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Virgin Voyages Scarlet Night: The Complete Guide to What to Wear, What Happens & How to Prepare

Get ready for Scarlet Night on Virgin Voyages. Learn what to wear, what to pack, what happens, pool party tips, and how to make the most of the night.

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Intro

Scarlet Night is **the signature party experience on Virgin Voyages** and one of the biggest nights of your cruise.

But Scarlet Night isn't simply a red-themed party. The celebration takes over different areas of the ship with pop-up performances, interactive experiences, music, dancing, and surprises before culminating in a massive party around the pool.

The most important thing to know before you sail?

Pack something red, leave room in your evening plans, and don't go straight to the pool.

This guide covers what Scarlet Night is, what to wear, what to expect, what to pack, and how to make the most of the night.

Scarlet Night at a Glance

	What You Need to Know
What is Scarlet Night?	Virgin Voyages' signature shipwide celebration
What should I wear?	Red! There is no formal dress code
Is it included?	Yes
Do I need reservations?	No reservation is required for Scarlet Night itself
Where does it happen?	Throughout the ship, with much of the early action around Decks 6 and 7
Where is the big party?	The pool on Deck 15, weather permitting
Will I get wet?	Possibly! Especially if you join the pool party
Should I attend?	Absolutely. We recommend every first-time Sailor experience it
Where do I find my schedule?	Check the Virgin Voyages app onboard

ADVISOR TIP

Pride Travelers Tip: Don't think of Scarlet Night as one party at one location. The fun is in exploring the ship and discovering what's happening along the way.

What Is Scarlet Night?

Scarlet Night is an immersive, ship-wide celebration created specifically for Virgin Voyages.

Throughout the evening, different spaces onboard become part of the experience. You may encounter dancers, musicians, performers, interactive moments, and unexpected pop-ups as you explore the ship.

There's even a mythology behind Scarlet Night involving the sea, the moon, a Sailor, and the Octopus Goddess.

You don't need to understand the story to participate.

In fact, one of the biggest mistakes you can make is trying to treat Scarlet Night like a traditional cruise ship show with a specific venue, start time, and ending.

Scarlet Night is something you explore.

What Happens During Scarlet Night?

While the exact schedule can vary by sailing, Scarlet Night generally evolves throughout the evening.

Part of the Night	What to Expect	Our Advice
Getting Started	The atmosphere around the ship begins changing as Scarlet Night starts	Finish dinner, change into red, and be ready to explore
The Roundabout	A central gathering point around Decks 6 and 7	This is a great place to begin
Shipwide Experiences	Pop-up performances, music, interactive moments, and surprises	Wander! Don't stay in one place
Octopus Garden	The Red Room transforms as Scarlet Night's mythology comes alive	Worth experiencing at least once
Pool Party	Music, dancing, performers, and plenty of Sailors around and inside the pool	Wear something that can survive getting wet, or just jump in with your existing red outfit, you only live once!
After-Party	The celebration can continue late into the night at The Manor	Go if you still have energy!

ADVISOR TIP

The biggest thing to remember:
Don't go directly to the pool and wait for the party.
You would miss a huge part of the Scarlet Night experience.

What Should I Wear to Scarlet Night?

Wear red.

That's really the only rule you need to know.

Virgin Voyages encourages Sailors to **"Keep it Red,"** but there isn't a formal Scarlet Night dress code.

Some people barely dress up.

Other people treat Scarlet Night like the Met Gala at sea.

Both work.

Scarlet Night Outfit Ideas

Keep It Simple	Dress It Up	Go All Out
Red T-shirt	Red button-down	Sequins
Red polo	Red cocktail dress	Mesh or sheer layers
Red shorts	Red jumpsuit	Statement pieces
Red sundress	Red blazer	Elaborate head-to-toe red
Red accessories	Red shoes	Glitter and dramatic accessories

For our LGBTQ+ travelers: Scarlet Night is absolutely a night where you can have fun with your outfit. Virgin Voyages tends to attract an inclusive crowd, and you'll see everything from simple red shirts to some seriously fabulous looks.

Wear what makes you comfortable.

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⚠ Your Scarlet Night Outfit Might Get Wet

This is probably the most important packing advice in this entire guide.

Scarlet Night eventually moves to the pool.

You don't have to get in.

You may have absolutely no intention of getting in.

And then suddenly you're standing next to a swimming pool surrounded by hundreds of people dancing and reconsidering every decision that brought you to this moment.

Plan accordingly.

We Recommend:

Do	Avoid
Comfortable shoes	Shoes that become dangerously slippery when wet
Clothes you can dance in	Anything extremely restrictive
An outfit that can handle some water	Expensive pieces that absolutely cannot get wet
Swimsuit underneath if you might swim	Assuming you definitely won't end up in the pool
Taking photos before the pool party	Waiting until midnight for your outfit photos

If you've planned an elaborate Scarlet Night outfit, you can always return to your cabin and change before heading to the pool.

Scarlet Night Packing Checklist

Make sure these items make it into your suitcase:

PACKING LIST

☐ Red outfit

☐ Comfortable shoes

☐ Pool-friendly shoes if you're planning to get wet

☐ Red accessories

☐ Swimsuit if you might join the pool party

☐ Waterproof or water-resistant phone protection

☐ Makeup, glitter, or accessories for your look

☐ Backup red top if you're planning an elaborate outfit

Don't own anything red?

You don't need to buy an entirely new wardrobe.

A red shirt, accessory, pair of sunglasses, jewelry, or other accent is enough to participate.

That said, if you're someone who enjoys dressing up...

This is the night to do it.

Our Recommended Scarlet Night Game Plan

Here's how we'd approach Scarlet Night on your first Virgin Voyages cruise.

When	What to Do
Earlier That Day	Check the Virgin Voyages app for the current Scarlet Night schedule
Dinner	Choose an earlier dinner so you aren't rushing or missing the beginning of the festivities
Before the Party	Head back to your cabin, change into red, charge your phone, and take your good outfit photos
Scarlet Night Begins	Head toward The Roundabout around Decks 6 and 7
Early Evening	Explore! Follow performers and see what's happening throughout the ship
During Scarlet Night	Check out The Red Room and Octopus Garden
Later	Head toward Deck 15 for the pool party
Late Night	Keep going at The Manor if you're not ready for bed
Before Bed	Drink some water. Future-you will appreciate this.

First-Timer Mistakes to Avoid

Mistake	Do This Instead
Going directly to the pool	Explore Decks 6 and 7 first
Booking a late dinner	Check the schedule and plan dinner around Scarlet Night
Wearing something that can't get wet	Plan for the possibility of joining the pool party
Wearing uncomfortable shoes	Remember you'll be walking and dancing
Trying to see absolutely everything	Follow the action and enjoy whatever you discover
Using an online schedule from another cruise	Check your actual sailing in the Virgin Voyages app
Filming the entire night	Get your photos and videos, then actually enjoy it

Do You Have to Get in the Pool?

No.

You can enjoy the pool party without ever entering the water.

If you prefer a little more breathing room, you can also watch portions of the festivities from farther away from the pool.

But if there's even a small chance you'll want to jump in, wearing a swimsuit underneath your outfit isn't a bad idea.

What Happens If the Weather Is Bad?

Scarlet Night's pool party takes place outdoors, which means weather and sea conditions can affect the evening.

Virgin Voyages may modify the schedule or relocate portions of the celebration when necessary.

Always check the Virgin Voyages app for the latest information during your sailing.

Can I skip Scarlet Night?

Of course.

But if this is your first Virgin Voyages cruise, **we really recommend experiencing it**, even if you only participate in the earlier portion of the evening.

The Pride Travelers Bottom Line

Scarlet Night is one of those Virgin Voyages experiences that's better when you participate rather than simply watch.

- You don't need an elaborate costume.
- You don't need to understand the mythology.
- You don't need to jump into the pool.
- And you definitely don't need to stay out until 2 AM.
- **Wear some red. Start around The Roundabout. Explore the ship. Follow the performers. Have fun with it.**
- Then, when everyone starts heading upstairs...
- You'll know exactly where the night is going.

Already Booked?

Save this guide and come back to it when you're packing for your Virgin Voyages cruise.

And remember: **pack the red outfit**. For a complete packing list, check out our [Virgin Voyages Packing List](#).

Scarlet Night FAQ

What night is Scarlet Night on Virgin Voyages?

The night can vary by itinerary and sailing. Check your Virgin Voyages app for the confirmed schedule for your cruise.

What time does Scarlet Night start?

Times can vary. Don't rely on a schedule posted online from another sailing. Your onboard Virgin Voyages app will have the most relevant schedule.

Do you have to wear red to Scarlet Night?

No. Wearing red is encouraged, but it isn't a mandatory dress code.

Does Scarlet Night cost extra?

No. Scarlet Night is included in your Virgin Voyages cruise.

Do I need reservations?

You don't need a reservation to participate in Scarlet Night itself. Check the app for individual activities and entertainment happening during the evening.

Is Scarlet Night adults only?

Virgin Voyages itself is adults only, so Scarlet Night is an adults-only experience.

Is Scarlet Night LGBTQ+ friendly?

Absolutely. Virgin Voyages is known for an inclusive onboard atmosphere, and Scarlet Night strongly embraces individuality and self-expression.

Should I wear a swimsuit?

You don't need one unless you want to get into the pool. If you think there's even a chance you'll join the pool party, wearing one underneath your outfit can make life easier.

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