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How to get a job on a cruise ship

Step 1. Visit the web pages of cruise ship companies, apply for the job.

There are more than ten big cruise ship companies operating around the world, and more than twenty smaller companies. All of them have their corporate website, and with some of them, **you can apply for a job online.**

Step 2. Look for recruitment agencies that work with these companies.

Many companies outsource their recruitment, and there are at least seven **recruiting agencies that specialize only in cruise ship recruitment.**

Look for the agencies that **get a one time fee from the employer**, agencies that won't take a cut from your salary each and every month.

If this is not clearly defined on their website, **call them and ask.**

Step 3. Try to use your connections.

Personal referral is an easiest way to get a job on a ship. Polish your address books, check Facebook profiles of your former schoolmates, look at LinkedIn, talk to people around you.

Is anyone working on a cruise ship? Did anyone work there before? Do they still have the number of their supervisor, or a person from an agency that helped them to get a job? They may hand you a helping hand, or at least a phone number of someone you should call to....

Step 4. Ace your interview.

Once you finally get a chance to talk to the HR manager, or an agency recruiter (**cruise ship interviews are often done online**, on the phone, or on Skype), you should try to **get the most out of this opportunity.**

Prepare for the common interview questions, speak with enthusiasm, **show them the value you can bring to their team.**

If you struggle with your interviewing skills, have a look at the interview success package here: <http://interviewpenguin.com/interview-success-package/>

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