

MAY 4 - 16, 2025



12 Nights Aboard Celebrity Ascent • Round Trip from Civitavecchia, Italy

with Dr. Doug Hood





ITINERARY

May 4- Depart the USA

Your journey begins as you depart the USA on your international overnight flight.

May 5 - Arrive in Rome

You will arrive in Rome, Italy, where you will be met by our representative and transfer to the Port of Civitavecchia to board the Celebrity Ascent cruise ship.

*Guests not purchasing air with the group must purchase transfers to be included in the group transfer.

May 6 - At Sea

May 7 - Chania, Crete

Arrive in the morning in Chania port. Your tour begins at the British Commonwealth War Cemetery. Afterward, continue on to the Agia Triada Monastery of Jagarolon. It is one of the most significant monastic complexes from the end of the Venetian Occupation of Crete. It contains a rich offering of the history and education of Crete. Discover the east suburbs of Chania on the hill of Profiti Elia (Prophet Elijah). After a photo stop, continue on to Chania town, where neoclassical mansions and massive Venetian fortifications testify to the city's turbulent and diverse past. There you will have the chance to explore the Venetian port on your own before you return to the port and embark on your cruise ship.

May 8 - Ephesus (Kusadasi), Turkiye

Ephesus was one of the Seven Churches of Revelation and was once a bustling port town with wide, colonnade-bordered streets and a population of 250,000. Spectacular excavations in the last 110 years have revealed much of the glory of ancient Ephesus, including the huge agora and the library, but much has been lost. Explore the ancient site virtually at the Ephesus Experience Museum where you will see life in Paul's time. We will view the terrace houses, also known as "the houses of the rich," which give a true impression of the ancient lifestyle. The ancient world once declared the Temple of Artemis to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World, but today, only a single column remains to mark its site. After enjoying Ephesus, you will embark on another Turkish experience at the Carpet factory for a local lunch and a presentation.

May 9 - Istanbul, Turkiye

The bejeweled capital of Istanbul sits between two continents and is home to 450 mosques. Arrive in the late afternoon and overnight in Istanbul.

May 10 - Istanbul, Turkiye

Today, you will visit the famous Blue Mosque with its six minarets and sparkling interior. Walk through St. Sophia (Hagia Sophia), which was the largest church in Christendom for 1,000 years and was built by Justinian (532-537 AD). The church has 107 columns, fossil-embedded, white marble floors, and beautiful glass mosaics. Today, it is the Museum of Byzantine Art. Enjoy the aroma of cinnamon, cloves, thyme, and other exotic spices as you explore the Spice Market. Shops sell everything from herbs to gold.

May 11 - At Sea

May 12 - Santorini, Greece

Arrive in Santorini today, one of the most beautiful of the Greek islands, where picturesque, whitewashed villages topped with brilliant blue domes stand in stark contrast to the sheer drop cliffs overlooking the Aegean Sea. The island itself perches on the edges of a volcano whose eruption 3,500 years ago is thought to have led to the collapse of the Minoan civilization. Explore the island on your own or join one of the optional excursions available for purchase onboard.

Shore excursions today can be booked directly through Celebrity and are not included.



MAY 2 - 5, 2025 | FOR \$1,498*

May 2 - Depart the USA

May 3 - Arrive in Rome

Today, you will arrive in Rome, Italy, where you will be met by our representative and travel along the Appian Way. Step beneath the surface into the Catacombs of Callixtus, built along the Appian Way. Here, 16 popes from the 2nd through 4th centuries were interred, though they have been removed to various churches over the centuries. Check into your hotel this evening and enjoy dinner and rest.

May 4 - Vatican City & Christian Rome

Visit the Vatican and explore its museum. Marvel at the beauty of St. Peter's Basilica and stand in awe of Michaelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Next, we go to the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. The present structure stands over the place where Constantine built the first church over Saint Paul's grave. The church features a portrait of every pope who has served the church. Climb the graceful Spanish Steps and stop at the famous Trevi Fountain before returning to your hotel this evening.

May 5 - Ancient Rome

Discover the history woven throughout Rome with visits to the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Forum, Circus Maximus, the Arch of Titus, the Baths of Caracalla, and the Arch of Constantine today. After touring, you will be transferred to the Port of Civitavecchia to board the Celebrity Ascent cruise ship.

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

May 13 - Mykonos, Greece

Nestled in the heart of Greece's Cyclades archipelago, Mykonos pulses with irrepressible energy. With its powder white houses and sparkling blue waters, the Island of the Winds is as colorful as the people who call the island home. You can walk narrow marble pathways laced with purple bougainvillea blooms or cycle on two wheels past off-the-path Ano Mera village. Explore Greece's maritime history at Armenistis Lighthouse and check out the Folklore Museum's Mykonian ship models. At the end of the day, watch the sun burn out beyond an Aegean horizon from an open-air seaside taverna.

Shore excursions today can be booked directly through Celebrity and are not included.

May 14 - At Sea

May 15 - Pompeii (Naples), Italy

Journey inland to ancient Pompeii, dating almost to the time of Paul. You can see the spectacular ruins that were covered by ash from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

May 16 - Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy

Disembark the Celebrity Ascent cruise ship, and transfer to the airport to return home with a new understanding of the Bible. * Guests not purchasing air with their cruise package will have to purchase transfers to be included in the group transfer.



May 16 - Fly to Istanbul

Fly from Rome to Istanbul and check into your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay.

May 17 - Istanbul

Begin your exploration of Istanbul with an enjoyable two-hour Bosphorus Cruise. You will glide beneath some of the city's famous bridges and sail past some of Istanbul's more colorful neighborhoods and peaceful suburbs. Your boat will take you past castles and quaint fishing villages. Later, you will visit the eastern or Asian part of Istanbul. You will see the Byzantine city walls, the Golden Horn, and the world-famous mosaics of the Kariye Church. Fly to the Cappadocia area this evening for dinner and overnight.

May 18 - Cappadocia

Drive to Cappadocia and visit the Zelve Valley. As you drive through Cappadocia, enjoy some free time at various photo stops in this magnificent landscape full of fairy chimneys. Visit the Goreme Open-Air Museum before returning to your hotel.

May 19 - Cappadocia/Istanbul

You can take an optional hot air balloon ride over Cappadocia this morning for an additional fee. Fly this afternoon to Istanbul. Enjoy free time to explore Istanbul on your own. Then, check into your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay.

May 20 - Return to the USA

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the USA.

Optional Hot Air Balloon is approximately \$250 per person.



ABOARD THE

Celebrity ASCENTSM



ALL-INCLUSIVE CRUISE PRICING*

I2 - INTERIOR STATEROOM	\$5,998*
O2 - OCEAN VIEW STATEROOM	\$6,198*
E2 - BALCONY STATEROOM	\$6,598*

YOUR PRICE FROM MIAMI INCLUDES:

- Round-trip International Airfare & Overseas Transfers
- Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details
- Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes (Subject to change)
- Shore Excursions as listed on itinerary • Meals on ship
- Admin. Fees • Port Charges • Cruise Taxes
- Classic Beverage Package and Basic Wi-Fi Package

TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

Departure City: _____ **Departure Date:** **05/04/25 (T)**
First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: _____ **(Name Tag:)** _____
Middle Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____ **Title:** _____
Street Address: _____ **P.O. Box:** _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____
Dietary Restrictions: _____
Phone: _____ **Alt. Phone:** _____
Email: _____
Birth Date: ____/____/____ **State of Birth:** _____ **Sex:** M F
Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____
How did you learn about this tour? _____
Tour Selection: **Basic Program Only** **Add Rome Pre-Tour** **Add Turkiye Post-Tour**

Guest 2: First Name: _____ **(Name Tag:)** _____
Middle Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____ **Title:** _____
Street Address: _____ **P.O. Box:** _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____
Dietary Restrictions: _____
Phone: _____ **Alt. Phone:** _____
Email: _____
Birth Date: ____/____/____ **State of Birth:** _____ **Sex:** M F
Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____
How did you learn about this tour? _____
Tour Selection: **Basic Program Only** **Add Rome Pre-Tour** **Add Turkiye Post-Tour**

Cabin Selection: _____ *Alternate: _____ (Required, only used if 1st choice is unavailable)*
 Interior Stateroom (I2) **Ocean View Stateroom (O2)** **Balcony Stateroom (E2)**

Roommate(s): _____
If No Roommate: **Try to Match Me** **Single Room (availability limited)**

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan: _____ **Guest 1:** _____
1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full. I Accept I Decline
2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.
3 Coverage begins when your premium payment is received
(separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium). I Accept I Decline
4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 01/03/25.

\$500 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION
FINAL PAYMENT DUE 01/04/25

via check # _____ via credit card (circle): **VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX**
Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** ____/____
Name on Card: _____ **CVN:** _____

PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: _____
Guest 2 Signature: _____
Tour: T.J25 **Date:** 05/04/25 **Code:** T **ID:** _____ **V.R007 10/01/24**

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427X

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000.....	\$109	\$2501 to \$3000.....	\$319	\$4501 to \$5000.....	\$539	\$6501 to \$7000.....	\$759
\$1001 to \$1500.....	\$159	\$3001 to \$3500.....	\$379	\$5001 to \$5500.....	\$599	\$7001 to \$8000.....	\$669
\$1501 to \$2000.....	\$219	\$3501 to \$4000.....	\$429	\$5501 to \$6000.....	\$649	\$8001 to \$9000.....	\$979
\$2001 to \$2500.....	\$269	\$4001 to \$4500.....	\$489	\$6001 to \$6500.....	\$709	\$9001 to \$10,000.....	\$1089

See our website for more pricing options

Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit
Part A *	
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost
Part B	
Trip Interruption	Trip Cost
Missed Connection	\$500
Trip Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$150 Per Day).....	\$1,500
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation	
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense.....	\$25,000
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation.....	\$50,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	\$200

THIS IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ASK FOR THE TRAVEL PROTECTION COVERAGE SUMMARY WHICH FULLY DETAILS THE COVERAGES, PROVISIONS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS OF THE PLAN OFFERED AND IS AVAILABLE TO YOU, UPON REQUEST, AT ANY TIME.

The plan cost includes the plan premium and a fee for non-insurance assistance services. You may obtain information on the plan fees by emailing assistanceservices@tripmate.com.

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PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Round-trip international airfare & overseas transfers • Cruise • Shore excursions (as listed in itinerary) • Deluxe motorcoaches • Meals on ship • Cruise Taxes \$187 • Port charges \$440 • Program fees • Administrative fee • Fuel surcharges • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Optional sightseeing • Pre or Post-Tours • Miscellaneous fees such as passports, lunches off the ship, baggage fees • Visa(s) • Alternate restaurants that have additional fees • Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour • Ground only transfers • \$100 Document fee for Non-US and Non-Canadian residents • Onboard Gratuities • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms/cabins are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee one will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 35 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or if you request a single, the following single room/cabin charges apply: Category I2 - \$3099; O2 - \$3199; E2 - \$3399 for basic itinerary, **\$398 for the Rome Pre-Tour, \$598 Turkiye Post-Tour**. Single staterooms are extremely limited and subject to confirmation.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Registration Deposit	\$250	Due at time of registration
2nd Deposit	\$1300	09/06/24
Final Payment	Full Payment	01/04/25 <i>If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.</i>
Travel Protection Premium Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 01/03/25 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	
Cabin Availability	After 05/04/24 or once we have sold out of our allotment of cabins we can no longer guarantee cabin pricing. Cabins purchased after this date will be subject to availability and may require a supplemental charge.	

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after January 4, 2025:

We welcome registrations after 01/04/25. Registrations received between 01/05/25 - 02/03/25 will incur a fee starting at \$100 per person. Registrations received between 02/04/25 - 02/18/25 will incur a fee starting at \$200 per person. Registrations received between 02/19/25 - 03/05/25 will incur a fee starting at \$400 per person. Registrations received on 03/06/25 or later will be subject to cabin availability and may require a supplemental cabin charge as well as the air fees above. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 241 days prior to departure, you will be charged a \$150 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 240-181 days = \$250; 180-151 days = \$500; 150-121 days = \$1,000; 120-91 days = 50% of total cost; 90-61 days = 75% of total cost; 60-day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as we deem desirable, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond our control, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION & CHECK IN RECEIVING:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 01/03/25. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. You will also be required to check in with the cruise line prior to travel and according to the cruise line's requirements and instructions provided in your final documents.

PRICE INCREASES

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES and SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in cruise line, airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

The cruise line has the ultimate control over your voyage and may, without notice, alter the length of the cruise and the order of and/or inclusion of ports. We are in no way responsible for these changes and do not make reimbursement for such changes.

PREGNANCY/INFANT REGULATIONS

As a pregnant woman, you cannot have begun her 24th week of pregnancy at any time before or during the cruise. If you are pregnant, please provide a medical note upon arrival at the pier for check-in from your physician stating your expected due date and medical fitness to travel. If you are in the 24th week or have completed it you will not be allowed to board. Because of the limited medical facilities, infants must be at least 24 weeks (6 months) of age on the first day of the cruise and 1 year old for international cruises.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 04/01/25. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submission, participation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure. Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation. Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. **The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.**

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.