

AUCKLAND to SYDNEY

NEW ZEALAND - AUSTRALIA



Go walkabout at the end of the world. Discover the beauty of New Zealand and Australia, from the vibrant creativity of Wellington to the bright lights of Sydney. Punctuated by the incredibly beautiful, wild and remote, Milford and Dusky Sounds, be prepared to revel in an intriguing combination of rugged mountains, sparkling rivers, splashing waterfalls and cosmopolitan evenings.



DATE: FEB 01-18, 2020

DURATION: 18 DAYS/17 NIGHTS

EMBARK: AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

DISEMBARK: SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
(Also Available to Melbourne - 14 days)

SHIP: Silver Muse

Cruise Only FROM: \$9,360

Pre-Cruise hotel included.
Pre- and Post-Cruise tour are available.
Free or reduced rate air.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 – AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

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 – TAURANGA, BAY OF PLENTY, NEW ZEALAND

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.

DAY 3 – DAY AT SEA

DAY 4 – WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand's capital is, arguably, the country's most cosmopolitan metropolis. It's world-class Te Papa Tongarewa-Museum of New Zealand is a don't-miss attraction, and the burgeoning film industry led, of course, by the Lord of the Rings extravaganzas has injected new life into the local arts scene. Attractive and compact enough to be explored easily on foot, Wellington is a booming destination. Modern high-rise buildings gaze over Port Nicholson, surely one of the finest natural anchorages in the world. Known to local Māori as The Great Harbor of Tara, its two massive arms form the jaws of the fish of Maui from Māori legend. Sometimes referred to as the windy city, Wellington has been the seat of New Zealand's government since 1865.

DAY 5 – PICTON, NEW ZEALAND

The maritime township of Picton (population 4,000) lies at the head of Queen Charlotte Sound and is the arrival point for ferries from the North Island, as well as a growing number of international cruise ships. It plays a major role in providing services and transport by water taxi to a multitude of remote communities in the vast area of islands, peninsulas, and waterways that make up

the Marlborough Sounds Maritime Park. There's plenty to do in town, with crafts markets in summer, historical sights to see, and walking tracks to scenic lookouts over the sounds. The main foreshore is lined by London Quay, which looks up Queen Charlotte Sound to the bays beyond. High Street runs down to London Quay from the hills, and between them these two streets make up the center of town.

DAY 6 – CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

Your initial impression of Christchurch will likely be one of a genteel, green city. Joggers loop through shady Hagley Park, and punters ply the narrow Avon River, which bubbles between banks lined with willows and oaks. With a population approaching 350,000, Christchurch is the largest South Island city, and the second-largest in the country. It is also the forward supply depot for the main U.S. Antarctic base at McMurdo Sound. The face of Christchurch is changing rapidly, fueled by both internal and international immigration. The Māori community, although still below the national average in size, is growing. Ngai Tahu, the main South Island Māori tribe, settled Treaty of Waitangi claims in 1997 and have been investing in tourism ventures. Old wooden bungalows are making way for town houses, the arts scene is flourishing, and the city's university attracts cutting-edge technology companies.

DAY 7 – TIMARU, NEW ZEALAND

Situated almost equidistant between Christchurch and Dunedin, Timaru has oft been overlooked by those just needing to get from one city to another but more fool them! The town's name comes from the Māori name Te Maru, meaning 'place of shelter' and the pretty town reveals not only stunning Middle Earth landscape and views to write home about, but an intact Victorian / Edwardian shopping precinct with many of the building being built in local volcanic bluestone. Understandably, beach life is very important here and the long ribbons of white sandy beaches and clean seas are perfect for a swimming, sunning and spoiling yourself! Voted one of New Zealand's top 10 most loved beaches, Caroline Bay is simply a treasure. Built on the rolling hills created from the lava flows of the extinct Mt Horrible volcano, Timaru is a melting pot of culture, history, adventure and dramatic scenery.

DAY 8 – STEWART ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Stewart Island is home to New Zealand's newest national park, Rakiura National Park. The third and most southerly of New Zealand's main islands, Stewart Island is separated from the South Island by the 24-km (15-miles) Foveaux Strait. Its original Māori name, Te Punga O Te Waka a Maui, means "the anchor stone of Maui's canoe." Māori mythology says the island's landmass held the god Maui's canoe secure while he and his crew raised the great fish—the North Island. Today the island

is more commonly referred to by its other Māori name, Rakiura, which means "the land of the glowing skies." This refers to the spectacular sunrises and sunsets and to the southern lights, or aurora australis. The European name of Stewart Island dates back to 1809. It memorializes an officer William W. Stewart on an early sealing vessel, the Pegasus, who was the first to chart the island. The island covers some 1,700 square km (650 square miles).



DAY 9 – CRUISING FIORDLAND, NEW ZEALAND – MILFORD AND DOUBTFUL SOUNDS

New Zealand fiord country along with Fiordland National Park is one of New Zealand's premier attractions. Incredibly beautiful, wild and remote, the region is an intriguing combination of rugged mountain ranges, dense rainforest, solitary alpine lakes, sparkling rivers and splashing waterfalls. Much of Fiordland is virtually unexplored wilderness and still the habitat of rare birds. As the ship cruises the beautiful Doubtful, Dusky and Milford Sounds, experience the majestic fiordland of South Island's western coast. Captain James Cook sailed along this coast in 1770 and again in 1773, when he anchored at Dusky Sound for a rest and ship repair. Doubtful Sound is one of the region's most majestic fiords. It is ten times larger than Milford Sound. As the ship cruises into Hall Arm, gaze at vertical cliffs and mighty waterfalls plunging over sheer rock faces. In fine weather, mountains and greenery are reflected in the protected waters of the fiord.

DAYS 10 & 11 – DAYS AT SEA

DAY 12 – BURNIE, AUSTRALIA

Burnie overlooks Emu Bay, on the north-west coast. This proudly industrial city is Australia's fifth largest container port and a vibrant place to visit. Burnie was once surrounded by dense rainforest, but this has slowly disappeared, while fortunes were made felling and milling timber. The paper and pulp mill on the city's outskirts operated from 1938 to 1998. Burnie was first explored by Bass and Flinders and was known as Emu Bay when it was settled by the Van Diemen's Land Company in 1827. Today, Burnie has a population of almost 19,000. Burnie experiences temperate conditions, with an average maximum of 70 degrees Fahrenheit (21 degrees



Celsius) in January and 56.5 degrees Fahrenheit (13.5) degrees Celsius in June.

DAYS 13 & 14 – MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

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 15 – DAY AT SEA

DAY 16 – EDEN, AUSTRALIA

Eden's a sleepy, appealing place with real local character set on magnificent Twofold Bay. Often the only bustle is down at the harbor when the fishing boats – and, once the wharf is extended, cruise ships – come in. Around the surrounding area are stirring beaches, national parks and wilderness areas.

DAYS 17-18 – SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

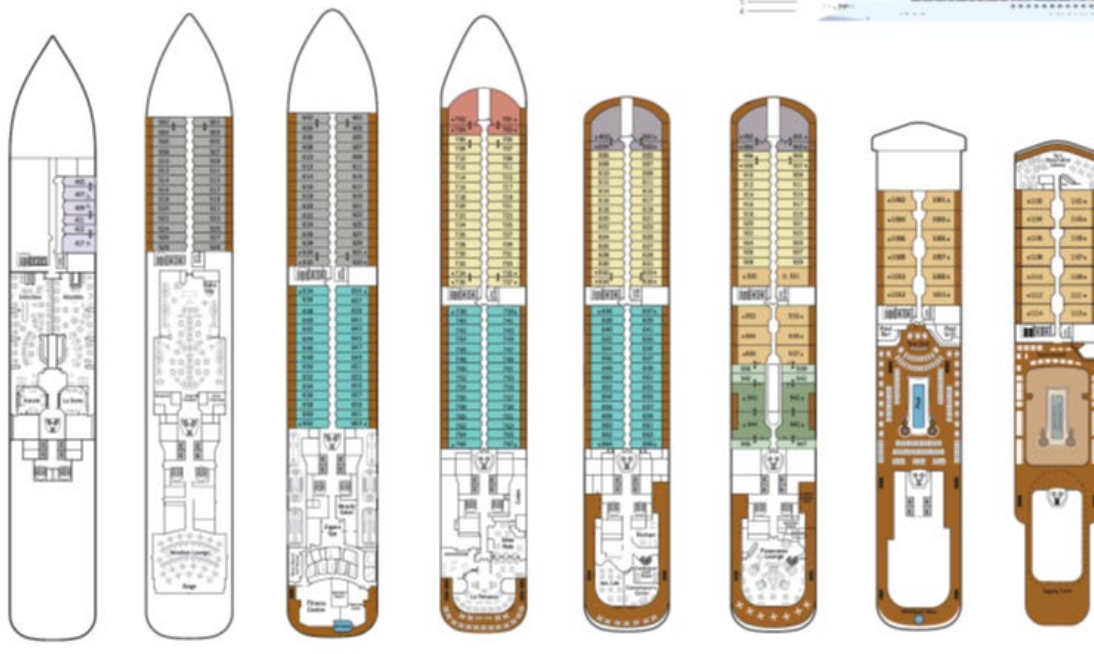
Sydney belongs to the exclusive club of cities that generate excitement. At the end of a marathon flight there's renewed vitality in the cabin as the plane circles the city, where thousands of yachts are suspended on the dark water and the sails of the Opera House glisten in the distance. Blessed with dazzling beaches and a sunny climate, Sydney is among the most beautiful cities on the planet. With 4.6 million people, Sydney is the biggest and most cosmopolitan city in Australia. A wave of immigration from the 1950s has seen the Anglo-Irish immigrants who made up the city's original population joined by Italians, Greeks, Turks, Lebanese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Thais, and Indonesians. This intermingling has created a cultural vibrancy and energy—and a culinary repertoire—that was missing only a generation ago. Sydneysiders embrace their harbor with a passion.



SILVER MUSE – Deck Plans

Effective until June 3rd 2020

(For voyages from June 4th 2020, please go to page 3)



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	European
Guests	596
Tonnage	40,700
Length	698 Feet / 212.8 Metres
Width	86 Feet / 27 Metres
Speed	19.8 Knots
Passenger Decks	8
3rd Guest Capacity	▲
Connecting Suites	▲
Wheelchair Accessible Suites	●
407, 409, 417, 931	
Built	2017
Registry	Bahamas

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

Suite diagrams shown are for illustration purposes only and may vary from actual square footage. Please refer to suite specifications for square footage.

2020 RATES

SUITE	To Sydney 18 Days - W/Air	To Melbourne 14 Days - No Air
Vista	WAITLIST	WAITLIST
Panorama	\$11,900	\$9,100
Classic Veranda	\$13,400	\$10,250
Superior Veranda	\$14,000	\$10,710
Deluxe Veranda	\$14,700	\$11,240
Silver	WAITLIST	WAITLIST
Royal	WAITLIST	WAITLIST
Grand	WAITLIST	WAITLIST
Owners	WAITLIST	WAITLIST

Rates are per person, based on Double Occupancy, and include all beverages onboard, gratuities to crew, taxes and fees. Excursions are optional, at additional cost.



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