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South Pacific Luxury Cruise from Auckland to Bali - 30 Days

Jan 5, 2022 - Feb 4, 2022

Trip Summary

January 5 - Wednesday

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Setting Sail from Auckland, the "City of Sails"

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January 5 - Wednesday



7:00 PM

Embark on Auckland to Bali (Benoa) Cruise - Most Beautiful Ship

As soon as guests step aboard this ship, they know they have arrived somewhere special. She is the most luxurious cruise ship to ever grace the seven seas and at every turn her designer touches astound, just as her professional crew delights guests by tending to their every need at a ratio of 1 to 1.38. She is intimately spacious, boasting the highest space ratios ever seen in the cruise industry, the largest suite balconies at sea, and the exclusive top-of-the-ship residence with a private in-suite spa, called the Regent Suite among her 375 suites. Guests choose from five exquisite dining options, including the exclusive Pan-Asian restaurant Pacific Rim and they may learn to prepare their own masterful meals at the Culinary Arts Kitchen.

Ship Information This ship is stunning, with art by Pablo Picasso on the walls and a vivid cobalt-blue glass installation on the ceiling in the elegant restaurant Compass Rose. See for yourself how every space is designed to impress.

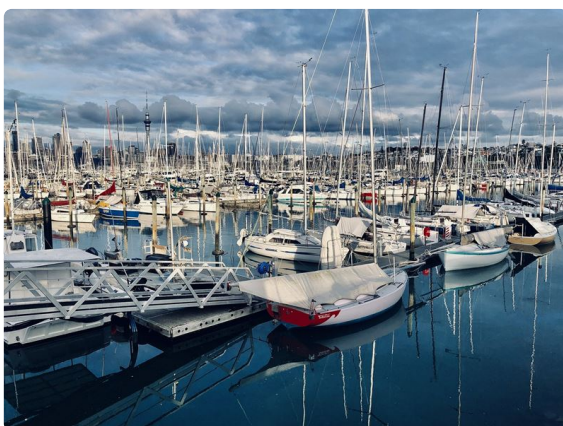
Every suite has spacious closets, high-end finishes, relaxing Elite Slumber™ beds and private balconies. You could take a cooking class, get a seaweed wrap, lounge by the pool, eat a gourmet meal and play some blackjack all in one day aboard this ship. Relax by the pool, compete in a friendly game of trivia or bocce ball, indulge in treats at afternoon tea and gain insight from an expert lecturer.



Setting Sail from Auckland, the "City of Sails"

Auckland is New Zealand's largest, most culturally diverse and cosmopolitan city. Its European, Pacific and Asian influences make it a destination unlike any other. But its urban credentials—a flourishing cultural life and abundant commerce—are often upstaged by its breathtaking geography. Sprawled across an isthmus, the city envelops more than 40 extinct volcanoes, several of which stand in green, pastoral parks overlooking a broad harbor, gulf islands and a seemingly endless shoreline.

Auckland's residents appreciate the city's two-sided personality: They view nature as one of life's privileges rather than a barrier to development, and the city's population is dispersed into neighborhoods of manageable size. All in all, Auckland is a gateway to nature and outdoor adventure, with fine dining and culture there for the asking, too.



January 6 - Thursday

**7:00 AM****Arrive at Bay of Islands**

The 'Bay of Islands' was how Cook described the area two centuries ago, and the simplicity of his name masks the diversity of its charm.

The subtleties of its attraction lie as much in the graceful fusion of sea with land as in the manoeuvres of Man - of Maori, whaler, missionary, and later, settler.

The Bay, studded with over 150 islands, is a 'drowned river system', an area where the sea has invaded and drowned a number of river valleys. Its sheltered waters offer some of the finest boating and fishing to be found anywhere, and the menus of local restaurants reflect the abundance of marine life in the Bay.

**3:00 PM****Depart from Bay of Islands**

January 7 - Friday

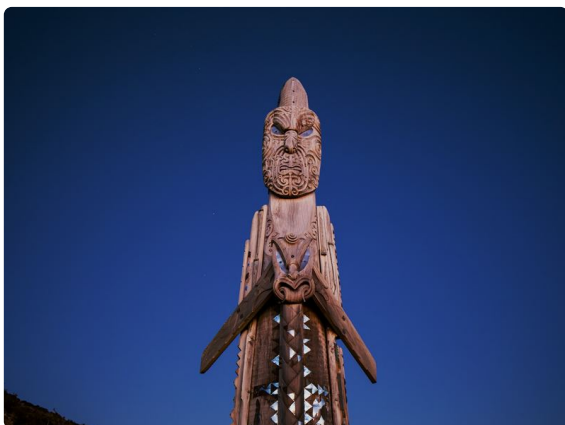
**1:00 PM****Arrive at Gisborne**

Gisborne is a city on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island. It's known for wineries and surf beaches such as Makorori.

The Tairāwhiti Museum has exhibits on indigenous and colonial history, with Wyllie Cottage, an early European house, and Maori artefacts.

Titirangi Reserve has lookouts and a monument to explorer James Cook.

Nearby, Te Poho-o-Rawiri is a Maori meeting house with carvings of ancestral figures.

**8:00 PM****Depart from Gisborne**

January 8 - Saturday



8:00 AM

Arrive at Napier

Napier, a coastal city on New Zealand's North Island, is set amid the renowned wine-producing region of Hawke's Bay.

Rebuilt after a 1931 earthquake, the city is known for art deco landmarks like the zigzag-patterned Daily Telegraph Building.

Along the tree-lined waterfront promenade the Marine Parade, the Pania of the Reef statue depicting a Maori maiden, is a symbol of the city.



7:00 PM

Depart from Napier

January 9 - Sunday



10:00 AM

Arrive at Wellington

Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, is located at the southern tip of the North Island. Known as Windy Wellington, it is less-visited than Auckland—410 mi/660 km to the north—and it's a pity that those who do go seldom stay more than a day.

Wellington's waterfront is a true gem and a great starting point for immersing yourself in its arts and culture. It's easy to pass a day strolling the harbor's edge, ducking into museums and admiring the sculptures along the way.

Lord of The Rings fans should pay a visit to Weta Workshop and Weta Cave; tours offer behind-the-scenes insight into the making of Peter Jackson's famous films. Wellington also happens to be a base for various Middle-earth tours, although the scenery on these may not be on the same scale as their South Island counterparts.

Weather in Wellington is famously finicky, but luckily the city buzzes with outstanding bars, cafes and restaurants. Cuba Street and Courtenay Place are the main hubs of entertainment.





7:00 PM
Depart from Wellington

January 10 - Monday



8:00 AM
Arrive at Akaroa

Akaroa is a town on the Banks Peninsula, southeast of Christchurch, New Zealand.

Akaroa Beach is on the eastern shore of Akaroa Harbor, where rare Hector's dolphins swim.

The Akaroa Museum includes 3 heritage buildings and chronicles the town's development, especially its 19th-century British and French colonial history.

The Giant's House has terraced gardens and features colorful sculptures and mosaics.



6:00 PM
Depart from Akaroa

January 11 - Tuesday



7:00 AM
Arrive at Dunedin

Distinctly Scottish in feel with stone buildings and Victorian houses, Dunedin, New Zealand, lies on the southeast coast of the South Island about 225 mi/360 km southwest of Christchurch. This university city claims New Zealand's only castle—Larnach Castle, which overlooks Port Chalmers and the harbor. You'll also find many fine museums and galleries.

Other diversions include guided tours through the Speights Brewery, the Cadbury Chocolate factory, the 130-year-old Botanical Gardens, and the Olveston House (the original home of a wealthy merchant at the turn of the 20th century). Be sure to check out the railway station: Built in 1908 from basalt, it's one of the most photographed rail terminals in the world.

Nature lovers will enjoy the nearby Otago Peninsula, home to the magnificent southern royal albatross (viewing season is late November-late August) and shy yellow-eyed penguins (the world's second-rarest penguin species). The Little Blue Penguin is a common sight on the beaches there, usually at night.



5:00 PM
Depart from Dunedin

January 12 - Wednesday



12:00 AM

Cruising The Fjords Of Doubtful Sound - Cruising The Fjords Of Dusky Sound - Cruising The Fjords Of Milford Sound

Fiordland National Park is a World Heritage site and includes Milford, Dusky and Doubtful Sounds. Milford Sound was described by Rudyard Kipling as the Eighth Wonder of the World.

Carved by glaciers over 100,000 years the landscape is one where waterfalls cascade hundreds of metres into deep black fjords; where ancient rainforest clings to mountains and where shimmering lakes and granite peaks look as they did a thousand years ago.

Sometimes called the 'Sound of Silence' Doubtful Sound is the deepest (421 metres) and second longest (40 kilometres) of the South Island's fjords. Like other fjords in the area, Doubtful Sound contains two distinct layers of water that don't mix.

The top few meters is fresh water, fed by runoff from the surrounding mountains. Below this is a layer of salt water from the sea. The difference in refractive index between these two layers makes it difficult for light to penetrate. As a result, many deep-sea species - such as black coral - grow in the comparatively shallow depths.

Doubtful Sound has some splendid waterfalls, particularly during the wetter seasons. Wildlife is another reason to visit this fiord where you could see bottlenose dolphins, fur seals and penguins.

Dusky Sound is longer and more extensive than other New Zealand Sounds with several arms extending inward. Sailing through the Sound, both sides of the ship have great views, although the land side has more to see. The other side is Resolution Island most of the way. It is not uncommon to have dolphins following the ships.



January 13 - Thursday



12:00 AM
Cruising The Tasman Sea

January 14 - Friday



12:00 AM
Cruising The Tasman Sea

January 15 - Saturday



8:00 AM
Arrive at Burnie

Burnie is a port city on the north-west coast of Tasmania. When founded in 1827, it was named Emu Bay, being renamed after William Burnie, a director of the Van Diemen's Land Company, in the early 1840s.

Burnie was proclaimed a city by Queen Elizabeth II on 26 April 1988.

Burnie is a port city with an industrial past that has reinvented itself as a vibrant and creative city on a beautiful stretch of Tasmania's north-west coast. Nestled around Emu Bay on Bass Strait, Burnie has been an industrial centre for most of its existence.



5:00 PM
Depart from Burnie

January 16 - Sunday



8:00 AM
Arrive at Melbourne

Melbourne offers a wonderful mix of Victorian architecture with world cultures. From its favored site on the banks of the Yarra River, Melbourne offers travelers some of the best shopping and theater in Australia, a varied arts scene, top-notch food and wine with restaurants to fit any taste and budget, and excellent hotels.

Melbourne also has a thriving fashion industry, sporting and leisure activities, a greenbelt of parks and boulevards with a distinctly European feel, and an unrivaled festival calendar.

At the city's centre is the modern Federation Square development, with plazas, bars, and restaurants by the Yarra River. In the Southbank area, the Melbourne Arts Precinct is the site of Arts Centre Melbourne – a performing arts complex – and the National Gallery of Victoria, with Australian and indigenous art.

The city is known for its many laneways, its cultural diversity, excellent dining options for all budgets, and amazing street art. It's also known for being the coffee capital of the world, and for being regularly voted as the world's most livable city!



7:00 PM
Depart from Melbourne

January 17 - Monday



12:00 AM
Cruising The Tasman Sea

January 18 - Tuesday

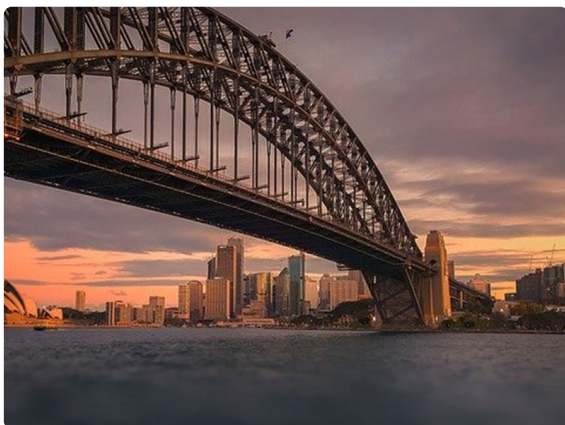


8:00 AM
Arrive at Sydney

Sydney, capital of New South Wales and one of Australia's largest cities, is best known for its harbor front Sydney Opera House, with a distinctive sail-like design. Massive Darling Harbor and the smaller Circular Quay port are hubs of waterside life, with the arched Harbor Bridge and esteemed Royal Botanic Garden nearby.

Sydney Tower's outdoor platform, the Skywalk, offers 360-degree views of the city and suburbs.

Bondi Beach is world famous for its beautiful surfing beach.



January 19 - Wednesday



6:00 PM
Depart from Sydney

January 20 - Thursday



12:00 AM Cruising The Tasman Sea

January 21 - Friday



8:00 AM Arrive at Brisbane

Brisbane, capital of Queensland, is a large city on the Brisbane River. Clustered in its South Bank cultural precinct are the Queensland Museum and Sciencentre, with noted interactive exhibitions.

Another South Bank cultural institution is Queensland Gallery of Modern Art, among Australia's major contemporary art museums. Looming over the city is Mt. Coot-tha, site of Brisbane Botanic Gardens.

Brisbane is known for its youthful zeal, charming vibe and 280 days of sun a year. Australia's third most populated city after more well-known Sydney and Melbourne, Brisbane is actually Australia's fastest growing and most diverse destination.

While Sydney is a bit more global and Melbourne is known for its European charm, Brisbane offers the most local Australian culture. Where Sydney may have the beaches and Melbourne may have the culture (definitely not the weather), Brisbane lays claim to both, which are just two of the many reasons to make this eclectic hub your next must-see destination down under.



10:00 PM Depart from Brisbane

January 22 - Saturday



8:00 AM Arrive at Mooloolaba

Mooloolaba is a coastal suburb of Maroochydore in the Sunshine Coast Region, Queensland, Australia. It is located 97 kilometres north of the state capital, Brisbane, and is part of the Maroochydore urban

Mooloolaba is also one of the busiest seafood ports on the eastern seaboard. The wharf is a hive of daily activity with trawlers bringing in boatloads of swordfish, Mooloolaba prawns, lobsters and spanner crabs. Perfect for a picnic on the beach.

There are many things to do in Mooloolaba. Shop and dine along Mooloolaba's glamorous beachfront esplanade full of outdoor cafes, juice bars, alfresco restaurants, and fashion boutiques.

The Esplanade even boasts a public 'loo with a view' which offers an uninterrupted view of Mooloolaba Beach. This quirky icon says a lot about the place and the way it manages to combine breathtaking natural beauty with a down to earth heart.

The Wharf precinct in Mooloolaba is a destination in itself, having been revitalised and reimagined with fantastic retail, food and drink, entertainment, adventure and education services. With attractions like the exciting SEA LIFE Sunshine Coast, as well as some of the Sunshine Coast's best dining, there is non-stop entertainment available for any age.



5:00 PM
Depart from Mooloolaba

January 23 - Sunday



10:00 AM
Arrive at Gladstone

Gladstone is a city in the Gladstone Region, Queensland, Australia. It is approximately 550 km by road north-west of the state capital, Brisbane, and 100 km south-east of Rockhampton. Situated between the Calliope and Boyne Rivers, Gladstone is home to Queensland's largest multi-commodity shipping port.

Its stunning locations include access to Great Barrier Reef islands and lagoons, including Heron, Lady Musgrave, North West and Wilson, among others. The region is famous for fishing and boating.



7:00 PM
Depart from Gladstone

January 24 - Monday



12:00 AM Cruising The Coral Sea

January 25 - Tuesday



10:00 AM Arrive at Cairns

Cairns, considered the gateway to Australia's Great Barrier Reef, is a city in tropical Far North Queensland. Its Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park tells the stories of indigenous Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with music and dance.

Cairns Esplanade, lined with bars and restaurants, has a swimming lagoon. Northwest of the city, Daintree National Park spans mountainous rainforest, gorges and beaches.

Cairns is renowned as the gateway to two of the world's greatest natural attractions: the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics Rainforest. The Great Barrier Reef is the largest reef in the world measuring 2011 km in length and 72 km across at its widest point making it the world's largest World Heritage Areas.



9:00 PM Depart from Cairns

January 26 - Wednesday



8:00 AM Arrive at Cooktown

Cooktown is justifiably famous as the site of the first white 'settlement' in Australia when Captain James Cook, having struck the Great Barrier Reef off the coast north of Cape Tribulation, struggled up the coast and beached the H.M. Barque *Endeavour* on the shores of the Endeavour River.

Cook and his crew were to stay on the river's edge from 17 June to 4 August, 1770. Today, with a sealed road from Port Douglas and Cairns, it has become a popular northern point for those not wanting to make the long, arduous and difficult journey to the top of Cape York.

It is a charming town which wears its history - lots of statues of Captain Cook and a number of impressive buildings constructed during the gold mining boom at Palmer River in the 1880s - with ease.

In recent times it has been driven by tourism and, particularly, fishing.



5:00 PM
Depart from Cooktown

January 27 - Thursday



12:00 AM
Cruising The Coral Sea

January 28 - Friday



7:00 AM
Arrive at Thursday Island

Thursday Island, colloquially known as TI, or in the Kaurareg dialect, Waiben or Waibene, is an island of the Torres Strait Islands, an archipelago of at least 274 small islands in the Torres Strait. TI is located approximately 39 kilometres north of Cape York Peninsula in Far North Queensland, Australia.

Thursday Island is the administrative and main population centre of the Torres Strait Islands. It has developed visitor facilities, with supermarkets, a few accommodation options, a restaurant or two, souvenirs, and decent espresso.

The locals are friendly towards visitors, but you won't find city style service or resorts. TI offers a cold beer on the pub deck overlooking aquamarine waters and islands, and an opportunity for genuine interaction with Torres Strait Island peoples - as well as those other Australians and passers through now well adapted to the remote existence it offers.

Throw in a bit of history (the island was evacuated to be a military base during World War II, and was a pearling centre before that) and unrivaled fishing, and you have TI in a nutshell.



5:00 PM
Depart from Thursday Island

January 29 - Saturday



12:00 AM
Cruising The Torres Strait

January 30 - Sunday



12:00 AM
Cruising The Arafura Sea

January 31 - Monday



7:00 AM
Arrive at Darwin

Darwin is the capital of Australia's Northern Territory and a former frontier outpost. It's also a gateway to massive Kakadu National Park. Its popular waterfront area has several beaches and green areas like Bicentennial Park. Also near the water is the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, displaying Southeast Asian and Pacific art, plus a pearling lugger and other seafaring vessels.

Darwin is one of Australia's thriving business capitals. In business and industry circles, Darwin is described as Australia's gateway to South East Asia. It's closer to the Indonesian capital of Jakarta than it is to Canberra and is about the same flying time from Singapore and Manila as it is from Sydney and Melbourne.

As well as markets, crocodiles and cruises, you'll find strong Aboriginal cultures here as evidenced by the array of languages spoken in the streets and the vibrant Aboriginal art that fills the city's galleries and museums.

The city's proximity to Asia means you'll also find strong Asian influences, especially in the energetic food scene and night markets.



4:00 PM
Depart from Darwin

February 1 - Tuesday



12:00 AM
Cruising The Timor Sea

February 2 - Wednesday



10:00 AM

Arrive at Komodo Island

Komodo island, part of the Lesser Sunda chain of Indonesian islands, is particularly notable as the habitat of the Komodo dragon, the largest lizard on Earth, which is named after the island.

Komodo National Park covers the entire region and is home to more than 4,000 dragons. It is made up of rusty-red volcanic hills, savannah and forests.

Its surrounding waters of seagrass beds, mangrove shrub lands and coral reefs are famous for diving.



5:00 PM

Depart from Komodo Island

February 3 - Thursday



10:00 AM

Arrive at Bali

- Once a simple fishing village grown into an upscale destination, Benoa's charms are most evident in Nusa Dua, one of the most beautiful beaches in already-legendary Bali.
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- In this land of rice terraces, spectacular volcanoes and over 20,000 temples, the main destination is the 17th-century royal temple complex of Pura Taman Ayun in nearby Mengwi, surrounded by a lotus- filled moat, giving it the feel of a garden sanctuary.
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- Highlights include elaborate wood carvings of Balinese deities and tranquil pavilions. Another favorite is the Sunset Temple, Tanah Lot, dramatically perched on a rocky outcrop, making for an ideal photo opportunity. And don't miss the batik factories for that perfect gift or souvenir.



February 4 - Friday



12:00 AM
Bali