

# 12 NIGHTS NEW ZEALAND STARTING 02 JAN 2023

## DESTINATIONS

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AUCKLAND

# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Destination	Sydney 🚢
Meals included	Dinner
Cruise	Celebrity Eclipse, Inside Cabin, or similar

Considered one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the Southern Hemisphere, Sydney offers so much — from beaches and wineries to stunning landmarks and world-class shopping.

Tour architectural marvels like the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbor Bridge, view life below the surface from Sydney Aquarium's underwater walkways, or take it all in from above on a tour of the Sydney Tower. You're never far from nature in this thriving urban center. Well-known surf beaches, zoos, national parks, whale watching tours, bush tours, and the Royal Botanic Gardens — featuring over 7,500 plants — offer visitors a chance to enjoy the area's sunshine, lush greenery, wildlife, and clear blue oceans.

Sydney is not only Australia's oldest city, it is also one of the most ethnically diverse cities on the globe, offering a wealth of cuisines, unique museums, and cultural opportunities. Explore lively pubs, shops, and historic buildings at The Rocks, located on Sydney harbor.

## DAY 2

Destination	🚢 At Sea 🚢
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Celebrity Eclipse, Inside Cabin, or similar

While at sea, take the time to recharge before the next adventure. Lounge by the pool, be spoiled at the spa, taste the delicacies or explore the venues on-board, until we arrive at the next amazing destination.

## DAY 3

Destination	🚢 Melbourne 🚢
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Cruise	Celebrity Eclipse, Inside Cabin, or similar



Melbourne offers modern elegance that stays true to its local Aboriginal and Australian roots. As Australia's cultural hub, the city is home to over a dozen fascinating museums. Melbourne Museum features diverse interactive exhibits, as well as an extensive collection of indigenous and postmodern art. Explore Gold-Rush-era buildings in trendy multicultural neighborhoods where chic restaurants, stylish rooftop bars, and street art vie for attention. Unwind at the Royal Botanic Gardens and meet kangaroos, wallabies, and Tasmanian Devils at the Healesville Sanctuary. For more action, enjoy a lively football, cricket, grand-slam tennis event, or Formula One race.

Just outside the city, you'll find some of the most spectacular natural scenery. Take a dramatic coastal ride along the breathtaking Great Ocean Road. Or, visit the 12 Apostles, a land of stunning rock stacks that rise out of the ocean, each with its own story. Melbourne's cultural diversity is also reflected brilliantly in its cuisine. Sample Chinese fare in Chinatown, enjoy Spanish tapas at bohemian Fitzroy, or sample Lebanese cuisine at Brunswick. Try fish and chips and a strong stout at a local pub.

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### DAY 4

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### DAY 5

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### DAY 6



Destination	 Milford Sound  Doubtful Sound  Dusky Sound 
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As we sail into the narrow fjords of the Milford Sound, even your massive ship seems to shrink in comparison to the towering cliffs topped by lush mountain terrain. Situated within Fiordland National Park, this natural wonder is part of the Te Wahipounamu World Heritage Site and is protected by its natural geography, which makes it a haven for all types of wildlife.

As cold mountain water cascades from the cliffs above Doubtful Sound, it creates an unusual phenomenon—a dual-layered marine ecosystem of fresh and saltwater. This serves as a playground for a number of species, including fur seals and two types of penguins - the fiordland crested and blue penguin.

Steep cliffs that have been carved over centuries by dozens of waterfalls surround the largest and most complex of the many fjords along the New Zealand coast, Dusky Sound. It's also a wildlife paradise, with seals and dolphins patrolling the water, and birds like broad billed prions, mottled petrels and sooty shearwaters floating on the overhead thermals.

### DAY 7

Destination	 Dunedin 
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Celebrity Eclipse, Inside Cabin, or similar

Here in this capital of architectural heritage, you might think your Dunedin cruise had taken you to Edinburgh. The architecture, scenery, and culture — if not the accents — borrow heavily from those in Scotland.

Take a harbor cruise to spot albatrosses, cormorants, and other sea birds. You might even see penguins, dolphins, and seals. In town, stroll the spectacular Dunedin Botanic Garden, discover ancient Maori artifacts in the Otago Museum, or learn all about beer at Speight's Brewery — touring, tasting, and shopping for beer gear.

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Browse several engaging art galleries in the central Octagon neighborhood, also known for bars and cafés. Look for experimental exhibitions at Blue Oyster Gallery, bespoke jewelry at Chris Idour, old masters at Dunedin Public Art Gallery, heritage at Reed Gallery, and New Zealand artists at the De Novo and Milford galleries.

Head inland aboard Taieri Gorge Railway, departing from the charming gingerbread Dunedin Railway Station, for a four-hour excursion past former gold-mining sites.



Venture out to Otago Peninsula and visit 19th-century Larnach Castle — New Zealand's only castle — perched on a hill overlooking the harbor. Hear stories of scandal, tragedy, and intrigue — all part of its lavish history. Top off your cruise to Dunedin with Highland dancers and bagpipers at Larnach.

### DAY 8

Destination	 Christchurch 
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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At the center of town is Christchurch Cathedral, a stunning example of Gothic Revival architecture.

### DAY 9

Destination	 Wellington 
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Celebrity Eclipse, Inside Cabin, or similar

Wellington claims to be the coolest little capital in the world. See for yourself on your cruise to Wellington. Get an overview of its geological, biological, and cultural history at Te Papa, the national museum of New Zealand, just 10 minutes from CentrePort. The interactive exhibits pique your curiosity through innovative storytelling. Wander along Oriental Bay, the scenic waterfront that is highly walkable—and jog-able, skate-able, bike-able—and dotted with cafés, bars, and ice cream vendors.

Hike up through a large central park to Mount Victoria for 360-degree photo opps of the city, airport, and harbor—including your Wellington cruise. At Wellington Zoo, a 10-minute drive south, you can play with meerkats, hand feed a giraffe, and stroke a cheetah. The zoo has 100 species of animals. Blocks west of the port, ride the iconic cable car up to beautiful Wellington Botanic Garden, with a cable car museum, observatory, and planetarium.



Catch a shuttle out to the Zealandia ecosanctuary, a project to restore 556 acres of bush, where you can hike to the singing of native birds. On Miramar Peninsula, film fans off a Wellington cruise make their journey to Middle Earth—and beyond—to learn secrets of great film making. Weta Workshop is the design and effects facility behind big movies like Blade Runner 2049, Thor: Ragnarok, Power Rangers, Man of Steel, and several Hobbit properties. To taste your way through Wellington, start on Cuba Street, home to hipsters, artists, and lovers of all things vintage.

Amid the city's creative craft beer scene, the street has colorful shops and street performers, as well as bohemian bars and cafés. For food and drink, look for Husk, café by day, beer bar by night; Olive, with big breakfasts, excellent waffles, and mimosas; Laundry, when you feel like a classic burger or tacos; Floriditas, famous for eggs and scones; and Midnight Espresso, the quirky place for coffee, snacks, and people watching.

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### DAY 10

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### DAY 11

Destination	 Bay of Islands 
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Discover indigenous New Zealand Maori culture in a land of sparkling seas and pristine beauty. Bay of Islands is a sub-tropical paradise of clear blue water, hundreds of undeveloped islands, diverse wildlife, and historical significance. The pristine oceans, warm weather, and many animal species attract nature lovers from around the globe. Take an eco-cruise and discover the area's dolphins, penguins, marlins, whales, and bird life.

Journey into a beautiful cave with majestic rock formations and glow worms. Kayak, sail, swim, or sunbathe on one of the many beaches. Those who love beaches consider these in Bay of Islands & New Zealand some of the world's finest, with their perfect white sand and crystal-clear water. And as tempted as you'll be to pull up a lounge chair and soak in the surroundings, many consider a Bay of Islands cruise the ideal time to partake in more active pursuits, such as kayaking, mountain-biking, parasailing, swimming with dolphins and scuba-diving.

### DAY 12

Destination	 Tauranga 
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Celebrity Eclipse, Inside Cabin, or similar

Explore this chic coastal town in the North Island and you'll discover the land of the Māori. Tauranga's white sand beaches offer something for everyone. Relax and sunbathe on one of New Zealand's most beautiful and popular coasts. Take a dip in the ocean or immerse yourself in a lush waterfall swimming hole. Watch dolphins frolic in the waves or swim with these lovable creatures. Learn to sail, try surfing, take a diving lesson, or refine your fishing technique.


Water activities abound in Tauranga. If you're a landlubber, you can tee up at a golf course on your Tauranga cruise or stroll down The Strand where you can enjoy cafés and a vibrant nightlife. Journey to charming waterfalls or board one of the many eco-cruises available in the Bay of Plenty. Sometimes called the New Zealand Riviera, downtown Tauranga offers galleries, shops, history, and a vibrant café and restaurant scene.

The culinary culture brings together innovative chefs working in diverse traditions. Enjoy Italian, Indian, Turkish, Thai, French, and fusion flavors. Sip a hand-crafted drink or enjoy fresh-caught seafood from the Bay of Plenty. From casual al fresco dining to sophisticated New Zealand Riviera gastronomy, Tauranga offers something to tantalize every taste.

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### DAY 13

Destination	 Auckland, Disembark Cruise
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Accommodation	N/A

Experience New Zealand's most cosmopolitan city — a melting pot of British, Asian, Pacific, and Māori cultures. Your cruise from Auckland allows you to sample their diverse arts, entertainment, and traditions.

The Auckland Art Gallery has collected more than 15,000 paintings, sculptures, and prints, dating from 1376. Other attractions to visit include the Auckland War Memorial Museum, New Zealand Maritime Museum, National Museum of the Royal New Zealand Navy, and Museum of Transport and Technology.

The Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra performs concerts, operas, and ballets, and more arts events include the Auckland Festival, Auckland Triennial, New Zealand International Comedy Festival, and New Zealand International Film Festival.

An Auckland cruise arrives via one of two ports, either Waitematā Harbour from the Pacific Ocean to the east, or Manukau Harbour from the Tasman Sea to the west. Perched on a skinny isthmus between them is a leafy urban cityscape of beautiful parks and modern buildings, a dramatic landscape molded by volcanoes (now dormant) and the ocean.

Natural landmarks include Auckland Domain, a central park offering great views of Hauraki Gulf; Mount Eden, with 360-degree views from the city's highest volcanic cone; Mount Victoria, a volcanic cone overlooking downtown from North Shore; and Waiheke Island, a remote site of beaches, forests, vineyards, and olive groves. The hills surrounding the city are cloaked in rainforest.

Man-made landmarks include Sky Tower, offering panoramic views from downtown; Auckland Harbour Bridge, the connection to North Shore; and Auckland Town Hall, which includes a fine concert hall.

Aucklanders love their boating — one in three households owns a boat — and they've hosted the America's Cup twice. Diverse forms of cruises from Auckland include adrenaline-fueled adventures aboard supercharged speedboats that take you flying passed the impressive skyline.

When it's time to go shopping, head to Queen Street, Britomart, Ponsonby Road, Karangahape Road, Newmarket, or Parnell. You won't come back empty handed from your Auckland cruise.

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Travel with Celebrity Cruises
- 12 nights accommodation on board the Celebrity Eclipse in an Inside Cabin
- Cabin upgrades are available (subject to availability)
- Enjoy the luxurious, chic decor onboard the Celebrity Eclipse
- Discover the stunning sites of the Great Barrier Reef
- Includes all meals, drinks and onboard wi-fi
- Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

#### CABINS & UPGRADES

##### **Cabin Bedding and Upgrades**

Bedding on board the cruise is restricted to the following configurations. If you wish to upgrade your cabin, the following amounts are payable in addition to the package price prior to travel:

##### **Inside Stateroom: INCLUDED**

Your escape at sea, Inside Staterooms offer 18sqm of living space. Each inside stateroom on board Celebrity includes world-class amenities. Celebrity's eXhale™ Queen size bed or twin beds, Shower, Interactive Flat Screen TV, safe, 24hr room service, Internet access.

##### **Ocean View Stateroom**

Expansive views make Ocean View Staterooms on the Celebrity Eclipse the ideal place to unwind at sea. These perfectly indulgent spaces come furnished with Celebrity's eXhale™ bedding featuring a luxury Queen-sized mattress and everything else a modern traveler needs.

*Upgrades from AU\$300 per person, twin share or AU\$601 per person, single (subject to availability).*

##### **Deluxe Ocean View Veranda**

Ample indoor and outdoor space come together to create your private sanctuary at sea. Your personal veranda lets you greet the day, soak in breathtaking sunsets, and enjoy fresh sea breezes.

*Upgrades from AU\$517 per person, twin share or AU\$1,036 per person, single (subject to availability).*

*Please request your cabin upgrade in the 'special requests' field. Availability and price will then be confirmed and added to your invoice upon acceptance.*

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### ABOUT YOUR SHIP

Luxurious and upscale on every deck and at every turn, **Celebrity Eclipse** sets the standard for modern-day vacations. Take your taste buds on an adventure with diverse dining choices. Enjoy endless entertainment options. Take a yoga class in the Fitness Center. Whatever your travel style, you'll find your home on board. To know more about your ship, please click [HERE](#).

#### Onboard Features

- Family Archery
- Be a kid again at the Video Arcade
- Disconnect at Silent Meditation
- Play a few slots at the Fortunes Casino
- Sip on a drink at the Sky Observation Lounge

### Fine Print

#### BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation.

We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

#### **Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support**

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

#### **Flexible Date Change Option**

Book now, change later with our Flexible Date Change option. You may select this \$99pp option at time of purchase, giving travellers the flexibility to change your date without penalty (subject to availability, less third party costs incurred, plus any applicable surcharges for the new date selected).

Date change must be requested prior to 65 days before your original selected departure date\*. Once inside 65 days of departure, date changes are not permitted. \*some packages may have a varied period in which you can request a date change due to limitations with the third-party provider.

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Please refer to our 'Book with Confidence' section for terms and conditions.

The Flexible Date Change option does not cover cost incurred for components not fulfilled by Inspiring Vacations or in the event extra services have been booked with Inspiring Vacations outside of the standard package, including but not limited to airfares, pre/post accommodation or insurance.

### **Cooling off period**

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period. Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply.

Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to [support@inspiringvacations.com](mailto:support@inspiringvacations.com), including the reason for cancellation.

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## HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

### Deposit & Payments

- Please follow the 'book now' prompts to view the deposit amount
- A second installment will be due 7 days after your initial deposit of 10% per person
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 120 days prior to departure.

### Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

### Booking On Request

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners. Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete.
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used.
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable.

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **COVID-19**

Due to COVID there may be disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

#### **Fitness Requirements**

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity.

These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers. As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

#### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only and subject to availability. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however any changes are beyond our control.

#### **Single Supplement**

Please follow the 'book now' prompts and select 1 passenger to view the single supplement cost.

#### **Triple Share**

Not Available

#### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

#### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation including, e-tickets and cruise details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

#### **Children**

Children must share a room with parents at all times and are charged the same price as adults.

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### VISA & PASSPORT REQUIREMENT

For all international voyages, it is the traveller's responsibility to ensure that they have a valid passport and they meet the visa requirement. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return.

### EXCLUSIONS

- Flights
- Personal expenses
- Optional activities
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)

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