

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## *Connections to the Spirit World – Discovering Your Unseen Self* Queensland Australia Cruise March 28 – April 8, 2013

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

For air arrivals and departures into Sydney (SYD) 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 28, 2013) flights should arrive no later than 2:00 pm, and on the day you leave the ship (April 8, 2013) 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 you may add transfers to the ship for \$28 per person. These transfers are provided by Celebrity Cruises and must be added to your cruise booking by **February 22, 2013**. Flight numbers and details are requested for your reservations. Requests for transfers must be in writing to [snorth@worldviewtravel.com](mailto:snorth@worldviewtravel.com). Guests may also use a taxi between Sydney Kingsford airport and the pier for approximately \$35 per taxi\*. When traveling with at least two passengers, most guests prefer taxis. \*(Prices may vary based on exchange rates).

### ***Pre and Post Hotel Options in Sydney***

There are many good discount internet sites available for booking hotels such as [www.kayak.com](http://www.kayak.com) or [www.venere.com](http://www.venere.com) offering a variety of different priced hotel options.

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

The Celebrity *Solstice* departs from the port of Sydney at 6:30 pm on March 28. **Embarkation begins at approximately 1 pm.** 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.

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

Our group will have two dining options – Early (6:15pm) or Late (8:45 pm). Your selection is noted on your confirmation letter. Table companion seating preferences must be given to Life Journeys/Worldview Travel by February 15, 2013. For a buffet style restaurant, you can try the Ocean View Café which is complimentary and the attire is casual. Also, room service is available.

### ***Reservation-Only Dining Room***

As delicious alternatives to the Main dining experience, you might consider one of the other restaurants on board the Celebrity *Solstice*. These specialty restaurants are by reservation only, which can be made on board. There is a \$25 - \$40 per person charge for this wonderful dining experience.

### ***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 40 days prior to sailing. These do require a form submission to Celebrity Cruise Line directly. Contact Life Journeys/Worldview Travel to request this form.

### ***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.
- The full seminar program and special events for the group.

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

- Air Transportation or transfers to the ship
- Shore excursions in the various ports
- Alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, specialty coffees, telephone or internet access service, spa treatments, laundry or dry cleaning, photographs, casino gambling, and gratuities (which are prepaid at final payment, see paragraph below).

## Ship Staff Gratuities

Gratuities must be prepaid for the Group 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: \$126.50 per person (\$11.50 per day)
- Concierge Class Staterooms: \$132.00 per person (\$12 per day).
- Suite Class Staterooms: \$165.00 per person (\$15 per day).

These amounts do need to be prepaid to Celebrity Cruises at final payment.

## 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.

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

Only wine or champagne are allowed, limited to two bottles per stateroom. A corkage fee will be charged for wine or champagne brought to the restaurants or bars for consumption

## 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. There are activities for every age group and include arts and crafts, scavenger hunts, pizza parties and much more. More information is available at:

[http://www.celebritycruises.com/onboard/textLanding.do?pagename=onboard\\_youth\\_programs](http://www.celebritycruises.com/onboard/textLanding.do?pagename=onboard_youth_programs).

## 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 <http://www.celebritycruises.com/plancruise/shoreExcursions/home.do?cS=NAVBAR>. You can also make your arrangements when you board your ship. Pre-booking excursions is highly recommended as shore excursions do sell out.

## Cruise Attire

Guests can count on three basic types of attire;

- Casual/port wear for days onboard or port: casual dresses, casual pants, walking shorts, polo shirts
- **9 Smart-Casual Nights:** dresses, or slacks & blouse for women; sport shirts & trousers for men
- **2 Formal Nights:** cocktail dresses for women; suits & ties, or tuxedos for men

No self-service laundry and ironing facilities are available. Full laundry services including pressing are available for a fee.

## Ship Contact Information

Your E-documentation packet will contain detailed information including the phone number and email address for your ship. The Internet Café is available for sending and receiving emails and is open 24 hours a day. Wireless internet is available from various locations onboard when bringing your own laptop. Charges for internet access will be posted to your shipboard account.

## Weather-

Expected temperatures range from a low of 72° F or 22° C (night) to a high of 84° F or 29° C (day). It is advisable to check the internet for up-to-date weather conditions prior to sailing.



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