

SMALL CHILD PACKING

Suggestions

Infants & Toddlers

Before booking your cruise, be sure to confirm the guidelines for your specific cruise line. Most have minimum age requirements for passengers (i.e., six months or older by sail date).

When planning a trip that includes infants or toddlers, you will focus on ensuring all of their needs are met. Most of the items below are not available onboard. Those that are available be will be quite expensive.

Essentials

- Diapers
- Bottles/formula/cleaning supplies
- Baby food/pre-packaged snacks
- Infant/toddler medication, thermometer, first aid
- Extra clothing, laundry detergent for hand washing
- Special blanket, stuffed animal, pacifier
- Compact stroller or baby carrier

Young Children

Cruise lines have excellent children's programs which typically begin around age 3-4. Check out the program offers on the very first day so that you are aware of opportunities and any essential guidelines.

Essentials

- Extra clothing, laundry detergent
- Pre-packaged snacks
- Children's medication, thermometer, first aid
- Special blanket, stuffed animal
- Fun magnets to use on stateroom walls (barnyard animals, etc.)
- Small games or favorite shows downloaded to a tablet for use without wifi

Packing tips: It can be helpful to pack with packing cubes. For example, you can assign all swimwear to one cube. You'll likely all go swimming together. You can do the same for pajamas, etc. Alternatively, it can be very handy to create a day's clothing for your child and place it in a labeled ziplock - "**Grace - Monday**", or "**Connor-Tuesday**." This can be a great way to ensure that you have planned for each day of your cruise! Remember, go for comfort!

