



Senior wanderers who speak up while checking in may save some money. If you're a bit devious, casually mention that you or your companion is marking a 65th or other significant birthday. Your plea could also be that you're celebrating your 40th wedding anniversary. You can also try the newlywed routine, but if you show wrinkles and grey hair, that ploy may not work.

If the cruise ship or hotel isn't fully booked, the check-in clerk can usually opt to give you a free upgrade to a larger cabin or suite. It may also get you complimentary champagne or chocolates on your pillow on the first night. And just maybe a free buffet for two at the dining room. Your ploy may not work, but it's always worth the attempt.