



# Ultimate New Zealand & Australia Cruise/Tour!

Featuring an in-depth cruise around the North and South Islands of New Zealand including Fjordlands National Park, starting from Southeastern Australia including Melbourne Plus an Australian Land Tour through Sydney, The Outback, Uluru (Ayers Rock), Cairns & the Great Barrier Reef!

A 22 Day - 19 Night Cruise/Tour January 15 - February 5, 2027

**If you're going to New Zealand and Australia, you surely want a program that gives you all of the most important sights, not just part of them.**

**Come along and explore it all when you join us to travel "Down Under" to both the North and South Islands of New Zealand, and Australia!** Cruise Milford Sound where Mitre Peak towers over 5,000 above the surface of the water. Visit several of New Zealand's most beautiful regions, and experience the colorful Maori culture up close in Tauranga. Find grand open landscapes with charming towns and villages that reflect the Scottish, British and yes, French heritage of early settlers. Enjoy the prized wines and artistic delights of Lyttelton, then marvel at exotic wildlife in Dunedin!

When you think of Australia, what comes to mind? Uluru (Ayers Rock), Sydney Opera House and the Great Barrier Reef - every one iconic, and you'll visit them all! There's nothing in the world like watching the vivid sunset in the Outback and seeing its brilliant stars shine out. Uluru, a place sacred to the Aboriginal people, will take your breath away! And whether you snorkel or sail along, the spectacular beauty of the world's largest coral reef is a wonder very few explore.

**We invite you to join us "Down Under" to experience this truly special world!**

## **January 15/17, 2027 - Welcome Down Under to Australia!**

Board your international flight bound for **Sydney, Australia** crossing the International Dateline! On arrival, you'll be met and assisted, and then enjoy a **panoramic city tour** before you transfer to your 5-star hotel. The rest of the day and tonight's dinner are at your leisure, or you might choose to embark on this evening's TRIPS' optional **Sydney Harbour Sunset Dinner cruise!**

Overnight: Paradox Sydney Hotel (or similar)

## **January 18, 2027 - A Free Day in Spectacular Sydney**

After a leisurely hotel breakfast, you'll have all of this special day to **explore amazing Sydney** however you like and at your own pace! From scenic **Darling Harbour** with its iconic **Opera House** to the historic Rocks area and world-famous **Bondi Beach**, you'll find incredible sights and fantastic views in all directions.

Overnight: Paradox Sydney Hotel (or similar) (B)

## **January 19, 2027 - Fly From Sydney to Uluru (Ayers Rock)**

After breakfast, you'll transfer to the airport for your westward flight to **Uluru** (formerly Ayers Rock). One of Australia's most identifiable icons, it's considered sacred to the local Aborigines. On arrival, you'll check in to your 5-star hotel to unpack and perhaps take a dip in the resort's pool. Late this afternoon, you'll travel to **Uluru National Park** to watch the sunset, with the colors of Uluru coming to life! Your dinner buffet tonight will be at your hotel.

Overnight: Ayers Rock - Sails in the Desert Hotel (or similar) (B/D)

## **January 20, 2027 - Legendary Uluru**

Rise early this morning to watch the **day's first light illuminate Uluru** in a fantastic array of ever-changing colors! On your tour around the base of **Uluru**, see ancient rock paintings and water holes, and hear stories of Aboriginal legends. Your lunchtime and afternoon are free to explore on your own. This evening, your buffet dinner will be served at the hotel.

Overnight: Ayers Rock - Sails in the Desert Hotel (or similar) (B/D)

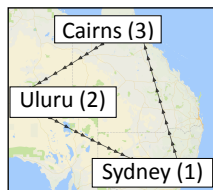
## **January 21, 2027 - Fly From Uluru to Cairns**

After breakfast, you'll transfer to the airport for your **flight northeast to Cairns!** On arrival, check in to your 5-star hotel that's just a short walk to **Cairns Harbour**. Enjoy the warm climate and see why Cairns has been voted **Australia's most livable regional city**. The rest of the day and dinner are at your leisure.

Overnight: Crystalbrook Bailey Cairns Hotel (or similar) (B)

## **January 22, 2027 - Cairns to Kuranda**

Your day of touring begins with a ride by **scenic railway** to the village of **Kuranda**, set in the midst of a spectacular rainforest. Browse the **exotically handcrafted goods** in the village's shops and market, and tour



the **Australian Butterfly Sanctuary**. After an included lunch, enjoy free time in Kuranda, then ride the **Skyrail Cableway** for superb **aerial views** of the **lush rainforest**. You'll return to your hotel later this afternoon.

Overnight: Crystalbrook Bailey Cairns Hotel (or similar) (B/L)

## **January 23, 2027 - The Great Barrier Reef**

Set sail aboard a **luxury sailing catamaran** for a day to remember as you experience the treasures of the **Great Barrier Reef!** Included activities range from snorkeling to enjoying a **cruise on a semi-sub** with a diver's view of the reef without getting wet. Snorkeling equipment is provided and a marine biologist is on board to answer questions. You'll enjoy lunch and snacks included right next to the breathtaking beauty of the **world's largest coral reef**. Return to your hotel with the rest of your day at leisure.

Overnight: Crystalbrook Bailey Cairns Hotel (or similar) (B/L)

## **January 24, 2027 - Fly From Cairns to Sydney**

After breakfast, you'll transfer to the airport for your southbound flight back to Sydney. You'll then enjoy a visit to the **world-famous Sydney Opera House!** The rest of the afternoon and evening are yours to experience Sydney a little further on your own, or relax at your hotel.

Overnight: Paradox Sydney Hotel (or similar) (B)

## **January 25, 2027 - Board the Norwegian Spirit!**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast, then transfer to the pier and board the **Norwegian Spirit** in time for a late lunch. Relax and unpack in **your floating hotel** for the next 11 nights - a fantastic way to experience more of Australia and plenty of New Zealand! Be sure to catch the views on deck as you sail at **4pm**.

## **January 26, 2027 - Eden**

You'll tender into **Eden** from **7am to 2:30pm**, a town whose name states what you'll find - a beautiful natural wonderland. On the rugged coastline of Australia's **New South Wales**, Eden is nestled among **national parks, wilderness areas and enticing beaches**. It's also prized for **Australian oyster farming**, so bring your appetite. (B/L/D)

## **January 27, 2027 - Burnie (Tasmania)**

An artisan community on the northwest coast of **Tasmania**, where you'll be from **10am to 5pm**, **Burnie** has a long history of making things, such as locally crafted European-style cheeses, fine papers, ceramics and single-malt whisky. The vibrant shopping district spills onto the beach, and is surrounded by accessible wilderness where you can still catch a glimpse in the wild of **little penguins** and the **duck-billed platypus**. (B/L/D)

## **January 28, 2027 - Melbourne**

Once the world's richest city thanks to a gold rush, **Melbourne** is **Australia's cultural capital** with striking architecture, chic galleries and boutiques. Wave at a wallaby or get close to a koala at a wildlife park, or you can even visit the **oldest Chinatown in the West**. Perhaps take a ride on the Puffing Billy steam locomotive through the mountains and

countryside. You're here from **7am to 5pm.** (B/L/D)  
**January 29 & 30, 2027 - Two Sea Days Crossing to New Zealand**  
 You have two full days to relax, explore and fully enjoy the **Norwegian Spirit**. Indulge in a refreshing swim in the pool, or maybe enjoy a relaxing dip in one of the hot tubs on deck. If you're feeling lucky, check out **Maharajah's Casino** and try your hand at roulette, blackjack, slots and more! Or gather with friends old and new in the Card Room for bridge or board games. There are 12 extraordinary dining options! From steaks and seafood at **Cagney's** to Asian fusion at **Silk** to Italian classics at **Onda**, your taste buds will always be in for a thrill! (B/L/D)  
**January 31, 2027 - Cruise Dusky, Doubtful and Milford Sounds**  
 Described by Rudyard Kipling as the "eighth wonder of the world," **Milford Sound** was carved by glaciers during the ice age. Early European settlers named it, but all three of these impressive "sounds" are technically **fjords**. Breathtaking in any weather, the fjords' cliffs rise vertically from the dark waters, mountain peaks scrape the sky and waterfalls cascade. **Doubtful Sound** is the second longest in New Zealand and the country's second most famous attraction. On this day at sea you'll enjoy all three of these majestic areas of the **Fjordlands National Park** from the comfort of your stateroom. (B/L/D)  
**February 1, 2027 - Dunedin (Port Chalmers)**  
 You're docked today at **Dunedin** from **9am to 6pm**. This dramatic South Island coastal town offers both unique natural beauty and fascinating history. **Rare yellow-eyed penguins, fur seals and the Royal Albatross** all call Dunedin home. Equally impressive are its gold rush era **Victorian and Edwardian architecture** and **octagon-shaped streets**. **New Zealand's only castle** sits high above the city, offering sweeping views from its gardens. Or discover the ruggedly beautiful **Otago Peninsula** and its world famous **wildlife preserve** to

marvel at the **great albatross' ten-foot wingspan!** (B/L/D)  
**February 2, 2027 - Lyttelton**  
 This morning you'll dock from **7am to 5pm** at **Lyttelton**, a charming port town with a long history. It's just 20 minutes from the center of **Christchurch city**, where the first Europeans landed in 1850 before heading over the Port Hills to establish their new home. Today, Lyttelton is accessed by an **impressive road tunnel**. It's a vibrant town, home to a small community of about 3000, and **filled with bohemian artists, cafés, restaurants and unique shops** to discover. (B/L/D)  
**February 3, 2027 - One Last Day at Sea**  
 It's time to experience **Freestyle Cruising** onboard the **Norwegian Spirit**. Fill your day with activities or do nothing at all! With 12 restaurants, you'll enjoy a wide variety of cuisine choices throughout your cruise. On Norwegian, you're always free to dine whenever, wherever and with whomever you want - after all, it's your vacation! (B/L/D)  
**February 4, 2027 - Tauranga**  
 Your last port of call in **New Zealand** is **Tauranga** where you'll dock from **7am to 7pm**. Rich in native culture and tradition, you may enjoy an optional excursion to discover all about the **Maori**, the indigenous people of New Zealand. Their language and culture have enormously impacted all facets of New Zealand life, and you'll explore their traditional arts ranging from carving and weaving to kapa haka (group performance) and their signature moko - or tattooing! (B/L/D)  
**February 5, 2027 - Farewell Down Under!**  
 This morning after breakfast, you'll disembark in Auckland and then transfer to the airport for your international flight home. **Memories of your Ultimate New Zealand / Australia cruise/tour will be with you for years to come!** (B)

Book your cabin early to ensure you receive the following free promotions courtesy of **TRIPS and Norwegian Cruise Line!**  
 ➔ **Complimentary unlimited beverage package included for your entire cruise that includes many premium brands**  
 ➔ **4 night specialty dining package (excludes extra charged items) for Balcony guests** (Inside/Oceanview get 2 nights)  
 ➔ **Gratuities included for both packages**  
 Check with TRIPS for details of these very special exclusive inclusions!

## New Zealand & Australia

**\$12,098.00**

Inside Stateroom - Cat. IB

**\$12,598.00**

Oceanview Stateroom  
 Porthole Window - Cat. OF

**\$12,998.00**

Oceanview Stateroom  
 Picture Window - Cat. OB

**\$14,398.00**

Balcony Stateroom - Cat. BF  
**Balcony & Oceanview cabins get  
 300 Free Wifi Minutes  
 \$50 Shore Excursion Credit**

**For a limited time  
 balcony guests get a FREE  
 upgrade to Category BC!**

\*based on availability at that time



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

**Pricing is per person based  
 on double occupancy.**

Single supplement is an  
 additional 50% of your  
 selected stateroom category.

**Trip cancellation/  
 interruption Travel  
 Protection is available and  
 recommended.**

Check with your club  
 representative for details.

## Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers including gratuities
- Roundtrip airfare to Australia and from New Zealand (checked baggage fees are not included)
- All transfers from airports to hotels, hotel to pier and pier to airport
- 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners while on the land tour of Australia
- 3 flights within Australia: Sydney to Uluru; Uluru to Cairns; Cairns to Sydney
- Sydney Opera House tour
- Sunrise and sunset tours to Uluru (Ayers Rock)
- Kuranda Rainforest Cablecar / Butterfly Sanctuary
- Catamaran cruise to Great Barrier Reef incl. lunch
- **Optional** Sydney Harbour Sunset Dinner Cruise
- 8 nights deluxe lodging in Australia
- 11 nights onboard the Norwegian Spirit in your selected cabin category
- All meals while onboard the Norwegian Spirit
- **Ultimate beverage and 4 night specialty dining package on the Norwegian Spirit** (for Inside/Oceanview, only 2 nights specialty dining)
- All cruise, port charges and government taxes
- TRIPS document wallet and luggage tags

**Call today to reserve your space!!!**

Reservations for **"Ultimate New Zealand & Australia Cruise/Tour"** are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

An initial **\$1,000.00** deposit per person is required to hold space on this tour.

This deposit is fully refundable up to August 14, 2026. **Final Payment is due on or before August 14, 2026.**

**Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.**

100% non-refundable as of August 14, 2026.

Contact Laurie Baker at (419) 521-2712 or email lbaker@mymechanics.com

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