

A message from Imperial Chief Rabban
Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder & Lady Cheryl

Join us on our European Cruise in 2020...



Dear Fellow Nobles, Family, Friends & Supporters of Shriner's International,

Lady Cheryl and I would like to invite you to join us on our exciting European Cruise in 2020 and best of all, it's open to all Shriners, their families, friends & supporters of the Shrine world wide – certainly a fun time to be had by all awaits!

We would be honored if you would take part in this amazing adventure... we'll fly to Amsterdam and then board the beautiful Celebrity Reflection which offers the ultimate "at sea" experience. The Reflection combines speed with added comfort, greater open spaces, sweeping ocean vistas and an exceptional cruise staff committed to serving your every whim. Our adventure takes us to 9 ports of call in 6 countries including Holland, Belgium, France, Portugal, Spain and Italy... with return flight from Rome. Traveling is always exciting, and we're eager to share this European cruise experience with you. For more information on this exciting event please contact any of the Tour Organizers / Tour Escorts listed below.

Noble Stuart Hall, Gemma Hall, Past Potentate Pat Roberts & Lady Annie Roberts

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Shriners International

MEDITERRANEAN MARVELS

AMSTERDAM TO ROME



Departing Sunday September 13th 2020 for 15 days / 14 nights

Join us on this Mediterranean Cruise of a lifetime with Celebrity Cruise Lines. With Ports of Call in Belgium, France, Spain, Portugal, Gibraltar & Italy this extensive itinerary offers a true European Cruising experience. We sail aboard the Celebrity Reflection...she boasts 12 restaurants, including seven specialty dining venues giving her passengers plenty of choices when it comes to cuisine. As far as cabins go, 85 percent of Reflection's staterooms offer verandas and the ship offers a wider variety of suite cabins than other Celebrity ships. All cabins come appointed with minibars and flat-screen TVs and she was just recently modernized in January 2018.



Itinerary:

Day 1 - Fly Home Airport to Amsterdam - Overnight Transatlantic Aircraft

Day 2 - Amsterdam

Today we arrive Amsterdam and you are free to explore at your leisure... Amsterdam, the beautiful capital of the Netherlands, has the wonderful atmosphere of a 17th-century city combined with the contemporary character of a modern metropolis. It is a treasure chest of superb architecture and is famous for its canals and extraordinary museums. Once you arrive on your cruise to Amsterdam, be sure to catch the city's highlights, especially the iconic houses that straddle the snaking canal system of which the city is known for. When in Amsterdam, do as the Dutch and discover this first-class city on two wheels as this is one of the most bike-friendly places on the planet. When it comes to viewing the world's great artistic masterpieces, you could hardly pick a better city. Pay a visit to the famous Van Gogh Museum and ponder the works of Holland's favorite son. Afterwards, pop into a cozy cafe or tavern and let the charms of this city wash over you.

Overnight Amsterdam



Day 3 - Board Cruise Ship

Today we transfer to the beautiful Celebrity Reflection - our home for the next 11 nights. We set sail at 5pm before dinner this evening.

Overnight Ship



Day 4 - Bruges, (Zeebrugge), Belgium – 7.00am to 4.00pm

Gracefully combining past and present, as well as Flemish and French, Bruges offers a little something for everyone. Linked by the Baudouin Canal, this medieval town is the stuff of fairytale and storybooks. Cobblestone streets, old, historic churches and a dreamy landscape make this a very sought after destination -- especially during the summer months. Stroll through the Markt, a bustling plaza where the rhythmic beat of horse-drawn carriages echoes off a soaring belfry tower. Immerse yourself in a rich art history, best reflected in the paintings of Bruges' own Jan Van Eyck, one of the most significant Renaissance artists of the 15th century. Spend a delightful day on the medieval streets of this city with a seemingly endless supply of charm, culture, and beauty. Foodies will revel in the eclectic dining options at local bistros. Dig into sweet Belgian waffles and stop by the renowned chocolate boutiques on your cruise to Bruges. If sampling the fresh fish of this country is on your agenda, the fish market located here is one of the biggest in Europe. Or, take a scenic cruise through the medieval city of Ghent, Belgium and discover important landmarks, including Chinese Teahouses, 13th-century monasteries and castles of the Counts.

Overnight Ship



Day 5 - Paris (Le Havre), France – 7.00am to 9.00pm

The allure and romance of cruise to Paris are legendary. This capital city of France is home to innumerable museums, such as the Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, Musée Picasso and Musée Rodin, parks and gardens, including the Tuileries Garden on the banks of the Seine and the Left Bank Luxembourg Garden, as well as monuments such as the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe.

Overnight Ship

Day 6 – Cruising At Sea. *Overnight Ship*

Day 7 - Bilbao, Spain – 9.30am to 5.00pm

Bilbao, located in Spain's Basque region, is the ideal gateway to Vitoria and the famous Rioja wine region. Today, the city is famed for the Museo Guggenheim, which opened in 1997, firmly placing Bilbao on the art and tourism map which, subsequently, led to a major urban regeneration. Since then, more museums and galleries have opened, and has in turn prompted a parallel resurgence of fabulous restaurants, cafes and bars. There are so many amazing sights to explore on your Bilbao cruise. Not sure where to begin? You can start with a bus tour of the city for an overview. Or, simply take a stroll through the Casco Viejo (Old Quarter) to find yourself immersed in 14th century architecture, a whirlwind of boisterous bars, eclectic shops, gothic cathedrals, historic plazas and lively street performers. In addition to the architecture, this Basque gem is not short on places to eat and drink. Gastronomy joins the other arts flourishing in Bilbao. From traditional Spanish favorites to avant-garde culinary adventures, you'll find them all in this city. Dine like a local and head out for "pintxos", an assortment of appetizers to share and savor.

Overnight Ship



Day 8 – Cruising At Sea. *Overnight Ship*

Day 9 - Lisbon, Portugal – 7.00am to 5.00pm

See why this city stands out above all others as you stroll along elaborate mosaic sidewalks and pass by the Monument to the Discoveries. A quick trolley ride transports you to the cobblestone district of Baixa. Or be lured away and pampered in the resort cities of Cascais and Estoril. This storied capital with a history that extends back before the Roman Empire is only 1 of 2 cities in Portugal designated as a global city by the Globalization and World Cities (GaWC) Study Group. Once one of the world's great naval and shipping powers, modern day Lisbon is an important hub of finance, commerce, media, entertainment, arts, international trade, education, and tourism. Take a wonderful tour through Lisbon and you'll discover Graca, the beautifully restored old area of the city, filled with old tiled buildings and mansions and Chiado, Lisbon's arts district, for a different air of sophistication with its many boutiques, galleries and theaters. And, of course, a cruise to Lisbon is not complete without sampling a nice bottle of Port wine; the fortified red wine that can be found throughout the country.

Overnight Ship



Day 10 - Gibraltar, United Kingdom – 12.00pm to 8.00pm

The great Rock of Gibraltar is a sight to behold. Made of limestone, it towers 1,400 feet above the mouth of the majestic Mediterranean Sea and is surrounded by beautiful countryside and a nature reserve.

Overnight Ship



Day 11 - Malaga, Spain – 8.00am to 6.00pm

Malaga is the gateway to the Andalusian countryside and the Costa del Sol, some of the region's most impressive beaches. It also is home to a number of magnificent palaces, including the Moorish Alcabaza and Gibralfaro.

Overnight Ship

Day 12 - Cartagena, Spain – 9.00am to 5.00pm

During the 16th and 17th centuries, when Spain held sway over the rest of Europe and the New World, much of its naval power was concentrated in the port of Cartagena. Many of the coastal fortifications from that era still exist, although instead of guarding the city, they provide splendid views of the harbor. Cartagena is one of the world's great natural harbors and over the ages has known its fair share of conflict, conquest, and riches. Brimming with a fascinating history, this is the wharf where Phoenician traders unloaded exotic treasures and where Roman citizens crowded into a grand theatre. Explore the archeological ruins, castle battlements, artillery, museums, historic churches, and architectural wonders on your Cartagena cruise. For a casual stroll complete with a little sightseeing and a coffee, put on those comfortable shoes and head on a guided tour through the heart of the city. Or, visit a family-owned wine cellar that produces traditional wine. Cartagena is a cosmopolitan city filled with tapas bars, art galleries, fine restaurants and world-renowned shopping. It's a charming coastal city that utterly captivates all visitors.

Overnight Ship



Day 13 – Cruising At Sea. *Overnight Ship*

Day 14 - Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy – arrive 5.00am and disembark ship

Civitavecchia was settled in 108 A.D. by the Emperor Trajan and has since served faithfully as a gateway to Rome, the capital of Italy. Once the center of the Ancient World from which emperors ruled over nearly all of western civilization, Rome is still a cultural mecca. Only a few cities in the world can boast such a well-preserved level of architecture, art, and religious iconography. There's an enormous wealth of culture and history to discover on a cruise to Rome. Visit the ancient halls of the 50,000-seat Colosseum, gaze upon the ceilings of Sistine Chapel in Vatican City, and stroll the Capitoline Museum. Roman culinary prowess is well respected and beloved the world over. Experience authentic pizza, hearty bowls of fresh pasta, excellent cheeses, wines, seafood, and delightful desserts like tiramisu and gelato at family-run trattorias that have been preparing these traditional dishes for centuries. Walk the cobblestoned piazzas making your way to narrow side streets where you're sure to find craftsman shops and beautiful boutiques filled with gorgeous handmade accessories and homewares for keepsakes and souvenirs. For your enjoyment we have included a city tour of Rome upon disembarkation, after which we will transfer to our hotel in the vicinity of Rome International Airport.

Overnight Airport Hotel, Rome – Italy.

Day 15 – Transfer to airport for return flight home

PRE & POST CRUISE EXTENSIONS AVAILABLE!

Would you like to extend your trip at the beginning in Amsterdam or at the end in Rome?

We have optional 2-night extension packages available for both Amsterdam and Rome with a full day tour included in each – price including touring, transfers and 2 night's hotel accommodations is just \$595 per person based on double occupancy for each package.

Your Floating Home – Celebrity Reflection



Launched in 2012 and updated in January 2018, the Reflection sets herself apart with features like a top-deck Lawn Club and the Game On interactive activity center with flat-screen table games. Another highlight is the Alcoves, where guests can enjoy crowd-free cabana lounging (for an extra fee). And with 12 restaurants, including seven specialty dining venues, passengers have plenty of choices when it comes to cuisine. As far as cabins go, 85 percent of Reflection's staterooms offer verandas, and the ship offers a wider variety of suite cabins than other Celebrity ships. All cabins come appointed with minibars and flat-screen TVs.

Check out The Martini Bar



The Martini Bar is the coolest bar on the ship -- literally -- with an ice-topped bar and entertaining bartenders that put on a spectacular show involving bottle-flipping, glass-stacking and the pouring of a dozen drinks at once. With chic silver and white decor, the Martini Bar has a lively atmosphere from early evening until late at the night, making it the ideal spot to chill out with friends or enjoy a drink with someone special. If you would like to see the bartenders' dazzling performance, your best bet is to place your order when the Martini Bar isn't too busy.

**** Hey... the all-inclusive Unlimited Drinks (House Brands) beverage package is included for EARLY bookers! ****

(Note upgrade to Premium Brands for \$199 per person)

Opus Dining Room



This sophisticated restaurant with a wide range of globally-inspired dishes created by a Michelin-starred chef will provide the fine dining experience you love while you're on vacation. The airy Main Restaurant offers exquisite menu selections, which change nightly to give you a variety of classic and contemporary choices. And the service? Legendary. **See a sample menu below...**

Appetizers

- Cold Smoked Atlantic Salmon Roulade* With Shaved Cucumber Salad, Herbed Cream Cheese, Pumpernickel Points and Broken Salmon Caviar Cream
- Beef Carpaccio* Layered with Dijon Aioli, Arugula Salad and Shaved Parmesan
- Buffalo Style Frog Legs In Rustic Garlic-Parsley Butter, Served With Carrot and Celery Spears and Blue Cheese Dressing
- *Consuming raw or undercooked meats, seafood, shellfish, eggs, milk or poultry may increase your risk of food-borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions
- Soups and Salads
Spanish Seafood Soup With Saffron, Tomato, Garlic, Parsley and Calamari
- Rich Vegetable Broth With Vegetable Linguini, Cellophane Noodles and Cilantro
- Baby Spinach Salad With Bacon Bits, Chopped Eggs and Crispy Shallots
- Crisp Romaine Lettuce With Julienne Carrots, Sliced Button Mushrooms, Chopped Radish and Toasted Pumpkin Seeds

Entrées

- Mediterranean Chicken Pasta Served With Spinach, Sun-Dried Tomato, Sliced Mushrooms and Chardonnay Cream Sauce
- Cedar Plank Grilled "Black Salmon"* Served with Yellow Corn Mashed Potatoes, Haricots Verts-Artichoke Ragoût, Crispy Bacon and BBQ Sauce
- Quail Delight Roasted California Raised Quail with Wild Rice and Black Truffle Stuffing; Served Over Braised Savoy Cabbage, Apple Wood Smoked Bacon, Sautéed Wild Mushrooms and Sage Jus
- Roasted Colorado Rack of Lamb* Dijon & Herb Crusted Rack of Lamb; Served with Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli Florettes, Glazed Baby Carrots and Rosemary Lamb Jus
- "Celebrity's Signature" Beef Tournedo* Medallion of Beef Tenderloin, Ragoût of Morel Mushrooms & Pearl Onions and Roasted Potatoes; Served with Haricots Verts and Black Truffle Sauce
- Vegetable Paella Paella-Style Steamed Vegetables with Israeli Couscous and Cilantro Aioli Crostini

Desserts

- New York Cheesecake with Fresh Homemade Berry Compote
- Apple Pie à la Mode Our One of a Kind Blend of Golden Delicious Apples in Seasoned Brown Sugar, Baked in a Crispy Dough
- Crème Brûlée Delightfully Balanced Vanilla Infused Custard with Caramelized Sugar Topping

Ocean View Cafe



The Oceanview Cafe and Bar, the ship's international buffet style marketplace, offers a menu inspired by multiple cultures and is located aft of deck 14. It features floor to ceiling glass walls looking out over the sea and both indoor and outdoor seating. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, stations include made-to-order pasta, stir-fry, pizza, a full salad bar, carvery and desserts.

Reflection Theater



Reflection Solarium - with retractable roof



Sunset Bar – a great place to go after a “hard day” doing whatever you want...



Your Choice of Staterooms Onboard

Inside Stateroom: Two lower beds that convert to one queen-sized bed, sitting area, private bathroom with shower, sitting area with sofa, mini-bar, 20-inch interactive flat-screen television, 24-hour room service, telephone, thermostat-controlled air-conditioning, safe and hairdryer



Ocean View Stateroom: Two lower beds that convert to one queen-sized bed, large 48-inch porthole window, sitting area, private bathroom with shower, sitting area with sofa, mini-bar, 20-inch interactive flat-screen television, 24-hour room service, telephone, thermostat-controlled air-conditioning, safe and hairdryer.



Ocean View Stateroom / Private Balcony Type A, Type B or Type C: Twice daily service (makeup and turndown). Celebrity eXhale™ bedding. Private safe. 24-hour room service. Private mini-bar (extra charge) Complimentary tote bag. Custom blended bath products. Interactive Samsung flat-screen television. Personal veranda. Our signature, personalized service. Daily makeup and turndown service. 24-hour room service. Stateroom Types determine location onboard (detailed in pricing)



Concierge Class – Ocean View with Private Veranda: Passengers booking one of Reflection's Concierge Class rooms will get a balcony cabin -- with some sweeteners including premium locations on the ship (higher up and or aft-facing), fresh fruit, flowers, sparkling wine (as a welcome gift), an expanded room service menu, restaurant seating time preferences and priority check-in and disembarkation



What's Included?

ABS Travel Group Simple Pricing Policy No ifs – No Buts – No Hidden Extras GUARANTEED! But you must Book Early!	ABS Travel Group	What's Included
Coach Class Airfare from listed airports Other airports available but may carry a supplement	Included	✓
All air Taxes, Port Taxes and Government taxes	Included	✓
Pre-Cruise overnight near Amsterdam Airport	Included	✓
Transfers to and from Airport/Hotel/Ship	Included	✓
15 day / 14 night vacation	Included	✓
All ports of call as per chosen itinerary	Included	✓
All meals aboard ship	Included	✓
Nightly Entertainment aboard ship	Included	✓
2 Private receptions hosted by the Imperial Sir Jeff & Lady Cheryl	Included	✓
Post-Cruise overnight near Rome airport	Included	✓
Services of dedicated ABS Company Escorts	Included	✓
Early booking Bonus 1 – Book by May 1 ST , 2019 with a \$750 per person deposit and receive FREE gratuities for your stateroom attendant and dining room staff.	Included See date	✓
* Early Booking Bonus 2 – Book by May 1 ST , 2019 with a \$750 per person deposit and receive FREE Unlimited Drinks Package (House Brands) aboard ship including gratuities – Drinks packages are upgradable to Premium Brands at the special rate of \$199pp including gratuities. All packages are based on two adults per stateroom each having the package.	Included* See date	✓
Specifically Tailored to Shriners by a Shriner	Included	 ✓

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

If you Book Early and take advantage of the '**Early Booking Offers**' there is not too much except Items of a personal nature including sightseeing & gambling Cancellation Insurance which is optional but highly recommended.

Early booking offers may be extended at the discretion of the Cruise Line however they cannot be guaranteed... If you want these valuable inclusions, then book before the deadline!

Itinerary at a glance

Price: from \$4,695 (pp based on double occupancy – see separate airport departures PDF)

Starts: Sunday September 13th 2020

Ends: Sunday September 27th 2020

What's included?

- Round trip coach class air to Amsterdam and return from Rome, Italy
- 1 pre-cruise overnight Amsterdam & 1 post cruise overnight Rome, Italy
- 11 nights aboard Cruise Ship - Ports of Call as listed and all meals once on board ship
- All on board Gratuities for Stateroom Attendants and Main Dining Room Staff – **EARLY BOOKINGS!**
- All Taxes and Fees (Ship and Air) and all Transfers from Airport / Hotel /Ship / Airport
- Unlimited Drinks package – **EARLY BOOKINGS!** Plus two Private Reception Parties
- Services of ABS Tour Directors throughout

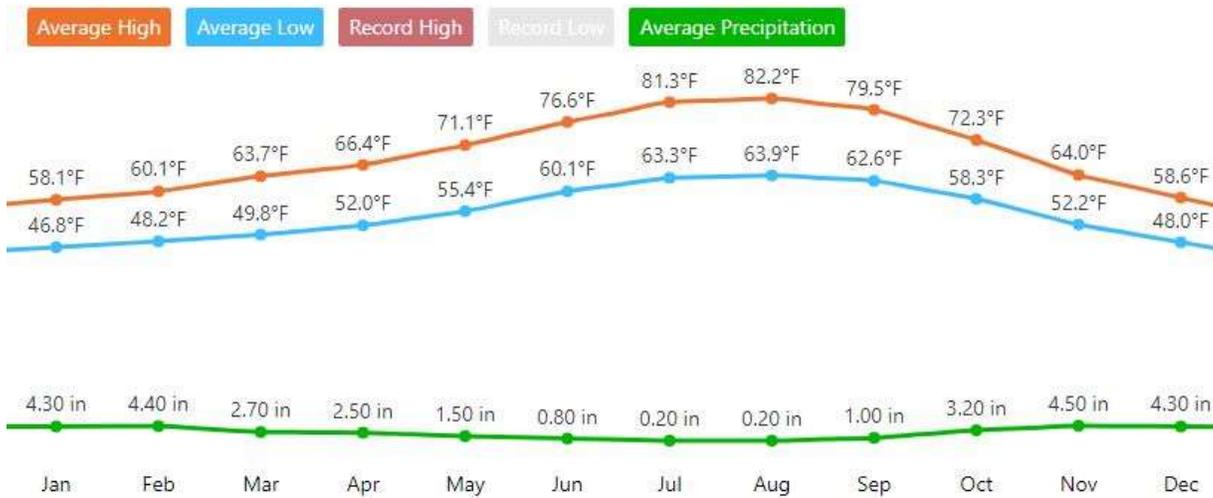
How to book

- Deposit of \$750pp due at time of booking. Further Deposit of \$500pp due August 12th 2019.
- Further Deposit \$500pp due October 12th 2019
- Balance due June 10th 2020.

What you'll need

- A camera is a must. A full passport is required for this tour

Weather



August is on average the **WARMEST** month.

January is on average the **COOLEST** month.



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