



## Princess Cruises Introduces The Salty Dog Gastropub

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***New Menu Developed in Collaboration with Former Executive Chef of Umami Burger Ernesto Uchimura***

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (October 28, 2015) – [Princess Cruises](#) is pairing gourmet small dishes inspired by pub favorites with craft beers, cocktails and wines with the debut of [The Salty Dog Gastropub](#) aboard *Crown Princess*. The menu offerings, including a signature burger, were developed in collaboration with former executive chef of Umami Burger and current chef of Plan Check Kitchen + Bar in Los Angeles Ernesto Uchimura, who was recently awarded “Chef of the Year: The Comfort Master,” from *Los Angeles Magazine*.

Presented within the Wheelhouse Bar nightly, in refreshed surroundings and live entertainment, guests will choose three small plates from The Salty Dog Gastropub menu featuring new twists on classic pub dishes. Plates include Pale Ale Pork Cheeks, Spicy Stout Short Ribs, Wild Mushroom Sauté, and Lobster Mac & Cheese, among other delicious options.

The pièce de résistance is “The Ernesto” burger from Chef Uchimura – rib eye and short rib beef patty, grilled pork belly, caramelized kimchi, beer battered jalapeño, charred onion aioli, topped with cave aged gruyere cheese.

“The Salty Dog Gastropub is an enticing addition to our [onboard culinary offerings](#) and brings yet another unique dining option to our guests,” said Rai Caluori, executive vice president of guest experience for Princess Cruises. “Chef Uchimura’s signature burger is sure to be savored, along with pub favorites reinvented for a more upscale dining experience.”

“A gastropub at sea is an innovative concept and it inspired me to get creative in the galley,” said Chef Uchimura. “The Salty Dog Gastropub’s menu will not only satisfy comfort food cravings but also offer guests new pub food flavors and tastes perfectly paired with a craft beer or fine whiskey.”

Adjacent to The Salty Dog Gastropub, also in the Wheelhouse Bar, is an expansive new, international whiskey bar menu, featuring some of the best Scotch whiskeys, American Bourbons and international whiskeys from areas including Japan, Ireland and Australia. Offerings include Johnny Walker Blue, Bakery Hill Classic (Australia), Connemara Whiskey Irish Cask (Ireland) and Hakushu 12 year (Japan) The menu offers daily specialized whiskey flights, allowing guests the opportunity to taste and compare selections around the world.

The Salty Dog Gastropub and new international whiskey menu, both available in the Wheelhouse Bar, have just launched aboard *Crown Princess*, and will be onboard *Emerald Princess* and *Ruby Princess* in mid-December. A food charge of \$19 per guest applies.

The whisky menu will also be available in the Wheelhouse Bar aboard *Dawn Princess*, *Sea Princess*, *Sun Princess*, *Diamond Princess* and *Golden Princess* by the end of 2015, and aboard all ships with the exception of *Pacific Princess* by the summer of 2016.

### About Chef Ernesto Uchimura

Born in Argentina, Chef Ernesto Uchimura is an award-winning chef who stepped into the spotlight as the opening corporate executive chef and partner for the mega brand, Umami Burger. He went on to become founding chef and partner with the opening of Plan Check Kitchen + Bar, where he garnered even more critical acclaim and recognition, including “Chef of the Year: The Comfort Master,” from *Los Angeles Magazine* and “Best Burger” in Los Angeles by *LA Weekly*. <http://www.plancheck.com/>

For more information about The Salty Dog Gastropub, including the full menu, visit <http://www.princess.com/gastropub>.

Additional information about Princess Cruises is available through a professional travel consultant, by calling 1-800-PRINCESS (1-800-774-6237), or

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