

*November, 2021  
Cunard, Queen Elizabeth*



*April, 2022  
Sky Princess*



*June, 2022  
MSC Virtuosa*



Nov, 2021 April and June, 2022

3 cruises

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Tony: Panasonic Lumix TZ90  
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Doreen & Tony



Sky Princess at Lisbon on 14th April

# Sky Princess

9th to 22nd April, 2022



Southampton  
 La Rochelle, France  
 Bilbao, Spain  
 Lisbon, Portugal  
 Gibraltar  
 Cádiz, Spain  
 Malaga, Spain  
 Cartagena, Spain  
 Vigo, Spain  
 Southampton



into the third year of the Covid-19 epidemic but we had to have proof of a Negative test before boarding



sailing from the Mayflower Cruise Terminal. The new Horizon Cruise Terminal, to be used when we sail on MSC Virtuosa in June, is in the centre of the photograph, to the left of the yellow parts of the (blue) cranes



Stateroom 432 on Riviera deck, 14



six lifts but not all co-ordinated

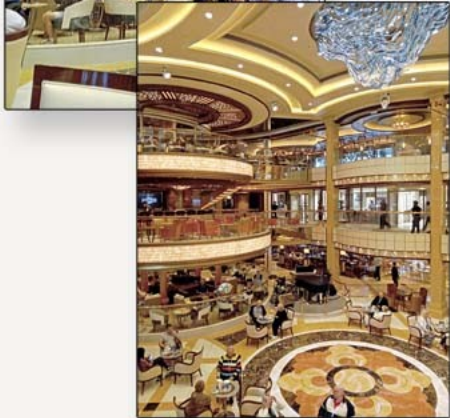


if we saw this photo on the corridor wall we knew we were on our deck and our stateroom just round the corner



our Princess MedallionClass devices automatically unlocked our stateroom door as we approached it







the glass walkway  
on deck 16



our balcony was  
tapered with a wider end to  
forward



# La Rochelle, capital of the Charente-Maritime department of France



Monday  
11th April



the rather dismal cruise  
terminal and berth at La  
Rochelle.

The long Pont de l'île de Ré  
is in the background.



An afternoon tour crossing to  
the island of Ile de Ré to visit  
the small seaside town and  
port of Saint-Martin-de-Ré.  
Then to Ars-en-Ré and back  
over the 3.3km bridge, Pont  
de l'île de Ré to Sky Princess  
at La Rochelle.

Saint-Martin-de-Ré



some of  
the donkeys with our  
friends off Sky  
Princess,  
"German" Mark  
and "French"  
Frank.  
The donkeys are  
given special  
trousers to  
protect them  
from mosquitos.





Saint-Martin-de-Ré







the Atlantic Ciné  
on Quai Job Foron





and one last photo in Saint-Martin-de-Ré  
the church spire-cum-navigational aid



## Ars-en-Ré



an accident on the 3.3km bridge, Pont de l'île de Ré, delayed our arrival at Sky Princess by about 30 minutes but the ship had to await our return before departing from La Rochelle.

# Basque, Autonomous Community of Spain

Tuesday  
12th April

a tour to Bermeo, a small port,  
then to Guernica (Gernika)

Getxo, the port for Bilbao



a view point overlooking the island of Akatxa Irla





## Bermeo



well it was  
nearly lunch  
time, 11.30am





On April 26, 1937, during the Spanish Civil War, the Nazis, aided by Italian forces, tested precision-bombing technique with their new air force on the Basque town of Guernica in northern Spain. One-third of Guernica's 5,000 inhabitants were killed or wounded and most of the buildings were destroyed. This was a dress-rehearsal for the bombing by the German Luftwaffe in Europe in the Second World War, particularly in the UK and Northern Ireland.

## Guernica



statue of José Maria Iparraguirre, is known for his compositions in Euskara, the most significant of which is Gernikako Arbola (literally "the Guernica tree"), which has become the Basque anthem.



Artekalea Kalea





Pablo Picasso exposed the horror of the bombing in his famous anti-war painting called *Guernica*; the painting hangs in the Museo Reina Sofias in Madrid.



image of Pablo Picasso by José Luis Martínez Escudero (Goyo213) we found in Cartagena a week later. "el arte es una mentira que nos hace darnos cuenta de la verdad" "art is a lie that makes us realize truth"





Bronze sculpture entitled *Homage to the Gudaris*, the army commanded by the Basque Government during the Spanish Civil War



Count Dan Tello



The Basque flag of red, white and green, was supposed to be the flag for Bizkaia, Biscay but it proved to be popular and soon came to be accepted as the flag for all of the Basque Country now the Basque Autonomous Community of Spain.

It was publicly displayed for the first time on 14 July, 1894. Some say that the Basque flag was deliberately modeled after the national flag of the United Kingdom, because Great Britain was the first economic power in the world at the time. Some also say it was because Bizkaia had a long history of trade with Britain. The flag of Ukraine is also present.



Foru Plaza



on the drive back to Getxo for Sky Princess



Sky Princess berthed at Getxo and Afternoon Tea on our balcony



Getxo



departing Bilbao/Getxo, a day at sea tomorrow then Lisbon on Thursday





the lift foyer



# LISBON

Thursday 14th April

our 8th visit





Lisbon airport is about 2.5 miles away

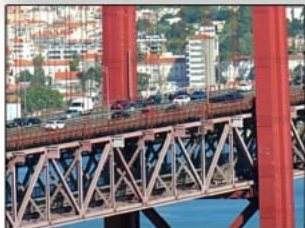


Parque Eduardo . The park is named for King Edward VII of the UK who visited Portugal in 1903 to strengthen relations between the two countries and reaffirm the Anglo-Portuguese Alliance.





wearing our Vox speakers



The Sanctuary of Christ the King is a Catholic monument in Almada on the opposite bank of the Tagus River to Lisbon.

Linking the two sides of the river is the Ponte 25 de Abril (25th April Bridge), opened in 1966 and is the longest suspension bridge in Europe. It has two levels, the top level is for vehicles and the lower, added in 1999, is for trains and a constant hum of traffic noise comes from the bridge, very loud as we sail under the bridge.





in Almada

Lisbon from the Ponte 25 de Abril



street-art made from  
old car components

Museu de Marinha, the Navy Museum, in Santa Maria de Belém



The first aerial crossing of the South Atlantic was made by the Portuguese naval aviators Gago Coutinho and Sacadura Cabral in 1922, to mark the centennial of Brazil's independence. Coutinho and Cabral flew from the Bom Sucesso Naval

Air Station, Lisbon, to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, covering a distance of 8,383 kilometres (5,209 miles) between 30 March and 17 June, 1922. The aircraft Lusitânia, was a British Fairey III-D Mikil seaplane but when in Brazilian waters the aircraft ditched in rough seas.



Reproduction of the aircraft by the Tagus riverside.





Royal Berganti, the Royal Barge

This vessel was built by Queen Dona Maria I, for the betrothal of her son, the future Dom João VI, to Princess Carlota Joaquina, which took place in 1784.

The vessel has 40 oars, operated by 78 rowers, the oars being operated by two oarsmen.



At the entrance to the museum is the statue of Dom Henrique of Portugal, Duke of Viseu (1394 – 1460) - "Prince Henry the Navigator". A catalyst in the age of discoveries and pioneer of the small, fast ship, the caravel, in search of colonies in the early days of the Portuguese Empire. Prince Henry, holding a model caravel, is the leading figure on the monument below.



A trough? No, it is flat



Padrão dos Descobrimentos - Monument of the Discoveries - 1960. Located along the Tagus river where ships departed to explore and trade with India and the Orient, the monument celebrates the Portuguese Age of Discovery (or "Age of Exploration") during the 15th and 16th centuries.





metal sculpture by Jorge Viera  
in Praça do Município  
(Municipal Square)



back on board and with crisps, coffee and cocktails, and also the Portuguese  
custard tarts bought as we passed through the cruise terminal



Mein Schiff 6 and  
Seven Sea Voyager berthed  
at the Lisbon cruise terminal









departing from Lisbon



 Princess  
event listings



a day at sea | Friday, 15 April



British Overseas Territory of  
GIBRALTAR

Saturday  
16th April





monument dedicated to "all Gibraltarians who served in the Gibraltar Volunteer Corps, the Gibraltar Defence Force and the Gibraltar Regiment" in the Second World War



the official residence of the Governor of Gibraltar since 1728. It was originally a convent of Franciscan friars built in 1531



lunch at The Angry Friar (or Fryer?)



Bristol Hotel, Cathedral Square, in 2022 and postcard from Tony and mother staying here in May,1967. Flew from Heathrow on BEA Vanguard turboprop aircraft



1967 and 2022 photos of almost the same place



original Post Office (now Royal Mail) letter boxes -  
Victoria Regina - Edward VII Rex - George V Rex - Elizabeth II Regina





# Cádiz, Andalucía, Spain

Sunday  
17th April

the Cádiz  
cruise terminal



Plaza  
Del  
Mentidero



Plaza  
de  
Mina





Parque Genovès



Fuente De Los Niños Del Paraguas  
The Fountain of the Children of the Umbrella,  
acquired at the Universal Exhibition in Paris in 1878,





Many apartment blocks have these type of quite beautiful plaques; these two indicate that they were constructed in 1900 and in 1901 and the plaque was made at the "Fundicion La Torre Y CavinoLa" - the Torre Y Cavino Foundry in Cadiz



"tell me when it's safe to let go"



Plaza Del Mentidero





Plaza de San Antonio



Bijou Brigitte has closed in Funchal, Madeira, but still open in Cádiz



Flying Tiger is open in Bracknell



the very top of the Monumento a la Constitución de 1812  
seen from the ship



departing from Cádiz  
and in the Club Restaurant



Puente De La Constitución De 1812

then evening drinks in the Take Five lounge,  
of Bailey's and Amarula



Malaga, in the autonomous community of Andalusia, Spain

Monday 18th April





Malaga cruise terminal





no tour today, just a short stroll away from the ship



Silver Whisper



Fred Olsen, Bolette



Cartagena, in the autonomous community of Murcia, Spain

Tuesday 19th April



a walk through Cartegen to the district of the Roman Forum, an open-air archaeological site

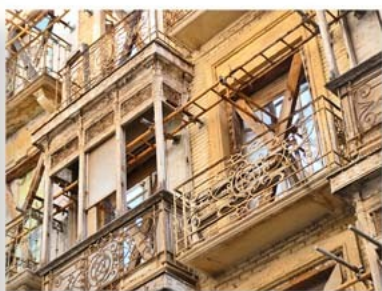


Plaza del Ayuntamiento

left, the 1907  
Palacio Consistorial  
houses the town  
hall

right, sailor statue





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Gran Hotel  
designed by  
Victor Beltrí





District of the Roman Forum, an open-air archaeological site that dates back to the 1st century



Plaza San Francisco  
Each of the pavement tiles marked as is the above denotes the position of a column in Roman times



Monument to Isidro Máiquez and Australian banyan trees



Casino building, designed by Victor Beltrí, 1862 -1935, an architect who designed many of the modernist - jugend - buildings in Cartagena. The pavement disc is in front of the building.



Cunard Queen Elizabeth berthed close to Sky Princess



Sky Princess





Princess  
event listings

a day at sea | Wednesday, 20 April

not much time left to  
finish off the wine



PRINCESS CRUISES

EDEN  
R432  
19 APRIL 22

1083

QUANTITY	NO.	PRICE	TAXES	TOTAL
5	1083	8.50		42.50
2	1083	11.00		22.00
2	1083	4.50		9.00



3.47pm, ordering room  
service; Cafe Latte,  
Marrakesh Mint Tea,  
Crisps and Chocolate  
Chip Biscuits



Vigo in the province of Pontevedra, within the  
autonomous community of Galicia, Spain

Thursday 21st April



no tours booked for today in  
Vigo so stayed on the ship



Screens around the ship can be used  
to find you way about - in this case  
back to our stateroom Riviera 432  
from the lift on deck 5 at the stern

5.16pm, ordering  
cocktails and  
Chocolate Chip biscuits



arriving in Southampton tomorrow



Princess  
event listings



a day at sea | Friday, 22 April  
and Southampton on Saturday

