

## **Princess Cruises Offers Longest World Cruise in 2018**

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As it prepares to celebrate 10 years of world cruises from Australia, Princess Cruises has announced its longest and most exciting world cruise yet, with Sea Princess offering a 106-night voyage in 2018.

The historic circumnavigation of the world will depart Sydney on June 5, 2018, visiting 40 destinations in 27 countries over a distance of 32,000 nautical miles (about 1.5 times around the Earth).

Highlights include a range of exciting new ports across Greenland, Newfoundland and Eastern Canada as well as overnight stays in some of the world's most sought-after destinations such as New York, Barcelona and Venice.

Known for its longer, destination-rich itineraries, Princess pioneered world cruises from Australia in 2008 and remains the only cruise line to offer Australians the opportunity to cruise around the world from their doorstep.

Having marked its 10th year of world cruising from Australia in 2017, Sea Princess' 2018 world cruise will see Princess Cruises' welcome its 30,000th local world cruise guest onboard, while also notching up a total of 450,000 nautical miles, 183 unique destinations and its 1500th day at sea on long voyages of more than 75 days from Australia.

With roundtrip cruises on offer from Sydney, Brisbane and Auckland, Princess Cruises Vice President Australia & New Zealand Stuart Allison said a world cruise offered an easy and great value way to see the world.

"There are many advantages of a Princess world cruise. As the destination experts and the only cruise line offering world voyages from Australia, we pride ourselves on creating exciting itineraries without the need for costly international airfares," Mr Allison said.

"With Australian dollars onboard, our world cruises also remove the stress of tipping and the expense of currency exchange. Best of all, our guests only have to unpack once and the world will come to them from the luxury and comfort of a magnificent Princess ship."

Mr Allison said the high guest repeat rates showed that Australians were hooked on world cruising.

Of the 3000 guests who travelled on Sea Princess' 104-night world cruise this year, more than half did the full world cruise and about a quarter had previously sailed on a full world cruise with Princess. Mr Allison said 75 per cent of guests booked on the ship's 2017 voyage had already enjoyed part or all of a world cruise with Princess.

Sea Princess' 2018 world cruise is on sale now with fares for the full 106-night voyage priced from \$21,999\* per person twin share.