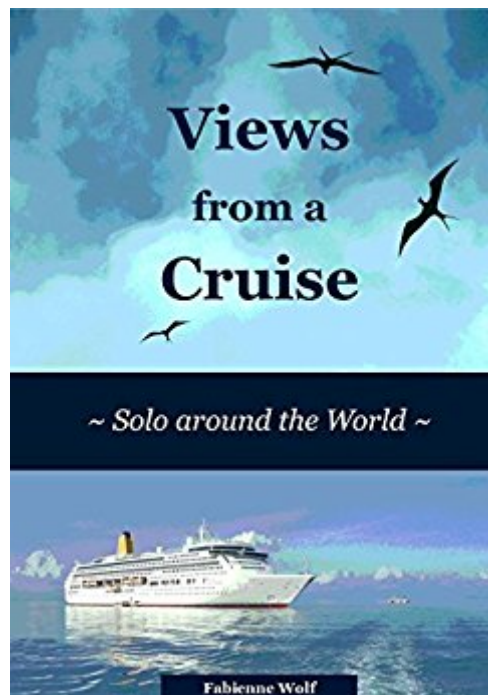




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If you ever wondered what it would be like to go on a cruise, especially a long one like a voyage around the world, this book will give you an inside view of the many highs and the occasional lows of such a journey. *Views from a Cruise* describes the personal perspective of a single female passenger on a medium-sized cruise ship. As a first-time cruiser, and still some twenty years shy of retirement age, she set out to cross the oceans and see the world while relaxing in style, recovering energy and enjoying serious pampering after years of intense work. Her tales from the oceans include 112 practical tips for new cruisers in general, and for world cruisers and solo travellers in particular. Incidents and insights are described in entertaining and bite-sized chunks. The book is a good read and packed with information on a great variety of topics: Life and leisure at sea - organized excursions on land - immigration interviews - piracy facts - countries, cultures and customs - passengers, both nasty and nice - world religions - travel philosophy - drug smuggling - the norovirus - car and sea sickness - health, fitness and weight loss - and much, much more. To become acquainted with cruising, read this book and feel tempted to plan your own journey.

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Customer Reviews

I always dreamed of what doing a cruise around the world would be like, and Fabienne diary-like and descriptive abilities gave me what I wanted. She describes every day, but only the important details. There were times she did bore me, but that was rare. For the most part I was fascinating with her description of the people she meets and the places she goes. She is however, a bit of a hypocrite. She accuses other people of being judgmental yet after going to Fiji and seeing athletic dancers he whines (in writing) that it's sad to return to a boat full of old and fat people. How shallow of her, specially since she never did a day of exercise or had a personal trainer until joining the cruise. You're gonna be old and fat someday, Fabienne, or at least old and Wicked Witch of the West ugly. She attacks capitalism and our first world standard of living, ironic since it's not people from the third world who are doing a world cruise. Of course, she made her money as a teacher in Europe, so she's a really a government worker. No wonder she's a socialist. For example, she complains about the wealth disparity in Cambodia, as if such disparities didn't exist all over the world. This woman needs to read some Ayn Rand soon. Let's just say that this is a feisty woman, if you don't give her a dish that's perfect, she'll complain about it. If the aerobics instructor plays the music too loud or the wrong music, she'll complain. If her dinner companies make politically incorrect remarks, she'll ask the maitre d to be placed at a new table (in her defense, she only did that once). I just find it funny how she goes from being "open minded" and in touch with "the great spirit" to being a real ball buster. Other than that, I wish a discussion of her finances had been more forthcoming. What was the cost of the cruise, the excursions, the spa treatments. How much money would I have to save to do what she did? Overall, I'm glad she showed how cruising isn't boring, even those days at sea can be spent singing in a choir, taking a class, exercising, reading, going to the movies, watching TV, etc. I did a Carnival Cruise by myself for a week, and had a terrific time. Reading this book was a lot of fun, it was an adventure, it felt like being there. It was realistic, so I thank her.

Too focused on authors personal drama arguing with other passengers about who sits in front of bus on shore excursions, etc. Not enough info or tips about world cruising to travel for my taste.

This book is an excellent read. Anyone who has cruised or is curious of what it is like to cruise

would benefit from reading her book. She takes you along on her journey and you experience the trip with her. If you love adventure and travel this book is for you.

We are planning our dream cruise around the world. I enjoyed reading this log of her cruise very much. I wanted to know what life on a ship for that long would be like. We have done 1517 day cruises and love sea days so this will either be a joy or cure us of cruises. Since we are doing Princes LA to LA we won't have some of the things she had. Now I know what to expect when nearing the Somali coast and pirates. We will be visiting about 1/2 of the ports she did but still very good about what to see and do and insights as to the people of these foreign lands. I hope to be able to write a log of our cruise but I am not a writer nor teacher.

I loved this book. Now that I am widowed, I thought my cruise days were over unless I went with a friend or relative. After reading Fabienne's adventures as a solo cruiser, I am thinking about a solo round the world cruise, too!

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