

### CRUISE VACATION GUIDE

Getting Ready • Getting There Entertainment Preview • About Your Ship



ROME TO ISTANBUL CRUISE Celebrity Equinox | August 14-24, 2015



### Welcome.

In just a couple of weeks, you'll board one of the most beautiful ships in the world, Celebrity *Equinox*, for a magical 10 night adventure through Italy, Greece and Turkey. In this booklet we'll help get you organized for your vacation, including how to prepare, what to pack, and what to expect when you arrive.

During our 10 nights aboard the spectacular *Equinox*, we'll visit three remarkable countries and a variety of fascinating ports. Onboard, nonstop entertainment and fun await in ways you never imagined. Celebrity and Atlantis' superb teams of experienced hosts, entertainers, and crew are excited and ready to show you the time of your life.

Please take a few minutes to read this entire booklet, as it contains important information to prepare for your vacation. Please also make sure that your flight reservations are correct, your passport is up-to-date, and that your Atlantis reservation details are correct. Please also make sure that you have a valid visa for Turkey.

Have a safe flight and get ready for an extraordinary journey. We look forward to seeing you in Rome and onboard *Equinox* for this sensational cruise!

Best Regards,

Rich, Brandon, Malcolm, and your entire Atlantis Equinox Team

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## **Your Itinerary**

Day	Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Friday	August 14	Civitavecchia, Italy		5 pm
Saturday	August 15	Naples, Italy	7 am	9 pm
Sunday	August 16	Catania, Sicily	11 am	9 pm
Monday	August 17	At Sea		
Tuesday	August 18	Chania, Crete	9 am	5 pm
Wednesday	August 19	Mykonos, Greece	10 am	5 am
Thursday	August 20	Santorini, Greece	10 am	10 pm
Friday	August 21	Bodrum, Turkey	8 am	9 pm
Saturday	August 22	Kusadasi, Turkey	7 am	5 pm
Sunday	August 23	lstanbul, Turkey	12 pm	overnight
Monday	August 24	lstanbul, Turkey	8 am	

#### **Itinerary Notes**

Please note that all arrival and departure times are approximate and may change without notice.

Departure in Istanbul begins at approximately 8 am and will continue until around 10:30 am. Celebrity will offer transfers onboard for flights after 11 am. It is possible to disembark earlier in Istanbul on August 23 or earlier on the 24th, but you must notify Guest Relations using the disembarkation form that will be provided at check-in.

#### **Itinerary Changes**

Atlantis and Celebrity have carefully planned this itinerary for maximum enjoyment of all our ports and the ship. Although we do our best to adhere to published ports and times, unforeseen weather and/or sea conditions may force us to alter the itinerary during your cruise.

In the unlikely event of an itinerary change while sailing, we will communicate our new plan both through ship wide (outside of cabin) announcements and through an updated *Celebrity Today*. Neither Atlantis nor Celebrity shall be held liable for any damages resulting from any itinerary change according to your Passenger Cruise Contract.

## **Documents & Registration**

#### **Register Online To Download Your Travel Documents**

If you haven't alredy done so, please take a few minutes right now to register online for this cruise in order to obtain a full copy of your cruise documents and cruise ticket from Celebrity Cruises. You may also create an *XPress* pass at this time that will allow you to check in quickly and board in just minutes. Please visit the following link by August 10 to register:

#### Celebrity.com/OnlineCheckIn

There is also a link on the atlantisevents.com site. You will need both your Celebrity Reservation Number from your cruise ticket, and your passport number to register. Please note that the Celebrity Reservation Number is different from the Atlantis Confirmation Number. You may also book shore excursions from the same site.

#### **Review Your Travel Documents**

No paper documentation is required to board this cruise since all records are stored electronically. All you need is your passport and a valid credit card for incidentals. A copy of your cruise ticket may be downloaded from the Celebrity website once you have registered for your cruise. Luggage tags will be available at the pier.

Please be sure you are booked correctly for all elements of your vacation, and that all guests in your stateroom are booked with a valid Atlantis and Celebrity reservation. Also note that your acceptance of both the Atlantis Confirmation Letter and the Celebrity Passenger Cruise Contract constitutes acceptance of the conditions contained therein.

#### **Passport Requirements**

A valid passport is required for all guests. In addition, a valid visa is required for entrance into Turkey for most guests. This visa can be obtained electronically at the following official government site:

#### www.evisa.gov.tr/en/

Visa requirements to enter other countries vary and should be checked with the embassy or consulate of each country visited on this itinerary.

Please note that it is your responsibility to have the necessary documentation before boarding the ship. Failure to provide proper and valid documentation will result in denied boarding, and no refund will be provided.

#### **Currency Advice**

The entire ship operates on U.S. Dollars. The current rates of exchange are:

Euro (EUR)	\$1 USD = EUR 0.91
Turkish Lira (TRY)	\$1 USD = TRY 2.76

We highly recommend using your ATM card to get the best rate of exchange in cash, just be wary of bank fees. There are plenty of ATM machines throughout our ports. You'll get the best exchange by using a credit cards for large purchases.

### Packing Advice On Board Clothing

Atlantis emphasizes a casual, comfortable atmosphere with no specified dress code. Sportswear and casual resort attire are appropriate at all times. There are no formal nights, and absolutely no need for a jacket and tie.

Our only real rule is that no tank tops or shorts are permitted in any of the specialty restaurants at dinner. Please respect this rule for our premium dining experiences for all guests. The staff at these restaurants will ask you to change.

#### **On Shore Clothing**

Plan for warm, even hot weather with slightly cooler breezes at night. We recommend loose, comfortable cottons and other lightweight clothing. Don't forget a hat!

All of the ports are very relaxed with few dress codes. We suggest casual resort wear and some really comfortable shoes. Some tours involve long bus rides and/or considerable walking so comfort is essential.

#### **Our Party Themes**

Our theme parties might warrant something special, but these, of course, are always optional. You'll be comfortable with or without an outfit. All events are outside on deck.

- **True Colors** Take pride in your origins as we celebrate the most diverse international group ever to set sail over 40 nations in all! Let your creativity shin with an outfit that shows off the colors of your country's national flag, cultural icons, history, or anything else that reminds you of home. Native costumes and absurd drag are as welcome as roaming tourists.
- Scandalicious A sporting theme for 2015... From FIFA to Olympians, the NBA to Tour de France, there's no bigger athletic tradition than salacious behavior. Now it's our turn to have some fun as we turn the top deck into an arena of playful mischief. Think shamed soccer players, dopey bicyclists, above average batters, fleetingly enhanced runners, and the inevitable skater breakdown. Corporate sponsors and talent scouts welcome.
- **Dog Tag T-Dance** All hands on deck for the silliest military theme party ever invented. Hot sailors, soldiers, military men, drag pilots, or whatever floats your boat. Dog tags provided and plan for an afternoon in the sun. Civilians welcome.
- **Classic Disco T-Dance** The spirit of the 70s lives for two brief hours in the afternoon on deck. Artificial fabrics, excess facial hair, and obnoxious chains welcome.
- **Soaked! T-Dance** We're creating the Med's wettest event with an outdoor tdance that's guaranteed to soak one and all. Swimsuits and water-friendly gear essential. Cameras and phones a very bad idea. You'll get WET!

- Mamma Mia! That's Greek! From the top of the Parthenon to the depths of an Abba musical to any festive meal or endless wedding, the Greeks always seem to have more fun than everybody else. What other culture can even make line-dancing look appealing? Share their spirit with a party to celebrate all things Greek, from antiquity to ancient, gods to Olympians, Aristotle to Zorba, Drachma to Euro, and anything else you can imagine. Party crashers welcome after all Greeks invented that too.
- Atlantis White Party The longest-running, most popular, and most infamous party on the high seas continues. Impress us with your originality in the color that everybody looks great in.
- **Classic Disco T-Dance** The spirit of the 70s lives for two brief hours in the afternoon on deck. Artificial fabrics, excess facial hair, and obnoxious chains welcome.

#### **Miscellaneous Packing Advice**

Bring plenty of sunblock, as the sun can be deceptively intense. Also, bring your own basic toiletries as the onboard stores are not open when in port.

Plan for uncertainty. Pack at least one change of clothes in your carry-on bags in case your bags are lost or mishandled en route.

Don't put your passport or other valuables in your checked luggage! This should, of course, be obvious, but we always have guests that do.

#### **Prohibited Items**

Please do not bring any of the following onboard, and do not place these items in your checked luggage: Irons (including travel irons), alcoholic beverages, knives, firearms, or any other potentially dangerous item.

If your luggage contains any of the above items, your bag will be held at security and will not be delivered to your stateroom. Full details on prohibited items can be found in Celebrity's Guest Conduct Policy.

### Getting Ready Weather Forecast

August weather in the Med will definitely be hot! Expect high temperatures around or over  $91^{\circ}F / 30^{\circ}C$  and lows around 72 F/  $21^{\circ}C$ . Rain is fairly unlikely in these ports during this season, but you never know. It will probably feel cooler onboard the ship due to wind.

#### **Baggage Essentials**

Most airlines limit checked bags and carry-on luggage. Check with your carrier for specific allowances. The standard limit is 50 pounds (23 kilos) per piece. Excess or overweight bags may incur a substantial surcharge, so please plan accordingly.

Do not place any valuables, especially your passport, in checked luggage. If you are taking any medications, please make sure you bring them in your carry-on, in their original prescription containers, to avoid delays in customs. Always keep hand luggage with you.

Plan for uncertainty. Pack at least one change of clothes in your carry-on bags in case your bags are lost or mishandled en route.

Please be sure each piece of luggage has a luggage tag listing your name, and complete address. Affix the preprinted cruise luggage tags only before heading to the pier.

#### What if the Airlines Lose My Luggage?

If your luggage does not arrive with you, please do all of the following:

- 1. Get a complete report from the airline, including a receipt and tracking number for your luggage. Make sure that you tell the airline that you are boarding *Celebrity Equinox*, and tell them that the ship sails at 5:00 pm.
- 2. Upon arrival on the ship, go immediately to the main reception where they will make a copy of your lost baggage report. The ship will attempt to track your luggage and follow up directly with the airlines.
- 3. Be patient. Depending on the airline it might arrive prior to sailing. Our port agents, in concert with the ship, will attempt to deliver any lost luggage directly to your room. If your luggage does not arrive, they will keep you informed with the latest news from your airline.

Please understand that neither Celebrity nor Atlantis has lost your luggage. We can only assist you in recovering your luggage from the airline and in communicating with them. Ultimately, the airline is responsible to you for any loss or inconvenience you encounter.

# Check-In and Embarkation

#### Getting to the Port in Civitavecchia

*Equinox* will dock in Civitavecchia, about 1 hour and 15 minutes from either Rome or the airport (FCO). Taxi service is limited and very expensive, approximately 120 euros (around \$130) to either destination.

Train service to Rome is available from a station located about 6 blocks from the port entrance. Please note that there are very few taxis available and you will likely have to walk the 600 meters to the port entrance. From there, you will find a free bus service that runs every 20 minutes or so. As this bus handles all ships in port, it can be quite a wait.

If you are arriving independently to Civitavecchia, please try not to arrive prior to 2:00 pm to avoid congestion at the pier.

You can find more information about the port and transportation options at: <u>civitavecchiaport.org</u>

#### **Rome to Civitavecchia Transfers**

Atlantis is offering transfers to and from the airport and central Rome for our arrival and departure dates. This transfer service must be booked no later than August 7 through Atlantis directly via our online reservation system only. The fare is \$65 one-way from the city and \$55 from the airport:

FCO – Leonardo Da Vinci Rome Airport - All guests will be met inside the Customs area by Atlantis Staff and directed to the appropriate transfer bus. Look for the Atlantis sign.

Pick up Central Rome location – Hotel Crowne Plaza located in Via Aurelia Antica, 415 Meet at the Atlantis Hospitality desk inside the Hotel lobby at 01.00pm

If you are staying at one of our pre-cruise hotels, your welcome letter will contain you pickup details.

You may purchase a transfer from at the following link:

https://atlantisevents.wufoo.com/forms/atlantis-2015-med-cruise-transfers/

#### **Important Check-In Time Information**

Embarkation begins at 1:00 pm, and there is limited space in the terminal for waiting. We suggest arriving to the ship anytime between 2:00 and 4:00 pm to avoid waiting in line. All guests must be onboard by 4:00 pm.

Celebrity Equinox sails at 5:00 pm sharp on August 14, 2015.

#### What do I Need to Check-In?

Since your reservation is completely electronic, all you need is valid passport and a valid credit card to check-in for this cruise. You will then be issued a *SeaPass* card, which will serve as your room key and identification card for boarding and re-boarding the ship.

### **Onboard Equinox** Personal Funds & Shipboard Charges

The currency onboard is U.S. Dollars. Celebrity ships operate on a cashless system. You can validate your Celebrity Charge Card with your Visa, MasterCard, Novus, or American Express card, or sign for payment by cash or traveller's check. Guests can then sign all onboard services and purchases to their account. At the end of the cruise, you will receive a completely itemized statement.

For your convenience, the ship has an onboard ATM machine that dispenses U.S. currency. Bank debit cards on the PLUS and CIRRUS networks are accepted along with the following credit cards: American Express, Discover/Novus, MasterCard and VISA are accepted. Fees will be charged per transaction.

#### **Room Features**

The rooms on *Equinox* are very comfortable, with all the modern amenities you'd expect on a premium cruise ship. The ship has both 110 (US standard) and 220 (European) voltage power outlets in the rooms. All the water onboard is filtered and potable.

Each stateroom is equipped with a hair dryer.

#### **Customs & Immigration at Sea**

At each port of call, customs and immigration officials will board the ship and must clear it before we are allowed to go ashore. Normally, this occurs without your knowledge or participation. Occasionally, passengers are called for inspection. In these cases, please follow the instructions provided to assure that we are able to disembark in a timely manner.

While we shouldn't have to say this, please don't even think of bringing any type of illegal substance, hazardous material, or other items that are banned by customs or ship security.

#### **Guest Conduct Policy**

Please remember that all our guests are bound by Celebrity's Guest Conduct Policy. The policy is intended to help ensure that all guests are able to participate in a safe and enjoyable cruise experience and sets forth standards of conduct for guests to follow throughout their vacation. Please take a minute to read this policy on the Celebrity website:

http://www.celebritycruises.com/planAndBook/beforeYouGo/tabLanding. do?pagename=before you go gateway&tab=before you go during cruise%2FplanAndBo ok%2FbeforeYouGo%2Fchickletpanel.do%3Fpagename%3Dbefore you go during cruise

Remember that both Celebrity and Atlantis have a zero-tolerance policy towards all illegal substances and behavior that violates the above policy. Any violation could result in your vacation being terminated early, or worse.

If a guest is found in possession of an illegal substance, appropriate action will be taken, which may include removal from the ship and involvement of appropriate authorities, which may result in prosecution. Guests removed from the ship pursuant to this policy are responsible for their own accommodations and transportation home, at their expense and no refund will be offered for the unused portion of their cruise.

#### **Alcoholic Beverage Restrictions**

No beer or hard liquor may be brought onboard for consumption. If you wish to bring personal wine onboard with you at the beginning of the cruise, you may do so, limited to two (2) bottles per stateroom. When enjoyed in any shipboard restaurant, bar or dining venue, each bottle shall be subject to a corkage fee of \$25

Celebrity reserves the right to limit or refuse alcoholic beverages to be brought aboard the ship for consumption during your cruise vacation. Any alcohol placed in checked baggage or carried on will be removed and possibly destroyed. Alcohol purchased onboard or in port will be held in secure storage and delivered to your stateroom on the last night of the cruise.

#### **Shore Excursions**

You can pre-book shore excursions in advance on the Celebrity website (celebrity.com) until August 10. Upon arrival to the ship, you will receive tickets for your pre-booked excursions in your stateroom.

You may purchase additional shore excursions onboard, subject to availability, at the Shore Excursions Desk. You may also book shore excursions through your TV set using the interactive system in your room.

Atlantis has worked closely with Celebrity to enhance and develop excursions that will be fun and exciting for our group. Most of the excursions are "exclusive" to Atlantis guests, although in some cases the tours may be mixed with guests from other cruise ships. If you are in doubt, please inquire with Shore Excursions.

#### Laundry & Dry Cleaning Services

Laundry, dry cleaning, spot removal and pressing services are available for a reasonable fee. Laundry bags and service request forms are in your room.

There are no irons allowed in staterooms as they constitute a fire hazard. There are also no self-service laundry facilities onboard.

#### **Gratuities and Tipping**

All standard gratuities have been prepaid for this week, so there is no tipping required or expected at any time. All cabin stewards, waiters, and other personnel have been compensated at levels that are customary for a charter of this size. No additional tipping is needed but may be extended at your discretion if the service is exceptional.

A 15% gratuity is automatically added to all bar purchases and spa service charges.

#### **Smoking Policy**

For the comfort of all of our guests, smoking is prohibited in most areas, including inside the staterooms and on stateroom verandahs. <u>All interior spaces are non-smoking</u>. Smoking is permitted only on the starboard side of the Sunset Bar on Deck 15 for cigarettes, cigars, and pipes. Cigarette smoking is also permitted on Deck 14, Starboard, above the Pool Area. As a courtesy to our guests, ship personnel will thoroughly enforce the smoking policy.

Please note that Atlantis and/or Celebrity reserves the right to change the smoking policy at any time depending on guest requirements. A complete detail of the smoking areas onboard can be found in your stateroom upon embarkation in the *Celebrity Today*.

#### If You Have a Problem or Question

Both the Guest Relations Desk and the Atlantis Information Desk can handle most any difficulty you may encounter. Generally, issues relating to your stateroom, the ship, schedules, or billing should be directed to the Guest Relations Desk. Questions regarding entertainment, service, special requests, or anything else should be directed to the Atlantis Information Desk. Questions about excursions should go directly to the Shore Excursions Desk.

If the Atlantis Information Desk is unattended, please feel free to ask any Team Atlantis member and we will be happy to assist you.

#### **Spa Services**

The *Equinox* features an exceptional full-service spa, offering a wide range of services including massage, facial, aromatherapy, hairstyling, and much more. Appointments for these services should be made early in your cruise, as many of the services book up early. All spa services are an additional charge which can be signed to your stateroom.

Spa appointments will open on Friday afternoon, immediately following the boat drill, in order to be fair to all our guests. The spa will be open earlier that day for tours and same-day appointments.

Spa appointments for Suite, AquaClass, and Concierge Class guests can be made anytime once onboard. The AquaSpa is located on Deck 12 forward.

#### **Medical Services**

Should you require medical attention while on board, an infirmary staff is available to assist you 24 hours a day. A doctor is available to render services at a customary charge. The infirmary is capable of providing treatment for minor matters which may arise during your cruise and are capable of assessing and stabilizing most medical emergencies. Should you require treatment for a serious condition which requires hospitalization, then arrangements may be made to transfer you to a medical facility ashore. While at sea, the ability to transfer you to a shore side facility may be limited or delayed by weather or logistical considerations. If you are currently suffering from a serious medical condition, please consult with your personal physician prior to sailing. Celebrity's doctors are independent contractors.

#### Important Health Notice – Please Read!

If you should come down with a contagious disease, or even suspect a contagious disease, it's compulsory that you report it to the ship's infirmary for the safety of everyone on board. Should you be on any medication, or want the medical staff to be aware of any special needs, please contact the infirmary. This will ensure that they will be prepared should you need assistance.

In rare instances, the ship's medical staff may determine that your medical condition will require you to be quarantined in your stateroom to protect the health of our other guests. While both Celebrity and Atlantis will make every effort to make you comfortable in such a situation, we are unable to compensate lost vacation time due to quarantine.

Please note that the ship follows C.D.C. guidelines on all quarantine issues, and there is little flexibility in applying the rules, particularly where gastrointestinal symptoms are present.

As always, we highly recommend travel insurance to assist with unforeseen costs and reimbursement for missed vacation time due to illness of any type. If you do not have travel insurance, it can be purchased virtually right up to departure time.

**Dining Information** 

#### **Open Seating at Dinner**

As always, Atlantis features open seating at all meals. Although your *SeaPass* card may show an "assigned" dining time, you can completely ignore it and dine at your leisure during posted hours.

#### Silhouette Restaurant

Breakfast	8:00 to 10:00 am
Lunch	11:30 am to 1:30 pm (August 16 & 17 only)
Dinner	6:30 to 10:00 pm

#### **Oceanview Cafe**

Breakfast7:30 to 11:30 am (early breakfast from 6:00 am)LunchNoon to 3:00 pmBrunch10:30 am to 2 pm (August 17 only)Pizza & PastaNoon to 4:00 amSushi5:30 pm - 9:30 pmEarly Dinner6:00 to 8:30 pmLate Night11:00 pm to 4:00 am

#### AquaSpa Cafe

Breakfast Lunch 7:30 to 10:00 am Noon to 3:00 pm

Noon to 6:00 pm

#### **Mast Grill**

Lunch

#### **Bistro on 5**

Open almost 24 hours (closed between Midnight and 4:00 am)

#### Blu, Silk Harvest, Murano, & Tuscan Grille Restaurants

Dinner 6:00 to 10:00 pm (Reservations required, available for same-day dining only.)

#### **Cafe al Bacio**

Coffee Bar 7:00 to midnight Gelateria 11:00 am to 10:00 pm An extra charge applies for Bistro on 5, Silk Harvest, Murano, and Tuscan Grille.

#### Blu

Breakfast8:00 to 10:00 amDinner6:00 to 10:00 pmReserved for Aqua Class and Suite Guests Only.

#### Luminae

Breakfast 8:00 to 10:00 am Dinner 6:00 to 10:00 pm Reserved for Suite Guests Only.

#### **Dining Notes**

All dining times are approximate, and may change slightly according to our port times and onboard events. Additional dining options are listed in *Celebrity Today*.

Team Atlantis will be on hand at the main restaurant to seat you, answer questions, and host tables. We always encourage you to join other guests for meals. It's the best way to meet people! Both Atlantis and Celebrity will do our best to honor special seating requests.

Please be patient during peak hours as there may be a slight wait in the main restaurant. We recommend dining before 8:00 pm or after 9:00 pm to avoid waiting in line. We have scheduled the dining times to allow you to enjoy our shows either before or after dinner.

#### Dining in Silk Harvest, Murano, & Tuscan Grille

*Equinox* offers more unique and outstanding dining choices than any other ship in the world, each with their own unique character. Silk Harvest is a modern, pan-Asian restaurant with a very diverse sharing-concept menu. Tuscan Grille blends Italian steak, seafood and pasta in a vibrant and exciting setting. For the ultimate dining destination, Murano offers a sophisticated degustation menu in a romantic setting. All are unique and truly magnificent.

Reservations are essential, and may only be made for same day dining at times listed in the *Celebrity Today*. In fairness to all our guests, reservations must be made in person, and only one reservation per stateroom will be accepted daily. These restaurants are not equipped to handle parties larger than eight guests (and only a few tables are this size), and no larger party reservations will be accepted. Please respect these policies so that the maximum number of our guests may enjoy these unique dining experiences.

Suite guests may reserve in advance through their butlers, for up to four advance reservations (total) per stateroom.

An extra charge applies for each venue. Gratuities are included.

#### **Dining in Blu**

Blu offers a fresh, modern mediterranean style menu in a stunning blue and white setting. Only AquaClass and Suite have access to this very special restaurant. If space is available, each AquaClass stateroom may invite two guests to dine with them for an extra charge of \$10 per person. Guests are at the discretion of the maitre d' and may not be able to be accommodated at all times. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **New! Luminae Suite Restaurant**

The brand-new contemporary restaurant Luminae offers a private dining experience for guests booked in Sky, Celebrity, Royal, and Penthouse Suites. There is no charge for suite guests to dine in this extraordinary restaurant.

If space is available, each Suite stateroom may invite two guests to dine with them for an extra charge (to be determined onboard). Guests are at the discretion of the maitre d' and may not be able to be accommodated at all times. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **Room Service**

Room service is available 24 hours a day. See the menu in your stateroom for a complete selection and ordering instructions. Please recognize that the staff handling room service has limited capabilities. If you're looking for a quick snack, we highly recommend the Oceanview Cafe or Bistro on 5, which are open almost 24 hours a day.

Please note that some items carry a surcharge.

#### **Singles Dining**

Traveling solo doesn't mean you have to eat alone. Whenever you enter our restaurants, our Team Atlantis will graciously seat you with our other guests. Also, we're creating several special singles and couples dinners, along with a designated meeting place for single guests to gather for drinks before dinner every night. See the *Celebrity Today* for details.

#### **Special Diets**

Please submit any special dietary requests in writing directly to Celebrity at least one week prior to sailing. Once onboard, speak with the manager or Maitre D' of any restaurant regarding any special requests. Gluten free, vegetarian and low fat options are available at each meal.

### Unique Equinox Features The Lawn Club

Certainly the most unique feature of the *Equinox* is the massive real grass lawn growing on Deck 14. You're invited to use this space to relax peacefully. It's a unique oasis.

#### **Martini Bar**

An ice-cold bar, literally! Featuring an outstanding selection of classic and modern cocktails in a modern, lively space. Guaranteed to be ground zero every night.

#### **Interactive Television**

You'll have more choices than ever with movies, TV shows, and a 10,000 song music library at your fingertips in every room. Look for both Malcolm and some Atlantis special programming in the menus.

#### **Celebrity Central & Quasar**

Just outside the theater you'll find a unique multipurpose venue that's part nightclub, part performance space. We'll use the Celebrity Central theater for smaller shows, cooking demonstrations, and much more.

Quasar is our sexy, sophisticated nightclub venue. Stop by for a drink between or after the shows as we feature lounge music. Later on we'll present alternatives to our big parties, with a variety of musical styles.

## **Atlantis Cruise Essentials**

#### **Team Atlantis & Information Desk**

Our Team Atlantis is on hand throughout the ship to host and assist with every aspect of your vacation. Please don't hesitate to ask any of us if you have a question or require assistance. We are available 24 hours a day, and are always wearing Atlantis name badges.

We also offer a general information desk located adjacent to the Guest Relations Desk on Deck 3. Hours for this desk vary by port and are posted in *Celebrity Today* 

Atlantis management can also be reached through Guest Relations at any time.

#### **Atlantis Roommate Share Program**

If you are participating in our roommate share program, you have been assigned a roommate based on smoking preferences. Your roommate's name may appear on your confirmation, but is subject to change. This program is offered as a convenience and service for our single travelers, and as such no roommate changes are permitted for any reason whatsoever.

Upon arrival, you will find a detailed letter in your stateroom with advice on how best to enjoy your cruise together.

#### **Special Events for Singles**

We host several special events throughout the week for our single guests, ranging from cocktail parties to special dinners. Please see the *Celebrity Today* for information on specific events.

#### **Atlantis Celebrity Today**

The Atlantis version of *Celebrity Today* will be delivered to your stateroom each night with a complete schedule for the following day. All activities, shows, and function times are described in this newsletter and handy pocket card. Remember that this is our primary method of communicating with you, so please read it daily. Changes and/or updates from our original schedule are common during a cruise, particularly in case of inclement weather.

You can also find out what's going on by watching Malcolm on the daily TV broadcast. It's the most informative 10 minutes of your day!

#### Atlantis Logo Merchandise

If you're looking for a true one-of-a-kind souvenir, visit the onboard shops for Atlantis logo shirts, hats, and other gear.

#### **Gatherings for Special Interest Groups**

We celebrate the diversity and diverse interests in our community with several casual get-togethers for the following groups:

Lure of Leather – For our guests who like or love leather

Bears & Cubs - A social gathering for bears, friends, and admirers

Women of Atlantis – Our female guests and their friends

Friends of Bill W – Daily meetings

Guns & Hoses - Cops and firemen

Active & Veterans - Military gathering for Atlantis service members

These get-togethers are casual, non-hosted meetings throughout the week. See the *Celebrity Today* for dates and times.

#### **Atlantis Publicity Photos**

We will have a photographer and video crew onboard to document our voyage and assist us in creating our future collateral materials.

Atlantis does not use "random" shots for our publicity, so if you do not wish to be seen in our photos, please feel free to tell our photographers.

#### **Future Atlantis Cruise Sales**

During the last few days of your cruise, we will offer a chance to reserve our newest 2016 Atlantis vacations with a special onboard booking discount. Details will be delivered to your stateroom and booking times will be listed in *Celebrity Today*.

#### **No Solicitation Policy**

Atlantis does not allow our guests to solicit other guests for any service or business while onboard our cruises. Please respect our other guests' right to enjoy themselves in an advertising-free environment.

Any guest that violates this policy by distributing materials, voicemails, or other sales communications to our guests will be subject to a \$2500 fine applied directly to their *SeaPass* account. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Entertainment Preview**

Celebrity Today with the complete entertainment and event schedule will be delivered to your stateroom each day. Here's a preview of Atlantis' featured entertainment.

#### Friday Rome

Sailaway Cocktail Party The Lawn Club 5 pm Join your 2800 new friends from around the world as we sail into the Med! Hosted by Malcolm & Team Atlantis.

First Time Cruisers Orientation Theater 8 pm If it's your first time with Atlantis, start here for 20 minutes.

La Voix Theater 8:30 & 10:30 pm New! London drag star direct from Britain's Got Talent with a massive voice and big stage visuals. The perfect start!

Welcome Aboard Party Poolside 11 pm 2800 guys, a beautiful night, and dancing under the stars.

#### Saturday Naples

Gay Comedy All-Stars Theater 8:30 & 10:30 pm Atlantis presents three of the world's leading gay comics for a night of stellar live standup. Starring Erin Foley, Brad Loekle, & Poppy Champlin.

True Colors Party Poolside 11 pm Show your true colors with a party to celebrate the many styles of the world around us.

#### Sunday Catania

Equinox - The Show Theater 8:30 & 10:30 pm A circus of amazing talent and superb special effects will surround you in the most original show ever created on a cruise ship!

Wayne G.'s ElectoCircus Poolside 11 pm A wild night of progressive dance music from London DJ Wayne G. No costumes, just a gorgeous night under the stars.

#### Monday At Sea

Dog Tag T-Dance Poolside 5-7 pm Soak up the Med's sunshine with our most infamous afternoon party. A little green, red, or yellow can go a long way. Find out how and join in the fun.

#### Surprise Guest Star

Theater 8:30 & 10:30 pm

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Watch our FB page for an easier clue if nobody figures that one out.

### **Tuesday** Chania

Soaked T-Dance

Get ready to get WET with the splashiest t-dance you've ever imagined.

Dixie Longate Theater 8:30 & 10:30 pm Spend an evening with the world's most famous tupperware lady as she shares her plastic to riches story and a lot more.

Mamma Mia! That's Greek! Poolside 11 pm Everything's Greek tonight at the most festive party in the Aegean.

#### Wednesday Mykonos

Night Out In Mykonos We'll have plenty of recommendations on where to play.

#### Thursday Santorini

Limelight Production Show Theater 8:30 & 10:30 pm Step into the limelight for a musical production show featuring the best of Broadway and beyond.

Scandalicious

Poolside 11 pm

Poolside 5-7 pm

A twisted take on the world of sports where the scandals take center stage.

### Friday Bodrum

Bridgett Everett in Concert

Theater 8:30 & 10:30 pm

New! One of the funniest and most original performers in the NY scene with a unique blend of music and comedy. Best known for her appearances on Inside Amy Schumer and her own special on Comedy Central.

Atlantis Classics

Poolside 11 pm Vocals and big sounds rule as we take you back to the 80s and 90s for the music from the early days of Atlantis.

Brad Loekle's Last Laugh Theater 11:45 pm Brad brings it all together with a hilarious final comedy show.

(More entertainment on the next pages)

#### Saturday Kusadasi

Revival! Classic Disco T-Dance Poolside 5-7 pm We'll take you back, way back. If you weren't around then, it's time to discover the magic of the disco era. Excessive hair, oversized shoes, and slimy shirts optional.

Emily West In Concert Theater 8:30 & 10:30 pm New! Rising pop and dance artist star and finalist from "America's Got Talent".

The White Party Poolside 11 pm Atlantis' most spectacular and longest-running tradition rules the decks of the *Equinox* until sunrise.

#### Sunday Istanbul

Remix Production Show Theater 10 pm A high-energy production show starring the amazing Equinox singers and dancers.

A Night in Istanbul

It's an amazing city at night, with a strong and vibrant gay scene that's just waiting for us!

## **More Entertainment Notes**

#### **Additional Performers Onboard**

Atlantis entertainment happens throughout the ship, and all day and night. Look for some exciting shows from the following Atlantis entertainers:

Nate Buccieri & Jeff Cubeta- Our superstar team of incredible piano entertainers.

Lindsay Alley - Dazzling, sassy, and alluring one-woman vocal powerhouse

Matt Yee - Outrageous boa-wearing cabaret performer

Charlie Hides – New! London-based drag impersonator of just about everyone famous.

Damon Kirsche - New! Broadway star and master of the great American songbook.

See the *Celebrity Today* for exact times and locations of these performers. You'll also see a few surprise shows from Team Atlantis and some of our other entertainers.

#### **DJs and Dance Parties**

We're thrilled to have three of the world's top DJs onboard Equinox:

Abel	Miami
Wayne G	London
Dan Slater	Sydney

Each has their own unique style and has been selected for their particular sound. We know that you'll enjoy the variety of music offered during the week.

With 2800 guests onboard, you can bet that we'll offer something for everyone during the week. Venues include the pool deck and the Quasar nightclub. Events will run into the night based on the number of guests attending.

We will use the Quasar nightclub to feature alternative music styles as well as an "after hours" format. If you're looking for diversity, this is your venue!

Please respect your fellow passengers when returning to staterooms late at night.

#### **Movies and Video Entertainment**

Atlantis and Celebrity have tailored the cinema and in-room entertainment specifically for Atlantis. You'll find a variety of first run movies, new gay movies, and a few classics.

### **Rome Pre Cruise**

#### **Rome Pre-Cruise Hotels**

If you are staying at one of our pre-cruise hotels, your room, tax, and breakfast are all prepaid. Transfers to the ship will be provided on Friday, August 14. Transfers from the aiport are not included, but both hotels are near Termini station and easy to get to from there.

Hotel Savoy Via Ludovisi 15, Roma 00187 +39 06 421551 Boscolo Exedra Hotel Piazza della Repubblica, 47, 00187 Roma 00187 +39 06 489381

You will receive a letter upon arrival with detailed directions on the transfers.

We're still trying to find a venue for a pre-cruise party in Rome. Watch your email for an update. We will also send an updated guide to gay events and nightlife in Rome a few days before the cruise.

# **After Your Cruise**

#### **Departure Information**

In order to plan our departure efficiently, you will be asked to complete a short departure questionnaire before boarding. Please make sure that you complete this form to insure a smooth departure for all guests on August 24.

#### **Arrival into Istanbul**

Upon arriving into Istanbul, we will begin disembarkation on August 24 around 8 am. This procedure generally takes around three hours. It is possible to depart the ship earlier, or during our stay on August 23rd. If you require this, please note it on your departure form and we will assist with an appropriate departure time.

We strongly advise purchasing the Celebrity transfers onboard as these are the most efficient way to get to the airport.

After leaving the vessel you may claim your luggage on the pier. Baggage lost or damaged must be reported to Celebrity prior to leaving the baggage claim area.

#### **Purchasing Transfers Onboard**

Celebrity will offer group transfers to the Istanbul Airport (IST) onboard during your cruise. Rates and information will be sent to your stateroom during the cruise, or inquire at the Guest Relations Desk. You can book these transfers upon embarkation.

## **Keeping In Touch**

#### **Before Sailing**

If you need to reach Atlantis prior to your cruise, you may contact us at 310-859-8800.

You can also contact Celebrity Cruises at 800-256-6649 or 305-539-4107.

#### Satellite Telephone Access

You can make ship-to-shore calls from your stateroom, 24 hours a day. The cost is \$7.95 per minute and will automatically be charged to your *SeaPass* account.

Friends and family can reach you 24 hours a day via Celebrity's Satellite Service. Have them call 888-724-SHIP (7447) from the USA, or 1-732-335-3285 from the rest of the world. The cost is \$7.95 per minute and can be billed to their American Express, MasterCard, or Discover cards. (From outside the U.S.A., additional long distance charges will apply).

#### Internet Access – Celebrity Cruises Online

Every stateroom has wireless access, as do most public areas throughout the ship. Connection fees apply with a range of packages or per-minute choices available. And yes, they are expensive. Remember that internet access at sea is much slower than broadband access. After all, you do have to go through a satellite link!

Finally, we recommend turning all mobile broadband devices to "Airplane Mode" while onboard. They tend to hold onto an IP address that another user could be utilizing.

There is a also an internet cafe on Deck 6 open 24 hours a day for the same charge. Please note that the public computers do not have file sending or receiving capabilities. We found that the internet cafe was very busy, so highly recommend bringing a laptop if you need access regularly during your vacation.

#### **Cell Phone Access Onboard**

The *Equinox* is specially equipped to allow your GSM phone to work onboard. Please note that roaming charges apply, and will be billed directly by your home carrier. Rates vary by carrier, but are considerably cheaper than using the satellite phones. We recommend checking with your carrier prior to sailing for specific rates.

This access only works while at sea. When in port, the local land operator's roaming charges will apply. Again, check with your operator to see what roaming options exist.

### **Atlantis Team**

Our Atlantis team is made up of our full-time employees and part-time talent working together to create an exciting cruise experience for you.

#### **Team Atlantis**

Brandon Reily - Producer

Rich Campbell - President Malcolm Neitzey - Cruise Director

Adam Zammit	Ino Navarro	Marino Maranion
Angel D'Rossi	Jerko Bozikovic	Mario Burrell
Arun Issac	Johnny Wong	Richard Alvarado
Ellen Schneider	Kitt Strandberg	Shawn Barber
Eric Weismann	Kyi Drago	Tomaz Cerne

#### **Our Entertainers & Technical Team**

Abel Aguilera	Kris Andersson	Nareth Chuon
Brad Loekle	Lindsey Alley	Robert Montenegro
Bridget Everett	Nate Buccieri	
Charlie Hides	Poppy Champlain	
Christopher Dennis	Wayne Gibbons	
Damon Kirsche		
Daniel Slater	<b>TECHNICAL TEAM</b>	
Emily West	Francis Lucero	
Erin Foley	Guy Smith	
Jeff Cubeta	John Finen	
John Finen	Kyle Garner	

#### **Questions?**

Please ask your travel agent, call our office (800-628-5268), or e-mail us at: CruiseInfo@atlantisevents.com

#### We look forward to seeing you onboard! Bon Voyage.