



## *Red Hatter Cruise to Hobart and South Australia.*

Come and join us on the beautiful Golden Princess cruise ship for an 8 day cruise  
Stopping at Hobart, Kangaroo Island, Port Lincoln and Adelaide.



**Departure Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020

**Final payment due:** 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019

**Cruise Length:** 8 Days

**Ports:** Hobart, Kangaroo Island, Port Lincoln, Adelaide.

**Info:** <https://www.princess.com/find/cruiseDetails.do?voyageCode=5002>

**Download booking form:** <https://redhatsvictoria.com/2015/01/23/sa-cruise-january-2020/>

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*Pricing depends on cabin location and type and is subject to change. Prices are the same price as listed on the Princess website for this cruise. As an estimate, the pricing as of November 2018 start at around \$1,650 per person (twin share) for an interior cabin, and increase from there. Booking early is recommended for best cabin locations.*

## *Special Hatter Cruise Features*

**To make our cruise something special we will be doing the following extra activities.**

(Activities are designed to give extra enjoyment, but if you'd rather do your own thing, you are welcome to participate in some, none or all of these activities)

- Gift bag of cruise related goodies
- Optional Lunch meet-ups with Hatters in Hobart, Kangaroo Island and Adelaide.
- Onboard Hatter themed "Scavenger Hunt" with prizes for the winners.
- Special Coronation event for any Queens who have not had a coronation ceremony and want one.
- Special Naming Ceremony event for any member who has not officially had their Royal Title bestowed upon them and would like to participate.

Please note the standard Hatter dresscode is recommended for the entire cruise. The staff and other passengers seem to enjoy seeing us strolling around deck in our finery, it makes spotting fellow Hatters easy among the thousands of passengers and it makes the trip more special! **We are currently at around 85 hatters booked! So it should be a FABULOUS trip!**

If participating in the Coronation, please BYO crown.

## Cruise Information

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In Hobart we will arrive when the famous "Salamanca Market" is on. Handmade items, local produce and more can be found at this market. Approximately 7 minutes walk from the Cruise ship terminal.

At Hobart, Kangaroo Island & Adelaide we plan to meet up with local Hatter groups. More details will be provided closer to the sailing date. If you prefer, you can arrange your own shore excursions to visit local attractions on these port days.

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Thu, Jan 2	Melbourne, Australia		04:00 pm
Fri, Jan 3	At Sea		
Sat, Jan 4	Hobart (Tasmania), Australia	07:00 am	05:00 pm
Sun, Jan 5	At Sea		
Mon, Jan 6	Kangaroo Island, Australia (Tender Required), (Wheelchair Access Limited)	07:00 am	05:00 pm
Tue, Jan 7	Port Lincoln, Australia	08:00 am	06:00 pm
Wed, Jan 8	Adelaide, Australia	07:00 am	09:00 pm
Thu, Jan 9	At Sea		
Fri, Jan 10	Melbourne, Australia	06:00 am	

Any expenses for shore based outings are additional to the price of the cruise. For example if we arrange an optional lunch meetup in Adelaide, the cost of this will be additional to the cruise. Information on these will be provided before the cruise sails and participation will be optional.

During the cruise we will meet up each night for dinner, and we may arrange to meet up to attend different onboard events – but you are free to do what you like aboard the ship, and you are not obligated to dine with us.

Our planned scavenger hunt will be a fun way to entertain us during our sea days. What are we scavenging for? You'll have to wait and see when we get on board!

## Booking Information

Download the booking form here: <https://redhatsvictoria.com/2015/01/23/sa-cruise-january-2020> This will be passed on to our travel agent who will make the booking for you and contact you for the deposit payment. Deposits are required within 3 days of confirmation of your booking. Payments for the balance of the cruise can be paid in instalments via Bpay, with the final payment being required by 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019.

Early bookings are encouraged especially if you are travelling with your chapter and want to book rooms close together, or if you want a cabin in the cheaper or more popular areas.

Please do not book the cruise privately through your own agent! Only bookings made through our group booking will count towards our extra benefits (as they are based off the total number of cabins we have booked through our agent). So booking with us benefits everyone. If you have booked the cruise privately through your own travel agent, please still send in a registration form. Without this we cannot easily communicate or make arrangements. Gift bag of goodies, refund and scavenger hunt only available for those who book via Obsidian as part of our group booking and cannot be given out to those who book privately.

Based on the number of ladies already indicating they are interested we should be eligible for around \$37 per person onboard credit (Although this is subject to change) as well as an estimated \$40-\$50 pp refund on our group booking cabins after the cruise is completed – This refund amount is calculated on the total bookings, so cannot be confirmed until all bookings are fully paid. To make this refund easier to distribute, when there is more than one member from a chapter, refunds will be paid to the Chapter Queen (or representative) who will pass them to the members. Refunds will be processed a few weeks after completion of the cruise.

Bookings are generally twin share, so when sending the booking form we will wait until both occupants of a cabin have sent the forms in before the bookings are given to the travel agent. If members from a chapter are booking together, please send all forms in together to save time and ensure cabins are placed together.

If you are travelling alone and would like to be partnered with another Hatter to share a room, we can partner you up with another Hatter who is also travelling alone.

## *Coronation & Naming Ceremony*

We have been given permission from Princess Cruise Line to hold a special Coronation event on board. All members may attend this ceremony. Queens who have not had a coronation ceremony to crown them can participate in this coronation and will be formally crowned by another Queen. Please make sure you tick the option on the booking form and BYO crown (and other regalia if desired) on the cruise.

Members who have not had a ceremony to formally announce their Royal Hatter name are welcome to participate in the naming ceremony portion of the Coronation event. Please make sure you tick the option on the booking form.

Please note that you should take care of your valuables – so consider bringing a “CruiseCrown” instead if your royal jewels are very valuable ;) Each Stateroom does contain a safe, however these may not fit all your valuables or large crowns.

## *Cruise Ship Features*

For those not familiar with cruising, your Princess cruise booking includes the following: all on-board meals\*, tea & coffee^, theatre shows, live music, big screen poolside movies, other entertainment, 4 pools

\* Excluding speciality restaurants and some room service items. ^Excluding speciality cafe beverages.

## *Travel Insurance*

It is advisable to purchase travel insurance for this cruise as you should for any travel you do. While we are sailing within Australia, because the ship is registered overseas you will need insurance that specifically covers cruising and/or Pacific island coverage. Please check any policy you get to make sure you are covered for this cruise. Please also be aware of what pre-existing medical conditions are and aren't covered in whatever policy you are looking at.

You will need to make your own decision on which insurance policy is best for your situation, and check the PDS of any insurance you are looking at.

My recommendation is to shop around - for both price and what they cover. For example, Covermore travel insurance can be purchased direct from Covermore as well as from Flightcentre and from Australia Post. Using an example of a 60 year old – for what appeared to be the same covermore insurance policy Flightcentre quoted \$154, Covermore quoted \$113 and Australia Post quoted \$79.

Australian Seniors insurance was cheapest I found (quoted \$43.41), but doesn't cover any pre-existing medical conditions if you are over 75, only limited ones for under 75 and pays lower amounts per claim. So cheaper isn't necessarily better.

In my testing it appeared to be slightly cheaper to book travel insurance for 2 people together compared to 2 people separately. So room-mates may wish to purchase together to save money.