

# LOG OF THE CRUISE



## 5-DAY WESTERN CARIBBEAN GETAWAY

Emerald Princess® – November 2 to November 7, 2015



In command

### Captain Martin Stenzel

Captain Martin Stenzel first went to sea aboard passenger ships in 1974 as an Officer Cadet. Though he has worked on a variety of seafaring vessels, he has served onboard passenger ships for the past 20 years. In 2004, Captain Stenzel was transferred to Princess Cruises and was swiftly promoted to Captain just one year later. He has since served on several ships in the Princess fleet. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Captain Stenzel currently resides near Boulder, Colorado, with his wife and children.

## Cruise Summary

Ports	Distance (Nautical Miles)	Speed (Knots)
Port Everglades, Florida to Mahahual (Costa Maya), Mexico	640	17.2
Mahahual (Costa Maya), Mexico to Cozumel, Mexico	156	13.0
Cozumel, Mexico to Port Everglades, Florida	539	15.0

### Total Distance Travelled from Port Everglades to Port Everglades

1,335 Nautical Miles = 1,535.25 Statute Miles = 2,472.42 Kilometers

Note: 1 Nautical Mile = 1.15 Statute Miles = 1.852 Kilometers



The following log features extracts from the Ship's Official Log Book, with the entries recorded by the Officer of the Watch on the Navigational Bridge.

### Monday, 2nd November 2015 – Port Everglades, Florida, USA

Berth: Cruise Terminal Pier #2  
 Sky at Noon: Partly cloudy  
 Wind: Southeasterly, Force 2  
 Temperature: 28°C  
 Air Pressure: 1015.6 mb

The Emerald Princess spent the day laid quietly alongside Berth #2 in Port Everglades.

At 15:51 with all Crew and Passengers on board, the Passenger Muster Drill complete and all pre-departure checks done, we were ready to sail. At 16:12 the mooring lines were let go and the Captain, with the help of our thrusters, propulsion and steering, working closely with the local pilot and the entire Bridge team, moved the ship off the berth and proceeded ahead in the swing basin, altered slowly heading to port in order to face the Port Everglades Harbour Channel outbound. Once clear of the breakwater, we disembarked the local Pilot and began our voyage towards Mahahual, Costa Maya, Mexico.

For most of the evening we followed southerly courses sailing off the Florida coast on our starboard side, passing Miami at 18:30 and, later on, the Florida Keys.

### Tuesday, 3rd November 2015 – At Sea

In the early hours of the morning, we entered the Gulf of Mexico and set Southwesterly courses all the way across passing 13 NM Northwest of Cuba Island on our port side.

Noon position: 22°40.0'N 084°39.4'W  
 Sky at Noon: Mostly sunny  
 Wind: Northeasterly, Force 3  
 Temperature: 29°C  
 Air Pressure: 1015.4 mb

### Wednesday, 4th November 2015 – Mahahual (Costa Maya), Mexico

Berth: Puerto de Costa Maya Cruise Terminal  
 Sky at Noon: Overcast with passing showers  
 Wind: Easterly, Force 5  
 Temperature: 28°C  
 Air Pressure: 1014.0 mb

We approached Mahahual from the Northeast in the early hours of the morning; once passed the berth, then we alter course to starboard in order to re-approach the assigned berth position from the Southwest. At 06:50 the first line was sent ashore and the Emerald Princess was all fast alongside by 07:00. Soon after the gangways were rigged and ready for passenger operation.

For the majority of the day Emerald Princess lied at anchor off George Town.

At 14:30 our pre departure check begun by giving the engineers 2 hours' notice and while the Officers on Watch started to check and perform the daily routine checks of all bridge equipment. Once we had confirmation that all passenger and crew were on board, at 16:57, we commence singling up mooring lines and at 17:16 the ship was clear to thrust off the berth and commence her passage to the next port of call, Cozumel, Mexico

### Thursday, 5th November 2015 – Cozumel, Mexico

Berth: Puerta Maya Cruise Pier  
 Sky at Noon: Overcast with rain showers  
 Wind: Easterly force 4  
 Temperature: 25°C  
 Air Pressure: 1013.5 mb

At 05:30 the Emerald Princess commenced her approach from the south to the Island of Cozumel. At 05:40 we alter



approach to the pier. Together with the pilot we carried out the pre-arrival briefing including Officers in Charge of mooring station. All the pre-arrival checks were carried out by the Officers on Watch and were completed at 05:49.

At 06:14 the 'first line' was sent ashore and, shortly after, Emerald Princess was 'all fast' starboard side alongside at the Puerta Maya Cruise Terminal.

For the majority of the day the Emerald Princess laid alongside in Cozumel.

At 16:50, with all passengers and crew onboard, the Emerald Princess commenced singling up mooring lines forward and aft. At 17:11 all lines were 'gone' and we began thrusting off the berth, maneuvering astern until we cleared to swing the bow to starboard. With the swing completed we set Northeasterly course in the Canal de Cozumel and after across the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico.

### Friday, 6th November 2015 – At Sea

Noon position:	23°26.1'N 083°13.8'W
Sky at Noon:	Partly cloudy
Wind:	Easterly force 6
Temperature:	28°C
Air Pressure:	1016.5 mb

Emerald Princess kept sailing with Northeasterly course across the Gulf of Mexico passing 24NM North West Of Cuba. In the late afternoon we set various East and Northeasterly courses following the Florida Keys on the port side about 5 NM off while transiting the Florida Strait throughout the evening, before altering course to the North heading to the Pilot Station in Port Everglades.

### Saturday, 7th November 2015 – Port Everglades, Florida, USA\*

Early in the morning we approached the Port Everglades Pilot Station, where we boarded the local pilot at 05:45 and proceed toward the berth. Once in the port basin the bow was then swung to port and, while making sternway, Emerald Princess was gently thrust towards the berth in order to be moored starboard side alongside. With all lines fast and the gangways rigged and ready, passenger disembarkation could commence.

On behalf of Princess Cruises, Captain Martin Stenzel, all Bridge Officers and Crew, thank you for sailing with us and we are looking forward to see you once again in the near future. Have a safe trip back home or else enjoy the rest of your holiday.

\* Times are estimated at the time of printing



# EMERALD PRINCESS

Operated by: Princess Cruises

Registry: Hamilton, Bermuda

Gross registered tonnage: 113,561 tons

Net registered tonnage: 83,575 tons

Draught: 8.50m - 27.9ft

Length overall: 288.6m - 946.8ft

Breadth: 36.0m - 118.1ft

Builders: Fincantieri Cantieri Navali Italiani (hull 6131)

Keel laid: April 7, 2005

Delivered: 30th March 2007

Classification society: Lloyd's Register

Max pax: 3573

Max crew: 1227

## Bridge Command and Control Team

Captain	Martin Stenzel	Captain, In Command
Staff Captain	Christopher Lye	2nd in Command, Head of Deck Department
Senior First Officer	Enrico Coppola	Bridge Manager, Ship's Safety Officer
First Officer	Salvatore Langella	Senior Officer of the Watch - Planning Officer
Senior Second Officer	Luca Conzato	Senior Officer of the Watch
Second Officer	Timothy Justin Pryor	Senior Officer of the Watch
Third Officer	Francesco Scotto di Carlo	Officer of the Watch - Log Collaborator
Third Officer	Marco Maltese	Officer of the Watch
Third Officer	Gordon Peter Beckwith	Officer of the Watch
Deck Cadet Officer	Vincent Hansen Grumme	Deck Cadet

The Bridge is manned 24 hours a day by two Officers working four hours on, eight hours off, in a three watch system.

0000-0400 – 0400-0800 – 0800-1200 – 1200-1600 – 1600-2000 – 2000-2400

## Farewell Message from the Bridge

It has been a great pleasure to have you onboard Emerald Princess. We hope you've had a wonderful journey and that your experience onboard has helped you to come back new. Have a safe journey home and we look forward to welcoming you back onboard soon.

Captain Stenzel and the Bridge Team