

NEW ZEALAND – AUSTRALIA AUCKLAND to MELBOURNE



Join Dick and Leslie West starting in Auckland (above), as we explore the craggy coastline of New Zealand. Napier offers ample opportunity to explore the rolling vineyards and sip a glass of local wine amid the city's many art deco architectural cafés. Wellington, Bluff, Kaikoura and Dunedin are our last ports in New Zealand before its time to say G'day to Tasmania. A day at sea brings us to Melbourne.



DATE: JAN 31-FEB 16, 2024

DURATION: 17 DAYS/16 NIGHTS

EMBARK: AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

DISEMBARK: MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

SHIP: Silver Muse

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DAY 1 – WED – JAN 31 - ARRIVE AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Arrive Auckland. Pre-cruise hotel is included. Auckland is called the City of Sails, and visitors flying in will see why. On the East Coast is the Waitemata Harbour—a Māori word meaning sparkling waters—which is bordered by the Hauraki Gulf, an aquatic playground peppered with small islands where many Aucklanders can be found "mucking around in boats." Not surprisingly, Auckland has some 70,000 boats. About one in four households in Auckland has a boat of some kind, and there are 102 beaches within an hour's drive; during the week many are quite empty. Even the airport is by the water; it borders the Manukau Harbour, which also takes its name from the Māori language and means solitary bird. According to Māori tradition, the Auckland isthmus was originally peopled by a race of giants and fairy folk. When Europeans arrived in the early 19th century, however, the Ngāti-Whātua tribe was firmly in control of the region.

DAY 2 – THU - FEB 1 - FREE MORNING – EMBARKATION

Ship departs at 7:00 PM.

DAY 3 – FRI - FEB 2 - BAY OF ISLANDS, NEW ZEALAND

The Tasman Sea on the west and the Pacific Ocean on the east meet at the top of North Island at Cape Reinga. No matter what route you take, you'll pass farms and forests, marvelous beaches, and great open spaces. The East Coast, up to the Bay of Islands, is Northland's most densely populated, often with refugees from bigger cities—looking for a more relaxed life—clustered around breathtaking beaches. The Bay of Islands is known all over the world for its beauty. There you will find lush forests, splendid beaches, and shimmering harbors. The Treaty of Waitangi was signed here in 1840 between Māori and the British Crown, establishing the basis for the modern New Zealand state. Crowning the region is the spiritually significant Cape Reinga, the headland at the top of the vast stretch of 90 Mile Beach, where it's believed Māori souls depart after death. Today Māori make up roughly a quarter of the area's population (compared with the national average of about 15%). **6 Included Shore Excursions**

DAY 4 – SAT – FEB 3 - TAURANGA, BAY OF PLENTY

The population center of the Bay of Plenty, Tauranga is one of New Zealand's fastest-growing cities. Along with its neighbor, Whakatane, this seaside city claims to be one of the country's sunniest towns. Unlike most local towns, Tauranga doesn't grind to a halt in the off-season, because it has one of the busiest ports in the country, and the excellent waves at the neighboring beach resort of Mount Maunganui—just across Tauranga's harbor bridge—always draw surfers and holiday folk. **4 Included Shore Excursions**

DAY 5 – SUN – FEB 4 – GISBORNE, NEW ZEALAND

With a population of around 35,000 and located on the north island, Gisborne exudes history at every turn. The union point of three rivers and the first place to see the sun, the city is filled with light and laughter and gracefully squeezes surfer's beaches with the district's colonial past.

Captain Cook made his first landfall here, John Harris set up his first trading station in the village and today, Gisborne is the major center of Maori cultural life. A place of nature, spectacular beach cliff views are all just part and parcel of everyday life here, and easy walks from the center of town to the Titirangi Reserve will award you with yet more unbelievable 180° vistas from Poverty Bay to Gisborne City; stretch your eyes with the panorama, while stretching your legs on one of the many enjoyable walks.

5 Included Shore Excursions



DAY 6 – MON – FEB 5 – NAPIER, NEW ZEALAND

Sip the fine wines of legendary producers, visit Cape Kidnappers' 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 colorful 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 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 flavor to every bottle. **3 Included Shore Excursions**

DAY 7 – TUE - FEB 6 – WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

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 flavors to savor 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 harbor 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 New Zealand's third-biggest city, but spend some time here and you'll realize that's a blessing. **4 Included Shore Excursions**

DAY 8 – WED – FEB 7 - KAIKOURA, NEW ZEALAND

Lodged between high mountains and the Pacific Ocean, on New Zealand's South Island, it is said that no two views in Kaikoura are the same. Look left, and you'll see snow capped peaks and rolling meadows. Look right, and you'll see seals hauling out on rugged shores. Look straight ahead and you'll see nothing except the wide expanse of the Pacific. Kaikoura's claim to fame is its rich abundance of marine life. Visitors have a 95% chance of spotting giant sperm whales, as well as dusky dolphins, orcas and humpback whales, regardless of whether you are travelling by boat or by air. Captain Cook discovered the region in 1770, although he believed it to be an island. European settlers began a thriving whaling trade in the 1840s, which only ceased in the mid-1960s. **2 included shore excursions.**

DAY 9 – THU – FEB 8 - DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND

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 Harbor, Dunedin is a cosmopolitan city of culture and architectural splendor, 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.

DAY 10 – FRI – FEB 9 – BLUFF, NEW ZEALAND

The most southernmost town in New Zealand, Bluff (or The Bluff as it is locally known) is perhaps the most European of all the settlements in the country. Called Campbelltown until 1917, the city was officially renamed after the 265 meter conical hill that towers above it. One of the farthest corners of the British Empire, the inaugural royal tour of New Zealand by Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, concluded at Bluff in January 1954. Nowadays however, it is the Bluff oysters that are the stars of the show. Reputed to be

the best in the world, these local heroes are what have really put Bluff on the map and are celebrated every May with a lively festival honoring *Ostrea Chilensis* (that's Latin for Bluff oyster). The Bluff Maritime Museum is a "must visit" for anyone traveling along the southern scenic route, with fascinating historical information about the many early shipwrecks in these challenging southern waters and coastlines. The comprehensive network of walking tracks will delight the ornithologists amongst you – just don't forget your binoculars!

DAYS 11-12 – FEB 10-11 - DAYS AT SEA

DAYS 13 & 14 – FEB 12-13 - HOBART, TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA

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. With fresh sea breezes and a fabulous location, Hobart is a creative place. 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. **4 Included Shore Excursions.**

DAY 15 – FEB 14 – DAY AT SEA

DAY 16 – FEB 15 - MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA - DISEMBARK

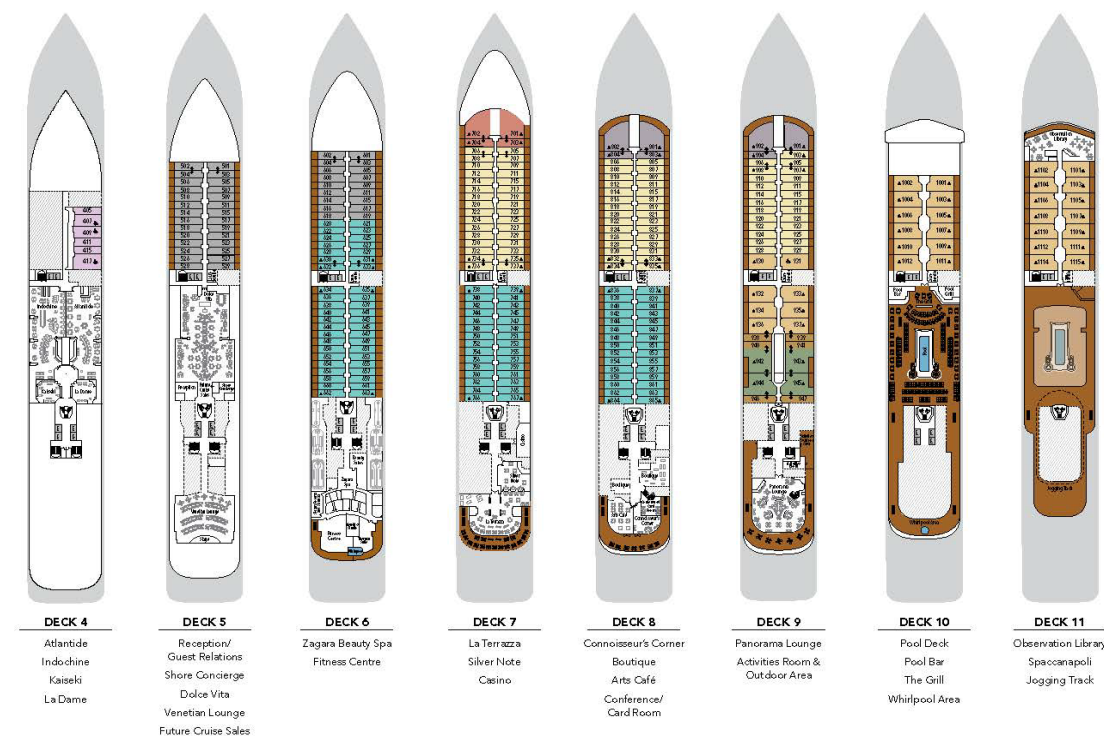
Consistently rated among the "world's most livable cities" in quality-of-life surveys, Melbourne is built on a coastal plain at the top of the giant horseshoe of Port Phillip Bay. The city center is an orderly grid of streets where the state parliament, banks, multinational corporations, and splendid Victorian buildings that sprang up in the wake of the gold rush now stand. This is Melbourne's heart, which you can explore at a leisurely pace in a couple of days. In Southbank, one of the newer precincts south of the city center, the Southgate development of bars, restaurants, and shops has refocused Melbourne's vision on the Yarra River. Once a blighted stretch of factories and run-down warehouses, the southern bank of the river is now a vibrant, exciting part of the city, and the river itself is finally taking its rightful place in Melbourne's psyche.

DAY 17 – FEB 16 - DEPART FOR HOME OR STAY TO SEE MORE



SILVER MUSE – Deck Plans

Effective from June 4th 2020



SUITE CATEGORIES

- Owner's Suite: ●
- Grand Suite: ●
- Royal Suite: ●
- Silver Suite: ●
- Deluxe Veranda Suite: ●
- Superior Veranda Suite: ●
- Classic Veranda Suite: ●
- Panorama Suite: ●
- Vista Suite: ●

SPECIFICATIONS

- Crew: 411
- Officers: 10
- Guests: 596
- Tonnage: 140,700
- Length: 698 Feet / 212.8 Metres
- Width: 86 Feet / 27 Metres
- Speed: 19.8 Knots
- Passenger Decks: 8
- 3rd Guest Capacity: 407, 409, 417, 931
- Connecting Suites: 407, 409, 417, 931
- Wheelchair Accessible Suites: 407, 409, 417, 931
- Built: 2017
- Registry: Bahamas

Deckplans are for illustration purposes only and may be subject to change.

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SUITE/2024 RATES	DOOR-TO-DOOR	PORT-TO-PORT
Vista Suite	\$9,900	WL
Panorama Suite	\$10,900	WL
Classic Veranda	\$11,900	WL
Superior Veranda	\$12,400	\$8,550
Deluxe Veranda	\$12,900	\$8,850
Silver Suite	\$17,900	-
Royal Suite	\$20,600	-
Grand Suite	\$22,300	-
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