

Ruby Red Princess Sails

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A "RUBY RED" themed ceremony celebrating romance, Princess Cruises named its newest ship, Ruby Princess, in Fort Lauderdale.

America's reigning reality couple, Trista and Ryan Sutter of the hit US series, 'The Bachelorette' did the honors, breaking the traditional bottle of champagne to mark the ship's launch, and their own fifth wedding anniversary.

The new godparents were surrounded by hundreds of guests decked out in ruby red-tie formal attire, and a ruby-haired singer serenaded the crowd. As befitting the most romantic cruise line, and an event celebrating "romantic moments and milestones," the official naming was followed by the ultimate romantic milestone -- a wedding in the midst of the festivities. The Californian couple joined in matrimony not only had Trista and Ryan as wedding attendants, but the Love Boat captain himself, Gavin MacLeod, gave away the bride.

In the evening, the ship hosted a "Ruby Red Tie" gala and set sail on a two-night cruise, included a massive renewal of vows for all couples while the ship is at sea.

Ruby Princess then returns to Port Everglades on 8 November for its inaugural seven-night sailing to the Western Caribbean.

During Ruby Princess' inaugural season she will make seven-night weekly sailings from Fort Lauderdale to the Western Caribbean. Calls include Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; Cozumel, Mexico and Princess Cays in the Bahamas.

Next spring the ship will move to Europe for 12-day sailings in the Mediterranean and Greek Islands.

The 3,110-passenger Ruby Princess includes a dramatic piazza-style atrium featuring small-bite eateries and an ever-changing line-up of street performers. Passengers will also enjoy Princess' other array of dining venues including the signature Sabatini's Italian restaurant and the Crown Grill steak house, plus a relaxing oasis just for adults called The Sanctuary. The new ship will also offer the many other innovations that define the Princess experience, including the popular Movies Under the Stars poolside movie screen, Personal Choice Dining featuring traditional or Anytime seating, multiple entertainment venues, a relaxing Asian-style Lotus Spa with fitness center, an extensive children and teen's center, and a wedding chapel.