

**CELEBRITY MERCURY - BULLETIN # 1-B
JANUARY 17 – APRIL 22, 2011
EMBARKATION AND DEBARKATION INFORMATION**

The following is provided as information for cruise passengers traveling on the **CELEBRITY MERCURY – January 17, 2011, to April 22, 2011 - Charleston, South Carolina**
Source: South Carolina State Ports Authority – Cruise Development Division - Charleston, SC

EMBARKATIONS – January 17, 2011, to April 22, 2011 – 1:00 P.M. START

All cruise passengers and vehicles should go to Union Pier Terminal to begin the embarkation process. The Passenger Terminal is part of Union Pier. Detailed driving directions are posted on the Port Website – www.port-of-charleston.com

Gate 2 – Intersection of Concord and Laurens Streets -Charleston, South Carolina – is the general entry point for passengers in personal vehicles. This would be individuals driving their own vehicles and planning to leave them in storage at the Port or passengers being dropped off by family or friends.

Union Pier Main Gate – 32 Washington Street – is the designated entry point for transport companies ONLY. It includes taxis, hotel limo/vans, airport services, charter bus groups.

Permanent highway signs are posted along the travel route to help direct passengers to Union Pier and the cruise ship facilities. Some signs are the standard green highway signs posted along major route and exit ramps. Others are smaller sized brown signs with the international cruise ship symbol and arrows showing the direction to travel in the downtown area. See link.

DOCUMENTATION AND IDENTIFICATION:

Please keep cruise tickets, photo identification & proof of citizenship with you. The ticket, photo ID, proof of citizenship for each cruise passenger will be needed for entry to all support areas, shuttles, and for check-in at the Passenger Terminal. Passengers will need access to the tickets, photo identification, and citizenship proof several times during the process.

The "Pier Pickup" location for passengers receiving their tickets in Charleston **will be at a designated location at the Cruise Ship Terminal.**

CHECK IN BEGINS:

Luggage and vehicles will be accepted at the Union Pier Terminal starting at 1:00 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays – January 17, to April 22, 2011.

All passengers and luggage must go to the Union Pier collection site first. Due to Port and U.S. Coast Guard security regulations, no check-through luggage will be accepted at the Cruise Ship Passenger Terminal.

VEHICLE STORAGE:

Uniformed Port Police Officers will be along the travel route to the vehicle storage areas and the Cruise Ship Passenger Terminal. They will direct you to the appropriate lane, depending on your needs.

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Vehicle storage is available at Union Pier Terminal. The fee is \$150.00 for standard size vehicles up to 20 ft. in length, for the 10-day cruises and \$165.00 for the 11-day cruises.

For vehicles over 20-ft. length (campers, buses), the parking fee is \$350.00 for the 10-day cruises and \$385.00 for the 11-day cruises. (All fees are subject to change, without notice.)

Vehicles displaying valid handicap permit/license plate and ID are provided complimentary vehicle storage at no fee.

Special assistance is provided for special needs passengers and wheelchair accessible shuttles are available.

Complimentary shuttle service is provided for all passengers between the parking areas and the Passenger Terminal. Passengers must show cruise line documents and photo ID to board the shuttle buses.

Cash, credit cards, travelers' checks, or personal checks (payable to SCSPA) will be accepted as payment. Checks written on non-U.S. banks and financial institutions are not accepted.

Payment is due when vehicle is left in storage.

A color-coded storage ticket will be issued. Keep storage ticket safe. It will be useful for identifying the location of your vehicle on return to port.

LUGGAGE:

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CRUISE TICKET, PHOTO ID, AND PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP DOCUMENTS WITH YOU – NOT IN YOUR CHECK THROUGH LUGGAGE.

Only carry-on luggage will be allowed on the shuttle buses. Carry-on luggage should be no larger than 22" x 14" x 9". The luggage size limits are the same as for airline travel.

Any luggage larger than the dimensions noted for carry-on luggage, is considered to be a check-through and must be left at the Union Pier luggage collection site.

All luggage should be tagged with the official CELEBRITY CRUISE LINE tag provided in the ticket package. The passenger's name and cabin number should be shown on the tag. Additional tags will be available at the luggage collection site and Pier Pickup site.

Luggage handling assistance will be provided at the luggage collection site.

All luggage will be screened. See attached list of prohibited items.

If officials need to open a passenger's checked-through luggage, the passenger will be paged on board the ship. The passenger should be aware of that possibility and answer any page. If a page is not answered and the appropriate inspection is not completed, the luggage will not be put on board the ship.

Smaller carry-on luggage will be screened at the Passenger Terminal Building.

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Early arrivals from the airport can drop off luggage only at Gate 2 – Intersection of Concord and Laurens Streets. Passengers with early arrival flights cannot stay in the area, but can return to the Port at 1:00 P.M. when check-in staff is available.

The Market Street area is just a short walk from the Passenger Terminal. There are a variety of shops to explore and restaurants to visit and enjoy while early arrivals wait for check-in to begin.

Airport transportation (cabs and other shuttles) arriving before regular check process begins should bring the airline passengers to Gate 2 - to drop off luggage only.

**-- THE LUGGAGE PROCESS BEGINS AT 1:00 P.M. AT UNION PIER FOR ALL
CELEBRITY MERCURY PASSENGERS.
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**-- UNIFORMED PORT POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON DUTY IN THE AREA TO PROVIDE
ASSISTANCE. --**

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- HAM Radio transmitting equipment
- Firearms, including non-firing weapons and starter pistols
- Ammunition, including bullets, shot or missile that can be fired using a propellant
- Imitation or replica weapons, including de-commissioned weapons or those not capable of being fired that are obviously not toys
- Explosives or explosive component parts such as detonators
- Fireworks or pyrotechnics
- Taser or electronic stun guns, pepper or mace sprays
- Telescopic or regular batons
- Martial arts equipment (such as flails, throwing stars, belt buckle knives)
- Handcuffs, brass knuckles
- Compressed gas bottles and cylinders (Dive tanks are allowed if empty.)
(Medical gas bottles are allowed in connection with a certified medical condition. These items cannot be packed in luggage. Oxygen cylinders must be delivered to the purser's office and stored in a designated safe area.)
- Diver spear guns and slings
- Knives with blades longer than 4 inches
- Scissors with blades longer than 4 inches
- Volatile and highly flammable liquids, such as cigarette lighter fluid
- Candles and incense
- Coffee makers, clothes irons, hot plates
- Baseball bats, hockey sticks, cricket bats, bows & arrows, skateboards, surfboards
- Any other item made, adapted, or intended for use as a weapon

Additional notes re cameras and recording equipment:

- All cameras and recording equipment are subject to x-ray screening.
- X-ray screening does not harm film.
- If the owner refuses to allow x-ray screening of the equipment, the cameras and recording equipment will be subject to manual inspection.
- Manual inspection includes opening the unit and film chamber.
- Celebrity Cruise Line and the Port Authority are **not** responsible for film damage caused by manual inspection

Other prohibited items – beverages:

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- Hard liquor, wine and beer items are not allowed in passengers' luggage.

Please review the material in the Celebrity Cruise Line ticket package for any other information related to prohibited items and cruise line policy.

The list of prohibited items is subject to change dependent upon the Security Alert Level.

On Return

DEBARKATION – JANUARY 2011 TO APRIL 2011

Shuttle buses will take cruise passengers and luggage back to the vehicle storage areas on the return date to port. Shuttle buses will travel to specific staging areas.

Individuals picking up returning passengers should meet them at the parking lots in front of the Passenger Terminal, 196 Concord Street.

Cabs and hotel/motel shuttle vans should pick up returning passengers in the designated taxi staging area – located on Pritchard Street on the side of Port warehouses – Lot G/H.

Group charter buses should identify themselves to a Port Police Officer on arrival. Charter buses will be staged in a location designated for tour buses, and moved forward at the appropriate time during debarkation activities.

All luggage must be off-loaded from the ship and cleared by U.S. Customs prior to passengers disembarking. It is estimated the first group of passengers will begin debarkation sometime between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Monday and Friday mornings – January to April 2011.

Debarkation times are estimates and depend on the vessel arriving on time and the completion of the U.S. Customs clearance activities.

Note: This bulletin is specific only to the January 17, 2011, through April 22, 2011, sailings of the CELEBRITY MERCURY. Thank you.

Please also review the material in the Celebrity Cruise Line ticket package for any other information related to embarkation and debarkation activities and cruise line policy.

The Celebrity Cruise Line website also has additional information that is useful for planning your cruise. The website is www.celebritycruises.com

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