

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## *Abraham-Hicks Law of Attraction*

### *Australia / New Zealand Cruise*

#### October 28 - November 9, 2020

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

It is necessary for all passengers to provide proof of citizenship and photo ID in the form of a passport that is valid for at least six months after your return date. Carefully verify the existing identification requirements for your particular travel situation. **Please be sure you have the necessary Visas for travel to Australia and New Zealand 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.

**AUSTRALIAN VISA REQUIREMENTS:** An Australian Visa is required for entry into Australia by all North American Passengers (US and Canada) and is also needed for most other foreign passport holders. The Australian Government website, [www.eta.immi.gov.au](http://www.eta.immi.gov.au), offers electronic processing of visa applications and Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) which is a virtual visa attached to your passport. This is something that should be handled early, as waiting could hinder your travel plans. Go to [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au) to complete the visa application that you require.

**NEW ZEALAND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** Cruise ship passengers of all nationalities (except Australia as noted below) must have an Electronic Travel Authority (eTA) and pay an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) before travelling to New Zealand. The eTA must be requested before you travel to New Zealand. Australian citizens will be exempt from applying for the eTA; however, Australian permanent residents will need to apply for an eTA but are not required to pay the associated tourist levy. Please see this New Zealand government website for further information and to apply for the eTA. <https://www.etanewzealand.com/cruise-ship/>. **The cruise line does not provide assistance with securing the eTA.**

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

For air arrivals and departures into Sydney (SYD) 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 (**October 28<sup>th</sup>**) flights should arrive no later than **12:30 pm** and on the day the ship returns (**November 9<sup>th</sup>**) flights should depart after **11:15 am**.

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

If you are arriving to or departing from the Sydney Kingsford International Airport (SYD) airport on the day of departure, you may add transfers to the ship for \$29.95 per person each direction. These transfers are provided by Celebrity Cruise Line and will be available by April, 2020. **They must be booked no later than October 13<sup>th</sup>.** Flight numbers and details are required to book your transfers. Taxis run approximately \$60USD\* and may be faster and less expensive if more than one guest is traveling. From Sydney Kingsford Airport, you are about 30 minutes away from the ship terminal depending on traffic. \*prices vary based on exchange rates

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

The Celebrity *Solstice* departs from the port of Sydney at 6:45 pm. Embarkation begins at approximately 1:00 pm, and guests are required to be on board no later than 90 minutes prior to sailing time. **The Pier address is: Overseas Passenger Terminal, The Rocks, 5 Hickson Rd., NSW 2000 Sydney, Australia.**

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

When you make your air arrangements to Sydney Kingsford International Airport (SYD), 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, Sydney 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 September 16<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. 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 August 28<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.

## ***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, BALCONY & CONCIERGE STATEROOMS**
  - For 1st and 2nd passengers in each Ocean View, Balcony & Concierge Class cabin, a FREE Classic Beverage package has been included for our group. This amenity is valued at \$943 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.
- **FREE AMENITY INCLUDED WITH YOUR BOOKING – SUITES ONLY (S2, S1, CS, RS)**
  - For 1st and 2nd passengers in each Suite cabin, a FREE Premium Beverage package, \$150 Onboard Credit, Unlimited Internet, and FREE Prepaid Gratuities is included in our group pricing. These amenities are valued at \$1,827 per person.

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

- Workshop fee & Pre-paid Gratuities (Listed on your invoice)
- Any Visa, eTA, or IVL fees for entry into Australia or New Zealand (see above)
- 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: \$174.00 per person (\$14.50 per day)
- Concierge Class Staterooms: \$180.00 per person (\$15.00 per day).
- Suite Staterooms: \$216.00 per person (\$18.00 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.

### ***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.

### ***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 age 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! **Celebrity will be offering exclusive Abraham-Hicks shore trips to our group and they will be available for review and reservations by mid-July 2020.**

### ***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 \$350.00 or you can purchase internet by the hour/day onboard the ship. The Internet Café is open 24 hours a day with ample computers.

### ***Weather***

Expected temperatures can range from a low of 55° F (night) to a high of 72° F (day). It is advisable to check the internet for up-to-date weather conditions prior to sailing.



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