



# *Cruising Australia And New Zealand*

October 18-November 5, 2017

**Tour Includes:**

Escorted sightseeing by cruise ship and luxury coach

Webb Tours Director throughout and local English speaking guides along the way

Accommodations at well located hotels in Sydney and Auckland

14 day cruise on Holland America Noordam

ALL meals on the ship plus breakfast daily when not on the ship.

**Sightseeing Highlights:**

- Beautiful Sydney with Opera House & Blue Mountains
- Full days in Melbourne and Tasmania
- Scenic cruising in Fjordland National Park, Milford Sound and more
- 7 Ports of call in the south and north islands of New Zealand
- Time to enjoy Auckland after the cruise

Tips for baggage handling, taxes and hotel gratuities except gratuity to your local guides

***A valid passport is required for this tour***



Featuring places like Milford Sound (above), Rotorua, Bay of Plenty, Coromandel Peninsula, Fjordland National Park, Sydney, Auckland, Wellington & More!

**Pricing Information**

(Prices are per person based on number of persons sharing a hotel room)\*

Two in a Room.....	\$2,895
Three in a Room.....	\$2,695

\*The above prices do not include international airfare and air taxes. Air will be reserved by spring 2017. We anticipate the airfare to be about \$1,800 per person.

*The tour will be fully escorted. We'll enjoy time in Sydney before the cruise and Auckland after the cruise. At each port, optional, private Webb Tours excursions will be available for our group or you can choose from what the ship has to offer.*



*Prices vary depending on stateroom category and are included in this brochure. BOOK EARLY for best stateroom locations. Deposits are fully refundable until July 20, 2017.*

***IT IS THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME! We hope you can join us.***



Sydney – the world's largest natural harbor

## *The Wonders Down Under!*

*There is something about the New Zealand and Australia. Without question, it is one of the world's most interesting regions combining spectacular natural beauty with vibrant cities and fascinating history. This tour focuses on New Zealand, while sampling the beauties of Australia and Tasmania as well.*

*There are different ways to tour this region, but the most convenient is by cruise ship. New Zealand is comprised of two large islands. Much of the scenery and charm is along the coasts and waterways. Yet the country is narrow, making the beautiful interior easily accessible on day trips from our ship. Add to that time to enjoy Sydney, Melbourne and a day in Tasmania and you have an unforgettable journey.*

*Why do we go in October/November? During January, February and March, it is very hot in Australia. In July, August and September, it is far too cold on the South Island of New Zealand. We travel in November because temperatures are pleasant in Australia and springtime in New Zealand is fabulous to see. It is the perfect time to be in the region. Webb Tours has directed many trips to New Zealand and Australia. It has always been among our most popular tours. We know it's a big investment. We pledge to do all we can to make it the trip of a lifetime... We hope you can join us.*

**October 18:** This afternoon, we gather at the Salt Lake Airport for our flight to Los Angeles. Our non stop flight from **LA to Sydney** departs in the evening. Those joining us from other cities will meet us in Los Angeles and fly with us to Sydney.

**October 19:** Because we cross the international dateline, we skip this day. We'll get it back at the end of the tour.

**October 20:** Welcome to **Sydney, Australia!** Our flight arrives in the morning hours today and it will be important that we stay awake. A local guide and luxury coach will meet us to show us around this world-class city. We'll stroll some world famous beaches, visit "The Rocks" and learn the important colonial history of the city. We'll then check into the hotel for a mid day rest. In the late afternoon, You'll have the option to board a luxurious catamaran for a cruise on **Sydney Harbor**. You'll enjoy interesting commentary as we sail under famous **Harbour Bridge**, by the front of the Opera House, near the prestigious suburbs and more. Or you can spend time on your own enjoying Sydney.

**October 21:** After a good night's rest and a delicious breakfast, we'll head for the famous **Blue Mountains**. The people of Sydney have been doubly blessed by nature. Not only do they have a magnificent coastline at their front door, but less than 50 miles from the city is one of the most spectacular wilderness areas of Australia - the Blue Mountains. This landscape is a combination of forested hills, beautiful gardens, sandstone chasms and breathtaking waterfalls. While in the mountains we've included a lovely forest walk, a ride on the world's steepest railway as it descends into incredible scenery and a gondola ride which takes you over Cox's Crossing, a 1,000 foot wide chase with Katoomba Falls at the base. We'll give you time for lunch and browsing in the quaint town of **Leura**. Spring blossoms are everywhere and the town is delightful. We'll show you a few things as we make our way back to Sydney. You'll have a free evening back in Sydney.

**October 22:** This morning, we'll enjoy a tour of the world famous **Opera House**, Sydney's signature structure and an interesting place to visit. We will then be transferred to the pier where we will board **Holland America's Noordam**. The Noordam is an 82,000 ton ship with about 1,900 passengers. Holland America is famous for unmatched service, excellent cuisine and creative itineraries with stops at more ports. It will be our floating resort for 14 days. We sail out of Sydney tonight enjoying a delicious dinner in the Rotterdam Dining Room.

**October 23:** **At sea** today as we become familiar with our ship and enjoy the scenery.

**October 24:** Today we spend all day in lovely **Melbourne, Australia**. At each of the ports, you can do your own thing, choose an excursion offered by the ship or join us on our private Webb Tours excursion. Our private excursion today takes us outside of Melbourne to enjoy native Australian animals in the wild. Our guide and wildlife scouts will take us into the **Port Phillip Bay** area to an open range sanctuary set against the You Yangs Mountains. We'll look for wild kangaroos, emus, koalas and native birds. We'll enjoy short strolls and view animals in their natural habitat. Though not guaranteed, over 80% of excursions see kangaroos or koalas in the wild. We then take you to Fort William for a lovely fish and chips lunch followed by a boat ride into the heart of Melbourne (a PERFECT way to enjoy the dramatic skyline of Melbourne). We'll then show you some city highlights as we make our way back to the ship.

**October 25:** At sea today.

**October 26:** Today you wake up in **TASMANIA!** Our private excursion today takes us to the THE must visit attraction in Western Tasmania. It's called Port Arthur. When the English arrived in Australia, they set up prisons for English convicts. A main prison was established on a scenic peninsula in eastern Tasmania. The wealthiest English lived on half of the property and the prisoners lived on the other half. Trust us on this one... it is worth seeing. On the way back, we'll give you time for lunch in the charming town of Richmond. Before going back to the ship, we'll spend an hour at **Bonorong** which is a wildlife park. Enjoy walking amongst the kangaroos (and feeding them if you'd like to), see the Tasmanian Devils, and take your picture with the Koalas or Wallabies. Then it's back to the ship. It's a very enjoyable day.

**October 27 & 28:** Enjoy two relaxing days at sea as we cross the **Tasman Sea** that separates Australia from New Zealand. Choose from lots of activities on board, take in the fabulous entertainment or just read a book on the decks as you watch the ocean go by. And don't forget to watch for wildlife as whales and dolphins are often spotted in this area.

**October 29:** Today you will live in postcard scenery. The seaward edge of **Fiordland National Park** is a series of fourteen massive knife cuts, carved by the glaciers during successive ice ages. Towering, snow-capped peaks reflect in the midnight blue fingers of ocean that reach into the park's thickly forested interior, where you can find trees that are more than 800 years old. For sheer drama, few places of earth can compete with this remarkable natural environment. **Milford Sound**, part of the park, is a natural wonder of the world. Most visit from Queenstown which involves an arduous 3 hour bus ride, much of it on windy roads. But we are on a cruise ship and we will simply sail into the fjords and enjoy the day taking in the incredible scenes. Enjoy towering **Mitre Peak**, plunging waterfalls, bottlenose dolphins, fur seals, penguins and more. As we leave Milford Sound, we will continue cruising in other parts of Fjordland National Park throughout the day sailing in **Doubtful Sound** which is another gem.

**October 30:** While we sleep, the ship makes its way around the southern tip of New Zealand and we wake up in Port Chalmers, in **Dunedin, New Zealand**. They call this the "Edinburgh of the South" because of the Scottish influence here – and the scenery is similar as well. Our private excursion will show you some of the quaint villages and rolling hills on our way to a **Yellow-Eyed Penguin Reserve**. Today you'll get a fascinating education about a rare species of penguins and enjoy an up close encounter. We'll also show you the stunning **Glendolough Gardens** which are colorful in the spring. Dunedin is also home to the world's steepest street which is interesting. It's a fun little town and a beautiful area.

**October 31:** Today we wake up in beautiful **Christchurch**, the largest city on the South Island. Christchurch is often referred to as "the most English city outside of England". Our private excursion today takes us from the port, through a bit of the town (showcasing lovely Victorian & Edwardian architecture) and up **Port Hills** for lovely views of the **Southern Alps** and ocean. Leaving the city, we'll enjoy some of the beautiful farms that were established in the 1840's as we explore this lush section of New Zealand called the **Canterbury Plains** – lovely, green landscapes with the snow-capped southern Alps in the background. A barbecue lunch, sheep dog demonstration and sheep shearing show is included today on a lovely farm.

**November 1:** Today we wake up in port of **Picton, New Zealand** at the northern tip of the south island. We are in the “Garden Province” today and we’ll enjoy a visit to beautiful **Barewood Farm**, an English-inspired garden developed around a 1911 Villa. Endless vineyards dot the countryside. We’ll then visit the town of **Blenheim** with some time for browsing and lunch. As our ship leaves port this afternoon, we’ll sail through scenic **Queen Charlotte Sound and Captain Cook Ship Cove** – places best enjoyed from comfort of our cruise ship.

**November 2:** Today we are in **Wellington** – New Zealand’s capital city. Our private tour shows you the highlights of the city and the amazing panoramic views from **Mt. Victoria**. We’ll make a brief stop at the famous Rose Gardens overlooking this city on the bay. We’ll also make a visit to the **Weta Workshops** and show you some fascinating things about how the **Lord of the Rings** movies were filmed. You’ll then have some time on your own in Wellington before returning to the ship.

**November 3:** Today we wake up on the **North Island** of New Zealand. We will be in the port of Napier until 2:00 PM. If you wish, you can join us for our **Hawkes Bay** tour showcasing the history, heritage and beauty of the area. We’ll ascend to the top the famous **Te Mata Peak** to overlook the colorful **Tuki Tuki Valley**, with views in all directions. You’ll then have an hour in town to look around before returning to the ship. Napier was destroyed by an earthquake in the early 1900’s and was completely rebuilt using the very distinctive **Art-Deco style** of the 1920’s. It’s like going back in time and it’s a delightful place to enjoy. We continue sailing north.

**November 4:** Today we are docked in **Tauranga** on the North Island. Choose from two excursions today. One of New Zealand’s most famous attractions is in **Rotorua**. It’s called the Whakarewarewa Geo Thermal Village. It is like our Yellowstone, full of interesting scenery and many geysers. It is sacred ground for the Maoris and you will enter with one of their chiefs. On the way back, we will make a picture stop at the **LDS Temple in Hamilton**, New Zealand, recently celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> year. It’s a Monday, so the temple is closed, but the grounds and surrounding area are beautiful to see. The scenery between the ship and Hamilton is comprised of green, rolling hills and sheep farms. The other possible excursion is to the famous **Waitomo Caves** known as Glow Worm Grotto. Board a small boat for a short ride inside these natural caves that are lit (from the ceiling) by glow worms! It is a very interesting sight to see. We then return to the ship.

**November 5:** Auckland is a beautiful city and there are some things to see. We’ll take you to the top of Mt. Eden with the best views and we’ll show you some other things of interest. Our flight back to the states departs in the late afternoon, arriving back on the same day as we cross back over the international dateline. You’ll never forget your trip to New Zealand and Australia!

**Tour Pricing based on different stateroom categories:**

<b>Stateroom Category</b>	<b>Price for 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> passengers</b>	<b>Price for 3<sup>rd</sup> passenger</b>
<b>Category M – Inside – lower decks</b>	\$2,895	\$2,275
<b>Category K – Inside – upper decks</b>	\$2,975	\$2,275
<b>Category G: Ocean View (partial obstruction)</b>	\$3,075	\$2,275
<b>Category F: Ocean View</b>	\$3,295	\$2,275
<b>Category C – Ocean View – upper decks</b>	\$3,895	\$2,275

*Above prices include cruise, activities and lodging in Sydney and Auckland, taxes, transfers, government fees and all port charges. Airfare and shore excursions are additional.*

**Registration Information:**

To make a reservation, simply **fill out the attached reservation form and send it to us with a deposit of \$400 per person.** When we receive your deposit, we will mail you a receipt confirming that you are registered for the tour. A letter with instructions, hotel itinerary flight information (if applicable) and luggage tags will be sent 90 days prior to departure at which time the balance will be due. You do not need to pay the balance until after you receive that packet. We require final payments in the form of a check. If that is not possible, arrangements can be made to use a credit card. Webb Tours accepts Visa, Mastercard and Discover. A 2% surcharge will be added for credit card payments.

**Cancellation Penalties**

We understand that you may need to cancel your trip for whatever reason. If it is 95 days or more before departure, all money will be refunded. If it is within 95 days, the following schedule applies:

94 – 76 days prior	\$300 per person + insurance + any applicable airline fees
75 – 46 days prior	\$700 per person + insurance + any applicable airline fees
45 – 31 days prior	50% of total cost + insurance + any applicable airline fees
30 – 7 days prior	85% of total cost + insurance + any applicable airline fees
Less than 7 days prior	100% of total cost + insurance + any applicable airline fees

For airlines, specifically, tickets are generally non refundable when purchased. However, most airlines will allow the value of the canceled tickets to be reused for future travel, though a penalty may be assessed to reuse the tickets. If you have to cancel, Webb Tours will work with other providers to obtain as much refund as possible for our travelers. Our travelers know us to be very fair in this regard.

**Cancellation Insurance:**

To avoid cancellation penalties, cancellation insurance may be purchased. Insurance will reimburse you for the non-refundable cancellation penalties imposed if you must cancel your trip for a covered reason like illness, injury or death to you, a traveling companion or an immediate family member. Other reasons for cancellation include Common Carrier-caused delays due to inclement weather, jury duty, or a documented traffic accident en route to departure. Price of the insurance depends on your stateroom category as follows:

- Categories M & K (Inside Staterooms):** **\$199 per person**
- Categories G (Obstructed Ocean View):** **\$229 per person**
- Categories E & F (Ocean View, Lower Decks):** **\$249 per person**
- Categories VD Balcony (upper decks):** **\$299 per person**

Insurance may be purchased any time up to the point you make your final payment. Insurance cannot be purchased after your final payment is made. Webb Tours is not the insurer and acts as agent for the insurance company. To activate your insurance, we need your premium and your birth date.

**Currency Fluctuation:**

Webb Tours reserves the right to adjust the rates if necessary in order to reflect currency fluctuations larger than 10% from those used in our tour price. This is not likely to happen, but we must protect against it. A shift of that magnitude would quickly erase our tour profits. Of course, if the fluctuation moves in the opposite direction, we will reduce your tour price.

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