

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## Abraham-Hicks Vortex of Attraction Alaskan Cruise

July 7 - 14, 2024

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

**This cruise departs from and returns to a foreign port: Vancouver, Canada.**

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. Please note that both the airline and/or the cruise line may deny you boarding if your passport is not valid for at least 6 months after your return date.** It is your responsibility to check on any visas or entry requirements needed for any of the countries visited on this itinerary. **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 [visacentral.com](http://visacentral.com) or you may contact the individual embassy for more info.

**Canadian eTA** - The Canadian government will require an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) for current visa-exempt nationals to enter the country by air. For more information and specific requirements please visit [www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp). As of 4/26/22 lawful permanent residents of the United States are exempt from the eTA requirement.

**United States ESTA** - The United States government requires an Electronic System for Travel Authorization document (ESTA) for all citizens who are not part of the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). This includes travelers who do not require a visa to enter the United States, but are not citizens of the United States, Canada or Bermuda. For more information and specific requirements please visit [https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/1094/~do-i-need-to-apply-for-esta%3F](https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/1094/~do-i-need-to-apply-for-esta%3F). Celebrity Cruises® may deny boarding to affected guests who are unable to provide a valid ESTA during ship check-in formalities. No refunds will be given to individuals who fail to bring the proper travel documents.

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

For air arrivals into Vancouver, Canada Airport (YVR), 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 7<sup>th</sup>**) flights should arrive no later than **1:30 pm**. On the day the ship returns to Vancouver Airport (YVR) on **July 14<sup>th</sup>** flights should depart after **12:00 pm (noon)**.

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

#### **July 7<sup>th</sup> Transfer to the 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 \$26.00 per person. **You must arrive no later than 1:30 PM on July 7<sup>th</sup> into Vancouver, BC, Canada (YVR) Airport if you choose this option. It is mandatory that you provide the flight details to us when you make your transfer reservation. Reservations must be made by June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

#### **July 14<sup>th</sup> Transfer from the Ship**

Life Journeys is offering Celebrity Cruise transfers to the airport on July 14<sup>th</sup> for \$26.00 per person. **It is mandatory that you provide your flight information to us. Please be sure to schedule your departing flight out of Vancouver (YVR) Airport after 12:00 PM (noon) on July 14<sup>th</sup>.** Transfer information back to the airport will be given to you onboard the ship.

**The Pier address in Vancouver is 999 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC V6C 3T4. The pier phone number is 604-665-9000.** Taxis from Vancouver Airport to the ship cost approximately \$35.00CAN (\$26.00USD) and it is about 16 miles / 45 minutes from the airport to the ship terminal.

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

The Celebrity *Solstice* departs Vancouver Cruise Ship Terminal at Canada Place at 4:30 pm. Embarkation begins at approximately 11:30 am and guests are required to be on board no later than 90 minutes prior to sailing time.

### ***Airfare and Pre & Post Hotel Options***

When you make your air arrangements to fly to Vancouver, 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) or contact one of their professional specialists at 800-533-7803 or 305-539-6000. **Please note that there are very competitive airfares offered.**

**Inquiries and bookings must be made directly with Celebrity and not through Life Journeys. Flights by Celebrity/Choice Air is not affiliated with Life Journeys. Flights by Celebrity is your travel agent and is your contact for changes/issues.**

For those arriving early, downtown Vancouver is located only about 25 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. All special dining requests including **table companion seating preferences must be given to Life Journeys by June 10<sup>th</sup>**. For a buffet style restaurant, you can try the Oceanview Cafe which is complimentary, and the attire is casual. Room service is also available for a fee. Celebrity has enhanced the cruising experience for its guests in Suites (S1, SS, 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 *Solstice*. Murano is \$60, Tuscan Grille is \$55, and Le Petit Chef at Qsine is \$60. All prices are per person and require reservations. A 20% gratuity is charged in addition to the cost to cover service. Discounts may be available if booked online pre-cruise.

## 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.

## Can the Dining Room accommodate special diets?

Watching your salt, fat, or sugar intake? Lactose intolerant, celiac disease 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](mailto:special_needs@celebrity.com) at least 90 days before sailing and must include your booking number and guest names. No request is necessary for vegetarian or gluten-free as options are plentiful onboard.

## 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.

## What's included in the cruise price?

- All meals, except in the specialty restaurants.
- Only Continental breakfast room service for all cabin categories. Suite guests do have complimentary room service for all items.
- Most entertainment, onboard activities, supervised kids' programs, and fitness center
- **FREE AMENITIES – INSIDE, OCEANVIEW, VERANDA, & CONCIERGE CLASS STATEROOMS ONLY**
  - For all passengers in each Inside, Oceanview, Veranda & Concierge Class cabin, a FREE Classic Beverage package, Unlimited Basic Internet package, and FREE Gratuities have been included for our group. These amenities are valued at \$1,005 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, spirits, cocktails, liqueurs, frozen drinks, and wine-by-the-glass up to \$10 per serving. Plus, a 15% discount on all wines by the bottle purchased on board.
- **FREE AMENITIES – SUITES ONLY**
  - For all passengers in each Suite cabin, a FREE Premium Beverage package, \$300 Onboard Credit, Unlimited Premium Internet package, and FREE Gratuities are included in our group pricing. These amenities are valued at \$1,606 per person.

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

- Air Transportation or transfers to the ship
- Workshop fee of \$450 (billed separately by Life Journeys)
- Shore excursions in the various ports
- Full-service spa, beauty salon, fitness classes/personal trainer, telephone service, laundry/dry cleaning, photographs, casino gambling, Premium breakfast and in-room dining have a service fee of \$9.95 per room delivery, except for continental breakfast which is complimentary. Room service is complimentary for all items for suite categories.

## Ship Staff Gratuities

The standard gratuities for staff have been included as a free amenity for all passengers. This gratuity fee includes gratuities/tips for the stateroom steward, head waiter, waiter, and assistant waiter. If you choose to give additional tips to onboard personnel during the cruise, it is at your discretion and acceptable.

## 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 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?***

You can pre-request your excursions with your booking number at <https://www.celebritycruises.com/pcp-reservation/find-your-reservation> 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 April 2024. An email notification will be sent to all participants once they are available to reserve.

### ***Celebrity Cruises App Information***

You can download the Celebrity Cruises app at no charge from the App Store or Google Play. Launch it and sign in using your Celebrity Cruises' guest account credentials. If you don't have an account, you can create one in the app. This app is loaded with information about your cruise. You can use the app to access your boarding pass, answer the health questionnaire before sailing, purchase shore excursions when available, view deck plans, and even chat with other guests while onboard. You will also receive updates from Celebrity closer to sailing time.



### ***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, along with wireless internet throughout the ship when bringing your own devices. 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. A good site for reference is [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com).



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