

Guide To Family Reunion Cruises

Policies, Procedures & Perks

Multi-generational and family reunion cruise groups are one of the fastest growing segments of the industry. Today's cruise lines are in tune with modern lifestyles, bringing land to sea experiences, along with variety, flexibility, unique destinations, and a seamless travel experience for those ages two to 92.

Finding the right fit with the right cruise line for your family reunion cruise is critical. A few key things to consider:

- Will there be families with children in your group, or will it be strictly adults?
- If adults only, will it be multi-generational?
- Are you looking to do an ocean cruise experience or river cruise? Port intense, or with more relaxation time?
- What types of onboard experiences does your group want to enjoy? Casual, diverse, or more luxury?

Benefits of Cruising for Reunions

Cruise vacations provide a unique opportunity for families to enjoy a reunion in a low stress environment. Ample amenities and group activities exist for all age groups along with opportunities to explore independently before coming together for a family meal at the end of the day. Planned correctly, cruising allows extended families to bond and pursue individual interests, creating memories of a lifetime.

Matching the Fits

With so many cruise lines, ships and itineraries to choose from, it's important to match your family's wants and needs with the right cruise company. That's where our guide to reunion cruising comes in. With details provide on 29 major lines – ocean vessels to river cruises - our aim is to point you in the right direction when setting out for the high seas.

Bon Voyage!



Phone: 1-800-626-0126

Website: www.amawaterways.com

Complimentary Policy: They will give a tour conductor credit

Kids programs: No kids programs on board

Group Dining: Open dining, based on first come first serve

Special Amenities: Group discount varies with the length of the cruise sailing itinerary and ship



Phone: 1-866-226-9642

Website: www.americancruiselines.com

Complimentary Policy: They require a signed contract, the minimum number of people in a cruise group is 12 guests, they may provide a discount (varies with ship and sailing date)

Kids programs: They have activities onboard for kids, but not for specific age groups

Group Dining: They have one seating

Special Amenities: No extra amenities for groups



Phone: 1-888-749-5280

Website: www.americanqueensteamboatcompany.com

Complimentary Policy: Varies with ship, sailing date, length of cruise and itinerary- usually minimum of 11 staterooms booked

Kids programs: No kids programs on board

Group Dining: Request dining together when making reservation

Special Amenities: No extra amenities for groups



Phone: 1-877-797-8791

Website: www.avalonwaterways.com

Complimentary Policy: They have a comp berth program for groups (varies with number of staterooms booked)

Kids programs: No programs for kids sailing onboard (Avalon Waterways is best fit for adults group members traveling together)

Group Dining: They have open seating

Special Amenities: No extra amenities for groups



Phone: 1-800-556-8208

Website: www.azamarclubcruises.com

Complimentary Policy: One free berth given for eight staterooms booked based on double occupancy. They also require specific cruise group deposits

Kids programs: No kids programs onboard

Group Dining: Open dining

Special Amenities: Amenities will vary with the actual sailing (one special amenity they have, depending on itinerary) is their "Azamazing Evening"



Phone: 1-800-438-6744 ext. 72962 for groups direct desk

Website: www.goccl.com

Complimentary Policy: Every 16th guest booked gets free berth (double occupancy)

Kids programs: Programs include 2-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years and 12-17 years

Group Dining: Request dining together when making reservation

Special Amenities: Amenities vary with ship and sail date

Celebrity X Cruises®

Phone: 1-888-752-7762

Website: www.celebritycruises.com

Complimentary Policy: One complimentary berth based on a minimum of eight cabins sold (base cruise fare)

Kids programs: Programs include 1-3 toddlers, 3-5, 6-8, 9-11 and X Club for 12-17

Group Dining: Yes

Special Amenities: Varies with the ship and sailing date, as far as the group amenity points for that sailing



Phone: 1-800-462-6782

Website: www.costacruises.com

Complimentary Policy: One free guest for every 15 full fare paying guests (with eight cabins based on double occupancy, 16th guest is free)

Kids programs: Yes, Mini Club for 3-6, Maxi for 7-11, Teen Junior for 12-14 and Teen for 15-17

Group Dining: Yes, requests can be made in advance, if guests are booked in Classic Cabins (standard and less expensive) they are assigned to early seating, if booked in Premium Cabins, it's their choice (early or late dining)

Special Amenities: Offers a Costa-mized program so the group can decide on onboard credit, spumanti, cocktail parties and an occasional more aggressive Tour Conductor ratio



Phone: 1-800-768-7232

Website: www.croisieuropevercruises.com

Complimentary Policy: One free berth with every 11 passengers booked

Kids programs: No kids programs available

Group Dining: One seating for dining and guests sit at the same table throughout (might be able to do a request)

Special Amenities: No other amenities



Phone: 1-888-722-0021 NOTE: Crystal uses Camelback Odyssey Travel to handle direct bookings, 602-266-4000

Website: www.crystalcruises.com

Complimentary Policy: They have a complimentary berth program for groups and it varies with the ship and sailing date

Kids programs: Fantasia- for kids sailing on the ship (programs vary, they have chaperones)

Group Dining: Yes, they coordinate the Main Dining room for private dining options, best to coordinate at least six months prior to sailing date

Special Amenities: They have shipboard credit and amount varies with the size of the group



Phone: 1-800-728-6273

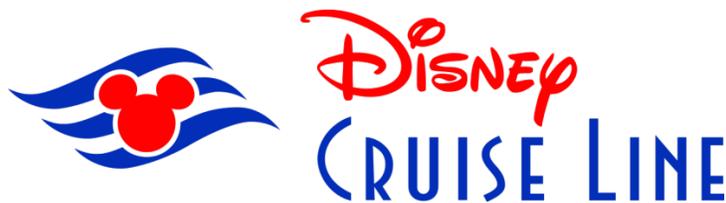
Website: www.cunard.com

Complimentary Policy: Discount is provided only to the tour leader and is finalized two weeks prior to sailing date

Kids programs: Cunard does not allow children to sail if they are age one and under. Kids programs for ages 2-7, 8-9, 12-13 and 13-17

Group Dining: Cunard will cross reference reservation numbers for people traveling together

Special Amenities: Varies and depends on the particular promotion being offered for that ship and sailing



Phone: 1-855-325-7526 (Vacation Planner)

Website: www.disneycruise.com

Complimentary Policy: No complimentary berth or discounts for groups

Kids programs: Children under three (if not potty trained) can use nursery \$9 per hour; for three years and older there are three different kids clubs (based on age groups)

Group Dining: Yes, Disney will get the group listed as a traveling party

Special Amenities: None for groups- once guests have sailed on Disney Cruise Line, they become members of Castway Club and get certain perks



EMERALD

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Phone: 1-888-778-6689

Website: www.emeraldwaterways.com

Complimentary Policy: Ten guests in five staterooms are considered a group, they will provide some type of discount

Kids programs: No kids programs onboard

Group Dining: One main sitting for dining onboard

Special Amenities: Extra amenities will vary with sailing date and itinerary



Phone: 1-888-444-5555

Website: www.exotravel.com/travel/cruises/

Complimentary Policy: One complimentary berth based on a minimum of 15 cabins sold

Kids programs: Kids EXE program includes four age groups, 2-5, 6-9, 10-12 and 13-17

Group Dining: Yes

Special Amenities: Welcome-aboard reception and free shore excursions for group leader



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Phone: 1-800-426-0327

Website: www.hollandamerica.com

Complimentary Policy: They provide a tour conductor credit and this is based on minimum of eight staterooms booked with 16 guests

Kids programs: Yes, Club HAL has three age groups, 3-6, 7-12 and 13-17

Group Dining: Yes, at time of booking (select open dining, early dining or main dining)

Special Amenities: They have GAPS points, these vary with ship, sailing and group sailing (GAP points can be used for different things)



www.reunionsworkbook.com



Phone: 1-877-665-4655

Website: www.msccruisesusa.com

Complimentary Policy: To qualify as a group, must have 80% balcony staterooms booked and minimum of eight balcony staterooms; one berth for 16 guests booked (double occupancy)

Kids programs: Kids programs include 3-6 years, 7-11, 12-17

Group Dining: Request for dining together in the reservation

Special Amenities: Amenities will vary with ship, sailing date, as well as the four categories MSC Cruises has- Stella, Bella, Fantasia, Aurea (Note: On MSC Cruise kids ages 11 and under pay taxes and port fees only)



Phone: 1-855-625-4768

Website: www.ncl.com

Complimentary Policy: They have two different group programs - one for every seven cabins booked, another for every eight cabins booked

Kids programs: Yes, diverse kids programs include 3-5 years, 6-9, 9-12 and 13-17

Group Dining: Freestyle cruising allows flexibility as far as dining

Special Amenities: Extra amenities will vary with their two different group programs



Phone: 1-800-531-5658

Website: www.oceaniacruises.com

Complimentary Policy: One free berth given after eight cabins booked based on double occupancy (16th guest gets free berth)

Kids programs: Offers some limited kids programs on their Alaskan sailings; these are for kids 5-12 years old (none for kids 13 and older)

Group Dining: Can be requested but will vary with the types of verandahs booked

Special Amenities: Oceania offers free WiFi for guests, guests can then choose from three other options as a special amenity- shipboard credit, beverage package or shore excursion



Phone: 1-888-882-1595

Website: www.pearlseascruises.com

Complimentary Policy: One free berth with 12 guests booked

Kids programs: No kids programs onboard

Group Dining: Can request dining

Special Amenities: Amenities will vary with the ship, sailing and itineraries



PRINCESS CRUISES

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Phone: 1-800-774-6237

Website: www.princess.com

Complimentary Policy: One complimentary berth based on minimum of eight cabins sold

Kids programs: Diverse kids programs included. Ages 3-7, 8-12, 13-17

Group Dining: Yes

Special Amenities: Minimum five cabins booked on same ship and sailing will get points that can be redeemed for shipboard credit, etc. Amount of points vary with ship and sailing date

Regent

SEVEN SEAS CRUISES

Phone: 1-800-477-7500

Website: www.rssc.com

Complimentary Policy: Six staterooms with double occupancy based on "G" category needed to be considered for group; one tour conductor berth after 11 guests

Kids programs: Only during the summer months (June, July, August), they have Club Mariner

Group Dining: They send out an email for dining requests for specialty dining; main dining room is also available for requests (to arrange in advance)

Special Amenities: Amenities will vary with the length of the cruise, ship and sailing date

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Phone: 1-800-465-3595

Website: www.royalcaribbean.com

Complimentary Policy: One complimentary berth based on a minimum of eight cabins sold (base cruise fare)

Kids programs: Adventure Ocean kids program- six age groups that include under three years old, 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17

Group Dining: Yes

Special Amenities: Amenities varies with the ship and sailing date, as far as the group amenity points for that sailing

SCENIC[®]

LUXURY CRUISES & TOURS

Phone: 1-855-430-4464

Website: www.sceinicusa.com

Complimentary Policy: One free berth given for every nine guests booked.

Kids programs: No kids programs onboard - adult focused cruise line (children sailing under the age of 12 must be approved in advance)

Group Dining: Open seating

Special Amenities: They might have other promotions depending on the ship and sailing date



SEABOURN[®]

Phone: 1-800-929-9595 (groups)

Website: www.seabourn.com

Complimentary Policy: Tour conductor berth is usually one for ten guests booked, but will vary with ship & sailing

Kids programs: Summer sailings, Seabourn has limited kids programs

Group Dining: Request dining together when making reservation

Special Amenities: Amenities will vary by ship sailing and itineraries

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SILVERSEA

Phone: 1-800-722-9955

Website: www.silversea.com

Complimentary Policy: Varies with ship, sailing date, length of cruise and itinerary along with number of suites booked (usually five suites or more)

Kids programs: Silver Muse will have kids programs; their other ships do not

Group Dining: Request dining together when making reservation

Special Amenities: Amenities will vary with the ship, sailing and itineraries

TAUCK

Phone: 1-800-241-1365 (groups)

Website: www.tauck.com

Complimentary Policy: One free berth given after ten guests booked

Kids programs: Some limited youth activities onboard for children ages four years and older

Group Dining: Open seating (their tables are permanently placed and cannot be moved around)

Special Amenities: No extra amenities in most cases, they might occasionally have a possible promotion

UNIWORLD® BOUTIQUE RIVER CRUISE COLLECTION®

Phone: 1-800-733-7820 (get connected to the consumer department)

Website: www.uniworld.com

Complimentary Policy: Ten guests or more constitute a group

Kids programs: They have programs for kids during summer

Group Dining: Open seating on their ships

Special Amenities: Amenities will vary with the ship, sailing and itineraries



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VIKING CRUISES

Phone: 1-877-668-4546

Website: www.vikingrivercruises.com

Complimentary Policy: For multiple staterooms booked on sailings of eight days or longer, Viking will give an additional discount (\$100 per person)

Kids programs: No kids programs onboard (also minimum age of children allowed to sail must be 12 years and older)

Group Dining: Open seating

Special Amenities: Extra amenities not specified

WINDSTAR[®] CRUISES

Phone: 1-800-258-7245

Website: www.windstarcruises.com

Complimentary Policy: They do not do direct bookings

Kids programs: No kids programs onboard. Windstar Cruises is best fit for adult group members traveling together, travel for children under eight years is limited

Group Dining: Open seating

Special Amenities: Extra amenities not specified

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