

Fully
Escorted

Say G'day to the
Wonders Down Under
Australia & New Zealand

**Amazing Itinerary, complete with Air, Pre and Post Stays and
Tours, Plus a 15 Night Cruise!**

Feb 22-Mar 13, 2020 21 Days / 18 Nts Holland America's Noordam

- Roundtrip Transportation to Airport
- Roundtrip Flights to Sydney & home from Auckland
- 2 Nts Hotel in Sydney, Australia before cruise with Sightseeing Included
 - Elegant Dinner Cruise in Sydney
- 1 Nt Hotel in Auckland, New Zealand after cruise with Sightseeing Included
- 15 Nt Cruise aboard Holland America's Noordam with all meals onboard
 - Professional Ship Shop Escort throughout trip

Day 1/2 Fly to Sydney
Day 3 Arrive Sydney & Overnight
Day 4 Free Day with Dinner Cruise
Day 5 Sightseeing in Sydney & Board Ship
Day 6 Cruising
Day 7 Melbourne, Australia
Day 8 Cruising
Day 9 Port Arthur, Australia
Evening arrival in Tasmania
Day 10 Hobart, Tasmania, Australia
Day 11/12 Cruising

Day 13 Cruising Milford Sound &
Fjordland National Park
Day 14 Port Chalmers (Dunedin), NZ
Day 15 Akaroa (Christchurch), NZ
Day 16 Wellington, NZ
Day 17 Gisborne, NZ
Day 18 Tauranga (Rotorua), NZ
Day 19 Cruising Bay of Plenty & Coromandel
Peninsula
Day 20 Auckland, Disembark, Sightseeing &
Overnight Stay
Day 21 Fly Home



Day 1 & 2 Feb 22 & 23: Deluxe motorcoach to Airport where your adventure begins with flights to Sydney. **Welcome to Australia!! You will be crossing the date line, so your arrival will be on Feb 24th.**

Day 3, Feb 24: Sydney, Australia. Arrive Sydney and transfer to your hotel. You will have early access to your hotel room to relax and freshen up. Balance of day free to unwind or explore this beautiful city. **\Overnight in Sydney.**

Day 4, Feb 25: Free day to explore this amazing city with its idyllic lifestyle, friendly locals and stunning natural beauty. Tonight we enjoy an **included elegant Dinner Cruise on Sydney Harbor.** The Captains Dinner Cruise is the signature a la carte experience. Cruise on the prestigious MV Sydney 2000 and enjoy quality a la carte dining, live music and dancing, all set to the spectacular backdrop of Sydney by night.



Day 5, Feb 26: This morning we check out of our hotel and head out on an **included tour.** Travel back in time to Sydney's oldest village—the Rocks. This historic enclave sits in the shadow of the dazzling Harbour Bridge. Traveling through central Sydney, watch for the Sydney Tower, the magnificent Queen Victoria Building, the modern Darling Harbour Complex, magical Chinatown and Mrs Macquarie's Chair. The most sought-after residential areas in Sydney are Darling Point and Watson's Bay. You'll also stop at Bondi—the world-famous surfing beach where delightful cafés and restaurants line the main street. Our tour will end at the Cruise Port and we board **Holland America's Noordam for our 15 Night cruise.** Unpack, explore your ship and meet your cruise staff. Bon Voyage!



Day 6, Feb 27: Cruising—There's no shortage of activities onboard during your two days at sea— attend a lecture, enjoy an exercise class, visit the Spa or just sit back and relax. Head to the Promenade Deck to stretch your legs, attend one of the activities in America's Test Kitchen or take a tour of the ship's art collection. The ship is yours to explore and enjoy!

Day 7, Feb 28: Melbourne, Australia 10:00a-6:30p. Melbourne is consistently voted one of the world's most livable cities—and for good reason—with cutting edge art and architecture, historic galleries, attractions and museums. Take an optional eco-tour out to the Australian bush to walk among the eucalyptus to spot the Koalas and spend time on the savannah grasslands and in the bush in the company of wild kangaroos, emus and many species of birds. Other optional tours include winery visits or penguin spotting at nearby Phillip Island. Wherever you go in and around Melbourne, you'll be sure to understand why so many choose to call this beautiful corner of the world home.

Day 8, Feb 29: Cruising

Day 9, March 1: Port Arthur, Australia 7:00a-5:00p. The very small town of Port Arthur (home to about 500) offers a fascinating introduction into the history and culture of Tasmania. The main attraction of this tiny town is to see one of the world's largest and best preserved 19th century convict colonies. This impressive open-air museum comprises 30 buildings. The settlement has undergone a major restoration and facelift and is now a UNESCO world heritage site and is one of Australia's most significant places of heritage. The whalers, miners, farmers and bushrangers who once lived in this region have given way to artists, foodies and rock climbers. This is a fascinating destination you won't forget. This evening sail to close by Hobart and dock overnight.

Day 10, March 2: Hobart, Tasmania, Australia Depart 11:00p. Tasmania, once the butt of many jokes, is finally cool. The little Australian island is home to stunning landscapes, old-growth forests and exceptional local produce. Hobart houses one of the best museums of contemporary art, vibrant markets, and eclectic music festivals. The harbor is beautiful, set against the rugged Mount Wellington looming in the background.

Day 11 & 12, March 3 & 4: Cruising

Day 13, March 5: Milford Sound Cruising 8:00a-9:00a & Fjordland National Park Cruising (subject to weather). Milford Sound sits on the west coast of New Zealand's South Island and was first called the eighth wonder of the world by none other than Rudyard Kipling, who has seen some pretty wonderful places. As you sail up the 9 mile long sound, with soaring snow-topped peaks looming above—the tallest at 4977 feet, you'll understand his excitement. Fjordland National Park—this stunning 12,000 square-kilometer park encompasses mountains, lakes, fjords and rainforests. This region has



Day 14, March 6: Port Chalmers (Dunedin), New Zealand, 9:00a-6:00p. Where Akaroa feels French, the port of Dunedin is distinctly Scottish—named after the Scottish Gaelic name for Edinburgh. The landscape here is very dramatic—one of the examples is Dunedin has one of the world’s steepest streets (Baldwin Street) and the volcanic remnants around the harbor make for an incredible backdrop. Numerous optional activities include the magnificent Dunedin Railway Station and Larnach Castle that have been restored to their full glory; the fascinating Toitu Otago Settlers Museum provides a glimpse into the lives of early residents; outside the city, the Otago Peninsula is lined with scenic beaches and home to rare birdlife like the royal albatross and yellow-eyed penguin.

Day 15, March 7: Akaroa (Christchurch), New Zealand 7:00a-6:00p. Sailing into the port of Akaroa is an awesome experience—green towering hills topped craggy rock from an extinct volcano—it’s a sight to see that’s for sure. Akaroa is a Maori word that means ‘long harbour’. The town is a former French settlement which is evident everywhere—from the street names to the pretty painted cottages that are now galleries, shops and restaurants. Take an optional tour to a family farm and witness a sheep-shearing demonstration, or take a nature cruise of the harbor with a chance to spot Hector’s Dolphin—the smallest oceanic dolphin in the world.



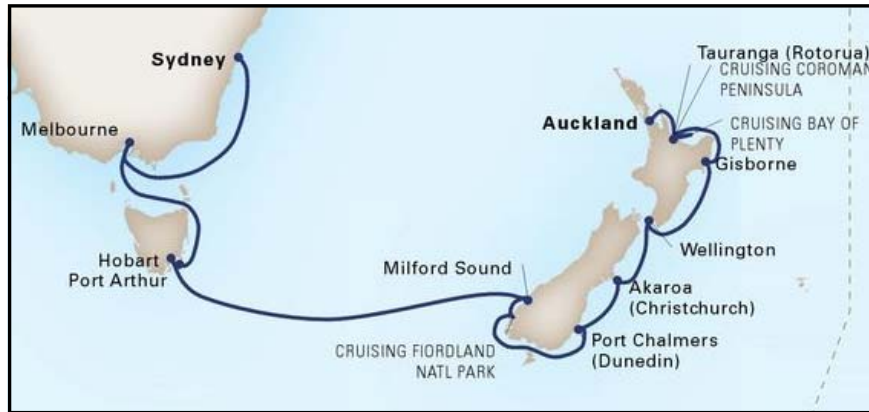
Day 16, March 8: Wellington, New Zealand 9:00a-6:00p. New Zealand’s cool little capital is located at the southern tip of the North Island, meaning it’s blessed with a beautiful waterfront, fresh seafood and unpredictable weather. So famously tempestuous is Windy Welly that visitors quickly learn not to go outside with an umbrella and will spend more time than usual talking about the weather. Wellington is known for culture and cuisine. Learn about Maori history and Kiwiana at Te Papa, the national museum; go behind the scenes of the Lord of the Rings movies made in Wellywood; and wash down a plate of chilled bluff oysters with a crisp sauvignon blanc at a Cuba Street restaurant. They say you can’t beat Wellington on a good day—but visitors will soon discover that even if it’s wet and windy, it’s always a good day to be in Wellington.

Day 17, March 9: Gisborne, New Zealand 10:00a-6:00p. The small town of Gisborne, on the east coast of New Zealand’s North Island, claims several firsts: as the easternmost town in the country, it’s the first to see the sun rise, and it was the first place spotted by explorer James Cook in 1769. The Gisborne region is home to the largest population of Maori people, and it offers many opportunities for visitors to learn about the indigenous culture of these descendants of the Polynesian settlers and see their art.

Day 18, March 10: Tauranga (Rotorua), New Zealand 8:00a-11:00p. The curved shore line of the Bay of Plenty—known in Maori as Te Moana-a-Toi is home to incredible surfing, white-sand beaches and New Zealand’s only active marine volcano. Tauranga, with 130,000 residents, is the largest city on The Bay of Plenty and fifth largest in New Zealand. The city offers visitors a number of water-focused activities, like sailing and kayaking, as well as drier alternatives such as shopping and people-watching at a café in the Historic Village. Visit nearby Te Puke, the kiwifruit capital of the world, as well as a wealth of Maori cultural sites. For the best views, take the gondola up to Skyline Rotorua, a recreation complex atop Mount Ngongotaha. Other optional day trips to consider are a boat ride through the incomparable glowworm caves of Waitomo or an unforgettable tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set in Matamata—a must for all Tolkien fans.

Day 19, March 11: Cruising the Bay of Plenty & Coromandel Peninsula . Dramatic volcanic and geothermal formations, sweeping white-sand beaches and an abundance of bird life and marine animals. Thousands of dolphins call the Bay of Plenty home, so they’re easily spotted along with orcas, pilot whales, giant sunfish and manta rays. Grab your binoculars, keep your camera handy and get ready to enjoy the show.

Day 20, March 12: Welcome to Auckland! We disembark our ship today and head out on an included tour of Auckland with a visit to the Sky Tower. Auckland is one of the few cities in the world to have harbors on two different bodies of water—The Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean. Your narrated tour takes you past many of the city’s major points of interest. Drive through the downtown area and note the contrast in architectural styles—modern skyscrapers and restored Victorian buildings coexist in pleasant harmony. Continue the excursion to the famous Sky Tower. Take the elevator to the main observation deck for panoramic views over Auckland and the Hauraki Gulf. On a clear day, Great Barrier Island, some 60 miles away, can be seen. The Sky Tower is the tallest building in the southern hemisphere at 1,072. feet. Your tour ends at your hotel for your one night stay in this beautiful city. Remainder of the day is free for you to enjoy!



Costs:

Cat J	Inside Cabin	\$5899.pp twin
Cat D	Outside Cabin	\$6179.pp twin
Cat C	Outside cabin	\$6199.pp twin
Cat VD	Veranda cabin	\$6899.pp twin
Cat VC	Veranda cabin	\$6959.pp twin
Cat VB	Veranda cabin	\$6999.pp twin
Cat VA	Veranda cabin	\$7099.pp twin

Plus Taxes: \$330.pp

Based on a minimum of 25 passengers / Cost of Air Included is an ESTIMATE and is subject to price change until air is contracted. Sightseeing is included in Auckland and in Sydney. Optional tours will be available for purchase in the ports of call visited.

Deposit: \$1000.pp due with reservation. **Second Deposit:** \$1500.pp due by July 31, 2019. Reservations are recommended ASAP for best cabins. Space is subject to availability at time of deposit. Check with the Ship Shop at any time for current availability on this sailing.

Final Payment: Nov 14, 2019

Cancellation Penalty: If cancelled after deposit and before Nov 14, 2019 fee of \$200.pp; Nov 15-Dec 5/19 fee of 50% of total fare; Dec 6-26/19 fee of 75% of total fare; No refunds after Dec 26/19. Air penalties may be additional depending on date of cancellation.

Trip Protection Coverage is strongly recommended. Aon Affinity administers the NTA Travel Protection plan designed specifically for members of the National Tour Association.

The Pre-existing medical condition exclusion can be waived by purchasing the Enhanced Plan within 14 days of your deposit or initial payment. Purchase of the plan within this time period also provides eligibility for the Financial Insolvency benefit.

Traveling companions / roommates are required to take the same plan (Basic or Enhanced) in order to be properly covered. Premium is non-refundable once paid. Three ways to enroll:

Website: <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> Tour Operator Location #076068. You can also view plan details on this site.

Call Aon 1-800-388-1470. Tour Operator Location #076068. Customer service agents can also answer questions about each plan.

Call Friendship Tours / The Ship Shop 860-243-1630 or 800-243-1630

Friendship Tours/The Ship Shop arranges components of the tours and does not own or operate the independent suppliers of services including motorcoaches. Trips modified or cancelled are at the discretion of the cruise line/supplier. Trip Protection Insurance is strongly recommended. Friendship Tours/ The Ship Shop reserves the right to adjust the cost based on fuel surcharges.

PASSPORT REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL—Must be valid 6 months past return date

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Feb 22-March 13, 2020

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PASSENGER #1 NAME ON PASSPORT

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PASSENGER #2 NAME ON PASSPORT

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CABIN CATEGORY: FIRST CHOICE: _____ SECOND CHOICE _____

DINING REQUEST—Circle Choice: Early Sitting Late Sitting As You Wish (flexible)

Checks Payable to: The Ship Shop \$1000.PP DEPOSIT ENCLOSED X _____ PASSENGERS = \$ _____