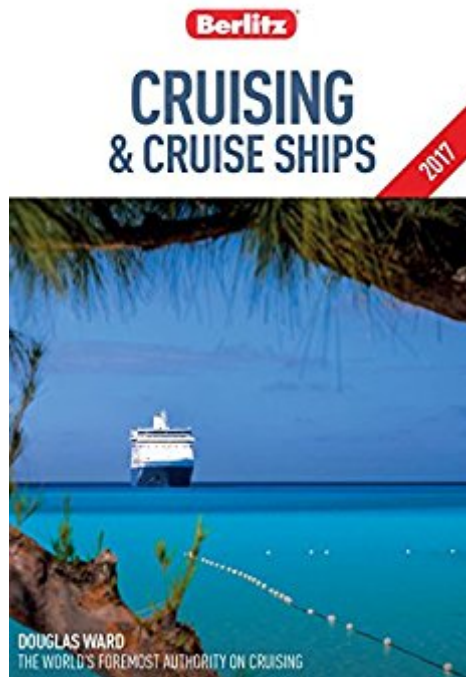




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# Berlitz Cruising & Cruise Ships 2017 (Berlitz Cruise Guide)



## Synopsis

If you want a holiday that's hassle-free, virtually pre-paid, and that lets you see lots of places while only needing to pack and unpack once, then you should try a cruise. This best-selling book is the cruise industry bible: it gives you all the information you need to choose the right cruise for you. Meticulously updated every year by cruise expert Douglas Ward, it is divided into two main parts: the first helps you work out what you're looking for in a cruise holiday and how to find it; the lively text and colour photographs describe every aspect of life on board, including safety, the highs and lows of the cruise experience and how to save money. The second part contains unbiased reviews and fascinating detail of almost 300 ocean-going cruise vessels, and grades them on service, food, entertainment and facilities, using an internationally recognised ratings system.

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## Customer Reviews

A must for anyone who cruises frequently. Includes descriptions of all the ships we came across in the Mediterranean and other places.

Great book about cruise ships. Tells you all you need to know and more. I have been getting this

book for many years now. I enjoy reading what is said about the different ships.

Though it was once the gold standard, this book no longer provides enough information to be valuable to me. The numeric ratings are terrific, but the descriptions of the ships are cookie cutter, and I get the feeling that many of them haven't actually been traveled on by the writer(s). Reviews of the food, especially, is lacking: though there are descriptions of what the larger lines do in general, individual ship reviews usually just of the decor and tableware, but not of the actual cuisine quality, . This is even more problematic for smaller, higher-end lines, where the specifics matter more. For example, there is no description of the food onboard either Seabourn in general, or the Seabourn Quest in particular. The same runs true for the Disney ships, and it's even lacking for Hapag Lloyd. Crowd-sourced reviews have their place, but to really know what to expect, I depend on professionals. Unfortunately, Douglas Ward is no longer providing what I need.

Updated classic on cruise ships. I don't agree with some of his reviews and note that he has a problem with some lines including Oceania that I feel are inappropriate. Unfortunately at this time his book seems to be the only one that rates all of the major cruise ships so if you want a basic reference to cruising you don't have a great deal of choice!

Excellent and up-to-date detailed information, as usual. I previously to got these books from a library before a cruise, but wanted my own copy since there is lots of good information to digest. Includes a lot more than just describing big cruise ships. It's a real cruising reference book on food, entertainment, boarding, disembarking, etc... Also useful for European river boat cruisers.

Most of reviews are OK. But some reviews are simply unprofessional with tons of mistakes. The amount of mistakes and omissions in some reviews make me doubt if they actually saw those ships. The book needs a lot of corrections.

This book is completely false. I noted several copy and paste type of paragraphs which were completely wrong. They are obviously using outdated material or facts from other ships. This is a complete ripoff. I have no clue who is driving the company, but they are asleep at the wheel.

This is a wonderful listing of present-day ships, yet many of the reviews are themselves dated, and need some revision and up dating. When a ship goes to dry dock or wet dock, they may add cabins

or rooms, and it may not show up on the listing. The earlier editions listed the depth of water the ship drew, but it is not on the 2017 edition. I also miss the e-mail address` and physical address` of the companies.

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