CRUISE HEALTHY

An industry that is prepared and proactive when it comes to the health and wellness of passengers and crew.

PASSengers

- Purchase the right sort of travel insurance for the cruise
- Wash hands often and thoroughly - this is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of illness
- Make use of the alcohol-based hand sanitisers which are freely available around the ship
- Wear sunscreen to protect from sun exposure and reduce risk of skin cancer and premature aging
- Use insect repellent where mosquitoes are prevalent
- Guests who feel unwell before or during a cruise should report to the onboard medical team, and seek treatment as soon as possible
- Follow the advice of the onboard medical staff and limit contact with other guests while sick

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MYTHBUSTING

- A robust system of oversight and enforcement protects passengers & crew member health and wellbeing
- Public health authorities worldwide inspect cruise ships and enforce health requirements and cruise ships undergo regular internal public health reviews
- Norovirus is not a cruise ship phenomenon. Norovirus is second to the common cold in reported illnesses, impacting millions of people around the world each year
- Only cruise ships are required to report to local authorities whereas land-based hotels, restaurants, and other businesses where people gather in large numbers such as schools and hospitals are not, so illness on ships is more frequently reported by the media
- According to international statistics the likelihood of contracting a gastrointestinal illness onboard a cruise ship is less than 1%, and there is a greater likelihood of getting sick in a shopping centre or at a day-care centre.

CREW

- Onboard staff and crew are trained in first aid
- Crew members regularly refresh their training on health and wellbeing responsibilities
- Ongoing training is monitored through robust record-keeping

CLEAN SHIPS

- Cruise ships frequently clean and sanitize facilities onboard
- Cabins are thoroughly cleaned every day, while kitchens, restaurants and other common areas are cleaned multiple times per day
- After every cruise, crew members clean the ship from top to bottom to prepare for the next voyage

MEDICAL RESOURCES

- Licensed medical staff are available on all CLIA Cruise Line Member cruise ships with more than 100 passengers
- All ships must carry defib, cardiac and other emergency equipment
- CLIA Cruise Lines traveling regularly on itineraries beyond territorial waters have agreed to meet or exceed the requirements of the healthcare guidelines for cruise ship medical facilities

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