

## BECOME FLUENT IN CRUISE-ESE

- **Aft** - the back or near the back of the ship
- **Atrium** - the central court (or center area) of a cruise ship, usually rising through more than one story of the ship's interior
- **Berth** - a built-in bed or bunk, as in a ship's cabin or stateroom
- **Bow** - the very front of the ship
- **Bridge** - the navigational control center
- **Captain** - the person in command of a ship
- **Deck Plan** - an overhead diagram of the cabins and the public rooms
- **Disembark** - to unload (passengers or goods) from a ship
- **Dock** - where your ship 'parks' when in port
- **Forward** - the front or near the front of the ship
- **Gangway** - allows you access on and off the ship
- **Knot** - a nautical mile (see Nautical below)
- **Leeward** - the side of the ship that is out of or away from the wind
- **Midship** - the middle of the ship
- **Muster** - to come together or assemble aboard ship for inspection or roll call
- **Muster Station** - a specific location on ship to gather, based on stateroom assignment
- **Nautical** - of or having to do with sailors, ships, or navigation. A unit of speed of one nautical mile (6,076.12 feet or 1,852 meters) an hour: abbrev. kn or kt [to average a speed of 10 knots]
- **Pier** - a structure built out over the water and supported by pillars or piles: used as a landing place.
- **Port** - the left-hand side of a ship as one faces forward: opposed to starboard. Port - so named because the side toward the port (dock), since the steering oar (see starboard) prevented docking to the right.
- **Port of Call** - regular stopover(s) on a cruise itinerary.
- **Purser** - a ship's officer in charge of accounts, freight, tickets, etc., esp. on a passenger vessel. Important to you - a Purser takes responsibility for all money, transactions.
- **Ship** - You always cruise on a "ship," never a "boat"
- **Starboard** - the right side of the ship while facing forward (bow).
- **Stateroom** - your cabin or berth
- **Stateroom Steward** - a person whose work is to maintain the guests' staterooms while onboard
- **Stern** - the very back of the ship
- **Tender** - a boat for carrying passengers to or from a ship close to shore.
- **Windward** - on the side of the ship from which the wind blows; toward the wind

**Now go, and lord your nautical knowledge over others.**