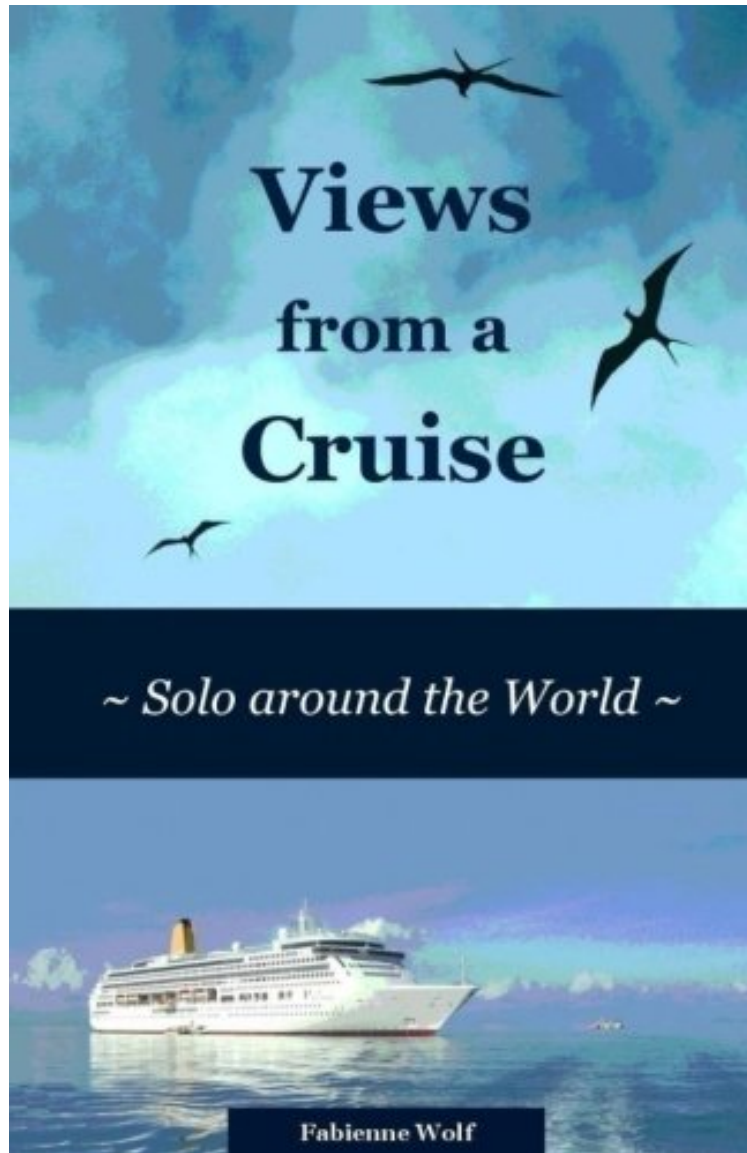


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always dreamed of what doing a cruise around the world would be like, and Fabienne diary-like and descriptive abilities gave me what I wanted. She describes every day, but only the important details. There were times she did bore me, but that was rare. For the most part I was fascinated 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 she whines (in writing) that it's sad to return to a boat full of old and fat people. How shallow of her, especially 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 companions 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.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable By jaCombines personal experience with worldly tips. Enjoyable for the seasoned traveler or an armchair traveler. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Too self focused vice travel By Christine Larson 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.

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 sets out to cross the oceans and see the world while relaxing in style, recovering energy and enjoying serious pampering after years of intense work. 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

"I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed your book, 'Views from a Cruise'." - "Beautiful account! I've read a few of the journal entries and loved each one. You have a wonderful way with words, bringing the places and people to life. It has been a real pleasure. Thank you." - "I have to say that I thoroughly enjoyed all of your exciting and colourful reports about the places you visited. Your descriptions made me want to visit those places too." - "The author has a very pleasant writing style with quirky and humorous comments." - "You want to read on and on." - "I learned some interesting facts about different countries, not the kind you would find in a guide book." - "This book is an excellent read." - "I now know what to expect, if I ever decided to go on such a trip myself." From the Author Fabienne Wolf grew up in landlocked Switzerland, which put paid to her childhood dreams of going to sea. She studied visual design instead and initially worked as a graphic designer in the Swiss advertising industry. Then she retrained as a Waldorf educator and relocated to England, where she taught art, language and a range of other subjects. A spontaneous decision to take time out, to travel and see the world put her in touch with her love of writing, and she realized her wish of crossing the great oceans at last. From the Back Cover A tale from the oceans for new cruisers, solo or not, including 112 practical tips for life aboard and ashore.