

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## *The Alaskan Vortex of Attraction Cruise*

July 4<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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

**This cruise makes 1 stop in a foreign port, Victoria Canada.**

**FOR U.S. AND CANADIAN CITIZENS:** It is necessary for all passengers to provide proof of citizenship and photo ID in one of the following forms:

- 1) A current passport that is valid for at least six months after your return date, or
- 2) An original or certified copy of your birth certificate and valid photo ID (driver's license).

**FOR NON-U.S./NON-CANADIAN CITIZENS:** You must have and carry a passport valid for six months beyond the duration of your travel. Please carefully verify the existing identification requirements for your particular travel situation.

**For International passengers, please be sure you have the necessary Visas for travel to Canada 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.

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

For air arrivals and departures into Seattle 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 (**July 4<sup>th</sup>**) flights should arrive no later than **1:00 pm** and on the day the ship returns (**July 11<sup>th</sup>**) flights should depart after **12:00 Noon**.

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

If you are arriving in the Seattle airport on the day of departure (July 4), you may add transfers to the ship for \$27.00 per person each direction. The return transfer (July 11) from the pier to the airport is also \$27.00 per person. These transfers are provided by Celebrity Cruise Line and can be added to your reservation now. **They must be booked no later than June 6<sup>th</sup>.** Flight numbers and details are required for your reservations. Taxis run approximately \$50 and are faster and less expensive if more than one guest is traveling. You are about 40 minutes away from the ship terminal depending on traffic.

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

The *Celebrity Solstice* departs from Pier 91 at 5:00 pm. Embarkation begins at approximately 11:30 am, and guests are requested to be on board no later than 90 minutes prior to sailing time. **The Pier address is: 2001 W. Garfield St. Seattle, WA. For those driving, parking is available at Republic Parking at approximately \$22 (plus tax) per day.** [www.rpnw.com](http://www.rpnw.com) 206-783-4144, Ext 1113.

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

For those arriving early, downtown Seattle is located only about 15 minutes from the Port. 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.

### ***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 that you are dining with you must inform us other no later than May 9<sup>th</sup> in order to have those requests given to the ship. All requests must be in writing.** For a buffet style restaurant, you can try the Oceanview Cafe which is complimentary and the attire is casual. Also, room service is 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 \$40, Tuscan Grille is \$30, the Lawn Club Grill is \$40, and Silk Harvest is \$40. 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 May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### ***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 & Pre-paid Gratuities (Listed on your invoice)
- 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.

### ***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: \$84.00 per person (\$12 per day)
- Concierge Class Staterooms: \$87.50 per person (\$12.50 per day).
- Suite Staterooms: \$108.50 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 two 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 3 (must be potty trained) to 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!

### ***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 in Alaska***

Expected temperatures can range from a low of 50° F (night) to a high of 75° F (day). Layered clothing is suggested, along with a folding umbrella in case of rain or mist. It is advisable to check the internet for up-to-date weather conditions prior to sailing. Bringing binoculars would also enhance viewing scenery.

