

**Review from a guest of their 14 night sailing on the
2/12/11 Celebrity Constellation:**

We are home after a fantabulous cruise on the Celebrity Constellation - 14 days Southern Caribbeans.. Way up on my list of favorite cruises.. This was my 40th cruise and only second on Celebrity. I have cruised most lines but lately mostly on Princess.

We started our vacation with a pre-cruise stay at the Fairfield FLL Airport and Cruiseport. Were given nice small suites; very well appointed, great staff, transportation to nearby restaurants - we went to Islamorada at the Pro Bass store and had a great time. Morning breakfast was nice and not too crowded as some reviews report.

It was a busy day in Port Everglades.. with many ships including the ginormous Oasis of the Seas. We took a taxi, got checked-in in no time and were greeted on board with a glass of champagne.. nice touch!

The ship is of a good size, has been refurbished and given some features of the Solstice class. Over all an elegant and modern ship. Some very trendy furniture in the public areas, cool lounges and bars and a great collection of modern arts.

We went to our stateroom - a Concierge Class on deck 9 - midship. The cabin was well appointed with a neutral decor, the balcony was spacious with a table for eating. We enjoyed the amenities of the Concierge Class very much and would book this type of cabin again. Our only negative ont he cabin is that the deck 10 is wider and thus forms a canopy which blocks the view to the sky.. it does provide a lot of shade which was welcomed while having our breakfast on the balcony! We took advantage of the enhanced room service menu for breakfast on most morning and had omelets, smoothies, yogurt parfaits and french toasts etc...

The food... yes.. they get 5 in that department.. Just an amazing selection and taste and presentation were excellent.. The Seaside Cafe is not your usual buffet.. there are numerous stations.. some you may just find after 10 days on the ship!! for each meal of the day plus a fun 4pm snack time, a 5:30pm sushi bar, on-going pizza station, a grill for the usual fast food items, a sandwich an panini station, an English as well as an Asian station plus the almost always available pasta bar. There are light and healthy options for breakfast and lunch by the spa pool, Crepes at Bistro on Five (\$5 cover) and the beautiful dinning room with attentive service. OUr waiting team (Pasek and Tale) were so nice, they would call us by our name, know exactly what we wanted, made sure we had hot sauce and teapots and always made an event of presenting the dessert tray! There were two brunches organized during sea days in the main dining room with a quartet playing classical music. Also a picnic with the officers on pool deck and special menus for Valentines day and formal nights. On that note, it was so nice to see guests dressing up for formal.. very elegant and traditional. We tried the Tuscan Grill.. while everybody seem to rave about it.. we enjoyed it but would not do it again; it seemed to be a repetition of similar dishes and I wanted to see more authentic Italian dishes.. The service was outstanding however. The Ocean Liner was a great food experience and the service was just perfect. the lobster thermidor was simply.. "to die for..." There is an extensive wine*

list including rare wines priced as high as \$3700.00. There was also Champagne high tea during the last seas days (fee).

The entertainment.. Sue, the cruise director, a mature lady from UK was exceptional. she seemed to always be where ever you were and was truly engaging with the passengers.. she received congratulations for her work at the end of the cruise and got a standing ovation from the guests.. she was excellent.. We would see her outside the gangway with several officers to wish us a great day in port.. There were shows, a very popular hilarious piano man - Perry Grant - bands, singers, lectures, movies etc...

The crew was the best I ever seen at sea. we did not feel any forced smiles, everyone was ready to help, assist, please and were so respectful to the guests.. It felt like a big tight family.. and that contributes to the success of a cruise.

The small details make Celebrity a great premium cruise line.. They actually put together a living room space outside the gangway sofa and chairs.. a great place to wait for someone or take a break while sipping a glass of juice or cold water or refresh yourself with the iced towels given to you after a hot day in port! The pool butler always willing to find you a lounge chair, the waiter at the seaside cafe taking your tray to your table, the brunches, the picnic with the officers and so on..

All ports were wonderful and we were blessed with great weather except for Curacao which seems to be the rainy island! Our favorite beach stop was Harbour Lights in Barbados.. we preferred it to the Boatyard; no cover but you pay for your chairs and umbrellas. Next on my list was Valley Church beach in Antigua where they were filming a TV commercial for Target stores.. which did not bother us at all... St-Lucia and our beach day at Rodney Bay/Reduit beach was also great until the jetskis owners started getting mad at each others!! Grande Anse in Grenada was a great day. It was busy in St-Thomas with a number of large ships in town. We did Moomba beach in Aruba and had a very special day in Tobago as 26 of my husband's relatives came by the ferry from Trinidad to spend some time with us at Pigeon Point.. lot's of laughter, pictures and fun.

FLL airport needs to expand with the number of cruise ships.. the airport just does not meet the demand.. We had a long journey home with delays and misconnections so we decided not to fly back right away after a cruise and stay a few days in Florida.

I am ready to book the same cruise for next year.. and we may just do that...

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