

# *Panama* Hand Book

Your Crochet Cruise  
Guide and Checklist.

Soon we will all be on  
board the wonderful  
Celebrity Infinity,  
hookin' our way to  
Central America & the  
Panama Canal.

This guide is to make  
sure you are all set for  
your CROCHET CRUISE.





# Our Cruise Planner

Sherry Leybovich is our Cruise Planner on behalf of Cruise Planners. She has made these cruises possible by being our cruise consultant, booking agent, live event coordinator & so much more. Over the years, Sherry and ourselves have built a great personal and professional relationship and understanding that fits our goals with the Crochet Cruises. Based out of Florida, Sherry specializes in personal, corporate and group vacation planning. She was also voted as **Top 25 Travel Agent** in the United States, by a national publication "*Travel Agent*" magazine.

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## It's Your Experience

Hosting the Crochet Cruises for the 15th time means one thing, we have made a heck of a lot of friends in our wild crochet adventures. From the moment of attempting to plan back in 2013 for our inaugural cruise in 2014, to what the cruises have become 6 years later, it's remarkable on the evolution of changes we've been through to produce these self-hosted events. It's more than just crocheting on a ship, it's about the self-created crochet environment on board that we all create together as a community.

A great misconception about us crocheters is that we are quiet and pretty much invisible on a ship. Oh boy, people learn quickly, as we travel around with our yarn totes from workshops to informal socials around the ship. If you want fun, story sharing and at times, deep connective moments, you need to add one ingredient...**Yarn**.

From the first year, in 2014, to today, our Crochet Cruise experience has evolved to being focused on community and interpersonal relationships that you will develop on board. **Your best teacher is beside you at your table, yes, your fellow cruisers.** The tips, ideas and conversations that come with them create your experience. We have the plans but it's up to you, as this is your creative journey. We've learned over the years, **'A lot more conversation, a lot less concentration!'** The projects and ideas are about getting you started so you can kick back with a hook, yarn, group of new found friends and potentially an adult beverage to sip and create new projects and memories together.

**So welcome aboard the Crochet Cruises!** This Handbook is to help you and ease your thoughts and questions on what to expect once on board with us. We want you to feel that you already know us, that you are ready and looking forward to joining all of us. We can't wait to start **hookin'" the high seas** with you very soon and, most importantly, to start creating memories with you.

Mikey & Diva Dan



Before We Raise the Anchor



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# Advance Notifications, Thoughts and Laughs



All cruisers will be getting notices from The Crochet Crowd in advance of the Crochet Cruises with any reminders and updates through the following social media outlets:

1. Notices will be posted to our ***dedicated Facebook private group***. It's **strongly advised to check in and be part our Facebook group** once in a while to ensure you are in the know of potential changes. Other crochet cruisers are also sharing tips and advice as well. We understand that some may not use Facebook often; however, this is OUR primary means of communicating. Over the past, we have found it to be far more effective to reach the vast majority of you. Plus, it also create an exciting engagement of conversations. If you are not on the Private Facebook Page please contact [Jeanne](#).

2. You can always check our dedicated website, [Crochet-Cruises.com](http://Crochet-Cruises.com) for updates as well. This site gets update periodically.

3. Occasionally, a mass email **may** be sent out. We have found that email is not an effective tool, as many claimed that they did not get emails or it went to their junk folder, forgot, didn't check it, and etc. We only send emails of high importance with hopes that everyone receives them. As always, the same information will be posted on the Facebook private group page. Check your spam/junk boxes if we have sent an email.

4. This handbook will have the most important and helpful information before your adventures begins. It will address our charity project, shore excursions, and so on. Please read it throughly. Sherry and the private Facebook pages are here to help with any questions. If this is your first time on a cruise, you are in for a real treat. Don't be nervous. Our past cruisers, Sherry and ourselves, will give the assurance that you are in capable hands.



# Online Check In

It is **strongly** advised you start your on-line check-in at least 60 days before the cruise to provide your personal information to be ready for embarkation day, aka sail away day. Also have a clean picture ready to download. We have now stepped into the 21st century where facial recognition technology is being used. **Please check for spelling of your name, address and personal identification info.**

You can add cruise enhancements such as: specialty dining, spa treatments, wifi packages, beverage packages and excursions etc, through the same link.

By doing this, it allows the ship to have a complete manifest of all of the passengers on board the ship. The manifest is extremely important as it is required by US Coast Guard and, most importantly, for your safety.

**Doing this in advance saves a lot of time at the port terminal.** All of the information you are entering on-line in advance is exactly what the agent will be asking of you while at the terminal. This will allow you to quickly check-in and get on with your Crochet Cruise much faster.

You can only get your luggage tags if room balance is **paid in full 45 days before sailing date.** This is also when you can print your boarding passes. You will need to pick an appointment time for arrival. We are recommending 1130 am.

## Crochet Crowd Cruise Cancellations

In the unfortunate event that an emergency has occurred and that you will not be able to cruise with us, please note that there are certain procedures to follow:

Your cruise tickets were arranged through our cruise agent. You will need to contact our agent, Sherry, to advise her of the situation. A contract has been made with your cruise ticket purchase. Cancellation fees may apply. If a full refund cannot be offered due to Celebrity's regulations, Sherry can check to see if you have any other options. Please get insurance. It has help Many that have travelled with us.

The Activity Administration Fee to The Crochet Crowd is non-refundable as stated in our registration. Certain expenses have already been paid in advance based on your commitment to go.

Any passengers who do not show up and/or cancel are not entitled to the gifts or course materials being given on board. All items are shipped directly to the ship from our sponsor. As per the sponsors' request and the cruise line guidelines, we will not be able to give gift packages to friends on the ship to passengers who have canceled, nor mail them out after the cruise is completed.



The image shows a screenshot of the Celebrity Cruises online check-in form. At the top, there is a phone number 1-800-647-2251 and the Celebrity Cruises logo. The form is titled "Registration Information" and includes a language selection dropdown set to "English". Below this, there is a disclaimer in small text. The form fields include: "Reservation Number" (with a "Show/Hide" link), "Last Name", "First Name", "Sex" (with a dropdown menu), and "Full Date" (with separate dropdowns for Month, Day, and Year). A blue "CONTINUE" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

[Check-In Link](#)



# Airport / Transportation/Hotel

Please make your arrangements for your flights. We have been using Celebrity for our personal arrangements with Sherry. Arranging with Celebrity often have great deals and they guarantee that if you missed your ship due to flight delays or cancellations, they will fly you to the next port of call. Also when arranging your flights back home, PLEASE, and a word of advice, **do not** book anything before 11am.

Our pre-cruise hotel is ready to start reserving and can be done so by clicking by going to our Private Facebook Panama Cruise Page and clicking on the hotel link for the Panama Cruise. We will be staying at the [Hampton Inn & Suites Miami-Airport South-Blue Lagoon](#). The hotel is providing complimentary airport transfers when flying into Miami. If you opt to fly into Ft. Lauderdale, please let Sherry know and she can work on finding the best transfer options for you. The cost for the hotel is \$174/night plus tax and includes breakfast each morning. Third and fourth guests in the room will incur an additional charge of \$10/day. Transportation to the cruise port is included in the above price. These prices are valid for the dates of 10/22, 10/23 and 10/24. If you have any problems reserving your room please contact sherry and she can get you all set up. Limited rooms are still available.

For those interested in staying after the cruise in San Deigo, you can book with Sherry for your post cruise hotel. [The Embassy Suites](#) is located near the port - just a quick five minute taxi/Uber ride or if you are brave enough you can walk it. The cost is \$199/night plus tax. These rates are valid for the nights of 11/9, 11/10 and 11/11 (if you need additional nights beyond that please let Sherry know). The hotel provides a full cooked to order breakfast each day as well as happy hour each evening which includes cocktails and appetizers. All pricing is per room and not per person. Please click on the link below to reserve your room. If you need assistance please let Sherry know and she can set up your room for you. Once you have your reservation please forward a copy to [sherry@cruisesforu.com](mailto:sherry@cruisesforu.com)



# Customized Crochet Cruises Badges



All Crochet Cruisers will be receiving a custom made badge with lanyard that is **encouraged** to be worn during our workshops. Cruisers, you will get your badges for those at the hotel with us pre-cruise and cruisers arriving same day of departure will get them at the first meet up on the ship.

The badges will have the Crochet Cruises Itinerary for classes, stitch socials and gatherings on the back. The front will have your first name, and the state or province where you are from.

Please wear your badge at all classes. It helps everyone to get to know each other, even when just meeting informally. These badges are great for putting your ship card in and door prize tickets too.

**Please note, if you prefer a different name than your legal name or what is on your email, you need to email us at [Sherry@cruisesforu.com](mailto:Sherry@cruisesforu.com) and tell us your legal name, which cruise you are on, state/province and what to change your name to. You have until *June 1st, 2019* to give us the updates.**

For example, your full name might be Elizabeth, but maybe you prefer to be called Beth. Just let us know. Badges are shipped ahead of time and cannot be changed after September 30th, 2019. Please, no names like happy hooker or knotty nicknames, we would like everyone to be respectful.

Mikey loves to collect pins! ***Who will beat him this cruise?***

***Plus... We love seeing what crocheters did to personalize their crochet bags using tchotchkes.***



## Wake Up Happy Everyday

### Crochet Class on All Sea Days

10 am in the Botticelli Dining Room  
Sat 4th & Sun 5th, Community Yarn to be given in Class  
Mon 6th, Caron Cakes & Patons Glam Stripes  
Tues 7th, Bernat Maker Home Dec  
Sun 12th & Mon 13th, Caron Simply Soft  
Tues 14th, Lily's Sugar'n Cream  
Wed 15th, Bernat Sox  
Thurs 16th, Bernat Maker Fashion

No classes while we are in Hawaii

### Stitch Social on All Sea Days

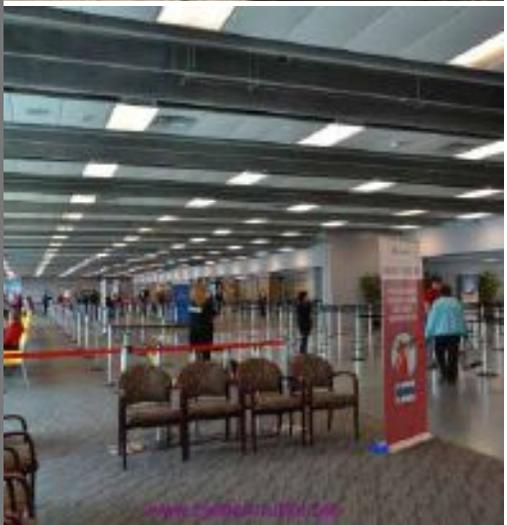
1:30 pm in the Botticelli Dining Room  
Bring your project you like to work on & win some prizes

### Dinner & Socialize Every Evening

### Sleep with Appreciation Everynight

Kennedy, Michael and Doral, Staterooms A114



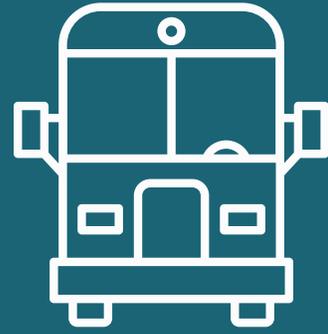


Embarkation Day...



# Have ID, Passport & Cruise Tickets Ready

Whether you are going to the port on a shuttle or driving to the port with friends & family, you must have all your ID (Driver's Licenses for US Citizens and passports) and cruise tickets ready to present. You will be asked to show your cruise tickets at the entrance of the pier terminal before they let you pass through. **PLEASE NOTE, ALL passengers must have passports.** It is worth getting it done and to be happy that you have a passport. **DO NOT** put the above identification in your checked luggage. You must have it ready in hand.



## Curb Side Checked Luggage

When you do the advance check-in completely on-line, you will be able to print your luggage tags to be affixed to your checked luggage. If you don't check-in on-line, crew members will check your boarding tickets and write you a luggage tag to put onto your suitcases on the spot.

There will be crew with carts taking your luggage when you arrive at the curb of the terminal, they are in uniform. Your luggage should have your name and cabin number on a tag affixed to the handle. Crew members will have staplers to affix your tag if needed. If you have forgotten your luggage tag, the agent will check your cruise ticket and make you a quick luggage tag on the spot and attach to your luggage in front of you.

You will not see your luggage again until it magically arrives outside of your cabin door later on in the afternoon and/or early evening of embarkation day.

If you want to tip the curbside porter, it's usually about \$2 - \$3 per bag.

## Carry Ons

Small suitcases and carry on bags can be walked through security. Ensure that you have everything you need as you will not see your checked luggage for several hours. Keep medicine, valuables and critical items with you. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR TICKETS and ID ARE WITH YOU, DO NOT PUT THEM IN YOUR CURB SIDE LUGGAGE.**



# Security

We all hate going through security but for the safety of the ship and everyone else, we all must pass through the metal detectors. Once in the terminal, you will be directed to a security check point. Follow the instructions and guides, smile, and be calm. You are much closer to the start of your vacation. For ease of this process, please have just one carry-on, like a purse, or a tote bag. Truth be told, the most cranky passengers are the ones trying to carry everything themselves. We all hate dragging luggage. So the less you carry, the quicker you can get to the buffet.



## What is Allowed to Come on Board Bringing Alcohol or Beverages On Board

*Celebrity will allow one bottle of wine per guest age 21 or older to be brought on-board. All other beverage options are not allowed. This includes water, soft drinks and all forms of alcohol.*

*With Celebrity, you can purchase a beverage package which also includes water. When you 'Check In' you can add these packages to your account if you do not already have them. The Go Best package is a great deal, more info can be found further in this handbook, ask Sherry.*

If you bring more than you are supposed to, it will be confiscated and held for you to pick up at the end of your cruise. All luggage, including checked baggage is x-rayed. Alcohol or beverages in your checked baggage will be removed and held for you to be picked up at the end of the cruise.



## Crochet Hooks & Scissors

Scissors cannot be more than 4" long and **must be in your checked luggage only**. All checked luggage and carry-ons are x-rayed. Scissors must remain in your checked baggage and not carried on with you.

Crochet Hooks are classified as a weapon. **Hooks are to be in your carry on luggage with you for the security to inspect**. You shouldn't have any problems, just leave your scissors in your checked baggage and you will be fine. Add a small ball of yarn too.



# After Security

## Go to Check-In Counter or Agent

Celebrity has changed it's process for boarding. Easier and a bit quicker. If you have already checked in on-line, they are just going to ask you to provide your cruise tickets, verify credit info and see your official identification to confirm your photo. Have everything with you just in case something on-line didn't go through properly.

Please note, Celebrity now puts your ship card on the door of your cabin. Once you are on the ship you can retrieve your card(s). The 'ship card' is your New Plastic ID and your spending account. You do not use money on board the ship. This ship card opens your statement door, purchases for drinks, on board shopping, casino and specialty restaurants. It is also your confirmation that you are a passenger on board Celebrity when you get on and off at the ports. Carry it at all times.

If you are setting up a Cash Account for your ship cards, you will do so at one of the counters. Those accounts will be monitored and handled on the ship throughout your cruise.

## Health Declaration will be asked

The Celebrity official will ask basic information if you have been sick in the past 30 days. Our advice, pump up the Vitamin C or any herbal preventative prior to the cruise. Get the body moving with a bit of exercise a few weeks before the cruise, increase your walk steps or be a bit more active. Traveling is stressful for the body especially if your body is not use to it.

## Sit & Wait

If you are early, you will just sit in the lounge and wait for instructions. Boarding the ship will usually start until around 11 am or later. The cruise line must have customs security clearance before allowing any new passengers on board.

## The Gangway - Advance Assistance Notice

**\*NOTE\*** The gangway, the bridge that reaches to the ship, can be steep. It's a significant incline up and a bit of a walk. If you need assistance to go up the ramp or assistance to get off the ship, you need to make sure you contact Sherry, our agent, to have **those arrangements made in advance**. They have dedicated crew members helping passengers and **you must be on the list to have help walking up or pushing up a wheelchair etc .**



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# Welcome Aboard

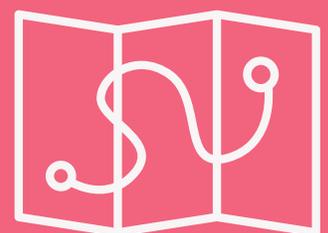
**NOW the FUN begins!** The moment you step in on board Celebrity you are greeted with Champagne or a non-alcoholic drink. Celebrity Infinity has everything you need, lovely decor, lounges to watch the entertainment and areas to hang out. **Your cabins will likely not be ready around 2 pm.** This gives you time to walk around and enjoy the many social areas that Celebrity has to offer. The buffet is open as soon as you get on board.

There are many social areas on this ship, such as restaurants, lounges, bars and outdoor areas including the pools and spas. During this time you might want to **upgrade your beverage program**, check out the spa programs, look for the conference room where we will be spending our week with our stitch gatherings or just relax and enjoy!



## Maps of Ship

You can ask for a map of the ship at the terminal if you like one. You can view the map on-line at anytime. To get to our conference room head up to **Deck 3** rear of ship.



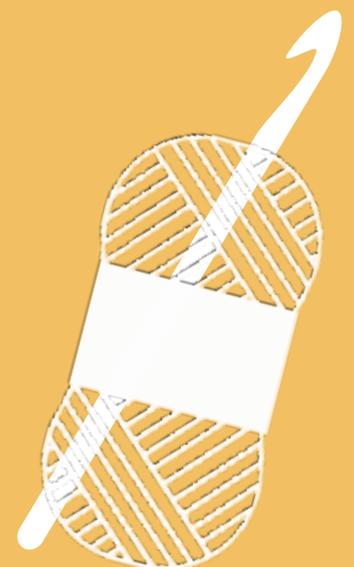
# Muster Station - Safety Drill for All Passengers

For those who never cruised before, a heads up; there is a **muster station drill** before the ship leaves. The ship will conduct a mandatory muster station drill with briefing around 3:30 pm on the day of embarkation. It is done before the ship leaves the dock to ensure all passengers are aware of the safety procedures and is a US Coast Guard Requirement. A muster station drill is a brief instruction on life jackets and finding your muster station location.

All crew members will be wearing safety vests and directing you to your muster station around 3:20 pm. Your Muster Station will be noted on your ship card. (i.e., A4) If you are unsure where your muster station is, simply ask a uniformed crew member and they will guide you.

It is mandatory to attend this as the entire ship is searched to ensure all passengers are present during the muster. This lasts about 20 - 30 minutes. Please be mindful, don't not talk during the announcements. It is for your safety and the passengers around you.

Once muster drill is finished, the ship resumes normal operations and begins to leave port shortly afterwards.



# Meals & Drinks

Breakfast, lunch and snacks are up to you to where you want to eat. You have choices of buffet and/or formal sit down dining. We do not have any assigned areas for dining other than the casual dining of our group at 5:30 or 6 pm.

## Special Dietary Needs

For those who require special meals such as gluten free. You will need to fill out a form with Sherry, so the ship is made aware and takes appropriate action. They will take care of your dietary needs by preparing special meals for you during the formal dining.

During the everyday meals, there are always options for all dietary requirements. The ship is prepared for this and know it's important as well. Please note that the ship might put you with others that are sensitive to gluten during the main dining, so please stay at your assigned seating for the duration of the cruise. In such instances, our round robin seating will not apply to you. This is for you assurance you are being looked after the staff.

## Evening Traditional Dining

**You will not go hungry on board.** Our assigned seating time is at the one of Main Dining rooms as a group around 6:00 pm each evening. Dining room and table number will be in your cabin on a printed card.

Celebrity will be assigning us a dedicated area of the dining room. Guests in your cabin that are not part of our educational program will be sitting at your same table. Cabin mates that are together will also sit together. However, on the first night don't be alarmed if the seating is not perfect. Such as being with your friends that are in different cabins. **After the first day, we are round robin style. You can sit with anybody within our group.**

The ship has many restaurants on board that are considered above and beyond the inclusive package. These restaurants are booked by passengers once on board and are extra charge.

We won't deny the restaurants are exquisite. Should you feel you want to book yourself and some friends to a fancy restaurant, feel free to do so. We will not be offended if you do not show up during traditional dining. This is your vacation. Be mindful of our activity times when booking should you wish also to attend our get work-shops after dinner.



# Dress Codes & Cruise Elegant

## Casual Attire During The Day

We suggest casual pants, shorts, tops, etc. For the ladies, and for men; shorts, polo shirts, t-shirts, etc, will do. We suggest you wear rubber-soled, low heeled or flat shoes for extra traction while on-board. The use of any footwear with wheels, including but not limited, to Heelys© shoes, are prohibited on board the ship. The Conference Room could be cool or hot. Depends on the ship. Irons are not allowed on the ship

## Meals Dress Codes

*Buffet:* Relaxed setting of casual attire at all times.

*Casual Dining Room:* **Ladies** can wear pants or skirts complimented with a sweater or blouse. **Men** can wear pants with a sports shirt or sweater. You can wear something more such a dress or casual suit coat if you want to.

*Cruise Elegant:* Twice during the cruise, there are two Cruise Elegant evenings. This is where the entire ship be dressed to impress. **Gentlemen** - Dress slacks, dress shirts. If you wish to wear suits and ties, by all means we invite you to do so. **Ladies** - Cocktail dresses, pantsuits, elegant skirts and blouses; if you'd like to show off your evening gowns, that's great too! Please don't feel this is a must, just look nice.

Not permitted in the dining room during the Cruise Casual Dinner for ladies and gentlemen: cut-off jeans, men's sleeveless shirts, gym or basketball shorts, baseball hats, flip-flops and bathing suit attire. You will be turned away at the door to either go back to your cabin to change or you can go to the buffet to eat where the setting is more relaxed.

## Dress Appropriately

Be mindful that it can be cool out in the ocean and to dress appropriately for weather we may encounter during the cruise, this includes land locations. Bring rain gear and good waterproof shoes!



# Cabins

Your cabins are cleaned twice a day. There are assigned housekeeping staff to your cabins for the duration of the cruise.

Your cabins are cleaned in the morning. The crew will return early evening to re-clean and turn down your bed.

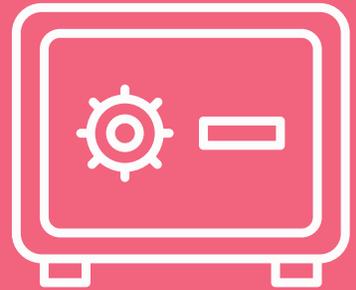
The room steward will leave a copy of the ship's schedule for the next day for you, to know what is going on during the cruise. Note that we are a private group, our events are not on the ship's official program for all passengers to see.

During port days, there will be bottled water left for you. **That is not free.** There is a charge. However, purchasing this water with may be cheaper than buying water in the land destinations and may be better choices. Use your own discretion.

Do not leave any valuables lying around the room. There is an in-room electronic safe. Use it!

**Please note, if you are using a CPAP for sleep apnea, please inform Sherry. Celebrity needs to have the information so they can provide you with distilled water and extension cords. You are not allow to bring your own extension cord. Don't delay on this information.**

Decorate your cabin door? **Yes, you can do that.** You can only use magnets. Tape and anything adhesive is forbidden. Let us know if you decorated your door, we will have a list that you can add your cabin number for others to see too once we are on the ship.



# Official Crochet Cruise Excursions

We have assigned excursions that you can book in advance for our cruise adventures. Sherry has arranged private tours just for The Crochet Crowd.

The tours range from sight seeing to snorkeling to mud baths to market shopping and cooking classes. These are completely optional and have an extra fee. Please note, that there are different tours to choose from, pick what you like best. Trust us, these tours are fabulous!

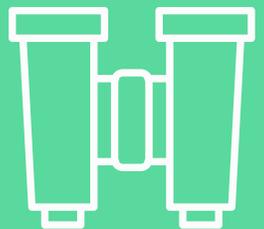
**Also, please!** If you need a walker or a wheelchair, please tell Sherry. Even though that some shore excursions say they are wheelchair friendly, some of these wheelchairs take up space on seats on the bus. The shore excursion directors just need to account for each seat space and make sure there is room allotted to store this type of equipment.

Some tours require strenuous walking and even climbing. Please ensure that the tour you choose is in line with your physical ability.

*Please note: Deviating from the tour is strongly discourage. If you get separated from the group, it is your responsibility to find your way back to the ship at your expense. The tour company, Cruise Planners and the Crochet Cruises holds no responsibility for your own detour.*



## [Sherry's List of Panama Tours and Excursions](#)



# Port of Call Days

For those who haven't cruised before, port days are the days we are docked in exotic locations where passengers can get off the ship and explore. **There are no costs to get off and back on.** Take your official identification with you as they check it at the security gate when you return.

There are no assigned classroom times during docked times at ports. The ship has minimal operations open as most of the passengers get off the ship. You will find the shopping, casino and some food service areas are closed while docked. Do not be late when returning to the ship as the ship will leave without you. If you are tired, there is no obligation to show up for dinner or class. Maybe take a nap before dinner to refresh yourself.

In the unfortunate event that something happens to you while in port, be sure to take the necessary documents such as photo ID, credit card and/or passport with you. Should you miss the ship for reasons beyond your control, you will have what you need to help you. Again, travel insurance is always a good idea. However, we've yet to lose a crocheter and don't intend to this time either.

## Important Tips

You can get on and off the ship to explore the location where the ship is docked. Most of the ports, you can get off and walk around to explore without having to spend money. Take the time to experience the culture.

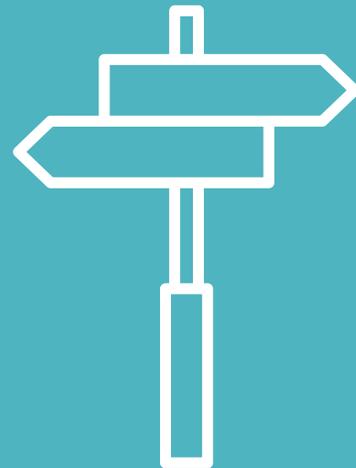
Stay in the main areas around the port and keep a buddy or group with you.

Keep your money and identification on you. If you can easily get your money out of your purse or pocket, you are at risk. A little bit of security goes a long way.

The ship closes its doors **1/2 hour prior to departure.** Times are clearly stated on itineraries issued by the ship and announced by the Captain and Cruise Directors. **DO NOT BE LATE** because the ship will leave you behind. Times are always determined by **'Ship's Time'** not Port Time. So before you leave the ship, double check the time on the ship.

### Currency - Money at Port of Calls

All ports of call that we will be visiting accept US Dollars as form of payment. Some locations will accept Visa and Mastercard.



# Photographs

You will notice photographers will be roaming the ship throughout the cruise. There are also staged backdrops set up in the evenings for each cruise. It doesn't cost anything to get your photo taken in these areas. You just never know, they might take a really good shot of you and someone you care about.

Photos can be bought at anytime throughout the cruise that are on the wall ready for you. If you like a photo, be sure to purchase the night before the cruise ends. There are also deals, so watch out for them and save a bit of money by not being so quick to purchase. The photos stay up for the duration of the cruise.

There is also a formal photography service where you book a time and a designated area on the ship where you can pose for photos for professional quality photography. The grand stair case is a usually a popular photo backdrop.

You are welcome to take photos or videos of our classroom and group activities as they are happening. They make for good memories. Post to Facebook to make your friends at home jealous!

## The Crochet Crowd Cruise Group Photo

We will be arranging a group photo to be taken of our entire group. We will have an assigned time and this must be arranged while on the ship. **DO NOT BE LATE** for the photo. We will not be taking attendance to find out who is missing to wait for you.

We will be taking 3 photos which include sponsor, formal and fun.

We will let you know on the ship where the photo will be taken and what day it will be done usually on the last formal night before supper, or in the morning on the last full day.

We want to roam the ship to see the best spot to get a group photo and what the photographers can do for our large group. This is why we do not have this information ready for you yet.



# Cell Phones and Internet Services

Be sure to set your phone to airplane mode. You don't want to be surprised with hundreds of dollars in roaming charges when you get back home. Contact your cell phone provider to inquire on availability.

Internet services are provided on the ship. It is wireless and it is not free. If using the Internet, make sure you log out once done. Otherwise, the minutes will be used up. Once you run out of time, you need to buy another package. Use it wisely. **Warning, it is SLOW!**

## Power Sources

While on the ship, you may need to re-charge your devices. The ship has regular power outlets for North America. You do not need any adapters if you have North American plugs. You are NOT allowed to bring extension cords.

## Casino & Smoking Designations

Certain areas of the ship are designated for smoking. You will need to check on board where smoking is permitted. Celebrity has a no smoking policy in it's casino, night clubs, and specific areas on the open decks.

## Poolside & Deck Chair Etiquette 30 Minutes

You will lose your towel and anything else left behind by crew officials as there is a 30 minute allowance for being away from a lounge chair. The Pool Butler will remove your items as they are keeping a watchful eye so that everyone may enjoy their cruise. You will need to retrieve them at lost and found. Save the hassle and don't leave your stuff if you plan on leaving for an extended period of time.

## No Touching Policy

Cruise Lines strongly discourages passengers from touching each other. Getting sick on board a cruise ship is not fun and it's usually due to personal contact. There are hand washing stations. Use them!

While the ship crew makes great effort to keep surfaces and spaces clean, they recommend you keep hugging or touch to a minimum.



# Seasickness & On-Board Illness

With the advancements of ship design and stabilization, the engineering of the ship is to give the smoothest ride possible. Often enough, sometimes the movement of the ship is not caused by the waves or the wind but by the ship engine pushing through the waters.

Depending on ocean conditions and winds, the ship may rock ever so slightly. Your body will automatically adjust to motion of the boat. Congratulations, you've just received your 'sea legs'! If you are sensitive to vertigo or motion sickness, you can take some precaution in advance to help. See our below.

## Sick Bay & Doctors on Ship

The doctors on board the cruise ship are private doctors and charge substantial rates for their services. Please bring with you the medications that you believe you may need. Purchasing medications on board the ship is really expensive, even for just Aspirin.

If you are hurt and require medical attention. Please go to Customer Services and/or Sick Bay. Sick Bay is located at the bottom level of the ship. See ship map that is issued on board to find its location.

If requiring urgent medical care, there are emergency teams on board the ship that will be dispatched to your location by dialing a dedicated easy number on the ship. **If seeking medical treatment please notify Sherry immediately, by contacting her directly or leave a voice mail on her room phone. Celebrity will need to give permission for the ship staff to speak with to Sherry regarding medical treatment and insurance and PASSPORTS!**

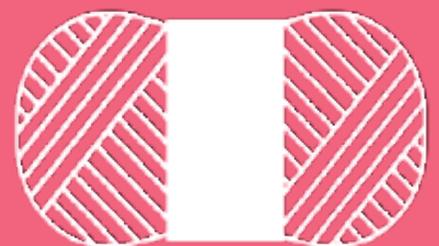
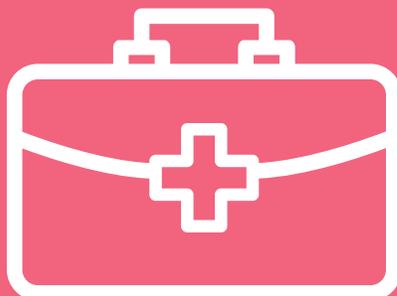
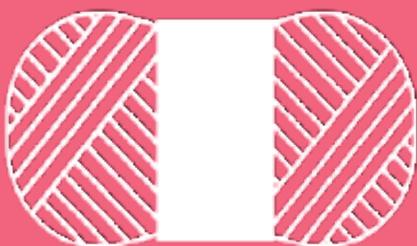
## Consider Bringing the Following Medications

A mini emergency kit with band-aids etc, are highly recommended.

- The Travel Patch, prevents sea sickness with a patch that is put behind the ear.
- Sea-Bands, Wrist bands that put pressure on your nerves in your wrist to prevent nausea.
- Pain relievers.
- Pepto-Bismol (or similar type medications)

For personal prescriptions, the medications should be with their prescription packages from your doctor.

**Please Note: That cruise lines do allow services dogs with proper paperwork to be on the ship. On occasions we also have them in our class. PLEASE, if you are allergic to dogs you must be prepared and bring any allergy medications you have. Under the privacy act and medical issues, we can not disclose any information in advance.**



# Urgent Matters and Emergencies

Please report directly to medical or have the medical team dispatched to you. Kindly advise Michael Sellick, Daniel Zondervan Cabin 6101 and/or Sherry at cabin 6115.

The Crochet Crowd and affiliates are not responsible for damages or injuries during the Crochet Cruises. Again, you may want to purchase travelers' insurance in the unfortunate event of requiring medical attention.

Members of the leadership team will not be dispensing any type of medications to guests. It is the guests' responsibility to plan ahead. We are not trained medical professionals and will not assume the liability of such actions.





The  
Reason  
why we are  
together



# Welcome

We will begin our classes on the eve of embarkation. **8:30 pm in the Conference Room, Deck 3. Bring your Charity Project.** Your badges and pattern book will have the time table of all our classes through the cruise. We are very excited this year to have **Dela Wilkins** once again to teach us Tunisian Crochet AKA Railway Knitting. We will be providing Tunisian hooks for you all. You will get your activity package full of yarn and goodies. Bring an extra suitcase, you might just need it.



## During Class You Need to Bring

Assorted Sizes of crochet hooks that you would typically use. Be sure a E, G, US 7, H, I, J K & L are part of your hooks. For Canadians and UK guests, that is a 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6.0, 6.5 and 8 mm crochet hook.

Tapestry needle to weave in ends and/sew attachments.

Scissors, no bigger than 4" and it must be in you checked luggage for the cruise ship. Any bigger will be taken away due to security protocols.

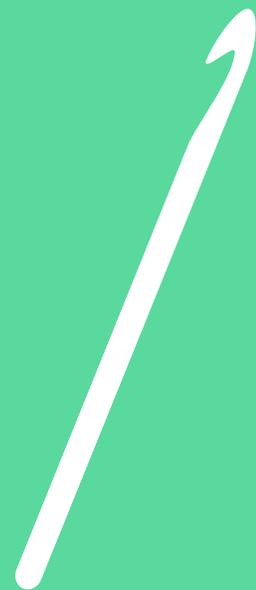
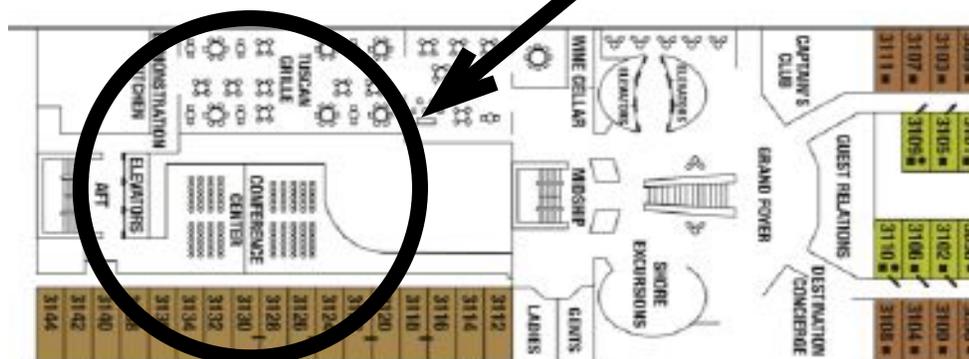


## Classroom - Conference Room, Deck 3, MID Ship

Celebrity has assigned our party the Conference Room on Deck 3, mid ship to use for a limited amount of time during our workshops.

- Do not leave any valuables in this room and we must return leave the room just like we found it.
- Please dispose of any garbage and/or used dishes to the appropriate area at the end of the class.
- You may NOT use this room in between our designated times due to the room being shared by other groups.
- You can bring your own beverages and snacks to the classroom. We will be providing coffee and snacks only on sea days.

## Deck 3



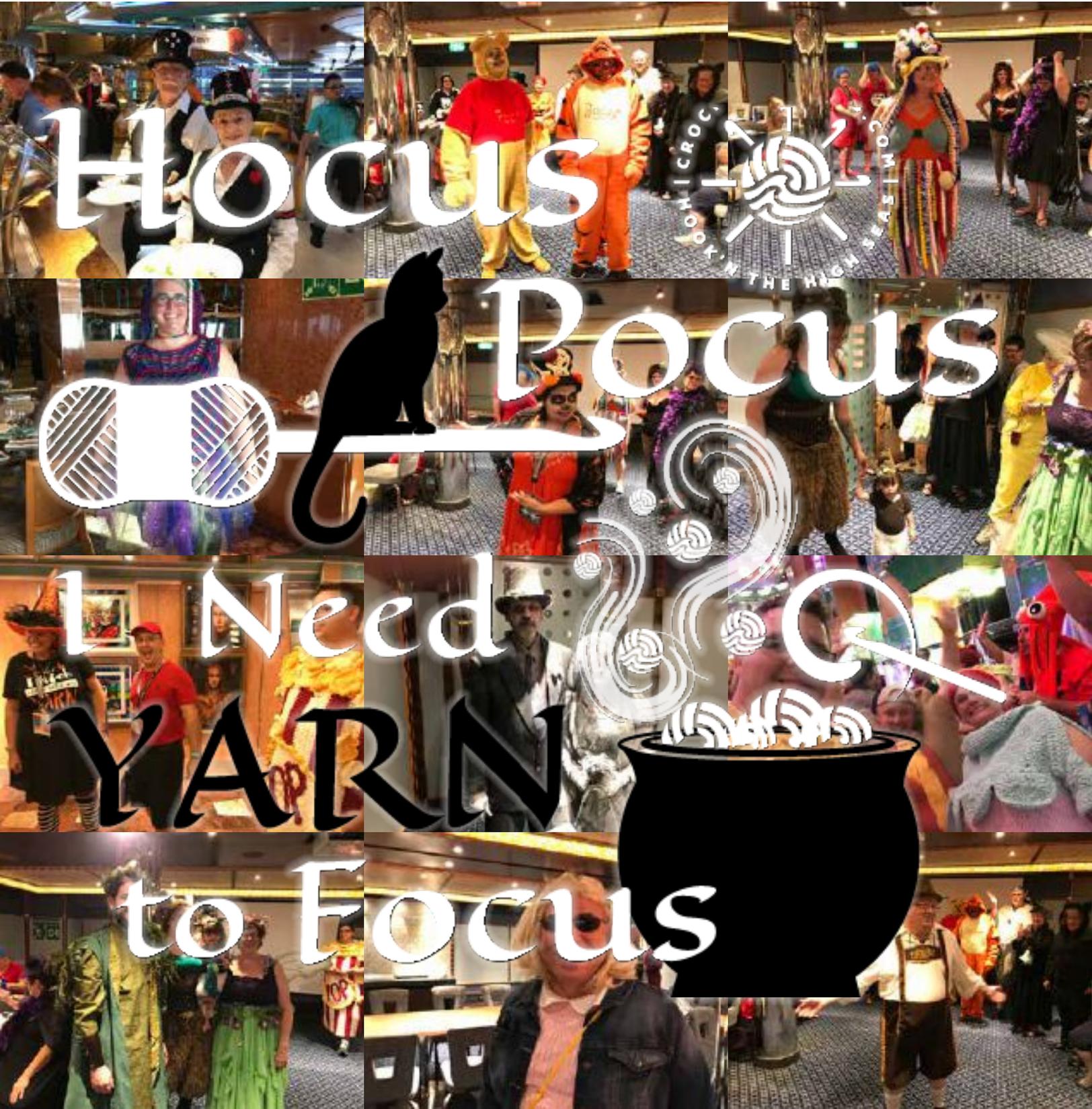
# Our Halloween Party!

Yes, we are having a Halloween Party Ball! Dare to come with costume and all.

We want you to dress up, as we drink witches brew in a cup.

Scary, fun or delightful, the evening is to be creative and frightful.

Cruisers will hear us laugh and scream, as we all run to the buffet for ice cream.



# Love it Gift It



It's a privilege to cruise and even more so, to Crochet Cruise. Since the beginning, we have always worked on something that can benefit community off the ship at the end of the cruise. There are times when people in our lives need to be remembered when they are not feeling their best or going through difficult times like emotional or financial stress. The act of giving isn't a want, it's a human passionate emotion that is in us all. Sometimes, that passion is even for ourselves to be remembered and to do something that can lift our spirits to continue on.

In the years of crochet cruising, each cruise crocheter has a want to create more and more afghans to benefit charity. It's admirable and appreciated but we cannot lose sight that it is not a race or about how many afghans we complete by the end of the cruise. It's about the thought and care that you took to make the each afghan with care and love from all of us. For many of us, this project becomes your social project to do on board throughout the week. We do hope you finish by the end of the cruise for the final photography.



# This Year's Charity Project

## It's A MYSTERY CRUISE ALONG!

So how is this going to work? Since we are cruising during Halloween we thought to brew up our charity as a mystery. It will be fun!!! We spent a number of months with the designer, designing and figuring out how to make this thrilling.

**Your 1st Cruise Clue is now out.** We have suggested colours but we are giving you free range to do whatever you want with your colour combinations. **Please have your homework done before the cruise.** These motifs start off tight and small. Approx 2 inches yes! That is correct. As we cruise to the other side of North America through the tropics, your project will get much bigger. Have fun with the yarn, for the flowers you might want to use a fluffy yarn or something so fun that you have always wanted to try. We will be providing Bernat Super Value as community yarn to use for this project. You will want to bring a your own yarn if you decide you need to change something and need the exact colour tone.

We added a twist to this too! And to make it more fun this mystery will go into several directions too. But that's a mystery! You are more than welcome to make more sets if you wish.

During the cruise and on each sea day, we will have a morning class. That morning class you will get your next clue. By the end of the cruise your project will be finished! We hope you are going to like this mystery charity project.

## Cruise Clue #1 is now out!

There are three types of projects in what is suggested below. We have given you the suggested colours and yarn for each project. This is a mystery project. So the colours and yarn choices remain in your control. Don't be afraid to experiment. You may want to bring your yarn with you in the event you want to change some of the motifs to a different style on the ship.

**Complete 1 set of 32 motifs for this challenge.** If you are inspired, you can complete more sets of motifs. Total pentagons = 12. Total hexagons = 20.

This pattern has a mix of plain pentagons and hexagons with also flower pentagons and hexagons for added texture.

The project looks amazing with the flower motifs but plain, non-flower, hexagons are needed. If you wish to skip the flower motifs and just do plain, you can do so but your project may lack the flair that other cruisers may do. **Your creativity, your call.**



## Materials

**Hook:** 4mm, US G/6

**Yarn:** Red Heart Super Saver, 7 oz / 198g  
364 yds / 333 m or something similar.

Contrast A - Brown

Contrast B - Red

Contrast C - Orange

Contrast D - Teal

Contrast I - Beige

*Small Amounts* - 10 Yds or Less

Contrast E - Black

Contrast F - White

Contrast G - Yellow

Contrast H - Pink

Contrast J - Blue

Contrast K - Purple

Contrast L - Green

Tapestry Needle, Scissors, Stitch Markers

## Motif Tips:

Use stitch markers for keeping track of your rounds.

Unless stated with a slip stitch at the end of a round, the motifs are made in a continuous rounds.

For the hexagon motifs for round 1, pretend there are 6 sts when you work the next row. You will work a stitch before the knot, and a stitch after the knot. By doing this, your starting circle is tighter and looks much neater after the next row is complete.

Avoid a lot of yarn strands by hiding in the starting and ending strands by crocheting directly over the tails. Snip when done and avoid using a tapestry needle to hide.

Trim off all tails with exception to the sewing strand at the end of each motif so it is easier to manage.

## Choose Wisely! **Pick your project** and see where this MYSTERY will take You!

(Remember if you are daring, you can choose your own colours and/or you can do all three.)

### Project 1 - 32 motifs

**6 Hexagon Flower A** = Rnd 1 - brown, rnd 2 - Yellow, rnd 3 - brown.

**6 Hexagon Flower B** = Rnd 1 - brown, rnds 2 - 4 - red, rnd 5 - brown.

**7 Fluffy Pentagon** = Fluffy Novelty Yarn close to brown colour for the entire motif.

**5 Plain Pentagon** = Brown for the entire motif.

**8 Plain Hexagon** = Brown for the entire motif.



### Project 2 - 32 motifs

**6 Hexagon Flower A** = Rnd 1 - pink, rnd 2 - Yellow, rnd 3 - pink.

**6 Hexagon Flower B** = Rnd 1 - black, rnds 2 - 4 - assorted colours, rnd 5 - pink.

Each rnd 2 - 4 flower is encouraged to be a different colour per motif.

**7 Fluffy Pentagon** = Fluffy Novelty Yarn close to pink colour for the entire motif.

**5 Plain Pentagon** = Pink for the entire motif.

**8 Plain Hexagon** = Pink for the entire motif.



### Project 3 - 32 motifs

**6 Hexagon Flower A** = Rnd 1 - assorted colours, rnd 2 - assorted colours, rnd 3 - white. Use assorted colours so each one is unique. Try not using the same colours for rnd 1 and 2 on one motif.

**6 Hexagon Flower B** = Rnd 1 - assorted colours, rnds 2 - 4 - assorted colours, rnd 5 - white. Each rnd 2 - 4 flower is encouraged to be a different colour per motif.

**7 Fluffy Pentagon** = Fluffy Novelty Yarn close to white colour for entire motif.

**5 Plain Pentagon** = White for the entire motif.

**8 Plain Hexagon** = White for the entire motif.



## Plain Hexagons - Make 8

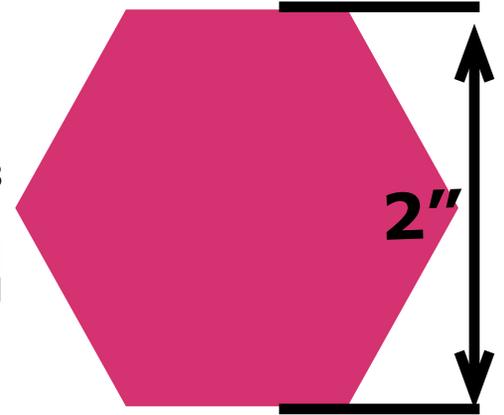
Approx Finished Size is 2" Across Flats

**1st rnd:** 6 sc in MC. Place st marker. 6 sts.

**2nd rnd:** 2 sc in each st around. 12 sts.

**3rd rnd:** (1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat around. 18 sts.

**4th rnd:** [(1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 sc in same st), sc in next 2 sts] around. 1 sc in next st, sl st in next st to FO, leave long tail approx. 24" for sewing later. 30 sts.



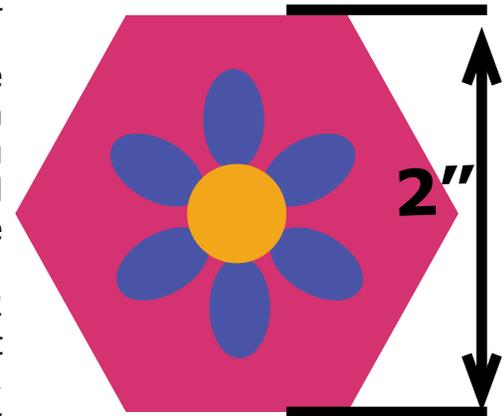
## Flower A Hexagons - Make 6

Approx Finished Size is 2" Across Flats

**1st rnd:** RS - 5 sc in MC. Sl st in next st to FO. 5 sts. Use sl st space as a st in next rnd.

**2nd rnd:** With new colour join with sl st in any st with some slack. [\*YOH, insert hook into same st as join and draw up an extended loop, but keep things as loose and relaxed as you can. Repeat \* 3 more times, for a total of 9 loops. YOH and pull hook through all 9 loops.] Ch 2.] In next st, rep [ ] 5 more times. Sl st into st at the top of the 1st petal. FO. 6 petals.

**3rd rnd:** Turn to WS. Join with standing sc in the 1st ch 2 space. 1 sc, ch 1, 2 sc in same ch2 space. Sc in the next st at the top of the flower petal. \*[(2 sc. Ch 1. 2 sc) in ch 2 space), sc in top of petal]\*. Rep from \* to \* 4 more times. Sl st loosely in next 2 sts. Sl st in next ch 1 space to FO, leave 24" long tail for sewing later.



## Flower B Hexagons - Make 6

Approx Finished Size is 2" Across Flats

**1st rnd:** RS - 5 sc in MC. Sl st in next st to FO. 5 sts. Use sl st space as a st in next rnd.

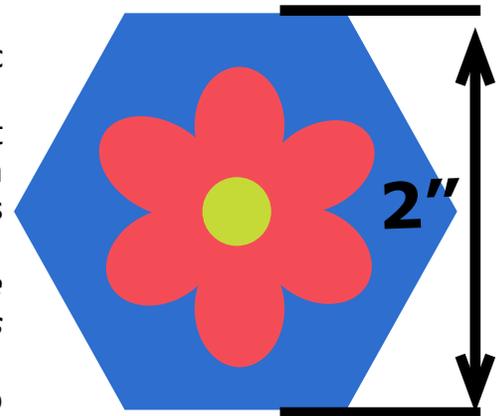
**2nd rnd:** Join new yarn with a standing sc in any st. 1 sc into same st as join, 2 sc in each st around. 12 sts.

**3rd rnd:** 1 sc in next st. 2 sc in next st. (1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat around. 18 sts.

**4th rnd:** In FLO of rnd 3 for entire round, sl st, 6 hdc in next st, sl st in next st. [sl st in next st, 6 hdc in next st, sl st in next st.] repeat around. Sl st in next st to beg sc to FO. 48 sts / 6 petals.

*Tip for the 5th rnd: The (1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 sc) is in the middle back loop of a base of a petal. There two 2 sc that separates the petals.*

**5th rnd:** With flower facing you, bend forward the petals to reveal the BLO of rnd 4, join yarn in any st. [(1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 sc) in same st. 1 sc in next 2 sts] repeat around. Sl st loosely in next st, sl st in next st to FO, leave long tail approx. 24" for sewing later. 30 sts.



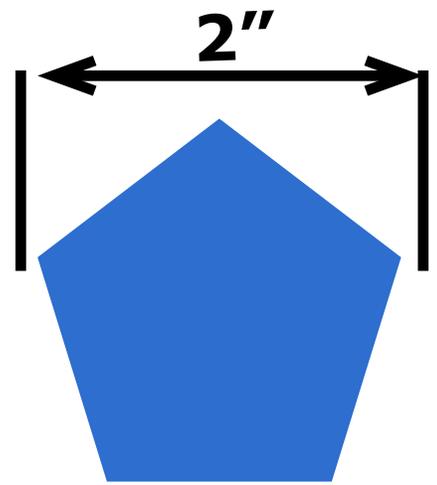
## Plain Pentagons - Make 5

**1st rnd:** 5 sc in MC. Place st marker. 5 sts.

**2nd rnd:** 2 sc in each st around. 10 sts.

**3rd rnd:** (1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat around. 15 sts.

**4th rnd:** [(1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 sc in next st), 2 sc in next st] around. 1 sc in next st, sl st in next st to FO, leaving long tail approx. 24" for sewing later. 25 sts.



## Fluffy Pentagons - Make 7

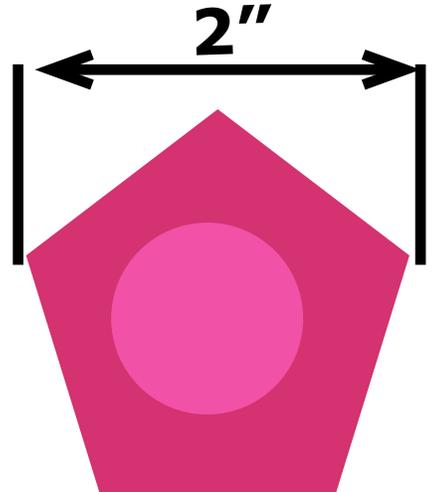
This is being created as a spiral motif to allow for the surface overlay to spiral after motif is complete.

Finished Size is 2" Across Points.

**1st rnd:** Complete 1st round of plain pentagon.

**2nd - 4th rnds:** Complete 2nd - 4th round of plain pentagon in Back Loop Only (BLO).

**Surface Overlay:** Start surface overlay with novelty fluffy yarn that matches closely the colour of the motif to the first front loop in round 2. Attach with standing sc. \*Skip 1 loop, sc in next. Repeat \* 12 times. Sl st and FO. Pull tails through to the backside. You do not want to crochet in all front loops as it loops better if just the middle front loops have the overlay. It's easier to access the sides as well if you don't crochet all the way to the edges.



[Click here for the video tutorials and pattern.](#)

You can also go onto our Website [TheCrochetCrowd.com](http://TheCrochetCrowd.com) and use the search button for Cruise Clues

## Stitches & Abbreviations

BLO = Back loop only

Ch = Chain

FLO = Front loop only

FO = Fasten off

Hdc = Half double crochet

MC = Magic circle

Rep = Repeat

Rnd = Round

RS = Right side

Sc = Single crochet

Sk = Skip stitch

Sl st = Slip stitch

St = Stitch

WS = Wrong Side

YOH = Yarn over hook



*Please share on the Panama Cruise facebook page your completed motifs. Inspire everyone with your creativity. Pack in a baggie and don't forget to bring them with you!*

# How we do our Charity Drive during the Cruise.



## Introduction

For all our cruises, we kick off the evening with our goals introducing ideas. This is your creative project to do as you see fit. You will find this activity is a learning experience, a way to share ideas, make new friends and hear the yarn tales.



## Community Yarn and Materials

Thanks to Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores, we have supplied 'community yarn' to accompany your Mystery charity project. We have tons of colors to go with your projects. Each cruiser will take an assigned amount of community yarn. **However, this is not your yarn to hoard.** This is community yarn that you are assigned to babysit for the cruise.



Cruisers will be switching colors throughout the cruise as they see fit but you may be holding a color that is desired. Please be community oriented and share. Unfortunately, more often than not, community yarn seems to disappear and volunteers to share their yarn becomes sparse. Due to location and available space on the cruise ship, we cannot store this yarn throughout the cruise in the conference facility. So we rely on each one of you to step up and be a community champion to share.



At the end of the cruise, you can keep the leftover community yarn to enjoy or donate to a friend.

If you have some really Fun yarn that you don't mind sharing with the community, please bring some along. It might be a hoot!



# Assigned Conference Time

Our goal is to get you started with a few workshop times so you can really kick this off. The remainder of the cruise days can be completed throughout the cruise. If we are having other workshops that you may want to opt out of and continue to work on this afghan, you are most welcome to do so. We ask that you sit towards the back of the classroom to allow those who wish to move onto something new to have prime seats in the front of the classroom. We also ask that during teaching times, though you may be working on your afghan, to keep silent to let us go through our lesson. The classes are not 100% teaching, Our classes are kicked off and then a good percentage of the class is free flowing with social time to continue to work on the assigned workshop.

## Final Take Away

The goal of this exercise is to expand yourself, push yourself, and produce something that may even surprise you. Working with squares that are not yours will force you to compromise, tweak and may even frustrate you. That's the point. We are each unique and crocheting is not about specifically following a pattern but knowing where to tweak to make it your very own. You may find lessons you have learned through the unexpected obstacles you may have faced. But most importantly, it's the act of giving and sharing. Thank you for being part of our charity project!

For this cruise, you can take home the afghans you create. You have the choice to either gift your afghan to a local charity in your region and/or keep it to enjoy your new memories you made with us. If we do have volunteers that are willing to take the afghans to their local charity, we would greatly appreciate that. However, there are no guarantees that we have enough volunteers that would be willing to take the 100 afghans to their local charity. The future of your project is in your hands.



## Sound & Video System, Lighting

We will be using a wireless microphone system this year and overhead screen projection to make learning easier. We hope it works, you just never know.

It might be a good idea to bring a head lamp if lightening is an issue for you. The Conference Rooms are equipped with pot lights but sometimes they are just mood lighting only. We can not guarantee the best lighting.

## The Crochet Crowd Cruise Schedule

When we do the Crochet Cruises, we work on classes on ports days and sea days. There is not a lot of time & room choices for us that can accommodate everyone. **NOTE:** We do not have classes during the times we are docked. Be prepared that during port days we might have one in the morning before we arrive in port or in the evening after supper. **Each class is 1 1/2 hr long.**

There will be days that you will be tired. The good news and most excursions do not last the whole day; therefore, giving you time to have a quick nap before the evening starts. Pace yourself out during the week.

We have an assigned classroom time approved by Carnival. If you are tired or have made other plans, you are not obligated to attend every scheduled meet up. This is your vacation. We want you to have a great time.

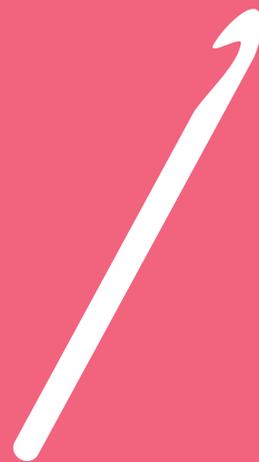
Also, please note that not all times will be perfect for everyone. There are some class times that are beyond our control due to other groups on board the cruise ship, ports of calls and entertainment that may use the same space. The cruise ships must make it work for everyone. Not just us. There are a lot of entertainment and amenities on board the ship going on at the same time. Choose what you want to do. This information will be on your badges once you arrive on the ship.

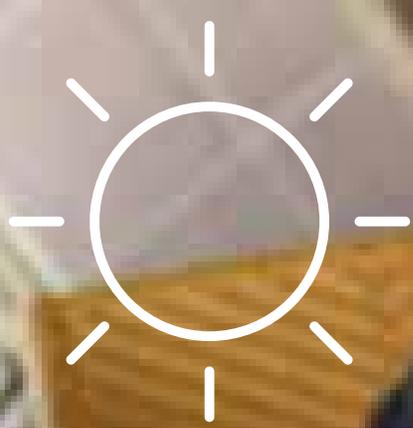
You must be present at the class to get awarded the draws/gifts assigned for the class. Don't feel obligated to show up if you prefer to be somewhere else.

## Going Home Planning

You will be receiving supplies with your activity fee. You should plan on extra space in you luggage and/or to carry on luggage on the way home.

You are receiving supplies to finish projects being taught on the ship so you can complete them at home.





SMILE,  
Wake Up  
Happy  
&  
enjoy having  
your crochet  
project in your  
hand.



# Say Hello to Fellow Crochet Cruisers

Our leadership team will try to make great effort to remember all of the passengers. Please wear your Crochet Cruise Lanyard, we will be able to identify each other much easier. In the event that we walk by any crochet cruiser without saying hello or offer a genuine smile, it's not personal. We may have not seen you and/or don't recognize you. Just simply say hello and our brains will kick in! We are coordinating and sometimes deep in thought or moving from one place to another on a 'crochet-related' mission.

## Self Social Yourself

Please take the opportunity to self socialize throughout the cruise. While we offer an inclusive classroom safe space, it is your responsibility to mingle and get to know your fellow crochet cruisers.

Enjoy our classroom activities to talk with other crocheters and share your stories. **We strongly encourage you to not sit at the same location for each workshop or event.** While as humans, we tend to find our seats on the first event and gravitate towards sitting at the same space each time, it limits our opportunities to spread ourselves around to meet others.

We do not assign tables in our workshop space. We strongly encourage you as you arrive to sit with other crocheters with empty chairs at the same tables that are filling up instead of finding tables with no one sitting there.

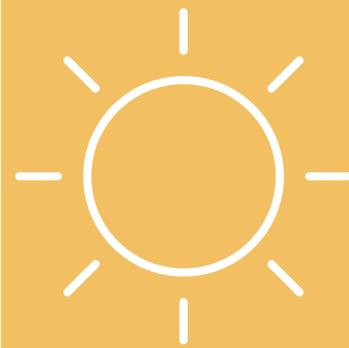
Don't exclude yourself. After the first evening, not all dining room tables fill up as cruisers skip the formal dinner for shows, specialty restaurants or for other reasons.

## Please Respect Privacy

While we are together as a group, remember that each and every person is on board may want some privacy or time to spend on their own or with family/friends. This is after all, your vacation and theirs too.

We have an open policy for the lounging deck to come and join the group without an invitation required.

If you see crocheters outside of the this lounging deck such as dining, lounges, ports and much more, be sure to ask permission before inviting yourself to sit with other crochet cruisers to be respectful. They may want their own personal time and we need to respect that.



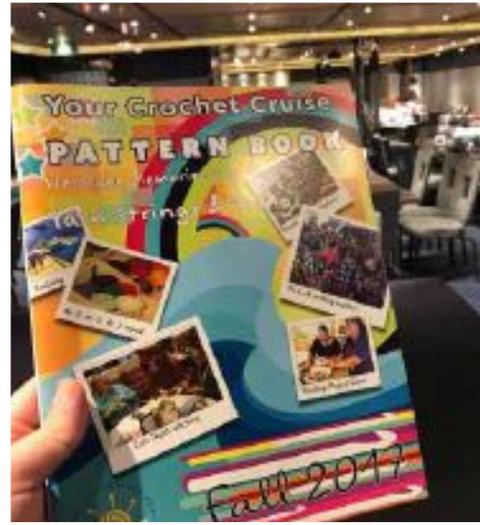
# Yarn and Course Materials

All yarn and course materials have been carefully chosen and sponsored by JOANN.com and TheCrochetCrowd.com. As well as Sugarbush yarns and Jimmy Beans. There will be an array of yarns that you may or may not have tried before. The point of the Crochet Cruises is to try new things. If you do not like the yarn, suck it up buttercup! If you get a color you don't prefer, just ask a neighbor or potentially bribe them with snacks if you need to. It's worked in the



## Patterns on Board

The patterns chosen have been intentionally chosen to educate and learn new techniques or ideas. For each class we come up with an option. Mikey will only teach one. We will be creating a pattern book for you to enjoy. The class may break off into mini groups where a leader at the table may be helping with the pattern.



## Course Materials

The course materials were provided by JOANN.com and TheCrochetCrowd.com for those who participate with the Crochet Cruises.

We have agreed with our sponsors that gifts are to only be given to guests who actually participate.

Participants who attend all of our events will be receiving all of the available course materials.

Should a participant miss a class, they will forfeit the course materials allotted for the class. Course materials will not be given out to friends to give to friends who miss the classes.



## Non Active Participants

Only registered guests that are crocheting actively with our group will be receiving the course materials. Guests will forfeit their course materials for the duration of the cruise if they are not participating. Examples include:

- Showing up at the beginning of the class and leaving.
- Showing up but not crocheting or participating with our group.
- Spouses, friends or others sitting quietly who are not crocheting with our group.

### No Activity Fee Refunds

Each cruiser is given yarn, implements, workshop materials and instructional time that exceeds the value of the activity fee that was charged. In the event that you are not satisfied with the Crochet Cruises, there will be no refunds offered.

Please Note: The activity fee includes a portion of the costs for the course materials. The activity fee also covers administrative fees required to produce this event on the ship.



# Classroom Etiquettes

## Negative Nelly's and Judging Judy's

With so much going on the ship plus crochet activities we have planned, you may experience exhaustion. Take time for you, but do not disrespect to others if you are feeling tired and are getting cranky. We might not like the pattern or the yarn but those issues are beyond our control to please everyone.

Give each other some space. The ship is very large and there is a lot of things happening. We have a lot of people and everyone has a different personality and etiquette styles. Just be mindful that each passenger is unique with a common interest of crochet.

**Please be aware.** When we get a full room of excited crocheters together, that room is NOISY. We ask kindly, when Mikey/Diva Dan, or any crocheter cruiser are speaking to the class, please have absolute silence! If you have missed something during the class teaching, don't panic! Michael is excellent at reversing back and making sure everybody is on the same page.

Some may find it hard to concentrate when the room gets a little noisy but lets be honest, the conversations between people are what makes this cruise fun and enjoyable. Remember, it is about the connections and friendships that we are here to make. Crocheting is just another fun element to the enjoyment.

## Behavior Policy

As always, The Crochet Crowd focuses on positive creativity within our learning environment. It is easy to say something negative but please think before you speak. We all want to have a good time.

Disruptive behavior is behavior which may include speech or actions will result in the removal of a guest from attending any further workshops and events by The Crochet Crowd while on the ship. Actions may include:

- Disrespectful, offensive, and/or threatening.
- Interferes with the learning activities of other crocheters.
- Impedes the teaching abilities of The Crochet Crowd.
- Demonstrates a negative impact the learning environment.
- Disruptive behavior includes physically, verbally or psychologically harassing, threatening, or acting abusively toward an instructor, staff member, or another guest.



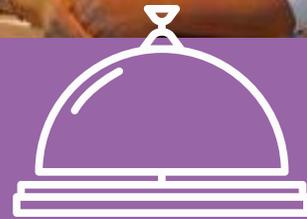
## Services Beyond Our Control

Generally, we are easy to please and are grateful for the services extended by any crew member. While we can control what happens in the classroom. We cannot control your experiences of what happens with the rest of your cruise. If you are unhappy with the services extended to you by the cruise line, please go to guest services to address your concerns. They will address the issue the best they can and within reason and regulations of the cruise line.



## Strictly No Soliciting on Board

The cruise line has a strict '**no soliciting policy**' in effect on board. You may not approach passengers to solicit, hand out materials or advertise The Crochet Crowd, Crochet Cruises or our sponsors. This is for the protection of all passengers and crew members. Members of the Crochet Cruises who are caught soliciting will be removed for any further activities for the remainder of the cruise and will not be able to cruise with our party in future cruises. However, if someone ask you about the group, you are more then welcome to tell them about us and our activity.



Our party on board is classified as a private function and not part of the over all ships itinerary.

## No Additional Seats

Our assigned group on board is known to the cruise line. We may not invite any non-registered crocheters to be a part of our party while on the cruise. You cannot bring them to our workshops as we are assigned just enough chairs for our party. So basically, no party crashers!



## Final Words

We honestly cannot express how excited we get when it comes time to jump on board the Crochet Cruises with all of you. Over the years and working with Sherry, we have discovered a whole new and wonderful side of working and being together with our friends and soon to be new friends. We have developed amazing relationships, memorable laughs and, of course, we all came together as a open, passionate, and loving community. That community, we've strive to be caring and always with open arms because we all have our stories that make us who we are. We just need to listen and understand.

We always wanted to make crochet fun. To get it out of the box; that stuffy conference atmosphere and go have some fun, dance the night away, explore and have adventures with stories to share afterwards.

With our busy schedule working with Yarnspirations, the Crochet Cruises is our get away to be inspired and energized about crochet but as you all know, organizing and hosting such an event is a lot of intensive work. Thanking our sponsors [JOANN.com](http://JOANN.com) is very important to us and we hope after the cruise you take the time to thank them sincerely via email.

We are sure that you will feel at home with us, after all personally, we are two guys that as we like to say, 'everyday people who just want to have some fun'. You may see us as YouTube celebs, but deep down, we are just like you, passionate and a love for yarn and crochet.

Welcome to the Crochet Cruises! We will be seeing you all very soon in New York!

## Photos & Videos Consent

Upon purchasing the Crochet Crowd Activity Fee and as stated in our disclaimers on our website; photos and videos will be taken throughout the cruise and possibly used in future promotions and/or displayed on social media such as Facebook. We are very sensitive to respect 'horrible' face shots. It happens to all of us. Diva Dan is one to be very concerned with those issues and takes care to edit photos with respect to all.

## Spelling and Grammar

The Crochet Crowd is controlled by Michael Sellick and Daniel Zondervan, Creative Directors and Video Hosts. You may find grammatical errors or typos in this document. While we try our very best and we are all human, a few errors may slip between the stitches which only makes this article more interesting. That's our excuse and we are sticking to it.



# Checklist

hotel(s)

transportation to hotel/port

transportation to airport after cruises

excursions

air flights to Miami and from San Deigo

check-in with Celebrity.com

cruise packages  
Excursions, beverages, specialty dining, water, etc

print luggage tags

packed  
crochet hooks, darning needle, scissors, project for traveling, pens, highlighters, etc

charity project

32 motifs are ready

more

t-shirt size  
inform Sherry if you have not done so

inform Sherry  
Dietary, medical needs and assistance for ship to be aware of.

name for badges  
for changes only

double check!  
Excited and ready to have some fun!

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# Our Next Cruises

Information can be found at [Crochet-Cruises.com](http://Crochet-Cruises.com)

Alaska! With Train to Denali Park  
Cruise: July 31st, 2020 Train: August 7th, 2020  
Leaving Vancouver on Celebrity Millennium

## **Just Released**

WOW with a double WOW. Taking a cruise to Alaska and the optional train is truly the crochet adventure of a lifetime. With stunning scenery and wildlife, Alaska always amazes us. Seats are limited for the train. So don't delay if this is on your bucket list.



Australia and New Zealand  
Feb. 12, 2021 9 day Stunning Vacation  
Leaving Sydney on Celebrity Solstice

## **Hurry! It's filling up fast!**

This is a once in a lifetime crochet cruise. We are super excited to be able to see many of our down under friends. With some tours in Australia and then cruise along the New Zealand coast, this cruise will be that dream vacation for crocheter.



South Pacific Islands  
Feb. 21st, 12 day Islands Vacation  
Leaving Auckland on Celebrity Solstice

## **Hurry! It's filling up fast!**

Right after New Zealand we are staying on the ship and heading towards the stunning islands of the Bora bora, Fiji and Tonga. This 12 day cruise will be a wonderful highlight to our Crochet cruises. We just can't wait!

