

# CRUISE INDUSTRY REGULATION & OVERSIGHT

Cruise ships are part of a comprehensive system of regulation, enforcement, and inspection that protects passengers, crew, and the environment.

## Port States

U.S. COAST GUARD, CDC, EPA, FBI,  
CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION

- Review ship designs and issue safety certification before the ship sails.
- Conduct announced and unannounced inspections and enforce compliance with all international and domestic laws and regulations.
- Detain ships if serious violations are found.

## Countries of Registration

FLAG STATES

- Ensure that registered ships meet national and international requirements.

## International Maritime Organization & International Labour Organization

- Set comprehensive standards for cruise ship, including safety, security, crewmember protections, and environmental practices.

## Classification Societies

- Set safety and environmental rules and guidelines and provide oversight for ship design, construction, and operation.
- Conduct inspections and surveys on behalf of flag states, insurers, and other members of the maritime community to make sure ships are seaworthy and managed responsibly.

