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Princess Plus vs. Premier Packages FAQ: Ultimate 2026 Guide

Compare Princess Plus and Princess Premier cruise packages. Discover 2026 pricing, drink limits, dining perks, and exclusive benefits to choose the best option.

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Planning a Princess Cruise and wondering if upgrading your booking is worth the cost? You aren't alone. Deciding between the **Princess Plus** and **Princess Premier** packages is one of the biggest choices cruisers face before setting sail. This comprehensive FAQ breaks down everything you need to know to make an informed decision. From comparing daily pricing and beverage limits to exploring specialty dining upgrades, Wi-Fi perks, and crew appreciation fees, we've gathered all the details to help you find the perfect package for your vacation style and budget.

What is the pricing for each package?

Package	Pre-Cruise Price	Onboard Price	Savings vs. À La Carte
Princess Plus	$65 per person/day*	$70 per person/day*	Around 54%**
Princess Premier	$100 per person/day*	$105 per person/day*	Around 66%**
Sphere Class Ship: Princess Plus	$70 per person/day*	$75 per person/day*	50% Savings**
Sphere Class Ship: Princess Premier	$105 per person/day*	$110 per person/day*	70% Savings**

Packages apply to guests 1 and 2 on the reservation *and must be purchased 4 days (or 96 hours) prior to departure for lower price. Package purchases made onboard or within 4 days of departure will be an additional $5 per person, per day.*

***Savings per guest is based on a 10-day cruise when package is purchased prior to sailing.*

Pricing is subject to change. See full package terms and conditions

Access the chart in desktop mode for the best viewing experience.

What beverages are included in each package?

Feature	Princess Plus	Princess Premier
Drink value cap	Up to $15 USD each	Up to $20 USD each
Drink types covered	Cocktails, wine, beer, spirits, fountain sodas, specialty coffees and teas; bar service charges included	Premium selection of spirits, cocktails, and wine by the glass
Daily drink limit	15 beverages per 24-hour period (specialty coffees, teas, and bottled water do not count toward this limit)	Not specified as limited (package is positioned as unlimited within the $20 cap)
Bottled water	Up to 500mL bottles, up to 12 per day	Up to 500mL bottles, up to 12 per day
Discount on excluded items	The package includes the additional benefit of a 25% discount on the following excluded items: all bottles of wine, one-liter bottles of water and canned soda	The package includes the additional benefit of a 25% discount on the following excluded items: all bottles of wine, one-liter bottles of water and canned soda
Zero-Alcohol coverage (guests under legal drinking age)	Automatic Zero-Alcohol Package: zero-alcohol cocktails, fountain sodas, specialty coffees/teas, frappes, Red Bull, with pre-paid 18% service charge	Same automatic Zero-Alcohol Package applies

What dining is included in each package?

Dining benefit	Princess Plus	Princess Premier
Casual dining	4 casual dining meals per guest per voyage	Unlimited casual dining meals
Specialty dining	Not included	Unlimited specialty dining meals at award-winning specialty restaurants
Specialty venues (where offered)	Not applicable	Crown Grill (USDA Black-Angus steaks), Sabatini's Italian Trattoria, The Catch by Rudi (seafood)
Premium desserts	2 per day	Unlimited
Juice bar	4 blends and 2 power shots	4 blends and 2 power shots
Effective Jan 14, 2026 update	No change noted	Premier casual dining expands to relaxed, sit-down restaurants such as Alfredo's Pizzeria, O'Malley's, Ocean Terrace, and Salty Dog Gastropub

Which specialty restaurants are included?

- Crown Grill – USDA Black-Angus steaks
- Sabatini's Italian Trattoria – Italian cuisine
- The Catch by Rudi – seafood
- Princess Premier includes unlimited specialty dining meals at these award-winning specialty restaurants
- Princess Plus does not include specialty dining
- Specialty dining reservations are exclusive to the package holder and cannot be transferred or used on behalf of another guest
- Unused specialty dining credits are non-refundable and cannot be redeemed for cash

What credits and fees are included?

Benefit	Princess Plus	Princess Premier
Wi-Fi	1 device per guest	Up to 4 devices per guest (MedallionNet Max)
Shore excursion credit	Not included	$100 for 6–9 day cruises, $200 for 10–20 day cruises, $300 for 21+ day cruises (non-refundable if unused, cannot be redeemed for cash)
OceanNow delivery fee	Delivery fee waived; room service delivery included	Delivery fee waived; room service delivery included
Crew appreciation (pre-paid gratuities)	$18/day (interior, oceanview, balcony); $19/day (mini-suite, cabanas, Reserve); $20/day (suites) — cannot be opted out, exchanged, or refunded, as it's bundled with the package	Same rates and terms as Princess Plus
Casual dining	4 meals per guest per voyage	Unlimited; effective January 14, 2026, this includes relaxed sit-down restaurants such as Alfredo's Pizzeria, O'Malley's, Ocean Terrace, and Salty Dog Gastropub
Specialty dining	Not included	Unlimited meals at venues such as Crown Grill, Sabatini's Italian Trattoria, and The Catch by Rudi; reserved exclusively for the package holder and cannot be transferred to another guest

What fitness, entertainment, and photo benefits are included?

Benefit	Princess Plus	Princess Premier
Fitness classes	2 fitness classes	Unlimited fitness classes, including Xponential
Premium desserts	2 per day	Unlimited
Professional photos	Not included	Unlimited digital images taken by onboard photographers, plus 3 prints
Juice bar	4 blends and 2 power shots (included)	4 blends and 2 power shots (included)
Reserved theater seating	Included	Included
Medallion device accessory	Exclusive free accessory included	Exclusive free accessory included
Princess Prizes	Unlimited chances to win (1 in 4 spins wins)	Unlimited chances to win (1 in 4 spins wins)

When should I purchase these packages?

Guests under 21 are automatically assigned the Zero-Alcohol Package rather than Princess Plus or Princess Premier, so there's no need to select this separately. Note that the age threshold varies by region: it's 18 in Europe, Asia, South America, Australia, and New Zealand, and 20 in Japan. This package includes zero-alcohol cocktails, fountain sodas, specialty coffees and teas, frappes, and Red Bull energy drinks, with an 18% service charge pre-paid. Keep this in mind when budgeting for mixed-age traveling parties, since the automatic assignment means younger guests won't be charged for the full beverage package benefits adults receive.

Both Princess Plus and Princess Premier are available for all stateroom types, from interior cabins to suites. Guests can purchase either package before their cruise or onboard within the first two days of sailing. Booking ahead is worth noting for budgeting purposes: packages purchased at least 4 days (96 hours) prior to departure carry the lower pre-cruise price, while purchases made onboard or within 4 days of departure incur an additional $5 per person per day. Guests under the minimum drinking age (21 in most regions, 18 in Europe, Asia, South America, Australia and New Zealand, or 20 in Japan) are automatically assigned the Zero-Alcohol Package instead.

What is non-refundable in these packages?

- Unused specialty dining, casual dining, and shore excursion credits are non-refundable if not used during the voyage and cannot be redeemed for cash.
- Crew Appreciation (pre-paid gratuities) is bundled with the package and cannot be opted out of, exchanged, or refunded — this applies at $18 per person per day for interior, oceanview, and balcony staterooms; $19 for mini-suites, cabanas, and Reserve; and $20 for suites.
- Specialty dining meals included in a package are reserved exclusively for the package holder and cannot be transferred or used on behalf of another guest.
- Packages purchased onboard or within 4 days (96 hours) of departure incur an additional $5 per person per day, and this surcharge is not waived retroactively.

Yes. Specialty dining meals included in the Princess Premier package (and any specialty dining credits tied to a beverage/dining package) are reserved exclusively for the package holder and cannot be transferred or used on behalf of another guest. If a specialty dining meal isn't used during the voyage, it is non-refundable and cannot be redeemed for cash.

Regardless of whether guests choose Princess Plus, Princess Premier, or no package at all, certain items remain free: breakfast ordered via the doorknob card stays complimentary, and any housekeeping items requested by telephone or through the stateroom steward remain free as well.

IMPORTANT

Princess updated its Plus and Premier package benefits on July 22, 2025. Guests who purchased a package before that date for a 2026 sailing will keep the 2025 benefits they originally booked, and those who purchased Princess Plus in 2025 for a 2026 sailing have the option to upgrade to the Premier Package. A further change takes effect January 14, 2026: the Premier Package will add casual dining at relaxed, sit-down restaurants such as Alfredo's Pizzeria, O'Malley's, Ocean Terrace, and Salty Dog Gastropub. Advisors should confirm a client's purchase date and sailing date before quoting benefits, since these grandfathering rules affect what's actually included. Note that benefit details for Sun Princess and Star Princess vary and should be checked separately.

Frequently asked questions

Do Princess Plus and Princess Premier include a Medallion accessory?

Yes, both packages include an exclusive free Medallion device accessory.

What are Princess Prizes, and are they included with these packages?

Both Princess Plus and Princess Premier include unlimited chances to win Princess Prizes, an onboard game where guests can win prizes ranging from onboard spending money to free cruises. Princess states that 1 in 4 spins wins a prize.

Is there a penalty for buying a package late or onboard?

Yes. Packages must be purchased at least 4 days (96 hours) prior to departure to get the lower price. Purchases made onboard or within 4 days of departure carry an additional $5 per person per day.

Do package benefits vary by ship?

Yes. Sun Princess and Star Princess have benefit details that vary from other ships in the fleet and should be referenced separately when confirming inclusions for a specific sailing.

What happens if a guest purchased a package before the most recent update?

Packages were updated on July 22, 2025. Guests who purchased a package before that date for 2026 sailings will still receive the 2025 benefit structure. Guests who purchased Princess Plus in 2025 for a 2026 sailing also have the option to upgrade to Princess Premier.

Are there any casual dining changes coming for Princess Premier?

Effective January 14, 2026, Princess Premier will include casual dining at relaxed, sit-down restaurants such as Alfredo's Pizzeria, O'Malley's, Ocean Terrace, and Salty Dog Gastropub, among others.

What happens to unused dining meals or excursion credits?

Unused specialty dining, casual dining, and shore excursion credits are non-refundable if not used, and cannot be redeemed for cash.

Can crew appreciation (gratuities) be removed from these packages?

No. Crew appreciation is bundled into both packages and cannot be opted out, exchanged, or refunded.

Do guests under the legal drinking age get a beverage package automatically?

Yes. Guests under 21 (or 18 in Europe, Asia, South America, Australia, and New Zealand, or 20 in Japan) automatically receive the Zero-Alcohol Package, which includes zero-alcohol cocktails, fountain sodas, specialty coffees and teas, frappes, and Red Bull energy drinks, with a pre-paid 18% service charge.

Is complimentary breakfast still available regardless of package?

Yes. Breakfast ordered via the doorknob card remains complimentary, and housekeeping items ordered by telephone or through a steward remain free regardless of which package a guest has.