

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

EXPLORATION OF
**New Orleans,
Central America
& Panama Canal**

FULLY ESCORTED CRUISE

10 to 31 May 2023

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

Visiting Los Angeles and New Orleans, USA;
Puerto Vallarta & Huatulco, Mexico; San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua;
Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Panama City, Panama Canal, Cartagena, Colombia

EXPLORATION OF New Orleans, Central America & Panama Canal

FULLY ESCORTED CRUISE

This will be a wonderful experience cruising on the Island 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.

DAY 1 Wednesday 10 May, 2023 **Departure/Los Angeles, USA**

Our holiday begins with a flight to Los Angeles, arriving the same day, as we cross the International Date Line. On arrival we will enjoy a tour of the main sights including Hollywood, Mann's Chinese Theatre, the Walk of Fame, Sunset Boulevard and Santa Monica.

DAY 2 Thursday 11 May, 2023 **Island Princess**

This morning will be free before we are transferred to the port to embark the Island Princess. Be up on deck as the ship slips her moorings at 4:00pm for the start of our fabulous 15-night cruise.

DAY 3 Friday 12 May, 2023 **At sea**

Our first day at sea. During the day, explore and enjoy the fantastic facilities and many activities available on the Island Princess. This evening join us for welcome drinks. We will take this opportunity to outline our activities during the cruise.

DAY 4 Saturday 13 May, 2023 **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 5 Sunday 14 May, 2023 **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 6 Monday 15 May, 2023 **At sea**

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

DAY 7 Tuesday 16 May, 2023 **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. After a relaxing tour we will return to the Island Princess for lunch.

DAY 8 Wednesday 17 May, 2023 **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 9 Thursday 18 May, 2023 **San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua**

Nicaragua is the largest Central American nation and features some of the most memorable vistas, cultural treasures and intriguing history on the trip. Our local guide will greet us at the dock and transfer us to Granada, located on the shores of Lake Nicaragua. Founded in 1524 along the shores of the 'Sweet Sea' this elegant city showcases a variety of colonial buildings, ancient Spanish fort and lovingly restored churches. We will enjoy wandering the cobblestoned streets before enjoying a boat ride on Lake Nicaragua where we'll discover a few of the 365 small "Isletas" and their people.

DAY 10 Friday 19 May, 2023 **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 Hennis 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.



Great fun and luxury cruising aboard Island Princess

The spectacular Island Princess was built to Panama size, which means she was custom built to the maximum size a cruise ship can be to sail through the Panama Canal. In addition to being the ultimate vessel for this particular voyage, she boasts a high percentage of balcony staterooms which give our guests the chance to view this feat of engineering up-close and personal. Whilst cruising the Canal which was forged through solid granite between 1881 and 1914, experience unique features that can only be found aboard Princess ships, the Bayou Café and Steakhouse. Enjoy authentic New Orleans cuisine accompanied by live jazz as you revel in the culture and colours of this unforgettable cruise.

DAY 11 Saturday 20 May, 2023

At sea

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

DAY 12 Sunday 21 May, 2023

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 13 Monday 22 May, 2023

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.

DAY 14 Tuesday 23 May, 2023

Cartagena, Colombia

Cartagena is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Our tour will take us through the city to experience everything it has to offer. We begin with a pleasant drive through Bocagrande, the modern residential district in Cartagena. Built at the beginning of the 1600s, the Convent of La Popa is quite stunning. It has been built on a hill from where we will get magnificent views of the city and the bay area. Our tour will continue through San Felipe's Fort which was built in the 1600s and used to protect the city from invaders for centuries. Inside the fort is the Old City, a real gem of colonial architecture, packed with churches, monasteries, plaza's and palaces. We will enjoy a relaxing stroll around this spectacular walled colonial city with time to shop and stop for lunch.

DAY 15 Wednesday 24 May, 2023

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 16 Thursday 25 May, 2023

At sea

A day to enjoy the facilities of the ship.

DAY 17 Friday 26 May, 2023

Disembark Fort Lauderdale/
New Orleans, USA

This morning our cruise comes to an end in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We disembark early morning and will be transferred to the airport, for our flight to New Orleans. Upon arrival we will be transferred to our hotel for check in.



DAY 18 Saturday 27 May, 2023

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. The afternoon will be free for independent exploration – enjoy the atmosphere of the French Quarter.

DAY 19 Sunday 28 May, 2023

New Orleans

This morning we first travel to the nearby swamp country, where we will have an exciting airboat 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. This evening we have an included farewell dinner aboard a paddle steamer cruising along the Mississippi River.

DAY 20 Monday 29 May, 2023

Departure

This morning will be free for shopping and sightseeing before we depart for the airport and our flight back to Australia.

DAY 21 Tuesday 30 May, 2023

In flight

DAY 22 Wednesday 31 May, 2023

Australia

This evening we arrive in Australia and tour arrangements conclude.



Clothing aboard Island Princess

During the day casual clothing is typical, although shorts and swimwear are not permitted in the formal restaurants. During the evening on formal nights, a dinner suit or dark suit for gentlemen and eveningwear for ladies is required in the main restaurants. 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 ships are singles. We will endeavour to match people in twin-share cabins when available to save you the single supplement. The Travelrite team will look after you. Travelling with a group offers security and camaraderie.



The advantages of the Island Princess cruise

The cruise is fully escorted and will be a great, fun holiday with plenty of activities. Each evening we will eat as a group at our exclusively reserved tables. You will meet a fun group of people and will be guaranteed to have a fabulous time.

EXPLORATION OF New Orleans, Central America & Panama Canal

FULLY ESCORTED CRUISE

10 to 31 May 2023

Included in the cruise price:

- 15 nights travel on Island Princess in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on Island 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 Miami to New Orleans
- Sightseeing tours of Los Angeles, Puerto Vallarta, Huatulco, San Juan del Sur, Puntarenas, Panama City, Cartagena and New Orleans
- Welcome drinks onboard the cruise and a farewell dinner in New Orleans
- One night in centrally located 4-star accommodation in Los Angeles
- Three nights' in centrally located 4-star accommodation in New Orleans
- Port and handling charges on Island Princess
- Cruise taxes and gratuities on Island 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

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. Island 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.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A 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 CHARGES: Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 90 days	\$900
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 utilised after the tour has commenced.

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

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.

RESPONSIBILITY: Travelrite International Pty Ltd is the tour organiser. Travelrite International Pty Ltd, its agents, officers, affiliates, and/or suppliers of services pursuant to or in connection with this fly/cruise shall act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, including transportation by ship, restaurants, or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or a default of any hotel, carrier restaurant company or person rendering any services included in fly/cruises, acts of terrorism, acts of God, acts of Government or any other authorities. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. Baggage is at owners risk throughout the fly/cruise. The passage contract between the carriers concerned when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of this fly/cruise and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any fly/cruise and/or make such changes in the fly/cruise as may be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the fly/ cruise. This contract shall be construed in accordance of the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be undertaken in the State of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of the fly/cruise passage contract with Princess Cruises, detailed on the Princess Cruises web site. If you do not have access to these details please contact us and we will send them to you.

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 comprise the tour. Travelrite may without reference to you provide or make available to you, or may as your agent engage any third party to provide or make available to you, any good or

Price per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin / Description		Deck	Twin share	Single
ID	Interior	9,10,11	\$ 8590	\$ 11690
IC	Interior	5,12	\$ 8790	\$ 11890
IB	Interior	5,10,11,12	\$ 9090	\$ 12190
IA	Interior	10,11	\$ 9290	\$ 12390
OZ	Obstructed Ocean View	8	\$ 9690	\$ 12990
OW	Obstructed Ocean View	8	\$ 9790	\$ 13090
OE	Ocean View	5,6,7,8	\$ 9990	\$ 13590
OC	Ocean View	5,6	\$ 10090	\$ 13690
OB	Ocean View	5,6	\$ 10290	\$ 13890
O6	Ocean View	8	\$ 10690	\$ 14290
BF	Balcony	8,12	\$ 10990	\$ 14690
BD	Balcony	7,8,9,10,11,12	\$ 11190	\$ 14890
BC	Balcony	12	\$ 11390	\$ 15090
BB	Balcony	11,12	\$ 11490	\$ 15190
BA	Balcony	9,10,11	\$ 11690	\$ 15390
B2	Balcony	10	\$ 11790	\$ 15690
MY	Suite	10,11	\$ 11890	\$ 15790
ME	Suite	9,10,11,14	\$ 12090	\$ 16690
MD	Suite	9,10	\$ 12290	\$ 16890
Included port and handling charges & taxes			\$ 990	\$ 1425
Included air taxes as at 1/2/2022			\$ 190	\$ 190
Included cruise gratuities			\$ 294	\$ 294

Availability: All cabins are subject to availability.

Please call for fares and information on other cabin categories.



TRAVELRITE
INTERNATIONAL



service which Travelrite reasonably believes is necessary for your benefit to maintain the tour itinerary, repatriate you or otherwise accommodate, transport or sustain you in circumstances in which the tour itinerary fails wholly or partly for any reason. You appoint Travelrite International your attorney for this purpose. You agree to pay Travelrite any cost thereof and you indemnify Travelrite in respect of any cost it incurs in this regard. Travelrite advises you to obtain travel insurance generally including in respect of the risk that any such good or service may become required.

TRAVEL VACCINATION POLICY: The wellbeing of our guests is our top priority. All guests booked to travel internationally with Travelrite International are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, which may include a booster shot to keep it current and valid.

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

Travelrite International Pty Ltd
423 Whitehorse Road
Balwyn, Victoria 3103

Further information can be obtained by telephoning

Toll Free: 1800 630 343

Telephone: (03) 8803 6868

Email: balwyn@travelrite.com.au

www.travelrite.com.au

ABOUT TRAVELRITE INTERNATIONAL: Travelrite International Pty Ltd is a well-established travel company which has been marketing throughout Australia for over 25 years and operating in Victoria for more than 30 years. It has a fully ATAS accredited (No. A10538) and IATA accredited office in Balwyn, Victoria. As such they directly represent the major airlines of the world and all major domestic and international hotel, tour and transport operators. Travelrite International Pty Ltd is a full member of Australian Federation of Travel Agents – AFTA.