

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## *The Vortex of Attraction South Pacific Cruise*

October 21 - November 2, 2015

### ***Do I need a passport and/or visa?***

It is necessary for all passengers to provide proof of citizenship and photo ID in the form of a passport that is valid for at least six months after your return date. Carefully verify the existing identification requirements for your particular travel situation. **Please be sure you have the necessary Visas for travel to Australia if applicable.** One online resource to quickly find out about visa requirements is [http://www.visahq.com/?a\\_aid=vaff3381](http://www.visahq.com/?a_aid=vaff3381) or you may contact the individual embassy for more info.

**AUSTRALIAN VISA REQUIREMENTS:** An Australian Visa is required for entry into Australia by all North American Passengers (US and Canada) and is also needed for most other foreign passport holders. The Australian Government website, [www.eta.immi.gov.au](http://www.eta.immi.gov.au), offers electronic processing of visa applications and Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) which is a virtual visa attached to your passport. This is something that should be handled early, as waiting could hinder your travel plans. Go to [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) to complete the visa application that you require.

### ***How much time do I need to allow for embarking and disembarking?***

For air arrivals and departures into Sydney (SYD) it is recommended guests allow adequate time for transfer between the airport and pier, customs inspections and airport security checks. On the day of departure (**October 21st**) flights should arrive no later than **2:00 pm** and on the day the ship returns (**November 2nd**) flights should depart after **12:30 pm**.

### ***Can I purchase transfers from the airport to the ship?***

If you are arriving to or departing from the Sydney Kingsford International Airport (SYD) airport on the day of departure, you may add transfers to the ship for \$30.00 per person each direction. These transfers are provided by Celebrity Cruise Line and will be available by the Spring, 2015. **They must be booked no later than September 21.** Flight numbers and details are required to book your transfers. Taxis run approximately \$50USD\* and may be faster and less expensive if more than one guest is traveling. From Sydney Kingsford Airport, you are about 30 minutes away from the ship terminal depending on traffic. \*prices vary based on exchange rates

### ***When may I embark the ship?***

The Celebrity *Solstice* departs from the port of Sydney at 6:30 pm. Embarkation begins at approximately 1:00 pm, and guests are requested to be on board no later than 2 hours prior to sailing time. **The Pier address is: Overseas Passenger Terminal, The Rocks, 5 Hickson Rd., NSW 2000 Sydney, Australia.**

### ***Hotel Reservations -***

There are many good discount internet sites available for booking hotels, such as [www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com) or [www.kayak.com](http://www.kayak.com), both offering a variety of different-priced hotel options. Or, you may contact Lynn Horton at Worldview Travel for both hotel and air reservations by dialing 714-540-7400 x1226 or 1-800-627-8726 x1226.

### ***Dining room arrangements***

Our group will have two dining options – Early dining (6:00 pm) and Late dining (8:30 pm), where you will be seated with other group members. Your selection is noted on your confirmation letter. If you have friends or family in other cabins with whom you wish to dine, you must inform us other no later than August 21st in order to have those requests given to the ship. For a buffet style restaurant, you can try the Oceanview Cafe which is complimentary and the attire is casual. Room service is also available and complimentary.

### ***Reservation-Only Specialty Restaurants***

As delicious alternatives to the Main dining experience, you might consider one of the other restaurants on board the Celebrity *Solstice*. Murano is \$50, Tuscan Grille is \$45, and Silk Harvest is \$30. All prices are per person and do require reservations.

### ***Can the Dining Room accommodate special diets?***

Watching your salt, fat or sugar intake? Going vegetarian? Advise us at the time of booking and we'll be happy to accommodate most special diets. Gluten-free or special medical diets must be pre-ordered a minimum of 60 days prior to sailing. These do require a form submission by you to Celebrity Cruise Line directly. This form is attached to your confirmation email and must be sent to the cruise line by August 21st.

### ***May I bring my own liquor On-Board?***

No more than 2 bottles of wine or champagne are allowed. A corkage fee will be charged for wine or champagne brought to the restaurants or bars for consumption.

### ***What's included in the Cruise Price?***

- All meals, including room service, except in the specialty "reservations only" restaurants.
- Most entertainment & activities onboard.

### ***What's not included in the Cruise price?***

- Seminar fee of \$400 (billed separately by Life Journeys/Worldview Travel)
- Air Transportation cost or transfers to the ship
- Shore excursions in the various ports
- On board: Drink packages, phone calls or internet access, spa services, laundry, dry cleaning, photographs, and gambling and gratuities

### ***Ship Staff Gratuities***

Gratuities must be prepaid to Celebrity Cruises at final payment at the rate listed below for the entire cruise. This gratuity fee includes gratuities for the stateroom steward, head waiter, waiter and assistant waiter.

- Standard Stateroom: \$144.00 per person (\$12 per day)
- Concierge Class Staterooms: \$150.00 per person (\$12.50 per day).
- Suite Staterooms: \$186.00 per person (\$15.50 per day).

### ***Stateroom Amenities***

All staterooms include: double closets, full length mirrors, extra-deep chest of drawers, safe, hairdryers, refrigerators, multi-channel music system, remote-controlled color TV and DVD players. Staterooms are equipped with both North American standard 110 volt and European Standard 220 volt outlets.

### ***Cruise Attire***

Casual wear will be appropriate for days onboard. For evening wear, count on two basic types of attire.

- Casual: dresses, or slacks & blouse for women; polo shirts & trousers for men
- Formal: cocktail dresses or nice slacks & blouse for women; suits & ties, or tuxedos for men

There are three formal nights, one cocktail party, and the rest casual. No self service laundry or ironing facilities are available. Full laundry services, including pressing, are available for a fee.

### ***We're bringing the kids; any special activities for them?***

Absolutely! Youth activities are directed and organized by a special staff of youth counselors. Fully supervised programs for children age 3 (must be potty trained) to age 17 are available. For children ages 3-6 activities include theme parties, treasure hunts and T-shirt decorating. Ages 7-9: relay races, team trivia and fitness activities. Ages 10-12: pool Olympics, scavenger hunts and karaoke. For teens 13-17: pool and pizza parties, video games, disco, movies and more.

### ***When can I reserve my shore excursions?***

You can pre-request your excursions with your booking number **no later than 4 days prior** to sailing at [www.celebritycruises.com](http://www.celebritycruises.com) or make your arrangements when you board your ship – based upon availability. Pre-booking excursions is highly recommended! **Celebrity will be offering exclusive Abraham-Hicks shore trips to our group and they will be available for review and reservations by early August 2015.**

### ***Ship Contact Information***

Your final preparation email (E-docs) will contain detailed information including the phone number for your ship and email address. The Internet Café is available for sending and receiving emails. Wireless internet is available from various locations onboard when bringing your own laptop. Charges of approximately 65 cents per minute will apply for this service and posted on your shipboard account. The Internet Café is open 24 hours a day with ample computers and you will be able to buy different minute packages onboard.

### ***Weather***

Expected temperatures can range from a low of 72° F (night) to a high of 84° F (day). It is advisable to check the internet for up-to-date weather conditions prior to sailing.

