

- (Sometimes) a bar/hotel refrigerator suitable for drinks and small items.

Once you have made the decision to sign on and live aboard a cruise ship consult section VI for some further suggestions to make your stay more comfortable.

TELL ME ABOUT THE FOOD:

Food is one of the characteristics that cruise vacations are often revered for and this amenity is also lavished upon the crew. On most lines your meals will be taken in a separate crew or staff dining room and the format is usually a buffet style with the option to order from a menu. Fare is quite similar to that offered to the guests upstairs, so there is a good deal of variety. Be forewarned; the menus in the staff and crew dining rooms are usually on a two week rotation, so you will see the same items on a semi-regular basis. If culinary variety is a must for you have a look in section VI for some tips on making the most of your meal times.

That being said, most lines will also allow you access to the guest buffets and auxiliary eateries, (sandwich bars, pizza parlors, sushi bars – even steak houses and Italian eateries) at almost every dining opportunity so there are always a few dining options.

WHERE CAN I GO FOR RECREATION?:

This is always the point of contention for a first time cruiser: what to do with all of your time off. As a musician; regardless of whether you're in the *Orchestra, Lounge Bands* or a *Solo Entertainer* you will have a fair amount of