



THE ULTIMATE CRUISE PACKING LIST

British Isles

Cruise Packing List

The British Isles serve up four seasons in a single day — sun, wind, and sideways rain, often before lunch. This is your complete checklist for staying warm, dry, and dinner-ready from the Norwegian Fjords to Dublin, Edinburgh, and beyond.

◆ CAPTAIN'S NOTES — PACK SMART FOR THE ISLES

- › Dress in layers — you'll add and shed them all day long.
- › Waterproof jacket *and* shoes are non-negotiable — it rains often.
- › A small fold-up umbrella beats a big one in the coastal wind.
- › Bring a proper coat year-round; weather turns fast, especially in Scotland.
- › Ships have both UK & US sockets — pack adapters for each.
- › Even Britain sees sun — toss in sunscreen just in case.

1 Documents & Money

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| ☐ Passport (valid 6 months after the trip) | ☐ Printed cruise tickets / e-tickets |
| ☐ Travel insurance confirmation | ☐ Printed luggage tags (in waterproof holders) |
| ☐ Credit/debit cards (+ notify your bank) | ☐ Cash in GBP & EUR for taxis & tips |
| ☐ Driver's license / government photo ID | ☐ Passport copies (digital + give one to family) |
| ☐ Printed boarding passes & flight info | ☐ Hotel & transfer confirmations |

2 Embarkation-Day Carry-On *keep this with you — your bags arrive later*

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| ☐ Passport & wallet | ☐ Medications (in hand luggage, not checked) |
| ☐ Phone & camera + chargers | ☐ Cruise documents & photo ID |
| ☐ Car & house keys | ☐ A change of clothes |
| ☐ Sunglasses | ☐ Refillable water bottle |
| ☐ Valuables (laptop, tablet, jewelry) | ☐ Lanyard for your keycard |

Clothing

LAYER, LAYER, LAYER

Quantities below suit a 7-night sailing — scale up or down for your itinerary and your cruise line's dress code.

3 Tops & Layers

- ☐ 7 T-shirts / tops (mix casual + dinner)
- ☐ 3 sweaters, jumpers or hoodies
- ☐ 2–3 long-sleeve shirts for layering
- ☐ 1–2 cardigans / pullovers
- ☐ Lightweight fleece or pullover
- ☐ A few smart blouses / shirts for evening
- ☐ Gym / workout top (for classes onboard)

4 Bottoms

- ☐ 3 pairs trousers / jeans
- ☐ 1–2 water-resistant hiking / touring pants
- ☐ Leggings for travel days & lounging
- ☐ Comfortable joggers / casual pants
- ☐ Smart trousers / skirt for dinner

5 Underwear & Sleep

- ☐ 7+ sets of underwear (pack extra!)
- ☐ 7+ pairs of socks (incl. warm ones)
- ☐ 2 bathing suits (spa, thermal suite, pool)
- ☐ Swim cover-up
- ☐ Pajamas / nightwear
- ☐ Robe (if your cabin doesn't supply one)

6 Outerwear & Warmth

The single most important category for the Isles — never sail without a coat.

- ☐ 1 warm coat — wear it on embarkation day
- ☐ Waterproof rain jacket
- ☐ Packable "pac-a-mac" fold-up waterproof
- ☐ Hat, gloves & scarf (outside peak summer)
- ☐ Pashmina / shawl for cool evenings
- ☐ Thermal base layers (cooler months)

7 Evening & Formal

- ☐ 2–3 formal / dressy outfits
- ☐ 1 cocktail dress or formal wear
- ☐ Smart shirt(s) + tie
- ☐ Neutral cardigan / shrug to re-wear
- ☐ Evening bag or clutch
- ☐ Modest jewelry (nothing too valuable)

8 Footwear

- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes / trainers
- ☐ Waterproof shoes or boots
- ☐ Trail shoes with grip (Giant's Causeway!)
- ☐ Dressy flats / heels (neutral tones)
- ☐ Flip-flops / sandals (spa & cabin)

Gear & Toiletries

THE LITTLE THINGS THAT SAVE THE DAY

9 Accessories & Extras

- ☐ Small fold-up umbrella
- ☐ Day backpack / anti-theft crossbody
- ☐ Reusable tote (shops charge for bags)
- ☐ Reusable water bottle
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses
- ☐ Sunhat / baseball cap
- ☐ Sunscreen & lip balm
- ☐ Packing cubes
- ☐ Travel wash (for sink laundry)
- ☐ Stain stick & wrinkle-release spray
- ☐ Jacket clips for your bags

10 Tech & Electronics

- ☐ Phone + charger
- ☐ UK **and** US/EU plug adapters
- ☐ Power bank / portable charger
- ☐ Camera + charger / spare battery
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ E-reader / books
- ☐ Spare charging cables

11 Toiletries & Health

- ☐ Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss
- ☐ Shampoo, conditioner, body wash
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Skincare & makeup + remover
- ☐ Hairbrush, ties, styling tools
- ☐ Razor & shaving cream
- ☐ Prescription meds (+ copy of scripts)
- ☐ Seasickness remedies / Sea-Bands
- ☐ Basic first-aid & OTC meds
- ☐ Hand sanitizer & wipes
- ☐ Contacts + solution / glasses

12 Cabin Comforts

- ☐ Over-the-door hanging organizer
- ☐ Magnetic hooks (cabin walls are steel)
- ☐ Cruise-approved power strip (non-surge)
- ☐ Mesh laundry bag
- ☐ Lanyard & luggage-tag holders
- ☐ Travel mug & highlighter for daily planner

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Cruising with Kids

- ☐ Layered clothes + extra changes
- ☐ Waterproof jacket & warm layers
- ☐ Comfortable & waterproof shoes
- ☐ Swimwear & cover-up
- ☐ Kids' toiletries & sunscreen
- ☐ Children's medications & first-aid
- ☐ Diapers, wipes, swim diapers (babies)
- ☐ Snacks, quiet toys & coloring
- ☐ Favorite stuffy / blanket
- ☐ Umbrella stroller / baby carrier

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Before You Leave Home

- ☐ Hold the mail; arrange pet & house sitter
- ☐ Notify your bank & credit card company
- ☐ Fully charge all devices
- ☐ Photograph passports; send itinerary to family
- ☐ Check in online & print documents
- ☐ Confirm transfers & dining reservations
- ☐ Refill prescriptions; pack a copy
- ☐ Set lights on a timer; lock up; take out trash

DON'T-FORGET NOTES



"The cure for anything is saltwater — sweat, tears, or the sea."

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