

Cunard cruise packing checklist

A comprehensive guide to ensure you're perfectly dressed for every occasion on your Cunard voyage.

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Essential documents

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Passport (valid for at least 6 months beyond your return date) | <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary visas for your itinerary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cunard cruise documents and boarding passes | <input type="checkbox"/> Vaccination records if required |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel insurance details | <input type="checkbox"/> Printed copies of shore excursion confirmations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit cards and small amount of local currency for ports | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency contact information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's license or secondary ID | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications list and doctor contact information |

Daywear essentials

- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes
- ☐ Casual t-shirts/polo shirts
- ☐ Shorts (for warm weather)
- ☐ Casual slacks/jeans (no rips or tears)
- ☐ Casual dresses/skirts (for women)
- ☐ Lightweight sweaters/cardigans (for air-conditioned areas)
- ☐ Sundresses (for women in warm weather)
- ☐ Swimwear (at least 2 sets to allow for drying)
- ☐ Cover-ups/sarongs for pool areas
- ☐ Casual shirts/blouses
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Sun hat/cap
- ☐ Lightweight jacket/windbreaker
- ☐ Athletic wear (if using fitness center)
- ☐ Sports shoes (for fitness activities)

Evening attire

Smart attire evenings

WOMEN

- ☐ Cocktail dresses
- ☐ Smart dresses
- ☐ Elegant separates (blouses/tops with skirts/trousers)
- ☐ Dressy jumpsuits
- ☐ Smart trouser suits
- ☐ Dress shoes/heels (comfortable)
- ☐ Evening bag/clutch
- ☐ Costume jewelry/accessories
- ☐ Wraps/pashminas for air-conditioned areas

MEN

- ☐ Collared shirts
- ☐ Smart trousers (not jeans)
- ☐ Blazers/jackets
- ☐ Optional ties
- ☐ Smart shoes (not sneakers)
- ☐ Dress socks
- ☐ Optional pocket squares

Gala evening attire

WOMEN

- ☐ Evening gowns/formal dresses
- ☐ Cocktail dresses
- ☐ Formal trouser suits
- ☐ Formal separates
- ☐ Evening shoes
- ☐ Formal clutch/evening bag
- ☐ Statement jewelry
- ☐ Hair accessories
- ☐ Evening wrap/stole

MEN

- ☐ Dinner jacket/tuxedo OR dark suit
- ☐ Formal white or black dress shirts
- ☐ Bow tie/formal necktie
- ☐ Cummerbund (optional)
- ☐ Formal shoes (black)
- ☐ Black dress socks
- ☐ Cufflinks
- ☐ Pocket square
- ☐ Optional formal watch

Themed gala evening items (if applicable)

BLACK AND WHITE BALL:

- ☐ Black/white formal wear or accessories
- ☐ Black/white jewelry

RED AND GOLD BALL:

- ☐ Red/gold accessories
- ☐ Red bow tie/cummerbund (men)
- ☐ Gold/red jewelry or accents (women)

ROARING 20S NIGHT:

- ☐ Art deco accessories
- ☐ Feathered headband/hair clip (women)
- ☐ Long pearl necklace (women)
- ☐ Suspenders/bow tie (men)
- ☐ Trilby hat (men, optional)

MASQUERADE BALL:

- ☐ Masquerade mask to match formal wear

Afternoon tea attire

- ☐ Smart day dress (women)
- ☐ Smart casual outfit (slightly dressier than regular daywear)
- ☐ Smart shoes (not flip-flops or deck shoes)

Climate-specific items

WARM WEATHER

- ☐ Lightweight clothing
- ☐ Sun protection (hat, sunscreen, sunglasses)
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Cooling spray/fan
- ☐ Light raincoat/travel umbrella

COOL WEATHER

- ☐ Warm layers
- ☐ Waterproof jacket
- ☐ Gloves/scarf/hat
- ☐ Thermal underwear (for very cold destinations)
- ☐ Waterproof footwear

Shore excursion gear

- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes
- ☐ Daypack/small backpack
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Binoculars (for scenic cruises)
- ☐ Small umbrella
- ☐ Lightweight jacket
- ☐ Cultural accessories (head coverings for religious sites)

Accoutrement

Personal items & accessories

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries in travel sizes | <input type="checkbox"/> Small umbrella |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetics and skincare | <input type="checkbox"/> Reusable tote bag for shopping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair styling tools and products | <input type="checkbox"/> Small sewing kit for emergency repairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal medications | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag for dirty items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel pillow for flights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smartphone and charger | <input type="checkbox"/> Refillable water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera and accessories | <input type="checkbox"/> Small flashlight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise-cancelling headphones | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tablet or laptop (if desired) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel adapter plugs | |

Handy extras

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small cross-body bag for port days | <input type="checkbox"/> Cunard loyalty program card (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ziploc bags (various sizes) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small first aid kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sticky notes (to leave notes for your steward) | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion sickness remedies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel-sized binoculars | <input type="checkbox"/> Highlighter for daily program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Portable phone charger | <input type="checkbox"/> Foldable tote for purchases |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of cruise itinerary | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel journal |

Packing quantities by cruise length

3-5 day cruise

- Smart attire outfits: 2-3
- Formal/Gala outfits: 1
- Daytime outfits: 3-5
- Shore excursion outfits: Based on itinerary

7-10 day cruise

- Smart attire outfits: 4-7
- Formal/Gala outfits: 2-3
- Daytime outfits: 5-7
- Shore excursion outfits: Based on itinerary

10+ day cruise

- Smart attire outfits: 7+
- Formal/Gala outfits: 3-4
- Daytime outfits: 7-10
- Consider using the onboard laundry service to refresh clothes

Pro packing tips

- 1. Mix and match:** Choose a color scheme to maximize outfit combinations
- 2. Layer effectively:** Bring items that can be layered for different temperatures
- 3. Pack versatile items:** Select pieces that can transition from day to evening
- 4. Roll clothing:** Save space and reduce wrinkles by rolling clothes
- 5. Use packing cubes:** Keep different types of clothing organized
- 6. Remember the laundry:** Cunard ships offer self-service laundry facilities
- 7. Formal wear care:** Pack formal attire carefully to avoid wrinkles
- 8. Accessories matter:** Pack accessories that can transform outfits
- 9. Shoes are important:** Bring comfortable shoes for day and elegant ones for evening
- 10. Don't overpack:** Leave some room for purchases during your voyage

Remember: It's better to be slightly overdressed than underdressed on a Cunard cruise!

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