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## **Day One of Your Cruise— What Can You Expect?**

by  
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Planning and packing are over. You anticipate embarking on your first cruise. Is this exhilarating—or intimidating? What exactly can you expect?

Keep in mind your embarkation day cannot really begin until the departing cruise guests and their luggage are cleared from the ship. Their debarkation process can be drawn-out—like a large traffic jam. While last week's passengers make their way reluctantly down the gangway, staff and crew ready the ship for your sailing. By the time the last straggler departs, trucks are arriving at the dock with provisions. Much heavy work goes on behind the scenes. Staterooms and public lounges are thoroughly cleaned and straightened. A steady stream of supplies and luggage are brought aboard. There can even be an exchange of crew members—some leave while others arrive.

This turn-around procedure is carefully choreographed—like the most intricate ballet.

Arriving from the airport, or your hotel—by bus transfer, taxi or car—you will first encounter baggage handlers. These are not cruise line employees and they **do** expect a tip—a couple of dollars per suitcase is sufficient. Show them your cruise ticket and picture ID for verification and security purposes. Be sure your ship's luggage tags are securely fastened to your suitcases before you hand them over.

Cruise line shoreside staff mill about and point you in the right direction—easily recognizable wearing official looking uniforms with name tags. Often, they carry a clipboard. Once inside the terminal, you might encounter a check-in line. Actual boarding time is usually scheduled for noon but some cruise lines begin processing early arrivals...and then direct them to a "holding" area. During check-in, you are asked to produce your cruise documents, any forms you were sent to complete ahead of time, proof of citizenship, and a credit card (to pay for your on board charges). Then you are issued a boarding card which often doubles as your stateroom "key" and shipboard charge card.

At some point—either before you enter the check-in area or before proceeding to the ship—you and your hand luggage will pass through a security procedure, similar to airports.

You are anxious to get on board and begin your vacation. This is not the time and place to get cranky if you have to wait. Keep in mind, you cannot board until the ship is ready for you.

Once boarding begins, you will probably have your first experience with the ship's photographer. You will be asked to pose for an embarkation picture. It only takes a second...so smile. You are under no obligation to purchase any photos taken during the cruise—but they are a nice souvenir.

Congratulations! You are On Board! Your cruise has begun. Procedures vary somewhat once you are greeted by the staff lined up just inside the ship's hull. Once again you have to produce your picture ID and boarding card for the security officer. Depending on your cruise line, you may be directed to your cabin—or a steward will take your carry on luggage and accompany you. Stewards on deluxe cruise lines not only show you the way, but hand you a glass of champagne as a welcome aboard gesture.

Check out your stateroom and make sure everything is in order. You should find life jackets on the bed (ready for the muster drill later). There is a copy of the ship's daily schedule. Take a few moments to look over the schedule—you'll want to know what time the muster drill takes place. The placard on the back of your cabin door indicates directions to your emergency station. You will want to know the meal hours and schedule for various activities and entertainment.

Rented tuxedos are either hanging in the closet or will be delivered sometime during the afternoon. Bon Voyage gifts sent by your friends or travel agent usually appear as well. Be patient if you expect deliveries, particularly on large ships. Stewards participate in the ship's turn-around and are extremely busy. Yours will no doubt introduce himself at the first available opportunity. It will be awhile before your checked luggage arrives. So...go and enjoy the welcome aboard buffet. Bring along your daily schedule to look at while you eat.

On your way to the buffet, you may notice bar waiters offering trays of colorful and exotic "Bon Voyage" drinks—often in souvenir glasses you can keep. Beware!—they are not complimentary! If you choose one, you'll be asked to sign for it. Again, like the photos, you're under no obligation to purchase. However, the glasses are fun souvenirs.

Do your plans include going on shore excursions and indulging in spa treatments? The most popular tours sometimes sell out and spas can be very busy during sea days. So your next stop should be the Shore Excursion Desk to book tours...and the Spa to make appointments—unless of course you have had the foresight to reserve these in advance.

Your dining room seating assignment is another matter. Check the main dining room and see where your table is located. If it's not to your liking, or if you requested a large table and find yourself assigned to a small one, you need to see the Head Waiter. He will be stationed in a lounge with his charts handy to make changes—the daily schedule

will indicate where and when you can find him.

For the rest of the afternoon into early evening—enjoy other introductory activities—tours of Spa and Fitness Center, port and shopping talks...casino gaming lessons are available. Of course, there is the compulsory Muster Drill—followed by sailaway festivities on the pool deck.

Late afternoon or early evening, your luggage will arrive. Now you can unpack, settle into your cabin and prepare for dinner. A word of advice—just in case your luggage doesn't arrive before dinner, have your toiletries and appropriate attire in your carry-on so you can freshen up and change. The dress code is always casual on your first evening of a cruise.

A highlight of embarkation day is your first dinner in the main restaurant where you meet your waitstaff and tablemates. Order whatever you like from the menu of appetizers, salads, soups, and entrees, but save room for dessert! Other than iced tea, coffee, hot tea, and water, beverages in the dining room are not complimentary.

After dinner the entire ship becomes alive with action. The casino, shops, and lounges are all open to greet you. The Cruise Director introduces his staff at the Welcome Aboard show in the main theater—shows are scheduled to coordinate with dining seatings.

Back in your stateroom for the night. Your steward has straightened things up during your absence. The ice bucket is filled, there are fresh linens in the bathroom, the bed is turned down. Your next day's activities schedule is on the bed. And your steward has placed a chocolate on your pillow. Sweet dreams...



## Oh...We Sail the Ocean Blue... and our Saucy Ship's a Beauty...

**Adventures at Sea!...**Where does your imagination take you when you daydream of your ideal vacation? Do you visit the sunny beaches of the Caribbean? The emerald islands of Hawaii? The storied and colorful cities of Europe? The style and glamour of the Mediterranean? Whichever your pleasure, a cruise can fulfill your dreams like no other vacation. Visit port after port, island after island, city after city. Take a cruise—pour all your adventures into one great trip...and only unpack once!

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#### **Lisbon to Miami Cruise**

**14 nights from \$895 (USD)**—Experience an incredible 14 day journey across the Atlantic Ocean. Explore historic ports of call—just like the early navigators. Oceania Cruises offers you a more intimate cruise vacation featuring the finest cuisine at sea, one of the industry's highest staff-to-guest ratios and a sophisticated yet non-stuffy ambiance. Book before September 30, 2003 and receive 2 for 1 air and cruise fares on this special transatlantic voyage.

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#### **Canada and New England Cruise**

**5 nights, Balcony stateroom, from \$679 (USD)**—Visit a land brimming over with history. Set sail on a 5-night vacation aboard the Serenade of the Seas from New York. You will visit the amazing ports of Bar Harbor, Maine and Halifax, Nova Scotia. Before and after your spectacular cruise, explore the world's most fascinating city—New York. Catch a show, sample some of the finest cuisine or just see the sights. It's all up to you. In Bar Harbor, experience

the magnificence of Acadia National Park and the breathtaking scenery of the Park Loop Road. Walk along the rocks in Halifax. View the craggy coastline with its bold glacier-formed outcroppings of granite and its impressive lighthouse.

## Hawaii

### 7 Night Hawaii Cruise

**7 nights, Balcony stateroom, from \$1099 (USD)**—Discover the diverse beauty of remote islands anchored in the sun-drenched Pacific Ocean. Hawaii is a study of contrasts—fiery volcanoes, black-lava deserts and white snowcapped mountains. Oahu has a climate renowned as the best on the planet. Maui boasts magnificent dormant volcanoes, cascading waterfalls, miles of golden sand beaches and sensational snorkeling and diving. Kauai, with its moist tropical air, profusion of exotic birds and flowers and fairy-tale rainbows, lures with man-made delights including beautiful and challenging golf courses.

## Mexico

### Sea of Cortez Cruise

**7 nights, Verandah stateroom, from \$999 (USD)**—Jubilant trumpets of a mariachi band—a culture as warm and colorful as its sunsets—the whisper of waves lapping secluded sandy beaches. Mexico is calling! Answer with this festive 7-day cruise from San Diego. Visit the popular seaside resorts of the Mexican Riviera aboard a luxurious, five-star Holland America ship.

## California

### Behind the Scenes — Premium Wine Country Experience

**4 nights from \$999 (USD)**—Immerse yourself in the wonderful world of California wine. Experience a leisurely cruise that takes you deep into the famed Napa and Sonoma wine valleys. You will enjoy tastings and interactive discussions about the history, mystery and delicacies of wine. Your cruise includes visits to the wineries of Artesa, Benziger, St. Supéry, Schramsberg, Markham, and Viansa.

## Constellation

### Southern Caribbean Cruise from San Juan

**7 nights, Veranda stateroom, from \$900 (USD)**—It's twilight on the islands. The setting sun reflects off the ocean in a blaze of orange and scarlet. The sound of steel drums echoes through cobblestone streets. You walk along a sparkling beach. Palm fronds whisper in the silken breeze. You stroll velvety sands, wander through an emerald rain forest. and snorkel in crystal-clear waters. Experience the intoxicating spell of the Caribbean.

## Wind Spirit

### 7-Night Caribbean Cruise

**7 nights from \$1295 (USD)**—Each beautiful day unfurls like the crisp white sails of your spectacular yacht. You can sleep late and enjoy breakfast in bed. Warm breezes beckon and you eye a deserted cove nearby. Teak decking, rich wood interiors, an attentive service staff, intimate surroundings, eclectic artwork. Exceptional signature cuisine features both light and vegetarian menu selections and an extensive wine list. Extraordinary elements—synonymous with Windstar.

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### SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Accommodation	
DAY 1	Merrion Hotel
DAY 2	Merrion Hotel
DAY 3	Merrion Hotel
DAY 4	Mount Juliet House
DAY 5	Caragh Lodge
DAY 6	Caragh Lodge
DAY 7	Caragh Lodge
DAY 8	Dromoland Castle
DAY 9	Dromoland Castle
DAY 10	Ashford Castle
DAY 11	Ashford Castle
DAY 12	Ashford Castle
DAY 13	Depart

### PRICING

#### Driver guide

Tour Length: 10-Day Tour  
 Number of Passengers: 4  
 Transportation: Luxury Mini-Coach & Driver  
 First Class Hotels Land Only Nov - April : \$1759  
 Deluxe Hotels Land Only Nov - April : \$2999  
 First Class Hotels Land Only May - Oct : \$1799  
 Deluxe Hotels Land Only May - Oct : \$3359  
 \*Air inclusive rates subject to availability at time of booking

#### Self Drive

Tour Length: 10-Day Tour  
 Number of Passengers: 2  
 Transportation: Clio or Similar  
 First Class Hotels Land Only Nov - April : \$999  
 Deluxe Hotels Land Only Nov - April : \$2259  
 First Class Hotels Land Only May - Oct : \$1099  
 Deluxe Hotels Land Only May - Oct : \$2659  
 \*Air inclusive rates subject to availability at time of booking

### Detailed Day By Day Itinerary

#### Day 1: Arrive Ireland

Enjoy a Private Car transfer to your down town Dublin hotel. Relax after your journey. Perhaps enjoy a Horse and Carriage ride through some of Dublin's historic Georgian Squares or Walk through the Temple Bar area, which is fast becoming Dublin's Left Bank!



#### Day 2: Dublin

Today explore Dublin City. Highlights include Trinity College and Dublin Castle. Stroll down Grafton Street, Dublin's premier shopping area. All the side streets off Grafton St. team with fashionable restaurants so you may sample cuisine from around the world. Visit St. Stephen's Green, Europe's oldest and most beautiful Georgian Square. Maybe fit in a visit to the Guinness Brewery at St. James' Gate. Walk through the Temple Bar area, which is fast becoming Dublin's Left Bank.



#### Day 3: Wicklow



Full day tour to Wicklow, the "Garden of Ireland". Explore one of the most famous and enchanting places in Ireland, Glendalough (the valley of the two lakes) which is home to some of Ireland's oldest and most interesting monastic ruins. The spectacular hidden mountains and barren boglands at Sally Gap will leave you breathless.



#### **Day 4: Dublin City**

Today visit the Guinness Hop Store, which is almost a pilgrimage for many. The home of Ireland's national beer welcomes visitors with a museum, video, and drink. Arthur Guinness began brewing the famous stout here in 1759. By 1868 it was the biggest brewery in the world. Today the sprawling brewery fills several city blocks. Around the world Guinness brews over 10 million glasses a day. You can learn as much or as little about the brewing process as you like. And on the way out, don't forget to turn in your coupon for a half-pint of the real thing.



#### **Day 5: Waterford**

This morning visit Kilkenny, Ireland's best example of a medieval town. It is beautifully situated on the river Nore, which forms the moat of its magnificently restored castle. Arrive at Waterford and visit the famous Crystal Factory to see how the renowned pieces of glass are created. Each piece is hand blown and carefully sculpted.



#### **Day 6: Cork - Killarney**

Tour Cork City and include a visit to the Shandon Bells, the gothic style University College, St Finbarr's Cathedral, City Market and the Crawford Art Gallery. Perhaps head to Blarney to see the castle and kiss the famous stone. Shop at the Blarney Woolen Mills. Perhaps take in a cookery demonstration in the afternoon.



#### **Day 7: Kerry, Killarney**

Today tour the world famous Ring of Kerry. For centuries artists and writers have celebrated this kingdom of Kerry, where the contrasting mountain, lake, and coastal scenery is at its most spectacular. This trip promises some of the most celebrated, scenic attractions in Ireland, rugged landscapes, antiquities and attractive villages. From Waterville you can see the Skellig Islands, once raided by the Vikings in 810 AD, this former monastery is now home to one of the biggest gannet colonies in the world.



#### **Day 8: Gap of Dunloe, Killarney**

Drive to the Gap of Dunloe, see Kate Kearney's Cottage and Muckcross House. Visit the lakes of Killarney situated in Killarney National Park. Lough Leane, the largest of the Lakes of Killarney has approximately 30 islands nestled in its waters. Perhaps the best general view of the lake may be had from Aghadoe.



#### **Day 9: Bunratty, Adare**

Stop at Bunratty Castle, built in 1425, carefully restored with authentic furniture, stained glass and tapestries. Bunratty Folk Park is a recreation of a typical 19th century Irish Village including thatched cottages. Continue onto Adare, Ireland's theme village. This lovely village has many original thatched cottages, interesting monastic ruins, riverside walks and craft shops.



### Day 10: Cliffs of Moher & Galway / Optional Add-on Tour

Transfer to Shannon Airport for your flight back to the U.S, or continue your tour of Ireland. Optional Add-on Tour: En route visit the Cliffs of Moher which stretch dramatically 700 feet above the Atlantic. We recommend a stop at Ailwee Cave to see the underground river and waterfall. Explore Co. Clare to the lunar-like Burren region, famous for its unique flora and fauna, geology, and archaeology.



### Day 11: Connemera

Tour wonderful Connemara, the western region of County Galway, and one of Ireland's gaeltacht (Irish speaking) regions. The area around Leenane and Cong is where the movie 'The Quiet Man' was made with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. There are a number of charming fishing villages dotted along the coast where you may wish to stop for lunch. Visit Kylemore Abbey.



### Day 12: Aran Islands

This morning, visit the Aran Islands. Take a ferry to Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands. The island is dissected by winding, hilly lanes that meander between mazes of stone walls, enclosing fields of pasture or potatoes. The island houses the ruins of four prehistoric forts, and its north side is liberally dotted with the ruins of monastic sites and old churches.



### Day 13: Shannon

After Breakfast, transfer to Shannon Airport for your flight back to the U.S.



#### LOCAL SIGHTS INCLUDE

Local sights include The Cliffs of Moher extend along the majority of county Clare's coastline. There are towers at either end, from which you will get excellent panoramic views. With the luck of the Irish, you may even see as far as the Aran Islands. You will also see some of Ireland's most spectacular scenery on the Ring of Kerry and the Dingle Peninsula.

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Discover more of the Caribbean. This relatively small area amazes with diversity—in climate and landscape, in language, religion and customs, in history, and proud achievements in music, sports, art, medicine and education. Common strands run through the region, with a shared hospitality that reaches out to a newcomer, welcoming you home to a place you may never have been.



Destination-skipping or "island-hopping" is easy within the Caribbean as the islands lie close together. Inter-island ferries, ranging from old-fashioned schooners where visitors rub shoulders with islanders, fresh produce and crates—to modern hydrofoils that whisk you between islands in air-conditioned ease. Regional airlines crisscross the islands making inter-island touring uncomplicated. Short-hop commuter airline partners in the region widen your choice of destinations and schedules...and fly low for better sightseeing.

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## Relax Your Way To Wellness Grotta Guisti Terme Spa

Surrounded by a cultivated park in the Tuscan countryside, the Grotta Guisti Terme Hotel sits at the foot of a craggy mountain in Monsummano, Italy. The nineteenth-century restored villa, which houses the hotel, restaurant and spa, is oriented around a natural cave. Its underground lake is renowned for restorative healing powers.

This legendary cave is the heart of the Grotta Guisti experience. Discovered over 150 years ago, it is divided into three sections—Paradise, Purgatory and Inferno—each name based upon the warmth of the air's temperature. The area called Limbo holds a picturesque lake, with restorative mineral waters which maintains a constant 36°C temperature both in summer and winter. With 70 beautiful rooms, traditional Mediterranean cuisine and stunning decor, this resort spa exudes perfection.

Lounge in a comfortable beach chair alongside a lake while reading a book or just let warm air lull you to sleep? This is a typical experience at Grotta Guisti... If you want to focus on more than simply the surreal environment, sign up for several week-long programs with goal-oriented treatments, such as stress-reduction, weight loss, or anti-aging. Spa specialists include several physicians trained in dermatology and general medicine who consult with and help you achieve your health and beauty ideals. Try a thermal hydro-massage, aqua gymnastics or a cool mud treatment in one of several treatment rooms.



There are 67 rooms at the Grotta Guisti, each with a beautiful view of the surrounding park and landscaping. Furnished in a distinctly elegant European style, the rooms offer unexpected elements such as white marble bathrooms with thermal water, a television connected to the Internet and fluffy, white robes. You will also enjoy the Giusti room, a common room in the hotel with an enchanting frescoed ceiling and antique furniture. It is the perfect setting to relax, chat with other guests, or listen to music.

Cuisine at the Grotta Guisti is traditionally Mediterranean. Choose a selective, low-calorie meal program designed by a spa-knowledgeable specialist. All meals are served in the hotel's casually elegant restaurant, and utilize the freshest available ingredients from the surrounding area. The hotel bar is also a great place to socialize with other guests and try a sampling of famous local wines.

The Grotta Guisti is renowned for its amazing thermal experience. But if you who want to come above ground you also have plenty of activities to choose from. Surrounding the facility is a sunny outdoor pool and a serene park for long walks. Take advantage of the sun terrace, which is equipped for thermal hydromassage. The nearby 18-hole golf La Vecchia golf course offers a variety of golf/spa packages and there are tennis courts as well. Fitness classes are offered in swimming, strength training, and flexibility in the gymnasium. In the evenings, enjoy scheduled dancing and musical performances in the Guisti room.

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We are considering sometime this fall publishing again our **"The Soft Scuba Adventurer"** as a stand-alone webZine...like this one. We used to do this a few years back...before we started re-evaluating our efforts and our marketplace(s). Email us and let us know what you think. There may be some of you who are only interested in dive adventures. There may be some of you who are only interested in special, quality travel options. And there may be some of you who are interested in both dive adventures...and...special, quality travel options. Much to our dismay...**not** everybody is a diver...yet...



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- **No. of vessels:** One luxury cruise ship 42 or 52 passengers/ Two Purpose built Naiad dive boats
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- **Max number of divers:** 20 divers
- **Max number of dives:** 3 dives per day
- **Type of diving:** Wall, current, drop-offs, Coral gardens, Sharks(natural), Pelagics, Night, Photography, Drift dives and wreck dives

**What and where is the "Blue Lagoon"?**—Many people ask about the reference to Blue Lagoon. The company, Blue Lagoon Cruises was named after the original Hollywood movie of the same name starring Jean Simonds and Lloyd Bridges.

In addition, Blue Lagoon Cruises had a critical role in the remake of the movie starring Brooke Shields and Christopher Atkins. Blue Lagoon literally transported and accommodated the production company often assisting in the choice of locations using their vast, collective experience. The areas depicted in both movies are also broadly the areas where Blue Lagoon Cruises concentrates its cruises today!

**Why do some cruise lines explore the lower Yasawa islands whereas Blue Lagoon Cruises go all the way to the top of the island group?**—It's simple. The type of vessel dictates the capability of the cruise line to explore the further, more deserted regions of the Yasawas Islands. The entire Blue Lagoon Cruises range has been purposely built for ocean going conditions of Fijian waters, particularly around the Yasawa Islands. Other cruise lines do not sail as far around the Yasawa islands because their vessels are not as suitable for ocean going conditions.

**What is the main difference in a Blue Lagoon Cruise itinerary?**—Only Blue Lagoon Cruises owns a private island in the Yasawas. Nanuya Lai Lai is unspoiled and one of the best examples of a deserted beach, white sand, and blue azure water in Fiji. Because Blue Lagoon owns it, it remains clean and beautiful. It also allows Blue Lagoon to provide a unique, traditional and fun Fijian experience. On Nanuya Lai Lai, you participate in a traditional Lovo feast (earth oven) as well as a beach party with plenty of dancing and singing. The party keeps going until the last guest goes to bed!

**Why should you believe or trust Blue Lagoon Cruises?**—Good question. They are true to their word and deliver an experience which guests come back time and again to enjoy. They have been in business for 50 years. That's right, Blue Lagoon Cruises has been sailing around the Fijian islands for 50 years! No other cruise company in the South Pacific can boast this level of longevity—they expect to continue for another 50 years!

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