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Sapphire Princess Fact Sheet

Passenger Capacity: 2,670

Tonnage: 116,000

Builder: Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Nagasaki, Japan

Inaugural Cruise: June 13, 2004

Length: 952 feet

Height: 205 feet

Beam: 158 feet (including bridge wing)

123 feet (excluding bridge wing)

Draft: 28 feet

Decks: 18

Space Ratio: 42.2

Passenger Cabins: 1,337 (960 outside/377 inside) total: 28 Suites with private balconies (Square footage: 535 -- 1329*); 2 Family Suites with interconnecting cabins (Square footage: 522*); 186 Mini-suites with private balconies (Square footage: 354*); 532 Outside cabins with private balconies (Square footage: 237 -- 300*); 212 Standard outside cabins ((Square footage: 183); 377 Inside cabins (Square footage: 168) (*includes balcony)

Wheelchair Accessible Cabins: 27 including 16 outside/11 inside (Square footage: 249 - 412)

Cabins with Private Balconies: 748 (78 percent of all outside cabins)

Third/Fourth Berths: 616

Pools: 5

Whirlpools Spas: 8

Dining and Snacks: Five main dining rooms; Sabatini's trattoria; Trident Grill -- poolside hamburger grill; Prego -- poolside pizza bar; Sundaes -- poolside Hagen Dazs ice cream creations; Horizon Court -- 24-hour buffet/bistro; 24-hour room service

Showrooms/Lounges: Princess Theater -- main showroom ; Club Fusion -- high-tech lounge with Wake View bar below; Explorers Lounge -- lounge and disco; Wheelhouse Bar -- Classic nautical-themed lounge; Skywalkers -- disco/lounge in the sky with outdoor balcony

Passenger Services: Casino, 4 duty-free shops, fitness center and spa, sports deck, children's and teen's centers, library, Internet Cafe, wedding chapel, art gallery, golf putting course and simulator.

Number of Crew: 1,100

Crew Nationality: British/Italian: deck, engineering, electro technical, and medical officers

International: Hotel officers, dining and bar staff, reception, cruise staff, accommodation staff, and others

Propulsion: Gas turbine/Diesel/Electric

Maximum Speed: 22 knots

Lifeboats: 16 lifeboats, 6 tenders, 2 rescue boats

Registry: Bermuda

Classification: Lloyd's Register of Shipping

Deployment: Alaska Inside Passage (summer); Mexican Riviera; Australia/New Zealand and Asia voyages

Sapphire Princess was originally to be called the Diamond Princess as was to join the fleet in May, 2002. A fire on the ship while it was being constructed in the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries shipyard, however, burned for nearly 19 hours and destroyed nearly 70% of the vessel. Nancy Murkowski, wife of Alaska's then-governor, is the ship's godmother. Sapphire Princess is the first ever cruise ship to have its naming ceremony in Seattle.