

You are going to read an article in which people describe their experiences on a cruise ship. For questions 1-10 choose from the people (A-D). Each person may be chosen more than once.



A Mary Jones

My husband, Bernie, and I are the same age, but I'm a lot less active than he is. We both like going sightseeing on holiday, but because of my arthritis I'm unable to walk very far these days. Cruises are a great way for us to spend time together – but do different things. We end up having completely different holidays even though we're travelling on the same ship. On the days we get into port, Bernie goes on shore for a change of scene, while I sunbathe on deck, chat to other passengers or find a comfortable spot to work on the novel I'm writing. When he shows me the photos of what he's seen and done that day, I try not to let it get me down. I'd love to go with him but there's only so much I can manage.

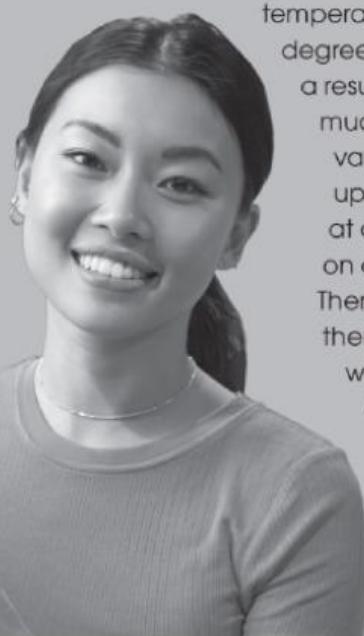
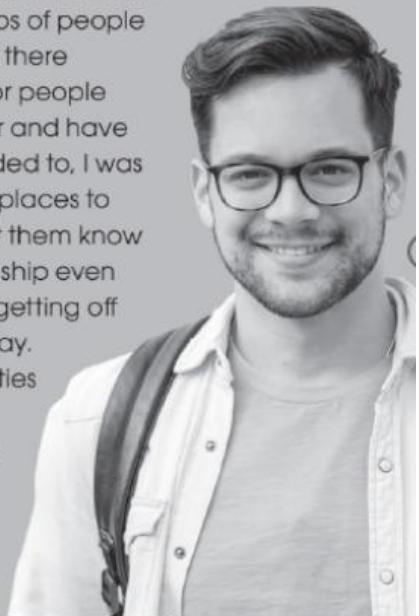
C Chelsea Ryan

I was completely unprepared for the heat when I was planning my cruise. I knew it would be hot in August, though when we were at sea it was much cooler because of the sea breezes, but I never imagined that temperatures would be over 35 degrees when we were in port. As a result, I didn't leave the ship much when we got in to the various cities, but I got so fed up with staying behind that at one stop I decided to go on a group walk in the hills. There was a bus to take us up there, but once we arrived it was like an oven. Luckily, I

wore a lot of sunscreen so I didn't get sunburnt, but it just wasn't worth getting off the ship for. I could have spent the day in the pool instead.

B Paul Fletcher

I'd never been on a cruise before, and I was a bit concerned that I'd be much younger than the other travellers. Well, I don't know whether it was the particular cruise I chose, but I needn't have worried. There were families with children, couples having a romantic break and groups of people around my own age, and there were plenty of activities for people to get to know each other and have a good time. When I needed to, I was able to find some quieter places to drop a line to friends to let them know how I was getting on. The ship even had a cinema! I enjoyed getting off at a different port every day. I'd been to some of the cities before, but never by sea. It was great not having to drive anywhere or constantly pack my suitcase up to go somewhere different.



D Andy Simpson

I usually go on a ten-day cruise every year. I don't really care where I go, as long as it's somewhere hot. It may seem strange as there are so many other people on board, but I stay on the ship and use it as a kind of chance to get away from the world. I do so much volunteer work that I need an escape from everything when I'm on holiday. For me, going on a cruise is an opportunity to switch off for a while. I have yoga classes each day and I do a lot of walking around the deck listening to classical music. It's wonderful being on board, and I'm so comfortable it's preferable to stay there rather than go wandering about. I get a surprising amount of exercise – the fitness tracker I wear on my wrist told me I was doing 7,000 steps a day last time. I leave my phone at home and enjoy having time to myself.

Which person

liked not having to change accommodation?

wasn't interested in socialising?

was anxious about not fitting in?

regretted a decision?

had to compromise?

didn't want to leave the ship during the cruise?

kept in touch with home?

was bothered by the weather?

felt the destination was unimportant?

used the time to complete a piece of work?

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