



CRUISING FOR MURDER



All Aboard for an amazing adventure!

Don't board the Mystery of the Seas without knowledge of these nautical terms!

A

aboard	onboard, or on the ship; the opposite of ashore. Used when referring to being or doing something on the ship
about	To turn the ship around
abreast	Alongside something, usually another ship or a dock
add-on	An additional charge to the cruise fare that usually refers to airfare, transfers, or land tours
aft	The back of the ship
air/sea package	A package deal that includes the cruise price, airfare, and transfers between the airport and the ship
all hands	All the crewmembers working aboard the ship
alternative restaurant	A smaller onboard restaurant where guests can choose to eat, often for a small fee
amidships	The middle section of the ship
ashore	On land; the opposite of aboard
astern	Toward the aft (back of the ship), or behind the ship

B

beam	The width of the ship at its widest point, usually right across the middle section of the ship
bearing	The compass direction the ship is sailing, expressed in degrees
berth	A bed; or the place where the ship is docked in port
bow	The front part of the ship
bridge	The location where the captain and crew controls the ship-where navigation and steering occur
bulkhead	The structural wall in the interior of the ship
buoy	A marker or float used to identify navigational landmarks or channels

C

cabin	A passenger room onboard the ship-sometimes called a stateroom
cabin steward	The person who cleans the cabin
cast off	To release the ship from her mooring
category	The price level of a cabin based on location, size, and amenities
channel	The deepest part of a river or harbor
companionway	A stairway inside the ship that connects the deck levels
course	The ship's route from one port to the next
cruise director	Head of the ship's entertainment staff, often emcees events

D

davit	A steel structure that hoist lifeboats over the side of the ship
debark	To go ashore
deck	Each level (floor) of the ship
disembark	To leave the ship and go ashore
dinner seating	The time a passenger is assigned to a particular dining venue on the ship
dock	A place to moor the ship
draft	The depth of water needed to sail so that the ship doesn't touch the ocean floor (The draft is measured from the waterline to the lowest part of the ship, usually the keel)

E

embark	To go aboard the ship
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F

fantail	The rear overhang of a ship (shaped like a duck's bill)
fathom	Measurement of water depth (One fathom equals six feet.)
first seating	The earlier of two meal servings (dinner seatings) in the ship's main dining





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fleet
FlowRider
fore, forward
Freestyle Cruising
Fun Ships
funnel

room-also referred to as the main seating
A number of ships under the same ownership
Onboard surf pool on Royal Caribbean ships
The area toward the bow of the ship
Norwegian Cruise Line's style of cruising, featuring casual dress and no set dinner times
Name for Carnival's cruise ships
The ship's smokestack

G

galley
gangway
gross registered ton (grt)

guarantee

The ship's kitchen
Ramp or stairway between the ship and the shore while the ship is docked
A measurement of enclosed passenger space, including the space in cabins, lounges, show-rooms, and dining rooms. This does not apply to open spaces such as decks and pool areas (unless, of course, they are enclosed)
A cruise reservation in which one pays for a certain category cabin, but is not given a cabin number. Passengers often take this type of reservation with the hopes of getting upgraded to a higher category

H

hand
head
helm
hold
hotel manager
hull

A crewmember
A bathroom
The ship's steering equipment, located in the bridge
The ship's cargo area
Shipboard director of hotel operations such as housekeeping and passenger services
The outside shell of the ship from the main deck down to the keel

I

inside cabin

A stateroom that does not have a porthole, window, or balcony

K

keel

knot

The chief structure of the ship that extends lengthwise along the center of the ship's bottom-the ship's backbone
The measurement of the ship's speed. One knot is one nautical mile per hour

L

latitude
league
leeward
lines
longitude

The distance north or south of the equator expressed in degrees
A unit of measurement equal to 3.45 nautical miles
The side of an island or ship that is sheltered from the wind
The ropes used to tie up the ship while it is at the dock
The distance east or west of the prime meridian expressed in degrees

M

maiden voyage
maiden call
master
mini-suite

moor
muster
muster station

The first voyage of a new ship
The first port-of-call on the ship's maiden voyage
The person who is in charge of the ship; the captain
The smallest, most affordable suite on a ship, often with just a curtain dividing the living and sleeping areas
To hold the ship in place with lines at a berth
To assemble the passengers and crew
A meeting place onboard the ship that usually refers to the area where one would go to get into the lifeboats in case of an emergency

N

nautical mile A unit of measurement equal to one-sixtieth of a degree of the earth's circumference; it's measured in the U.S. as 6,080.2 feet or internationally as 6,076.1 feet





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O

oceanview cabin
onboard
open seating
outside cabin

An outside cabin with a large porthole window or a verandah
Located on the ship; carried or used on the vessel
A dinner seating in which tables are not assigned
A stateroom with a porthole, window, or balcony that overlooks the ocean-also referred to as an oceanview cabin

P

passageway
passenger space ratio
passenger to crew ratio
pitch
port
porthole
port-of-call
promenade
purser

A hallway inside the ship
The number of gross registered tons (grt) divided by the total passenger capacity
The total number of passengers divided by the total number of crewmembers
The forward and backward rise and fall of the ship as it moves
The left side of the ship when facing forward; also the harbor where a ship docks
A round window on a ship
A port at which the ship anchors or moors, and the passengers are allowed to disembark
An open deck that encircles a ship, often used for walking or jogging
The officer onboard who serves as a financial or administrative manager for guest services

R

repositioning cruise
roll

A one-way itinerary that brings a ship from one region to another at the change of the cruise seasons
The side-to-side movement of the ship

S

screw
second seating

single supplement
sister ships

shore excursion
stabilizer

starboard
stateroom
stern
suite

The ship's propeller
The later of two meal servings (dinner seatings) in the ship's main dining room-also referred to as the late seating
An extra charge solo travelers pay to have just one person in a cabin
Ships built of the same design-sometimes referred to as ships owned and operated by the same cruise line
A tour or guided activity in which guests participate while ashore
A retractable arm located below the waterline mid-ship, which can be extended to help reduce the ship's roll in rougher sea conditions
The right side of the ship when facing forward
A cabin
The back end of the ship
The largest class of stateroom; features separate living and sleeping areas

T

tender

transfer
triple

A small boat used to transport passengers from the ship to the shore. Tenders are used when the harbor is not deep enough for the ship to dock
Transportation from the airport or a hotel to the ship and vice versa
A cabin that will accommodate three passengers

U

underway
upgrade
upper berth

The act of sailing
A change in cabin assignment to a better category
A bed similar to a bunk bed, often folded or recessed into the wall

W

wake

The track left in the water at the stern created by a moving ship
windward The side of the ship against which the wind is blowing
world cruise A three- to four-month-long cruise that sails around the world; guests can choose to cruise the entire time or just on select one-way segments

