

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The Vortex of Attraction Caribbean Cruise

March 3-13, 2017

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

For air arrivals and departures into Fort Lauderdale, FL (FLL) or Miami (MIA) it is recommended that guests allow adequate time for transfer between the airport and pier, customs inspections and airport security checks. On the day of departure (March 3) flights should arrive no later than 1:00 pm into Fort Lauderdale or 12:00 noon into Miami. On the day the ship returns (March 13) flights should depart after 11:30 am from Fort Lauderdale and 12:30 pm from Miami.

Can I purchase transfers from the airport to the ship?

If you are arriving at the Fort Lauderdale (FLL) airport on the day of sailing you may add transfers to the ship for approximately \$16.75 per person each direction. If you are arriving at the Miami (MIA) airport on the day of sailing you may add transfers to the ship for approximately \$30.00 per person each direction. These transfers are provided by Celebrity Cruises and must be added to your cruise booking by **February 15th, 2017**. Flight numbers and details are required for your reservations. **Most passengers in our groups take a taxi from the airport to the pier as it is faster and less expensive if more than one person is traveling.**

Pre and Post Hotel Options in Fort Lauderdale

For those passengers who need airfare from the U.S., the Worldview Travel Air Department can give you a free quote for the best fare and schedule. Please contact Lynn at 800-627-8726 ext. 1226 or email her at lynn@worldviewtravel.com. Please include requested dates and times with all email requests. There are many good discount internet sites available, such as www.hotels.com or www.kayak.com, both offering a variety of different-priced hotel options. A Ft. Lauderdale airport hotel is approx. 10 minutes from the Port Everglades.

When may I embark the ship?

The Celebrity *Equinox* departs from the Port Everglades Cruise Port – 1850 Eller Drive Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316 at 4:00 pm on March 3rd, 2017. **Embarkation begins at approximately 11:30 am.** Guests are required to be on board no later than 90 minutes prior to sailing.

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 other no later than February 1st 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 *Equinox*. Murano is \$50, Tuscan Grille is \$45, and Silk Harvest is \$35. 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. All requests must be made in writing by email to special_needs@rccl.com and must include your booking number and guest names. Special requests must be made by 60 days before sailing.

May I bring my own liquor On-Board?

No beer or hard liquor may be brought onboard for consumption. Guests wishing to bring personal wine or champagne with them may do so, limited to two bottles per stateroom. When consumed in the dining room they will be subject to a \$25 corkage fee.

Stateroom Amenities

All staterooms include: safe, direct dial telephone, thermostat-controlled air-conditioning, mini-bar, bathroom accessories, hairdryers and remote controlled color TV. Staterooms are equipped with both North American standard 110 volt and European standard 220 volt outlets.

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.

What's included in the cruise price?

- All meals, including room service, except in the specialty "reservations only" restaurants.
- Most entertainment and activities on-board.
- **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 \$550 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 \$180 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?

- Air Transportation or transfers to the ship
- Seminar fee of \$400 (billed separately by Life Journeys)
- 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: \$129.50 per person (\$12.95 per day)
- Concierge Class Staterooms: \$134.50 per person (\$13.45 per day).
- Suite Staterooms: \$164.50 per person (\$16.45 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 three Evening Chic nights, one cocktail party, and the rest Smart Casual. Celebrity has recently replaced their traditional formal wear nights with Evening Chic, but if guests would like to wear tuxedo/formal gown attire it is totally acceptable and is a personal choice. No self-service laundry or ironing facilities are available. Full laundry services, including pressing, are available for a fee.

When can I reserve my shore excursions?

You can pre-request your excursions with your booking number at <http://www.celebritycruises.com> or you can make your reservations when you board your ship – based upon availability. Pre-booking excursions is highly recommended! The last day to reserve shore excursions online is 4 days before sailing. Special group Abraham excursions will be offered by Celebrity and should be available for booking by late Fall 2016.

Ship Contact Information

Your final preparation email (E-docs) will contain detailed information including the phone number for your ship. 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 range from a low of 68° F (night) to a high of 85° F (day). It is advisable to check the internet for up-to-date weather conditions prior to sailing. A good site for reference is www.weather.com

