



## ***Alaska Northbound Dance Cruise***

**August 22 to 29, 2026**

*Aboard Grand Princess*

*Departing from Vancouver, returning from Whittier (Anchorage)*

### **SHIP FEATURES**



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**“Grand Princess”**



#### **Ship Statistics**

Year Built	1998
Major Refurbishments	2019
Tonnage	107,517 tons
Length	949 feet
Beam	158 feet
Height	188 feet
Passenger Capacity	2,610
Crew Size	1,150
Inside Cabins	366
Outside Cabins	218
Balcony Cabins	502
Mini-Suites	180
Suites	37
Total Cabins	1,303

***The 2019 refurbishment of Grand Princess included the following changes:***

- *Seven new window suites*
- *Remodeled casino*
- *Remodeled Boutiques and art gallery*
- *Enhancements to the Horizon Court*
- *Enhancements to Lotus Spa and wedding chapel*
- *Addition of Crooner's Martini Lounge*
- *Replacement of Skywalkers with The One5 nightclub*
- *Elevators and lobbies received new flooring and wall cladding*
- *Marble replacement adorned public areas*
- *Remodeled Atrium*
- *Added Alfredo's Pizzeria and Crown Grill Steak House*
- *Added Leaves – specialty tea lounge*
- *The embarkation area for tenders saw a complete overhaul with new flooring, ceiling, and wall cladding*
- *Calypso and Neptune Pools were refurbished with new coatings, flooring, and amenities*
- *Sports Court underwent flooring refurbishment*
- *Other highlights include cladding for guest corridors, marble upgrades in suite bathrooms, and retiling of guest public restrooms.*
- *Crew corridors and the medical center saw new vinyl flooring.*

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## **SHIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Grand Princess has 6 sisterships and fleetmates Diamond Princess (2004), Sapphire Princess (2004), Caribbean Princess (2004), Crown Princess (2006), Crown Princess (2006), Emerald Princess (2007), and Ruby Princess (2008).

With an atmosphere of comfortable elegance, tantalizing dining options and dazzling entertainment, your stay on board Grand Princess will be anything but ordinary. Relax at The Sanctuary, a tranquil haven reserved for adults, enjoy Movies Under the Stars® poolside or dine on tantalizing cuisine at venues like Crown Grill and more.

### **Food & Beverage:**

- Three Main Dining Rooms (Botticelli, Da Vinci and Michelangelo)
- Sabatini's – Italian restaurant
- Crown Grill
- Alfredo's Pizzeria
- International Café
- Vines – Wine Bar
- Leaves – Tea Lounge and Library
- Ultimate Balcony Dining
- The Salty Dog Grill – Burger & hot dog grill
- Horizon Court – Buffet restaurant
- Slice – Poolside pizza
- Coffee & Cones – Ice cream and coffee bar
- 24-hour Room Service

**Showrooms & Lounges:**

- Princess Theater
- Vista Show Lounge
- Explorer's Lounge
- The One5 nightclub
- Wheelhouse Bar
- Snooker's Cigar Bar

**Key Venues and Guest Services:**

- The Sanctuary
- Movies Under the Stars poolside screen
- Lotus Spa and Fitness Center
- Piazza-style Atrium
- Wedding Chapel
- Grand Casino
- Kid's and Teen's Centers
- Internet Café
- Fine Arts Gallery
- Photo Gallery
- The Shops of Princess
- Princess Links Golf Putting Course
- Sports Court
- Passenger Services Desk
- Shore Excursions Desk
- Medical Center

**Pools:** 4 (plus 1 splash pools)

**Whirlpools Spas:** 8

**Activities**

Throughout the day, passengers can play bingo; watch movies; learn towel folding or a new dance step; attend art, photography, shopping and health seminars; take a free tour of the galley following a cooking demonstration by the head chef; and check out activities that center on the itinerary the ship is sailing. Trivia is offered several times each day and covers topics like general knowledge, animals and Disney movies; a compounding cruise-long trivia runs every sea day, focusing on a different topic each time, and pits the same teams against each other for the highest cumulative score. Live music plays throughout the day in the atrium.

Trivia carries over into the nighttime with more intricate offerings like a Sherlock Holmes murder mystery, where passengers had to identify song clues. Other game shows include Passenger Feud (the at-sea version of Family Feud), Majority Rules (the most popular answer wins), Who's the Cuckoo? (passengers decide which of three entertainment staff members is lying) and Battle of the Sexes. Meanwhile, recent-release Movies Under the Stars (MUTS) are shown on the poolside movie screen. Several versions of karaoke are held throughout each sailing and include one where singers are projected onto the MUTS screen and another where participants are backed up by a live band. Other live music (piano in Crooner's piano bar, jazz in the Explorer's Lounge, mariachi in the piazza) is offered throughout the ship daily until late. Additionally, a DJ spins in the top-of-ship One5 nightclub until the wee hours. On the second-to-last night of our sailing, there was also a balloon-drop party in the atrium where passengers danced to music from the ship's band amid the sounds of popping balloons.

On voyages of a week or longer, Grand Princess hosts "The Voice of the Ocean," a spin off of the NBC TV show "The Voice." Singers, chosen by their fellow passengers during several days of karaoke tryouts, rehearse for several days with coaching from onboard singers. On the final night of the sailing, they compete in front of a panel of judges (who sit in the signature spinning chairs) to win votes from the audience.

The ship's Grand Casino, located on Deck 6 forward, is home to several dozen slot machines, roulette, craps, blackjack and poker, as well as games of chance. Passengers can also purchase scratch-off lottery tickets at the cash-out window. Although smoking isn't allowed in the casino, we smelled it more than once, and it was overpowering.

## Spa

- Grand Princess' [Lotus Spa](#) and fitness center complex take up a large portion of Deck 15 aft. A small alcove with a couple of chairs and a table with brochures leads into the reception area, where passengers can inquire about pricing and book appointments for services. Down the hall are the salon, changing rooms and bathrooms, treatment rooms, a waiting area with plenty of seating and fruit-infused water, and the entrance to the spa pool and The Sanctuary sun deck.
- Spa treatments include a variety of massages and facials. Less common options feature Ionithermie detox treatments), acupuncture and teeth whitening.
- Salon services are fairly standard: haircuts, color, blowouts, manicures, pedicures and updos.
- Lotus Spa uses Elemis brand products.

## Fitness

- The onboard gym offers weight benches, free weights up to 75 pounds, Star Trac weight machines, two exercise bikes, two recumbent bikes, one rowing machine, six ellipticals, 12 treadmills, 16 spin bikes (for hosted spin classes), yoga mats, foam rollers and towels for passenger use. Fitness classes like free Zumba and for-fee yoga, TRX, spin and personal training sessions are offered on a regular basis. For those who enjoy walking or jogging, two laps around the ship's promenade deck (Deck 7) equal a little more than a mile. The promenade doesn't make a complete circuit of the ship, but you can complete one by taking the stairs up one deck up near the bow and then back down again.

## Pools

- The Sanctuary, the ship's exclusive adults-only extra-fee sun deck, is located in a serene space on Deck 16, above the Lotus Spa pool. Passengers pay to enter this haven of amazing views, padded loungers, shaded awnings and outdoor cabana massages.
- There are also plenty of outdoor areas with loungers that are ideal for sunbathing, including Neptune's Reef & Pool and the area just above it on Deck 15. The Terrace Pool (Deck 12) is another great and less crowded option.
- Grand Princess has five pools: Neptune's Reef & Pool, the main open-air pool on Deck 14; Calypso Reef & Pool, the secondary pool, which is enclosed and located inside the Conservatory on Deck 14; the Lotus Spa pool, available to those who book spa treatments, located on Deck 15 forward, just below the adults-only for-fee Sanctuary sun deck; the Terrace Pool, found on Deck 12 aft, at the bottom of a terraced area that also includes Al Fresco's Bar.

- Neptune's Reef & Pool has its own bar, and Prego and the Trident Grill are nearby, as is Coffee & Cones, where you can grab coffee and ice cream. Much like Neptune's, the Calypso pool is flanked by two hot tubs, and the space is done up in white and blue mosaic tiles. Calypso also has its own bar, and it's the pool closest to the Horizon Court buffet.
- The Lotus Spa pool and Terrace Pool feature elegant, tiered wooden areas for sitting, sunbathing and placing towels, flip-flops and other pool gear. They're less utilized than the Neptune's and Calypso pools. The spa pool area features two hot tubs. The Terrace Pool doesn't have any, but it does offer gorgeous views of the ship's wake.
- The Splash Pool seems like a bit of an afterthought, hidden behind windbreaks on Deck 16, just across the way from The Sanctuary.
- Outdoor pursuits are plentiful and include Movies Under the Stars, which feature popular recent titles and, at night, free popcorn and padded loungers with blankets. Films and concerts are shown at various times throughout the day, but when it's really spectacular is after the sun goes down -- when you're actually under the stars.
- Speaking of stars, through a partnership with Discovery, Princess offers stargazing on each sailing, weather permitting. A member of the ship's staff leads everyone up onto Deck 15, and the captain turns off the ship's exterior lights to reduce light pollution, making the constellations easier to see on clear nights. Because this popular event has limited space, you'll have to pick up free tickets. Check Princess Patterns for times and locations of ticket pickup.
- Other outdoor evening and nighttime activities include festivities like sail-away parties and parties with themes like disco or country western.
- Decks 16 and 17 are where sporty passengers will likely spend some of their time, playing shuffleboard on Deck 16 aft or practicing their short game on a nine-hole putting green on Deck 16 midship. (The ship also has a golf simulator). There's a sports court on Deck 17 aft that's primarily used for basketball; free throw shootouts are scheduled on each sailing.

### **Bars and Lounges**

- Bar Piazza (Deck 5 midship): This staple Piazza bar is centrally located, providing standard alcoholic drinks to the masses on the first deck of the ship's atrium area.
- Vines (Deck 5 midship): Found next to Alfredo's Pizzeria, vines is the ship's wine bar, offering for-fee pours and tastings throughout each sailing. Tastings include food pairings for a fee. A Norman Love chocolate and wine tasting is also featured.
- Snookers Bar (Deck 6 forward): Located just outside the Deck 6 entrances to the Princess Theater, Snookers is Grand Princess' cigar bar. Decorated like an English sports pub with rich woods, sports memorabilia and several flat-screen TVs, it's the ultimate man cave.
- Crooners (Deck 7 midship): Crooners functions as the vessel's martini and piano bar, boasting comfy seating with ocean views and live music from a gorgeous white piano.
- Wheelhouse Bar (Deck 7 aft): It's easy to see how this bar, with a purely nautical theme, got its name. Drinks are served at a central bar surrounded by pockets of cushy seating and a small stage/dance floor area. This is the place to be for happy hour specials from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

- Explorers Lounge (Deck 7 midship): Along the main thoroughfare on Deck 7, this venue, with an exotic theme featuring Egyptian art and animal carpeting is where you'll find most trivia events and game shows. A large bar at the back serves cocktails via roving waiters.
- Vista Lounge (Deck 7 aft): The vista lounge is the ship's secondary theater and often hosts Zumba, dance classes, bingo, trivia and movies. Drinks are offered through waiter service.
- Al Fresco's Bar (Deck 14 aft): This back-of-ship bar services Horizon Court buffet, as well as the Deck 12 Terrace Pool and anyone who happens to wander outside after a trip to Deck 15's One5 nightclub.
- Calypso Bar (Deck 14 midship): This bar, located in the conservatory area, which houses the ship's covered Calypso Pool, is also close enough to be of use to those going to or coming from the Horizon Court buffet.
- Mermaid's Tail (Deck 14 forward): Sandwiched on Deck 14 between Prego and the Trident Grill, this bar serves the main Neptune's Reef & Pool area, as well as Movies Under The Stars.
- The Mix - Located on the Pool Deck, this bar serves up refreshing cocktails and icy cold drinks as you bask in the sun or groove to the beat. Whether you're looking for a classic cocktail, a bold new flavor, or a tropical twist, you're bound to find it at The MIX.
- Good Spirits at Sea - Inspired by the hit TV series, Good Spirits. It's the place where every drink is an experience and tells a story, connecting you to regional flavors from around the world. Based on Good Spirits, the popular TV series that traveled to far-away destinations in search of local ingredients for original cocktails, our lively bar is the perfect place to explore new drinks. Live piano entertainment.
- The One5 (Deck 15 aft): This swanky lounge, nightclub and bar hosts trivia and loyalty member events and turns into the ship's nightclub after 10 p.m.
- Sea Breeze Bar (Deck 15 forward): The Sea Breeze Bar, found just above the Mermaid's Tail, acts as a secondary bar for the main pool area. It provides drinks for sail-away and other deck parties, for passengers sunning themselves on Deck 15 and for those watching Movies Under The Stars, taking a dip in the Neptune Pool or grabbing a bite at Prego or the Trident Grill.
- Oasis Bar (Deck 16 aft): This seemingly forgotten watering hole originally provided bar service for those relaxing in the twin Oasis hot tubs on Deck 16.

## **Dining**

Embark on a culinary voyage aboard the Grand Princess, where your taste buds are as important as your itinerary. With an eclectic array of dining options, from sophisticated to casual and everything in between, the Grand Princess ensures every passenger experiences a gourmet journey. Featuring local cuisine influences, partnerships with renowned chefs, and an unforgettable inclusive chocolatey dessert selection, courtesy of Chef Norman Love, every dining venue aboard is meticulously designed to enhance your cruise experience, catering to a wide variety of tastes and dietary needs. Whether you're indulging in a leisurely sit-down dinner, grabbing a quick and delicious pizza, or enjoying specialties at an exclusive dining venue, the ship offers a memorable gastronomic adventure at sea.

### Michelangelo Dining Room

#### Included

The elegance of the Michelangelo Dining Room, adorned with dark woods and captivating murals, provides a sophisticated backdrop for an exquisite dining experience. Offering a diverse menu that includes pan-seared basa with pineapple-papaya salsa among other delicacies, this venue stands out for its Anytime Dining option,

allowing guests to dine at their convenience between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Do not miss the chance to savor the sumptuous orange Grand Marnier soufflé, a signature dish that encapsulates the culinary essence of this magnificent dining room.

### Botticelli Dining Room

Included

Specializing in a more traditional dining experience, the Botticelli Dining Room offers passengers set-seating dining times in an ambiance of refined elegance. Here, guests can indulge in a menu that changes daily, featuring starters like the unique frozen rum-infused pina colada soup and mains such as grilled beef tenderloin, all served within a setting graced by large, artistic murals. For those seeking a taste adventure, the always-available shrimp cocktail and New York cheesecake provide comforting classics in this artistic haven.

### Da Vinci Dining Room

Included

Balancing tradition and flexibility, the Da Vinci Dining Room offers both early set-seating dining and an Anytime Dining option, complemented by exquisite sit-down waiter-served breakfast, lunch, and afternoon tea services. Featuring an array of dishes inspired by global cuisines and fresh ingredients, the dining room prides itself on a menu rich in variety, from the tender Asian-spiced duck breast to the light and refreshing strawberry mousse. The warmth of its service and the attention to detail make dining here a comforting yet exploratory experience.

### Alfredo's Pizzeria

At Alfredo's Pizzeria, guests enjoy some of the best pizza at sea, evident by the bustling open kitchen and the delightful aroma of fresh pizza baking. The menu here extends beyond the ordinary, featuring gourmet pies adorned with unexpected toppings such as artichokes, capers, and bay shrimp. Unique to Alfredo's is its inclusive atmosphere, where passengers can observe their pizzas being crafted from start to finish. A slice of the 'Nizzarda' comes highly recommended, a testament to the venue's commitment to offer something delectable and distinctive for every palate.

### International Cafe

A gem located at the heart of the ship, the International Cafe is the go-to spot for around-the-clock dining. Open 24 hours, it serves an impressive selection of complimentary small bites including pastries, soups, and sandwiches. Specialty juices and coffees are available for those seeking a caffeine fix or a refreshing beverage. Whether it's a late-night snack or an early morning treat, this cafe, with its varied offerings and casual ambiance, becomes a favorite gathering place for passengers any time of day.

### Horizon Court

Included

The Horizon Court buffet invites passengers to a gastronomic journey with its edible delights and panoramic sea views. Featuring a versatile menu that caters to all meals from breakfast to dinner, its array of stations offer everything from international cuisine to comfort food favorites. The emphasis on food quality and variation keeps the dining experience fresh throughout the voyage. For a serene dining affair, the adjacent Horizon Terrace provides an outdoor extension with breathtaking vistas of the ocean's expanse.

### Trident Grill

Included

Beside the ship's main pool, the Trident Grill offers a casual, al fresco dining experience tailored for those sunny days at sea. From juicy hamburgers and hot dogs to veggie burgers on request, this venue epitomizes the laid-back dining style inherent to a memorable cruise vacation. The addition of the daily Smokehouse BBQ menu from 6 p.m. offers a delightful twist, presenting dishes like pulled pork and beef chili that cater to the tastes of barbecue aficionados.

### Prego Pizzeria

### Included

A complementary counterpart to Alfredo's, Prego Pizzeria stands out for its no-fuss, grab-and-go approach to dining. Located near the main pool, its fresh daily pizzas are a hit among guests seeking convenience without compromise on taste. The rotating special pizzas add an element of surprise, ensuring that even the most frequent visitors can always discover something new and delightful. The margherita and pepperoni remain perennial favorites for a quick and satisfying meal.

### Coffee & Cones

#### Included

Coffee & Cones offers a delightful combination of specialty coffee drinks and soft-serve ice cream, making it a perfect spot for both caffeine addicts and sweet teeth. Whether opting for a refreshing cone on a sunny day or a warm latte in the cool sea breeze, guests enjoy the convenience and quality of this poolside venue. The pay-per-item gourmet ice cream sandwiches provide a unique treat, with flavor combinations designed to tantalize, such as the snickerdoodles with cinnamon ice cream.

### Pub Lunch at the Crown Grill

#### Included

For a taste of British pub culture at sea, the Pub Lunch at the Crown Grill offers a flavorful escape. Available on select sea days, this complimentary dining option features classics like fish 'n' chips and ploughman's lunch, executed with authenticity and flair. The casual setting and quality fare make it a popular choice among passengers looking to enjoy comforting dishes in a laid-back atmosphere. The superb execution of the fish 'n' chips, in particular, earns high praise and is a must-try experience.

### Room Service

#### Included

Highlighting the luxury of dining in the comfort of one's stateroom, Room Service on the Grand Princess delivers an extensive menu with options ranging from breakfast classics to late-night snacks. The complimentary offerings ensure that guests can savor a variety of dishes at any hour, with the convenience of swift and courteous service. Specialty requests and dietary accommodations are handled with care, making each in-room dining experience both personal and pleasurable. For those seeking an intimate balcony dinner, the premium options provide an elevated dining affair worth exploring.

### Crown Grill

#### Additional charge

As a fee-based dining treasure, the Crown Grill presents an unparalleled steakhouse experience with its expertly prepared seafood and premium steaks. The ambiance, marked by elegant woods and sophisticated décor, sets the stage for a memorable meal. Diners enjoy the luxury of choice from a selection of gourmet salts to enhance their dish, elevating the culinary journey. The molten Dutch chocolate cake, featuring Norman Love chocolate, is a highlight dessert that encapsulates the opulence of dining at the Crown Grill.

### Sabatini's Italian Trattoria

#### Additional charge

Sabatini's Italian Trattoria offers an immersive dive into authentic Italian cuisine with a menu that pays homage to traditional dishes reimagined with modern finesse. The intimate setting, combined with exceptional service, makes for an unforgettable dining experience. Signature dishes, such as the hand-formed burrata overlaying tomato with balsamic reduction, showcase the quality and creativity that Sabatini's embodies. Paired with a carefully curated wine list, each meal here is a celebration of Italian culinary excellence.

### Crab Shack

#### Additional charge

For seafood enthusiasts, the Crab Shack presents a pop-up dining delight that's not to be missed. This casual, yet immersive experience offers a feast of crustaceans and other maritime treasures, perfect for those looking to indulge in the flavors of the sea. The convivial atmosphere, complete with aprons and tools, invites guests to

dive into their meals with gusto. Signature dishes, such as the mixed seafood pot and king crab legs, ensure a hands-on, delectable journey through some of the ocean's finest offerings.

#### The Salty Dog Gastropub

Crafted Burgers from Expert Chef Uchimura. A warm, inviting gastropub experience developed with Ernesto Uchimura, a founding chef of the original Umami Burger. Try one of our innovative gourmet creations inspired by pub favorites or devour the "Ernesto", a savory rib eye burger named "Best Burger at Sea" by Cruise Critic. Offering a unique variety of beer, whiskey and cocktail selections, plus live music, there's something for everyone at this hip, friendly twist on traditional pub fare.

#### Ultimate Balcony Dining

Additional charge

Offering the pinnacle of exclusivity and privacy, Ultimate Balcony Dining transforms your private balcony into a dining oasis with breathtaking views and a personalized multi-course meal. Perfect for celebrating special occasions or simply elevating a day at sea, this dining option combines the luxury of personal service with gourmet menu selections. From chilled sparkling wine to succulent lobster tail, each aspect is crafted for an intimate, memorable dining affair. The attention to detail and tailored service make it a must for those seeking to add a touch of romance to their cruise experience.