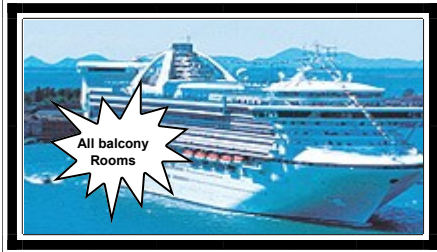


Cruise and Coach New Orleans, Branson, Texas

SEPTEMBER 18TH - OCT 10TH - 23 DAYS



Get ready for Cruising down the Pacific Coast, coaching across California, Texas and Louisiana. Stroll along the River Walk in San Antonio, explore the Houston Space Center, rediscover the revitalized city of New Orleans, including the devastated area from the Katrina flood and a special Plantation tour. Branson, Missouri delivers first rate entertainment with Mickey Gillies, Shoji Tabuchi, Yakov Smirnoff and more. This trip is packed with entertainment, history and a load of fun. Make sure you book early!

Day 1-3 - Sept 18 to Sept 20 - At Sea (B,L,D)

All Aboard for this three night cruise on the elegant Coral Princess. Travel south along the West Coast of Washington, Oregon and California to Los Angeles. Enjoy all of the onboard amenities Princess Cruise Lines have to offer. Delicious gourmet meals, fun and entertainment and lots of pampering. All rooms have balconies!

Day 4 - Sept 21: Los Angeles to Tempe, Arizona (B)

- * After disembarking the ship you head east over the San Bernadino Mountain Range and into Indio, the oldest and largest city in the Coachella Valley
- * Crossing the Colorado River you enter the Grand Canyon state of Arizona where the landscape changes to desert-like terrain
- * Overnight in the city of Tempe, south of Phoenix

Day 5 - Sept 22: Tempe to El Paso, Texas (B)

- * Marvel at the universal symbol of the American west, the enormous Saguaro Cacti, through Southern Arizona and New Mexico
- * Entering the Lone Star State of Texas and stay in the western tip in the high mountain city of El Paso, also known as Big Bend Country. Lofty peaks, vast plains and rugged canyons
- * Enjoy some social hour refreshments at your hotel

Day 6 - Sept 23: El Paso to Sonora, Texas (B)

- * Discover historic Fort Stockton today for lunch and there is spare time to explore the frontier military post with 35 adobe and limestone buildings
- * Fort Stockton is also home to the worlds largest road runner
- * You stay tonight where the Texas Hill Country meets the rugged Southwest, a place rich in western heritage, Sonora

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Day 7 - Sept 24: Sonora to San Antonio, Texas (B)

- * Wear comfy shoes today as you discover The Buckhorn Saloon and Museum in San Antonio, that was built in 1881 and offers a step back to the old west with artifacts from Texas history. Included as well is the Texas Ranger Museum that chronicles the history of the famous Texas Rangers
- * This afternoon you discover the fiercely defended former Spanish mission, The Alamo
- * Enjoy the magical ambiance of the famous "River Walk" outside the door of your hotel in San Antonio
- * Your hotel also offers complimentary snacks and refreshments

Day 8 - Sept 25: San Antonio to Houston, Texas (B)

- * Travel South to the Gulf of Mexico for lunch in the deep sea port of Corpus Christi
- * Carry on East across Texas to your two night stay in Houston, the fourth largest city in the U.S.
- * Enjoy the hotel's complimentary snacks and refreshments

Day 9 - Sept 26: Houston (B)

- * Explore NASA's Johnson Space Center today and experience many of the activities such as their large screen space films, a 90 minute tram tour and see actual space capsules or touch a real moon rock
- * Head to Galveston, on the Gulf of Mexico where you can wander around the Strand District with over 100 shops, restaurants and galleries in Victorian buildings

Day 10- Sept 27: Houston to New Orleans, Louisiana (B)

- * You leave Texas today and travel into Louisiana crossing the Mississippi River through Baton Rouge and into the Mardi Gras city of New Orleans for the next two nights
- * Enjoy the hotel's complimentary snacks and refreshments

Day 11 - Sept 28: New Orleans (B)

- * This morning we invite a local guide to bring you to the historic areas of this vibrant city; the French Quarter, their unique cemeteries and the ravages of the Katrina struck area
- * A special Plantation tour is on the agenda for the afternoon. Costumed interpreters will intrigue you with the legacy of the plantation and the historic events that occurred at the site

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Day 12-Sept 29: New Orleans to Greenville, Mississippi (B,D)

- * You discover today where Joseph Biendenham first bottled Coca Cola. Visit the Biendenham Coca-Cola Museum where the restored candy store and office area will take you back to a simpler, sweeter time with furnishings and displays from the 1890s.
- * Your hotel tonight is a casino hotel on the banks of the Mississippi River. Enjoy their Legends dinner buffet and try your luck!

Day 13 - Sept 30: Greenville to Branson, Missouri (B,D)

- * For those of you that have traveled with us before, you know how excited we get when we find The Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Restaurant. You will have a chance at lunch today to try one in Little Rock, Arkansas
- * Branson ! All stops out for entertainment, food and shopping
- * You start this evening with a group dinner followed by the legendary entertainer, Mickey Gilley; seventeen #1 hits! and journey down the comedy trail with sidekick Joey Riley

Day 14 - Oct 1: Branson (B,D)

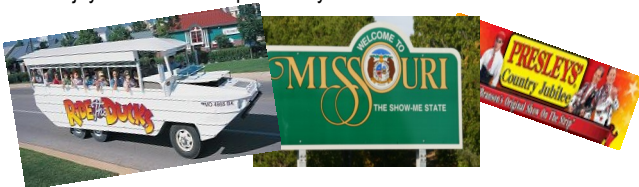
- * Experience sightseeing at its quackiest in your Ride the Ducks tour this morning. Travel on land and water in one amazing vehicle and explore the Branson area
- * Enjoy explosive laughter with Yakov Smirnoff, the famous Russian Comedian, plus a Russian Dance Ensemble, Boris the Horse & more!
- * Enjoy country favorites southern gospel, comedy and new country at the Presley's Country Jubilee (this show may be replaced with another surprise show as confirmation was not available at time of printing)

Day 15 - Oct 2: Branson (B,D)

- * You can choose this morning for an optional factory outlet shopping trip or just relax by the poolside at your hotel
- * This afternoon you can enjoy a great variety show with music, comedy and more at the Pierce Arrow Theater
- * Even your dinner this evening has live music with Kenny Parrott
- * The best for last with Shoji Tabuchi, entertainment extraordinaire with blazing violins and stunning harmonies, a family show with a big touch of class

Day 16 - Oct 3: Branson to Kansas City, Missouri (B)

- * Kansas City has more fountains than any other city in the world, except maybe Rome. We spend some time this afternoon discovering why water was so important to this Metropolitan city
- * Enjoy the hotel's complimentary snacks and refreshments



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Day 17- Oct 4: Kansas City to Grand Island, Nebraska (B)

- * Leaving Kansas City you head north into the Hawkeye state of Iowa and then you cross the Missouri River into Nebraska, the Corn Husker state
- * Enjoy two of the seven regions of Nebraska today, the Prairie Lakes and the Frontier Trails regions where western settlers forged new lives from little more than earth and sky

Day 18 - Oct 5: Grand Island to Cheyenne, Wyoming (B)

- * Lunch today is in North Platte, home of Buffalo Bill Cody
- * After gaining an hour you arrive in Cheyenne in time to explore the historic downtown. The overnight stay is in the rodeo and railroad capital city of Cheyenne

Day 19 - Oct 6: Cheyenne to Salt Lake City, Utah

- * You travel westward today and cross over the Continental Divide. Your lunch stop will be in the city that calls itself the gateway to the west, Rock Springs

Day 20 - Oct 7: Salt Lake City (B)

- * See all of Salt Lake City's intriguing historical and modern highlights during a three hour narrated tour
- * Free afternoon

Day 21 - Oct 8: Salt Lake City to Boise, Idaho (B)

- * Heading West today you stop at Shashone Falls, one of the most spectacular natural beauties on the Snake River and Twin Falls on your way to Boise, Idaho

Day 22 - Oct 9: Boise to Yakima, Washington (B,D)

- * Discover the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center with life size trail scenes & displays during your self guided tour
- * Try your luck during a stop at the Pendleton Casino
- * Reminisce with your new friends at your wrap up dinner in Yakima

Day 23 - Oct 10: Yakima to Home (B)

- * Seattle area mall for lunch
- * Stop at the duty free store
- * Door to door home return

32 Meals - **\$3,595** Cdn Double. \$5,125 Cdn Single. Inquiries welcomed for possible travel companions. A deposit of \$500.00 is due on booking to confirm reservation with final payment due 30 days prior to departure.