

## Cruising Solo

I was dying to [cruise from California](#) to wherever the water flows and had but a brashly planned trip ahead. With hundreds of [cruises departing from Miama Fl](#), I was fortunate enough to get onboard with Her – Satan's incarnate, the root of all evil, the reason for our relationship's demise. Heaven forbid if I lose control and push her overboard, never to be seen in [cruises to the Caribbean](#) again.

Going on lavish [cruises to Europe](#) was the guilty pleasure I used to share with my former lover. Now the joy of making lists (i.e. to-bring, must-sees, must-buys), packing bursting suitcases, never leaving the buffet table's side and turning salmon pink under the sun was all mine. I have to thank Her for that, for ruining our five year relationship and making me go on one of the finest [cruises to Caribbean](#) alone. And she had the audacity to take the same exact ship I was on. I bet she had me checked up on what with her psychotic stalker-like tendencies.

I let Her win the first time around, letting her take away the man I knew was the one. I wasn't feeling too generous as to let her get to me whilst on cruise. I chose to be the bigger person and made the most out of my trip, all the while setting aside the fact that she-devil was a few cabins away and there was always a huge possibility of us meeting either at the grand ballroom or the common sundeck. I busied myself with sight-seeing, island hopping, souvenir shopping and tips-making. I was able to come up with my top 3 tips on how you can enjoy the perfect cruise, sans companion.

- Find the right boat and be sure to book early. In choosing your boat, take into consideration the type of ship itself and not just the destination/s. Ships have different facilities and corresponding atmospheres. Get the best-priced cruise by either booking early or at crunch-time. Work with a good travel agent whom you'd be able to discuss your expectations and your budget with.
- 'Light and right' is the general rule for packing. Don't get too carried away by packing all your bikinis and sundresses only to leave them crumpled and unused in your luggage. Trust me, your luggage will BE misplaced so be sure to have a set of clothes for changing in your hand-carry. Keep in mind the phrase 'a little of everything' – undies, a bathing suit, a sundress, something semi-formal for dinner and day-to-night shoes. You'll never know who you'll bump into so pack things that would make you look good.
- Beat 'em, don't join 'em. You have a schedule down pat and so does everyone else. Brochures that come with the cruise tickets have all sorts of activities and excursions that most people would find interesting. On your first day onboard, make necessary arrangements if you don't have plans of mingling with the rest of the cruisers.

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