

## MMC APRIL 7, 2018 - SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE - CELEBRITY'S "EQUINOX"

"CONGRATULATIONS" ON JOINING OUR CRUISE. WE EXTEND A HEARTY WELCOME!!

THIS INFORMATION BRINGS TO A CLOSE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CRUISE DETAILS AND FINAL FORMAL WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLUB. SHIP CRUISE INFORMATION, AVAILABLE [WWW.CELEBRITYCRUISES.COM](http://WWW.CELEBRITYCRUISES.COM) OR 1-800-327-6700

### **XPRESS PASS-ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS (E-DOC'S) -SHIPS LUGGAGE TAGS**

THE XPRESS PASS REQUIRED AT SHIP CHECK-IN IS AVAILABLE ON LINE. THE E-DOC'S AND SHIPS LUGGAGE TAGS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE, UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 3 TO 4 WEEKS BEFORE YOUR CRUISE. AFTER MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, RETURN TO YOUR CELEBRITY RESERVATIONS, ENTER BOOKING NUMBER ETC. TO REVIEW OR PRINT E-DOCS (NOT REQUIRED AT CHECK-IN). PRINTING SHIPS LUGGAGE TAG FORMAT WORKS FINE. AS AN ALTERNATE YOU CAN REQUEST CELEBRITY MAIL YOUR LUGGAGE TAGS. U.S. CITIZENS REQUIRE A PASSPORT OR CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE. SHOULD YOUR DOCUMENTS INDICATE A BOOKING ERROR, PLEASE CONTACT [BOBMARKSMI@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:BOBMARKSMI@HOTMAIL.COM) FOR ASSISTANCE.

### **MMC COACHES' FROM MARCO ISLAND TO SHIPS MIAMI PIER**

THE "3" COACHES' DEPART AND RETURN AT THE MARCO ISLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER, 40 SOUTH HEATHWOOD DRIVE PLEASE ENTER THE COACH LOADING AREA... "ONLY"... FROM THE PARKING LOT ENTRANCE ON SAN MARCO RD. ALL "3" COACH'S START LOADING SATURDAY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00 AM AND LEAVE NO LATER THAN 9:30 AM. BOARD ANY OF THE "3" COACH'S YOU WISH. BE SURE ALL YOUR LUGGAGE IS LOADED ON THE SAME BUS WITH YOU. GRATUITIES INCLUDED FOR EACH BUS DRIVER.

TRAVEL TIME TO PIER "2 TO 3" HOURS. A 15 MINUTE REST STOP PLANNED ON ALLIGATOR ALLEY. SHIP BOARDING 12 PM-2:30PM. SHOULD ONE MISS THE BUS, PLEASE DRIVE TO MIAMI PIER, CHECK IN SHIP. BOB MARKS AVAILABLE @ 239 298-0956.

### **MARCO ISLAND HEALTHCARE PARKING DURING CRUISE**

CARS MAY NOT BE LEFT IN HEALTHCARE PARKING LOT FOR TRIP DURATION. OK LEAVING CAR IN THEIR PARKING AREA ON DAY OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN. CARS LEFT LONGER WILL BE TOWED. A METHOD WHICH WORKS WELL, DRIVE YOUR CAR TO COACH, GIVE A FRIEND KEYS TO RETURN IT HOME SAME DAY. FRIEND RETURNS CAR SUNDAY, LEAVING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL. NO WAITING IF BUS ARRIVAL DELAYED. RETURN COACH'S ARRIVE AT HEALTHCARE PARKING LOT, SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 11AM TO 1 PM.

### **EQUINOX BOARDING SATURDAY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

ON PIER ARRIVAL, SECURE LUGGAGE ON EXITING BUS. IF NO SHIP STATEROOM NUMBER TAGS ON YOUR LUGGAGE, PLEASE REQUEST AND OBSERVE PORTER PLACING TAGS ON EACH BAG. PORTERS EXPECT TIPS. PROCEED TO SHIP CHECK-IN LOCATION.

THE CHECK-IN REQUIRES THE XPRESS PASS, A CREDIT CARD, PASSPORT OR CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE. ONCE ABOARD, YOU MAY WISH TO LOCATE STATEROOM NUMBER ON YOUR SEA PASS, RELAX AND ENJOY A LEISURE LUNCH. RECEIVING LUGGAGE MAY TAKE A LONG TIME, WITH CREWS HAVING MANY GUEST BAGS TO DELIVER.

### **YOUR COCKTAIL PARTY INVITATION.....SHIPS TOURS.....SPECIALTY RESTAURANTS**

THIS IS "YOU'RE PERSONAL INVITATION", TO A NICE ENJOYABLE PRIVATE MMC COCKTAIL PARTY FOR EVERYONE, COMPLIMENTS OF CELEBRITY CRUISES, MONDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> IN THE SHIPS SKY LOUNGE FROM 3:00 TO 4:00 PM. PRE-PRINTED NAMES TAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE. MEET EVERYONE WITH OUR GROUP.....JOIN THE FUN.....SEE YOU THERE!!

NO OTHER MMC GROUP ACTIVITY PLANNED, PROVIDING FREEDOM TO SCHEDULE YOUR TIME ENJOYING THE MANY SHIP ACTIVITIES, ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND TOURS WITHOUT CONFLICT. BEST TO BOOK TOURS ON-LINE IN ADVANCE. THERE WILL BE LARGE DEMAND FOR SPECIALTY RESTAURANT RESERVATIONS. GUEST HAVE SUBSTANTIAL ON BOARD CREDITS.

BEST RESERVING NOW! .THE SPECIALTY RESTAURANTS POPULAR DINING TIMES GO FAST.

### **DRESS CODE.....DINNER ATTIRE.....CHICK NIGHTS**

APPROPRIATE DINNER DRESS EXPECT "2 CHICK NIGHTS" ..... "1 SMART CASUAL"..... AND OTHERS CASUAL.

1SI CHICK USUALLY 2 ND NIGHT ABOARD. SHIP PROVIDES YOUR STATEROOM DAILY THE ACTIVITY AND DRESS CODE.

### **"Celebrity Cruises Suggested Evening Dress Guidelines"**

*Casual: Sport shirts and slacks for men, sundresses or pants for women*

*Smart Casual: Jacket and ties for men, dresses or pantsuits for women*

*Chick: Men: Suit, Blazer, Sport coat tie, open collar, tux. Women: cocktail dresses.*

PREVIOUS FORMAL DRESS NOW CALLED CHICK DRESS NIGHTS. ADDITIONAL SHIP DRESS INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT [WWW.CELEBRITYCRUISES.COM](http://WWW.CELEBRITYCRUISES.COM)..... Cruise Weather.....Our guess.....85-95 degrees!!!!

### **SHIPS DINING ROOMS.....MAIN 6 PM...LATE 8:30.....SELECT.....AND BLU**

UPON CHECK-IN THE SEA PASS CARD RECEIVED CONTAINS YOUR DINING ROOM INFORMATION. SHIPS SEPARATE DINING ROOMS ACCOMMODATE THE FIXED 6PM, 8:30, SELECT AND BLU GUEST. THE PASSENGERS BOOKED MAIN 6 PM AND LATE 8:30 SEA PASS CARD INDICATES THE DINING ROOM, TIME AND TABLE NUMBER.

SELECT AND BLU, SEA PASS CONTAINS DINING ROOM WITH NO SET TIME OR TABLE. TO OBTAIN A SPECIFIC DINING SIZE TABLE AND TIME, WE SUGGEST CONTACTING DINING ROOM MAITRE,'D 1ST DAY ABOARD TO ARRANGE. THE BLU DINING ROOM OFFERS AQUA CLASS GUEST SELECT ONLY DINING TIME FOR BREAKFAST AND DINNER, REQUIRES NO ADVANCE RESERVATION.

### **"ALL MMC CATEGORY STATEROOMS FIRST "2" GUEST RECEIVES FREE PERK"**

NUMBER OF PERKS APPLICABLE BY CELEBRITY POLICY ON DATE BOOKING CONFIRMED.

**Available Perks:** .1- \$300 On Board Stateroom Credit: \$150.00 per person to spend on Board, pay gratuities etc. 2-The Classic Beverage Package option includes unlimited beer up to \$6 per serving, spirits, cocktails, and frozen drinks up to \$8 per serving, wine by the glass up to \$9 per serving, all soda selections, fresh squeezed and bottled juices, premium coffees, teas and non-premium bottled water, and server gratuities (amount based on gratuity guidelines). **Classic Non-Alcoholic Beverage Package** includes all soda selections, fresh squeezed and Bottled juices, premium coffees, teas and non-premium bottled water and server gratuities (based on gratuity guidelines). Celebrities

Alcohol Policy apply. 3. **Ship Gratuities:** Pays all ship personnel Gratuities applicable for Cruise. 4. **Unlimited internet;** unlimited use of ship internet in all locations.

### **MOTION OR SEA SICKNESS**

IF ONE'S SENSITIVE TO MOTION OR SEA SICKNESS, SUGGEST PURCHASING MEDICATION FOR CONDITION PRIOR TO BOARDING. THERE IS AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE APPROVED BY FDA CALLED "RELIEF BAND". THE BAND WEARS LIKE A WATCH, DRUG-FREE. RATED BEST FOR FREEDOM OF SEA OR MOTION SICKNESS SOLD IN DRUG STORES.

**MMC COACH DRIVERS-BAGGAGE PORTERS-SHIP PERSONNEL-TOUR GUIDE/DRIVER GRATUITIES**  
TIPS INCLUDED FOR MMC COACH DRIVER. THE GRATUITIES FOR BAGGAGE PORTERS, TOUR GUIDES AND BUS DRIVERS **NOT INCLUDED**. CRUISE LINES CHARGE SHIP GRATUITIES TO GUEST DAILY. ACCOUNT CHARGES AVAILABLE ON STATEROOM TV.

CASH PERKS (ON-BOARD-CREDITS) MAY NOT SHOW POSTED IN ACCOUNT PRIOR TO 2ND DAY. THE LAST CRUISE DAY GUEST USUALLY RECEIVE ENVELOPES FOR PRESENTING SHIP PERSONNEL YOUR GRATUITIES. REQUESTING ROOM SERVICE IS A TREAT. NICE AND APPRECIATED BY PERSON DELIVERING FOOD WHEN GIVEN A SMALL TIP...\$1.00/\$2.00, ON TRAY DELIVERY!

PASSENGERS ON LAND TOURS WILL FIND IT CUSTOMARY TIPPING GUIDE AND DRIVER, USUALLY GIVEN AT TOURS END ON LEAVING COACH EXPRESSING PERSONAL THANKS TO DRIVER AND GUIDE. OUR SUGGESTION WHEN ASKED FOR TIP GUIDELINE, \$5.00 PER COUPLE OR \$2.00 TIP PER PERSON, TO GUIDE AND DRIVER. TOURIST PEOPLE RECEIVE SMALL SALARIES. HAVE FUN TIPPING, RECEIVE A BIG SMILE & THANKS - TIP WITH \$2. BILLS, MOST HAVE NEVER SEEN A 2 \$ BILL ...THEY LOVE THEM!!!

### **DISEMBARKING THE EQUINOX SUNDAY APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>**

SHIP PROVIDES DISEMBARKATION INSTRUCTION DURING CRUISE. ONCE YOU DISEMBARK (USUALLY 7-9 AM) CONTINUE TO PIER LUGGAGE WAREHOUSE. THIS IS SLOW PROCESS, REQUIRING LONG WALK FROM SHIP TO LUGGAGE AND CUSTOMS. WHEEL CHAIR ASSISTANCE DEPARTING SHIP IS AVAILABLE, HOWEVER: SUCH REQUEST MUST BE ARRANGED WITH SHIPS PERSONNEL, NO LATER THAN 1 DAY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE ...PLEASE CHECK LUGGAGE NAME TAG (DON'T GO BY LUGGAGE COLOR OR SIZE). YES, SEVERAL TIMES PEOPLE ON OUR CRUISES BROUGHT HOME THE WRONG LUGGAGE.

ONCE YOU HAVE LUGGAGE, EXIT BUILDING TO WHERE THE MMC 3 DOLPHIN COACH'S LOCATED. BOARD ANY BUS YOU WISH.

### **MARCO ISLAND RETURNING COACH'S**

THE THREE COACH'S LEAVE THE PIER FOR MARCO ISLAND AT THE SAME TIME. PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH THE TIME THIS PROCESS REQUIRES TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE RECEIVING ALL THEIR LUGGAGE TO BOARD COACH. TRAVEL TIME TO MARCO ISLAND "2 TO 3" HOURS. A 15 MINUTE REST STOP PLANNED ON ALLIGATOR ALLEY. THE COACH'S UNLOAD PASSENGER AT THE SAME APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, DEPARTING LOCATION IN MARCO ISLAND HEALTHCARE CENTER PARKING LOT, ON SAN MARCO ROAD. THE ESTIMATED COACH'S ARRIVAL TIME 11 AM TO 1 PM. SHOULD ONE REQUIRE ASSISTANCE, BOB AVAILABE AT 239-298-0956.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

TRAVELING IN A GROUP WITH FRIENDS IS FUN, PLUS ADDS TO ONE'S SECURITY AND ENJOYMENT. IT'S A NICE CRUISE WITH 8 NIGHTS ABOARD A BEAUTIFUL SHIP WITH LOTS OF ACTIVITY, TRULY A FABULOUS CRUISE TO ENJOY. A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, UNDERSTANDING, PATIENCE AND KIND WORDS ADDS & CONTRIBUTES TO THE ENJOYMENT OF EVERYONE. THERE MAY BE TIMES, INDIVIDUAL PATIENCE COULD BE TESTED. ONE'S ACTION CAN REFLECT GROUPS IMAGE/ QUALITY TO OTHERS.

LET'S REMIND OURSELVES IF THINGS MAY MOVE A BIT SLOW, WE ARE A LARGE GROUP, 192 PEOPLE, 200/350 BAGS... DELAYS MAY OCCUR, SOMEONE COULD HAVE DAMAGED, MISPLACED OR LOST BAGS, REQUIRING GROUPS DELAY.

**BE CAREFUL- WATCH CRUISE FRIENDS...BE ALBERT- SHOP TOGETHER-PICK POCKETS EVERY WHERE- USE SHIPS SAFE.**

CRUISE INSURANCE IS WITH CELEBRITY CRUISE LINE. WE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED COPY OF THEIR POLICY. IN EVENT YOU DO NOT HAVE A COPY, PLEASE ADVISE, WE WILL SEND YOU A COPY. THE INSURANCE CO. REQUIRES A RECEIPT FOR ALL CHARGES WHEN FILING A CLAIM. SHOULD YOU FIND COVERAGE NOT SUFFICIENT, WE SUGGEST SEEKING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE.

**WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES FOR A DELIGHTFUL CRUISE....ENJOY!!!**

**THE MARCO MEN'S CLUB**

### **A WORD FROM OUR CRUISE CHAIRMAN**

ONE OF MANY NICE THINGS ABOUT MMC CRUISES, IS ENJOYING FRIENDS AND MAKING NEW ONE'S. OUR WISH, YOU FIND THIS CRUISE NO DIFFERENT. THIS PROMISES TO BE A GREAT CRUISE, VISITING NICE PORTS OF CALL. ABOARD CELEBRITY'S BEAUTIFUL EQUINOX, A "5" STAR RATED SHIP.

THE MMC IS RESPONSIBLE FROM THE PLANNING TO VERY LAST DETAIL, ON ALL THEIR CRUISES. THE CLUB'S ARRANGEMENT OF DOING ALL THE ORGANIZING, WORK, PASSENGERS SERVICE, BOOKINGS ETC. PROVIDES EACH PASSENGER THE ENJOYMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL DISCOUNTS, IN ADDITION TO GROUP PRICING....PLUS.... CLUB'S EVENTS BEING NON-PROFIT, MAKES MMC CRUISES, THE **VERY BEST GROUP VALUE** POSSIBLE.....AND..... THE FREE PERKS ADDED SUBSTANTIAL VALUE AND SAVINGS FOR EVERY PASSENGER.....TRULY THE CLUB'S PLEASURE..... **ENJOY!!!!**

THANKS FOR THE KIND REMARKS EXPRESSED DURING THE YEAR. WE DID OUR BEST "**BEING A CLUB - NOT TRAVEL AGENTS**" THE MASSIVE DETAILS AND RECORDS REQUIRED FOR THIS CRUISE ARE CORRECT. IF WE GOOFED WITH A TYPO OR BOOKING ERROR, WE ASK YOU'RE KIND UNDERSTAND. UNTIL DAY WE BECOME CRUISE PROFESSIONALS... OR... I BECOME A TRAVEL AGENT, AT WHICH TIME YOU MAY BE ASSURED, WITHOUT ANY DOUBT, I HAVE TOTALLY LOST MY MIND.

**BEST REGARDS, BOB**