

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## *The Alaskan Vortex of Attraction Cruise*

### July 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### ***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> 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 12<sup>th</sup>**) flights should arrive no later than **12:45 pm** and on the day the ship returns (**July 19<sup>th</sup>**) flights should depart after **11:45 am**.

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

If you are arriving in the Seattle airport on the day of departure (July 12<sup>th</sup>), you may add transfers to the ship for approximately \$27.00 per person each direction. These transfers are provided by Celebrity Cruise Line and must be added to your reservation no later than June 27<sup>th</sup>. Flight numbers and details are required for your reservations. Taxis run approximately \$55-60 and are faster and about the same cost if more than one guest is traveling. You are about 40 minutes away from the ship terminal.

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

The *Celebrity Solstice* departs from Smith Cover Cruise Terminal #91 at 4:00 pm. Embarkation begins at approximately 11:15 am, and guests are required to be on board no later than 90 minutes prior to sailing time. **The Pier address is: 2001 W. Garfield St. Seattle, WA 98199.** For those driving, parking is available at Republic Parking at approximately \$26 per day. [www.rpnw.com](http://www.rpnw.com) 206-783-4144, Ext 1113.

#### ***Air Flights and Pre/Post Hotel Options in Seattle***

When you make your air arrangements to Seattle, you may want to consider the “**FLIGHTS BY CELEBRITY**” Air Program as an option. You can now book your flights online with Flights by Celebrity, or by phone. You get 24/7 travel service and Air Specialists are available to help you with any flight delays or cancellations, working quickly with the airline to get you on the next available flight to our ship. And, there's no booking fee. All flights are subject to cancellation fees; our cruise cancellation penalties do not apply to any flights purchased. Click the link: [celebritycruises.com/flights-by-celebrity](http://celebritycruises.com/flights-by-celebrity) (we recommend to click on SEARCH FLIGHTS when on the Celebrity website) or contact one of their professional specialists at 800-533-7803 or 305-539-6000. **Inquiries and bookings must be made directly with Celebrity and not through Life Journeys.**

You can also contact the Travel Edge Air Department for a free quote for the best fare and schedule. Contact Lynn at 714-540-7400 ext. 1226 or email her at [lynn.horton@traveledge.com](mailto:lynn.horton@traveledge.com). Please include requested dates and times with all email requests. For those arriving early, downtown Seattle is located only about 15 minutes from the Port. There are many good discount internet sites available, 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 will be noted on your confirmation letter. If you have friends or family in other cabins that you are dining with you must inform us no later than May 31<sup>st</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. Room service is also available. Celebrity has enhanced the cruising experience for its guests in Suites (S2, S1, CS, RS) by adding a dining room for Suite guests only. *Luminae* is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner and is not restricted to dining at a certain time each evening.

#### ***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 per person, Tuscan Grille is \$45 pp, and Silk Harvest is \$35pp and all require reservations.

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

Watching your salt, fat or sugar intake? Going vegan? Good news!, Celebrity now offers Gluten free meals as a standard offering on their main menu as well as a separate Vegetarian menu in the main dining room. Celebrity Cruise Line will work to accommodate most special medical diets. 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 13<sup>th</sup> or you can email [special\\_needs@rccl.com](mailto:special_needs@rccl.com).

#### ***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.

## 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.

## What's included in the Cruise Price?

- All meals, including room service, except in the specialty "reservations only" restaurants.
- Most entertainment & activities onboard.
- **FREE AMENITY INCLUDED WITH YOUR BOOKING – OCEAN VIEW AND HIGHER STATEROOMS ONLY**
  - For 1st and 2nd passengers in each Ocean View cabin or higher stateroom, a FREE Classic Beverage package has been included for our group. This amenity is valued at \$385 per person on this cruise. With this Beverage Package you can enjoy non-premium bottled water, premium coffees and teas, fresh and bottled juices, soda selections and wine-by-the glass\* or your favorite cocktails\*. Your package can be used throughout the ship.  
\* choose from beers up to \$6 per serving, spirits, cocktails, liqueurs and frozen drinks up to \$8 per serving, and wine-by-the-glass up to \$9 per serving. Plus, a 15% discount on all wines by the bottle purchased on board.
  - For 3rd and 4th passengers in each Ocean View or higher cabin, we have included a FREE Non-Alcoholic Classic Beverage Package and a 40-minute Internet package. This beverage package (valued at \$126 per person) includes non-premium bottled water, premium coffees and teas, fresh and bottled juices, and soda selections.

## 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
- Meals in the specialty "reservations only" restaurants.
- Shore excursions in the various ports
- Alcoholic beverages\*\*, soft drinks\*\*, specialty coffees\*\*, telephone or internet access service, full service spa, beauty salon, fitness classes/personal trainer, babysitting, laundry/dry cleaning, photographs, casino gambling, gratuities (prepaid) and late night room service (between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am, there is a \$4.95 fee per room service order. For our Suite Class guests, the late-night room service charge is waived).

\*\*exceptions are covered by Free Amenities outlined above.

## 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: \$94.50 per person (\$13.50 per day)
- Concierge Class Staterooms: \$98.00 per person (\$14.00 per day).
- Suite Staterooms: \$119.00 per person (\$17.00 per day).

## Cruise Attire

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

- Smart Casual: dress, skirt, pants or jeans with a casual top for women; pants or jeans with a sport shirt that has sleeves for men
- Evening Chic: cocktail dress, skirt, pants or designer jeans with elegant top for women; pants or designer jeans with a dress shirt, button-down shirt or sweater, optional sport coat or blazer for men

There are two Evening Chic nights, one cocktail party, and the rest Smart 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 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! Special group Abraham excursions will be offered by Celebrity and should be available for booking by mid-April 2019.

## Ship Contact Information and Internet

Your final preparation email (E-docs) will contain detailed information including the phone number for your ship. The Internet Café is available, along with wireless internet throughout the ship when bringing your own devices. You can purchase internet packages based upon your needs. The unlimited internet package is \$249.00 or you can purchase internet by the minute onboard the ship. The Internet Café is open 24 hours a day with ample computers.

## 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.

