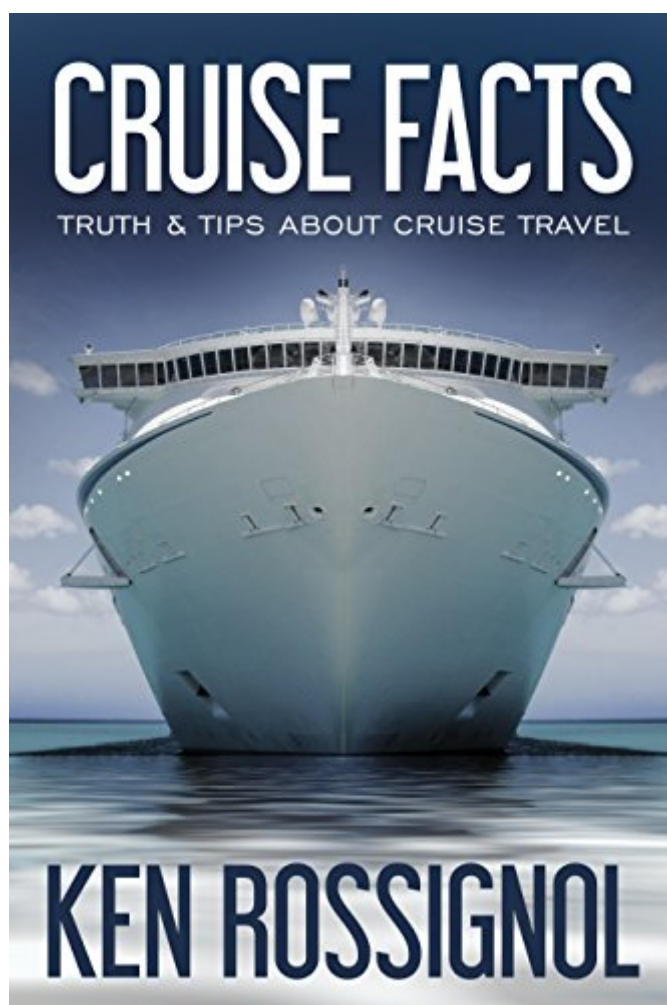


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# CRUISE FACTS - TRUTH & TIPS ABOUT CRUISE TRAVEL (Traveling Cheapskate Series Book 2)



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\*\*\* Get on board the Love Boat \*\*\*Quick OverviewIt's about time someone penned a book so prospective travelers could get a grasp on what to expect when taking a cruise. I'm astonished that I hadn't come across such a book before.Length: Print, 93 pages.Q - Target Audience/Genre and is it marketed as Nonfiction or Fiction:A " Nonfiction for people wondering if a cruise vacation is right for them and if it is safe.Q - How was this book obtained?A " I was given an ARC but chose to purchase the book upon its release., because I prefer Kindle versions of books instead of PDF.Q - Are there a lot of typos/misspellings, grammatical errors or other editing failures?A " No.Q - Is this a fast, easy read or is it more of a leisure read?A " This is a quick read that, depending on your desire for detail, can be read much as

one reads any reference book. Or, if you wish, it reads well if read cover-to-cover. Q - What sort of language does this writer use to amplify the points made? A " Plain English. No profanities and no antics to grab attention, yet, an occasional humorous quip. Q " What age group is this suitable for? A " All ages. Young Adult and older. Q - My biggest pleasure or disappointment? A " I enjoyed learning what to expect when my wife and I finally take an ocean cruise together. We've cruised the Nile in Egypt twice, and I cruised the Pacific, Caribbean, along both coasts of the United States and through the Panama Canal in the Navy. Still, I have a hankering to take a cruise just for fun and relaxation. This book whets than appetite. To give a feel for the editing, and the style and flow of this work, I am posting a brief excerpt below. Excerpt [This snippet displays Rossignol's skill in weaving a quilt comprising tour guide info with crime statistics of San Juan, Puerto Rico. The writing style here is a good representation of his writing throughout.] In most cases, your ship will arrive in the morning or early afternoon. Stick to Old San Juan and the area immediately adjacent to the ship if walking. Night-time is dangerous anywhere outside of this area. A day is walking and shopping while sightseeing along the plaza near the harbor, passing through the Gates of San Juan and into the Old San Juan is a once in a lifetime experience. San Juan is one of the few, and perhaps the only American city bombarded by the U. S. Navy " if you don't count the Civil War. The stroll along the edge of the harbor with the tall walls on your right allows one to imagine being on the outside of the walls as the American Navy blasted the Spanish during the Spanish-American War. The Cathedral contains the remains of Ponce De Leon and is carefully maintained and historic place of worship. The shops, restaurants and art galleries can easily fill a day's time. As the day grows longer, one will notice the many police officers visible and on patrol. They do a good job and are severely needed. With almost four million people living on the island, Puerto Rico had 681 homicides in 2014 while Baltimore, Md. with about 650,000 population has had 250 murders in ten months of 2015. While Baltimore's crime rate soars, the crime rate in Puerto Rico has been declining. There were 1,164 murders in Puerto Rico in 2011. Compounding the crime on the part of criminals in Puerto Rico.

Rossignol, Ken. CRUISE FACTS - TRUTH & TIPS ABOUT CRUISE TRAVEL (Traveling Cheapskate Series Book 2) (Kindle Locations 435-447). The Privateer Clause Publishing Co.. Kindle Edition. Bottom Line: Facts, humor, interesting information, accompanied with photos makes for a superior reference book. Five stars out of five. Comments regarding your opinion of this book or of my review, whether favorable or unfavorable, are always welcome. If you buy the book based on my review and become disappointed, especially, I do want to know that and I want to understand how I can improve as a book reviewer. Just please be polite. Thank you.

The author has a dry, sarcastic sense of humor that after while becomes a little grating. That said, the text is informative and helpful. The book is basically about three shipping lines, Carnival, NCL, and Royal Caribbean which is somewhat limiting. The author suggests leaving your booking to the last 30 days when the shipping lines become desperate to fill cabins. He says that if you're lucky and have a good agent you may pick up a suite for the cost of a cabin. Good advice. If you're a novice cruiser you'll pick up some useful hints from this book, and even the more experienced may learn something.

With wit and candor, this book dishes the ins and outs of cruising in a fun way. I've never been on a cruise, but have always had in the back of my mind to take an Alaska cruise. I learned a ton here and have inched ever closer to my dream vacation. My only complaint, as it is with the majority of self-published works, is the poor proofreading and editing in this book. Sentences are missing words or have extra ones. Punctuation is tortured and words are misused (such as "peaked" for "piqued"). Otherwise, this is a good, enjoyable read.

Cruise Facts by Ken Rossignol is a very interesting book with lots of good tips if you plan on taking a cruise. One of the best tips to me was waiting till 30 days before the cruise leaves to book because the cruise lines are then desperate to fill cabins so they offer a lower rate. Needless to say the book is very informative and worth getting.

We've never been on a cruise so I was looking forward to reading this book. Straight up facts about what to take (half the clothes and twice the money)! Good advise there! Ken addressed questions about leaving the boat to go ashore, safety being first priority. He also advised about the kind of cruise you would be comfortable on; would most likely be Carnival for me, I'm really laid back and casual. Since I have also read Ken's "Danny and Marsha" books, which are fiction about cruise ships and his "Pirate" books which I'm not sure about, I had to wonder about the safety on the actual ship. From what I read in this book, I don't think we have to worry about pirates, or ship employees either as long as you treat them with the respect you expect from them. So now I'm going to start working on my husband to get that cruise we have both been unsure about. Thanks, Ken for another interesting read!

This was a very interesting book. It was exactly what it says it is. I have never cruised before and

now I don't know if I want to go even more or am now too scared to go. It was a lot of informative information about cruises. It also has some humorous parts included. I'm glad I read/listened to it (I have an audible copy also). This is a good book for Cruise Pro and Cruise Virgins.

This book ought to be recommended reading by every travel agent who books a cruise, or every person considering an ocean or river vacation. It's educational, humorous and interesting. Would be a great gift for anyone going on a cruise.

Ken, I would have rated this higher but I felt you left out something that newbies like me need which is some general info on total cost. You gave some idea of airfares, etc but what can a traveler expect the total cost to be on a cruise where the cabin costs say \$1000. I realize rates may vary from one ship to another but what can I expect to pay for, certainly something more than just the cost of the cabin. I think that you have traveled so much that some of this is "old hat" . Jim

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