

# LOG OF THE CRUISE



## 10-DAYS SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN

Royal Princess® — March 20, 2017 - March 30, 2017



In command   
Captain Nick Nash

Captain Nick Nash was born in Penzance in the South West of England, where he still lives with his family and a small brown dog. He ran away to sea at the age of 17, initially working on cargo ships and then with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary which supports the Royal Navy. Nick joined P&O/Princess in 1989. He was promoted to Staff Captain in 1997 and Captain in 2002.

Captain Nash is a training Captain, a Fellow of The Royal Institute of Navigation and a Younger Brother of Trinity House.

## Cruise Summary

Ports	Distance (Nautical Miles)	Speed (Knots)
Port Everglades to Princess Cays	277	18.10
Princess Cays to St. Thomas	735	19.60
St. Thomas to Dominica	268	18.48
Dominica to Grenada	193	16.78
Grenada to Bonaire	391	19.07
Bonaire to Curacao	123	11.70
Curacao to Port Everglades	1146	19.02

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

3,133 Nautical Miles = 3,602.95 Statute Miles = 5,802.32 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, 20th March, 2017 – Port Everglades

With confirmation of all passengers and crew onboard and with all of our pre-sailing checks complete, Royal Princess "let go" her lines, maneuvered slowly off the berth and commenced navigating through the narrow buoyed channel of the Port Everglades harbor limit. Soon after we disembarked our pilot and set an easterly course through the Straits of Florida. That evening we passed Great Isaac Island on our starboard side, entered the Northwest Providence Channel and set an east south-easterly course.

*Noon Position: Port Everglades*

*Wind: Northerly Force 4*

*Sky: Partly cloudy skies*

*Pressure: 1022 hpa*

*Temperature: 23°C*

### Tuesday, 21st March, 2017 – Princess Cays

After departure from Port Everglades, Royal Princess set south-easterly courses through the North West Providence Channel. Once in the channel, south-easterly courses took us through the North East Providence Channel to the northern tip of Eleuthera Island. We then navigated along the coast of the island at a range of approximately 6 nautical miles to Eleuthera Point. When in position, we cleared away the anchor and the order to "let go the anchor" was given at 0823. Soon after, when it had been deemed safe, the ship's tenders were being made ready for our continuous tender service to shore. At 1539 that evening, with all tenders re-secured we "heaved up" our anchor and set a south-easterly course on our way to St Thomas.

*Noon Position: Princess Cays*

*Wind: Easterly Force 4*

*Sky: Partly cloudy skies*

*Pressure: 1021 hpa*

*Temperature: 24°C*

### Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017 – At Sea

Overnight and Saturday morning, we continued on a south-easterly course as we made our way to St Thomas. We passed to the south of Rum Cay at a distance of 5.5 nautical miles (6.3 Statute Miles). Later that evening we passed over the Puerto Rico Trench. During this time we passed to the north of the deepest point in the Atlantic Ocean, the Milwaukee Deep, which reaches a depth of 8962m or 29400ft.

*Noon Position: 21°26.6'N 070°40.9'W*

*Wind: Easterly Force 4*

*Sky: overcast*

*Pressure: 1017 hpa*

*Temperature: 25°C*

### Thursday, 23rd March, 2017 – St. Thomas

This morning we approached St. Thomas from the south west and were starboard side alongside at 0802. After we had enjoyed everything that Havensight, St. Thomas had to offer, we "let go" our lines, moved off the berth, swung and then moved out of the buoyed channel. When the pilot had disembarked we set a south-easterly course. After we passed the Island of Saint Croix on our starboard side at a distance of 10 nautical miles (11.5 statute miles), we altered to a more southerly course to make our way to Woodridge, Dominica.

*Noon Position: St. Thomas*

*Wind: Southerly Force 3*

*Sky: sunny*

*Pressure: 1016 hpa*

*Temperature: 27°C*

### Friday, 24th March, 2017 – Dominica

Today we approached Dominica from the north-west, picked up our local pilot at 0814 and made our way onto the berth where we were alongside by 0830. In the evening, with confirmation that all passengers and crew were on board, we "let go" our lines and thrust off the berth. A local pilot was not needed for this departure. We set a southerly course to Grenada passing the Islands of Martinique and Saint Lucia on our port side.

*Noon Position: Dominica*

*Wind: East South-easterly Force 4*

*Sky: Partly cloudy skies*

*Pressure: 1015 hpa*

*Temperature: 26 °C*

### Saturday, 25th March, 2017 – Grenada

At 0600, we made our final approach to Grenada from the north-west, picked up our local pilot and proceeded alongside. At 1352 that afternoon, with all our lines onboard and all our pre-departure checks completed, we proceeded astern, swung the ship and set a westerly course as we began our passage to Bonaire over the Grenada Basin where the depths reached up to 2900 meters (9524 ft.)





**Noon Position:** Grenada

**Wind:** Easterly Force 5

**Sky:** Mostly Sunny

**Pressure:** 1014 hpa

**Temperature:** 27°C

### Sunday, 26th March, 2017 – Bonaire

On Wednesday morning, we passed the Island of La Orchila at a distance of 22 nautical miles (25.3 statute miles) on our port side. We then navigated around the southern tip of Bonaire before making our final approach to our berth in Kralendijk, Bonaire where we were alongside by 1120. In the evening at 1856, with our full pre-departure tests complete and all lines onboard we moved out of the berth with an initial southerly course before we altered to a westerly course on our way to Curacao.

**Noon Position:** Bonaire

**Wind:** Easterly Force 4

**Sky:** partly cloudy

**Pressure:** 1013 hpa

**Temperature:** 27°C

### Monday, 27th March, 2017 – Curacao

During the morning we maintained an easterly course on our approach to Mega Pier in Curacao. We picked up the local pilot at 0618 and were safely alongside at 0708. At 1652, with confirmation that all passengers and crew were onboard we thrust off the berth swung bow to port and set an initial north westerly course as we began our 2 day sea passage to Port Everglades.

**Noon Position:** Curacao

**Wind:** South Easterly Force 4

**Sky:** Mostly cloudy

**Pressure:** 1014 hpa

**Temperature:** 27°C

### Tuesday, 28th March, 2017 – At Sea

Today we continued on our north westerly course of 322°T through the Caribbean Sea. We then altered to a northerly heading when we reached the Island of Navassa and passed to the west of Hispaniola. We continued on this course overnight as we made our way to the south east coast of Cuba.

**Noon Position:** 16°09.3'N 072°45.0'W

**Wind:** North-easterly Force 3

**Sky:** Partly cloudy skies

**Pressure:** 1014 hpa

**Temperature:** 28.0°C

### Wednesday, 29th March, 2017 – At Sea

Today when we reached the south east tip of Cuba, we entered the traffic separation scheme and then we set a north westerly course as we made our way through the Old Bahamas channel. Once clear of this channel we set a more northerly course through the Santaren Channel. Overnight, we maintained a northerly course up the Straits of Florida before we made our final approach to Port Everglades.

**Noon Position:** 22°03.9'N 077°14.1'W\*

**Wind:** Northerly 5

**Sky:** Partly cloudy skies

**Pressure:** 1017

**Temperature:** 25°C

### Thursday, 30th March, 2017 – Port Everglades

At 0600\*, the Royal Princess will make her final approach to Port Everglades, entering as we departed, through the Bar Cut Channel. We will swing bow to starboard and then move astern to our final position port side alongside. With all lines fast and the gangways rigged and ready, the passenger disembarkation will commence. From the Captain, Officers and all the crew on the Royal Princess, we hope you have enjoyed your cruise and we look forward to seeing you again in the near future.

\*Estimated at time of printing





# ROYAL PRINCESS®

Operated by: Princess Cruises

Length overall: 329.8m - 1,082ft

Delivered: 31st May 2013

Registry: Hamilton, Bermuda

Breadth: 38.4m - 126.7ft

Classification society: Lloyd's Register

Gross registered tonnage: 142,714 tons

Builders: Fincantieri Cantieri Navali

Max pax: 4,222

Net registered tonnage: 116,807 tons

Italiani (hull 6223)

Max crew: 1,378

Draught: 8.50m - 27.9ft

Keel laid: December 14, 2010

## Bridge Command and Control Team

Captain	Nick Nash	Captain, In Command
Staff Captain	Paolo Ansaldi	2nd in Command, Head of Deck Department
Senior First Officer	Giovanni Mollo	Bridge Manager, Statutory Safety Officer
First Officer	Matija Loncar	Senior Officer of the Watch - Navigator
Senior Second Officer	Andrew Turner	Senior Officer of the Watch
Second Officer	Andrew Bourton	Senior Officer of the Watch
Third Officer	Agostino Pisera	Junior Officer of the Watch
Third Officer	James Bond	Junior Officer of the Watch
Third Officer	Domenico Cimino	Junior Officer of the Watch

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 Royal 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 Nash and the Bridge Team

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