CRUISIN' WITH YOUR CAMERA ADDENDUM

(1) **MOVEMENT** - As I mentioned in the presentation, you are shooting from a moving platform. The top speed of these ships is about 22 knots (25 MPH or 37 feet/second).

The point being that if you "chimp" (look at the image you just shot) you will have moved before you can shoot another, possibly changing your composition. To see how much this might affect you, try shooting out a car window while some else is driving slowly.

(2) **LUGGAGE** - I am surprised nobody asked about this during the Q&A. Just a few points …

(a) Baggage Allowance - I have never seen a limit on the number of bags you can have, nor have I seen a surcharge. There is a weight limit of 50 pounds, though (44lb = 20kg for European passengers). Check with your cruise line; these limits may have changed.

Baggage is not a problem for us. We never fly to a port; all our cruises have started and stopped at a US port, though not necessarily the same one.

Long term parking is generally available near the port and one-way car rentals work also.

(b) Baggage Type - The most likely place to store your unpacked luggage in your cabin will be under your bed. Make sure that your luggage pieces nest one within another to allow for this.

(c) Boarding Process - When you get to the dock you will hand off your luggage to a porter. Remember to have cash for a tip; you will not see him/her again.

Fear not, as the luggage will be delivered to your stateroom but possibly not before dinner, so wear clothes that are appropriate for that.

Even Cunard relaxes their dress code for the first night, but they have been known to get our luggage to our stateroom before we got there.

(d) Valuables - Have a carry-on with things you cannot afford to lose (e.g., drugs, documents, jewelry, etc.). I have a "rolling office" bag that carries my laptop, power cords, lenses, and other camera stuff.

You are likely to get on board with time to tour the ship and grab something to eat before they make the rooms available, and you want to keep that stuff with you.

Speaking of valuables, you will not need CASH on board. Any extras, booze, ships' excursions, etc., will be charged to your room/credit card.

Have some smaller bills for tips for the drivers and guides of your excursions; they are locals, not cruise line employees.

You should use your credit card for most things you buy ashore. Charge in local currency; the credit card company will do the conversion at the best rates available at the time of purchase.

(e) Getting Off - You will be asked to pack your bags the night before your arrival and to leave them in the corridor outside your cabin by a specific time.

REMEMBER TO LEAVE OUT CLOTHING TO WEAR THE NEXT MORNING!!

The bags will be picked up and you will find them on the dock in a somewhat sorted area, but they will probably not be together.

When you have collected them all, find a porter to get you through customs/immigration and on to your ground transport. Remember to tip him/her.

Keep your valuables with you in the carry-ons just as you did when you boarded.

Feel free to contact me if you have any other questions about cruising.

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