results.

*Sundancer Tip: The NCL cabins have both US and European adaptors. Maximize your charging capacity by bringing along a European plug adaptor. You may also need a European adapter for your hotel stays. NCL cabins also have USB ports.*

### **Clothing, What To Pack**

For the first day of your cruise, pack a small carry-on bag with your travel documents, a change of clothes, valuables, and any medications you may need. For our dance group - don't forget your dance shoes as our dance activities may start before your luggage arrives in your cabin. It is also recommended to bring gel inserts or padding for your dance shoes to provide extra cushion.

When it comes to what to wear, you can go resort casual or get decked-out and look your best - it's your call. That's the freedom of "Freestyle Cruising". NCL even has special "Dress-Up or Not Night." It's the perfect opportunity to get your portrait taken with your family, that special someone or even with the ship's Captain.

Cruise Casual: the Freedom of Freestyle Cruising: Dress cruise casual anytime during the day, in the buffet and in most specialty restaurants. For women, it includes summer and casual dresses, skirts, regular or capri pants, shorts, jeans and tops. Khakis, jeans, shorts and casual shirts are fine for men. Swimwear is acceptable at the buffet and outdoor restaurant, but a shirt or a cover-up and footwear are required. Be sure to pack a sweater — the air conditioning can be chilly.

Please Note: NCL wants you to be comfortable, but tank tops for men, flip flops, baseball caps, visors and jeans that are overly faded, with holes or tears and worn below the hips are not permitted in main dining rooms or specialty restaurants.

All Decked-out: Smart Casual: Dress smart casual in the more formal dining room or in the more upscale specialty restaurants. For women, it includes slacks or jeans, dresses, skirts and tops. For men, it's jeans or slacks with a collared shirt and closed-toed shoes.

Ready for Adventure: Shore Excursions: Think about the shore excursions you'll be taking and pack accordingly, including comfy walking shoes. It's good to pack a pair of closed-toed shoes. You can check within the specific shore excursion for more information.

Special Events: Theme Nights and Parties: NCL Freestyle Daily Planner will inform you if the ship is having any specific dress code themes. NCL's newest event, Norwegian's Night Out, is the perfect opportunity to get dressed up for an evening of cocktails, fine dining and great entertainment. You may also want to pack an all-white ensemble for the iconic White Hot Party. We have been told by NCL that they typically have an Oldies night, 70's or 80's night, and Country Western night, but they could not commit as to what nights they would be and whether they would have any of these themes on this particular sailing.

### **Other recommendations from Sundancer:**

You should bring a pair of rubber-soled sandals or sneakers to wear on deck and a pair of good walking shoes. Inexpensive aqua (water) shoes are great.

Another suggestion is to bring earplugs. I have always brought them, but never needed them, but you never know! Some like to bring a nightlight, or battery operated tea light, or small flashlight, especially for the inside cabins.

You should dress for a cruise with NCL the same way you would for any stylish land-based resort.

NCL does not have "formal nights per se. Usually the first full sea day, was Norwegian's Dress Up or Not Night. For this "formal night". The dressier affair is called the "Night Out Party".

- *Evening gown, cocktail dress, or elegant pant suit for women*
- *Tuxedo, dark suit or dinner jacket and slacks for men*

We highly suggest bringing along a sweater, shawl or jacket for cool evenings and cool air conditioning in the dining room and lounges. And if you'll be touring any museums, cathedrals or churches, it's always wise to dress conservatively or have a cover-up.

Inexpensive rain gear (also doubles as a great windbreaker) or a small or collapsible umbrella is also a good idea in case of a sudden shower. You could also bring an umbrella.

You might want to bring a couple of swimsuits, so you will have one that is always dry. And then there are the Jacuzzis !

If you're planning to visit the onboard fitness center, be sure to bring extra shorts, t-shirts and socks that you won't mind working out in - plus a pair of tennis or running shoes/sneakers.

Bring your cameras and/or camcorders. Binoculars are another often forgotten, yet indispensable travel item.

Be sure to leave some room in your luggage for all those souvenirs and mementos. Some space-saving ideas include:

*Bring shirts and pants/skirts that mix and match, turning three outfits into five or six.*

*Wear your heaviest shoes during embarkation and disembarkation so you don't have to pack them.*

*Pack small items inside larger ones for efficiency.*

*Bring an additional empty bag for those acquired extras.*

For excursions on land, we recommend you wear casual clothing and comfortable shoes without heels.

There are four very important types of books you'll want to consider packing:

*Travel guides - to help you explore new destinations*

*Poolside pleasures - nothing beats a great read in the sun*

*Journal - keep an account of your adventure for sharing and reminiscing*

*Address book - send your friends a postcard to make them jealous*

Here are some websites you might find helpful on travel clothes, some wrinkle-free, etc.

[www.travelsmith.com](http://www.travelsmith.com)

[www.packinglight.net](http://www.packinglight.net)

[www.goinginstyle.com](http://www.goinginstyle.com)

*Sundancer Tip: Don't get stuck with wrinkled clothing. Hang your garment on a coat hanger and spray with wrinkle releaser. Hang the item in a steamy bathroom and your garment should look like it was just ironed.*

*Sundancer Tip: Take advantage of the metal doors- bring magnets for hanging cruise planners or a white board to leave each other messages. These are great for hanging on your stateroom door – inside or out. Use magnet hangers for coats, hats, your lanyard, etc.*

### **Do I have to bring a towel for swimming on board or excursions?**

Towels are also available on the ship. You can use these to lie on the deck chairs, for showering and on the equipment.

### **Pre-Reserving NCL Shore Excursions**

Exploring ports of call will be one of the highlights of your cruise, and one of the best ways to do this is on a shore excursion.

How do I book my Shore Excursions?

An updated listing of Shore Excursions is available approximately 6 months prior to the first sailing of each cruise destination season. All tours are available to pre-request at My NCL, or you can call 866-625-1167 (US & Canada) or 0845-201-8907 (UK). Once onboard, Shore Excursions can also be purchased at the ship's Shore Excursion Desk. How do I book my Dining, Entertainment and Spa activities prior to sailing?

*Also see "Ports of Call" on Sundancer's website for information on your ports and information about Russian Visa.*

Onboard activities can be booked online at [ncl.com/myncl](http://ncl.com/myncl); by calling 866-625-1167 (for Shore Excursions) and 800-327-7030 for Spa (Norwegian Epic only), Dining and Entertainment, or by contacting your travel professional.

Please note: Specialty dining can be pre-booked online for parties of up to eight guests. If you'd like to pre-book specialty dining for larger parties, please call us at 800-327-7030 for assistance. NCL reservation agents will also be able to assist you if you would like to pre-book specialty dining for your group using more than one credit card.

Who will be asked to purchase cruise activities with a credit card?

Ticketed passengers who (1) purchased the cruise in US dollars, CAN dollars, GBP or Euro's, and (2) do not have a Shore Excursion, Dining or Entertainment reservation on record prior to June 29, 2011. Guests who do not meet all of these criteria will be able to pre-book activities, but will not be asked for payment at the time of booking.

Will my charges to my credit card be refunded if I cancel my bookings prior to sailing?

Cancellations made up to 24 hours prior to sailing will be refunded in full to the credit card on which the purchase was made. To cancel prepaid reservations prior to sailing, please call 866-896-3152 (for Shore Excursions) and 800-327-7030 (for Dining, Entertainment and Spa). Cancellations made after that point will be refunded as an onboard credit. To make a cancellation on board, please visit the Shore Excursion Desk (for Shore Excursions), or the Guest Services Desk (for Dining, Entertainment and Spa, or the Mandara Spa Reception Desk – Norwegian Epic only). For more information please click [here](#).

What is the cancellation process once I'm on board?

Shore Excursions: Guests that cancel on board more than 48 hours prior to the tour will receive a refund for their purchase in the form of an onboard credit. Tours cancelled by guests less than 48 hours prior to arrival in the port where the tour is scheduled are non-refundable. Please note that certain tours, such as overland tours, customized tours and tours with theater performances or special events may be subject to different cancellation fees. To make a cancellation on board or for additional details, please visit the Shore Excursion Desk.

Dining/Entertainment: Guests that cancel on board more than 24 hours prior to the booked activity will receive a refund for their purchase in the form of an onboard credit. If a cancellation is made less than 24 hours prior to the activity, no refund will be issued. To make a cancellation on board, please visit the Guest Services Desk.

Spa: Guests that cancel on board more than 24 hours prior to the booked activity will receive a refund for their purchase in the form of an onboard credit. Failure to do so may result in a cancellation charge up to 50% of the treatment price being assessed to your onboard account. To make a cancellation on board, please visit the Guest Services Desk or the Mandara Spa Reception Desk – Norwegian Epic only.

Will there be any cancellation fees if I cancel my onboard activity?

No. There will be no cancellation fees. Click [here](#) to review the Cancellation Policy.

How do I make Restaurant Reservations on board?

Reservations are never required or taken for the Main Dining Rooms, Buffet, Blue Lagoon, Cadillac Diner or O'Sheehans; however reservations are recommended for the specialty restaurants. Reservations may be made by phone, in person at the designated Restaurant Reservations Desk, or at any specialty restaurant host desk during dinner service. To ensure that guests receive the best service, NCL can only hold your dinner reservation for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, the unclaimed reservation will be released. For dinner reservations made on board, the full cover price per guest will be charged to the guest's account. For pre-paid reservations, no refund will be issued. If you are interested in specialty

dining it is suggested you make the reservation on line pre-cruise, or make reservations for the options you want on the first day of your sailing on board. You can also see wait times and menus on the screens found all over the ship. You can also see the menus on the screens in your cabin.

*Sundancer Tip: You can end up with a wait time at peak times so if you know in advance what time you would like to eat, make a reservation, especially if you want to reserve a table for a larger party. Sundancer Tip: Use the flat screen TVs located throughout the ship to see which restaurants are open and approximate wait times.*

*Sundancer Tip: Don't be afraid to order what you want – such as multiple appetizers and desserts. Once on board you can view the weekly menu and then book your dinners at specialty restaurants based on the menus you don't want to miss.*

### **Dining:**

Sundancer Group Dining: On other cruise lines we reserve a dining time for the group in the main dining room. However, NCL is "Free Style" so there is not just one main dining room and we cannot make reservation for the entire group. Our suggestion is that those that want to dine in the same area meet outside the Manhattan Room main dining area nightly at 7:00 pm. (The main dining rooms do not take reservations.)

NCL chefs are true culinary artists who insist on serving the very finest cuisine - and it shows. Each chef's menu is creative and the selections change every day. Pair that with impeccable service and you're in for an unforgettable gourmet experience. Featuring a broad array of sumptuous dining options to satisfy even the pickiest eaters onboard, Escape NCL truly has something for everyone-and at any hour of the day!

### **COMPLIMENTARY DINING**

Every cruise fare includes beautifully crafted menus in the three main dining rooms, a help-yourself buffet and a variety of casual cafés, grills and on-the-go choices. From fresh-baked breads, desserts and pastries to the chefs' original dishes made with the freshest ingredients, your dining can be as fine or fun as you want.

#### **Room Service**

Available 24 hours a day, simply pick up the phone and order breakfast, lunch, dinner or late-night munchies. A convenience charge of \$7.95 will apply to all orders (Continental Breakfast until 10am excluded, Suite Guests are excluded from the \$7.95 charge at all times). A 20% gratuity and specialty service charge will be added to all beverages and special occasion menu items.

Price Per Person: Convenience charge of \$7.95 USD may apply.

#### **O'Sheehan's Neighborhood Bar & Grill**

Dine on American classics in a relaxed Irish pub atmosphere. With popular dishes like Chicken Pot Pie and Fish n' Chips to daily dinner specials ranging from Prime Rib to Chicken & Waffles, O'Sheehan's has all your favorite comfort food and beer on tap 24 hours a day. So catch a game on the two-story TV screen or play some billiards or darts, this casual restaurant is a guest favorite – and it's complimentary. Breakfast options and late night snacks. Grab O'Sheehans' to go as well and enjoy in your cabin or by the pool. Best Buffalo Wings! We believe you can make reservations at this venue.

Price Per Person: Complimentary

#### **Garden Cafe**

The buffet serves up complimentary breakfast, lunch and dinner – and the floor-to-ceiling windows provide picturesque ocean views. Action stations include meat-carving, made-to-order pastas, omelets, waffles, soft-serve ice cream and more, including specialty dishes from around the world - satisfying your every craving.

Price Per Person: Complimentary

#### **Savor (Main Dining Room)**

Stunning in design with floor-to-ceiling ocean views, this Main Restaurant offers traditional cuisine with a contemporary flair.



Price Per Person: Complimentary

#### Taste (Main Dining Room)

Taste is one of the three Main Restaurants serving a variety of culinary delights to please every palate. Floor-to-ceiling ocean views enhance the contemporary cuisine and décor.

Price Per Person: Complimentary

#### The Manhattan Room (Main Dining Room)

Enjoy dining in a private New York City dinner club with panoramic ocean views from the two-story, floor-to-ceiling windows. Dancing during dinner while you enjoy the show from your table.

Price Per Person: Complimentary

#### The Haven Restaurant (Private Access for Guests of The Haven Only)

A private fine-dining experience for guests of The Haven, serving unique signature dishes and wine offerings from impressive selections.

Price Per Person: Complimentary

#### The Private Room at Taste

For the first time on Norwegian, we've added a special function room! Now, you'll have the perfect space for your group to meet and dine. Commemorate special occasions in a room especially designed for your event in mind. Just below the Main Dining Room, enjoy the privacy\* of a secluded space to enhance your celebration. \*Room will only be private if your party has 60-80 guests

#### SPECIALTY DINING (most open for lunch and dinner)

Dining aboard Norwegian is about having choices. Enjoy delicious comfort foods as well as more exotic choices from the many complimentary dining options. Or widen your palette further and choose from the specialty restaurants for a cover charge or à la carte. Whether it's a cheeseburger you have a desire for, or Coq au Vin, your dinner is ready when you are. And if you book a Specialty Dining Package, you can savor an array of the specialty restaurants for one special price.

#### Teppanyaki

The sizzles and surprises never cease at the authentic Japanese Hibachi restaurant. Sit at a lively shared table as a skillful chef perfectly grills steak, seafood and chicken on a large steel grill.

Price Per Person: \$29.95 USD Adult

#### Bayamo Restaurant

Fresh seafood dishes in an elegant setting are perfectly paired to create a memorable start to your evening. Enjoy the chic dining room or dine al fresco on The Waterfront and savor incredible vistas and an extensive wine and cocktail menu. Bon appétit!

Price Per Person: À la carte

#### Food Republic

Travel somewhere new with every delicious bite as you savor a fusion of foods and cultures from around the globe at this à la carte dining venue. Indulge in a reinvented ceviche. Jet away to Japan and try a new kind of sushi roll. Or have a hearty helping of noodles from China.

Price Per Person: À la carte

#### Moderno Churrascaria

Looking for a unique experience? The authentic Brazilian steakhouse is a must. Start with an impressive salad bar, but save room for skewers of slow-roasted meats carved tableside by Pasadores. Oceanside seating available.

Price Per Person: \$24.95 USD Adult

#### Atrium Café & Bar

Relax in the center of the hustle and bustle of the Atrium. Linger with cocktails or coffee in this grand space that offers three-deck vertical views and a two-story Wii wall.

Price Per Person: À la carte

#### Cagney's Steakhouse

Steak is the standard at the American-style steakhouse. Take your pick from premium choice cuts of Angus beef like the traditional T-bone or tender Prime Rib. Your mouth will water, so sip your favorite cocktail in anticipation. And don't forget to order the made-from-scratch jumbo crab cakes and a side of the famous truffle fries. Oceanside seating available.

Price Per Person: À la carte

#### Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville at Sea

Take a bite out of paradise with signature items like Cheeseburger in Paradise. Sip on a Who's to Blame Margarita. Or sit back and groove along to island-inspired live music at this dining venue.

Price Per Person: \$14.95 USD Adult

*Sundancer Tip: The Chill Bar is Included in the Drink Package. If you want to experience the Margaritaville at Sea but not pay for food, grab a stool at the Chill Bar located inside Margaritaville. Here, you can order drinks without purchasing any food, and you don't even have to wait to be seated- just walk in! The signature margaritas and boat drinks served in Margaritaville can be purchased at the bar and are included in the Beverage Package (minus the souvenir cup).*

#### La Cucina

Buona sera! Enjoy the finest ingredients at the vibrant Italian ristorante. Dine on classics like pasta carbonara or lobster fettuccine; Then indulge in the affogato. Your good evening just got better. Seating options include inside, Atrium al fresco or oceanside.

Price Per Person: À la carte

#### Le Bistro French Restaurant

Norwegian's signature French restaurant featuring Mediterranean, nouveau and classic French cuisine, available à la carte. The new seating option, Atrium al fresco, is reminiscent of sidewalk-style dining - overlooking the social hub of 678 Ocean Place.

Price Per Person: À la carte

#### Pincho Tapas Bar

Enjoy a taste of Spain's culture and cuisine at this lively tapas bar. Sip on a delicious sangria as you savor an array of small plates, such as Queso y Charcuterie, a savory selection of cheese and cured meats.

Price Per Person: À la carte

#### The Supper Club

Indulge in a delicious 3-course meal and enjoy the excitement of watching an incredible theater experience at sea.

Price Per Person: \$24.99 USD Adult

Note: Prices subject to change.

#### **What about special diets?**

If you have any food allergy or a dietary requirement that requires Kosher meals or gluten-free food product, please advise a Norwegian Reservations Agent, or your Travel Agent at the time of booking. Obtaining the product for many of these requests requires 30-days' notice prior to sailing, and NCL wants to ensure that they are able to fulfill your request. NCL cannot guarantee Kosher Meal requests made within 30 days of sail date. For the protection of all of guests, it is not permissible to bring aboard any food items that would require preparation by the ship's staff, or food items that would require cold storage in the kitchen facilities.

## **SHIP INFORMATION – Escape NCL**

### ***Ship Statistics***

**Accommodates 4,266 passengers, Crew 1,733**

**164,600 gross tons**

**Inaugural cruise 2015**

**1,069 feet in length**

**136 ft. beam**

**Maximum speed is 22 knots**

### **360 Video Clips**

<https://www.iceportal.com/brochures/ice/brochure.aspx?did=1814&brochureid=ICE70095>

There are also some great videos on YouTube. I will add links to some of them in this document.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fi6X6fhpkg> (17 minutes)

Get ready to sail one of the most exciting ships on the seas! Norwegian Escape is ready to whisk you away. Indulging in every whim is what unforgettable vacations are made of. Get ready to chase sunsets on The Waterfront. Get closer to paradise with two quintessential Jimmy Buffett venues: Margaritaville at Sea and the 5 O'clock Somewhere Bar. Sip on some of Napa's best blends at The cellars, A Michael Mondavi Family Wine Bar. Or try the unique specialty cocktails, hand-crafted by [Bar Lab](#). Be dazzled by Broadway hits like After Midnight. Discover a new world of Freestyle Cruising on Norwegian Escape, voted 2017 Ship of the Year by Ocean & Cruise News.

Breakaway Plus Class: We've taken the best from the fleet and combined it with the most magnificent amenities at sea. We've knocked down walls and windows to design an industry-first open-air space to connect you with the ocean on The Waterfront. NCL was the first to define - and now redefine - the standard of Freestyle Cruising. Indulge in 28 dining experiences, including three new dedicated seafood venues by celebrity chef Geoffrey Zakarian. Experience the thrill of sliding down five towering waterslides in the Aqua Park. Bring your game to the Sports Complex and enjoy three levels of action-packed activities. Norwegian Breakaway and Norwegian Getaway have everything you're looking for in a vacation. And then some.

### **Broadway Entertainment**

Every night will be music to your ears with the entertainment on board Norwegian Escape. Perfect your dance moves and clear your pipes as you go on an incredible audible journey with Tony Award®-winning musical, After Midnight. Feel the butterflies of teen love in For the Record: The Brat Pack. And when you want to hear something just a little bit different, the laughs bursting out of Headliners Comedy Club will surely do the trick. With the entertainment on board, Norwegian Escape is hitting all the right notes.

### **More than 25 Dining Experiences**

Dine like nowhere else at sea with all of the freedom and flexibility of Freestyle Dining. Travel somewhere new with familiar favorites and unique additions from around the globe at Food Republic. Or take a bite out of paradise with signature items like the Cheeseburger in Paradise in Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville. Whatever you're in the mood for, NCL has something for everyone.

### **The Waterfront**

Connect with the sea on The Waterfront, the quarter-mile oceanfront promenade. Discover a new restaurant or bar each day and night! Pull up a stool at The Cellars Wine bar, offering the ultimate wine experience. Dine oceanside at La Cucina and enjoy delicious lobster fettuccine. Or simply bask in the ocean air and watch the sunset with your friends.

### **14 Bars & Lounges**

Pull up a stool at The Cellars, Norwegian's first ever wine bar. Let your hair down in the District Brew House, offering more than 50 different bottled beers and 24 draft beers on tap. Sip on a signature margarita at Jimmy Buffett's the 5 O'Clock Somewhere Bar. Or reminisce about the good 'ol days at Miami's oldest bar, Tobacco Road! Grab your glass, make some new friends, and let the good times roll!

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Ywn6EQ3JKU>

#### **After Midnight**

Welcome back to that electrifying time when Harlem's Cotton Club was the place to be. Winner of the 2014 Tony®, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, and Astaire Awards for Best Choreography, AFTER MIDNIGHT is the smash-hit musical that combines the big-band songs of Duke Ellington, a stageful of megawatt performers, a roof-raising onstage jazz band, and the best dancing from Broadway. Witness The Cotton Club come to life in a never-before-seen phenomenon at sea. Experience Broadway at its finest in the Escape Theater!

Price Per Person: Complimentary

#### **Escape the Big Top**

A carnival takes an unfortunate turn when a circus act goes awry. A magician puts a curse on everyone, and it's up to you so solve the clues break the spell. Do you have what it takes to be the first to lift the curse? "Escape the Big Top" is fast-paced and full of excitement and intrigue — a not-to-be-missed activity for the whole family.

Price Per Person: Complimentary

#### **For The Record: The Brat Pack (floor)**

Relive the glorious 1980's at For the Record: The Brat Pack, where classic soundtracks bring the movies to life in a theatrical rock 'n roll concert experience. Escape into an 80's teenage dream as you "Danke Schoen" like Ferris, "Try A Little Tenderness" with Ducky and heat up your night like a " St. Elmo's Fire." This unique movie music mash-up features songs from "Sixteen Candles," "The Breakfast Club," "Weird Science," and much more. Part rock concert, part drama club, part prom and TOTALLY AWESOME!

Price Per Person: Complimentary

#### **Howl at the Moon**

Bring your friends and your favorite song requests for an unforgettable musical journey. This is Howl at the Moon, the world's greatest rock 'n' roll dueling piano show. Come sing and **dance the night away** as the talented musicians jam out and perform your favorite songs from the 70s, 80s, 90s and today. From Billy Joel classics to modern-day Lady Gaga pop tunes, the versatile musicians can do it all. So get ready for a howlin' good time.

Price Per Person: Complimentary

#### **Levity Entertainment Group**

Tickle your funny bone at Headliners Comedy Club with performances by Levity Entertainment Group's roster of top-notch comedians. With 12 hilarious shows per week, prepare for a sidesplitting good time.

Price Per Person: Complimentary

### The Choir of Man

Pull up a chair at The Choir of Man and raise your glass to high energy dancing and hit songs that flow as freely as the beer. You'll feel right at home in The Jungle, the rockin' English pub where the talented cast performs everything from classic rock hits and pub tunes to sing-along favorites. Leave your worries behind and toast to a memorable night at this feel good show, live at The Supper Club!

Price Per Person: \$15.99 USD Adult | \$10.99 USD Children

### Wine Lovers The Musical

Do You Love Wine? Do You Love Comedy? Then NCL has the show for you! Hailed as "A great evening out" by the New York Post, Wine Lovers – the world's first The Wine Tasting Musical – brings laughs and libation aboard. Join us for Wine Lovers in the Supper Club, where you taste six sensational wines and enjoy a lovely lunch, all while watching a hilarious musical comedy about the joys of wine and love.

Price Per Person: \$23.54 USD Adult | \$23.54 USD Children

## **BARS & LOUNGES**

### Atrium Bar

Amid the hustle and bustle of the Atrium, enjoy something sweet. This is a morning and late-night favorite serving coffees, espressos, cappuccinos, beer, wine, and more. Many of the entertainment options occur here on Deck 6. If you don't plan on participating, "balcony seats" on deck 7 at O'Sheehan's is another great vantage point!

### Skyline Bar

Hit the jackpot in more ways than one inside Skyline Bar. Nestle into plush interiors and take in the changing view. The high-definition digital landscapes illuminate this cocktail lounge with ever changing moods. It's the perfect spot to have a cocktail before dinner, meet friends after the show or just press your luck with bar-top poker screens that give winning at the bar a whole new meaning.

### Spice H20

Inspired by the renowned summer beach parties on the island of Ibiza, Spice H20 is an adult-only retreat. By day, you can lounge in hot tubs and a soothing waterfall grotto. By night, it's a whole different beat. Let loose and **dance beneath the stars** as vibrant images display on the huge video screen.

### The 5 O'Clock Somewhere Bar

It's happy hour, every hour at the 5 o'clock Somewhere Bar, the first at sea on Norwegian Escape. Enjoy the sounds of the tropics while sipping on a signature margarita on The Waterfront. As the sun starts to set, that's when the party really heats up. Let the sounds of live musical performances move you well into the night. Or grab a table inside, make some new friends and keep the good times rolling on and on. After all, it's 5 o'clock somewhere – and you don't need to be anywhere.

### Headliner's Comedy Club

Tickle your funny bone at Headliner's Comedy Club with performances by Levity Entertainment Group's roster of top-notch comedians. Employing over 300 artists nationwide, Levity is the largest producer of live comedy, creating tours and TV specials for the biggest names in the industry, including Daniel Tosh, Amy Shumer, Gabriel Iglesias and Jeff Dunham. With several hilarious shows per week, prepare for a sidesplitting good time with Levity Entertainment Group.

### Mixx Bar

Located between Taste and Savor, Mixx Bar is the perfect place to mingle for a pre- or post-dinner cocktail.

#### O'Sheehan's Neighborhood Bar & Grill

Dine on reinvented Irish pub classics while sipping your favorite draft beer, all in a casual atmosphere open 24 hours a day. There's no cover charge to dig into your favorite comfort foods and savory Daily Specials.

#### Prime Meridian

Between Moderno, Churrascaria and Cagney's Steakhouse, Prime Meridian is the perfect bar to be the center of attention or simply be at the center of it all.

#### Sugarcane Mojito Bar

Freshly muddled just the way you like, enjoy a refreshing mojito with friends – day or night.

#### The Cellars - A Michael Mondavi Family Wine Bar

Pull up a stool on The Waterfront and pair your favorite vintage with soothing waves. Step inside the main bar and sample a Merlot as you laugh with some of your closest friends. Or elevate your wine IQ with programs meant for experts and novices alike at the Tasting Table. For four generations, the Mondavi name has been intimately linked with prestige winemaking in Napa Valley. And now, they're bringing their best blends and unparalleled knowledge to Norwegian Escape at the first-ever wine bar: The Cellars – A Michael Mondavi Family Wine Bar. A place where you can enjoy your vino any way you like.

#### The District Brew House

Let your hair down in a never-before-seen party at sea. Order one of more than 50 different bottled beers or any of the 24 draft beers on tap, including local Miami craft beer from Wynwood Brewing Company – exclusively on Norwegian Escape. Sip on a specialty cocktail by Bar Lab, masterminds of internationally recognized cocktail creations. Scream your lungs out alongside live music. Or get a little wild inside the photo booth. What happens in The District, stays in The District.

#### Tobacco Road

Miami's oldest and most legendary bar, Tobacco Road, will find its new home aboard Norwegian Escape. Located within 678 Ocean Place, Tobacco Road Bar will incorporate elements of the original Tobacco Road, including the iconic neon sign, memorabilia and photographs that will showcase the history of Miami through the lens of events and happenings at the bar over the past century. Tobacco Road Bar will also feature a selection of cocktails created by Tobacco Road's Cocktail Collection mixologist, Leo Holtzman.

#### Vibe Beach Club

Guests will jump for joy upon discovering this private retreat where they can connect with the ocean – and disconnect from everything else. Exclusively for those 18 and over, Vibe Beach Club is resplendent with ocean views, an over-sized hot tub, chaise loungers and a relaxing water feature - idea for relaxation. A full-service bar, water spritzers, chilled towels and skewers of fruit ease you even more into serenity. This allows you access to this private area complete with a lounge chair, an umbrella, and a private bar for the day. A limited number of passes will be available for purchase onboard at the Guest Service Desk.

#### The Haven Lounge (Private Access for Guests of The Haven Only)

Exclusive to The Haven guests, enjoy your favorite cocktail and light bites surrounded by ultimate luxury.

### **Sundancer Dance Activities for the Dance Group:**

*Workshops: Tentative classes will be in Waltz, Fox Trot, Tango, Swing, Rumba, Salsa and Cha Cha. If time permits, classes in styling and technique and possibly other dances. Private and semi-private lessons are also available upon request (and for a fee). Please see the instructors directly to schedule them.*

*Private Social Dance Parties: We will have dances on board with our own DJs (for the best dance selections), including mixers, prizes and other surprises for our group. We try to schedule a dance party daily, depending on the port times. Dance hosts will be on board for the single ladies!*

*We always try not to interfere with your port times. However, this cannot always be avoided. If our dance activities interfere with port times it will be your option to attend or not.*

*You will be issued a name badge which will include our final dance schedule which will need to be worn at all our private dance activities.*

*We are a small percentage of the total number of passengers cruising. So we have REQUESTED all the space necessary for our workshops and social dance parties. BUT the cruise line must consider the needs of other groups and passengers on board, and cannot confirm all of our requests till just prior to sailing. A Final Dance Schedule will be provided approximately two to four weeks prior to sailing.*

*NOTE: Dances & Workshops will be "Private Parties" only available to our group! You must book with Sundancer Cruises to participate in our Workshops and Dances.*

The ship usually hosts a “singles” party so watch for that in your NCL Freestyle Daily Planner.

### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **Casino**

Located in 678 Ocean Place, Norwegian's largest and most innovative casino to date offers a wide range of thrilling casino games for every level of player. Whether you're a newcomer or a regular with Casinos at Sea, we've got something for you. Find a hot seat at one of the many slot machines (ranging from 1¢ - \$100 USD). Or play your favorite table games with limits from \$5 - \$5,000 USD. Plus, adjacent to the main floor, the Norwegian Escape Casino has a VIP room offering a private high limit gaming area. No matter what you prefer, there are plenty of ways to get lucky.

#### **678 Ocean Place**

Feel the pulsating energy at the heart of the ship - 678 Ocean Place, three thrilling decks of non-stop action. Mix it up at a new bar or lounge. Splurge inside a designer boutique. Get lucky in the largest casino ever. Please your palate inside one of the specialty restaurants - Moderno, Churascarria, Cagney's Steakhouse or La Cucina. Satisfy every whim – day or night.

#### **Aqua Park**

Grab an inner tube, find a challenger and get to racing at Aqua Racer, the newest tandem waterslide at sea. Scream all the way down as you take the plunge with Free Fall – the fastest waterslides at sea. Get the whole gang together and give the Family Slide a whirl. Or call it a lazy day and lounge by the pools and hot tubs with a frozen drink in hand. However you like to make a splash, Aqua Park is overflowing with ways to do so.

#### **Entourage**

Movies. Art. Music. Video games. Dance parties. Welcome to Entourage – a retreat for teens looking to have fun and hang out with people their own age. One thing's for sure: absolutely, positively, no parents allowed.

### Mini Golf

Play 9 holes on the mini golf course with obstacles for all skill levels.

### Pulse Fitness Center

Stay in shape with your favorite workout equipment including treadmills, ellipticals and free weights or even yoga, Pilates and spinning. Jogging track is on Deck 17.

*Sundancer Tip: If you want to work off all those delicious calories you've enjoyed on your cruise, you might be tempted to join a fitness class such as spinning, yoga or Zumba, or you may even consider signing up with a personal trainer. The fees can range from \$10-20 and higher for classes, however, and even more for one-on-one sessions. Don't waste your money and enjoy working out in the free gym instead, or bring along your favorite classes and workouts on your laptop, phone or tablet.*

### Ropes Course

Feel your heart drop as you zip over the ocean on one of five Sky Rail zip tracks. Let go of every inhibition as you walk across one of two Planks on Norwegian Escape. Experience 99 exhilarating challenges. The expanded, three-story Ropes Course gives "action-packed" a whole new meaning.

### Snow Room

Chill out, literally, in the all-new Snow Room, an ice-cold arctic environment that stimulates blood circulation throughout the body.

### Spa Salt Room

The Salt Room mimics natural salt caves found in Eastern Europe. The noninvasive treatment, halotherapy, is relaxing, natural and scientifically proven to improve respiratory and skin ailments and aid in overall wellness.

### Spa Thermal Suite

The Thermal Suite offers a unique experience benefiting the mind and body. Feel the weightlessness and kneading effect of water in the Thalasso Therapy Pool and enjoy a warm waterfall cascading onto your shoulders in the Vitality Pool. Leave the world behind in the dramatic grotto setting of the Salt Room or take a dip in the hot tub. Head to the steam room to soothe joints and alleviate pains. If detox is what you crave, sit down at the sauna to sweat out your cares as your heart and sweat glands work together to purify your body. Then relax with a nap on heated mosaic lounge chairs. On some sailings you can purchase a Thermal Spa Day Pass or a weeklong pass.

### Sports Complex

Swing into loads of adventure at the expanded, three-story Ropes Course. Grab your friends for a game of bocce ball at the new court. Or perfect your jump shot during a friendly game of basketball. It's game time!

\*Size and weight restrictions apply and vary by ship/activity.

### The Waterfront

Only Norwegian lets you truly embrace the world around you. An industry first, The Waterfront will forever change the way you cruise. This quarter-mile oceanfront promenade allows you to connect with the ocean while experiencing some of Norwegian's signature dining venues. Restaurants, bars, stunning views. What could be better?

### Video Arcade



Stop by and capture a few aliens, win a car race, play pinball and fly a jet fighter. Let your imagination run wild at the Video Arcade.

#### Are there any pool regulations?

- No running, jumping or diving are permitted in the pool area
- Showers are required prior to use and recommended after use.
- According to United States Public Health (U.S.P.H.) regulations, no diapers of any kind are permitted in the swimming pools or jacuzzis, including those marketed as "swimmers."
- Guests must follow the rules posted on all signs in the pool or hot tub/whirlpool area.
- Children under 16 require adult supervision at all times while using the hot tub.

### **ON BOARD SHOPPING**

#### Carolina Herrera

Visit the first ever Carolina Herrera boutique at sea. Experience fashion as imagined by this world-class designer, known for her exceptional personal style and for dressing First Ladies, from Jacqueline Onassis to Michelle Obama.

#### Lacoste

Discover sports inspired trends at this first-ever Lacoste boutique at sea, offering Lacoste Sport, as well as everyday and casual elegance. And best of all, it's all tax free!

#### Sandbar

Experience the latest trends in fashion, take home a souvenir designed by world-famous artist Guy Harvey, or stop by to shop for your favorite brands of liquor or cigarettes, all at the best tax and duty free prices. Or, if you forgot something important, Sandbar is also the place to find a selection of toiletries.

#### The Beauty Shop

Pamper yourself or someone special at The Beauty Shop, where you'll find your favorite fragrances from Chanel, Dior, Estée lauder and many more. Discover an array of beauty products from Lancôme, Estée Lauder, Clinique and l'Oreal. Or stop by and make an appointment for a complimentary 15-minute makeover. All of the Beauty products are tax and duty free and guaranteed to be lower than any land price or your money back.

#### The Jewel Box

Colombian Emeralds International is synonymous for quality and value and offers way more than emeralds, the gemstone for which NCL is the world's foremost retailer. You'll be amazed by the stunning collection of diamonds, sapphires, colored gemstones and exclusive pieces made especially for the Norwegian Escape, such as the Escape Diamond. Also featuring Effy and Ashoka diamonds.

#### The Marketplace

The Market Place is your one-stop-shop for everything you need for the pool or beach, always tax and duty free. Get sunscreen, beach toys, sunglasses, books and more. Be sure to check out the daily special savings events! NCL also has a best price guaranteed policy - ask the sales staff for details.

#### The Tides

At the Tides you'll celebrate Unforgettable Moments by Pandora and a sparkling array of Crystal jewelry by Swarovski. Or come by to accessorize with world-famous fashion watches and jewelry, such as Lauren G Adams and Marahlago. Also, don't venture out in the sun without protection for your precious eyes! NCL

carries Ray Ban, Maui Jim and Oakley Sunglasses. All brands in Tides offer significant savings to the prices back home. And remember, they are tax and duty free.

### The Time Zone

If you want to treat yourself to a new watch or simply give the gift of time, visit the Time Zone for a world class selection of Swiss watches and other famous brands of timepieces. Collections from Hublot, Tag Heuer, Longines, Tissot, Rado, Bulgari, Movado and more. You will be amazed at the savings on board. Stop by and check out the collection, all at the best tax and duty free prices.

*Sundancer Tip: It's imperative that you pay attention to ship time and bringing a watch is ideal while cruising. It's good to know what time it is on the ship, but even more important while off and in port. You don't want to miss the boat! You may change time zones during your cruise and your cellphone may not always keep up. Missing the ship would NOT be good. Get back to the ship on time – And speaking of not missing the ship, snap a picture of the "all aboard time" with your phone or camera in case you forget what time you're supposed to be back on the ship.*

### Tradewinds

Welcome to Tradewinds boutique shopping, conveniently located steps away from your stateroom. You'll find a shopper's paradise filled with incredible brands and items exclusive to guests on Norwegian Escape.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **What is the "NCL Freestyle Daily Cruise Planner"?**

This is the on-board newsletter delivered to your cabin every evening. It will keep you informed about activities planned for the following day and provide you with useful numbers, ship departure times, the time zone of your destination and lots of other useful information.

### **Information Desk (also referred to as Purser's Desk or Passenger Service Desk).**

The main objective of the Purser's division is to provide guests with a positive cruise experience. Guest satisfaction is their goal in everything they do, especially: Greeting and assisting guests with their individual needs; responding to guest questions, requests, comments, or complaints; taking responsibility for all money, transactions, lost or found articles, mail, and onboard printing; and obtaining proper clearance for the ship with Port Authorities. The Information Desk will assist you with any tours or with any general concerns. Guests can buy stamps at the Information Desk and can mail letters at the drop-off box at the Information Desk. Guests can also cash traveler's checks here.

### **How can I pay for purchases made on board?**

My NCL is where you either Log In or Create a profile for NCL.COM. Simply click on "Log In to My NCL" (top right of any page) to access all of your important pre-cruise information, complete your Online Check-In, book a cruise and reserve Shore Excursions. Once you've completed your Online Check-In you can download eDocs, a detailed summary of your cruise vacation that acts as your boarding pass. Click here to learn more.

From Online Check-In to eDocs... everything you need to do before your cruise.

Once you've booked your Norwegian cruise, "Register" for an account or "Log In to My NCL" to explore and plan all of the wonderful things you can do every night of your vacation. The videos on this page walk you through important things to know before you go and things to do on land and on board.

If NCL can't locate your reservation, just call your booking agent or Norwegian's Automation Support Desk at 1.866.625.1160.

What about currency?

The currency used on board the ships is the U.S. \$. We've made paying for on-board expenses very easy. When you check in you open a shipboard account by registering a major credit card such as VISA®, MasterCard® or American Express. If you prefer to pay by cash or traveler's cheques, a suggested deposit for a 7-night cruise is US \$ 300 per person, US \$ 150 per person for cruises up to 6 nights or US \$ 450 per person for cruises of 8 nights and more at check-in (subject to change). Then, you simply sign for your personal expenses as you go and they will be charged to your account.

Important: When your credit card is entered to activate your on-board account, an initial approval is obtained from the bank. Please be advised that some banks may hold the pre-authorization for up to 30 days. Throughout the voyage incremental holds will be obtained based on your on-board expenditure. This will reduce the amount of available credit on the credit card or restrict the availability of cash in your bank account.

Currency exchange, at prevailing rates, is available on some cruises. Travelers checks and most major credit cards are accepted in the ports NCL visits. Proper ID is required when cashing travelers checks. We recommend you carry a small amount of local currency when visiting foreign ports, although credit cards are commonly accepted in shops and restaurants.

### ***How do I pay for onboard expenses?***

For your convenience, all shipboard expenses are charged to your Onboard account. Sign up when you check in, establishing your method of payment with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, JCB Card, Diner's Club. You may also use your debit card however please be advised that NCL obtains pre-authorization, as they do for all Credit Cards, and some banks hold these funds for up to 30 days. Cash can also be used as a method of payment to settle your account with an initial deposit paid in advance.

### **Using your debit or ATM card**

- **Norwegian does not recommend the use of a debit card** as payment for your onboard folio.
- Please be advised that multiple holds will be placed on your debit card account based on your onboard purchases.
- After settling your onboard folio, these debit card holds may remain on your account up to 30 days after the cruise ends.
- To avoid overdraft charges from your bank, please make sure that you have enough available funds in your account during this hold period.
- Norwegian will not be responsible for overdraft charges resulting from holds placed on Debit Card accounts.

### **Traveler's Check / Cash Procedures**

A cash deposit may be placed on your onboard account in the following amounts:

7 day cruises - \$300 USD per person

Less than 7 days - \$150 USD per person

More than 7 days - \$450 USD per person

Once you have exceeded the deposited amount, your account will be closed to further charges. You can deposit as much money as often as you'd like throughout the cruise, however, refunds cannot be made until the day of disembarkation for any excess.

**\*\*Personal checks will not be accepted, nor can they be cashed on board.**

### **What is included in my Cruise?**

For the dancers, all of our dance workshops and social dance parties are included. These are private group events and not part of the regular activities on board – they are just for our dance group!

For variety, value and satisfaction...you haven't lived until you've cruised! NCL's state-of-the-art cruise ships are filled with everything you need for an all-inclusive vacation. You'll discover an amazing thing about Cruising. So many pleasures await you onboard that you can indulge in the vacation of a lifetime without ever setting foot on land. Will you join in the dozens of shipboard activities like art auctions, horse racing, bridge games and trivia contests?

Your cruise fare includes:

- Stateroom accommodations featuring all the comforts of home
- Personalized service
- Meals in one of the many complimentary dining venues
- 24-hour Dining venue (on select ships)
- Room service menu items (convenience charge may apply)
- Outdoor Buffet (on select ships)
- Pool Bar and Grill (on select ships)
- Coffee Bar (regular coffee and pastries included, specialty coffees at nominal extra charge)
- Iced Tea, some juices in the buffet (for breakfast), regular coffee, tea and ice water
- A variety of Nightclubs and Broadway Style Shows
- All entertainment onboard (with the exception of dinner and lunch theater entertainment)
- Art Auctions
- Poolside activities
- Access to State-of-the-art Fitness Facility
- Select onboard presentations
- Sports Court activities
- Use of outdoor pools and hot tubs
- In-stateroom TV programming (except for on-demand movies)
- Phone calls onboard the ship (stateroom to stateroom)
- Use of private Studio Lounge if staying in Studio accommodations on Norwegian Escape

What Is NOT Included In My Cruise? (Additional charges apply):

- Service Charges/Gratuities
- Air fare
- Travel protection insurance (unless prepaid)
- Bus transfer vouchers (unless prepaid)
- Hotel Stays pre-/post-cruise (unless pre-purchased)
- Shore Excursions (unless prepaid)
- Meals in Specialty Restaurants
- Items purchased at the various Ports and tipping tour guides
- World-Class Spa & Salon Services and amenities
- Beauty Salon/Barber Shop
- Boutiques & Shopping
- Bar Drinks, Cappuccinos or specialty coffees, soft drinks
- Golf Lessons
- Fitness Trainers & Exercise Classes
- Photographs, film and developing
- Medical services
- Casino, bingo and other gaming
- Telephone calls and faxes
- Internet Access, Wi/Fi & Satellite connection for tablets, phones/mobile devices
- Laundry & Valet services
- Items of a Personal Nature
- Photography
- Specialty Onboard Seminars
- Art purchases
- Video Arcade

### **What Are The Tipping Policies?**

Onboard currency is the US dollar. Gratuities can be prepaid or paid on board. To simplify the tipping process for passengers, a discretionary gratuity is \$13.99 for inside, oceanview and balcony cabins, \$16.99 for The Haven and Suites

per person per day (including children). This gratuity will be shared amongst those staff who help provide and support your cruise experience, including all waitstaff, stateroom stewards, buffet stewards, and housekeeping staff across the fleet. They make their living entirely from tips.

Guest satisfaction is the highest priority at Norwegian Cruise Line. They have structured a guest satisfaction program designed to handle any concerns about service or on-board product quickly and efficiently. However, in the event a service issue should arise during your cruise please let the on-board guest services desk staff know right away, so that NCL can address these in a timely manner. It is the goal to reach a satisfactory solution to any issue when it happens and make sure guests can focus on enjoying their cruise. Should your concerns not be met with satisfaction you can adjust the charges.

Please note most people are not aware that a 15% gratuity is already added to each sale for any drinks that you purchase from the bars or dining room wine accounts. This is shared amongst the beverage staff and their support staff. Be careful not to double-tip. There is a place on the slip to add any additional tip if you wish to do so.

Also, tipping your Maitre d' in the dining room is at your discretion, based upon the service you received, and is not included in the gratuities. We recommend that you bring sufficient currency in small bills with you.

There are drink packages and soda packages that can be purchased on board at most of the bars. Some packages may be available for precruise purchase.

**What will the temperature be like on board?**

The temperature on board is pleasant; however we recommend you wear a warmer item of clothing in all air conditioned environments to avoid any sudden temperature changes between the outside and inside of the ship. It can be cool in the dining rooms, lounges and theatre. In your cabin, you can control the temperature individually by using the thermostat.

**Can I celebrate an occasion on board?**

Celebrating a birthday, wedding anniversary or honeymoon on board is a truly special and unique experience. You can book a number of exclusive services online or onboard. When you're on board, you can go directly to the Information Desk.

**Will I need to bring money on NCL shore excursions?**

When noted in the shore excursion description, snacks, drinks and even meals are included in the price of that excursion. However, you may want to bring money with you as some excursions stop in areas where you are able to do some souvenir shopping, try the local cuisine food and various other refreshments. These items will be at your own expense. Tipping is not included.

**Is it possible to go shopping and participate in an excursion while in port?**

Yes. Many excursions are only a few hours in duration, leaving you with plenty of time in most ports for shopping, sightseeing or even participating in another excursion. Also, many longer excursions include a shopping stop.

**What about smoking on the ship?**

As the health and well-being of guests and crew is of the utmost importance, Norwegian Cruise Line will institute changes to its smoking policy for all sailings on or after November 1, 2014. The specific changes prohibit smoking on stateroom balconies and limit smoking in the casino to players. On Norwegian Getaway and Norwegian Breakaway, smoking on The Waterfront will be permitted on the starboard side, except by the outdoor dining areas.

Guests in the Garden Villas may smoke in their private garden and on their private sun decks.

Public areas throughout all the ships are smoke-free. If you smoke regular or electronic cigarettes, you can do so in designated areas only. If you prefer pipes or cigars, you can smoke in the Cigar Bar or designated smoking lounge. Smoking cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars and pipes is permitted in outdoor public guest spaces and open decks where designated by the ship's management based on the ship's specific characteristics and arrangement. Smoking,

including electronic cigarettes, is prohibited in or near venues serving food, the jogging track, outdoor sporting venues, The Haven outdoor areas and children's pool areas. On ships with The Waterfront, smoking is permitted on the starboard side excluding any food service areas. Active Casino players may smoke cigarettes in the Casino during gaming hours. Cigarette smoking is not permitted in any other indoor venue or location.

Guests are not permitted to smoke cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars or pipes in their staterooms or on their balconies. Cigar and pipe smoking in staterooms and on balconies is prohibited. Smoking inside your stateroom or on your balcony will result in a \$250 USD cleaning charge added to your onboard account. If cigarette burns on furniture, linens, towels or carpeting are detected; guests will be advised and charged for the damages.

Electronic cigarettes cannot be used in public areas where there is a No Smoking policy in force; simply because these cigarettes look so realistic and therefore other guests' perception is that they are not enforcing the No Smoking rule.

### **Is the water on the ship safe to drink?**

All of the ships produce water in accordance with the guidelines and requirements as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Center for Environmental Health.

### **Norovirus Outbreaks**

You're actually 35x as likely to get Noro on land than on a cruise ship, largely thanks to the CDC's Vessel Sanitation Program. Germstar Noro is the only product designed specifically to kill Norovirus for the cruise and travel industry. It's the product used by the cruise lines. One of the most common ways the virus spreads from person-to-person is by coming in contact with surfaces that may have the virus, then putting your fingers in your mouth. For example, let's say an infected person grabs a handrail on a cruise ship, leaving traces of the virus on the handrail. You come along and use the same handrail, then you go eat lunch and use your hands to eat a hamburger. The virus has gone from the handrail, to your hands, to your hamburger, to your mouth.

Your hands become the most common form of viral transmission. Therefore, anything you can do to keep your hands clean and free from the virus will go a long way to preventing the virus from getting inside your body. When you think about all of the surfaces on a cruise ship that your hands come in contact with, you begin to see how easily the virus can spread quickly through the population.

For years, cruise lines have implemented measures to prevent the spread of the Norovirus. Reputable cruise lines regularly disinfect surfaces such as handrails, food service areas, etc. If a guest or crew member is diagnosed with a gastrointestinal issue, they are typically quarantined to their stateroom for at least three days to prevent the spread of the virus and kept under medical observation. However, there is only so much a cruise line can do to protect you from becoming infected.

Here are some tips on how to protect yourself:

**Wash Your Hands** - This is the number one tip to protect yourself. Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water, especially after using the restroom. And, it does not do any good to wash your hands in public rest room, only to grab the dirty door handle when you leave the restroom. So, use a tissue or napkin to open the door handle.

**Hand Sanitizer Stations** - Most cruise ships now have hand sanitizer dispensers outside of every dining area. **USE THEM.** These stations work by placing your hands underneath where a sensor will detect your hands and dispense a dose of the alcohol-like substance. Note: hand sanitizer is not a substitute for washing your hands regularly.

**Try not using handrails.** If you have on a long-sleeved shirt or sweater, to pull the sleeve down and hold it between your hand and the handrail. Same with door knobs.

**Internet Cafe** - How many people have used that computer keyboard and mouse before you? Some cruise lines will even provide sanitizing wipes next to computer terminals. If so, use them. If not, this is another reason to always have a small bottle of hand sanitizer with you at all times.

### **Does NCL Cruises provide medical assistance?**

NCL Cruises medical centers are staffed by full-time British registered doctors and nurses who are available 24 hours a day in case of an emergency. The facilities are equipped to deal with both minor injuries and most major medical conditions.

All NCL Cruises onboard medical facilities meet or exceed the standards established by the American College of Emergency Physicians. The medical centers proudly hold the distinction of being the only medical services in the cruise industry to have been awarded the Caspe HealthCare Knowledge Systems (CHKS) accreditation and ISO 9001:2008 certification for outstanding quality in healthcare staff facilities and procedures. CHKS is a major UK-based organization that works with public and private health care providers worldwide.

Guests are responsible for covering the cost of medical visits and medicines. All doctors are independent contractors.

### **What happens in the event of rough seas or bad weather?**

The itineraries are planned in order to take clients to the most beautiful and calmest oceans in the world, in the most suitable seasons. The ships are designed and built using the latest technologies: thanks to a sophisticated system of vertical stabilizers, sailing is peaceful even in rough seas. These stabilizers greatly reduce the pitch & roll of the ship. People who have already travelled on a cruise with NCL have been surprised by the spaciousness of the interior and the feeling of stability you experience when sailing. Some passengers may still experience motion sickness or feel "sea-sick". The symptoms are generally mild nausea and dizziness (or vertigo). There are a number of over-the-counter as well as prescription medications and non-pharmaceuticals available to help curb the symptoms of sea-sickness. If you think you may be affected, check with your doctor. If you have motion sickness, we highly recommend purchasing motion sickness arm bands or patches. These can be purchased at any drug store (ask your pharmacist). They really work, and allow you to avoid taking any medication.

### **Mobile Apps**

*Introducing the all-new Cruise Norwegian mobile app, now available on all the entire Norwegian fleet! Cruise Norwegian includes an industry first "Pre-Cruise" mode which allows you to pre-book your onboard activities, dining reservations, shore excursions, entertainment, and view your vacation itinerary and summary, all before you ever step foot on a Norwegian ship. Once you get onboard, all of your reservations, bookings, and favorites would be seamlessly transferred to the ship, where you can use the communications feature to chat and message with other guests onboard, view your account and onboard purchases, get a daily schedule of what's happening on the ship, and so much more! Cruise Norwegian is now available for download on the App Store and Google Play. Features Include:*

#### *Overall*

- *Preview and book Shore Excursions*
- *Preview restaurants and make dining reservations*
- *Preview onboard entertainment, bars & lounges, spa treatments, shopping*
- *Ability to favorite onboard offerings*
- *Vacation summary, view itinerary and onboard reservation details*
- *Check your Latitude Rewards points and learn about tier benefits*

#### *Before Your Cruise*

- *Purchase onboard gifts including wine, flowers and treats*
- *Check in online and save time at the pier*
- *On the day of departure, access your E-Docs and directions to the pier*

#### *During Your Cruise*

- *Review your account and track onboard purchases*
- *Get a daily schedule of what's happening on the ship*
- *Learn about the CruiseNext program*

- *Review helpful disembarkation information including immigration and Easy Walk-off details*
- *Call and message guests on board including Group Chat\**

*\*Calling and Messaging Package has a nominal one-time fee for making unlimited onboard calls and messages during your cruise.*

### **Communication**

Telephone calls can be made directly using the satellite telephone provided in your cabin. For information about the cost of the satellite service contact the Information/Customer Services Office. Furthermore, thanks to an agreement between NCL Cruises and TIM Italia, GSM-type cover is available on all ships in the fleet which allows mobile phones to be used on board. The service is available to customers of TIM or operators who have an international roaming agreement with TIM.

### **What if I need to stay in touch while away?**

Staying connected at sea could be very important to some of us. Click [here](#) for more information on Internet Access and Cellular Phone Service & Texting.

All of the ships have Internet Cafés for those of you that need to be online. You can also telephone, telex, radiogram or fax to anywhere in the world and be billed\* at applicable ship-to-shore rates. Norwegian guests can also be contacted on the ships by calling 1.888.NCSHIPS (1.888.627.4477) from the USA. For the rest of the world please dial 1.732.335.3280. When guests are contacted with the ship via satellite, they can be reached directly, if they are in their stateroom. If not, a message about the incoming call will be delivered to their stateroom and then they can call back\* the shore via satellite. Norwegian guests can also make and receive calls, send and receive text messages and read emails on their own cell phones and mobile devices just as they do on land when the ship is at sea with the Freestyle Cellular Service. Staying in touch with family and friends when cruising has never been so easy. Click [here](#) for more information. Norwegian Ship Telephone & Fax Numbers

When calling from the United States: Dial 1.888.NC SHIPS (627.4477), select the ship, and enter your credit card information. When Calling from outside the United States: Dial 1.732.335.3280, select the ship, and enter your credit card information.

\*Please use American Express, MasterCard and Discover Card, only.

### **FEES: Credit Card, ATM & Cell Phones**

#### **CASH MACHINES (ATMS)**

Throughout Europe, cash machines (ATMs) are the standard way for travelers to get local currency. European ATMs work like your hometown machine and always have English-language instructions. Using your debit card with an ATM takes dollars directly from your bank account at home and gives you that country's cash. You'll pay fees, but you'll still typically get a better rate than you would for exchanging traveler's checks.

Ideally, use your debit card to take money out of ATMs. If you use a credit card (rather than a debit card) for ATM transactions, it's technically a "cash advance" rather than a "withdrawal" — and subject to an additional cash-advance fee, and sometimes a higher interest rate.

Before you go, confirm with your bank or credit-card company that your debit or credit card will work in Europe and alert them that you'll be making withdrawals while traveling — otherwise, they might freeze your card if it detects unusual spending patterns. Some banks automatically block US debit card use in certain countries to protect against fraud. There's usually an 800 customer service number on the card. Give the dates and itinerary. Some cards require a PIN code, make sure you know what that is. Also find out the bank's emergency phone number if you are calling from Europe to US to call collect if you have a problem.

Quiz your bank to figure out exactly what you'll pay for each withdrawal, including international fees, if any.



Bringing two different cards provides a backup if one is demagnetized or eaten by a machine or compromised or lost. Make sure the validity period of your card won't expire before your trip ends.

Ask your bank how much you can withdraw per 24 hours, but be aware that many foreign ATMs have their own limits. If the ATM won't let you withdraw your daily maximum, you'll have to make several smaller withdrawals (and incur extra fees) to get the amount you want.

Stay away from commercial ATMs that aren't run by banks. These companies, such as Travelex Money Machine, like to stack their machines next to bank ATMs in the hope that travelers will be too confused to notice the difference. The commercial ATMs charge outrageous extra fees — often double the cost of a bank ATM.

Consider taking out a card just for international purchases. Capital One has a particularly good reputation for no-fee international transactions. Most credit unions have low-to-no international transaction fees. Bankrate has a good comparison chart of major credit cards and their currency-conversion fees. [http://www.bankrate.com/credit-cards/airline-miles-cards.aspx?ic\\_id=home\\_smart-spending\\_credit-cards\\_globalnav](http://www.bankrate.com/credit-cards/airline-miles-cards.aspx?ic_id=home_smart-spending_credit-cards_globalnav)

Avoid dynamic currency conversion (DCC). Some European merchants — capitalizing on the fact that many Americans are intimidated by unusual currencies — cheerfully charge you for converting their prices to dollars. This may seem like a nice service, but you'll actually end up paying more by adding yet another middle-man to your transaction. Usually the dollar price is based on a lousy exchange rate (which can be set wherever the merchant likes — generally about 3 percent worse than the prevailing inter-bank rate). To make matters worse, even though you're paying in "dollars," your credit-card company may still levy its 1–3 percent "foreign transaction fee." The result: You could pay up to a 6 percent premium for the "convenience" of immediately seeing your charges in dollars.

Some merchants may disagree, but according to DCC provider Planet Payment, you have the right to decline this service at the store and have your transaction go through using local currency. If you're handed a receipt with two totals — one in the local currency and the other in US dollars — circle the amount listed in the local currency before you sign. If your receipt shows the total in dollars only, ask that it to be rung up again in the local currency. Your transaction will then be converted by Visa or MasterCard at or near the more favorable interbank rate.

The bottom line. Here's the best formula for saving money as you travel: Pay for as much as possible with cash (use a bank that charges low rates for international ATM transactions, and withdraw large amounts at each transaction — keeping the cash safe in your money belt). When using a credit card, use a card with the lowest possible international fees, and make sure your transactions are charged in the local currency — not dollars. Then smile and enjoy your trip, feeling very clever for avoiding so much unnecessary expense.

## CREDIT CARDS

American credit cards work throughout Europe (at hotels, larger shops and restaurants, travel agencies, and so on), although some countries are switching to new technology that may cause your US card to be rejected in certain automated machines. Also, more and more merchants are establishing a \$30 minimum for credit-card purchases. Visa and MasterCard are the most widely accepted. American Express is less common (because it costs merchants more) but is popular with some travelers for its extra services. The Discover card is scarcely known in Europe.

"Smart cards," also known as "chip and PIN cards," are increasingly commonplace in Europe. Such cards incorporate microchips that can be programmed with user information and security data. Normally, you'll need to enter a four-digit Personal Identification Number, or PIN, when you make a purchase. This makes it tougher for thieves to use stolen cards or card numbers.

Also, it's wise to make photocopies of your cards (including the customer-service phone numbers on the back) so you can report any theft or loss of your card immediately. Keep the paper copies separate from your cards.

Finally, and most important: Guard your cards! Don't carry credit cards in a backpack, a carry-on bag, or a suitcase, and don't keep your wallet in a hip pocket or a belt pouch. Pickpockets and purse snatchers know that tourists are often careless, so they'll be watching you.

Tip: AAA offers foreign currency exchange with no fee.

Link

<https://www.ricksteves.com/travel-tips/money>

## CELL PHONES

Check with your provider about using your cell phone on the cruise ship and in your ports of call.

Here is some information about using your phone in Europe. Imagine the efficiency of getting driving instructions from your hotel as you approach; or letting your friend know that your train is late but you're on your way; or being reachable day or night by loved ones back home (or a lost travel partner). Pay phones are sufficient for many travelers. But if you're willing to spend more for the convenience of calling from wherever you are, a mobile phone will come in handy.

You have three mobile-phone options:

Take your American phone (if it works in Europe), buy a phone in Europe, or rent a phone.

No matter what kind of phone you use, as you cross each border, you'll usually receive a text message welcoming you to the new country's network and explaining how to use their services. Be aware that having people call you on your European mobile phone number typically costs them much more than calling a fixed line (the rates can be as much as double). It might be cheaper for them to phone you at your hotel, rather than calling your mobile.

### Using Your Own Mobile Phone

First, figure out whether your phone works in Europe. Many T-Mobile and AT&T phones work fine abroad, while only specialized phones from Verizon or Sprint do — check your operating manual (look for "tri-band" or "quad-band"). If your Verizon phone doesn't work in Europe, they'll loan you one that does for a one-time shipping fee.

Your mobile-phone service provider likely has an international plan, which allows you to roam throughout Europe using your own phone number.

Before you leave, call your mobile-phone service provider to ask whether your phone will work in Europe, what the rates are, whether there are any other fees (such as for data roaming), and whether you need to activate international calling on your plan. (This is usually free, though some companies also have the option of paying a monthly fee to lower the per-minute charges — but remember to deactivate this service when you return.) Mobile-phone companies have received furious complaints from customers who've rung up huge bills because they didn't realize they were incurring roaming charges, so they can be a little over-the-top in making sure you understand all the potential costs. But it's better to be informed.

A few caveats: You'll be charged for incoming calls, even if you don't answer them (and, in some cases, even if your phone is turned off) — so tell your friends and co-workers not to call except in emergencies. And smartphones (such as the iPhone, Android, or BlackBerry) can incur hefty fees for data roaming.

If the rates are high or you plan on making a lot of calls, ask your mobile-phone provider for the code to "unlock" your phone. Once your phone is unlocked, you can buy and change SIM cards as you travel. Rather than using your American number, you'll have a European number...and pay cheaper European rates.

You may want to disable apps you are not using. You may want to add apps like translators, maps and transit schedules.

### Using a European Phone

It can be surprisingly affordable to buy a basic "pay as you go" mobile phone in Europe. Shop around at the ubiquitous corner phone marts or at mobile-phone counters in big department stores. No contracts are necessary — most phones come loaded with prepaid calling time — and additional minutes are usually easy to buy.

Your basic choice is between a phone that's "locked" to work with a single provider (starting around \$20 for the most basic models), or a more versatile "unlocked" phone that allows you to switch out SIM cards to access multiple networks (starting around \$60). To save even more, look for special promotions or shops that sell used phones. (You can also buy European phones online from the US, but it's generally cheaper and easier to get one in Europe.)

**Renting a Mobile Phone:** These days, car-rental companies, mobile-phone companies, and even some hotels offer the option to rent a mobile phone with a European number. While this seems convenient, hidden fees (such as high per-minute charges or expensive shipping costs) can really add up — which usually makes it a bad value. One exception is Verizon's Global Travel Program (available only to Verizon customers). If your Verizon phone won't work in Europe, you can pay a one-time \$20 shipping fee to borrow a Europe-compatible phone that can make calls at the regular international rates (generally \$1.50 to \$2 per minute). The phone uses your regular phone number and can even carry over your contacts. As long as you send it back within 30 days, there are no additional rental fees or charges.

### Buying SIM Cards

If you have an unlocked phone — whether brought from the US or purchased in Europe — you can buy a SIM card to make it work in Europe. Remember that a SIM card is a small, fingernail-size chip that stores your phone number and other information. If your phone is unlocked, getting your own European phone number is surprisingly easy and cheap.

Each country has various service providers, all of whom sell their own SIM cards. Since these companies are very competitive, they're pretty much the same — just look for the best rates. SIM cards, which generally cost around \$5–15, come with a European phone number and starter credit. These days, mobile-phone companies are working hard to attract customers; I've bought a few SIM cards that came with more calling credit than the cost of the card (for example, a €5 card that includes €7 of credit) — making the SIM card effectively free.

While you can buy European SIM cards online from the US, they're usually overpriced. Just buy one when you arrive in Europe. In some places, getting a SIM card is as simple as buying a pack of gum. For instance, in Greece, I walked up to a newsstand and bought a SIM card for about \$5; in the Brussels train station, I bought one from a vending machine. But other countries are regulating SIM cards more carefully, so you might have to fill out some paperwork and show your passport before buying the card.

Though you can buy SIM cards at newsstands in many countries, don't expect much help from the newsstand vendor. For first-timers, it's often worth the extra time to go to a mobile phone shop, where an English-speaking clerk can help you explore your options, get your SIM card inserted and set up, and show you how to use it. (The mobile phone desk in a big department store is another good place to check.) Note that some mobile phone shops sell SIM cards for only one provider, while others offer a wide range. Unless you're certain you want a particular company, look for a place that gives you several options, then ask the clerk which one is best for the types of calls you're going to make. (Mostly domestic or international calls? Are you using it only in that country, or planning to "roam" with it across a border?) Also ask for a list of calling rates: for making phone calls and sending text messages — both domestic and international — and for roaming (if you'll be leaving the country).

When you first insert a new SIM card, you might be prompted to enter the "SIM PIN" (a code number that came with your SIM card). In some cases, you'll be asked for this every time you turn on the phone — which can be a hassle. Fortunately, this feature can usually be disabled; look through your phone's menu and security features, or ask the shop clerk for help.

Text messages and other instructions from the service provider are generally in another language. It's often possible to switch this to English — again, get help from the shop clerk.

Be sure you know how to check your remaining credit balance. This is different for each phone company, but generally you'll enter a three-digit number, then #, then hit "send." The remaining amount should pop up on your screen. You can

buy additional prepaid credit as you go: Buy a printed voucher from your European provider at a mobile-phone shop or newsstand, then punch in the numbers from the voucher to add the time to your phone.

Before leaving the shop, go through the entire process, from turning on the phone, to checking your credit balance, to actually making a call — to the store, or, for fun, to the shop clerk's personal phone.

Rates: If you're calling from the SIM card's home country, you'll generally pay around 10 to 20 cents per minute for domestic calls to fixed lines, and nothing to receive calls. (Calls to mobile phones tend to be more expensive.) Calling the US can cost \$1 per minute or more — but using an international phone card with your mobile phone can bring that cost down to pennies.

A SIM card works most affordably in the country where you buy it. If you roam with the SIM card in another country, call prices go up, and you pay to receive incoming calls. If your SIM card is from a European Union (EU) country, fees are regulated when roaming within the EU: You'll pay no more than about 55 cents per minute to make calls or 21 cents per minute to receive calls. If your SIM card is from a non-EU country — or if you're traveling in one — roaming fees can be much higher. If you'll be making a lot of calls, it can be cheaper to buy a new SIM card for that country.

Tips: Be aware that most European SIM cards expire after a certain period of inactivity (typically 3–12 months) — including any credit you have left on the card. So saving your Italian SIM card for next year's trip isn't a sure thing.

Remember to store your phone numbers in the phone itself, rather than on the SIM card — or you'll lose access to them when you switch SIMs. When storing phone numbers, include the plus (+) sign and the country code so your calls will go through, regardless of where you're calling from.

#### The Bottom Line on Mobile Phones

If your American mobile phone will work in Europe...take it and use it if you have a reasonable calling plan. If you will be making lots of calls, first get it "unlocked" so you can switch out the SIM card in Europe (and get better rates). If you have a smartphone, disable data roaming or invest in an international data plan.

If your American phone won't work in Europe... buy a new phone when you reach your destination. If you're planning to visit multiple countries, make sure it's an "unlocked" phone so you can change SIM cards as you cross borders. The only rental program I'd entertain is Verizon's, which is a decent deal for its customers.

Link: <https://www.ricksteves.com/travel-tips/phones-tech>

#### **Can you surf the net on board?**

All the ships are equipped with 24 hour Internet Cafés. Wireless internet (also known as Wi-Fi) is also available throughout Norwegian's entire fleet. If you are not using this, it is recommended that you make sure your cell phone is in "Airplane Mode" or that the cellular data is turned off before you set sail to avoid roaming charges.

#### Questions and Answers

Q: Is there internet onboard the ship?

A: Yes, we have Internet Cafés on all of the ships which feature terminals where you have the ability to surf the Web, chat online and access your private e-mail account (Gmail, AOL, Hotmail, Juno, Yahoo, etc.). For your convenience, the Internet Café Manager is available for assistance during posted hours. Internet Café terminals run on Windows XP and are limited to Internet communication. The terminals are not equipped with Microsoft Office (WORD, EXCEL, etc), however, most files can be accessed as "read only" for viewing purposes but cannot be edited or saved. Please note, on your personal laptop you can read, edit and save files without restrictions according to the programs installed as you normally would.

Q: Can I access my own email provider onboard?

A: Yes. Web based email providers are accessed as normal from the onboard system. If you wish to use an email system linked via an external email application, this can be accomplished by using IP 172.31.0.2

Q: How much does it cost to use the internet onboard?

A: For pricing information please visit the Internet Package pricing page. <https://www.ncl.com/onboard-packages/internet-packages>. Once onboard, instructions on how to create an account and pricing details are present on-screen in the Internet Café or on your laptop during the log-in process. Internet pricing is the same, whether you are using the Internet Café terminals, your own laptop or other wireless devices. All internet access charges will be billed directly to your onboard account.

Time Plans – offer guests the opportunity to enjoy a lower per-minute rate. These Time Plans are transferable between Internet Café terminals and personal laptops/ wireless devices, can be used anytime throughout the cruise until debarkation and don't have to be used in a single session. Please be advised that no refunds will be awarded for unused minutes and upgrading of pricing option once chosen is not available. Plans are subject to change.

Q: Can I check in for my post cruise flight and also print my boarding passes prior to leaving the ship?

A: Yes, you can check in online and print your boarding passes in the Internet Café. Please note that regular printing and online time charges apply.

Q: Can I use my laptop onboard?

A: Yes, You may use your personal laptop while onboard, your iPhone and all other WiFi equipped devices and most software installed on them without restrictions. Wireless internet (also known as Wi-Fi) is available throughout NCL's entire fleet. Please see the Internet Café Manager onboard for the available wireless areas specifically for the ship on which you are sailing. Once you are in range of the Wireless signal onboard, simply open your Internet browser and you will be directed to the Login Page. Once you are logged in, a separate browser window will open. This is your Logout window. Keep this window open until you are ready to logout. In order to end the Internet session and stop billing, you must simply type "logout.com" in the browser's address bar and press "enter" or "return". If you are planning to utilize VPN access while onboard, be sure to discuss your VPN limitations with your company's IT department if you are planning to work while sailing. NCL is not able to change your settings onboard.

Q: Can I use my iPad, iTouch, iPhone onboard?

A: Yes. Please see individual information below:

For IOS (The Ipad, Itouch and Iphone operating system), the login procedure is as follows: click on settings – Wifi, then select the ship's wireless network, then wait 10 seconds before opening the browser.

eBooks without an Internet browser and those that don't have Java installed are not supported.

Guests need to enable Java Script on all devices (including laptops) before they can be logged on to the Internet onboard.

Q: Is the speed of my connection the same as on land?

A: No, The data for onboard connection is transmitted via a slower wireless signal to satellites orbiting the earth approximately 22,000 miles from the earth's surface and then bounce back down to the land based exchange. At home, your data is sent through a fast cable connection to your local exchange, just around the corner from your house. Therefore internet access onboard is significantly slower than high-speed connections normally experienced on land.

Q: Can I access Skype or view streaming video onboard?

A: No, these services are limited due to bandwidth consumption issues.

Q: What do I need to prepare before the cruise / bring with me to use the internet onboard?

A: 1. Convert your E-mail settings to basic; you will have a better experience if your E-mail is less graphic intense.

2. Discuss VPN limitations with your company's IT department if you are planning to work while sailing. NCL is not able to change your settings onboard.

3. Remember to bring:

WiFi enabled laptop and mobile devices  
Power supply for each of the devices you are bringing with you  
A charged battery for your trip to the ship  
Data cables to transfer pictures  
Headphones

4. And remember, we have an Internet Café Manager onboard to assist you during posted hours with any questions / concerns you may have during your cruise with us.

\*Wireless internet (also known as Wi-Fi) is available throughout NCL's entire fleet. To use the wireless Internet Service all you need is your laptop to get connected in the Internet Café or you can use it around the ship in the wireless coverage areas. Please see the Internet Café Manager onboard for the selected areas.

Once you are in range of the Wireless signal onboard, simply open your Internet browser and you will be directed to the Login Page. \* Once you are logged in, a separate browser window will open. This is your Logout window. Keep this window open until you are ready to logout!

Windows XP, Vista, 7 or 8 users -- If prompted by Windows to select a wireless network, select the "mtndsi" or "NCL\_Internet\_Access" network depending on the ship you are on. The SSID should be set to "mtndsi" or "NCL\_Internet\_Access" if it is not automatically detected.

Mac users - you will need to turn the "airport" on and connect to the "mtndsi" or "NCL\_Internet\_Access" wireless network depending on which ship you are on.

#### **What is the Fuel Supplement?**

Norwegian reserves the right to charge a fuel supplement without prior notice should the closing price of West Texas Intermediate Fuel increase above \$65.00 USD per barrel on the NYMEX (New York Mercantile Exchange Index). In the event a fuel supplement is charged, Norwegian will have sole discretion to apply the supplementary charge to both existing and new bookings, regardless of whether such bookings have been paid in full. Such supplementary charges are not included in the cruise fare. The fuel supplement charge will not exceed \$10.00 USD per passenger per day.

#### **What can't I bring onboard?**

Passengers should not bring the following items onboard any Norwegian Cruise Line ship:

Drones (Game Flying Device)

Guests are not permitted to bring drones onboard for safety of other guests, as well as the welfare of the vessel.

Samsung Galaxy Note7

In light of recent safety issues with the Samsung Galaxy Note7, we are asking the guests who own this model to please avoid traveling with this mobile device. The Federal Aviation Administration has banned the Samsung Galaxy Note7 from all air travel, and until further notice, this device will be restricted from all Norwegian Cruise Line ships. Fire is one of the greatest threats at sea and due to the safety concerns these devices present, if one is found in a guest's possession or unattended in a stateroom onboard, the policy instructs the crew to confiscate the device for safekeeping. The device will remain in the possession, in a safe, monitored location, for the duration of the cruise. Guests can reclaim their device at the conclusion of the cruise from the reception desk.

Alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages of any kind including water, soda and juices\*

Unsealed food items will not be allowed onboard.

Firearms, weapons of any kind, ammunition, explosive substances or any goods of a dangerous nature

Irons / Ironing Boards and Steamers

Guests are not permitted to bring and use their own irons or steamers onboard. Norwegian Cruise Line carries a limited number of irons and ironing boards which can be loaned to guests for a few hours at a time. Iron everything you will need for the cruise and you will be all set. They can be requested through housekeeping or Guest Services Desk. Irons and steamers would both be taken from guests at embarkation and returned at the end of the sailing.

Animals of any kind, except service or guide animals, provided the passenger notifies Carrier prior to the cruise of his intention to bring such animal and agrees to take sole responsibility for any expense, damage, injuries or losses associated with or caused by such animal.

Large Batteries, Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB), ham radios, satellite phones, transformers, lasers and laser pointers are not allowed onboard.

The safety and security of the guests and crew is the number one priority. The following items are prohibited on-board vessels. These items will be confiscated and not transported aboard. When an item is determined to be illegal the appropriate authorities will be informed.

1. All illegal narcotics/drugs. (Including Marijuana prescribed for medical purposes and other items used as drug paraphernalia. This includes Hookah Pipes).
2. All firearms including replicas, imitations, non-firing weapons, starting pistols and their components
3. Air, BB or pellet pistols or rifles
4. Any other projectile-weapon or item that resembles or can be mistaken as a firearm (e.g., paint ball guns)
5. All ammunition or replica ammunition for listed line items 2, 3 & 4
6. All explosives, component parts (i.e. detonators) including imitation explosives and devices
7. Fireworks, flares, and pyrotechnics
8. Martial Arts Weapons (i.e. throwing stars, flails)
9. Knives with a blade longer than 4 inches/10.16 cm
10. Open razors
11. Swords, Skeeon Dhus, or Kirpans
12. Spears or spear guns
13. Crossbows, crossbow bolts, and long bow arrows
14. Blunt weapons including knuckle dusters, brass knuckles, clubs, telescopic batons, batons, flails or nunchaku
15. Items containing incapacitating substances (e.g. gas guns, tear gas sprays, mace, phosphorus, acid and other dangerous chemicals that could be used to maim or disable
16. Restraining Devices (i.e. handcuffs, leg, and head restraining straps)
17. Flammable substances and hazardous chemicals. (e.g., petrol, methylated spirits, paint thinners, lighter fuel, etc.)
18. Any other item made, adapted or intended for use as an offensive weapon
19. Stun devices (i.e. Tazers and Stun Guns)
20. Large batteries
21. Items brought on board the vessel and not supplied by the Company containing any kind of heating element, such as but not limited to: immersion heaters, heating blankets, clothing irons, water heaters, coffee machines with heating/hot plates, etc.
22. Any remotely controlled or autonomously flying devices, toys or drones
23. Self-balancing hover boards, air wheels, scooters, or Segway's
24. Compressed gas tanks, bottles, cylinders including dive tanks, propane tanks and large aerosol cans
25. Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB), ham radios, satellite phones, transformers, lasers and laser pointers
26. Any form of radio/ telephone signal jamming equipment
27. Samsung Note 7
28. Candles

#### **What are some commonly used cruise terms I should know?**

A few of the commonly used terms to get you ready to set sail.

- **Aft** - the back or near the back of the ship

- **Atrium** - the central court (or center area) of a cruise ship, usually rising through more than one story of the ship's interior
- **Berth** - a built-in bed or bunk, as in a ship's cabin or stateroom
- **Bow** - the very front of the ship
- **Bridge** - the navigational control center
- **Cabin or Stateroom Steward** - a person whose work is to take care of the guests aboard a ship.
- **Captain** - the person in command of a ship
- **Courtyard area** - another Norwegian exclusive that offers privacy and luxury for Suites and Villas guests. You will enjoy a private pool, hot tub, sundeck with Balinese lounges, a fitness area and aboard Norwegian Epic, two private restaurants and a bar.
- **Deck Plan** - an overhead diagram of the cabins and the public rooms
- **Disembark** - to unload (passengers or goods) from a ship
- **Dock** - where your ship 'parks' when in port
- **Family Villa with Balcony (2 bedroom)** - Exclusive to Jewel Class ships, these spacious suites sleep six with a private master bedroom and bath as well as a guest bedroom with bath and living and dining area.
- **Forward** - faces the front of the boat
- **Gangway** - allows you access on and off the ship
- **Garden Villa (3 bedroom)** - The largest suites at sea with up to 5,000 square feet of living space at the top of the ship.
- **Knot** - a nautical mile (see Nautical below)
- **Leeward** - the side of the ship that is out of or away from the wind
- **Midship** - the middle of the ship
- **Muster** - to come together or assemble aboard ship for inspection or roll call
- **Muster Station** - a specific location on ship to gather, based on stateroom assignment
- **Nautical** - of or having to do with sailors, ships, or navigation. A unit of speed of one nautical mile (6,076.12 feet or 1,852 meters) an hour: abbrev. kn or kt [to average a speed of 10 knots]
- **Pier** - a structure built out over the water and supported by pillars or piles: used as a landing place.
- **Port** - the left-hand side of a ship as one faces forward: opposed to starboard. Port - so named because the side toward the port (dock), since the steering oar (see starboard) prevented docking to the right.
- **Port of Call** - regular stopover(s) on a cruise itinerary.
- **Purser** - a ship's officer in charge of accounts, freight, tickets, etc., esp. on a passenger vessel. Important to you - a Purser takes responsibility for all money, transactions.
- **Port** - the left hand side of the ship while facing forward (bow). Easy to remember since "port" and "left" each have four letters.
- **Ship** - You always cruise on a "ship," never a "boat"
- **Spa Suite** - A luxurious suite only found aboard Norwegian Epic that features an ocean view whirlpool tub, balcony, complimentary, nearby access to the Thermal Suites at Mandara Spa and keycard access to the private Courtyard area
- **Starboard** - the right side of the ship while facing forward (bow).
- **Stateroom** - your cabin or berth
- **Stern** - the very back of the ship
- **Studios** - Norwegian Epic's private keycard access complex comprised of staterooms designed and priced for the solo traveler. Also includes access to the private Studio Lounge.
- **Studio Lounge** - A private lounge aboard Norwegian Epic reserved exclusively for Studio guests. This is a place to relax, watch TV, have a drink and meet fellow Studio guests.
- **Tender** - a boat for carrying passengers to or from a ship close to shore.
- **Windward** - on the side of the ship from which the wind blows; toward the wind

#### **What are the customs allowances?**

United States residents must declare all articles acquired abroad and in their possession when they return to the U.S. This includes items purchased in "duty-free" shops. The duty-free exemption allowed for purchases or gifts for returning U.S. residents varies, depending on how long they have been out of the U.S. and which countries they have visited. The standard exemption for U.S. residents who have been abroad more than 48 hours is \$600 - \$800 USD, which may include



one liter of alcohol (if you are at least 21), 100 cigars and 200 cigarettes. Residents returning to the U.S. from the U.S. Virgin Islands may bring \$1,200 USD worth of goods duty-free. The duty-free exemption for U.S. residents doesn't need to include items that are mailed back to the U.S.; those will be assessed for duty when they arrive. The duty-free exemption for a package mailed as a gift is \$100 USD; the exemption for a package marked for personal use is \$200 USD. Non-U.S. citizens should check with their local authorities for customs allowance information. For more specific customs information, be sure to attend the briefing by the Cruise Director before your ship reaches home port. (Check the NCL Freestyle Daily Planner for time and place.) You can also obtain information before you sail by contacting the nearest U.S. Customs office (look under United States Government, Department of Treasury in your local phone book). You can also visit the U.S. Customs website - [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov) - or call 1.202.927.6724 and ask for the brochure "Know Before You Go." Note: Bottles of liquor you purchase on board or ashore will be held in a secure area and delivered to your stateroom at the conclusion of the cruise. U.S. Citizens and residents are not allowed to bring more than 200 cigarettes into the U.S. if they are produced in the U.S., whether made for export or not.

### **Disembarkation**

Passengers are disembarked in order of earliest flight times off the ship first. The Information Desk arranges/plans the disembarkation process during the actual voyage, for the end of that voyage. It can take up to three hours to disembark the ship. This is approximate, depending on customs, security, etc. It is sometimes possible to leave the ship earlier for early flights, or have delayed disembarkation for late flights. For early or delayed disembarkation please see the Information Desk on board.

Since all suitcases are collected the night before we return home, don't forget to pack an overnight bag with a change of clothes, shoes, prescriptions, valuables, and need-to-have items. You will receive new numbered luggage tags on board to attach to your luggage for debarkation.

This ship arrives back into Port at 7:00 a.m., but we won't begin disembarkation until later that morning. The ship must be cleared by customs before anyone can disembark. Please make sure you follow the instructions given by the NCL crew carefully, or this may prevent leaving in a timely manner. Once you leave the ship you will locate your luggage (make sure your name is on it as many look alike). You will need to fill out a Customs Declaration Form (which will be provided to you) while on board and present it to the Customs Inspector. If you have transportation vouchers the buses will be at the Pier. You should first retrieve all of your luggage before proceeding to the buses.

Claims for luggage loss or damage must be made in writing to the debarkation personnel prior to leaving the pier area.

## **SECURITY TIPS**

*As you are probably aware, most airlines are charging for checked bags per person. Some airlines offer a discount of the checked bag cost if you prepay this on line within 24 hours before your flight. This may cause the overhead compartments on the planes to get full, and could possibly force you to check a carry-on bag if there is not room on the plane.*

*Check in as soon as your airline allows this (usually 24 hours before departure). Many airlines will let you check in on line and print your boarding passes. Or check in by phone. Rumor is that if you don't check in early you may lose your seat.*

## **WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE**

*Re airlines. Basically, it said that many carriers can make customers pay up when they show up late. Missing a flight can cost hundreds of dollars. It pays to know your airline's policies because many will give you a break if you know how to ask. Most airlines let you go standby on a later flight, but if that means traveling the next day, some airlines will hit you with change fees and even higher fares -- especially if you admit that your tardiness is the result of something in your control (such as oversleeping, for example), as opposed to a traffic jam or a tunnel closure. And if you switch to another airline, your reservation for your return flight may get canceled automatically. If you miss your flight and you change carrier's - there's a catch. If you do hop on another carrier, you have to let your original airline know that you'll still want to use your return ticket, and you may have to fight to keep it.*

## **ANOTHER INTERESTING ARTICLE RE IDENTITY THEFT**

*Be careful where you discard your boarding pass stub. Apparently this little stub is coded with your personal information, such as your frequent flyer number, your passport number, your date of birth and nationality, and sometimes more !*

## **SAFETY**

*Be Careful What You Leave In Your Car...We have a safety tip for you. Don't leave materials that contain your address (such as auto registration) and your garage door opener in your car at the airport. If someone breaks into your car and you have left your address and garage door opener, it would be very easy for someone to make himself or herself welcome in your home while you are out of town.*

*Depending on where you are traveling, tourists who stand out as "rich Americans" are often targeted by pickpockets, even in safe ports. Don't carry your money in your hip pocket wallet or easily grabbed purses. Take only as much money as you will need for the day and tuck an extra \$20 in your shoe for emergencies. Leave valuable, excess cash and unneeded credit cards in your safe in your stateroom while in ports. Be aware, be prepared, then enjoy yourself and absorb new experiences.*

## **OTHER TIPS**

*Customers with checked baggage should check with the airport you are departing from for their guidelines. Most airports recommend you arrive 1-1/2 hours before flight departure for domestic flights. In most instances, the baggage check-in cut-off time remains at 30 minutes before departure. Travelers are expected to be at the gate in time for loading at least 30 minutes before departure. Many aircraft doors will be closed 10 minutes prior to departure. Following these tips will help you reduce your wait time at the security checkpoint.*

*Familiarize yourself with individual airport and airline policies regarding security procedures as local rules and regulations may vary from destination to destination. To access wait time information for all U.S. airports, queries are available via the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) website at <http://waittime.tsa.dhs.gov/index.html> Additionally, visit individual airport websites for more information. For a list of all the guidelines, such as 3-1-1- for Carry-On's, prohibited items, etc., see this website: <http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/>*

Leave gifts unwrapped. They may be opened for inspection.	
Avoid wearing clothing, jewelry, and accessories, belt buckles, and under-wire bras, that contain metal. Metal items may set off the alarm on the metal detector. It is recommended that you remove your shoes, belt and any type of coat, and place it in a bin. Choose comfortable shoes that are easy to remove. Place the following items <b>IN</b> your carry-on baggage prior to entering the screening checkpoint: Mobile phones (otherwise, label your laptop and cell phone with owner contact information), keys, loose change, money clips, PDA's, pagers, large amounts of jewelry, metal hair decorations, large belt buckles. Take your laptop and video cameras with cassettes <b>OUT</b> of their cases and place them in a bin provided. Take <b>OFF</b> your outer coats, suite coats, jackets, or blazers.	
Pack Smart: Per the TSA's security requirement, the following items are not allowed: knives of any kind made from any material on its flights. In addition, cutting instruments of every kind are banned in the stateroom. Do not bring lighters, matches, knives, scissors with pointed tips, or other sharp objects in your carry on. Items such as baseball/softball bats, golf clubs, pool cues, ski poles and hockey sticks are prohibited in the stateroom. In addition, irons, heating pads and candles are prohibited in your stateroom. Permitted items: include walking canes, umbrellas (once inspected), nail clippers, safety razors (including disposable razors) syringes, tweezers, knitting needles and eyelash curlers. You are permitted by NCL to bring a radio, CD or cassette player, but the ship requests that headphones or ear pieces be used in public areas. Do not over-pack bags. If screeners have to open them, closing over-stuffed bags can be difficult and result in delays. It is suggested that you not pack in your checked luggage the following: Camera, Camcorder, jewelry, money, important documents, breakable items, or other valuables. Also, check airline policies for information on maximum weight limitations, size limitations, and number of bags permitted for check-in and carry-on.	
Put all undeveloped film and cameras with film in your carry-on baggage. Checked baggage screening equipment will damage undeveloped film.	
Carry-on baggage is usually limited to one carry-on bag plus one personal item with most airlines. Personal items include laptops, purses, small backpacks, briefcases, or camera cases. Again, check with your airline to verify this information.	
Place identification tags in and on all of your baggage, including your stateroom number.	
Keep your claim checks for checked luggage as many airports have increased inspection at the carousels.	
Double check seat back pockets and around your seat before departing your aircraft.	
<b>TSA Recognized Baggage Locks</b> We all sometimes need a little extra sense of security, but before you lock your bag, make sure it's a TSA accepted lock. Every bag is screened before it's placed on any airplane. While technology allows TSA to electronically screen bags, there are times when they need to physically inspect a piece of luggage. If a bag is locked, they are allowed to cut the lock off. That's where recognized locks come in. They worked in partnership with several companies to develop locks which offer you security without interrupting the security offered. These locks are normally available at airports and travel stores nationwide. Before you buy a lock for your bag, make sure to use a TSA accepted one. Look for these symbols to make sure you have the right lock.	
 <small>Protected by US Patents 7,881,597 and 7,036,728</small>	

**SUGGESTED CHECKLIST OF ITEMS TO BRING OR DO**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Bring phone numbers for airline, cruise line, hotels, and travel agent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Give the hotel and cruise line phone number to a family member or friend in case of emergency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bring travel documents (passport, airline confirmations, hotel confirmations, cruise documents)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leave <u>copies</u> of your passport, airline tickets, travelers checks & credit cards with a family member or a friend in case of theft. Don't pack these documents in your check-on luggage– carry them with you. It is suggested you have contact information for credit cards you will be travelling with in case of loss or theft.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete the cruise documents and the onboard credit card application forms before you arrive at the cruise check-in desk
<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirm flights the day before
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small bills for tipping at airports and ports
<input type="checkbox"/>	Addresses (for postcards) and stamps
<input type="checkbox"/>	Telephone calling cards (you might want to set up an email account if you don't have one)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aspirin, Antacids, Medications, First Aid Supplies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motion sickness patch or armband, or pills
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vitamins
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescriptions (in original bottles) Pack a written list of your medications, including the name of the drug, dosage and times taken. If you have an ongoing medical condition, ask your family doctor to write up your brief medical history, which you can take with you and provide in the event of a problem.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health Insurance card(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Binoculars
<input type="checkbox"/>	Calculator (for conversion) (extra batteries)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Camera, Camcorder, accessories, film (extra batteries)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eyeglasses or reading glasses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunglasses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hat / Visor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small sewing kit (safety pins and rubber bands can be useful) No sharp pointed scissors
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small amount of laundry detergent if you want to hand wash any clothing, stain remover stick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunscreen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moisturizer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Umbrella and/or rain gear (rain coat can be a great windbreaker, too)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacket or sweater
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio, iPod, CD player (don't forget extra batteries or cables)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Books or reading material
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra thin lightweight hangers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clothes pins are helpful to hang wet clothes in the shower
<input type="checkbox"/>	Earplugs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gel inserts for dance shoes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra bags to put damp clothing in when packing to come home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Some like to bring a battery operated lighted alarm clock. Some like to bring a nightlight or flashlight
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bring some air freshener along for the bathroom
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack a water bottle so you can bring water from the ship onshore or carry around the ship. Fill it at the buffet, store it in your mini-fridge.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Some people like to bring their favorite coffee mug or drink container to carry around the ship
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shoppers might want to bring an expandable shopping bag
<input type="checkbox"/>	Theme clothes if appropriate

**VACATION CHECKLIST**

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>HOME / PERSONAL</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TRIP</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Watering: Plants and lawn</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Travel insurance documentation</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Pet Care: Feeding and water</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Get traveler's checks (and/or foreign monies if needed)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Put lights and/or radio on timer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Refill prescriptions</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Change thermostat settings</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Luggage: Repair/replace</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Unplug appliances, etc., adjust thermostat &amp; Water Heater</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Advise credit card companies of destinations, check card limits</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Suspend home delivery, newspapers, mail</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Itinerary &amp; Emergency cruise line</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Store important papers &amp; valuables in safe or safety deposit box (legal documents, cash, jewelry, etc.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Keys left with: _____ (Keep set in your carry on luggage)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Pay bills</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Auto Check</i>		<i>Confirm reservations</i>	
<i>Tires, batteries, belts, fluids</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Airline(s)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Tune-up</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Hotel</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Maps</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Car rental</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Cruise On Line Boarding Pass and eDoc ticket</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>