

CRUISE NEWS – OCTOBER 2006

***GRAND PRINCESS AND SPLENDOUR OF THE SEAS* RETURN TO GALVESTON'S FALL LINE UP**

Two familiar ships will return to the Port of Galveston next month for seasonal sailings through April 2007. If you're planning a fall or holiday cruise, now's the time to check out the offerings.

The 109,000-ton mega liner *Grand Princess* will add a new port of call to her 7-day Western Caribbean sailings. In addition to Belize City, Cozumel and Costa Maya, Grand Princess will visit Roatan, Honduras. Honduras is known for its ecotours, inexpensive SCUBA diving, river rafting and mountain treks. Enjoy its clear, turquoise waters, relax on the pristine beaches or burn some calories on a jungle hike. There are many choices for shore excursions and yes, there are dolphin encounters as well.

If taking a cruise on *Grand Princess* from Galveston has been on your To Do list, please make a note. *Grand Princess* will not return here in the fall of 2007. The ship will reposition to Ft. Lauderdale to take over a 7-day Western Caribbean itinerary between November 3, 2007 and April 26, 2008.

Royal Caribbean's *Splendour of the Seas* returns November 16 to offer the highly popular 4 and 5-day voyages to Cozumel and Costa Maya, Mexico. Two 7-day holiday sailings are set for December 23 and December 30. Ports on this itinerary include Costa Maya, Cozumel and Key West.

For more information and pricing, visit www.princess.com, www.royalcaribbean.com or contact your travel agent.

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PRINCESS CONVERTS TO ALL-ELECTRONIC TICKETS

First it was online advance shore excursion and spa reservations. Now Princess Cruises will be the first in the industry to convert completely to electronic ticketing. In doing so, they will also provide the earliest cruise documents available to passengers.

Replacing the company's traditional paper documents, Princess eTickets will begin fleetwide for most sailings departing on and after November 17, 2006. Passengers sailing on or after this date will now be able to access their boarding passes and travel summaries. The program currently applies only to bookings from North American passengers.

Each passenger's travel summary will be available through the online Cruise Personalizer once the booking is confirmed. Air travel arrangements made through the company's Princess Air program will be included in this summary as soon as 75 days in advance of travel, well ahead of the industry standard of 30-day notification.

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When passengers complete their pre-cruise immigration information and their reservation has been fully paid, passengers will be able to access their new online boarding pass. Passengers who complete their information forms will be able to print their travel documentation much more quickly than the traditional mailed ticket package, which is currently sent at 30 days prior to the sailing. The travel summary can also be easily forwarded to friends and family who might need a copy of the itinerary information.

Guests will continue to receive by mail Princess' pre-cruise documents including a welcome letter, Cruise Answer Book, Adventures Ashore excursion booklet, passage contract and luggage tags. This packet will be mailed approximately 75 days prior to their sailing date - earlier than the current 60-day-prior mailings.

Travelers without internet access can receive their travel summary and boarding pass from their travel agent, or Princess will send them a copy of the travel summary in the mail upon request.

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