

Chef Curtis Stone's SHARE Restaurant Set to Debut Down Under on Sun Princess This Month

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Australian holidaymakers will be able to enjoy the first taste of Curtis Stone's cuisine close to home, with the celebrated Australian chef's acclaimed new restaurant SHARE now featuring on Princess Cruises' superliner Sun Princess following a multi-million dollar refurbishment this month.

As part of the chef's exclusive partnership with the cruise line, SHARE by Curtis Stone has been added to select Princess ships with Sun Princess the first to offer the signature restaurant down under. Emerald Princess, which arrives in Sydney in November for its first Australian season, also features Chef Stone's SHARE restaurant.

As the name suggests, the SHARE menu and restaurant has been designed to encourage diners to connect with each other and share holiday memories over a delicious meal.

Princess Cruises Vice President Australia and New Zealand Stuart Allison said it was a thrill that Sun Princess has become the venue for Curtis Stone's first Australian-accessible restaurant at sea. The internationally-known chef opened his award-winning restaurant in 2014, Maude, located in Beverly Hills, and is expected to open his second restaurant in Hollywood, Los Angeles, this summer.

"We couldn't be more excited about SHARE's debut down under on Sun Princess. Australians are very familiar with Curtis Stone but without a restaurant here, they haven't been able to taste his dishes – until now. We know our guests will enjoy the special menu Chef Stone has created for SHARE and will relish the opportunity to share some wonderful food with friends and family in his new onboard restaurant. We'll be revealing some of the exclusive dishes to be served onboard in the coming weeks," Mr Allison said.

During its 14-day dry dock in Singapore, Sun Princess also became the first Australian-based ship to offer the new Princess Luxury Bed, designed in partnership with US sleep expert Dr Michael Breus, known as "The Sleep Doctor" and US TV design star Candice Olson. Developed exclusively for the cruise line by the manufacturer of some of the most comfortable hotel beds in the world, the luxury beds feature a plush, five centimetre thick mattress topper, a 23-centimetre, single-sided medium firm mattress for enhanced support, individually wrapped coils for less partner disturbance, a European-inspired duvet and 100 per cent luxurious Jacquard-woven cotton linens.

In entertainment enhancements, Sun Princess has provided the stage for the Australian debut of Princess' highest rated stage show, Bravo, a celebration of musical theatre and opera featuring many of the ship's musicians, singers and dancers, plus guest soloists serenading guests through an evening of musical appreciation.

Meanwhile, the ship's Kai Sushi restaurant has become the Kai Seafood Bar with a brand new wine and fresh seafood experience exclusively designed for the Australian market and unique to Sun Princess. The Kai Seafood Bar will satisfy cravings for freshly shucked Australian oysters, prawns, sashimi and shellfish at sea. A New Zealand Natural ice cream outlet will be added to the pool deck and Amuleto Café will offer Italian-style coffee and cakes as part of a refurbishment in the Horizon Court dining area.

Like Sea Princess, Sun Princess now also sports a new Legends bar, showing great Australian sporting moments from weekly AFL and NRL matches through to the Australian Open on multiple LED screens.

Sun Princess will sail from Brisbane, Sydney and Fremantle with fares starting from \$1199* per person twin share for a 10-night roundtrip cruise from Sydney to New Caledonia and Vanuatu.

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