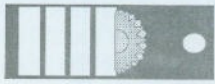
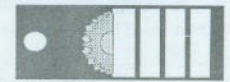


# Log of the Cruise



*Master*  
**Captain TONY HERRIOTT**



## MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE A829 • SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 5, 2008 DECK / NAVIGATION OFFICERS

Staff Captain		Dominico Lubrano-Lavadera, Italy	2nd in Command, Head of Deck Department
Senior First Officer		Mario Perlini, Italy	Bridge Manager, Ship's Safety Officer, Senior Officer of the Watch
First Officer		Ozren Marelic, Croatia	Senior Officer of the Watch, Navigator
Senior Second Officer		Gabriele Padovan, Italy	Senior Officer of the Watch
Second Officer		Boris Logojar, Croatia	Senior Officer of the Watch
Third Officer		Robert Joy, England	Officer of the Watch (Log Compiler)
Third Officer		Emma Devereux, England	Officer of the Watch
Third Officer		Benjamin Wood, Scotland	Officer of the Watch
Third Officer		Silverio Tuffano, Italy	Officer of the Watch
Deck Cadet		Robert O'Brien, Ireland	Officer Trainee

The Bridge is manned 24 hours a day by 2 Officers working 4 hours on 8 hours off in a 3 watch system.  
0000-0400, 0400-0800, 0800-1200, 1200-1600, 1600-2000, 2000-2400

# VENICE TO CIVITAVECCHIA MEDITERRANEAN CRUISING

## Extract from Deck Log

### 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 - VENICE, ITALY

At 08:32 we started striking our gangways for our departure from Venice. At 08:47, with all pre-departure checks complete, Grand Princess let go her mooring lines, thrust laterally off the pier and commenced moving astern into the Grande Canal before swinging her bow to starboard and started making headway. At 10:00 we passed the main breakwaters of the port, and disembarked our local pilot at 10:15. We then increased speed, and entered the southbound Traffic Separation Scheme outside the port, setting various South Easterly courses for the remainder of the day in the Northern Adriatic Sea.

Sky: Partly Cloudy Wind: Northeasterly Beaufort force 2  
Temperature: 18°C / 64.4°F Air Pressure: 1016.4mb

Throughout the night while following our South Easterly courses in the Adriatic Sea, we could see Croatia on our port side and Italy on our starboard side.

### 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 - DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

In the early hours of the morning, the Grand Princess approached Croatian waters and began passing between various Croatian Islands. Passing through Lastovski Kanal and then Mljetski Kanal, the ship rounded Otok Lopud (Lopud Island) at 06:45 this morning before approaching the pilot boarding area. Once the pilot was onboard we made way to our berth, where we sent our mooring lines ashore and finished with 7+2 fwd and aft all fast. At 07:57 clearance was granted and the ships gangways were rigged and ready for passenger use.

Sky at noon: Cloudy Wind: Easterly Beaufort force 1  
Temperature: 20°C / 68°F Air pressure: 1011.2mb

From Departure Venice yesterday until arrival today, Grand Princess steamed a total distance of 311 nautical miles at an average speed of 15 knots.

At 17:10 all passengers and crew were safely onboard and at 17:40 when the pilot embarked we commenced singling up our lines. When all lines were clear we thrust off the berth and began making sternway into the river. Once the bow had been swung to starboard at 18:01 we began making headway, the pilot disembarked and we set southerly courses toward Corfu.

### 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 - CORFU, GREECE

Early this morning we cruised through the Strait of Otranto, and once clear we entered the Corfu Channel, with Corfu on our starboard side and Albania on our port. At 7:41 we embarked our local pilot west of Vidho Island. He then assisted us to our anchorage position near Kerkyra Harbour, where we dropped the port anchor and finished with 6 shackles on deck. At 08:10 the pontoons were rigged and ready and by 08:33 the first passenger tender was proceeding ashore.

Sky at noon: Partly Cloudy Wind: Easterly Beaufort force 2  
Temperature: 19.5°C / 67°F Air pressure: 1016.7mb

From Departure Dubrovnik yesterday until arrival today, Grand Princess steamed a total distance of 208 nautical miles at an average speed of 15.6 knots.

At 17:00 we were granted clearance to depart, so with all passengers and crew on board we began to heave up the port anchor in preparation. At 18:14 the anchor was housed and the ship continued to swing to starboard until we were back on our charted course. Soon after we altered to a southeasterly course into the Ionian Sea and continued to follow various southerly courses throughout the night towards Katakolon.

### 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 - KATAKOLON, GREECE

Throughout the night Grand Princess continued to parallel the Peloponnisos Coast. At 06:15 the engines were ready for maneuvering and we made our final approaches towards Katakolon Harbour, embarking our local pilot on the starboard side at 06:35 before approaching our anchor position and letting go at 06:35. By 06:42 the anchor was bought up to 6 shackles on deck and the port side pontoons were rigged and ready for passenger use. At 07:15 the shore side had been inspected by our security team and was ready to receive passengers.

Sky at noon: Scattered cloud Wind: Northwesterly Beaufort force 1  
Temperature: 19°C / 66°F Air pressure: 1012.0 mb

From Departure Corfu yesterday until arrival today, Grand Princess steamed a total distance of 153 nautical miles at an average speed of 12.7 knots.

At 16:10 Grand Princess commenced heaving her port anchor and by 16:20 the anchor was aweigh. We then set south-southeasterly courses paralleling the western coast of Peloponnisos. Just before midnight we passed the south corner of Peloponnisos four nautical miles on our port side, setting North Easterly courses toward Athens.

### 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 - PIREAUS (ATHENS), GREECE

At 03:18 this morning Grand Princess entered the North bound lane of the traffic separation scheme outside the port. By 03:46 we were clear of the scheme and made contact with the local pilots who boarded shortly afterwards to assist us on our final approaches into the harbour. At 04:40 we started to swing the bow to port and started making sternway, at 04:57 the stem was inside the breakwater and we began to thrust onto our berth and come alongside port side to quay making fast 7+2 mooring lines forward and aft at 05:38.



Sky at noon: Cloudy  
Temperature: 19.0°C/66°F

Wind: Northeasterly Beaufort Force 3  
Air pressure: 1010.3mb

From our Departure Katakolon yesterday until our arrival today, Grand Princess steamed a total distance of 240 nautical miles at an average speed of 20.2 knots.

At 22:35 with the bunkering completed and the pilot onboard we began striking our gangways for our departure from Athens. At 22:40, with all pre-departure checks satisfactorily complete we let go our mooring lines and commenced moving astern to clear the berth. We then swung bow to starboard to make a clear line out from the breakwaters and set various courses to retrace our steps out of the harbour. We cleared the main breakwater at 23:15 and entered the southbound lane of the traffic separation scheme shortly thereafter. We then set a South Easterly course through the night, followed by various Northerly courses as we cruised around the Greek Isles towards Mykonos

### 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 - MYKONOS, GREECE

Throughout the night we set various easterly courses as we cruised through the Central Aegean Sea. Early this morning everything was standing by for arrival at 05:54. Stations were ready forward and aft and the pilot boarded the ship at 06:16 for arrival Mykonos berth. At 06:32 we sent our first line ashore and made fast 7+2 forward and 6+3 aft by 06:52. The gangways were rigged and ready for passenger use by 06:53.

Sky at noon: Partly cloudy  
Temperature: 22.8°C/ 73.1°F

Wind: Northerly Beaufort force 3  
Air pressure: 1014.7mb

From Departure Athens yesterday until our arrival today, Grand Princess steamed a total distance of 110 nautical miles at an average speed of 16.8 knots.

At 17:39 with all pre departure checks completed and all passengers and crew safely aboard the captain gave the command to single up. Once all the lines were onboard the fresh breeze aided our lateral movement from the berth before we commenced our passage to Rhodes at 17:48. We rounded the north end of the island into the wind and then came to starboard and set southeasterly courses past many Greek islands during the night.

### 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 - RHODES, GREECE

Throughout the night, Grand Princess set various southeasterly then easterly courses passing various Greek Islands busy waterways. At 06:55 we embarked our local pilot who assisted us on our passage into the harbour, bringing us around the northern edge of Rodos Island and then directly south onto our berth where we made fast 7+2 mooring lines both forward and aft. After the dockside was inspected by our security department and clearance granted by the authorities, passengers and crew were permitted to leave the ship at 07:40

Sky at noon: Partly cloudy  
Temperature: 21.5°C/ 70.7°F

Wind: West north-westerly Beaufort force 3  
Air pressure: 1012.6mb

From Departure Mykonos yesterday until our arrival today, Grand Princess steamed a total distance of 193 nautical miles at an average speed of 15.8 knots.

At 17:13, with all lines on board, Grand Princess thrust off her berth making sternway before she swung bow to starboard once clear of the ferry's and the breakwaters. Soon after we disembarked our local pilot at 17:24 and began to make headway eventually rounding the northern edge of Rodos before setting westerly courses toward the southern Aegean Sea. At 22:47 we altered to a more northerly course passing between various islands as we approached Kusadasi.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2008 - KUSADASI, TURKEY

Early this morning at 04:37 we rounded Somas Island, one of the eastern most Greek islands outside of Turkish waters, and set east making our final approaches to Kusadasi Pilot station. At 07:20 we embarked our local pilot and made way towards our berth. We came straight in alongside, starboard side to and were all fast on the berth by 07:52 with gangways available shortly thereafter.

Sky at noon: Cloudy  
Temperature: 19.0°C/66°F

Wind: Southwesterly Beaufort force 2  
Air pressure: 1019.9mb

From Departure Rhodes yesterday until our arrival today, Grand Princess steamed a total distance of 197 nautical miles at an average speed of 14.7 knots.

At 16:23 all of our shore excursions as well as independent passengers were confirmed back on board. At 16:50 with all other pre departure checks complete we began to single up our mooring lines for departure. Once clear we thrust off the berth and began making sternway. At 17:07 the bow was swung to starboard and we disembarked our pilot. Once we had completed the swing we commenced our passage to Santorini at 17:15 and set west.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2008 - SANTORINI, GREECE

Early this morning Grand Princess followed westerly courses towards her destination, approaching north of the island, rounding the tip before passing the narrow entrance. Just before sunrise we made our final approaches towards the anchorage through the northern entrance. By 06:40 we had 4 thrusters available and we came slowly to port and brought the engines to a minimum approaching our designated drift position. The pontoons were rigged and ready by 07:09 and we then established a tender service using Santorini shore tenders.

Sky at noon: Partly cloudy  
Temperature: 21.0°C/ 70.0°F

Wind: Easterly Beaufort force 4  
Air pressure: 1017.6mb

From departure Kusadasi yesterday to arrival today, Grand Princess steamed a total distance of 135 nautical miles, at an average speed of 9.5 knots.

At 13:30 the vessel was maneuvered under the captain's orders and Port Control advice to the anchorage position. We dropped the port anchor and came to 7 shackles on deck by 14:05.



At 17:33 we started heaving up the port anchor and shortly after sighted it clear. We set towards the northern entrance passing a few other ships visiting Santorini also. Once clear of the Island we proceeded on a Westerly course towards our next port of call, Naples, Italy where we expect to pass the Straights of Messina at about 21:00 on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2008 - AT SEA

Just after midnight we made our approaches toward Elefonisou Channel, setting various westerly courses to transit the busy waterway which separates the Greek mainland and the Island of Peloponnesus. Once clear from the channel we set various west-northwesterly courses crossing the southern Ionian Sea and making our approach to Messina Strait.

Position at noon: 37°13.6'N – 018°35.0'E

Sky at noon: Cloudy

Temperature: 20.0°C/ 68.0°F

Wind: Northwesterly Beaufort force 4

Air pressure: 1016.3mb

At 20:30 we embarked our pilot for the short transit of Messina Straits, which separates the island of Sicily and the mainland of Italy at the narrowest point only 1.6 nautical miles. After passing the Straights we disembarked our pilot at 21:04 and set a northwesterly course in the Tyrrhenian Sea, passing the volcanic Island of Stromboli on our starboard side at 23:30. Once clear of the island, we set a more northerly course which we will maintain for the duration of the night.

### 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008 - NAPLES, ITALY

At 0200 this morning ship's clocks were set back one hour to bring us to correct local time for our call into Italy. At 04:55 this morning Grand Princess passed through the Piccolo Strait with the Island of Capri passing our port side. We then entered Napoli Bay and by 05:58 had full 'hands to stations' for our arrival, entering the main breakwater and swinging bow to starboard to back onto the berth for a 06:45 arrival. We used a shore gangway on Deck 6 and our own gangway on Deck 4 which were opened once full clearance was granted by the port authorities at 07:15.

Sky at noon: Cloudy

Wind: Southwesterly Beaufort force 4

Temperature: 20°C/ 68°F

Air pressure: 1012.6mb

From departure Santorini until arrival today, Grand Princess steamed a total distance of 678 nautical miles at an average speed of 18.5 knots.

\*At 17:45 we struck our last gangway and secured all shell doors for sea before letting go our lines. Once let go, we lifted off the berth, cleared the breakwater and disembarked our pilot in Napoli bay. At 19:30 we will pass the Island of D'Ischia and set a North Westerly course towards Civitavecchia.

### 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 - CIVITAVECCHIA, ITALY

\*Early this morning Grand Princess cruised towards the port of Civitavecchia, picking up her pilot at 3:00am outside the breakwater. Once inside the breakwater, we slowed to a speed of 4 knots to make our turn for a port side alongside tie up at 4:00am. We were fast by shortly after, and with shore side security inspected, we opened our gangways for passengers to disembark the ship. From Departure Naples yesterday until arrival today, Grand Princess steamed a total distance of 154 nautical miles at an average speed of 18.9 knots.

\* Estimated at time of going to print

*We hope you have enjoyed your cruise with us. We also hope that we will have the pleasure of taking you to yet more interesting and exciting ports of call in the future. From the Bridge Team, we wish you a safe and pleasant journey home.*

## CRUISE SUMMARY

	DISTANCE	AVERAGE SPEED
Venice to Dubrovnik	311 nautical miles	15.0 Knots
Dubrovnik to Corfu	208 nautical miles	15.7 Knots
Corfu to Katakolon	153 nautical miles	12.8 Knots
Katakolon to Athens	240 nautical miles	20.3 Knots
Athens to Mykonos	110 nautical miles	16.8 Knots
Mykonos to Rhodes	193 nautical miles	15.8 Knots
Rhodes to Kusadasi	197 nautical miles	14.7 Knots
Kusadasi to Santorini	135 nautical miles	9.5 Knots
Santorini to Naples	655 nautical miles	18.6 Knots
Naples to Civitavecchia	153 nautical miles	18.5 Knots

**Total Distance Travelled From Venice to Civitavecchia**

**2,355 Nautical Miles**

**Note: 1 Nautical Mile = 1.15 Statute Miles = 1.85 Kilometers**