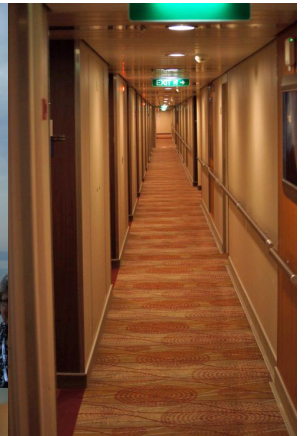


Cruise Details

This report presents some details of our cruise of the eastern Mediterranean Sea, including the ship and our special tour group. Our group of about 120 people was the Biblelands Cruise organized by the conservative Christian group known as Compass International. [P.O. Box 3747; Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816, USA; (800) 977-2177, (208) 762-7777, fax (208) 762-3363; www.compass.org.] This appears to be an annual trip and is expected to continue in 2017. They arranged flights, ship booking, and excellent tour guides.

The cruise ship was the Celebrity Silhouette. [<http://www.celebritycruises.com/>] 1-800-647-2251 Celebrity Cruises operates many ships around the world. We happened to be on the same ship for a 4-island cruise in the Caribbean Sea last March. (See my trip reports at <http://www.edholroyd.info/TripReports/2016%20Caribbean/>) The Silhouette has operated since 2011. It can carry 2886 guests plus its own very international crew of more than a thousand. Its dimensions are length: 1063 feet, 324 meters; beam: 121 feet, 36.9 meters; draught 27 feet, 8.2 meters. The total height above water is not listed. 16 decks are listed. For those with Biblical interests, Noah's boat was about 140 meters long, 23 meters wide, and 13.5 meters high, therefore roughly half the size of the Silhouette. The cruising speed is 24 knots. Celebrity organizes its own set of on-shore tours.



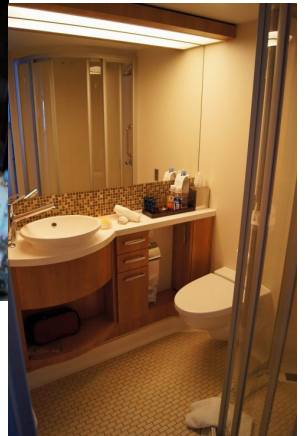
Hallway to our room



Our bedroom, towards balcony



Our bedroom, towards door



Bathroom

There were many small specialty restaurants but we did not use them.



Formal dining room and waiters



Self-serve dining, all day.

tables for self-serve meals



Elevator shafts



View over pools, lounging decks

The ship had many stores for shopping for expensive items. It had a gambling area. There were many bars for alcoholic beverages. We did not use such facilities.

The ship has a large theater for nightly entertainment of a great variety.



Theater



Song and dance



On ropes



Illusionist



Simulated under-water actors on ropes



Excellent acrobatics



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