Cruise & Land Package - January 18-Febrary 9, 2025 OR Cruise Only - January 25-February 7, 2025

BEST OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND







You will start your trip-of-a-lifetime in Cairns where you will experience 7-nights exploring Australia's magnificent gems. Once in Sydney, you will board the luxurious Celebrity Edge for an unforgettable 11-nights journey cruising around New Zealand visiting it's finest destinations. After your cruise, you will finish with two more nights on land.

CRUISE & LAND ITINERARY:

Jan 18: Transfer from FXBG / Depart IAD

Jan 20: Arrive Cairns, AUS / Thala Beach

Jan 21: Outer Barrier Reef Activities

Jan 22: Kuranda Scenic Railway & Skyrail Tour

Jan 23: Travel to Sydney / Leisure Time

Jan 24: Panoramic Sydney & illi-Langi Aboriginal Tours

Jan 25: Blue Mountains Tour

Jan 26: Taronga Zoo & Sydney Opera House

Jan 27: Cruise departs in Sydney, AUS

Jan 28: Cruising

Jan 29: Cruising

Jan 30: Milford, Doubtful & Dusky Sounds, NZ

Jan 31: Dunedin, NZ

Feb 1: Christchurch, NZ

Feb 2: Wellington, NZ

Feb 3: Napier, NZ

Feb 4: Picton, NZ

Feb 5: Cruising

Feb 6: Tauranga, NZ

Feb 7: Cruise ends in Auckland, NZ

Feb 7: Auckland Luxury Tour

Feb 8: Waiheke Island by Ferry

Feb 9: Depart Auckland / Arrive IAD & Transfer

to FXBG

Cruise prices based on prevailing rates at the time of booking. Prices are per person, based on double occupancy and subject to change and availability.

Deposit for Land, Air & Cruise of \$4,200 pp due at booking. Final payment due October 11, 2024.

Travel Insurance not included and is an additional cost. *Travel Insurance is highly recommended -

ask your Travel Advisor for details!*

CHOOSE EITHER: LAND & CRUISE PACKAGE OR CRUISE ONLY OPTION

PRICING

Air & Land Price is \$7,450 per person

Cruise Fares from \$5,409 per person*

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

AIR & LAND PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Round trip transfers from Fredericksburg, round trip air from IAD, airport and ship transfers in AUS & NZ, 9-nights hotel, noted tours, tour coordinator, taxes and fees.

CELEBRITY CRUISE INCLUDES:

Cruise fare, meals and entertainment onboard the ship, port charges, taxes and fees; plus, your DISTINCTIVE VOYAGE amenities include an exclusive cocktail party, complimentary shore excursion and onboard host. (Air and transfers will be added to the cruise-only option; hotel stay may be necessary based on flight times.)







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See Reverse for Detailed Itinerary

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DAY 1 & 2 - JAN 18-19 | FREDERICSKSBURG to CAIRNS

Meet in Fredericksburg to be transferred to the airport where you'll board your international flight. After crossing the Pacific and the international dateline, you will arrive in Cairns on January 20th.

DAY 3 - JAN 20 | THALA BEACH

Thala Beach Nature Reserve is a family-owned eco and wildlife retreat situated on 58 hectares of native forest adjacent to secluded Oak Beach. Boutique timber bungalows are built high on stilts within the forest canopy providing a private and unobtrusive approach to nature. Sitting spectacularly atop a peninsula with breathtaking views of untouched coastline, it is the perfect location to explore the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest.

Accommodations: Thala Beach Nature Reserve - Eucalyptus Bungalow (3 Nights)

DAY 4 - JAN 21 | OUTER BARRIER REEF

Travel aboard Quicksilvers high speed wave piercing catamaran in air-conditioned comfort to a spacious reef activity platform moored in protective lagoons at the renowned Agincourt Reef, on the edge of the Great Barrier Reef. Explore the reef from the comfort of a semi-submersible, the underwater observatory or by snorkeling.

DAY 5 - JAN 22 | KURANDA

The first stop is Freshwater station to take a journey aboard the historic Kuranda Scenic Railway. Travel through the rainforest enjoying breathtaking scenery, waterfalls and tunnels. On arrival in Kuranda your guide will be there with the bus to meet and drive you around this, 'Village in the rainforest' before leaving you to enjoy some free time. Next, meet your guide in the village to then board the multi-award winning Skyrail Rainforest Cableway where you will enjoy a world heritage listed rainforest experience and take in some of the most spectacular views on earth. We then stop at beautiful Palm Cove for a sunset overlooking the picturesque beach.

DAY 6 - JAN 23 | SYDNEY

After your flight from Cairns, you will arrive in Sydney and be transferred to your hotel for an evening exploring at your leisure. Accommodations: Parkroyal Darling Harbour - Deluxe Room (4 Nights)

DAY 7 - JAN 24 | SYDNEY

This morning, you will enjoy a guided, panoramic tour of Sydney's main sites and learn about it's history and culture. Be touched by the most ancient human culture on earth on a 90-minute leisurely walkabout with an Aboriginal guide in The Rocks, and journey into Dreamtime, the culture of Aboriginal People. Aboriginal guides will demonstrate how this place we now know as Sydney continues to weave the Dreamtime Southern X text into it's modern, built up environment. Discover how to experience contemporary Aboriginal society right in the heart of cosmopolitan Sydney today.

DAY 8 - JAN 25 | SYDNEY

Our first stop is Calmsley Hill, a working farm based attraction offering fabulous bush surrounds located near the heart of Sydney. Next, to the Blue Mountains. Visit one of a range of stunning outlooks of the Jamison Valley with beautiful vistas. Continue to Eaglehawk Lookout for views of the famous Three Sisters. Head to your lunch venue at the Hydro Majestic Hotel, a relaxed venue with stunning views and enjoy a 2 course lunch (beverages can be purchased at own expense). The afternoon is spent visiting a selection of scenic lookouts. The last stop is the delightful Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens to enjoy the sweeping views and a glass of sparkling wine or orange juice before travelling back to the city.

DAY 9 - JAN 26 | SYDNEY

This afternoon, travel by ferry to the Taronga Zoo, home to thousands of fascinating animals, including Australian natives such as the koala, kangaroo and platypus. Book an animal encounter or guided tour (own expense) for a more in-depth experience. This afternoon, see inside the world's most recognizable sails and experience this miracle of architecture and engineering. A work of art that came into existence against impossible odds, to become one of the busiest performing arts centres in the world. Working with new, rich audio-visual components, where images are projected onto the fabric of the building, your guide will take you on an emotional journey, engrossing you in a story to rival any opera plot with its dramatic twists and turns. Some 1,500 performances are staged each year to audiences of around 1.5 million.

DAY 10-21 - JAN 27 - FEB 7 | CELEBRITY CRUISE - AUSTRALIA to NEW ZEALAND

DAY 21 - FEB 7 | AUCKLAND

After disembarking from your cruise, enjoy a wonderful day of sightseeing. On your full-day tour, you will learn about indigenous Maori culture as you discover Auckland's West Coast.

Accommodations: SO Auckland - SO Playful (2 Nights)

DAY 22 - FEB 8 | AUCKLAND

Explore Waiheke island, home to sandy beaches, vineyards, native bush settings, pristine coastline, olive groves and laid-back seaside villages.

DAY 22 - FEB 9 | AUCKLAND to FREDERICKSBURG

Board your flight to return to the US and be transferred back to Fredericksburg.