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# **CRUISE UPDATE**

# **Aesthetic Surgery Biennial Cruise**

In an effort to keep you updated on important date deadlines and other information, I will be sending regular updates up until our trip.

#### **FINAL CRUISE PAYMENTS**

Your final cruise payments will be due by February 10, 2024. You can call us at (888) 278-7776 to make the payments. I will start sending out your current invoices. Please keep in mind that we will need to review all of your credit card information. For your protection we only have access to the last 4 digits of any card that you have used previously.

#### PREFERRED AIRLINE AND HOTEL PARTNERS

The Aesthetic Society is excited to announce new Strategic Travel Partners. We strongly encourage that you book your flights using the links and unique discount codes for United and Star Alliance partners and/or Delta Air Lines. By taking advantage of them and using these codes, it not only offers you with fare discount but will deliver higher benefits to The Society. Current discounts vary by class of service and fare. Both United Airlines and Delta Air Lines loyalty program members will continue to earn their miles and status when using the discount codes.

Hotels for pre and post cruise stays in Barcelona, Spain and Athens, Greece are live now. The Society has lined up discounted room rates, go to the <u>Travel tab link</u> to book these hotels.

#### **SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION:**

Doctors and any medical staff will need to register for the meeting under the <u>Register tab</u> on the website. The Society will be sending you a reminder email and additional information.

#### FLIGHTS – What to look for:

We suggest that you arrive one or two days early and enjoy Barcelona. The airport El Prat Airport (BCN) is about 30 Minutes from the city of Barcelona. The ship will board in Barcelona. The returning airport in Athens is Athens International Airport (ATH). This is located about 45 minutes from the cruise port in Piraeus. We suggest flights departing on July  $23^{rd}$  after 12 noon. The Aesthetic Society is working with United Airlines and Delta Air Lines loyalty program members which will offer a discount code for flights that you can book directly online.

#### **TRANSFERS**

Since we do not have the entire group staying at the same hotel, we are not supplying group transfers. Taxi and UBER service is available at the Barcelona airport to your hotel or the cruise terminal. You should be able to get a taxi or UBER from your hotel to the cruise terminal. After the cruise from Athens there are plenty of taxis at the cruise terminal. If you are going directly to the Athens Airport, you can purchase bus transfers from Oceania for \$69 per person to the airport only. We will need your flight itinerary in order to schedule the bus transfers

If you want to have private car transfers, please send an e-mail with your request and flight information to <a href="mailto:bnewman@cruisebrothers.com">bnewman@cruisebrothers.com</a>.

#### **PASSPORTS**

It is the sole responsibility of each guest to obtain and have available appropriate valid travel and health documents. Any guest traveling without proper documentation will not be allowed to board the vessel and no refund of cruise fare or any other travel components purchased from Oceania Cruises will be issued.

URGENT! Please make sure that your passports are valid at least 6 months beyond your scheduled return date. Expiration date, no sooner than January 31, 2025.

Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name or you may be denied boarding. Cruise Brothers and Oceania Cruises accept no responsibility for obtaining required visas or for advising guests of visa or other immigration requirements beyond the guidelines indicated

If you have any questions please contact me. We will maintain a FAQ list with answers on the meeting website at <a href="https://meetings.theaestheticsociety.org/cruise/index.php">https://meetings.theaestheticsociety.org/cruise/index.php</a> so your question(s) may appear for others to reference in the future.

Here are the payment terms on this sailing:

## Deposit Payment Schedule

Time of Reservation FULL Payment Due in Full for all staterooms and suites

#### Cancellation and Penalty Policy Cruise Line

From March 4, 2024 through April 11, 2024 \$250 administrative fee per person

April 12, 2024 - April 25, 2024 25% of fare per person

April 26, 2024 - May 11, 2024 75% of fare per person

May 10, 2024 or later No refunds

Penthouse Suites and above 10% penalty if cancelled March 4, 2024 - April 11, 2024

Travel Agency Cancellation Policy Cruise Brothers' cancellation fee is \$100 per stateroom/ suite which can be applied to a future cruise if booked within 12 months of the cancellation

Cancellations must be submitted in writing. The date Cruise Brothers receives notification will be considered the cancellation date. Changes are at the cruise lines' discretion and cost will be determined based on such change.

### Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

Please note – In order to be covered for any pre-existing conditions, insurance must be purchased by final payment.

A rate quote will be on your invoice. If you do NOT want to purchase the Trip Insurance, or if you do not want to purchase it with your final payment, please let us know. (This is only available to passengers living in the United States) Rates are subject to change until time of purchase.

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