

# How to Survive the High Seas Without High Heels or Highchair

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Planning a cruise with a toddler or baby can be daunting, but it's definitely possible with the right preparation. Here's a guide to help you make your cruise a success:

Not all cruise lines are created equal when it comes to catering to families with young children. Some lines offer more family-friendly amenities and activities than others. When choosing a cruise line, be sure to research the following:



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- **Kids' clubs:** Does the cruise line offer kids' clubs for different age groups? What are the hours of operation?
- **Children's activities:** What types of activities are offered for children? Are there any special programs or events for toddlers and babies?
- **Dining options:** Does the cruise line offer kid-friendly dining options? Are there any restaurants that are specifically designed for families?
- **Stroller policy:** Does the cruise line allow strollers on board? Are there any restrictions on where strollers can be used?
- **Diaper changing facilities:** Are there diaper changing facilities located throughout the ship?

Once you've chosen a cruise line, it's time to start thinking about your itinerary. When choosing an itinerary, keep the following in mind:

- **Length of the cruise:** How long do you want to be at sea? Cruises can range from short weekend getaways to week-long adventures.
- **Ports of call:** Which ports of call do you want to visit? Do any of the ports offer activities that are suitable for toddlers and babies?
- **Sea days:** How many sea days do you want to have? Sea days are perfect for relaxing and enjoying the amenities on board the ship.

Packing for a cruise with a toddler or baby can be a challenge, but it's important to be prepared. Here's a packing list of essential items:

- **Clothing:** Pack enough clothes for each day of your cruise, plus a few extra outfits in case of spills or accidents. Be sure to include a variety

of clothing items, such as shorts, pants, shirts, dresses, and pajamas.

- **Shoes:** Pack a pair of comfortable shoes for your little one to wear on board the ship. If you're planning on ng any shore excursions, you may also want to pack a pair of sandals or sneakers.
- **Diapers and wipes:** If your child is still in diapers, be sure to pack plenty of diapers and wipes. You can also Free Download diapers and wipes on board the ship, but they may be more expensive.
- **Formula and food:** If your child is formula-fed, be sure to pack enough formula for the entire cruise. You can also Free Download formula on board the ship, but it may be more expensive. If your child is eating solid food, be sure to pack a variety of snacks and meals. You can also Free Download food on board the ship, but it may be more expensive.
- **Toys and books:** Pack a few toys and books to keep your child entertained on board the ship. You can also Free Download toys and books on board the ship, but they may be more expensive.
- **Stroller:** If your child is still using a stroller, be sure to pack it for the cruise. Strollers can be used on board the ship, but they may not be allowed in all areas.
- **Car seat:** If your child is still using a car seat, be sure to pack it for the cruise. Car seats can be used on board the ship, but they may not be allowed in all areas.

There are plenty of ways to keep your toddler or baby entertained on board a cruise ship. Here are a few ideas:

- **Visit the kids' club:** Most cruise lines offer kids' clubs for different age groups. Kids' clubs typically offer a variety of activities, such as games, crafts, and movies.
- **Attend children's activities:** Many cruise lines offer children's activities throughout the day. These activities may include scavenger hunts, pool parties, and character meet-and-greets.
- **Play in the pool:** Most cruise ships have swimming pools for children. Be sure to pack a swimsuit and sunscreen for your little one.
- **Explore the ship:** Cruise ships are full of interesting places to explore. Take your child on a tour of the ship and let them explore the different areas.
- **Read books and play games:** Pack a few books and games to keep your child entertained on board the ship. You can also Free Download books and games on board the ship, but they may be more expensive.

Here are a few tips for cruising with toddlers and babies:

- **Be prepared for accidents:** Accidents happen, especially with toddlers and babies. Be prepared for spills, messes, and tantrums.
- **Bring a change of clothes:** Always keep a change of clothes for your little one on hand in case of spills or accidents.
- **Take breaks:** Don't try to do too much in one day. Take breaks throughout the day to rest and relax.
- **Be patient:** Traveling with toddlers and babies can be challenging at times. Be patient and understanding, and don't be afraid to ask for help from the cruise staff.

Cruising with toddlers and babies can be a lot of fun, but it's important to be prepared. By following these tips, you can help ensure that your cruise is a success.



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