



set a new course

If there's one word to describe an experience on Celebrity Cruises®, it's stellar. Where else can you watch a hot glass blowing show, taste an exhibition of globally inspired cuisine, enjoy an ocean view hot tub and shower with Bulgari soap?

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For over 22 years, Celebrity Cruises has answered the call for premium travel with a fleet of 11 award-winning ships. Exploring the world has never been more alluring than with Celebrity Cruise's ability to merge affordable luxury, impeccable service and attention to various lifestyles. The new generation of Celebrity Cruises is the Solstice Class of five vessels that have been renovated to accommodate upscale tastes. Ships like the Celebrity Solstice® hold a double occupancy of up to 2,850 guests, while Celebrity Reflection® hosts up to 3,030. These numbers may reflect a population of a small city, but with each deck offering endless choices of action and relaxation, cruising is the ultimate experience for personalized travel.

The Solstice® Class has been acknowledged for a number of elite attractions. Whether it's your first – or fifth – time cruising, expect a stateroom inspired by five female women known as "Celebrity's Leading Ladies" for a stylish stay. True foodies can enjoy meals artfully crafted by a James Beard featured chef cultivated in fusion to pan Asian cuisine, and everything in between.

Spa connoisseurs will immerse themselves in rejuvenating treatments and fitness lovers can stay on track by running with a view of the Pacific.

Traveling to over 260 destinations worldwide, Celebrity's Solstice Class ships are built to reflect each port of call by offering an array of exclusive amenities on land and at sea. With the famous 'X' on its smokestack, these ships have made their mark in new waters with infinite escapades - but let's start at the top.

In the Sky Lounge, experience the deep blue from the embrace of a round leather chair. As you sip an Aperol Spritz, your eyes meet the ocean, fluffy white clouds and a skyline of the Rockies. They're distant, but within reach.

On the Lawn Club, with sandals kicked off, your feet touch soft, green strands of real grass. Every ship within the Celebrity Solstice class shines in every surge. This is why.

Luxurious Accommodations

Upscale quality begins in your stateroom, where every choice has a distinct style. Ships are abundant with Veranda staterooms. Featuring floor-to-ceiling glass doors and an outdoor seating area, a 32" LCD TV, a comfy bed and sofa space with lush pillows, everything you need to rest is here. A sizeable washroom includes a sliding door shower stall and custom blended bath products to refresh.

The Celebrity Suite accommodates families with a sofa sleeper, mini-refrigerator and surround sound entertainment system. The main bedroom features a TV, walk-in closet and dual access bath with a shower/tub combo.

Those looking for the ultimate luxury experience aboard are welcomed to the Penthouse Suite. This 1,291-square-foot space is an exquisite upgrade with butler service, a full bar and lounge seating. After a night of relaxing to jazz from a self-playing baby grand piano or listening to music from a Samsung entertainment system, guests can enjoy a queen sofa sleeper with access to a guest bathroom, veranda and whirlpool system. In the elite Master Bedroom, prep for formal night in a vanity space and walk-in closet or tuck into a king size bed. Refresh after a day of excursions and poolside repose in a marble bathroom with a whirlpool tub, a shower that fits four and a washbasin (or bidet to those 17th Century Euro buffs). Personalized butler service assists with packing/unpacking, organizing dinner reservations and shore excursions so you can cruise with ease.

Celebrity Cruises make vacationing available to all with Accessible Staterooms. Customized amenities include spacious bathrooms with grab bars, a raised toilet and lowered sink and roll-in showers for wheelchair users.

Grand Gastronomy

Whether you commence your day at the Oceanview Café or the Main Restaurant, breakfasts both hearty and light are offered onboard. The Oceanview Café features a custom omelette station, selections of breads, pastries, cheese and meats. Fresh fruit, yogurt and pancakes kick sweet cravings while ethnic traditions of sausage and congee are available.

The AquaSpa® Café offers great choices for lighter lunch fare after a day at the spa. Design your own salad poolside or sit down to a plate of thin-sliced Beef Carpaccio atop rocket greens.

Ten distinctive specialty restaurants shine on the Celebrity Solstice. With menus crafted by a James Beard featured chef and artistic presentation, each offer signature dishes and pairings from a collection of over 500 wines.

Celebrity Reflection is one of three Solstice Class ships offering contemporary dining at Qsine®. Order from an iPad® and indulge in deconstructed dishes of Sushi Lollipops or Popcorn Fish N Chips

Featured restaurants on Solstice Class ships master a synthesis of global flavours with sophistication. Cravings for Wonton Soup, Red Curry Duck or a really good California Roll are satisfied at Silk Harvest – a pan Asian bistro with a warm, regal setting of brocade embroidery and bamboo dinnerware (available onboard Celebrity Solstice and Celebrity Equinox®). Chic, French delights at Murano are offered with an exotic range of caviar and Champagne High Tea.

Authentic Italian eats at Tuscan Grille top it all off. With superb service and select ingredients, this steakhouse offers a fresh take on regional traditions. Vote classic with an Insalate di Cesare – prepared tableside with a dose of history from your server – or Calamari Fritto, but the Mare/Terra mains will go down in the diary of good grub. Cioppino, a rustic seafood stew, arrives with a spicy tomato broth that smothers the dish from a cast iron pot. Soak it up with compliments of roast potatoes and herb crostini. Bistecca Toscana is a blackened Angus rib eye steak with southern soul pairings of Cajun-spiced butter and black pecorino Mac and Cheese. Choose from a selection of Port, after dinner aperitifs like Limoncello or Amaro and a fantastic wine list with imports so intriguing, it's hard to choose red or white.

Now, on to the best part...

Sweet Sailing

The Solstice Class crowns this dining experience with two cafes that are a real Euro trip. Café al Bacio is the spot for genuine

Italian gelato. Pistachio, hazelnut, raspberry or mango, it's scooped into a waffle cone or bowl made al minuto. Lavazza is the base ground for espresso, macchiato, cappuccino, latte, americano and a no-frill cup of Joe. Piping hot cups are brought to your space of dark wood tables and moda-savvy olive green, wingback chairs.

Walk across the floor and you're in Paris; Bistro on Five spreads skillet fresh crepes and house made desserts with flare. Soft, envelopes of dough wrap savoury ham and cheese or sweet Nutella that will have you digging deeper than Canal St. Martin.

Serenity at Sea

Digest your dining endeavours in mind and body at the AquaSpa® by Elemis®. In addition to a full-service salon with hair and aesthetic services, acupuncture and detox wraps, Celebrity Cruises offers exotic, artisanal healing.

At the Persian Garden, view the Pacific Ocean as you lay on a heated lounge bed of blue and white tiles. On Celebrity Reflection, expose the senses to the exclusive Infrared Sauna or Coldroom. The Steamroom and tropical rain shower are offered on all Solstice Class ships. If you're there for classic indulgences of Swedish massage or a facial, don't leave without brushing your fingertips on floral mosaic designs that grace the wall.

Fun and Games, Sea and Sky

On the Celebrity Solstice Class, entertainment isn't associated with clichés. Deck 5 is home to the Celebrity Theatre - a spectacle in itself for its sheer size, plush seating and surround sound. A roster of comedians, singers and acrobat shows are a real post-dinner treat to dive into Celebrity nightlife. A European-esque Circus show of elaborate, costume-clad gymnasts contort and flip to a live, operatic soundtrack.

If you're in the mood for Electronic dance music and Top 40, Quasar is the nightclub of choice. With a full bar, bottle service and a DJ booth, this futuristic spot is a slice of downtown Toronto at sea.

Fast-paced activities may not be in the cards after a long day of exploring ashore, but they're dealt at Fortunes Casino. Play Texas Hold 'Em with fellow vacationers or go solo and hit the slots.

After energy is expended, meals are digested and dancing is done, it's time for a nightcap. Sip a martini at the Molecular Bar, where you can engage in the art of mixology with a handcrafted cocktail inspired by the Liquid Chef, Junior Merino.