

Hi Fellow Beach Bums!!

I'm sure you are counting down the days now until you have your feet in the sand and a drink in your hand! ☺ Please read this VERY IMPORTANT Things to Know Before You Go from start to finish, so there are no last minute questions or confusion come morning of departure. I recommend printing it off and taking it with you to refer to as well while you are traveling as it's a good source for questions.

PASSPORTS: Passports are recommended but not required if you are cruising in and out of a US port. If you do not have a passport all passengers will need your birth certificate and passengers over the age of 16 will need a government issued photo ID.

- Beach Bum Vacation is not responsible for passports or proper identification required. You MUST check with the cruise line to ensure you have proper identification. For more information on how to get a passport: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: You were sent a link to check in for your cruise online. You MUST do this as once you check in, you'll be able to print your proper documentation you'll need to board the ship. If you booked any items, outside the cruise, please ensure you received the information.

AIRLINE CHECK-IN: Please check in with your airline TWO HOURS prior to flight departure time. Confirm your flights 24-hours prior to departure to ensure that everything is on time. Beach Bum Vacation is not responsible for airline schedule changes, lost luggage or delays.

AIRLINE PHONE NUMBERS:

- Delta: 800-221-1212
- American Airlines: 800-433-7300
- United: 800-864-8331
- Alaska Airlines: 800-426-0333
- Jet Blue: 800-538-2583
- For additional airline phone numbers, please click here: <http://www.tollfreeairline.com/>

SEATING: For extra leg room, ask for bulk head, handicap or emergency row seating when you're checking in, in person. Ensure you have assigned seats on all segments of your trip upon check in. There are options to pay for seats ahead of time direct with the airline. Please feel free to ask me any questions.

AIRLINE BOARDING PASSES: If I booked your flights for you, most of your airline tickets are electronic tickets, so just present your passport and/or form of identification at time of check in to your airline, and the airline will give you your boarding passes. If you were sent an actual paper ticket do not leave home without it!

TSA REGULATIONS: Please remember the 3-1-1 rule for carry-on luggage. No liquids over 3 ounces and all liquids must be in a 1 quart bag. For additional information/updates on TSA: <http://www.tsa.gov/>

LUGGAGE: I recommend packing as light as possible. Many/most airlines are now charging for luggage including the first bag. Fees can range \$25 to \$50 depending upon the airline. Please check your airline's website for luggage fee information. Cash, debit or credit cards are accepted for luggage

fees. Beach Bum Vacation is in no way responsible for airline luggage fees.

LUGGAGE TAGS: Make sure to specify your home address is on your bags and use the luggage tags issued by the cruise line. I recommend tying a ribbon on your suitcase that makes it easy for you to recognize as it comes off the luggage carousel. Please double check the tags before exiting Baggage Claim.

ONLINE CHECKIN Due to U.S Department of Homeland Security regulations for cruises departing from U.S ports, all cruise lines are required to submit a final departure manifest at least 60 minutes prior to departure. As a result of this regulation, guests are required to provide us with check-in information prior to embarkation. **The easiest and most convenient way to provide this information is to complete the Online Check-in process. Please do this at least 4 days prior to departure.** Failure to provide this information by 11:59pm ET the day prior to the sail date may result in delays at embarkation. All guests are required to check-in at embarkation at least 60 minutes prior to the published sailing time.

EMBARKATION DAY After everyone has boarded the ship there will be a drill so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency while sailing. Please do not be alarmed as this is just a drill. 😊

TIPPING: Tipping may not be included in your cruise package. You are able to pre pay your tips in advance if you would like to do this please let me know (or we may have done this already, just confirm on your confirmation), and I will take care of that for you. Otherwise you will receive a bill at the end of the cruise to pay gratuities and any other charges accrued on the cruise.

TOURS & EXCURSIONS: It is best to plan tours & excursions ahead of time on the cruise line's website by clicking already booked. You may also arrange upon arrival to the cruise ship. Note that availability is limited. You can also reserve select evening entertainment, dining reservations, and more if applicable.

ELECTRICITY: The ship runs on the same voltage as the US so no need to bring a converter for your curling irons ladies. Please

COMPUTERS: There is Wi-Fi on the ship however there is a charge for it.

CELL PHONES: Your cell phone will work if you have an international SIM card. I recommend calling your provider for international rates and roaming charges. Cell phone calls are very expensive, so I recommend not using them. Keep your phone in "airplane mode" to avoid downloading/roaming charges. **FACETIME/GOOGLE TALK/SKYPE/WHAT'S APP/VIBER.** I recommend turning your smart phone over to AIRPLANE MODE and leaving it there. You will be charged per MB that is downloaded to your email. You are able to use these apps when connected to the internet at the hotel. This is an easy way to contact home.

EXTRA CHARGES and CREDIT CARDS: The cruise line will run your credit card for authorization for couple hundred dollars to be credited immediately back to your account if not used. This opens up your room to charge things like drinks, phone calls, gift shop, excursions, and spa treatments. I recommend not using your debit card, as the hold on your funds can last up to 7 business days.

MONEY: American \$ is accepted in most ports of call in the Caribbean/North American so do not change your money. If you are traveling to anywhere else, you will need to exchange your money to the local currency. As for how much \$ you should take extra—depends on how much shopping and site seeing you

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are wanting to do, it's always a good idea to bring an extra \$400-\$500 (small bills) and leave it in the safe in your room. Also use your safe to store your jewelry, passports, wallet, cash, and purses. The resort does not have a problem with theft but I never trust anyone that has access to my room when it comes to my very important and valuable items, especially your passport!

SAFES: Use your safe for your jewelry, passports, lap tops, cameras, wallet, cash, and purses. The cruise line does not have a problem with theft, but I never trust anyone that has access to my room when it comes to my very important and valuable items! Beach Bum Vacation is not responsible for lost items.

DRESS CODE: Please check with your cruise online check in website to find out what the dress code is and if there are any special nights that has a different dress code. You will also be able to view this once you check in online.

Hopefully this helps give insight into what to expect. It's going to be a great time; I have no doubt! Please feel free to contact me with any last minute questions. It's been a pleasure working with you. I look forward to working with you in the future for your next vacation.

Thank you for choosing Beach Bum Vacation!