



River Cruise Travel Guide

Traveling To & From

Airport Procedures - Be sure to check in for your flights about 12-24 hours prior to travel through the online app or website.

Arrival Procedures - At customs, your passport will be verified, and you'll be asked about your reason for travel – for vacation and leisure, of course!

Getting Around

Transfers – If you elected to have a transfer company take you from the airport to your hotel, locate your driver who most likely has your name on a sign near the designated pick-up area at the airport.

Cabs -Cabs are a great way of getting around in-destination should you have some free time. You may even find Uber and rentals scooters in some countries.

Buses - If bus tickets are included in your river cruise package, your tickets will be distributed by the tour conductor. You will be provided with directions to obtaining your admission passes. If bus tours weren't included in your package, you can hop on the bus by purchasing an admission pass by the day or by the ride.

Walking Around – Around your hotel, you'll find plenty of shops, pubs, restaurants, etc.

Currency

Cash - The euro is commonly used during river cruise trips. It's a great idea to exchange cash at your bank for a small fee prior to your trip, rather than at the airport, at the hotel, or in destination for a larger exchange fee.

Credit - Call your card company and banks before you travel to advise them of your travel dates and destinations. Some fees and restrictions may apply. Please note that sometimes you can use international ATMs for a fee.

Tipping – Tipping is a polite gesture aboard river cruises. Consider a 10-15% tip, but when in doubt of culture, check with servers, locals, or your river cruise staff.

Communications

Language – Official spoken languages will vary by destination, so be sure to check what language you'll want to know key words in. You can also bring along a translation guide or download a few apps.

Cell Phones – Be sure to let your cell phone provider know of your travels. International travel packages may need to be purchased for service.

Packing for Your Trip

Clothing – Pack mindful layers, knowing the seasons, heat, and potential winds. Be sure to prioritize proper footwear. The style is best described as active by day and neat, but comfortable for the evenings. Evenings can get cooler so jackets are recommended. Some formal evenings may occur depending on your itinerary.

Accessories – In addition to your walking shoes, you may want to bring hats to stay out of the sun and your own refillable water bottles. Be sure to leave any valuables at home or in your room safe.

Bagging Arrangements - Bring a daytime backpack for your belongings and any souvenirs you pick up along the way.

Staying healthy

Activities – Be prepared for high activity levels. Walking in Greece is quite the adventure for even the most active of travelers. Pace yourself and listen to your body.

Hydration – Keeping yourself hydrated is crucial. While you may not feel the effects of the heat right away, dehydration can quickly catch up to you.

Be smart in the sun – Here there's a potentially harsher sun, much comparable to a desert terrain. Wear sunscreen and proper sun protection gear like hats and sunglasses.

Technology

Internet – Some areas provide public Wi-Fi like in restaurants and hotels. Your river cruise may have onboard internet service sometimes at an additional cost if not included already. Keep in mind if you're cruising, the connection can be spotty while on the waters.

Electricity – Bring along a European converter adapter to plug in your devices. A power bank is also a great idea. If you're cruising, check with your cruise line to see the recommended outlet extenders for potential no-surge policies.

Emergencies

Emergency Number - Always check for destination-specific emergency numbers, but your river cruise manager, front desk, and guides will also be aware of it for emergencies or if you'd like to double-check.

US Embassy - For the official list of U.S. Embassy locations, check here for your destinations: <https://www.usembassy.gov/>