

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The Vortex of Attraction Mediterranean Cruise

September 3 - 15, 2016

What documents will I need to Travel?

It is necessary for all passengers to provide proof of citizenship in the form of a passport that is valid for at least six months beyond the completion of their trip. It is your responsibility to check on **any visas or entry requirements needed for any of the countries visited on this itinerary**. One online resource to quickly find out about visa requirements is www.visahq.com or you may contact the individual embassy for more info. **No visas are needed for US or Canadian passport holders.**

Minors under age 18 traveling to foreign countries with only one parent must have a Parental Consent Letter signed by the parent not traveling. If the minor is travelling with someone who is not a parent or legal guardian, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) require that the Parental Consent Letter is signed by the parent(s) and is notarized.

Failure to present the necessary documents at the pier could result in denied boarding.

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

Please note that this cruise departs from Amsterdam on September 3rd and arrives in Rome on September 15th. The ship does not return to Amsterdam. For air arrivals into Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS) 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 (September 3, 2016) flights should arrive Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS) no later than 1:30 pm. On the day the ship returns (September 15, 2016) flights should depart Rome Leonardo da Vinci Fiumicino (FCO) Airport after 10:50 am.

Can I purchase transfers to/from the ship?

September 3rd Transfer to Ship - Last day to add transfer is August 18, 2016

1) Airport to Ship

If you are arriving on the day of sailing we can arrange for a Celebrity Cruise transfer from the airport directly to the pier for \$34 per person. **You must arrive no later than 1:30 PM on September 3rd into Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS) if you choose this option. It is mandatory that you provide the flight details when you make your transfer reservation.**

Distance from the Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to the pier terminal is approximately 30 minutes driving time.

September 15th Transfer from the Ship Options – Last day to add transfer is August 18, 2016

1) Ship to Airport

Life Journeys is offering transfers to the airport on September 15th for \$74 per person. **It is mandatory that you provide your flight information. Please be sure to schedule your departing flight out of Rome Leonardo da Vinci Fiumicino (FCO) Airport after 10:50 AM on September 15th.** Transfer information back to the airport will be given to you onboard the ship.

2) Ship to Central Rome

If you are staying in Rome after the cruise, Life Journeys offers transfers to our **Central Rome** location, **Ostiense Train Station, Piazzale dei Partigiani 35, Roma 00154** for \$74 per person. Departure times from the ship for this transfer will be provided to you once onboard. Transportation to your final destination will be your own responsibility; taxi cabs will be readily available at the train station.

The distance between the Pier and the airport or Central Rome is approximately 45-50 miles. **Taxi costs are approximately \$225 USD.** Taxi availability is limited on the day of debarkation.

Pre and Post Hotel Options

There are many good discount internet sites available for booking hotels, such as www.hotels.com or 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. Downtown Amsterdam is 25 minutes from Schiphol Airport and 11 minutes from the pier. Central Rome is 75 minutes from the airport or the pier.

When may I embark the ship?

The Celebrity *Silhouette* departs from the Passenger Terminal Amsterdam, Piet Heinkade 27, 1019 BR Amsterdam at 5:00 pm on September 3rd. **Embarkation begins at approximately 1:00pm.** Guests are requested to be onboard no later than 2 hours prior to sailing time. The pier phone number is 31-064-1812364.

Dining room arrangements

Dining onboard is either early (6:15 pm) or late dining (8:45 pm) in the Grand Cuvée Dining Room. We will have seating for our group in both times with the exception of Suite Class guests. Suite Class guests will be indulged with a new and exclusive restaurant, Luminae with dining available between 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm. All special dining requests including **table companion seating preferences must be given to Life Journeys by August 3.** For a buffet style restaurant, the Oceanview Café is complimentary and the attire is casual.

Reservation-Only Specialty Restaurants

As delicious alternatives to the Main dining experience, you might consider one of the Specialty Restaurants onboard the Celebrity *Silhouette*. Murano is \$50, Tuscan Grille is \$45, Qsine is \$45 and the Lawn Club Grill is \$45. All prices are per person and do require reservations.

Can the dining room accommodate special diets?

Watching your salt, fat or sugar intake? Lactose intolerant, gluten-free or vegan? Advise us at the time of booking, and we'll be happy to accommodate most dietary requirements. Kosher meals and special medical diets must be pre-ordered. All requests must be made in writing by fax request to 954-628-9622 or e-mail: special_needs@celebrity.com) at least 90 days before sailing and must include your booking number and guest names.

What's included in the cruise price?

- All meals, including room service from 6:00 am – 11:00 pm, except in the specialty restaurants.
- Most entertainment, onboard activities, supervised kids programs and fitness center

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).

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 (\$12.00 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: 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 ages 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?

Celebrity Cruise Line is offering our group a number of exclusive group excursions in various ports. These excursions are now available to reserve on their website and are listed in the description as "Abraham-Hicks Exclusive Tours". All inquiries about these tours should be directed to Celebrity Cruises only. These must be booked in advance by August 31, 2016 and will not be available to book onboard.

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 August 31, 2016.

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.

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.

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 \$0.79 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 internet packages onboard.

Weather

Expected temperatures range from a low of 60° F (night) to a high of 80° F (day). It is advisable to check the internet for up-to-date weather conditions prior to sailing.

