

Baja Peninsula & Sea of Cortez Cruise

April 14 – 24, 2018 (11 Days)

Set sail on an incredible cruise with Princess® to some of Mexico's most beautiful destinations roundtrip from Los Angeles. Explore the natural beauty of La Paz and Loreto, as well as Puerto Vallarta, renowned for its cliff-hanging villas and scenic beaches. Enjoy sailing along distinctive El Arco in Cabo San Lucas for a truly unforgettable experience. You'll also make rich discoveries through award-winning shore excursions and unique programs that bring the local color, culture, and flavors to life right on board. And Princess offers their new Discovery at Sea™ program, with mind expanding experiences like stargazing, Shark Week games, and gold panning! See why Princess has been named "Best Cruises from the West Coast" by *Cruise Critic* on an incredible voyage that will leave you with a lifetime of memories.

Included meals are denoted: Breakfast: B, Lunch: L, Dinner: D

Day 1 D

We fly to Los Angeles, and transfer to our ship, the *Ruby Princess*®.

Day 2 B,L,D

San Diego is known as a place of infinite beauty, affectionate locals and endless sunshine, and has become one of America's favorite cities. Located in the southwest corner of California, close to the border of Mexico, San Diego has a distinct cross-cultural feel, part sun-drenched Mediterranean atmosphere, part south-of-the-border zest and part quintessential California beach town. The history of San Diego is rooted in its Spanish and Mexican past. San Diego was declared the capital of upper and lower Baja only four years after Mexico gained its independence in 1821. Less than thirty years later, the United States declared war on Mexico and within two years the Treaty of Guadalupe Hildalgo was signed creating the current borders between Mexico and the United States. The city continues to prosper with a population exceeding one million. World-renowned attractions such as the San Diego Zoo, the Salk Institute, Sea World, La Jolla and the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge have created a strong tourism industry for the area. But undoubtedly what attracts visitors from around the world is the city's breathtaking natural beauty, superb coastline and near-perfect weather.

Day 3 B,L,D

At sea.

Day 4 B.L.D

Lying at the very tip of Baja, where the Pacific meets the Sea of Cortez, <u>Cabo San Lucas</u> - or "Cabo" - is one of the premier resort destinations in the Western Hemisphere. Millennia ago, Cabo San Lucas was part of the Mexican mainland. Then a massive rupture of the San Andreas Fault sent the waters of the Pacific crashing into the newly formed depression, creating the Sea of Cortez and the Baja Peninsula. Swim in the transparent waters, marvel at the wealth of marine life, relax on one of the white-sand beaches or try your hand at some of the finest sport fishing in the world.

Note: Your ship will anchor in Cabo San Lucas and use launches to transport all passengers ashore.

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Day 5 B,L,D

When Spanish conquistador Hernan Cortes sailed into this quiet little bay in 1535, he tried to establish a colony called Santa Cruz. He later abandoned it but, luckily, Sebastian Vizcaino arrived in 1596, renamed it La Paz and the colony has flourished ever since. Here, you'll find a playground of activities that Cortes couldn't even dream of. From a festive downtown full of attractions to sun-drenched beaches, renowned for their soft, golden sand, to warm, inviting water teeming with marine life, La Paz offers a little bit of everything for everybody. And isn't that what vacations are all about!?

Day 6 B,L,D

Loreto is an ancient and beautiful destination, cradled by the lush hills of the Sierra de la Giganta and the cobalt waters of the Sea of Cortez, and immerses you in history and culture from the moment you step onto its shores. Dating back nearly 12,000 years, Loreto is thought to be the oldest human settlement on the Peninsula of Baja California, and you can explore its fascinating cave paintings and petroglyphs. It is also where the Jesuit missionaries landed, founding the first Mission of Baja California and establishing the Church of Our Lady of Loreto, which still anchors the town. Mexican heritage and colonial influences can both be seen as you wander through the quaint streets, browsing curio shops, sampling local fare, and meeting the friendly people. Outdoor enthusiasts will love exploring Loreto's sun-drenched and scenic surroundings. Sparkling beaches and dramatic cliff-top vistas invite thrill-seekers and eco-travelers alike to discover the local flora and fauna and the abundant water activities. Kayaking, snorkeling, sailing and sport-fishing are popular, as are more extreme off-road adventures and, in the winter months, whale watching. Come experience the unspoiled beauty of Loreto for yourself!

Day 7 B,L,D

At sea.

Day 8 B,L,D

<u>Puerto Vallarta</u> was sleepy no more; its transformation into an international resort had begun. Then director John Huston chose the village as the location for his film "Night of the Iguana," starring Richard Burton. Today, the city has its own "Gringo Gulch," a haunt of the rich and famous. Travelers are also drawn by its climate, its excellent shopping - which offers great values on leather goods, jewelry, and handicrafts - and mile after mile of palm-lined beaches.

Days 9 & 10 B,L,D

At sea.

Day 11 B

Our trip has come full circle as we head back to the Los Angeles airport for our return flight home.

Itinerary subject to change



FROM: \$1,925*

*CAT ID - Double occupancy

CRUISE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare ABQ to Los Angeles (not including baggage & in-flight charges)
- 10-night cruise with all meals on board
- Transfers to and from ship
- Your SUN TOURS Escort (with 20 or more travelers)
- Government fees & air taxes

PASSPORT REQUIRED

DEPOSIT: 20% per person* now holds your place

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: January 19, 2018

CANCELLATION FEES:

None ... Through January 19, 2018

20%* ... January 20 - 29, 2018

50%* ... January 30 – February 14, 2018

75%* ... February 15 – March 15, 2018

100% ... After March 15, 2018

TRAVEL PROTECTION IS ENCOURAGED

STATEROOM CATEGORY	PRICE
ID – NO WINDOW	\$1,925
OC – WINDOW	\$2,265
BD – BALCONY	\$2,525
BB – BALCONY	\$2,605
MB – MINI-SUITE	\$2,905

Price per person, including air from ABQ, double occupancy. Single rates upon request (limited availability).

^{*}Percentage of total price