



**Dear Cruise Ship Job APPLICANT,**

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**FOLLOWING OUR ABOVE REQUIREMENTS – IS ACTUALLY YOUR FIRST LINE INTERVIEW!**

Here are some very important pieces of information to read carefully before deciding upon a Seafarers Career! Please note this! Ships are looking for persons with experience in the Hospitality Industry and or Prior Shipboard positions. Jobs not requiring customer interaction may fall within a wider range of Skill Sets and you may still apply, extended wait periods can be met until suitable positions become available!

It is advisable that you seek experience and training in the Hospitality Industry if you wish to take up Frontline Positions like Guest Services, Hotel, Food and Beverage or Entertainment.

We also wish to thank you for perusing our website as you might be considering a Cruise Ship Job! Please note and understand outlined points within this concise correspondence.

Working on a cruise ship is an exciting and unique opportunity that combines travel, adventure, and an extremely vibrant work environment. Before we set sail, let's delve into the essential aspects of life onboard a Majestic Cruise Vessel and what it entails to secure you as CREW!

Should you be chosen and upon Mutual Confirmation you will be given a **Letter of Intent (LOI)**. The Intended Crew Member will be asked to Fund and Undertake Extensive Medical Tests and Evaluation (s) to ensure that you are sound for a **SHIP JOB**. A candidate will also be asked to pass a **Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping – STCW** also to be funded by candidate. Some Cruise Lines have their own onboard **STCW** Training and may or may not incur costs. Note also that **Sea Farers VISAS** and other **VISAS** also incur costs to the Candidate and **ONLY** in **SOME CASES** and **DEPENDANT** on **Specific Cruise Line Policies** VISA costs

can be refunded. The Letter of Intent will outline all the necessary steps the Intended Crew must take in a Timely Manner! Intended Crew can be called at the drop of a hat to Set Sail.

## **Work and Lifestyle**

### **Diverse Roles:**

Our cruise ships host a wide variety of positions, from deckhands and engineers to entertainers and hospitality staff.

### **Guest-Centric:**

You will interact with passengers from around the world, ensuring their comfort, safety, and enjoyment.

### **Team Collaboration:**

Expect to work closely with colleagues from diverse backgrounds, fostering a supportive and inclusive atmosphere.

### **Hours of Work:**

Cruise ship schedules can be demanding. You'll follow a rotational system, which includes long hours during peak times (such as embarkation and disembarkation). Flexibility is key, as you'll adapt to varying time zones and port schedules.

## **Physical Fitness and Mental Wellness**

### **Fitness:**

Cruise ship work involves physical tasks, such as lifting, walking, and standing for extended periods. Regular exercise is essential.

### **Mental Resilience:**

Living and working in a confined space with a diverse group of people requires adaptability, patience, and a positive mindset.

## **BMI and Overall Wellness:**

Some Cruise Lines may have strict BMI requirements, maintaining a healthy lifestyle is crucial. Regular medical check-ups ensure your well-being. A balanced nutrition and this of course is what you get onboard a Cruise Liner. Crew meals are not the same as passenger meals and can get monotonous at times. Adequate rest instead of visiting Ports of Calls (unless job related) can be a sound choice after very long daily work sessions. Stress management contributes to overall wellness on board and you may want to take part in Holistic Crew Programs like Yoga, Meditation and Gym activities. Staff can work as much as 80 hours per week and Sunday to Sunday!

## **Willingness to Adapt:**

Cruise ships encounter various situations, from rough seas to unexpected passenger needs. Your adaptability is vital. Must be open to cultural differences, language barriers, and changing itineraries.

## **Attitude and Aptitude**

### **Positive Attitude:**

A friendly, customer-focused demeanour is essential, sometimes that smile or personality will make a lot of difference. Creating memorable experiences for our guests means value to them overall and ensuring a special time on Vacation.

### **Problem-Solving Skills:**

Quick thinking and resourcefulness help handle unforeseen challenges. A quality most sought after!

### **Team Player:**

Collaboration ensures smooth operations. We look for communicators and leadership potential. Promotions may favour exceptional qualities like these.

## **Confined Areas and Crew Meals**

### **Living Quarters:**

Crew cabins are compact and require organizational skills and respect for shared spaces.

### **Crew Meals:**

Allows you the ability to enjoy communal dining with colleagues. It's a chance to bond and recharge.

## **Mindset and Going the Extra Mile**

### **External Customers and Internal Customers**

Our crew members often step up beyond their assigned duties. Whether it's assisting a colleague (**Internal Customer**) or helping a passenger (**External Customer**). The Crew member's personality matters regarding how they react to tasks involving both scenarios, fellow colleagues and customers who have saved up for a **Great Vacation Experience**. Most definitely a pre-requisite dynamic for one's overall success in this **VOCATIONIONAL CAREER CHOICE!**

Remember, working on a cruise ship is more than a job — it's an adventure! If you're ready to embrace the high seas, cultural diversity, and the thrill of exploration, we look forward to welcoming you aboard! It may be wise to consult with actual experienced Shipmates before making this decision as we want to ensure that you've got the correct **MINDSET** for this **OCEAN-BASED** Career Choice!

Fair winds and smooth sailing

*From the Desk of*

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