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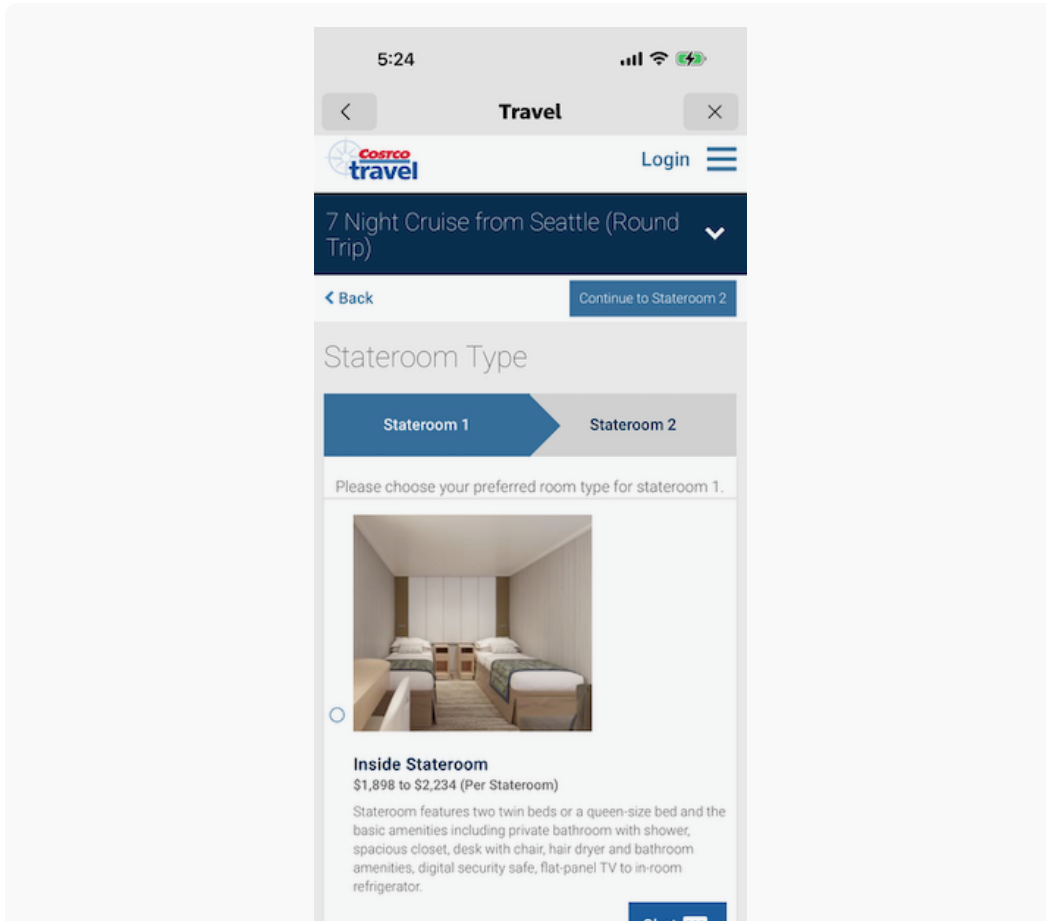
Seattle, Day at Sea, Ketchikan Seaplane, Juneau Whale Watching, Skagway Gold Panning, Day at Sea, and Victoria, BC Canada.

Amazing cruise and new ship from Princess.

Alaska is the best cruise since Paul Gauguin in Bora Bora. I've now been on about 39 cruises around the world.

If you take one cruise, this should be it.

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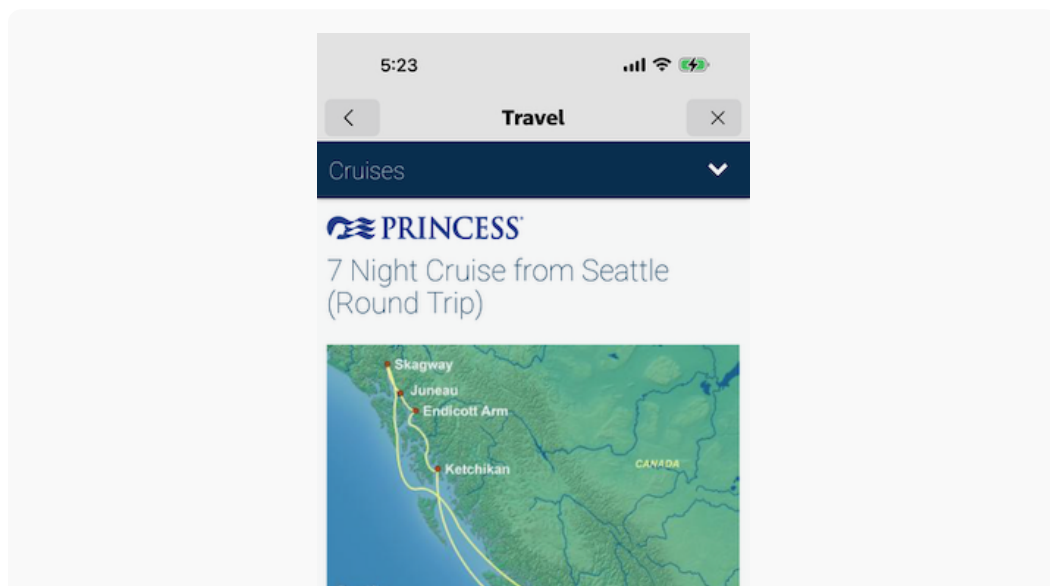
Instead - Book with Costco - More User Friendly Booking Experience

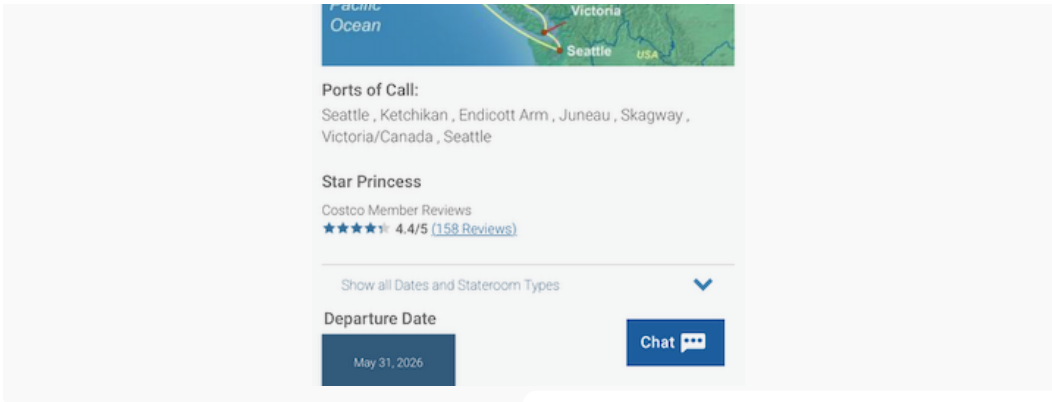
While I've looked at Costco before, for some reason I thought I would have a better experience with the Princess Cruise website. I was wrong.

1. You are not able to book multiple cabins with the Princess Cruise website.
2. With Costco, you can book with multiple cabins (but only two).
3. With Costco, you get the same price.
4. Selecting available cabins on available decks is the same layout.
5. With Costco, you get some type of in-store credit.
6. With either method, you can pre-select buying drink packages, etc.
7. With Costco, you skip all the ads and junk that Princess Cruises throws at you while booking (which is very distracting).
8. The UX with Costco is user friendly, and lets you get down to business - which is booking the cruise.
9. Save time and headaches with Costco Travel.
10. While Princess Cruise website is not as bad as MSC (which I rank the worst of any cruise site), they should fire their UX design coders and get someone who knows what they're doing.

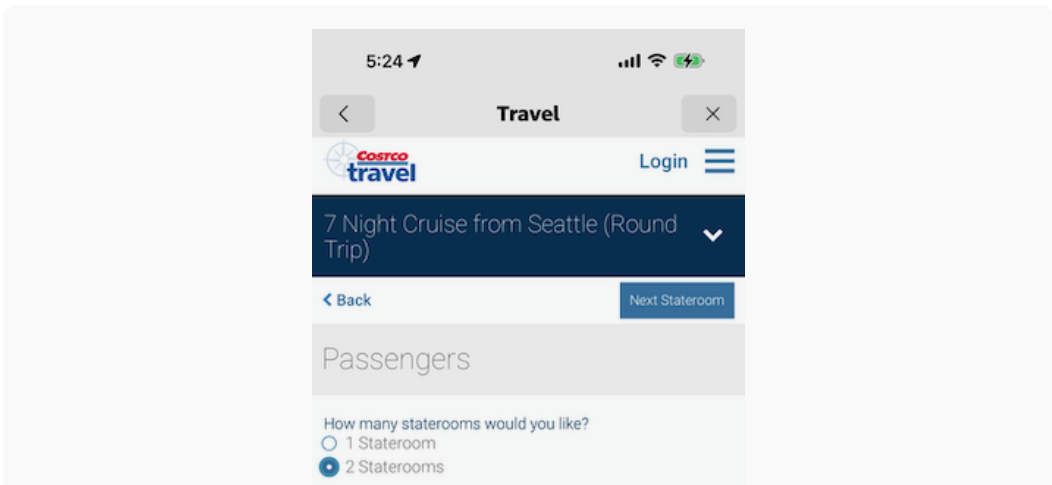
Summary: I can understand the reasons for booking cabins under separate reservations, but it's a hassle for a family booking two cabins for one family, since the same credit card cannot be used for both cabins (when on the App doing pre-cruise registration, an error occurs when you try to use the same credit card). Additionally, I found that when trying to book excursions for two separate cabins, if the same credit card is used (which is difficult), you will not receive an email confirmation for the other cabin. You have to physically call in to Princess to request a receipt by email to confirm a booking. Just a waste of time. For my booking, I ended up calling Princess support at least 4 times. Keep in mind that this will be my 38th cruise, so I've seen the evolution of cruises since the beginning of the cruising review website in 2001.

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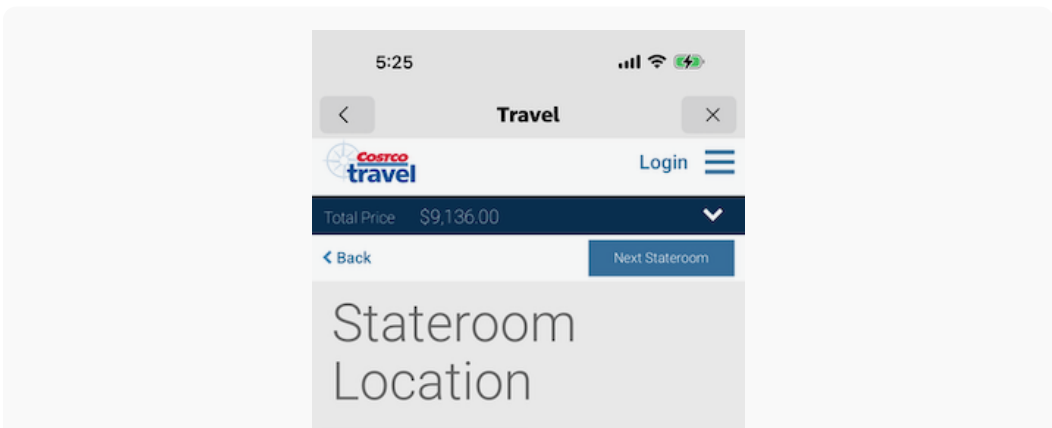


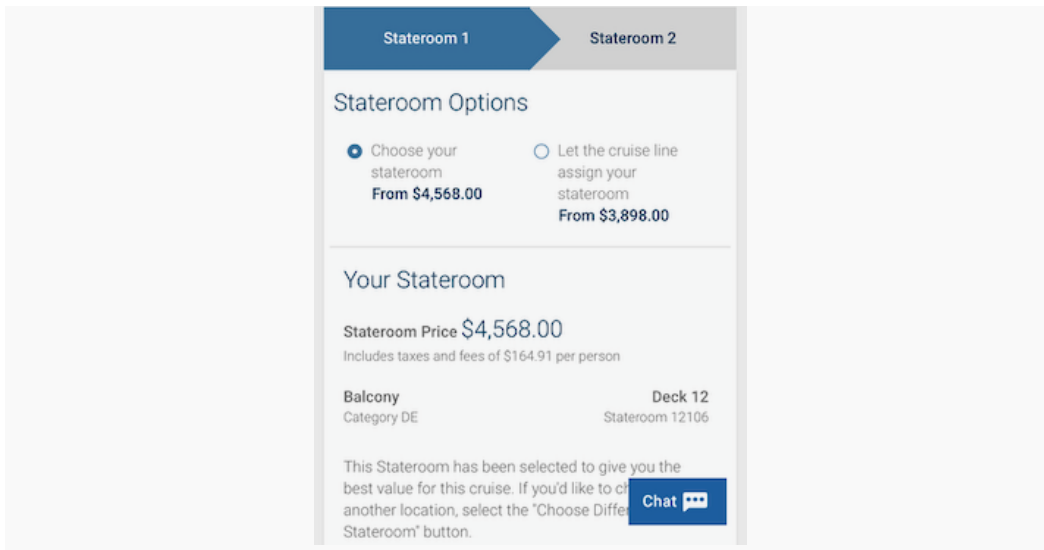
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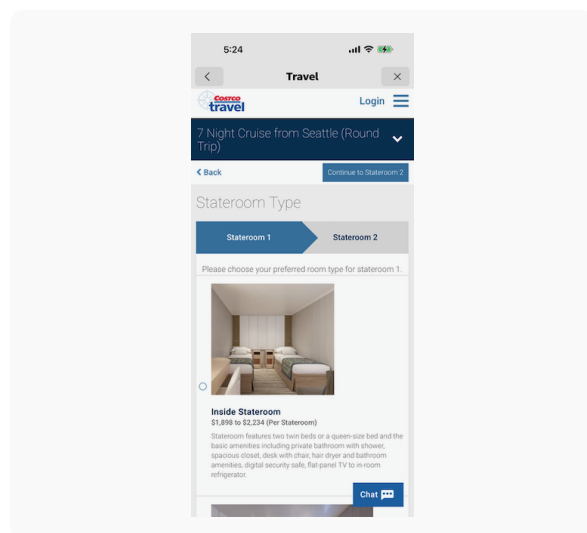


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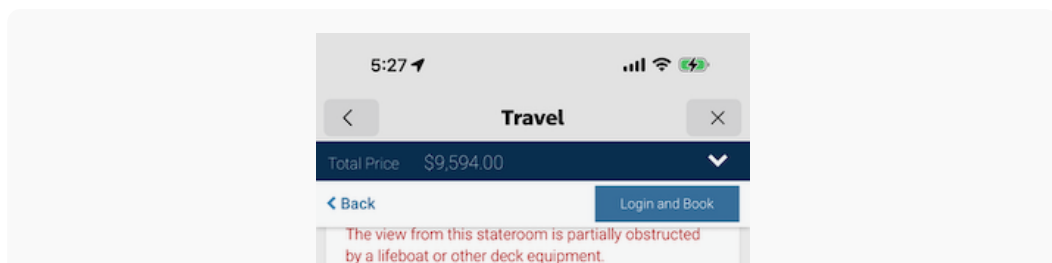


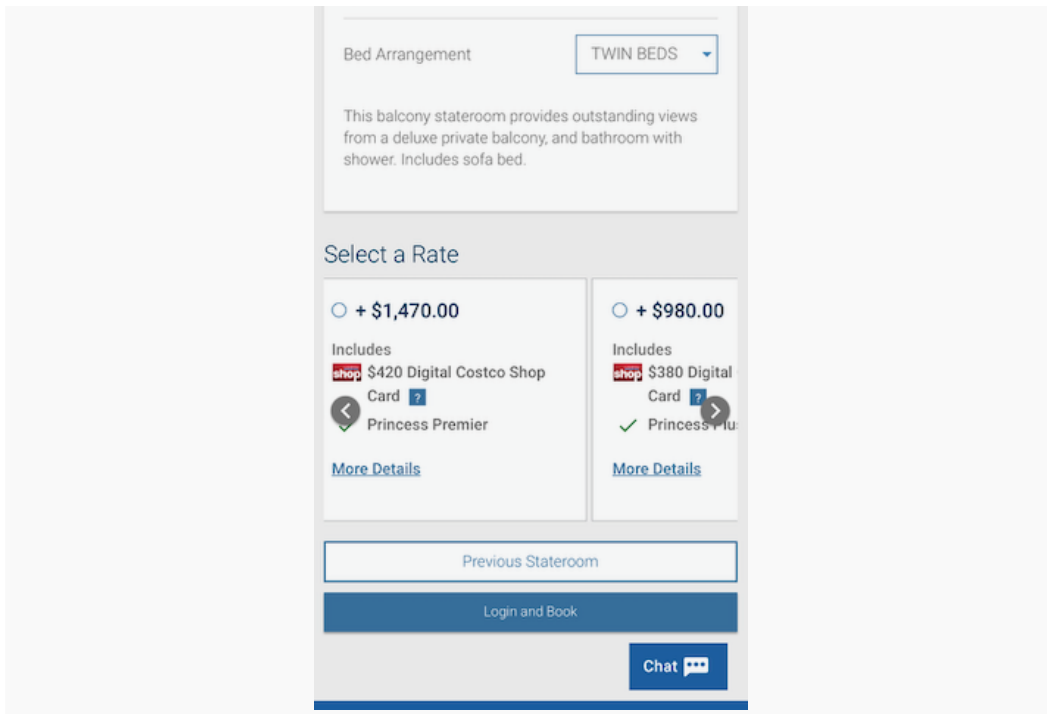


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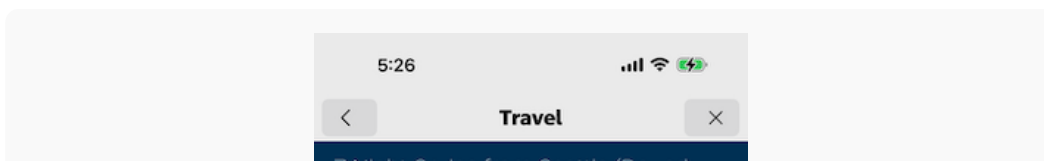


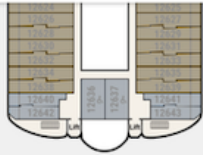
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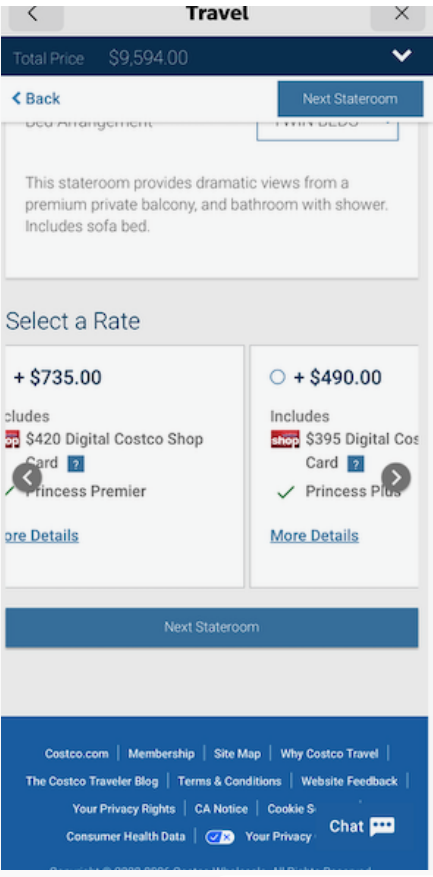
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