

New Zealand and Australia Cruise

- Regions / Countries: **France** **New Zealand** **Australia**
- Duration: **16 Days / 15 Nights**
- Tags: **City, Mainland port, Popular, Romantic, Nightlife, Village, Secluded, Sports, Island, Greenery, Discovery**
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Day 1



France / Paris

City, Mainland port, Popular, Romantic, Nightlife

DAY 1: FRANCE - AUCKLAND (New Zealand)

Departure on a scheduled flight with stopover. Overnight flight. Arrival in Auckland in the evening. Transfer, check-in and overnight stay in a 4* hotel.

Day 2



New Zealand / Auckland

Located in New Zealand's North Island, Auckland is the country's largest city and a bustling port with a rich maritime history. Known as the "City of Sails," Auckland's waterfront is dotted with marinas and yachts, making it a hub for sailing enthusiasts. The port also serves as a gateway to New Zealand's many natural wonders, including the rugged West Coast beaches, lush rainforests, and geothermal wonders of the North Island. As a major transportation hub for both cargo and passengers, Auckland port plays a significant role in the country's economy and tourism industry.

DAY 2: AUCKLAND

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DAY 3: AUCKLAND

Young, dynamic and elegant, Auckland, the country's largest city, enjoys a typically island quality of life, focused on nature and outdoor activities. Nestled in an exceptional setting amidst unique landscapes on an isthmus between the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean,
Auckland enjoys a generous nature and magnificent black sand beaches, between its vast parks, its dormant volcanoes and its charming waterfront. In the morning, departure for a city tour. Discovery of Parnell Village, a chic suburb of Auckland, considered the oldest district
of the city. Visit of the Auckland Cathedral followed by lunch in the city. Individual visit of the Auckland War Memorial Museum, one of the most important museums in New Zealand and its collections mainly focused on history and in particular that of the Auckland region. Lunch at the restaurant. In the late afternoon, transfer to the port, embarkation and installation on board the Heritage Adventurer. Dinner and night on board.

Day 4



New Zealand / Tauranga

Tauranga is a bustling port city on the Bay of Plenty in New Zealand, known for its picturesque beaches, lush countryside, and excellent surf breaks. The port of Tauranga is the country's largest export port and plays a crucial role in New Zealand's economy. The port is located in the heart of the city and is easily accessible to both cruise passengers and cargo ships. With its vibrant cultural scene, stunning natural beauty, and easy-going lifestyle, Tauranga is a must-visit destination for anyone traveling to New Zealand.

DAY 4: TAURANGA

A favourite place for deep-sea fishermen, this region is home to vast tropical gardens. Tauranga is the main export port for the forestry industry, based in the north of the island and the starting point for Rotorua, one of the most touristic regions of the North Island. Departure for Rotorua, the cradle of the culture of the Maori people, known for its thermal activities. Discovery of the geothermal reserve of Wai-O-Tapu ("sacred waters" in Maori). Of great beauty, rich in colours and smells, it brings together mineral pools, hot springs, bubbling mud pools, solfataras and geysers. At the Ohinemutu village, you will share a moment of traditional "hakas" music and dances as well as "hangi", a traditional Maori meal. Discovery of the marae, the communal house which serves as a town hall, followed by a visit to the magnificently decorated Saint-Faith church. Dinner and night on board.

Day 5



Navigation

DAY 5: NAVIGATION

Take advantage of this day to participate in the activities offered on board. Lunch, dinner and overnight on board.

Day 6



New Zealand / Wellington

Wellington is New Zealand's capital city, and its port is the country's third busiest. It is located on the Cook Strait, which separates the North and South Islands. The port handles a range of cargo, including timber, cars, and petroleum products. Wellington's port is also a popular destination for cruise ships, with passengers able to explore the city's vibrant cultural scene, museums, and stunning scenery, including the famous Cable Car and the nearby Wairarapa wine region.

DAY 6: WELLINGTON

Nicknamed "the windy one", Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, is a surprising city on a human scale. Its colorful wooden houses give it a resort feel. With more than 50 museums and galleries, three theaters, the headquarters of the Royal Ballet and the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, Wellington can boast of being the capital of art and culture of the country. Discovery of the city passing in front of the seat of parliament called "The Beehive". Its astonishing building forms an 11-storey tower. Visit St. Paul's Cathedral, inspired by the English medieval Gothic style and built entirely of wood, which has allowed it to withstand earthquakes and winds for almost 150 years. The discovery continues with the magnificent 26-hectare botanical garden. Individual visit of the impressive Te Papa national museum, literally "the place of the treasures of this land", which contains impressive interactive collections on Maori culture. Lunch, dinner and night on board.

Day 7



New Zealand / Kaikoura

DAY 7: KAIKOURA

Kaikoura is of particular significance in Māori culture. It is here that the mythical hero Maui is said to have set foot to keep his balance when he fished the North Island, using the constellation Scorpius as a hook. Kaikoura is a small town with a rich biodiversity
exceptional: dolphins, whales, seals, albatrosses and many others live in its nutrient-rich waters, brought to the surface by the mixture of warm and cold waters. Individual discovery of the locality or participation in the optional excursion. Lunch, dinner and night on board.

Optional: Whale watching
Board local boats for a whale watching cruise off the coast of Kaikoura and see sperm whales in their natural habitat. You can see a wide range of animals including fur seals, schools of dolphins and the protected wandering albatrosses. The cruise will be on a boat equipped with engines to minimise underwater noise.
Price per person from: €150

Day 8



New Zealand / Akaroa

DAY 8: AKAROA

The village of Akaroa, "the long port" in Maori, was founded in 1838 by the French commander Jean-François Langlois. On his return to France, he founded the Compagnie Nanto-Bordelaise with the aim of colonizing New Zealand. He undertook the voyage with 57 people aboard the Comte de Paris, but found upon arrival that the country was already under British sovereignty. Despite this defeat, a few French decided to stay and the village today retains visible traces of this presence. Guided walk in the historic district of Akaroa. Discovery of a tapestry of the first Maoris, the remains of pioneer whaling ships, the disappointed hopes of the French colonists and British imperialism. Visit the wooded garden of Tane to the sound of the song of its many birds. In the afternoon, possibility of participating in the optional excursion. Lunch, dinner and night on board.

Optional: observation of Hector's dolphins
Discover the local wildlife with Hector's dolphins - the rarest and smallest dolphins in the world, seals, penguins and other seabirds. The captain will endeavour to find the best location to allow this unique experience. On board a local boat, admire the immense cliffs of this volcanic region and discover Akaroa's fascinating past.
Price per person from: €130

Day 9



New Zealand / Dunedin

DAY 9: DUNEDIN

Dunedin is the second largest city in the South Island and the oldest city in New Zealand. Also called Otepoti, it was the site of many battles. It was in 1848 that the first Scottish settlers landed and settled there permanently. Guided tour of the city which has preserved vestiges dating from its foundation with its monuments of Victorian and Edwardian architecture. Passage in front of the railway station and the university campus. Visit the botanical garden, recognized as the first botanical garden in New Zealand, which houses nearly 6,800 species of plants on 28 hectares. Free afternoon for an individual discovery or participation in the optional excursion. Lunch, dinner and night on board.

Optional: Taieri Gorge Railway
Depart from Dunedin's iconic railway station. Cross the picturesque Taieri Plains and then climb into the Taieri Gorge, a deep, narrow gorge carved by the ancient Taieri River. The tour will be by train to Pukerangi, returning to Dunedin by coach.
Price per person from: €165

Day 10



New Zealand / Stewart Island

Village, Secluded, Sports, Island, Greenery, Discovery

DAY 10: STEWART ISLAND

The third largest island in New Zealand, located in the far south, Stewart Island has only 387 inhabitants living in the village of Oban alone. The commonly used Maori name, Rakiura, means "glowing sky", probably in reference to the island's famous sunsets or its southern lights. Untouched by mass tourism, this place surprises with its tranquility, landscapes and unspoiled nature. In the morning, disembark by inflatable boat on the small island of Ulva for a walk through dense vegetation populated by many birds. In the afternoon, discover Oban on Stewart Island. Visit the Rakiura Museum which traces the history of the island and its European and Maori influences. The exhibitions allow you to understand the way of life of the island's first inhabitants. Lunch, dinner and overnight stay on board.

Day 11



Navigation

DAY 11: NAVIGATION IN FIORDLAND NATIONAL PARK

Located at the south-western tip of the South Island, it is the largest park in New Zealand and one of the largest in the world with an area of 12,500 km². Carved by glaciers thousands of years ago, majestic cliffs form a steep relief with impressive
waterfalls. Sailing in the heart of the fjords, in waters rich in marine fauna and exploring the wilderness in inflatable boats. Discovery of the Doubtful Sound or Dusky Sound fjord. Lunch, dinner and night on board.

Day 12



New Zealand / Milford Sound

DAY 12: FJORD MILFORD SOUND

Morning navigation in the Milford Sound fjord, one of the most beautiful in New Zealand offering a breathtaking natural spectacle. Continuation of the navigation at sea along the Fiordland National Park, which is home to a rich and exceptional biodiversity, to then reach Bluff, at the end
South of the island. Lunch, dinner and overnight on board.

Day 13



Australia / SYDNEY

Mainland port, City

Sydney Port is the busiest and most iconic port in Australia, located in the heart of one of the world's most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities. As the gateway to the country, it serves as a hub for international trade, tourism, and commerce. The port offers a range of facilities and services, including state-of-the-art cargo terminals, cruise ship terminals, and marinas for recreational boaters. With its stunning harbor views and world-famous landmarks like the Opera House and Harbour Bridge, Sydney Port is a must-visit destination for any traveler to Australia.

DAY 13: BLUFF – SYDNEY (Australia)

Morning disembarkation at Bluff and transfer to Queenstown airport. Flight to Sydney. Upon arrival, transfer, installation and lunch in a 4* hotel. Free time according to flight schedules. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

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DAY 14: SYDNEY

An attractive city with great museums, restaurants and sumptuous beaches, Sydney is the oldest city in Australia, built on one of the most beautiful bays in the world. A day dedicated to discovering this emblematic city of Australia. Visit the opera house inaugurated in 1973, a major work of 20th century architecture. Its original silhouette, which resembles a sailboat for some and a shell for others, was designed by the Danish Jorn Utzon. Walk in the historic district of The Rocks, considered the starting point of the colonization of Australia: an authentic 19th century village that emerges in the modernity of the city. Panoramic tour of the city with views of the Harbour Bridge, Queen Victoria Building, the botanical gardens... Lunch at the restaurant and departure for a mini-cruise in the main port of Sydney, the heart and soul of the city. In the late afternoon, walk and free time at Bondi beach. World famous, this beach was one of the competition sites of the 2000 Olympic Games. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

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DAY 15: SYDNEY - FRANCE

Depending on flight times, free time and transfer to the airport. Flight on scheduled flight with stopover. Night in flight.

Day 16



France / Paris

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