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*The 2020 Hatter cruise to Hobart & South Australia is almost here!
As some of you are first time cruisers, I thought I'd make a booklet with some
tips and information about the cruise.*



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Boarding

Make sure you have brought your boarding pass and your drivers license or passport as proof of identity. This must match your booking information. You'll need to pass through a screening process like an airport, with metal detector and bag xrays.

Meet up at the cruise terminal at 1:30pm. Your boarding pass might give another time, as it is done based on your cabin number, but I've been told our group should meet at 1:30.

I will have a goody bag for you with a special souvenir lanyard, a small printed booklet with cruise info and a scavenger hunt game, as well as some other items for you. I will also hand out info on the Port Lincoln tour for those on it.

When you check in, you'll be given a cruise card that unlocks your cabin and serves as a sort of credit card for ordering drinks and other items. They will also provide you with a fold up deckplan of the ship to help you find your way around.

Cruise Itinerary

Melbourne – (Thursday Jan 2nd) – Board from 11am, Depart 4pm

- Board the ship and set sail for a week of FUN!!!! Woo hoo!

At Sea – (Friday Jan 3rd)

- See the onboard ship's newsletter for the daily activities
- Naming Ceremony & Queen's Coronation event (Vista Lounge) 5:30pm-6:30pm

Hobart (Saturday Jan 4th) - Arrive 7am, depart 5pm (Back to ship by 4pm!)

- Salamanca market - 8.30 am to 3.00 pm.
- Lunch at Irish Murphys Pub – (For those who booked) – 12:00pm
- MONA (Museum of Old and New Art) – Open 10am (You will need to leave by 3pm!)

At Sea – (Sunday Jan 5th)

- See the onboard ship's newsletter for the daily activities
- Mermaid Pool Party by the pool (More details to come)

Kangaroo Island (Mon Jan 6th) - Arrive 7am, depart 5pm (Back to ship by 4pm!)

- Penneshaw Market (on the oval) is open from 9am
- Mermaid beach photo shoot – Meet at the ferry terminal at 10:30am
- Mermaids Lunch at Penneshaw Hotel - (For those who booked) – 12:00pm

Port Lincoln (Tues Jan 7th) - Arrive 8am, depart 6pm (Back to ship by 5pm!)

- Port Lincoln Tour - (For those who booked) – Meet at your designated group time on the pier (8:30-8:40am)
- Lunch with Port Lincoln Hatters at the Grand Tasman Hotel – 12:00pm

Adelaide (Wed Jan 8th) - Arrive 7am, depart 9pm (Back to ship by 8pm)

- Adelaide Zoo is Open 9:30am to 5pm. There is a Popeye boat 45 min river cruise to Adelaide Zoo – which leaves from 10:00am
- High Tea at the Intercontinental Hotel - (For those who booked) - 2pm
- Adelaide Pub Lunch at Strathmore Hotel – 12:00pm

At Sea – (Thursday Jan 9th)

- See the onboard ship's newsletter for the daily activities
- We hope to have a get together for afternoon tea - TBA

Melbourne – (Friday Jan 10th) – Arrive 6am

- Leave the ship – Goodbye everyone, hope you had great time!!

Extra Information on our Port Activities

Hobart

- **Salamanca:** This market is a short walk (5-10mins) from the cruise ship. Free entry. Over 300 stalls of produce, crafts and other items. Lined with beautiful sandstone buildings. BYO shopping bags!
- **Irish Murphys Lunch:** Meals and drinks at your expense. Bookings essential as we are capped to 50. Contact Obsi to book your spot (amaranthine.sparkle@gmail.com). <http://www.irishmurphys.com.au/hobart>
- **MONA:** We plan to have a group going to MONA, having fish and chips for early lunch at 11am, then boarding the boat or bus at 12. Leaving at 2:30 or 3pm (depending on if we're taking the bus or ferry back). Contact Obsi to book your spot (amaranthine.sparkle@gmail.com).

Entry cost is \$30 adults, \$27 concession. Easiest way to get there is via the ferry (25min ride) or bus which costs \$22 return and leaves from the pier close to the cruise ship. It is recommended to allow at least 3 hours to visit MONA (not including travel time), so you could fit in morning shopping at Salamanca and visit MONA in the afternoon. You will need to book the 3:00pm ferry back from MONA at the latest in order to be back onboard the ship before it sets sail. Book the ferry tickets here: <https://mona.net.au/visit/book-your-transport>

Kangaroo Island

- **General Info:** Public transport is very limited on KI. If you've not booked a tour through the cruise ship, then exploring the island is difficult. Access to the island is via “tender” - which is a small boat that sails from the cruise ship to the dock on the island.
- **Mermaid Lunch:** We will meet up with the “Merry Mermaids of Kangaroo Island” chapter for lunch at Penneshaw Hotel. (Fully Booked.) So if you'd like to come dressed in mermaid themed attire, please do so! The plan is (Weather permitting) to take photos on the beach first – meeting up at the ferry terminal then walking to a nice spot of beach.

Port Lincoln

- **Tour:** The tour (fully booked) lasts for approx 8 hours and includes being picked up and returned to the pier, with lunch. You'll be in 3 bus groups.
- **Lunch:** Meeting up with the Port Lincoln chapter for lunch and a stroll around Port Lincoln

Adelaide

- **General Info:** We arrive at "Outer Harbour". Take the train into Adelaide (leaves every half hour). The journey is approx 35 mins long. You will need to purchase the Cruise Ship Metrocard from the train station for \$10, which gives all day travel. Senior card holders are eligible for free public transport between 9.01am and 3.00pm.
- **High Tea:** (Fully Booked) The Intercontinental Hotel is adjacent to the train station in Adelaide.
- **Adelaide Zoo:** If you are interested in this option Contact Obsi to register your interest (amaranthine.sparkle@gmail.com). You'll pay at the zoo.

You don't need to leave the ship on port days, staying onboard can also give you some peace and quiet as it is less crowded.

Dinner each night

Those who have booked through me should all be booked into the same dining room at the same time. So that we can dine together. I've been unable to get proper confirmation on this, but I believe it will be 7:15, and which dining room will be printed on your cruise card (They won't tell me which room it is in advance!).

If you've booked through your own agent, you won't be allocated into our dining group – your dining room and time will be printed on your cruise card.

If you would prefer to eat at the buffet or specialty restaurants you are of course welcome to. Please let someone who is coming to dinner know, so we know you'll not be dining with us.

What to pack

Documents

Cruise boarding pass, ID (License/passport), credit card. I would also recommend your medicare card, pension/seniors/concession card, travel insurance info and other such documents.

Luggage

I have been told there is no weight restriction on luggage, however Princess recommends no more than two suitcases/bags per person, no more than 140cm x 60cm x 40cm and 32kg each. You'll drop off your suitcases at the luggage check-in near the front gate (You will need to walk a short distance from where you get dropped off) and take any carry-on with you to the terminal. At the end of the cruise you'll collect luggage from the terminal and need to walk with it to the carpark (Taxis may be able to come onto the pier) - So remember to only pack what you can carry/wheel without assistance. Cabins are also quite small, so keep that in mind too, especially when sharing with another Hatter. Shallow suitcases may fit under the bed for storage.

It is a good idea to mark your luggage with coloured ribbons to make identifying them easier. Make sure the cruise ship paper luggage tags (they will send you this with your boarding pass) is on the luggage. I have Hatter luggage tags you can also print <https://redhatsvictoria.com/2019/11/17/cruise-luggage-tags/>

Carry-On Bag

You'll want to have a small carry on bag as well as your luggage because your luggage will likely not be delivered to your cabin until the evening, so anything you'll need during the day (medications, swimwear etc.) pack into a carry on bag. A backpack is good. Your cabin might still be being cleaned when you board, depending on when you board. So you may need to go back later to drop off your bag.

Easy clothing storage

Bring an 'over-the-door' shoe organiser and attach this to a coathanger (use pipecleaners or string to loop through the eyelets). This can store all your underwear and small items and as a bonus you can pack everything into this at home, fold it up and put it in the suitcase, then simply hang it up when you get there and you're unpacked!

- Please wear Hatter colours for the whole cruise, but especially at dinner and during shore meetups with other hatters.
- The cruise line dresscode is “Smart casual”. Shorts, tshirts and thongs are not permitted in the dining rooms, but can be worn around the ship.
- It may be hot, but sea breezes onboard may be chilly. So make sure you pack for hot and cold weather. Layering is good.
- Bringing clothing to mix and match is a good way to pack minimal
- Wear comfortable non-slip shoes, especially if the deck is wet.
- Our cruise will contain 1 “formal night” - this is where guests are asked to dress up very formally. For example they ask guests to wear evening dresses and tuxedos. So bring some bling, tiaras etc. and dress up!
- A watch - you may not want to take your phone around with you as you might not get coverage. So bring a watch to know the time. Or better yet one of those pin watches like nurses wear!
- Onboard all you'll need to carry with you is your cruise card, and also any items like a camera, medications and lippy. So a small cross-body bag is useful to carry these little things with you.

What to bring - Clothing

- Underwear, socks, night clothes
- Comfortable walking shoes, dressy shoes for dinner
- Comfortable clothing for day. Dressier clothing for night (especially formal night) - Preferably Hatter colours!
- Cardigan/jumper etc. for if the weather is cold. Raincoat just in case
- Swimwear for the pools (Pool towels are provided)

What to bring - Toiletries and extras

- Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush
- Medications, sea sick medications, pain killers, sunscreen
- Umbrella, sunglasses, water bottle (for shore excursions)
- Chargers for any electronics
- US plug (Not-surge protected!) powerboard or double adaptor (cabins have 1 powerpoint)

Roll clothing rather than folding, as it avoids wrinkles. Irons are not permitted onboard but there are irons in the self service laundries you can use.

Note on powerboards/double adaptors – You will need one that converts your AU electrical plug to the US socket the cruise ship has. You cannot bring a surge protected powerboard as these are banned! I'd suggest not buying cheap (“\$2 shop”) plugs/boards – pay the extra to buy from reputable brands. If you have devices that charge via USB, look for powerboards/double adaptors that have USB ports, so that you can charge multiple things at once.

Food to bring with you

While food is included in your cruise fare (so you'll want to make the most of that!), one of the things the ship doesn't really cater for is savoury snacks (crackers, chips, muesli bars, nuts etc.) So if you think you'll fancy something like that (especially if you are gluten free), you might want to bring some of these with you. Just bring them in prepackaged unopened packets, and bring along some ziplock bags or containers so you can portion them out onboard.

Alcohol and drinks you can bring on board

Each passenger can bring 1 bottle (up to 750mls) of wine with them (in carry-on luggage) without charge, which you may consume in your cabin only. Any additional bottles will have \$15 corkage charge added. If you bring alcohol onboard at one of the ports we visit, the alcohol may be taken from you and get delivered to your cabin on the final night of the cruise.

You can bring water and soft drink on board. You can pack this into your suitcase or in a separate bag (with luggage tag). They must be still sealed.

Door/Cabin Decorations

Some people like to decorate their cabin and door in Hatter style. The doors and walls of the cabin are metal, so magnets are a great way to hang things that won't damage the walls like sticky tape or bluetack can. Any decorations on the outside (corridor side) of your cabin door may be damaged/stolen.

If you need medications/First Aid/Toiletries

There is a small kiosk onboard that sells a few basic toiletries and items, but it can be very expensive. There is also a Dr on board, but that likewise can be pricey. It's a good idea to bring a few first aid items you might need with you.

Business Cards

Queens - bring some business cards for your chapter in case you're asked about the RHS (There are printable info flyers on the RHV site you can print)

Luggage – what NOT to bring

(Other than the obvious no weapons etc!)

- Hair dryers, clothing irons, kettles - are not permitted due to fire hazards - there is a hairdryer in the cabin for you to use. Hair straighteners & curlers may be allowed, but some passengers have reported having these confiscated (pack into checked luggage for less chance of this happening)
- Surge protected powerboards are not allowed (as these are a fire hazard with ships wiring), non-surge protected ones are allowed. Pack these into your checked luggage rather than carry on.
- Food/drinks that are unsealed. While you can bring on prepackaged food still in unopened containers, any homemade food or opened packets may be confiscated. Opened drinks may be confiscated as people commonly try to smuggle alcohol onboard by putting it in other bottles etc.
- Fresh fruit & Vegetables – eat what is provided on the ship

If any items are confiscated they will be available to collect with your luggage after the cruise. Food/drink items will likely be destroyed.

Please be aware of food quarantine laws. No fresh fruit can be brought into Tasmania or South Australia for fruit-fly prevention. So when stopping at port please do not take any fresh fruit & vegetables from the ship with you.

If you use a C-PAP machine you can request distilled water be provided (free) in your cruise personaliser (on the website), as well as an extension cord. If you haven't ordered it online, you can try asking your room steward when you board.

Various Cruise Tips

Expect the cabin to be much smaller than hotel room. Your cabin will have a wardrobe with coathangers and a narrow tall cabinet with shelves. Each bed also has a bedside table. Shallow suitcases may fit under the bed. There is a small safe in each cabin to store valuables.

If you need extra pillows, an ice bucket or anything else - ask your room steward. If they have done a good job and been lovely during the cruise, make sure you fill out a feedback card and give them praise (by name)

Inside cabins don't have natural light at all, but if you turn the TV to bridge cam station you'll have instant nightlight and be able to see when the sun is up.

Hang your cruise card lanyard on a magnetic hook on or beside the door so you'll never forget it as you leave.

The power points will be US plug, so bring an adaptor - best are ones with built in USB ports so you can charge multiple things at once. Powerboards with surge protectors are banned, so you may need to purchase a cruise-approved one. A powerboard without surge protection may be allowed.

Bring a battery powered candle or light as a night light, or a torch – to make night time toilet trips easier.

Sometimes drawers can slide open in rough seas, you can prop an unused pillow in front of it to keep it closed. Bring air freshener for the bathroom! Bathroom space is pretty limited, so if you have lots of lotions and potions bring an over the door organiser to hang on the bathroom door. Simply make ribbon loops through the grommets and use the loops to hang the organiser from the hooks on the bathroom door. Better yet share with your cabinmate.

The cruise ship includes beach/pool towels, soap, shampoo and conditioner. But if you prefer your own shampoo and conditioner bring your own.

The shower has a small clothesline in it, so you can bring pegs for hanging bathers and other small items to dry.

Activities on board

Each evening you'll receive a "Princess Patter" newsletter by your cabin door. This will give the activity guide for the following day as well as any notices. Bring a highlighter or pen and mark off the activities you'd like to do. There is also a copy of this information on the Princess @ Sea app.

Travel insurance.

While you may not think it's necessary to have, it is important for a cruise to be covered for medical expenses. Cruise ship medical staff aren't covered by medicare, so if you need medical assistance while on the cruise ship, if you don't have travel insurance that covers medical expenses, you will be out of pocket. You should also have travel insurance to protect against any damage or loss to items, any delays or cancellations of the service etc. Make sure you check your insurance policy covers you for a cruise. Most insurers will require you to have international coverage (eg New Zealand) for a domestic Australian cruise if they don't have a specific cruise insurance plan.

Lost on board

If you're lost looking for your cabin, check the carpet. Red = port side (even number cabins), blue = starboard (odd number cabins). The elevators (except the glass Atrium elevators) face forward. So if your stateroom is even numbered you always turn left getting out of the elevator. If your stateroom is odd, always turn right. Or find a crew member and ask for directions!

Plan your next cruise

While onboard go to the future cruise desk and get a deposit for a future cruise. This is refundable if you don't use it, but includes extra on board credit for you to use on your next booked cruise. You can use your deposit for cruises booked through any travel agent.

Tipping/gratuities

Princess Cruises from AUS and NZ do not have automatic tips (gratuities) added on (cruises departing other countries have a daily fee added to your bill). You can add one on if you would like (See customer services or do it via your onboard account). Staff members who receive a cash tip must surrender it to a tipping pool to be spread among all employees. A 15% gratuity is included on all drink purchases from bars, dining rooms and the lotus spa.

Avoiding Travel sickness and “Gastro”

Seasickness

Some suffer from this and some don't. Cruise ships are heavy and don't rock as much as a smaller ferry or other boat. If you're not sure if you'll be sick or not, it might be best to come prepared and take preventative measures – as you don't want to miss out on any fun by feeling unwell. Talk to your Dr about what might be best for you (and with other medications you are taking).

Avomine (no longer available in Aus, but can be bought online), Phenergan and Bonine are anti-nausea medications that can work as a preventative if taken each night (they can cause drowsiness). Best to take one the night before we sail as well. Seasick tablets like travelcalm and kwells work on helping when you already are sick. “Seabands” are a pressure point wristband you can wear. Eating ginger and green apples as well as swimming apparently helps with seasickness (the cool water and motion of the water may help).

If you need tablets, they may be bought in the gift shop, although they will be expensive. Try asking at the passenger services desk as they might give you one for free.

“Gastro” (Norovirus)

Don't be afraid, but be aware and cautious. Norovirus is present in some degree on all cruise ships and is spread by sick people leaving germs on surfaces, and healthy people picking those germs up on their hands and transferring it to their mouths.

Avoid touching surfaces with your hands where possible (eg handrails, lift buttons, table tops etc.) and definitely avoid putting your hands to your face. For example use a fork when eating (even pizza or chips). Press elevator buttons with your knuckle instead of fingers. Rest your forearm on railings instead of your hands.

Keep in mind that if you touch your mobile phone then put it to your face to use it, you can potentially be transferring germs from your hands to your face. Don't touch your mobile while eating to help avoid spreading germs.

Wash your hands well with soap and water whenever you get the opportunity, especially before eating. Wash hands in your cabin bathroom before coming to meals – then try to avoid touching surfaces on the way to the dining room. Avoid using the public bathrooms where possible, wash hands well if you do.

Hand sanitisers are mostly designed for bacteria not viruses, but may be better than nothing if you've settled down for food and have pulled your chair in or touched the table. Use plenty of sanitiser and let it fully dry. Carrying a small bottle with you is a good idea, but it is available all around the ship.

Special dietary needs

Don't be shy about asking for something in the dining room, they may be able to accommodate dietary needs and provide food that isn't on the days menu. They can often give you items from the previous day or children's menu too.

If you have special dietary needs (eg food intolerances), it is best to make a note of this on your cruise booking (either call the travel agent, or fill out your passenger details on the Princess website) – this helps the ship prepare enough special needs food items (gluten free/non-dairy etc.)

Talk to the head waiter of the dining room on the first evening and he can arrange to make meals to suit your needs. They can bring the next day's menu to you each evening so you can select items that can be prepared to your needs (eg making gluten free versions), or arrange alternative options. This information will be stored by cabin number, so the next evening just inform your wait staff that you have pre-ordered and what your cabin number is.

You can download printable intolerance/allergy cards to show to waiters/chefs to save you having to explain each time (Or make your own):

FODMAP cards - <https://www.katescarlata.com/pass>

Allergy (customisable) cards - <https://allergyfacts.org.au/resources/chef-card-template>

If dining at the buffet, if you inform staff there of your dietary needs, they will be able to tell you which foods are safe for you to eat. Be aware though that in the buffet the risk of cross contamination is higher than in the dining room.

For gluten free people, the ship does have gluten free bread and desserts, but does not have things like crackers (in fact there are no crackers/chips and other savoury nibbles served). So if you'd like to enjoy some cheese and crackers, nuts or other such items, you may like to BYO crackers onboard (in sealed packets only) and then you can take cheeses and things from the buffet to eat with them.

Gluten free pizza can be ordered from the onboard pizza place, however there is a longer wait (about 30mins) for this to be cooked – you will also receive a whole 12” pizza, rather than a single slice, so find a pizza buddy to share with!

Drinks that are free (Included in your cruise fare)	Drinks that cost extra (Will be charged to your cruise card)
The Buffet (Horizon Court) has teas, instant coffee, boiling water, cold water and (plain) milk. At breakfast fruit juices . At lunch they have old fashioned lemonaid (squeezed lemon)	International Cafe & bars – All drinks here are charged I believe. Speciality teas, coffee, chai, Hot chocolate, fruit juices etc.
Main Dining Rooms – These have free tea, coffee, water and (plain) milk.	All alcoholic drinks and softdrinks. All bottled water. All minibar items
Room Service – You can order standard tea and coffee for free.	
Elsewhere on the ship – Bars have free water. You can order a cup of boiled water and use your own teabag/milk.	
Food that is free (Included in your cruise fare)	Food that costs extra (Will be charged to your cruise card)
Buffet (Horizon court) food eals in the main dining room (Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner) Food from the international cafe. Food on the outdoor pool deck English Pub Lunch (Wheelhouse Bar, on sea days)	Sabatini and Crown Grill specialty restaurants, food served at the Vines wine bar. Some room service items may have additional charges (like \$3 delivery charge for pizza) Sundaes on the pool deck cost extra
Room service is free, other than pizza which has a \$3 charge.	If you have the “unlimited soda” package, this only allows you to have “fountain” soda, not any served in cans/bottles (That is charged extra)

Other Drink Information

You are not allowed to directly fill your own drink bottles/insulated cups at the buffet drinks station (for hygiene reasons), however you can fill one of their cups and pour that into your bottle/cup (Don't let the cup touch your bottle – This allows you to carry drinks around the ship.

When ordering wine at dinner, it's cheaper to order a bottle, even if you only want one glass per night - the waiter will store the bottle of wine for you so you can have another glass the following nights.

Drinks packages

There are 3 drinks packages you can order (for an extra fee). Current pricing is unknown for the coffee/soda packages as you must purchase these while onboard the ship – Pricing is an estimate only.

Coffee package/card – Approx \$40-\$50

This entitles you to 15 speciality coffees/teas, and unlimited brewed coffees/teas/hot chocolates. You may share the speciality coffees (eg give one to a friend) but not the free brewed drinks. This can be used at the International Cafe and some bars, but cannot be used in the dining rooms or for room service. Any remaining drinks not redeemed are not refundable.

The soda and alcohol packages are priced at a per day charge, for the entire 8 day cruise. You should consider if this is good value for you or not, as buying drinks individually may end up to be a cheaper option overall considering that port days you won't be on the ship until the evening. Both passengers in the cabin are ***NOT*** required to both buy the package, however you are not allowed to share the drinks, and there may be a time limit with how quickly you can purchase another drink (to help ensure people don't share). So you cannot have one person buy the package and give drinks to another.

“Unlimited Soda and more” - Approx \$80

Includes all “fountain” soda (not bottled/canned) as well as fruit juices, mocktails and hot chocolate. While there is a mocktail menu, you can also request “virgin cocktails” not on the menu. The individual price for mocktails is about \$5.50 and softdrinks about \$3. So if you would drink more than 2 mocktails a day (each day) then this package appears to be good value.

“Premium beverage package” - Approx \$666

This package works out at about \$83 per day, so unless you'd drink more than that every single day, it's not good value. This package does however include other kinds of drinks not just alcoholic. It includes fountain soda, bottled water, cocktails, spirits, wine by the glass, beers, coffee and tea (individual drinks of a value up to \$16 each). A 25% discount on all bottles of wine when purchased in bars, dining room or speciality restaurants. As a guide, you would need to drink at least 7 glasses of wine, or about 8 cocktails, or 21 special coffees EVERY day (including the first day) to break even.

Contacting Hatters on board the ship

Don't rely on your mobile phone to work. Your normal phone coverage will only work while in port, might work while sailing close enough to shore, and definitely will not work while at sea. Make sure you have data roaming turned off, because while at sea the ship will have its own mobile phone coverage switched on which will be considered international rates by your carrier. Check which coverage your mobile is using, before you make any calls - if it's your normal provider then it should be using your normal domestic coverage. If in doubt, switch off and have a holiday from your mobile phone!

The ship does not have free wifi. You can purchase internet packages for use onboard but they are very expensive. There is a free onboard messaging system called Princess@Sea, which you can set up when you board. That allows you to send messages to people onboard. There is a ship-only free service that lets you use the Princess messenger and access your cabin account, plan daily activities, view restaurant menus etc.

While you can use Princess@Sea to message other Hatters while onboard, this system requires you to add people to your contact list first to be able to message them (A bit like friending someone on facebook). Which can be a bit tedious for a large group – So it is better for communicating within chapters or small friend groups – rather than something we can use to message all our cruising Hatters.

If you know the cabin (Stateroom) number of someone you wish to talk to, you can phone their cabin and leave a message if they are not there. I will provide a list of all our cabins to make this easier.

To get around this communication issue, we will have an (optional) meetup at 8am each morning, so that we can discuss our daily plans and share any messages. We also plan to have a few contact points where we will have a small clipboard on the door of some of our cabins to display any important messages and where notes can be left.

Ship Facilities

The ship has 4 pools. 2 larger pools on deck 14 (One under glass roof cover, the other open air). Also 2 smaller pools which tend to have less children in them – on each end of the ship. Pool towels can be found at all pool areas.

Above the larger outdoor pool is a large movie screen. The Princess Patter will tell you which movies will play each day/night. In the evening they set out deck chairs with covers, and blankets are available. Get there early to grab a lounge.

The Princess Theatre has stage shows each night and sometimes other entertainment (Shows or lectures) during the day. You will need to get there early as they are popular and fill up fast.

The Visa Lounge has a variety of things like bingo, trivia, dance classes, magic acts during the day and evening. Explorer's lounge sometimes has trivia, karaoke and other such things.

The Wheelhouse Bar sometimes has live music. The atrium (Where the glass lifts are) sometimes has live music and demonstrations.

There are self-service laundry facilities you can use, but it is recommended to stay there while washing, so that your clothes don't get stolen.

The ship has a small library of books and board games that you are welcome to borrow. But the selection is small, best to bring your own. You can even leave books there after the cruise for others to enjoy.

During the day, the Explorer lounge and Skywalkers Nightclub are great spots to have a quiet sit down to read or relax.

The ship has a private outdoor relaxation area called “The Sanctuary”. You have to pay to book a lounge there, and the only way to book is to go to the Lotus Spa as soon as you board and book a lounge. So get in quick if you want to do that. The Lotus spa has spa treatments you can book (for extra charges)

Dining venues and times:

Main Dining Room:

Breakfast : 7:30am - 9:30am

Lunch (Sea days only):

Afternoon Tea: 3:30 – 4:30pm

Dinner: – “Traditional dining” - 5pm or 7:15 (We are booked for 7:15)
- “Anytime dining” 5:00 – 10:00pm

Horizon Court Buffet:

Breakfast: 6am – 11am (continental from 5am)

Lunch: 11:30am – 3:30pm

Afternoon Tea: 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Dinner: 5:30pm - Midnight

Poolside Pizza / Burgers / Icecream:

Open from 11am until late (11pm or Midnight?)

International Cafe:

(Serves cakes, pastries, rolls etc.)

24 hours a day

Room Service:

24 hours a day

English Pub Lunch:

Served on sea days, usually in the wheelhouse bar. 11:30 – 2pm. The food is free (limited menu) but drinks cost extra. Long wait times as this is popular.