



Australia and New Zealand Cruise with Sydney stay | Norwegian Spirit

18 Night Cruise and Stay

This Australia and New Zealand cruise begins with an overnight stay in Sydney, giving you the chance to enjoy one of the world's most iconic harbour cities before setting sail the following afternoon. The itinerary combines vibrant city visits with breathtaking natural scenery, including calls at Eden and an overnight in Melbourne before crossing the Tasman Sea. A major highlight is a full day of scenic cruising through the spectacular Fiordland National Park, taking in Dusky Sound, Doubtful Sound and the world-famous Milford Sound.

The voyage continues with visits to Dunedin, Timaru, Tauranga and the beautiful Bay of Islands, offering opportunities to experience New Zealand's wildlife, culture and stunning landscapes, while several relaxing sea days provide plenty of time to enjoy everything the ship has to offer.

Highlights:

- Overnight stays in Sydney before and after your cruise.
- Discover Melbourne's vibrant culture and famous laneways.
- Scenic cruising through Dusky Sound, Doubtful Sound and Milford Sound.
- Explore New Zealand's stunning landscapes, heritage and wildlife.
- Visit charming ports including Dunedin, Tauranga and the Bay of Islands.
- Relax at sea and enjoy everything your ship has to offer.

What's included:

- Getting there: Return flights to Sydney
- Transport: Private transfers throughout where mentioned
- Accommodation: 18 nights total duration (including 2 night on indirect inbound and outbound flight) – 16 nights accommodation: 14 nights Norwegian Spirit, 2 nights Sydney
- Meals: Room only in hotel, full board on Norwegian Spirit

Not included:

- Prepaid gratuities
- Any meals (other than the one mentioned in the itinerary), drinks, expenses of personal nature.
- Early/late check-in/out service at hotels (surcharge if requested)
- Optional excursion/tours
- Travel insurance and visa

Full Itinerary

Day 1: Overnight flight to Sydney

Begin your journey with an overnight flight from the UK to Sydney, Australia. Settle into your long-haul flight, relax and enjoy onboard service while crossing time zones en route to your amazing adventure.



Day 2: Welcome to Sydney

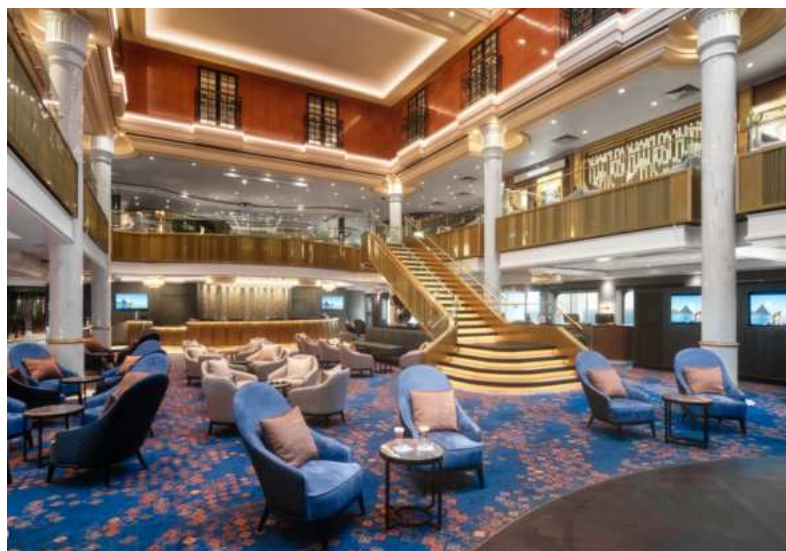
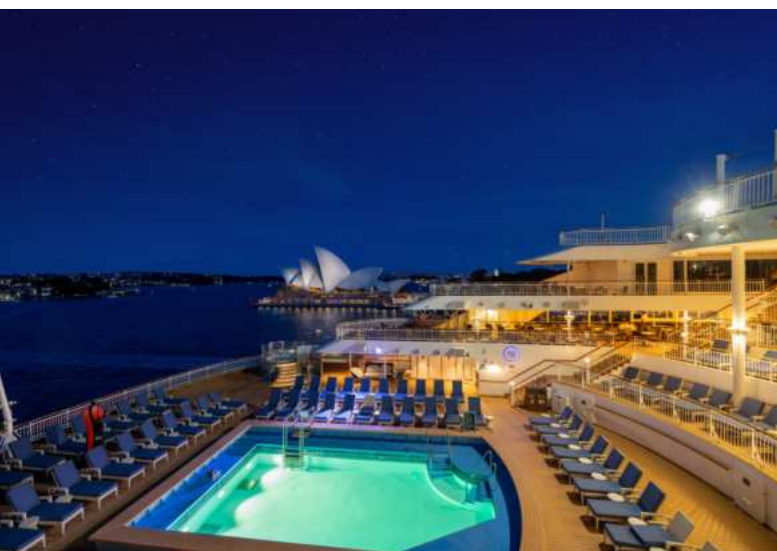
Arrive in Sydney, where you'll be met and transferred to your hotel for an overnight stay. Spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring this iconic harbour city, from the world-famous Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge to its vibrant waterfront, beaches and renowned dining scene, before embarking on your cruise the following day.

ACCOMMODATION: 5* Four Seasons Hotel Sydney or similar

Day 3: Embark Norwegian Spirit

Embark in Sydney at 16:00.

Enjoy time at leisure in Sydney before a private transfer from your hotel to the port for your embarkation. Step aboard your cruise ship, settle into your cabin and begin your unforgettable journey across Australia and New Zealand as you sail away from Sydney's iconic harbour.



Day 4: Eden, Australia (Tender Port)

Arrive in Eden, Australia at 07:00. Depart at 14:30.

Arrive in the charming coastal town of Eden, nestled on the stunning Sapphire Coast of New South Wales. Spend time exploring its picturesque waterfront, relaxing on beautiful beaches or discovering the town's rich whaling history before returning to the ship for your afternoon departure.



Day 5 and 6: Melbourne, Australia

Arrive in Melbourne at 13:00. Depart at 16:00 the following day.

Enjoy an overnight stay in Melbourne, Australia's cultural capital, giving you plenty of time to explore this vibrant city at your own pace. Wander through its famous laneways, browse boutique shops, relax in one of its many cafés or visit landmarks such as Federation Square, the Royal Botanic Gardens and the Yarra River. You may also choose to discover world-class museums and galleries or venture beyond the city to experience the region's renowned food, wine and stunning coastal scenery before rejoining the ship for the next stage of your journey.



Days 7 and 8: At Sea

Enjoy two relaxing days at sea as you cruise towards New Zealand. Take advantage of the ship's excellent facilities, from swimming pools and live entertainment to indulgent spa treatments and a variety of dining options. Whether you choose to unwind with a book, soak up the ocean views or join the onboard activities, these leisurely days are the perfect opportunity to relax before the spectacular scenery ahead.

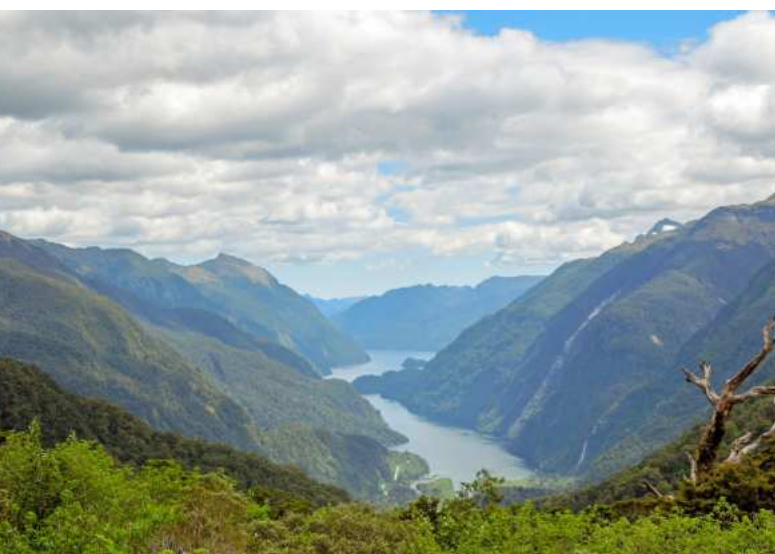


Day 9: Scenic Cruising – Fiordland National Park, New Zealand

Today, enjoy a spectacular day of scenic cruising through the breathtaking wilderness of Fiordland National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Navigate through the remote beauty of Dusky Sound, the largest fiord in the park, known for its dramatic cliffs, cascading waterfalls and untouched rainforest. Discover its fascinating history, including Captain James Cook's 47-day stay here in 1773, while keeping watch for native wildlife such as fur seals, dolphins, whales and the rare Fiordland crested penguin.



Continue through Doubtful Sound, New Zealand's deepest fiord, where towering rainforest-covered mountains, tranquil waters and mist-shrouded landscapes create an unforgettable atmosphere. Conclude your journey through Fiordland with the world-famous Milford Sound, the region's iconic highlight, where the majestic Mitre Peak, sheer cliffs and cascading waterfalls showcase some of New Zealand's most spectacular scenery. Relax on deck throughout the day and take in the ever-changing landscapes, with mist and sunlight often combining to create beautiful rainbows across this extraordinary natural wonder.



Day 10: Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand

Arrive in Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand at 09:30. Depart at 16:00.

Arrive in Dunedin, a charming city renowned for its rich Scottish heritage, striking Victorian and Edwardian architecture, and spectacular coastal scenery. Explore historic landmarks, visit New Zealand's only castle, browse local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs, or discover the nearby Otago Peninsula, home to rare yellow-eyed penguins, royal albatross and New Zealand fur seals.



Day 11: Timaru, New Zealand

Arrive in Timaru, New Zealand at 07:00. Depart at 16:00.

Arrive in Timaru, a charming coastal town on New Zealand's South Island, surrounded by rolling hills, sweeping ocean views and the stunning landscapes of the Canterbury region. Spend time exploring its heritage, local galleries and waterfront, or discover the area's rich Māori history and natural beauty before returning to the ship for your afternoon departure.



Day 12: At Sea

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea as you continue your journey through New Zealand. Take time to unwind and make the most of the ship's facilities, from leisurely dining and entertainment to quiet moments on deck taking in the ocean views. This is the perfect opportunity to recharge before your next exciting destination.



Day 13: Tauranga, New Zealand

Arrive in Tauranga, New Zealand at 06:00. Depart at 16:45.

Discover Tauranga, a beautiful coastal city set on the shores of the Bay of Plenty. Explore golden beaches, scenic parks and the area's rich history, or venture further afield to experience New Zealand's fascinating geothermal landscapes and Māori culture. From volcanic wonders and bubbling mud pools to charming coastal scenery, Tauranga offers a memorable glimpse into the natural beauty of the region.



Day 14: Bay of Islands, New Zealand (Tender Port)

Arrive in Bay of Islands, New Zealand at 07:00. Depart at 16:00.

Explore the breathtaking Bay of Islands, a subtropical paradise made up of around 150 islands, offering a perfect blend of natural beauty and rich history. Enjoy stunning coastal scenery, discover charming waterfront towns, or take part in activities such as wildlife watching or scenic cruises. Explore the region's fascinating heritage and browse local galleries and boutiques showcasing paintings, pottery, textiles and woodcarvings.



Days 15 and 16: At Sea

Enjoy two relaxing days at sea as your journey continues towards Sydney. Take time to unwind, enjoy the ship's facilities and savour the final days of your cruise. From leisurely dining and live entertainment to peaceful moments on deck watching the ocean views, these days offer the perfect chance to reflect on the unforgettable experiences and destinations explored along the way.



Day 17: Sydney, Australia

Disembark in Sydney at 07:00.

Disembark in Sydney and meet your private transfer at the port, taking you to your hotel for an overnight stay. Spend the rest of the day exploring this iconic harbour city at your own pace, from the world-famous Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge to the historic Rocks district, vibrant waterfront and stunning coastal walks. Relax on a harbour beach, visit Bondi Beach or enjoy Sydney's renowned dining scene before your final overnight stay.

ACCOMMODATION: 5* Four Seasons Hotel Sydney or similar



Day 18: Sydney to UK

Depending on your flight time, enjoy some final moments in Sydney before your private transfer to the airport for your onward flight home. Take the opportunity for last-minute sightseeing, a stroll around the harbour or souvenir shopping before departing Australia.

Day 19: Welcome Home

Arrive back in the UK, bringing your unforgettable Australia and New Zealand adventure to an end.

FAQs

DO I NEED A VISA?

UK passport holders travelling to Australia and New Zealand for tourism do not currently require a traditional visa for short stays, provided entry requirements are met. Travellers visiting Australia must obtain an approved Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) before departure, while New Zealand requires an approved New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA) before travel. Passports should be valid for the duration of your stay, although additional validity may be recommended by airlines or transit countries. Please refer to the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and official entry requirements before travel.

DO I NEED ANY VACCINATIONS?

There are no mandatory vaccinations required for travel to Australia or New Zealand from the UK. However, we recommend consulting your GP or a travel health clinic before departure to ensure your routine vaccinations are up to date and to receive personalised travel health advice based on your itinerary.

CAN I CHANGE THIS ITINERARY?

Our itineraries can be fully customised to suit your preferences. You can extend your stay, change your hotel, add optional excursions, or upgrade your cruise cabin. Please contact our Tailormade Sales Team, who will be happy to assist with your enquiry.

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CRUISE.

For your comfort and convenience, all guests should arrive at the cruise terminal no later than two hours before the scheduled embarkation time shown on their cruise documents. Disembarkation usually begins 2 hours after docking on final day of cruise

ONBOARD GRATUITIES

Many cruise lines operate a daily gratuity or service charge programme to recognise the service provided by onboard crew throughout your voyage. Unless otherwise stated, these charges are not included in your holiday price and will be added to your onboard account by the cruise line.

Charges vary by cruise line and cabin type and are subject to change. Any applicable gratuities will be payable directly to the cruise line during your cruise. Additional service charges may also be applied to selected onboard purchases, such as drinks packages, speciality restaurants and spa services.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN MY CRUISE FARE?

Your cruise fare includes all port fees, meals, and onboard entertainment as standard.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN FREE AT SEA?

Free At Sea is included in your cruise and stay holiday.

Free at Sea includes unlimited premium drinks, specialty dining, Wi-Fi, and shore excursion credits.