

# Booking, Group, and Port Info Here

## From Rome to Jerusalem

### The Holy Land and a lot more!

### October 2018

Scott and Patti Engle are taking another St. Andrew group on the trip of a lifetime – and you are invited to join us. We will be sailing on the Celebrity Constellation from Rome on Sunday, October 7, 2018. We will arrive back in Rome on Friday, October 19.

Highlights include Jerusalem, Galilee, Athens, Crete, Pompeii (Naples), Mykonos, and Rome. This will encompass the entire New Testament story!

We will also have a class before we go and time together while on the ship. Scott will also be lecturing and leading discussions while at sea.

Most people will probably stay in Rome for at least one full day. We will offer a tour of Rome on Saturday, October 6 – the day before the ship leaves.

The ship is the Celebrity Constellation which is going into drydock in June 2017 for updating and improvements.

To reserve a cabin, you are required to put down a **fully refundable** deposit of \$450/person. Our travel is being coordinated through Lisell Travel. Our representative is Theadis Damewood. Contact information is:

Theadis Damewood email: [theadis@lisell.com](mailto:theadis@lisell.com)

Theadis office: 972-612-0338

Theadis cell: 972-839-3874

Lisell Travel office: 972-491-3960

[travel.lisell.com/israel2018](http://travel.lisell.com/israel2018) – for more information and on-line registration

Final payment is due approximately 90 days before departure.

You **MUST** book through Lisell Travel to go as part of our group and to participate in our customized group shore excursions. Theadis will be available to assist you with all your travel needs.

**If you are interested in learning more, please see Patti or Scott.**

**You can also call Scott at 214-808-9676.**

**or e-mail me at [scottengle@icloud.com](mailto:scottengle@icloud.com)**

# What is this going to cost?

## Stateroom (this includes all meals on ship)

- The least expensive cabin right now (an inside stateroom) is \$1,929 per person double occupancy. \$2,139 per person will get you an ocean view room (window to the outside), and \$3,079 per person will get you a very nice room with a verandah (a private deck outside your stateroom. There are more expensive classes of rooms as well. **These prices change regularly. Theadis will provide you with the current pricing.**
- Some cabins can accommodate three persons. Theadis can give you the cost to add a third person.
- Traveling alone? A single occupant pays the double occupancy rate less \$117.36. We can also see if persons traveling alone would want to share a room with someone else in the group to hold down the cost.

## Airfare

- I'd budget \$1400-\$1600 per person for economy class. You will fly into and out of Rome, unless you choose to go spend time in other parts of Europe before or after the cruise.

## Shore Excursions

- The cost will depend on what you want to do. The three days in Israel will be a customized excursion for the whole group. We may offer a custom excursion in Athens and Naples (Pompeii) as well. Given the nature of the trip, you probably will want to do all of these. I'd budget \$1200 - \$1500 per person for a full set of shore excursions. You can save money if you don't do it all. We won't know the final costs until we get much closer to the cruise date.

## Rome

- Patti and I sometimes fly into the departure city a few days early to sightsee and overcome some of the jet lag before we board the ship. In Rome, we will be offering a group tour of the classic city center (Colosseum/Arch of Titus/Forum/ Capitoline Hill/Pantheon/Piazza Navona). It will be on Saturday, Oct 6, the day before we sail. If you also want to see the Vatican and any museums, you might add a second day of sight-seeing in Rome. There will not be any group activities after we return to Rome.
- We will have a group dinner in Rome the evening before we sail.
- We will suggest a "group" hotel in Rome, though you can certainly stay where you like.
- The per day cost will very much depend on what hotel you pick and how well you like to eat. But, Europe is expensive.

There are other expenses, e.g., incidentals and trip insurance (if you want it – we always do and certainly will on this trip), but I've listed here the major items.

# Getting more information on the available staterooms and reserving one.

View details about the trip and complete the on-line registration form at [travel.lisell.com/israel2018](http://travel.lisell.com/israel2018). Theadis will contact you to confirm pricing and availability.

If you decide to reserve a stateroom, Lisell Travel will need a **\$450/person FULLY REFUNDABLE deposit**. It will be fully refundable until final payment is due (about 90 days before departure).

**If you think that you will probably go, I'd go ahead and register on-line or call Theadis. If rates go up before you book a room, you will pay the higher rate. If you decide later that you can't go, you can always cancel and get your full deposit back, so long as you haven't made final payment.**

If you call Theadis, tell her that you are part of Scott Engle's group (formally, the "Engle Travel Group"). She will need a booking form from you. This can be done either on-line at [travel.lisell.com/israel2018](http://travel.lisell.com/israel2018) or on paper.

**Call and/or e-mail Theadis Damewood:**

**972-612-0338**

**[theadis@lisell.com](mailto:theadis@lisell.com)**

There is lots of information about all of this at the Celebrity site: [www.celebritycruises.com](http://www.celebritycruises.com). I'd suggest that you have the deck plans for the Constellation (available on Celebrity's website) in front of you when you call Theadis, so you can see exactly what cabin she is talking about.

**If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me or e-mail me. My mobile number is 214-808-9676. Patti and I are experienced cruisers, though not with Celebrity. Nonetheless, chances are that Patti and I can answer your questions and provide some reasonable advice. At least we can tell you what works for us.**

## Two financial tips:

1. I would not make air reservations yet, as you will lose some money if the trip is cancelled. Events in the Middle East could scuttle this trip at any time. Flights for this trip will be available for purchase in November. The Wall Street Journal published an article not too long ago with an analysis of airfares. According to the author, about 140 days early is the cheapest time to buy an international ticket. Airlines work on a supply vs demand basis. As the seats are filled, the price increases and seat availability declines.
2. Patti and I usually purchase travel insurance through AIG when we get closer to the trip. Theadis can tell you the options she can offer on insurance.

# A quick look at the places we'll visit

**Note – the itinerary is always subject to change (really)**

## Rome

- Let's see – St. Peters, the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, the Roman Forum, the Arch of Titus (built to commemorate the destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD), the Arch of Constantine, the Circus Maximus, the Seven Hills of Rome, the Colosseum, the Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps, and so on!

## Crete

- A large island in the eastern Mediterranean, Crete was visited by Paul on one of his missionary journeys. He left Titus there to work with the new Christian community on the island. In New testament times, Crete had a very bad reputation. Today, it is one of the most popular holiday destinations in Europe.

## Jerusalem

- We will have two full days in the south of Israel. We will be able to visit the Mt. of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Via Dolorosa, the western (wailing) wall, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (where Jesus was crucified and buried), the southern steps where Jesus walked, the Israel museum, and more. You will be amazed how much we can do in two days.

## Galilee

- You'll get a great sense of Galilee in this one day stay. We will visit Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Tabgha, Capernaum, and the Mount of the Beatitudes. We may also be able to remember our baptisms in the waters of the Jordan River.

## Mykonos

- A very popular Greek island, Mykonos is home to about 10,000 people. It has long been a European hotspot with lots of good food and shopping.

## Athens

- The highlight is the Acropolis, on top of which sits the Parthenon. The Areopagus is also on the Acropolis. This is where Paul addressed the Athenian "deep-thinkers" in Acts 17. The Plaka (the public market) is also popular. There are many Olympic venues also.

## Naples

- From Naples, you can go to Sorrento, Capri, and Pompeii. The ruins at Pompeii is a chance to see the Greco-Roman world of Paul's day that is unlike anywhere else. The ash of Vesuvius preserved it like a museum.

**We will share together many wonderful spiritual and educational experiences that you will always remember. You will make friendships that last a lifetime. And there will be plenty of time for fun and fellowship!**

# ***ADDITIONAL INFO:***

## **ISRAEL & MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE**

### **12 NIGHTS • FROM ROME (CIVITAVECCHIA), ITALY • CELEBRITY CONSTELLATION**

Like a star in the night sky, the Celebrity Constellation serves as a guide for other cruise ships. This 2,170-passenger ship made her debut in 2002 but was completely renovated in 2013 and will be refurbished in 2017. Onboard this seemingly brand new ship you'll find high tech features like the Celebrity iLounge where you can hop on an Apple computer, test out the latest iPad and even take a class on photo editing. Not into all the high tech? Don't worry, there's plenty onboard the Celebrity Constellation to get you away from a screen, like the spa or martini bar. Dining aboard Celebrity Cruises features main dining rooms and specialty restaurants like Blu, Qsine, Murano, Normandie, Law Club Grill, Tuscan Grille and Silk Harvest. Onboard entertainment includes stage productions, dance shows, comedians, live music, DJ performances, Lawn Club concerts, Sin City comedy shows and the 54 Below dinner and cabaret.

- **Passenger Capacity:** 1,950
- **Year Built:** 2002
- **Last Refurbished:** 2017

## **ROOM CATEGORIES AND PRICING - BASED ON AVAILABILITY\***

### **Inside - Starting from \$1,929 — *Your modern luxury retreat***

Your escape at sea, Inside Staterooms offer ample living space, including a sitting area and a flat screen TV. Each inside stateroom on board Celebrity includes the following world-class amenities that all contribute to your modern luxury experience.

- ❖ Our signature friendly, personalized service
- ❖ Custom blended bath products
- ❖ Interactive Samsung flat-screen television
- ❖ Twice daily service (makeup and turndown)
- ❖ Celebrity eXhale™ bedding
- ❖ Private safe
- ❖ 24-hour room service
- ❖ Private mini-bar
- ❖ Complimentary tote bag

Stateroom – 170 sq. ft.

**\* Not included in the above prices are taxes & fees of \$118.79/person.**

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### **Oceanview - Starting from \$2,139 — *See the world in modern luxury***

Each ocean view stateroom includes the following world-class amenities that all contribute to your modern luxury experience. From thoughtful in-room additions to personalized service, enjoy the signature touches you'll only find when you sail with Celebrity Cruises.

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- ❖ Custom blended bath products
- ❖ Celebrity eXhale™ bedding
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### **Veranda - Starting from \$3,079 — *Sit back. Relax. See the world.***

Ample indoor and outdoor space come together to create your private sanctuary at sea. Your personal veranda lets you greet the day, enjoy fresh sea breezes, and soak in breathtaking sunsets.

Each veranda stateroom on board Celebrity includes the following world-class amenities that all contribute to your modern luxury experience. From thoughtful in-room additions to personalized service, enjoy the signature touches you'll only find when you sail with Celebrity Cruises.

- ❖ Twice daily service (makeup and turndown)
- ❖ Celebrity eXhale™ bedding
- ❖ Private safe
- ❖ 24-hour room service
- ❖ Private mini-bar
- ❖ Complimentary tote bag
- ❖ Custom blended bath products
- ❖ Interactive Samsung flat-screen television
- ❖ Personal veranda

Stateroom – 175 sq. ft.

Veranda – 53-105 sq. ft.

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### **Concierge Class - Starting from \$3,249 — *Exceptional service & inspired design***

Little details make a world of difference, and now our meticulously thought out Concierge Class staterooms are even better. Featuring new services, amenities, and exclusive events, step inside and discover a space that is so much more than a room—it's an experience. As a Concierge Class guest, your team of dedicated professionals will take care of all your vacation needs. From Priority Check-In—when you're greeted by your Concierge—to the moment you head back home, we're there to assist you.

Each Concierge Class stateroom includes the following world-class amenities that all contribute to your modern luxury experience. From thoughtful in-room additions to personalized service, enjoy the signature touches you'll only find when you sail with Celebrity Cruises.

- ❖ Personalized Concierge service
- ❖ Priority check-in
- ❖ Main & specialty restaurant seating time preferences
- ❖ Exclusive embarkation day lunch
- ❖ Welcome sparkling wine and fresh fruit
- ❖ Daily delivery of afternoon savories
- ❖ Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors
- ❖ Veranda with lounge seating

Stateroom – 204 sq. ft.

Veranda – 42 sq. ft.

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## **Aqua Suite - Starting from \$3,699 -- *Your escape at sea***

Our AquaClass staterooms are perfectly suited for those with a focus on wellness and pure relaxation. Enjoy luxurious spa elements infused into the stateroom experience, savor clean cuisine with priority seating at Blu restaurant, and escape to the Relaxation Room and Persian garden for stunning sea views. Relax with AquaSpa treatments arranged by your personal spa concierge and feel rejuvenated with wellness classes such as meditation and yoga

Each AquaClass stateroom includes the following world-class amenities that all contribute to your modern luxury experience. From thoughtful in-room additions to personalized service, enjoy the signature touches you'll only find when you sail with Celebrity Cruises.

- ❖ Special invitation to a VIP tour of the spa
- ❖ Specialty restaurant Blu, only for AquaClass guests
- ❖ Aromatherapy diffuser
- ❖ Unlimited access to Persian Garden spa lounge
- ❖ Wellness Channel - On Demand AquaClass Programming
- ❖ Daily delivery of flavored tea
- ❖ Pillow menu
- ❖ Reverie Dream Lite® Mattress
- ❖ Expanded room service breakfast menu

Stateroom – 194 sq. ft.                      Veranda – 54 sq. ft.

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## **Sky Suite - Starting from \$6,949 - *The suite-est way to see the world***

Take your Celebrity vacation to new heights in a Sky Suite. Be welcomed with a bottle of sparkling wine and enjoy the luxury of personal butler throughout your stay. Each Sky Suite includes the following world-class amenities that all contribute to your modern luxury experience. From exclusive dining options to personalized service, enjoy the signature touches you'll only find when you sail with Celebrity Cruises.

- ❖ Personal butler service
- ❖ Luminae-private restaurant
- ❖ Michael's Club-exclusive lounge
- ❖ Priority check-in & debarkation
- ❖ In-suite breakfast, lunch & dinner service
- ❖ Complimentary daily in-suite espresso and cappuccino
- ❖ Luxury Bulgari bath amenities & plush robes
- ❖ Spacious veranda
- ❖ Reserved theatre seating on select nights

Stateroom – 251 sq. ft.                      Veranda – 57 sq. ft.

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