# **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**

# The Awakened Way Caribbean Connection Cruise March 29-April 6, 2025

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

FOR U.S. CITIZENS: It is necessary for all passengers to provide proof of citizenship and photo ID in one of the following forms:

- 1) A current passport that is valid for at least six months after your return date, or
- An original or certified copy of your birth certificate and valid government issued photo ID (driver's license).

**FOR NON-U.S. CITIZENS:** You must have and carry a passport valid for six months beyond the duration of your travel. Please carefully verify the existing identification requirements for your particular travel situation. For International passengers, please be sure you have the necessary Visas for travel to all countries listed on the itinerary if applicable. One online resource to quickly find out about visa requirements is visacentral.com or you may contact the individual embassy for more info.

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

For air arrivals and departures into Ft. Lauderdale, FL (FLL) 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 29) flights should arrive no later than 12:30 pm into Ft. Lauderdale or 11:30 pm into Miami (MIA). On the day the ship returns (April 6) flights should depart after 11:30 am from Ft. Lauderdale or 12:30 pm from Miami.

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

If you are arriving at the Ft. Lauderdale (FLL) airport on the day of sailing, we can arrange for a Celebrity Cruise Line transfer for \$18.95 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 \$29.95 per person each direction. These transfers must be added to your cruise booking by **March 13, 2025**. It is mandatory that you provide the flight details to us when you make your transfer reservation. Most passengers in our groups take a taxi from the Ft. Lauderdale airport to the pier as it is faster and less expensive if more than one person is traveling.

#### Flights and Pre and Post Hotel Options in Ft. Lauderdale

When you make your air arrangements, 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 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. Flights by Celebrity/Choice Air is not affiliated with Life Journeys. The Choice Air Department of Celebrity is your travel agent and is your contact for changes or issues.

There are many good discount internet sites available, such as <a href="https://www.hotels.com">www.hotels.com</a> or <a href="https://www.kayak.com">www.kayak.com</a>, both offering a variety of different-priced hotel options.

#### When may I embark the ship?

The Celebrity *Reflection* departs from the Port Everglades 1850 Eller Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 at 3:30 pm on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **Embarkation begins at approximately 10:00 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 28<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 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 Celebrity *Reflection*. Murano is \$60, Tuscan Grille is \$55, Le Petit Chef is \$60, The Lawn Club Grill is \$50, Raw on 5 is a la carte and The Porch is \$30. All prices are per person (dinner) and reservations are required. Discounts may be available if reservations are made in advance online in your Celebrity Cruise Planner.

### 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 e-mail to <a href="mailto:special needs@celebrity.com">special needs@celebrity.com</a> 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 and a full vegetarian menu is available in the main dining room.

#### 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, 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.
- The full workshop program and special events for the group.
- FREE AMENITIES INSIDE, OCEANVIEW, VERANDA, & CONCIERGE CLASS STATEROOMS ONLY
  - o 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 \$1,154 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 \$1,794 per person.

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

- Air Transportation or transfers to the ship
- · 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 (+20% gratuity) per room delivery, except for continental breakfast which is complimentary. Room service is complimentary for all items for suite categories.

#### Ship Staff Gratuities/Tips

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.

#### 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.

#### When can I reserve my shore excursions?

You can pre-request your excursions with your booking number at <a href="https://www.celebritycruises.com/pcp-reservation/find-your-reservation">https://www.celebritycruises.com/pcp-reservation/find-your-reservation</a> 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 Awakened Way Group excursions will be offered by Celebrity and should be available for booking by late January 2025.

#### 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.

# 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.





#### 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 <a href="https://www.weather.com">www.weather.com</a>.



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