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# CRUISE UPDATE Aesthetic Surgery Biennial Cruise

We are in the final stretch. The cruise starts in a few weeks.

# **GUEST ONLINE ACCOUNT**

You must log in to your account at Oceania Cruises and supply your passport and emergency contact information. You may be delayed or denied boarding without filling out this information. You MUST do your Online Check-In starting on June 20<sup>th</sup>. You will need to take a security photo, please use a camera-enabled mobile device. Enter your payment options for on-board expenses. Watch a safety video and then you can save or print your boarding pass.

# SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION:

Doctors and any medical staff will need to register for the meeting under the <u>Register tab</u> on the website. The Society will be sending you a reminder email and additional information. You are not automatically registered for the educational content – **you must register separately** for this. Only register your spouse/guest if they plan on attending the educational program, the social functions are included in your cruise price. The Symposium will start on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm in the Vista Lounge.

# SOCIAL EVENTS:

The Aesthetic Society wants to invite you and your travel companions travelling in the Cruise Brothers group to join us at the <u>Whitecaps Welcome Reception</u> July 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 7pm at Horizons Lounge Deck 14 Forward. Wear your white and be a standout!

Also <u>Farewell Cocktail Party</u> Despedida, Addio, Veda and Fer'wel. Wear What You Bought! On July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm where it all started in the Horizon's Lounge, we will celebrate the great experiences everyone had! Wear something (or everything) that you bought on your journey and be prepared to share a fun story!

# LUGGAGE SHIPPING SERVICE

Some people have been asking about shipping their luggage from home to and from the ship. We have used a company called <u>Luggage Forward</u>. Click here for information.

#### **EXCURSIONS**

Oceania will allow you to use the \$600 per stateroom or suite shipboard credit for advance purchases. The option should appear on the payment screen in your shopping cart. If you've not already reserved your shore excursions, visit <u>Oceania Cruises.com/MyAccount</u> to log in and make your selections. Unless you pay for any additional excursions before logging out they will not be saved.

If you need help choosing excursions you may contact Oceania directly at Assistance Line 833-553-0082 Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 6:00 pm ET

If you want to book any excursions while staying in Barcelona, you can <u>click here</u>.

# FLIGHTS – What to look for:

We suggest that you arrive one or two days early and enjoy Barcelona. The airport El Prat Airport (BCN) is about 30 Minutes from the city of Barcelona. The ship will board in Barcelona. The returning airport in Athens is Athens International Airport (ATH). This is located about 45 minutes from the cruise port in Piraeus. We suggest flights departing on July 23<sup>rd</sup> after 12 noon. The Aesthetic Society is working with United Airlines and Delta Air Lines loyalty program members which will offer a discount code for flights that you can <u>book directly</u> online.

# TRANSFERS

Since we do not have the entire group staying at the same hotel, we are not supplying group transfers. Taxi and UBER service is available at the Barcelona airport to your hotel or the cruise terminal. You should be able to get a taxi or UBER from your hotel to the cruise terminal. After the cruise from Athens there are plenty of taxis at the cruise terminal. If you are going directly to the Athens Airport, you can purchase bus transfers from Oceania for \$69 per person to the airport only. We will need your flight itinerary in order to schedule the bus transfers

If you want to have private car transfers, please send an e-mail with your request and flight information to <u>bnewman@cruisebrothers.com</u>.

# PASSPORTS

It is the sole responsibility of each guest to obtain and have available appropriate valid travel and health documents. Any guest traveling without proper documentation will not be allowed to board the vessel and no refund of cruise fare or any other travel components purchased from Oceania Cruises will be issued. URGENT! Please make sure that your passports are valid at least 6 months beyond your scheduled return date. Expiration date, no sooner than January 31, 2025.

Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name or you may be denied boarding. The Aesthetic Society, Cruise Brothers and Oceania Cruises accept no responsibility for obtaining required visas or for advising guests of visa or other immigration requirements beyond the guidelines indicated

# WHAT TO PACK

Recommended Shipboard attire on Oceania Cruises is "Country Club" casual. Country club casual (resortstyle attire) is fine for daytime on board the ship and ashore, For evening dining, elegant casual resort wear is suggested. Oceania requests that Casual jeans, shorts, t-shirts, baseball caps, sandals, or tennis shoes are not permitted in the restaurants after 6 PM, except in the Terrace Café. Oceania Cruises does NOT have any "Formal" dress nights.

Average Daily Temperature	HIGH		LOW		Sky
	F	С	F	С	
Barcelona, Spain	80	27	65	18	Fair
Palma De Mallorca, Spain	85	35	64	18	Fair
Saint-Tropez, France	82	28	64	18	Sunny
Florence/Pisa/Tuscany (Livorno), Italy	84	29	62	17	Partly Cloudy
Olbia/Porto Cervo (Sardinia), Italy	88	31	66	19	Fair

Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy	87	31	63	17	Fair
Naples/Pompeii, Italy	85	29	65	18	Fair
Messina (Sicily), Italy	86	30	74	23	Sunny
Istanbul, Turkey	83	28	66	19	Fair
Istanbul, Turkey	83	28	66	19	Partly Cloudy
Bozcaada (Troy), Turkey	77	25	63	17	Partly Cloudy
Athens (Piraeus), Greece	89	32	74	23	Fair

# EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION

Guests are required to be on board the vessel at least one hour prior to the scheduled departure time. A lunch buffet is served from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm

#### How is luggage handled at embarkation and debarkation?

If you do not receive luggage tags with your Cruise Vacation Guide prior to departure, you will receive luggage tags at the pier before embarking. Your luggage will be delivered directly to your stateroom on embarkation day. If the luggage has not arrived one hour prior to sailing, guests should contact Reception from their stateroom telephone.

On the last night of the cruise, guests should pack their luggage and leave it outside their stateroom door before retiring for the evening. You should not pack personal items such as medicine and toiletries or clothing that you will require the next morning. Staff members will collect the luggage during the night and deliver it to the cruise terminal. All luggage being disembarked from the vessel should weigh no more than 70 pounds per piece.

When we arrive in Piraeus, disembarkation will officially start in the morning of July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone will be off the ship by 10:00 am.

# PORT LOCATION

We are currently scheduled to be boarding at Muelle Adossat – Terminal A, B or C – The exact terminal will be assigned closer to sailing. Puerto de Barcelona, Spain

We are currently scheduled to disembark Terminal 3, Xyleia/Xaveri Pier, Piraeus, Greece. This is subject to change.

# Q & A - COMMON QUESTIONS

#### What type of currency will be used?

On the ship they do not use cash except in the casino which uses US Dollars. Your room key will be needed for charging everything to your credit card in US Dollars.

On this itinerary the local currency in most countries will be the Euro.

#### What special diets are available on the ship?

Special arrangements can be made if you require diabetic, gluten-free, lactose-free, kosher, vegetarian and vegan meals. Other diets must be requested for approval and, in some cases, may require additional medical documentation.

#### Are there children's programs or babysitting services?

Any guest under the age of 18 must be accompanied by and occupy the same stateroom as an adult 18 years or older. Normally, Oceania Cruises does not provide for the care, entertainment or supervision of children. There are no organized programs for kids or teens, but the 1,200-guest ship has paddle board

tables, mini-golf, a putting green, a pickleboard court, shuffleboard, croquet, a fitness track, and an Artist's Loft.

Oceania has agreed for this sailing to have organized youth/ teen programming in 3 age groups. Ages 5 – 8, ages 9 – 12 and ages 13 – 17. Details will be provided onboard for the passengers that would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

#### What about the Shipboard Credit and Gratuities?

Each room that has been reserved in the group through Cruise Brothers will be receiving a \$600 credit that will come off your room account unless you have already used it for pre-ordered shore excursions, this cannot be used for cash. All shipboard gratuities for your cabin staff and restaurant staff have been included. Any drinks that you order will have an additional 18% gratuity added to the bill. If you feel that a crew member has gone out of their way, you can give them an additional gratuity, but it is not expected.

# What kinds of outlets do the staterooms have?

Each stateroom has 2 - 110 volt outlets and 2 - 220 volt outlets which can be used for items such as battery chargers, hair dryers, razors and personal hygiene items. The Vista also has 2 - USB outlets to charge phones and tablets.

# Can I bring my travel iron?

Travel irons cannot be used due to the fire hazard they can pose. Complimentary self-serve launderettes are available onboard on Decks 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 and are open from 7am to 10pm daily. Ironing boards and irons are also located in each, while valet laundry is included as a perk for those staying in Concierge-class and above suites.

#### Can I use my mobile phone on board?

While at sea, guests are able to use their own mobile phones to make and receive calls, text messages and for data services. International roaming charges will apply and will be billed by your regular service provider. Guests with AT&T service may choose from a selection of packages offering discounted rates for international calls, texts and data while on board our ships. For complete details on plans and full terms and conditions, please visit www.att.com/cruiseships. Please check with your individual carrier for availability and rates. Many people like to use WhatsApp to make mobile phone calls over the internet.

# Are the ships safe?

Oceania ships must continually pass strict Coast Guard inspections and all crewmembers undergo training to perform various responsibilities in the event of an emergency. Like all cruise ships, Oceania conducts a safety drill shortly after sailing away from the embarkation port. In this drill, guests learn the location of their "muster station" and how to correctly wear the safety vest provided in each suite. All of Oceania's smaller cruise ships carry a predetermined number of lifeboats and rafts – more than enough to accommodate all guests and crew onboard in the unlikely event of an evacuation, and all Oceania ships are equipped with numerous smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

#### Can I smoke on board?

For the safety and security of all guests and staff on board, Designated Smoking Areas are available on the forward, starboard corner of the Pool Deck and in the aft, Smoking Lounge is located outside of the entrance to Horizons. These areas are comfortably furnished and conveniently located near food and beverage areas. Smoking is expressly forbidden in all staterooms and suites, on verandas, or in any areas of the ship other than officially Designated Smoking Areas. Smoking in a stateroom or suite or on a veranda represents a serious fire and safety hazard to all guests and staff. Guests choosing to disregard this policy will be disembarked at the next port of call and may also be subject to additional fees that will be imposed to cover the costs associated

with any damage to and the required cleaning of furnishings, verandas and surrounding deck and accommodation areas. All areas other than those specified as Designated Smoking Areas will remain smoke-free. This includes all guest suites and staterooms, verandas, restaurants, public areas, the Casino and all other areas of the ship. Cigar and pipe smoking is only permitted on the forward, starboard corner of the Pool Deck. The use of electronic cigarettes is allowed within designated smoking areas only.

Shipboard Terminology:

Aft or Stern: the rear of the ship Bow: the front of the ship Bridge: the ship's control center where the captain and his officers steer the ship Decks: the floors of the ship Galley: the ship's kitchen Gangway: the entrance / exit area connecting ship and shore side dock – or ship and tender Muster Station: a designated meeting spot for emergencies Port: the left side of the ship Starboard: the right side of the ship Tender: a small boat that ferries guests from the ship to the port when the ship is not alongside a dock

Here are the payment terms on this sailing:

#### **Deposit Payment Schedule**

Time of Reservation FULL Payment Due in Full for all staterooms and suites

#### Cancellation and Penalty Policy Cruise Line

May 10, 2024 or later No refunds

Travel Agency Cancellation Policy Cruise Brothers' cancellation fee is \$100 per stateroom/ suite which can be applied to a future cruise if booked within 12 months of the cancellation

Cancellations must be submitted in writing. The date Cruise Brothers receives notification will be considered the cancellation date. Changes are at the cruise lines' discretion and cost will be determined based on such change.

Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.. (This is only available from us to passengers living in the United States)

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