

The Senior Newspaper and Travelrite International
invite you to join us aboard **Grand Princess** for the

EXPLORATION OF

New Orleans, Central America & Panama Canal

FULLY ESCORTED CRUISE

Includes over
\$2000
per person value in
sightseeing tours,
entrances, transfers
and gratuities

12 April to 4 May 2026

Visiting New Orleans and Miami USA; Aruba,
Panama City, Panama Canal, Puntarenas,
Costa Rica; Puerto Chiapas, Puerto Vallarta
& Huatulco, Mexico



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This will be a wonderful experience cruising on the Grand Princess. The cruise is fully escorted and includes sightseeing tours in the ports of call and special events for tour members. We hope that you can join us.

Itinerary

DAY 1 Sunday 12 April 2026

Depart Australia/ New Orleans

Our holiday begins with a flight to New Orleans, arriving the same day, as we cross the International Date Line. On arrival in the early evening, we are transferred to our hotel for check in.

DAY 2 Monday 13 April 2026

New Orleans

French settled and influenced, New Orleans is one of the USA's most exciting and interesting cities, famous for its jazz, creativity, romance and drama. We will enjoy a morning tour of the city with a local guide that will include the key sights of the French Quarter: Jackson Square, Royal Street, French Market and Bourbon Street, as well the surrounding Garden District, Audubon Park, the Mississippi River and the commercial downtown. This evening we have an included Welcome dinner aboard a paddle steamer cruising along the Mississippi River.

DAY 3 Tuesday 14 April 2026

New Orleans

This morning we first travel to the nearby swamp country, where we will have an exciting tour of the swamps. See the moss-covered bayous and unique wildlife, including alligators, as we cruise this unique region. We then visit a traditional plantation house to see what life was like on a plantation in days gone by.

DAY 4 Wednesday 15 April 2026

Miami

Today we fly to Miami, Florida. On arrival, we enjoy an orientation tour including the major thoroughfare Ocean Drive, Mediterranean Revival styled Freedom Tower, numerous famous movie locations, a visit to the peculiar residence of Pulitzer Prize winning author Ernest Hemingway and the world famous palm-lined beaches, Downtown Miami, Coconut Grove, Coral Gables and Little Havana. We then check into our hotel.

DAY 5 Thursday 16 April 2026

Embarkation

The morning is free. At midday we are transferred to the cruise port in Fort Lauderdale to embark the Grand Princess for our 16 Day Panama Canal Cruise.



DAY 6 Friday 17 April 2026

At sea

Our first day at sea. During the day, explore and enjoy the fantastic facilities and many activities available on the Grand Princess.

DAY 7 Saturday 18 April 2026

At sea

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship. This afternoon test your knowledge with fellow group members as we play a game of Trivia, with prizes for the winners.



DAY 8 Sunday 19 April 2026

Aruba

Dutch influence still lingers on this balmy Caribbean island, part of the former Netherlands Antilles until its independence in 1986. Oranjestad is the capital and largest city of Aruba and in the local language, Papiamentu, is often referred to simply and affectionately as "Playa". Today enjoy the sight of Aruba's colourful markets and many impressive Dutch Colonial buildings. We will then drive through Frenchman's Pass, the legendary passage where in the 17th century, invading French pirates were confronted by Indians above the Spanish Lagoon. Continue to one of Aruba's gorgeous natural wonders, the Casibari Rock Formations, a startling cluster of huge rocks that inexplicably rose up from the desert soil to create a truly unique sight. We then visit the Natural Bridge, the gorgeous Alto Vista Chapel, and the California Light House before returning to the ship.

DAY 9 Monday 20 April 2026

At sea

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship.

DAY 10 Tuesday 21 April 2026

Panama Canal

Today will be a highlight of the cruise as we sail along the Panama Canal. It is a 77-kilometre long canal joining the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean and is a key link for international maritime trade. Built from 1904 to 1914, annual traffic has risen from about 1,000 ships in the canal's early days to more than 14,000 vessels now. It has been named one of the seven modern wonders of the world by the American Society of Civil Engineers. On the route of the canal there are a series of 3 sets of locks, the Gatun, Pedro Miguel and the Miraflores locks. A complete transit of the canal usually takes between 9 and 10 hours. Watch from the deck as we transverse this miracle of engineering.



Great fun and luxury cruising aboard Grand Princess

With top deck dining venues, Slice Pizzeria, The Mix, Salty Dog Grill and Coffee & Cones you'll have even more options to choose from during your stay on board Grand Princess. Relax at The Sanctuary, a tranquil haven reserved for adults, enjoy Movies Under the Stars® poolside or see an award-winning Broadway-style production show in the Princess Theater, showcasing an even more immersive audio experience.

Clothing on board the Grand Princess

During the day, casual clothing is typical, although shorts and swimwear are not permitted in the restaurants. During the evening on formal nights, a jacket and collared shirt is required for gentlemen and eveningwear for ladies. Casual nights require a collared shirt for gentlemen. The self-service restaurants are casual.

Don't worry about coming alone

About a third of people on the cruise travel alone. We will match people in twin-share cabins when available, saving you the single supplement. You won't be left alone, the Travelrite tour manager will be looking after you. There will be group activities almost every day.

The advantages of Grand Princess Escorted Cruise

The cruises are fully escorted and will be great fun holidays with plenty of activities. Each evening you will get together for pre-dinner drinks. You will meet an interesting group of people and have a fabulous time!



DAY 11 Wednesday 22 April 2026 **Fuerte Amador, Panama**

Fuerte Amador is a man-made peninsula, located at the Pacific Ocean entrance to the Panama Canal. This mile long causeway was created using rocks excavated from the Panama Canal to connect four small islands and offers panoramic views of nearby Panama City. On our tour today we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Panama City. Our first stop will be the Old Town with its colonial style houses, and cobblestone streets. In the afternoon we visit the Miraflores locks, where ships transit the Panama Canal and you'll have the chance to explore the Canal Museum to learn about the history and construction of the canal.

DAY 12 Thursday 23 April 2026 **At sea**

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship. This afternoon, join fellow group members for a fun game of bingo. There will be prizes for the winners.



DAY 13 Friday 24 April 2026 **Puntarenas, Costa Rica**

The Central Pacific's largest city, Puntarenas sits on a long, narrow peninsula in the Gulf of Nicoya. It was discovered by Hernan Ponce de Leon in 1519. We take a boat ride on the Tarcoles River. See the local bird and plant life and see crocodiles on this fascinating exploration of Costa Rica's wildlife. In the afternoon we take a ride on the aerial tram where we will see every level of the tropical transitional forest from the ground to the treetops. The Aerial Tram lets you experience firsthand all the secrets the forest keeps while you fly above the treetops accompanied by a magnificent ocean view, and a peaceful experience in harmony with nature.

DAY 14 Saturday 25 April 2026 **At sea**

A day at sea to enjoy the facilities of the ship.

DAY 15 Sunday 26 April 2026 **Puerto Chiapas, Mexico**

Experience Mexico's past and present as you explore the ancient Mayan archaeological site of Izapa. Founded around 1500 BC as a modest village, Izapa rose to prominence in the region for its cultivation of highly prized cacao, serving

as a nexus for various ancient Mesoamerican cultures. We then enjoy a sightseeing tour of Tapachula, whose history and heritage have been influenced not only by the Mayans, Mestizos and Spaniards but by German, Chinese, Japanese and French immigrants as well. There is also time for you to explore the local artisan shops.

DAY 16 Monday 27 April 2026 **Huatulco, Mexico**

We will explore the beautiful beaches of Huatulco today. Located on the Pacific coast in the state of Oaxaca, Huatulco, also known as Bahias de Huatulco, is renowned for its nine spectacular bays. On our tour this morning we visit La Crucesita, the bustling heart of Huatulco, a weaving factory and the beautiful beaches of Tangolunda and La Entrega. After a relaxing tour we will return to the Grand Princess for lunch.

DAY 17 Tuesday 28 April 2026 **At sea**

A day to enjoy the facilities of the ship. This afternoon, join fellow group members for a fun game of Scattergories. There will be prizes for the winners.

DAY 18 Wednesday 29 April 2026 **Puerto Vallarta, Mexico**

Puerto Vallarta is a city experiencing constant growth and development, while at the same time maintaining a provincial air. It was named after Ignacio Vallarta a former governor of the region. We will have a sightseeing tour with a local guide. We travel downtown, where we have time for a stroll along the Malecon (board walk) to see the many shops and art galleries. We visit Our Lady of Guadalupe, situated in a beautiful Plaza. We travel to Los Arcos, where we have a wonderful view over the bay. We will visit a Tequila manufacturer, where an expert will explain the process. We will be able to try different flavours and there will be some time for shopping.

DAY 19 Thursday 30 April 2026 **At sea**

A day to enjoy the facilities of the ship. This afternoon, join fellow group members for a fun game of Trivia. There will be prizes for the winners.

DAY 20 Friday 1 May 2026 **At sea**

A day to enjoy the facilities of the ship. This evening we enjoy a Farewell Drinks party, to celebrate the trip of a lifetime!

DAY 21 Saturday 2 May 2026 **Disembark/Departure**

This morning our cruise comes to an end in Los Angeles, USA. We disembark early morning and will be transferred to the airport, for our flights back to Australia.

DAY 22 Sunday 3 May 2026 **In flight**

DAY 23 Monday 4 May 2026 **Arrive Australia**

Today we arrive in Australia and tour arrangements conclude.



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Included in the cruise price:

- 16 nights travel on Grand Princess in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on Grand Princess
- Tour management by Travelrite International Pty Ltd
- Return economy-class air travel from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane to the USA. Speak to your consultant about fares from other cities
- Economy-class air travel from New Orleans to Miami
- Sightseeing tours of New Orleans, Miami, Aruba, Panama City, Puntarenas, Puerto Chiapas, Huatulco and Puerto Vallarta
- Welcome dinner in New Orleans and farewell drinks onboard the cruise
- Three nights' in centrally located 4-star accommodation in New Orleans with breakfast
- One night in centrally located 4-star accommodation in Miami with breakfast
- Port and handling charges on Grand Princess
- Cruise taxes and gratuities on Grand Princess
- Air taxes and surcharges

Not included in the cruise price:

- Passport and visa fees – US ESTA visa waiver must be obtained
- Travel insurance
- Meals unless specified in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary will be quoted for separately

Price per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin	Description	Deck	Twin-share	Single
ID	Interior	9,10,11	\$ 9,990	\$ 12,590
IC	Interior	5,12,14	\$ 10,490	\$ 12,790
IB	Interior	9,10,11,12	\$ 10,590	\$ 12,990
OY	Obstructed Ocean View	8	\$ 10,990	\$ 13,590
OW	Obstructed Ocean View	8	\$ 11,190	\$ 13,790
OC	Ocean View	5	\$ 11,590	\$ 14,690
BF	Balcony	8,12,14	\$ 11,990	\$ 15,390
BE	Balcony	10,11,12	\$ 12,090	\$ 15,690
BD	Balcony	10,11	\$ 12,190	\$ 15,790
BC	Balcony	12,14	\$ 12,290	\$ 15,890
BB	Balcony	11,12	\$ 12,390	\$ 15,990
B2	Balcony	10	\$ 12,590	\$ 16,490
ME	Mini Suite	8,9	\$ 13,790	\$ 18,690
MB	Mini Suite	9	\$ 14,190	\$ 19,390
Included port and handling charges & taxes			\$ 1,463	\$ 1,463
Included air taxes as at 1/11/2024			\$ 295	\$ 295
Included cruise gratuities			\$ 406	\$ 406

Availability: All cabins are subject to availability.

Please call for fares and information on other cabin categories.

Extending: You can stay on in the USA at minimal additional airfare. **Please contact Travelrite on 1800 630 343 for more information.**

General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. Grand Princess is operated by Princess Cruises and the Princess fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Princess Cruises brochure. All passengers must complete and sign a Travelrite International booking form and complete the cruise personaliser on the Princess Cruises website.

TOUR COSTS: The tour costs are based on general transport, entry, and accommodation costs. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 90 days of departure from Australia.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed (usually within 24 hours) a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to all payments made by credit cards. If fares and air taxes change due to government and airport regulations and currency fluctuations Travelrite International reserves the right to charge additional amounts.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

Days prior to departure	Cancellation fee
Over 90 days	\$1200
90 - 61 days	25% of full fare
60 - 46 days	75% of full fare
45 days or less	100% of full fare
Non appearance/no written notice	100% of full fare

REFUNDS: The tour is based on arrangements that do not allow for any refunds in respect to sight-seeing, accommodation, meals, airfare or other services not utilized after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport. An ESTA visa waiver is required for entrance into the USA. If you are not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

BAGGAGE: Passengers qualify for a 23kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserve the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

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DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS: You engage Travelrite International to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Travelrite International acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between you and the various providers of accommodation, transportation and other services that



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HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a non-refundable deposit of \$900 per person to:

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