



Tips for Boarding Ships

If you are planning to tour a visiting ship, here are some things you need to know before you go:

- Wear comfortable, flat, closed-toe shoes with soft soles. Walking up gangways (sometimes quite steep) and around a ship is not easy in high heels or open-back sandals. Heels may also damage the deck surface on some vessels. Some ships may not even allow you to board if you are wearing open-toe shoes or heels.
- If you are wearing a skirt or dress, be prepared for wind gusts.
- You may not be able to carry on large bags due to security restrictions.
- You will not be able to take strollers on board any ships.
- Please avoid taking food or beverages on board.
- Unfortunately, most ships are not accessible to those with impaired mobility.
- Wear sunscreen. You may have to wait in line or spend more time on deck than you expected.
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Be aware that some of the crew on a visiting ship may not speak English.
- Please be a goodwill ambassador. Many of our visiting crewmembers have never visited Baltimore or the United States before. Your interactions are the memories that they will take home.
- Have fun!

