

# SYDNEY to AUCKLAND

## AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND



Uncover the real life down under with this superb voyage to the lands of Oz. Start in style with a night in Sydney before meandering your way to the stunning grandeur of New Zealand – or Middle Earth as it has become known in recent years! Bathed in incredible Lord of the Rings beauty, sail the jaw-dropping New Zealand Sounds, visit the thermal reserve in Christchurch and perhaps even spot a Kiwi or two!



**DATE:** JAN 16-FEB 01, 2020

**DURATION:** 17 DAYS/16 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA  
(Also Available from Melbourne - 14 days)

**DISEMBARK:** AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

**SHIP:** *Silver Muse*

**Cruise Only FROM:** \$8,910

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

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 – 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.

### DAY 2 – SYDNEY - SHIP DEPARTS AT 5:00 PM

### DAY 3 – DAY AT SEA

### DAY 4 – 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 5 – BURNIE, TASMANIA, 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.

### DAY 6 – DAY AT SEA

### DAY 7 – HOBART, TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA

Straddling the Derwent River at the foot of Mt. Wellington's forested slopes, Hobart was founded as a penal settlement in 1803. It's the second-oldest city in the country after Sydney, and it certainly rivals its mainland counterpart as Australia's most beautiful state capital. Close-set colonial brick-and-sandstone shops and homes line the narrow, quiet streets, creating a genteel setting for this historic city of 215,000. Life revolves around the broad Derwent River port, one of the deepest harbors in the world. Here warehouses that once stored Hobart's major exports of fruit, wool, and corn and products from the city's former whaling fleet still stand alongside the wharf today. Hobart sparkles between Christmas and New Year's—summer Down Under—during the annual Sydney-to-Hobart yacht race.

### DAYS 8 & 9 – DAYS AT SEA

### DAY 10 – CRUISING FIORDLAND, NEW ZEALAND – MILFORD, DUSKY 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.

Despite being discovered by Cook more than 240 years ago, Dusky Sound is one of the few truly untouched destinations left on earth. Found on the southwest corner of New Zealand's Fiordland National Park, Dusky Sound has the auspicious title of "titanic mason" given to it by the Maoris, as no other explanation seems to fit; it is almost impossible to comprehend the sheer breadth of geological events that created this seemingly perfect sculpture, as the sheer cliffs

that rise vertically upward from the ocean dwarf the ship. This incredibly beautiful fiord offers many magical wildernesses and stunning scenery that bathe in “Lord of the Rings” grandeur. A breeding site for Fiordland Penguins, Dusky Sound is an important ornithological area too, with a wealth of birdlife to be found here. This remote, untouched region is also home to a wide range of sea life, as the fresh and salt water combine to create an extraordinary aquatic environment.

#### **DAY 11 – DAY AT SEA**

#### **DAY 12 – DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND**

European whaling ships first called at Otago Province during the early decades of the 1800s, yielding a mixed response from the native Māori. In 1848 Dunedin was settled, and by the mid-1860s the city was the economic hub of the Otago gold rush. Dunedin's historical wealth endures in such institutions as the University of Otago, the oldest in the country. But if any region can bring out the bird-watcher in you, this is it; the area is home to the Royal Albatross and yellow-eyed penguins.

#### **DAY 13 – 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 14 – 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 15 – NAPIER, NEW ZEALAND**

The earthquake that struck Napier at 10:46 am on February 3, 1931, was—at 7.8 on the Richter scale—the largest quake ever recorded in New Zealand. The coastline was wrenched upward several feet. Almost all the town's brick buildings collapsed; many people were killed on the footpaths as they rushed outside. The quake triggered fires throughout town, and with water mains shattered, little could be done to stop the blazes that devoured the remaining wooden structures. Only a few buildings survived (the Public Service Building with its neoclassical pillars is one), and the death toll was well over 100. The surviving townspeople set up tents and cookhouses in Nelson Park, and then tackled the city's reconstruction at a remarkable pace. In the rush to rebuild, Napier went mad for art deco, the bold, geometric style that had burst on the global design scene in 1925.

#### **DAY 16 – 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 17 – 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.

**Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available to suit your interests.**

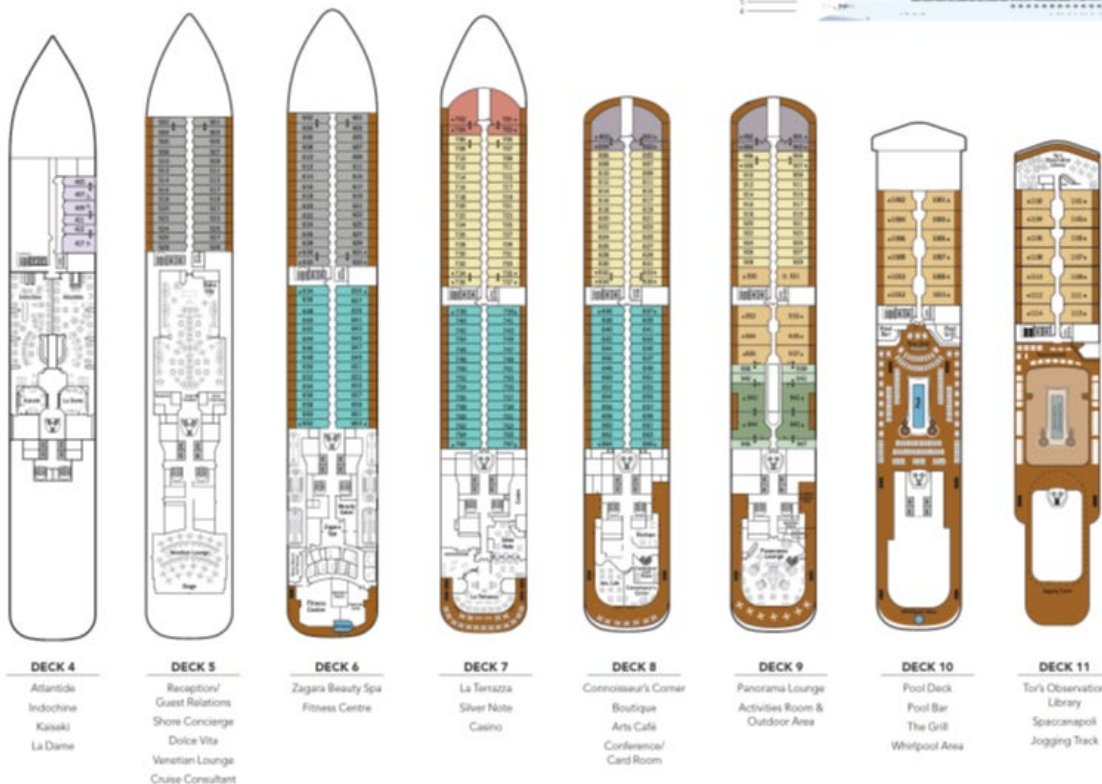




## SILVER MUSE – Deck Plans

Effective until June 3rd 2020

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### 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	From Sydney 17 Days - W/Air	From Melbourne 14 Days - No Air
Vista	\$8,910	\$5,922
Panorama	\$9,630	\$6,507
Classic Veranda	\$10,350	\$7,092
Superior Veranda	\$10,800	\$7,461
Deluxe Veranda	\$11,250	\$7,821
Silver	\$17,190	\$11,556
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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