



## Canada & New England Cruisetours

This is supplemental information for the land portion of your Canada & New England cruisetour. Please also review the Cruise Answer Book for details regarding the cruise portion of your vacation.

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Picturesque ports, historic sites and landmarks, and inspiring scenery await you on your cruisetour to the East Seaboard. On your voyage, you'll savor award-winning cuisine, first-rate service and a variety of activity options. On your land tour, you'll enjoy comfortable and inviting accommodations, wonderful meals and the personal attention of a tour director. We look forward to welcoming you on your land and sea vacation with Princess.

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## Flight Guidelines

To report delays en route (flight/weather)  
U.S. & Canada only 800-545-0008  
Outside U.S. & Canada 661-284-4410

### Airport to first hotel transfers:

#### Historic America Cruisetour

Transfers from the airport to your hotel are on your own. Transfer times vary due to traffic conditions, and taxi/shuttle bus prices can fluctuate, but the following is a guideline to assist you if you make arrangements on your own:

Washington National Airport to the Melrose Hotel -  
3 mi, 15 min., \$25  
Washington Dulles Airport to the Melrose Hotel -  
28 mi, 35 min., \$60

#### Maple Explorer Cruisetour

Princess offers transfers for you to purchase. Please provide your air arrival information to ensure that we are able to meet and transfer you.

## Special Needs/Access

Princess requires notification in advance if you choose to travel with a wheelchair.

We will request additional information to help us determine how best to meet your needs. Many areas require advance planning to be ready to accommodate wheelchairs and we cannot guarantee your needs will be met in the absence of this information.

We have a department designated to assist you in the coordination of these details so that we can provide you with a quality experience. If you have special requests or questions regarding accessibility, please have your travel agent contact the Princess Access Office at 661-284-4521. You are required to provide your own wheelchair for travel on land tours.

## On Land in Canada & New England

There are important differences between the cruise and land portions of your cruisetour. Please read the following section to better understand those differences.

## Time Zones

Cruisetours are fully within the Eastern Time Zone.

## Currency/Banking Information

Historic American cruisetour: This tour travels within the United States and all additional expenses will be paid in US Dollars.

Maple Explorer cruisetour: This tour visits cities and sights all within Canada and additional expenses will be paid in Canadian Dollars. Exchange rates fluctuate daily; we suggest you check for the most current exchange prior to your departure.

## Cash Expenses

Unlike cruising, cashless travel does not apply on land. Make sure to have cash and/or a credit card and valid ID on hand. Additional expenses will include and are not limited to: non-included meals at your hotel and elsewhere, room incidentals, shuttle services, laundry, and gift shop purchases. If you wish to charge incidentals to your hotel room, stop by the front desk upon arrival to establish credit.

## Meals/Dining

Daily breakfast is included in your tour, along with select lunch and dinners. Visit the Cruise Personalizer® for your detailed itinerary regarding specific inclusions for your tour. Your tour director will also be able to provide you recommendations for meals on your own as well as the hotel concierge.

## Tipping

Gratuities are a personal matter and an expression of appreciation for genuine, personal service provided by knowledgeable and creative professionals. Below are suggested ranges (in US dollars) to assist you in determining what gratuity amount is appropriate.

Service	Gratuity
Meals	Average 15% gratuity for server
Motorcoach Driver	\$4.00 (USD) per person, per day
Escorted Tour Director	\$5.00 - \$7.00 (USD) per person, per day

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## Electricity Information

North America operates on a 110-volt system, and uses a plug with two flat parallel prongs. Most US electrical outlets will have a third round, ground hole. A two-prong plug will still work in a three-hole outlet. If you are traveling from outside the US, you may need a plug adapter and/or voltage converter for electronic devices.

## Cell Phone Coverage

Given the areas through which you will be traveling, wireless reception may be limited or in some cases, non-existent. Please take this into consideration prior to your departure so that your family and friends are aware. Contact your cell phone carrier to determine limitations and services that exist in Canada.

## Traveling with Children

While traveling with infants or children, it is prohibited for the operator of a motor vehicle to transport any person under the age of 16 if they are not secured in that vehicle using a safety device approved by the US Department of Transportation. Local law requires that infants under age five be secured in a child safety device suitable for infants, and that children and teens, five to 16 years of age, are secured using a safety device which is appropriate for that person. It is imperative that you bring any device, beyond a seat belt, that you deem necessary to properly secure your child. Some land or shore excursions utilize smaller vehicles and will require you and your child to be secured while traveling.

## Climate

This average low/high temperature chart will give you an idea of what to expect:

Average Low/High Temperatures (degrees Fahrenheit)						
Destination	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Gettysburg	74/51	82/60	87/64	84/62	77/55	66/43
Montreal	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	66/50	54/39
Ottawa	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	66/49	54/38
Philadelphia	74/54	82/63	87/69	85/67	78/60	66/48
Toronto	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	68/50	56/39
Washington D.C.	76/57	84/66	88/71	86/70	79/62	68/51
Williamsburg	79/55	86/63	89/67	87/66	82/60	71/48

## What to Bring

You may experience a broad variety of weather while on your cruisetour. We recommend that you bring casual, comfortable clothes for sightseeing while on tour. No formal attire is required at any of the hotel properties.

If you are traveling on the Maple Explorer tour, we encourage you to bring clothes that are suited to layering as temperatures can fluctuate greatly this time of the year.

## Luggage

All Princess cruisetours include our hassle-free luggage handling service every step of the way. During the land portion of your vacation, your luggage will be transported via motorcoach and delivered to your hotel room. Please check with your airline carrier for luggage allowance/restrictions and guidelines prior to departure.

### Important luggage reminders:

Essential medicines, travel documents, valuables and breakables should be hand carried in your possession at all times.

Princess will make every effort to assist you in safeguarding your belongings. But remember, you are responsible for your things at all times. Princess is not responsible for money, jewelry, cameras, binoculars, documents or any other articles you retain in your personal control.

All luggage should have a sturdy personal identification tag that will not be lost or damaged in the course of typical airport and trucked luggage handling.

On journeys including air travel, luggage will be subject to a considerable amount of handling and we would recommend that your luggage be of sturdy construction.

Princess recommends that your travel protection is adequate enough to cover any possible loss or damage which may occur. Any loss or damage caused by Princess or an airline must be reported immediately to the responsible party.

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## **Luggage needed during Land Tour**

Pack one bag per person to travel with you on the land portion of your vacation.

This piece of luggage should include clothing, sleepwear, nonessential toiletries, extra shoes and anything else you might need at your hotel but do not need access to during the day.

The bell staff will deliver the luggage from the motorcoach to your room and vice versa.

Your tour director will give you instructions on where to place your luggage.

This bag will be transported separately from you and will not be accessible during transit.

## **Luggage not needed during Land Tour**

Passengers should pack a separate bag for items they will not need on land.

This bag is perfect for the items you may need on your cruise but will not need on your land tour, such as formal wear, dress shoes, or dinner jackets.

On the land portion of your cruisetour, the dress code is always casual so there is no need for any formal wear.

All luggage is delivered to the first overnight hotel on your land itinerary.

Upon departure from that city, the bags will be securely stored on the motorcoach during your tour.

## **Hand-Carry Tote/Backpack**

You'll want this bag with you every step of the way, so include only the essentials.

Items to pack in this bag include travel documents, photo ID, important medication, toiletries, camera, collapsible umbrella and any extra layers of clothing such as jackets or hats.

Your hand-carry tote bag should be a size that is comfortable to carry and should be able to be stowed under your seat. We recommend soft-sided tote bags or backpacks no larger than 17" X 14" X 4" with a zip enclosure.

Wheeled carry on cases that are used as carry-on luggage on airlines are too large and are not suitable as hand-carried luggage on motorcoaches.

## **Service**

An experienced and knowledgeable tour director will personally join you on your travels on the land portion of your vacation, taking care of all the details. A welcome letter with further details will be provided with your room key upon arrival at your first hotel indicated in your itinerary. It should be noted that the tour director does not accompany you on the cruise portion of your vacation.

## **Transportation**

### **Motorcoach Transportation**

Princess contracts with trained and knowledgeable drivers for your motorcoach travels.

Seating aboard the coaches is assigned daily by your tour director.

Ample stops are made for photo and rest breaks.

Coaches are equipped with restrooms.

## **Accommodations**

### **Hotel Stays**

Hotels are selected for their location, amenities and staff services. Princess communicates bed configuration requests to the hotels, but bed types can be limited and room assignments are at the discretion of the management of each hotel. While we forward the request, non-smoking rooms are not guaranteed. Disabled rooms are available at the hotels but must be requested in advance. Please put the request in writing and fax it to the Princess Access Office at 661-284-4408 at least 30 days prior to your travel. Or if you have questions about the program in general, please call the Princess Access Office at 661-284-4521.

Your tour director will provide a key packet upon arrival at each hotel and assist with your hotel questions and check-in information. Credit card check-in/check-out is not necessary unless you plan to charge incidentals to your room (phone calls, room service, etc.). Incidentals must be cleared one hour before departure. As a general rule, check-in time at all hotels is not prior to 4 p.m.