

## Master: Captain Athanasios G. Peppas

Celebrity Cruises



Born in Piraeus, Greece, Captain Peppas graduated from the Merchant Marine Academy and launched his career at sea in 1980 as an Apprentice Officer. Captain Peppas' distinguished service with Celebrity Cruises began in 1984, and since then, he has served in all capacities onboard nearly every ship in the fleet. In addition to working onboard Celebrity ships, Captain Peppas has been part of several site teams overseeing the construction and launch of few Celebrity's ships. When not on the "high seas," Captain Peppas enjoys quality time in his home Country of Greece with his family.

#### Chief Engineer: Manolis Voulgaris



Born in Piraeus, Greece, Chief Engineer Voulgaris graduated from the Greek Merchant Marine Engineering Academy in 1984. He started as 3rd Engineer with the Royal Cruise Line and he later on joined the Celebrity Family in 1989 building a strong career. He is very delighted to be onboard the Celebrity Reflection. As Chief Engineer, his role is very important, yet virtually invisible. He is in charge of the ship's physical properties, including propulsion, electrical systems, air-conditioning and heating, plumbing operations and more. He is happily married and with two children living on a small island named Salamina, close to the main port of Piraeus.

#### Staff Captain: Kyriakos Matragkas



Staff Captain Kyriakos Matragkas comes from Piraeus Greece. Following family tradition, he joined the Mercantile Marine Academy of Hydra (the oldest marine academy in the world) from where he graduated in 2003. He has been serving Celebrity Cruises since 2000. He has served Century and Millennium class ships and was selected to join the start up team and launching of Solstice and Equinox as a Chief Officer then Silhouette and Reflection as a Safety Officer. Today as a Staff Captain of Celebrity Reflection he feels very proud and responsible to ensure a pleasant journey to each one of you.

#### Guest Relations Manager: Julie Sherrington



Julie comes from a family of six girls and was born in Godalming in Surrey, England, but has recently moved to the small town of Worthing in West Sussex. Julie started her life at sea 22 years ago with Royal Caribbean Cruise lines, where she was the "New Build Guest Relations Manager" for ten of their new ships, including their largest ships Allure and Oasis of the Seas. Julie has worked on every class of Royal ships and sailed most of their itineraries, and feels it is now time to join and experience the wonderful Celebrity family. Silhouette is her second Celebrity ship and she is looking forward to meeting new friends amongst the crew and the guests.

## Hotel Director: Niyazi Korkmaz



Hotel Director Niyazi Korkmaz was born in Turkey and from a very early age, started to work with his father who was a hotelier. After finishing High School, he started to work in the hotel industry in Turkey. He then attended Hotel Management School in Austria. In 1990 he started to work on cruise ships where he continued to build his professional career experience through various ranks, ultimately reaching his current position of Hotel Director. While working for Celebrity Cruises, he completed Guest Service Management Training at the Johnson and Wales in Miami and graduated from Marine Hotel Management at the Maritime

Hotel Academy in Salzburg, Austria. When Niyazi is not onboard a ship, he spends time in Miami where he currently resides.

#### Cruise Director: Alexander Yepremian



Alexander, born on the 4th of July in New York City, started working for Celebrity Cruises in 2009. He then spent years with our sister brand Azamara Club Cruises before returning to Celebrity in 2012. Prior to working at sea, Alexander worked for the Walt Disney Company in Florida, California and Tokyo, Japan. When not at sea, Alexander is the Artistic Director for AY Productions, which provides first class entertainment for non-profit organizations in Southern California. When it comes to Entertainment onboard the Reflection, he wants you to expect the unexpected. Remember its nothing serious, you're on vacation. #SalmonPants

# Food & Beverage Director: Clint Kelu



Born and raised in the town of Pune, India, Clint completed his diploma in HMCT and began working in the hotel industry at major hotel groups including Forte Hotels & Le Royal Meridian Hotels as a waiter, moving up the ranks through Bar Manager to his current position overseeing the entire Food & Beverage operation. Clint has been with Celebrity Cruises since 2005 and has worked in different categories of the hospitality chain, Clint strongly believes in the philosophy "Hospitality begins at home" and he welcomes all of our guests aboard their new home away from home.

## Executive Chef: Tato Garcia



Chef Tato was born in the city of Malaga, Andalusia, Spain and attributes his cooking passion and amazing creativity from his mother. His professional career started at the age of 18 at the Culinary School of Malaga "La Consula". Upon graduation he worked at prestigious 1 & 2 Michelin Star establishments in Spain, in London for BBC TV, and as Executive Chef in "CHE" Restaurant, which was awarded as the "Best International Restaurant of Shanghai". Tato came back to Spain and opened his own Restaurant "Zoque". He has been working at sea since 2008 and joined Celebrity in 2012. During his vacation he enjoys spending time and cooking for his wife and 2 children.