

Q: We haven't cruised in at least 10 years. Now we're going with a group, and I'm wondering: Should we pack formal clothes for dinners and late-night activities? *Ms. Mary J., Bangor ME* 

A: It depends on your cruise line. For dinner, big ships usually require evening wear, but not necessarily formal. Cocktail dresses for ladies and suits for men. Of course, if you want to get all gussied up for those activities, pack your formal duds. To be sure of the ship's dress code, check with your travel group leader and/or the cruise line's website.