

# 16 DAYS LUXURY AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND CRUISE - SYDNEY TO AUCKLAND

Celebrate New Year in style with this delightful voyage which stretches from Sydney to Auckland. Witness authentic natural beauty in Eden, then explore the Cradle Coast with a visit to Hobart. Savour spectacular scenery in Milford Sound, Rudyard Kipling's 'eighth wonder of the world', then experience coastal vistas in Dunedin, Christchurch, and Napier. Days at sea indulging in the decadent delights of Silver Nova, complete your sunshine adventure.



# **ITINERARY**

Days 0 - 1 - Pre Cruise & Sydney

\_ \*\*Pre Cruise Benefits\*\*\_ \_ \*\*Private Executive Transfers\*\*\_ \_ \*\*International flights - Economy class\*\*\_ \_ \*\*or Business Class upgrade\*\*\_ \_ \*\*Airport transfers\*\*\_





With its glorious harbour, lavish golden beaches and iconic landmarks, Sydney is Australia's showpiece city. Creative and curious, discover the world-class cuisine, indigenous culture, and irresistible beach life that make Sydney one of the world's most dynamic, exciting destinations. Sydney's sparkling harbour is the heart of a richly cultural city. Overlooked by the metallic curves of the masterpiece of an Opera House, and that grand arched harbour bridge. Take it all in from the water, and admire the iconic landmarks, which are set before the city's gleaming skyline backdrop. If you're feeling adventurous, take the legendary climb up the smooth curve of the bridge - nicknamed the Coathanger - to soak in the shining city's spread from a unique perspective. Spread out to tan on one of the world's most famous stretches of sand - Bondi Beach. Restaurants and bars burble away in the background, while the sun beams down, and surfers curl and leap over pure rollers. Swim in spectacular salty ocean pools, or wander the beautiful Bondi to Coogee coastal walk for more of this sun-gorged stretch of prime coastline. Leaving the thrills of Australia's largest city behind is surprisingly simple - take to the skies to be flown above skyscrapers and rippling ribbons of waves, out to majestic peaks, sheer cliffs and iconic rock formations - like the Three Sisters of the Blue Mountains. Or, drop in on wildlife sanctuaries caring for the country's animals from hopping kangaroos to adorably cute, cuddly koalas.

#### Day 2 - Eden

Known for the migrating whales that cruise through its waters between May and November, Eden sits in New South Wales' scenic Twofold Bay. While the whales are now protected and cherished here, the town was initially founded as a whaling centre and has many fascinating stories to tell. Namely, a unique symbiotic relationship with the killer whales. Rewarded with the tongues from freshly caught whales, the orcas would help to round up baleen whales in the bay, making it easy for humans to land them. This mutually beneficial exchange came to be known as The Law of the Tongue. Find out more about it, and the area's whaling past, at Eden Killer Whale Museum - where you can see the skeleton of the most famous orca accomplice, Old Tom. A yearly whale festival now celebrates the return of the magnificent whales to these waters. Head into Ben Boyd National Park for amazing bird watching, and to see the arches of soaring rock formations rising beside fire-red cliffs. View the glorious coastal scenery of frothing aqua-seas and rugged headlands, from the viewing deck on top of Boyd's Tower. Initially devised as a lighthouse, it would later be used as a lookout to spot whales breaching the bay's waters, and to see Old Tom splashing his tail to alert the whalers. Travel through more glorious scenery and tangled rainforest, to the verdant promontory of Green Cape Lighthouse. Jutting out into the South Pacific Ocean, the pearly-white lighthouse caps crumbling cliffs and offers sweeping views of the jagged cliffs and wave-thrashed rocks. The wrecks that lie offshore attest to the respect these sometimes-punishing waves demand.

# Day 3 - Day at sea

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# Day 4 - Hobart, Tasmania

Mount Wellington's looming, cloud-wisped form is an ever-present sight as you explore booming Hobart, the cosmopolitan capital of Australia's most southerly state. A former British penal colony, nowadays Australia's second-oldest city is a place to live the free and easy life. Encircled by dramatic cliffs, landscaped gardens and rolling vineyards, Hobart is also well stacked with cultural pursuits including museums, and respected - if controversial - galleries plastering new and old art to their walls. With fresh sea breezes and a fabulous location, Hobart is a creative place, where you can browse the produce of local artisans in Saturday's massive Salamanca Market - which draws visitors from all across Tasmania and beyond. Eat at waterfront restaurants, or rise up Mount Wellington's slopes to appreciate the remoteness of Hobart's location. From this elevated platform, you can look down across views of flowing forests, undulating mountains and endless ocean swallowing up the city. Further away, animal sanctuaries introduce you to the island's famous inhabitants, including the famous Tasmanian devil. Thirsty? Hobart has a long brewing tradition - so enjoy a refreshing ale poured from the country's oldest brewery. The climate's blend of generous sunshine and cool Antarctic breezes helps Hobart to produce its acclaimed wines, and thick clumps of pinot noir grapes hang from vineyards dotted along the valleys nearby. Taste the wines, accompanied by a platter of artisan cheese and sausage. Whiskey aficionados aren't left in the cold either, with international award-winning distilleries close by.

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## Day 7 - Cruising Milford Sound

Named after Milford Haven in Wales, Milford Sound is not a sound but a fjord, yet the name has stuck. In 1998 the Maori name Piopiotahi has been added and officially it should be written as Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. The local name refers to the extinct New Zealand Thrush (the piopio). Milford Sound sits within South Island's Fiordland National Park, one of the four national parks forming the UNESCO World Heritage site "Te Wahipounamu" -pounamu being the local greenstone highly estimated for carvings by the Maori. The fjord has a length of approximately 16 kilometers and a depth of more than 290 meters. Steep cliffs, several impressive waterfalls and dense rainforest characterize the fjord. Halfway down the fjord is Stirling Falls, the second tallest. Near the end of the sound the U-shaped Sinbad Gully and the famous Mitre Peak which rises to a height of 1,692 meters can be seen, while on the eastern side is Lady Bowen Falls, at 162 meters the tallest of the falls. The Piopiotahi Marine Reserve protects the flora and fauna in the water. Apart from bottlenose dolphins in the fjord, New Zealand fur seals can be seen resting on Seal Rock on the northern shore, while on the opposite side is a Fiordland Crested Penguin site.

# Day 7 - Cruising Doubtful Sound

As with all of New Zealand's fiords. Doubtful Sound is a masterpiece of nature. The only way to reach it is by boat, crossing Lake Manapouri, so of the three Sounds (Dusky and Milford being the other two), Doubtful is the least touristy. Thus those who are lucky enough to experience Doubtful Sound deserve it. Because of the Sound's inaccessibility, you'll encounter very few people as you float through the silent waterways. Animals, however, are a different matter. Because of the lack of human interaction, Mother Nature has been given a free rein here. The dense forest is rife with wildlife and birdsong is a constant soundtrack (otherwise it is the sound of silence). In the water, you can expect to get up close and personal with fur seals, pods of bottlenose dolphins and some lucky souls have even sighted the occasional whale and albatross. Ornithologists will no doubt already know that Doubtful Sound is home to the rare Fiordland Crested Penguin, so be sure to keep your binoculars ready as it would be a shame to miss the once in a lifetime sighting. The region is famous for its seven meter annual rainfall, so do not be surprised if the sun isn't shining. Yet despite the potential mist, Doubtful Sound remains majestic. The

waterfalls are more mesmerising, the glassy water more mysterious, and the mountains rising into the clouds more impressive. As the Fiordlands website puts it, Doubtful Sound offers its visitors "cloistered serenity". Expect to be both humbled and uplifted.

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# Day 9 - Dunedin (Port Chalmers)

The south-easterly coast of New Zealand's wild southern island is a haven for outdoor adventures, with masses of raw scenic beauty and thrilling coastline. Heading the Otago Harbour, Dunedin is a cosmopolitan city of culture and architectural splendour, with a distinctly tartan flare. Settled by the Scots in 1848, the romantically misty valleys and moody landscapes, continue to capture the hearts of visitors to these distant shores. Searing bagpipes echo down the streets in the Edinburgh of the South, which wears its Scottish origins proudly. Gothic revival architecture is scattered liberally, including the magnificent university - with its glorious clocktower - and the city's grand cathedral. Head to the elegant Octagon to see the statue to Robert Burns, whose nephew was a city founder. The railway station is perhaps the pick of this city's many artistic structures. Its glowing gardens and pretty mosaics add extra detail to the elegant, gingerbread building. It's also the perfect jumping-off point for romantic rail adventures along the coastline. The melodramatic coastline of the Otago Peninsula boasts dramatic cliffs and sea-sprayed beaches, as well as an abundance of animals. Explore cliffs laced with tunnels and hidden walkways, to get you up close and personal with Yellow-eyed penguins. Sea lions and seals also sprawl out on windswept beaches, drifting in and out of indulgent dozes. The south island's second-largest city regularly receives a top-up of youthful energy thanks to its healthy student population. Not that Dunedin is lacking a distinctly quirky personality of its own, as showcased by the event where locals race thousands of chocolate orbs down the world's steepest street - Baldwin Street. Museums in the city tell of Chinese influences, as well as the stories of early Maori settlers. Round off an active day sampling a South Island institution - an icy beer from Speight's Brewery.





## Day 10 - Lyttelton (Christchurch)

New Zealand's 'Garden City' is a place of quiet streets, leafy parks and beautiful tree-lined boulevards. Christchurch has an unmistakable English flavour to it, and serves as the gateway to southern New Zealand's natural wonders. The rebuild of the country's oldest city continues apace - following the earthquakes that devastated it in 2011 - and the South Island's biggest city is now blossoming, having evolved into a confident and cultural powerhouse. Colourful street art adds an edge to the city, while shiny new bars and restaurants contribute to the sense of revitalisation and renewal. Visit museums, and take tours to learn more of the reconstruction, which has made incredible progress in recent years. The old-time charm of a punt on the River Avon is still a quintessential Christchurch experience. Sail amid weeping willows drooping to the water, as you drift through a blur of colours in the botanical gardens. Surrounded by extinct volcanoes, soaring lakes, and the rolling farmlands of the Canterbury Plains, spectacular scenery sprawls around the city. Pay a visit to the Southern Alps' snow-covered peaks, the stunning hot pools and rushing streams of Hanmer Springs, or the Hector's dolphins who swim at Akaroa. A city that has faced immense challenges - both natural and manmade - over the last decade, it's hard not to feel inspired by Christchurch's defiant character and friendly people, who share an open and welcoming outlook that shines stronger than ever.

#### Day 11 - Wellington

Sprawling around a hook-shaped peninsula, Wellington is a vibrant and energetic seaside capital. A compact, well-stocked city of buzzing bars and chatting cafes, New Zealand's capital is a bright and breezy place with an infectious, easy-going atmosphere. Known as the creative hub of the South Pacific, there are shows to see, art installations to enjoy, and rich flavours to savour here. The sounds of rare and beautiful birdlife fill the hills around the city, and the bush of the green belt provides easy-to-access sanctuary, strolls and cycle rides. The Botanical Gardens break up the buildings, even more, while an iconic, cherry-red cable car rumbles up Wellington's slope to the city's best viewpoint, looking out over the city's scenic harbour from above. Zealandia has provided an urban home for rare and endangered birdlife, bringing many species back from the brink. Varied museums cover everything from Maori traditions to earthquake simulations and even the real-life Kraken a displayed colossal squid. Wellington is only New Zealand's third-biggest city, but spend some time here and you'll realise that's a blessing. Eminently strollable, you can stop in at countless cool cafes to top up your caffeine levels whenever your energy is flagging - the smell of a fresh artisan espresso

is never far away. The wines grown nearby are revered, and the city's craft beers are also making waves. Wander the breezy waterfront, and admire the surfers riding the wind-whipped rollers of the self-proclaimed 'coolest little capital in the world'.

## Day 12 - Napier

Sip the fine wines of legendary producers, visit Cape Kidnappers' crowds of birdlife, and wander the stylish streets of the world's art deco capital, during your time in handsome Napier. Located on the huge arc of Hawke's Bay, Napier enjoys a generous Mediterranean style climate and a breezy cafe culture. A green, outdoor town, wander Marine Parade, which borders the rich blue Pacific and invites you to stroll along a tree-lined two-mile seafront. Take the gentle hike up to Bluff Hill, for panoramic views over the lively Napier Port and out towards Cape Kidnappers - given its name following a clash between Captain Cook's settlers and the local Maori population. Here you'll encounter one of the world's largest mainland gannet colonies creating a colourful cacophony by the sea. Set on sheer cliffs, the golden-headed birds are an incredible sight, swirling overhead and dancing before you. The city's renowned Art Deco architecture glows in the sunshine of New Zealand's North Island. Built following the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake, which ripped through the region in 1931. The rebuild, in the architectural fashion of the time, has left an authentic treasure-trove of 30s style buildings. Grapes thrive in the warm, dry climate of Napier and Hawke's Bay, which is one of New Zealand's oldest wine regions. Swirl glasses in waterfront bars or head out to walk among the vineyards of pinot gris and syrah grapes, learning of the climate conditions that help add sophisticated flavour to every bottle.

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#### Day 14 - Auckland

Blending beachy recreation with all the delights of a modern, diverse and thoroughly multicultural city, Auckland sits on the lucid blue-green waters of





New Zealand's north island. Known as the 'City of Sails', its two harbours will tempt you with waterfront walks, and the chance to breathe fresh sea air deep into your lungs while absorbing spectacular views of Auckland's grand harbour bridge's span. Take in the true scale of Auckland's magnificent cityscape by ascending 192 metres to the Sky Tower, and looking out over the city's gleaming silver towers, which reflect on the abundant waters below. Views over the bay and adjacent islands await, and you can share elegant cocktails at this dizzying height, above the mingling yachts of Viaduct Harbour. Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of the area at Auckland Art Gallery, Toi o T maki. Set beside tranquil fountains and handsomely landscaped flowerbeds of Albert Park, the French-Renaissance building houses New Zealand's most extensive art collection, and exhibits works from M ori and Pacific artists. New Zealand is world-renowned for its captivating natural scenery, and day trips across the sparkling bays, to nearby islands like Waiheke, Tiritiri Matangi, and Rangitoto, are always tempting. Discover lava caves, grape-laden vineyards and flourishing wildlife in the Hauraki Gulf's islands. You'll also find an exceptional 360-degree panorama over the city, to the horizon beyond, from the heights of ancient Mount Eden. The spectacular dormant volcano rises improbably from a city suburb, and also lends its name to Eden Park - the unusual, translucent stadium of New Zealand's mighty All Blacks.

#### Day 15 - Post Cruise

- \*\*Post Cruise Benefits\*\*
- \*\*Airport transfers\*\*
- \_ \*\*International flights Economy class\*\*\_
- \_ \*\*or Business Class upgrade\*\*\_
- \_ \*\*Private Executive Transfers\*\*\_

#### Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.





# YOUR SHIP: SILVER NOVA

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VESSEL TYPE: Luxury Cruise

LENGTH: 801 Feet / 244 2 Meters

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 728

BUILT/REFURBISHED: 2022/2023

Silver Nova is more than a new ship by Silversea, it is a Nova way of luxury travel.

Introducing Silver Nova - the twelfth ship to join our fleet. Our newest vessel will join us in summer 2023, and will be a home away from home for up to 728 guests. Silver Nova's innovative asymmetrical design introduces the world like never before, offering an immersive destination experience to our guests. With a gross tonnage of 54,700 tons she will offer a space-to-guest ratio of 75 GRT-per-passenger becoming one of the most spacious cruise ships ever built. What's more, Silver Nova will be our most environmentally friendly, and thanks to her groundbreaking technological solutions, she will propel Silversea into a new era of sustainable cruising. It's the Nova way to travel.

S.A.L.T. Chef's Table - An intimate dining experience with a curated tasting menu highlighting regional flavors. Includes wine & cocktail pairing. Reservation fee: \$180.

S.A.L.T. Kitchen - Destination-inspired menus featuring local flavors. The Terrain menu showcases the current port, while the Voyage menu offers highlights from the journey.

Atlantide - Classic fine dining with a sophisticated ambiance.

Indulge in premium ingredients like caviar, lobster, and exquisite desserts.

La Terrazza - Authentic Italian cuisine with homemade pasta, antipasto, risotto, and bold regional wines. Enjoy stunning views from the outdoor terrace.

La Dame - French fine dining with curated tasting menus and wine pairings. Reservation fee: \$160.

Kaiseki - Japanese culinary artistry with sake, whiskey, or tea pairings. Reservation fee: \$80.

Silver Note - A lively venue with gourmet tapas, jazz, and soul music, perfect for a night of entertainment.

The Grill - Casual dining by day, transforming into the "Hot Rocks" BBQ experience at night, set in The Marquee.

Spaccanapoli - Thin, freshly made pizzas from Naples, served in an open-air setting at The Marquee.

The Pool Deck - Spacious sun deck with Silversea's largest pool and an infinity-edge whirlpool for ultimate relaxation.

The Dusk Bar - Open-air sky bar offering panoramic views and destination-inspired cocktails.

The Marquee - A relaxed outdoor venue combining The Grill and Spaccanapoli for casual dining.

Arts Caf e - A cultural hub for light bites, fresh juices, coffee, and artistic inspiration.

S.A.L.T. Bar - Locally inspired cocktails reflecting each destination.

S.A.L.T. Lab - Hands-on culinary workshops exploring local food culture.

The Shelter - An elegant cocktail bar offering signature drinks in an intimate setting.





Dolce Vita - The ship's social hub, featuring live piano music and expertly crafted cocktails.

Panorama Lounge - A versatile space for relaxing by day and live music or DJ sets at night.

Connoisseur 's Corner - A stylish cigar lounge with premium selections.

Observation Lounge - A peaceful retreat with panoramic sea views and an in-house library.

The Venetian Lounge - A grand theatre for live performances and film screenings.

Atrium - The heart of the ship, home to key services, The Shelter, and Arts Cafe, with stunning floor-to-ceiling windows.

Boutique - Luxury shopping at sea, featuring premium brands and exclusive collections.

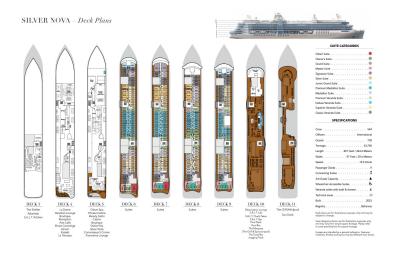


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