

NEW ZEALAND: LAND OF THE RINGS



SEVEN SEAS VOYAGER

SEGMENT 2 AUCKLAND TO SYDNEY

FEBRUARY 1, 2009

13 DAYS | 12 NIGHTS

DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Feb 1	SU Auckland, New Zealand		7pm
2	M <i>Cruise the White Island Volcano</i>		
3	T Picton, New Zealand	8am	6pm
4	W Akaroa, New Zealand <i>Special shore event included</i>	9am	3pm
	Lyttelton (Christchurch), New Zealand (overnight)	6pm	
5	TH Lyttelton (Christchurch), New Zealand		6pm
6	F Timaru, New Zealand	8am	2pm
7	S <i>Cruise the Dusky Sound</i> <i>Cruise the Doubtful Sound</i> <i>Cruise the Milford Sound</i>		
8	SU <i>Cruise the Tasman Sea</i>		
9	M Hobart, Tasmania, Australia (overnight)	7pm	
10	T Hobart, Tasmania, Australia		6pm
11	W <i>Cruise the Southeast Coast of Australia</i>		
12	TH Sydney, Australia (overnight)	8am	
13	F Sydney, Australia		Debark

Spend 13 days cruising around the “two most beautiful islands on earth.” Wind along the coast to Picton at the tip of Marlborough Sounds, a marine playground. Sip tea in Christchurch, the most “English” city outside of England. Explore bonnie, bonnie Dunedin, where you’ll discover a Scottish burr around every bend and astonishing wildlife at its doorstep. Be out on deck (or on your balcony) as we navigate New Zealand’s spectacular glacier-carved fjords including the world-famous Milford Sound. Then you can search for the Tasmanian Devil and see the sights of fun-loving Sydney with your overnight stay. G’day!!

A Taste of Auckland • AUC-6749

Duration: 4¼ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



New Zealand is rapidly emerging as a quality producer of wine, especially its fine Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc varieties. Settled by Yugoslavian immigrants early last century, the West Auckland region is considered to be New Zealand's oldest established wine-producing area.

From the port you'll drive to West Auckland along the Western Motorway.

Visit Kumeu River Wines, established in 1944. Upon arrival, you'll be met by a member of the Brajkovich family and given a brief history of the vineyard. You'll then be taken on a tour of the winery and shown how the wine is produced. This is followed by a sampling of some of the current vintages, and accompanied by a selection of New Zealand cheeses crackers and biscuits.

Next visit BeesOnLine Honey Centre, a contemporary, purpose-built honey experience where you will be given the complete honey experience from petal to palette. A tasting highlight is the fresh fruit platter served with a special honey syrup – a formulation of Manuka honey with vanilla and citrus overtones. There will be time to shop in their excellent gift store before departing.

Lastly visit Hallertau, which is fast making a name for itself with its excellent range of handcrafted beers, as well as delicious fruit wines. Sample several of their award-winning beers such as their Irish Red Beer and American Pale Ale. Their wonderfully fruity Kiwifruit and Nashi wines may also be available. You'll then return to Auckland via the scenic upper Waitemata Harbor Road, through Riverhead and Albany and across the Auckland Harbor Bridge.

PLEASE NOTE: *Guests must be at least 21 years of age to participate in tastings of alcoholic beverages.*

Auckland City Sights • AUC-2465

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Explore Auckland's unique blend of modern cosmopolitan influences and Polynesian traditions during this scenic tour of the city.

Depart the pier for the drive to Mount Eden, the highest point in Auckland. Upon arrival, you will take in panoramic views and photo opportunities overlooking the city and gulf.

Next, you will proceed through the Auckland Domain, which consists of nearly 200 acres of parkland in the heart of the city. It encompasses ponds, statuaries, tropical glass houses, daffodils, and a wide variety of trees. Nestled within this idyllic retreat you will find the Auckland Museum, which houses an impressive collection of Maori and Pacific artifacts that include a carved meeting house and impressive war canoe. During your visit, you will also see the *Scars of the Heart* exhibition on the 2nd floor, which depicts New Zealand's involvement in the major wars of the 20th century.

Your tour will continue with a drive along beautiful Tamaki Drive through historic Parnell Village, and past the sandy beaches of Okahu Bay and Mission Bay. On your return to the city and ship, you will pass the former America's Cup Yachting Village, and take in panoramic views of the Westhaven Yacht Marina from the Auckland Harbor Bridge.

PLEASE NOTE: *This tour involves approximately 600 yards of walking.*

Auckland Maori Cultural Walk • AUC-7306

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Mini-Van



Discover the Maori culture and Auckland's colorful past during this tour of the city with a Ngati Whatua guide.

For more than 300 years, Auckland has been the ancestral home of the Ngati Whatua tribe of Maori, New Zealand's indigenous race who first settled on these shores some 1,000 years ago from Polynesia. You will join your Ngati Whatua guide for a walking tour that explores the history of Auckland and the Maori culture. Along the way, you will learn about the cultural aspects of the Ngati Whatua people, including their spiritual beliefs, medicines, food and music.

Depart Prince's Wharf for the drive to the summit of Mount Eden. At 643 feet, it is Auckland's highest volcanic mountain. Upon arrival, you will take in breathtaking panoramic views of the Auckland isthmus and learn about the mountain's significance to the Ngati Whatua people, especially in the defense of their land. You will then walk down from Mount Eden to the Auckland Domain, another site of great importance to the Ngati Whatua people due to its plentiful supply of spring water. A stop will be made here for refreshments and a brief demonstration of some traditional Maori musical instruments.

Next, you will walk down from the Auckland Domain to Beach Road, where the original shoreline of Auckland was once located. On Customs Street, you will view many of the historic warehouses that are being renovated, including the Ferry Building and beautifully-restored General Post Office, which has been transformed into the new Railway Station. Your walk will conclude back at Prince's Wharf.

PLEASE NOTE: *This tour includes approximately two miles of walking, but the majority is downhill.*

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Muriwai Beach Gannet Colony and Farm Visit • AUC-6750

Duration: 4¼ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



The pristine natural beauty of West Auckland is yours to behold during this scenic visit to the Muriwai Beach Gannet Colony and Haumoana Farm.

Depart the pier for the 50-minute drive to West Auckland's Muriwai Beach, a remote area popular with weekend surfers and fishermen. Upon arrival, you will visit the famous Gannet Bird Colony, which is a comfortable walking distance from your coach and one of only two mainland gannet colonies in the world. At this time of year, you will be able to observe adult gannets feeding and guarding their large fluffy chicks, which will soon learn to fly.

Next, you will continue north from Muriwai Beach to the 200-acre Haumoana Farm, located on the South Kaipara Peninsula. Owners Barbara and Greg Ross, who breed some 300 Romney sheep, 200 cattle and 50 deer, will greet your arrival. After viewing an entertaining farm show in which sheepdogs muster up a flock of sheep and a skilled shearer gives a sheep-shearing exhibition, you will be invited into the Ross' home for a cup of morning tea. Following your visit, you will take a relaxing stroll through their beautifully maintained garden, and have an opportunity to hand-feed the deer.

Following your tour, you will return to Auckland via Waitoki and Auckland's North Shore, then cross the Auckland Harbor Bridge and drive past the former America's Cup Yachting Village en route to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: Comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses and a light jacket are recommended. This tour involves approximately 800 yards of walking at both Muriwai Beach and Haumoana Farm.

Rangitoto Island by Classic Launch • AUC-7310

Duration: 4 Hours

Transport: Classic Launch



Explore the volcanic Rangitoto Island in a unique new way during this scenic, half-day cruise aboard an authentic classic launch.

At Hobson Wharf, you will embark the *Lady Gay*, a classic launch, for a cruise to Rangitoto Island. Built in 1935, the *Lady Gay* features varnished teak surfaces, walnut furniture and leather upholstery. She is one of New Zealand's priceless maritime antiquities, and protected by the 1975 Antiquities Act of New Zealand.

Your cruise will begin with a ride through Waitemata Harbor, past the pretty eastern suburb bays of Orakei, Kohimarama, Mission and St. Heliers, and on to Islington Bay, which is nestled between Rangitoto and Motutapu Islands. You will then come ashore at Rangitoto Island for a guided tour of the Pohutukawa Forest and nearby historic holiday homes built in the 1920s. Upon arrival, you will get a first-hand look at how the Pohutukawa Forest has rapidly emerged from the barren molten lava rock surface over the past 100 years, when the island was almost devoid of vegetation. From December to January, the Pohutukawa trees produce a beautiful red flower and are abuzz with bees that produce the most delicious honey, much of which is exported.

During WWII, Rangitoto Island was the central communications center for the defense of Auckland Harbor, with a large observation post situated on the crater summit. After a leisurely morning tea on the beach, you will embark the *Lady Gay* for the cruise back to Auckland Harbor via North Head and the naval port of Devonport.

PLEASE NOTE: Although there is approximately a half-mile of walking on Rangitoto Island over undulating ground, the pathways are well-maintained by the Department of Conservation.

Waitomo Glowworm Grotto and Pioneer Show • AUC-005

Duration: 9½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Experience the unique beauty of the Waitomo Glowworm Caves and a pioneer show at Woodlyn Park during this full-day Waitomo excursion in the central heartland of the North Island.

Depart the pier for the 3-hour drive south over the Bombay Hills, through the lush dairy land of the Waikato Valley and on to the Waitomo Glowworm Caves. Here, you will discover the subterranean limestone formations that have resulted in a series of spectacular caves. Upon arrival, you will take a quarter-mile walk along a tanback trail and up a flight of stairs into the caves.

Once inside the caves, you will embark a boat and enter the unique world of the glowworm grotto; a myriad of blue fires from the glowworms form a brilliant canopy in this vast cavern. Along the way, you will experience an eerie silence as your skilled boatman expertly maneuvers your craft through the grotto.

Following your cave visit, a brief drive will bring you to Woodlyn Park. Upon arrival, you will be served a buffet lunch and view an entertaining stage show featuring a local character, Billy Black. The show depicts both the timber-felling and farming heritage of pioneering New Zealanders.

Afterward, you will re-board your coach for the 3-hour return drive to the pier in Auckland.

PLEASE NOTE: This tour involves approximately 700 yards of walking, and about 100 steps inside the Waitomo Caves. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility.

**Barewood Farm and
Omaka Aviation Heritage Center • PIC-6769**

Duration: 7 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Marlborough is renowned for its fine hill country and sheep farms, which were established in the mid-19th-century by early British settlers. This tour will provide insight into the lifestyle of the sheep farmers and also visit one of the most unique Aviation museums in the world.

Traveling from Picton through the rich farmlands of Koromiko to Omaka.

On arrival, visit the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, one of the largest private collections of WWI aircraft. Owned by leading film director Peter Jackson, the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre brings to life a spectacular presentation of static and flyable aircraft. You'll hear about some of the famous aviation aces and marvel at the early aircraft in which they braved the skies. See such rare planes as the Caproni CA 22, the Fokker DR.1 and the De Havilland D.H.4, while part of the memorabilia collection includes items from Manfred von Richthofen, Germany's fighter ace.

Following your visit, you'll continue through the Fairhall region, renowned as a premier wine area. As you leave the Blenheim district, you'll cross the Dashwood Pass to the Awatere Valley. There, you'll see great views of Mount Tapuenuku (weather permitting). At Barewood Farm, you can visit a real working sheep station featuring 3,400 Corridale sheep and 100 Angus beef cattle raised on over 1,500 acres. The owners, Joe and Carolyn Ferraby, have a charming 90-year-old homestead, with a verandah covered in wisteria and pale colored roses. The house is situated on a rise and surrounded by beautiful grounds. Their magnificent garden has recently been rated a garden National Significance. You will see a sheep dog mustering a flock of sheep and enjoy a delicious farm-cooked lunch out on the lawn or inside, depending on the weather.

After lunch, you return to Picton traveling via the center of Blenheim, Marlborough's largest town.

PLEASE NOTE: *This tour involves approximately 800 yards of walking. Approximately 200 yards of walking involved at Omaka Aviation Centre and 300 yards at Barewood. Your country-style buffet lunch includes choice of 2 glasses of house wine, local beer, soda, water, coffee and tea.*



**Cloudy Bay Vineyards, Upton Oaks Garden
and Gourmet Lunch • PIC-7243**

Duration: 5½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Mini-Coach



Indulge your senses with the fine food and wine of New Zealand during a gourmet tour of the Cloudy Bay Vineyards, and lunch at the Herzog Winery & Restaurant.

Depart the pier in Picton for the brief drive to nearby Blenheim. Located on the Wairau Plains, Blenheim is the largest town in the Marlborough region. With its hot summers, relatively cool winters and free-draining light soils, the Wairau Plains and nearby Awatere Valley offer excellent grape-growing conditions. Your first stop will be at Upton Oaks, an English-inspired garden designed around Dave and Sue Monahan's restored 1911 villa home. The manicured grounds feature brick walls, ponds, perennial borders and a 17th-century, Elizabethan-styled knot garden divided into sections by colors.

From here, your drive will continue on to Cloudy Bay. Since capturing the attention of the wine world with its first Sauvignon Blanc vintage in 1985, Cloudy Bay, now owned by Veuve Cliquot, currently produces around 100,000 cases annually. Upon arrival at Cloudy Bay, you will be welcomed and taken on a tour of the winery, followed by an informative wine-tasting session. Although Cloudy Bay is synonymous with

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Sauvignon Blanc, they have also had much success with their Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. During your visit, you will have an opportunity to purchase some of their fine wine.

Your tour will conclude with a visit to the Herzog Winery & Restaurant, which is owned by Swiss winemaker, Hans Herzog. Frustrated by European restrictions, Hans moved to Marlborough in 1999 and soon cultivated a diverse range of grape varieties, including Nebbiolo and Viognier, on his 25-acre property. His fine handcrafted wines include Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and a dry Riesling. While at the Herzog Winery, you will sample several of its new wines. Afterward, you will join celebrated chef Michael Wibbeke for a 3-course, set-menu lunch featuring the Marlborough region's finest and freshest produce.

Following your meal, you will re-board your mini-van for the return drive to Picton.

PLEASE NOTE: *Your gourmet luncheon will include 2 glasses of house wine, local beer, soda, water, tea, or coffee. Guests must be at least 21 years of age to participate in tastings of alcoholic beverages.*

Dolphin Cruise and Guided Walk at Ship Cove • PIC-002

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Motorized Catamaran



A once in a lifetime chance to visit Ship Cove that Captain James Cook made famous in the late 18th century, as well as seeing dolphins.

Enjoy a wildlife and historic cruise of Queen Charlotte Sound with New Zealand Tourism Award winners, Dolphin Watch Ecotours. Their knowledgeable staff will locate and describe the dolphins, fur seals and seabirds encountered in the stunning Marlborough Sounds. Full commentary and ample photo opportunities allow you to enjoy the wildlife that thrive in these nutrient rich waters. You'll have morning tea and explore historic Ship Cove, where your guide will walk with you telling stories of Captain James Cook's favorite New Zealand anchorage where he visited on five occasions between 1770 and 1773. This magical unspoiled area is also rich in native bush and abundant bird life including cheeky wekas, oystercatchers and paradise shell ducks.

PLEASE NOTE: *Although dolphin sightings are not guaranteed, they are very frequent. There is approx 600 yards walking at Ship Cove over both unpaved and paved surfaces. From the ship to the launch pier is a further 300 yards each way. Guests who suffer easily from sea sickness should bring appropriate medication. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a light jacket in case the weather turns cool.*

Farmlands and Waterways • PIC-6765

Duration: 4½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach and Launch



Explore Marlborough's spectacular landscapes and seascapes during this scenic tour via coach and catamaran.

Depart the pier for the drive through the lush farmlands of Koromiko and Tuamarina en route to Blenheim, the largest town in then Marlborough region. Along the way, a brief stop will be made at Pollard Park, a true flower-lovers paradise that is maintained by the citizens of Blenheim.

Next, you will proceed through the prosperous wine growing areas of the Wairau Valley before reaching the small settlement of Havelock, located at the head of picturesque Pelorus Sound. From here, you will proceed to Momorangi Bay, with plenty of spectacular views of Pelorus and Kenepuru Sounds en route.

Upon reaching Momorangi Bay, you will join your chartered catamaran launch for the second part of your excursion; a leisurely cruise to Picton along Queen Charlotte Sound. As tea is served, you can sit back, relax and take in panoramic vistas of the many beautiful bays and sandy beaches of this pristine waterway.

Following your cruise, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.



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Port Underwood Coastal Drive • PIC-001

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Mini-Coach



This off-the-beaten track tour is specially designed for those guests who wish to see one of the most ruggedly beautiful harbors of New Zealand. Discover an area that few New Zealanders get to see during this journey to the ruggedly beautiful Port Underwood Coast.

Depart the pier in Picton for the drive through Waikawa en route to Karaka Point. Here, you will have your first panoramic views over Port Underwood. Steeped in early Maori and European history, Port Underwood was the site where the South Island Maori chiefs met to sign the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840. The same year, Anglican missionary Samuel Ironside established the second church mission in the South Island. In the years to follow, whaling became the dominant industry in the Port Underwood area, and was largely based at Oyster and Kakapo Bays until early last century.

Upon arrival in Oyster Bay, you will proceed to a local farmlet for a cup of morning tea and an opportunity to chat with local residents who make their living from mussel farming and forestry. Next, a brief stop will be made at Kakapo Bay to see the historic Guard Family Cemetery. You will then continue south through Ocean Bay, Robin Hood Bay and Whites Bay to Rarangi before joining State Highway 1 at Tuamarina and returning to Picton.

PLEASE NOTE: *There is approximately 100 yards to walk to the private home at Oyster Bay, and several steps to enter home. Port Underwood Road is winding and unpaved for more than 18 miles. Guests should be prepared for a bumpy ride.*

Queen Charlotte Sound Kayaking and Bush Walk • PIC-6767

Duration: 6 Hours

Transport: Mini Coach and Kayak



Explore one of New Zealand's most scenic waterways in an area made famous by Captain James Cook in the late-18th century during this kayaking and bush walk adventure in Queen Charlotte Sound.

Depart Picton Wharf for the drive to nearby Ngakuta Bay. Upon arrival, you will receive your safety instruction in preparation for your kayaking adventure. Half of your group will then set out in specially-designed twin-seat kayaks, and traverse some of the most beautiful bays on the southern end of Queen Charlotte Sound. The other half of your group will drive around to Anikiwa Bay, where you will commence your 1-hour coastal bush walk to Davies Bay.

A picnic-style lunch will be served at Davies Bay, followed by your return to Ngakuta Bay. If your group kayaked over to Davies Bay in the morning, you will proceed for a guided walk back to Anikiwa; if your group walked to Davies Bay in the morning, you will kayak back to Anikiwa.

Upon arrival in Ngakuta Bay, everybody will re-board the mini-van and be transferred back to the ship.

PLEASE NOTE: *This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility. Although life jackets are provided, you are strongly advised to wear or bring along swimwear, a light jacket, towel, a hat, and sunscreen. This tour involves approximately 2 miles of walking on an undulating, but well-maintained bush pathway.*





A French Day in Akaroa • AKA-E01

Duration: 2 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach or On Foot



This exclusive event is included for all guests with compliments of Regent Seven Seas Cruises.

Nestled in the heart of an ancient volcano, the charming Gallic town of Akaroa is New Zealand's sole French settlement. Today we will celebrate all things French at a fair held in your honor. Join in a game of *boules*. Browse through the *charcuterie*, *fromagerie* and other market stalls. There will be jugglers, comedians and artists to paint your portrait, and waiters serving Kir Royale while the delicious aroma of scallops, prawns and minted lamb wafts through the air. Then relax on the village green enjoying an array of splendid musical performances while taking in the delightful French ambiance of this wonderful event.

Akaroa Harbor Scenic Cruise • AKA-003

Duration: 2 Hours

Transport: Chartered Motorboat



Akaroa's pristine natural beauty, geological history and diverse marine life are yours to discover during this scenic and informative harbor cruise.

Depart the pier for a chartered cruise on beautiful Akaroa Harbor, which was formed by a massive volcanic eruption. As you ride along the harbors deep blue waters, you will hear about its fascinating geological history and rich marine life. Highlights of this scenic cruise include a visit to Cathedral Cave, which features massive sea walls and is home to numerous sea birds that include the spotted shag and the little blue penguin.

While riding the bow wave of the launch towards the head of the harbor, you may also see fur seals and the playful Hector's dolphin; the world's smallest oceanic dolphin.

On the return ride to the pier in Akaroa, you will pass by the Akaroa Salmon Farm. Here, salmon are reared in protected pens before being harvested and exported around the world.

PLEASE NOTE: *Wear comfortable casual clothing, and bring a light jacket from the ship in case the weather turns cooler on the harbor.*

Banks Peninsula Hill Country Farm Visit • AKA-002

Duration: 2½ Hours

Transport: Non Air-Conditioned Mini-Van



Experience a taste of life on the rugged eastern coastline of the Banks Peninsula during this memorable visit to a traditional farm in New Zealand's hill country.

Depart the pier for the drive through the charming village of Akaroa, the first South Island settlement established by French and British settlers in 1840. Akaroa's French and Victorian influences remain to this day, as evidenced by the quaint wooden houses and pretty gardens. Leaving Akaroa, you will take in panoramic views of Akaroa Harbor, an extinct volcano and some of the Banks Peninsula's hidden eastern bays.

Your drive will continue on to the Paua Bay Farm. Murray John and members of his family, 6th-generation descendents of the original owners, will welcome your arrival and escort you to the shearing shed. Here, you will learn about the history of the family and farm, and how farming has changed since 1837. You will then observe expert sheep-shearing and sheepdog demonstrations conducted by Murray's son William, and be invited to help separate the sheep once they are mustered into the sheep yards.

Your tour will conclude with a visit to the family homestead and its cottage gardens, which are surrounded by native bush. After refreshments, you will re-board your mini-van for the return drive to Akaroa. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the Recreation Ground to participate in RSSC's Akaroa Event.

PLEASE NOTE: *There is approximately 300 yards of walking at Paua Bay Farm over unpaved and uneven surfaces. Wear comfortable casual clothing, and bring a light jacket from the ship in case the weather turns cooler at the farm.*

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Okains Bay Maori Cultural Experience • AKA-001

Duration: 3 Hours

Transport: Non Air-Conditioned Mini-Van



Explore the history and culture of the Maori people during this scenic canoe tour on Okains Bay, and an informative museum visit.

Depart the pier in Akaroa with your Maori guides for the transfer to Okains Bay, located on the eastern coast of the Banks Peninsula. Upon arrival, you will receive your safety and paddling instructions, then board your *wakas*. These large canoes were originally used to transport warriors to military expeditions and fishing excursions. The Maori endowed the *wakas* with a spiritual status that endures to this day.

Led by your guides, you will venture out into Okains Bay. Along the way, you will take in spectacular views of your pristine natural surroundings. After your waka adventure, you will proceed for morning tea and a tour of the fascinating and informative Okains Bay Maori and Colonial Museum.

The museum offers a unique insight into the life and material culture of the Maori people, along with well-preserved examples of early Colonial life in New Zealand. The museum's collection includes over 20,000 Maori and European artifacts, as well as a magnificently carved Maori meeting house created by master carver John Rua. Currently being restored are eleven small wooden boats dating back to the whaling era of the 19th century.

Following your visit, you will re-board your mini-van for the return drive to Akaroa. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the Recreation Ground to participate in RSSC's Akaroa Event.

PLEASE NOTE: *Approximately 30 minutes will be spent paddling the canoe; no previous experience is required. There will be approximately 300 yards of walking at Okains Bay. This tour is not recommended for guests with back and/or neck problems and guests with limited mobility.*



Christchurch Heritage and Garden Tour • CHC-2843

Duration: 4 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Discover the historic beauty of Christchurch, a former planned Church of England, and enjoy a visit to a private residence during this memorable city tour.

Depart the pier in Lyttelton with your local guide for the drive through the Lyttelton Tunnel, and on to the Old Provincial Chambers. Upon arrival, you will take a guided tour of one of Christchurch's most historic buildings, and see where Canterbury's provincial parliament met until the mid-1870s. You will then walk to the nearby Arts Center, where you will board the Christchurch Tram for a pleasant orientation tour of the inner city. Along the way, you will see beautiful parks and gardens, and your local guide will provide informative commentary about the city's finer buildings and general history. Upon returning to the Arts Center, some time will be made available to browse through its many excellent craft shops and galleries, and visit Lord Rutherford's Den.

Your tour will conclude with a visit to a lovely private home and garden, where you will have an opportunity to talk with the owner over a cup of morning tea. Following your visit, you will return to Lyttelton via the charming seaside suburb of Sumner and Evans Pass, and take in panoramic views over Lyttelton Harbor before reaching the pier and ship.

PLEASE NOTE: *Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.*

Christchurch Orientation • CHC-3393

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Experience the uniquely British character of Christchurch during this delightful orientation tour of the city.

Depart the pier in Lyttelton for the drive around the rim of Lyttelton Harbor, an extinct volcano, then on to Governors Bay, where you will climb to the summit of Port Hills. Looking out from the Sign of the Takahe, you will enjoy magnificent views and photo opportunities over Christchurch, the Canterbury Plains and Southern Alps.

While passing through the center of the city, you will see such splendid Neo-Gothic buildings as the Cathedral, Christchurch Town Hall, Arts Center, Museum, Christ's College, and Provincial Chambers.

You will then follow the lovely Avon River as you drive around Hagley Park en route to Mona Vale. Upon arrival, take a picturesque walk along the banks of the Avon River to the Mona Vale Homestead, where you will see beautiful gardens filled with roses and rhododendrons.

On the return drive to Lyttelton, you may opt for a brief stop to browse around the many arts and craft galleries at the Arts Center, or take a brief stroll in the Christchurch Botanical Gardens located across from the Arts Center. If you wish to stay on in Christchurch, you will be able to return on the shuttle bus leaving every half-hour from Cathedral Square, just a short walk away. You will then return to Lyttelton via the Lyttelton Tunnel.

High Country Explorer • CHC-001

Duration: 8½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach and Jetboat



Embrace your spirit of adventure during this full-day jetboat ride and off-road journey to the high country of the Southern Alps, and an orientation tour of Christchurch.

Depart the pier in Lyttelton via jetboat for the ride to the Flock Hill Station's boundary. Upon arrival, you will disembark the jetboat and board your off-road vehicle, known locally as a tussock buggy. You will then commence your 12-mile journey through this vast, 35,000-acre property. Along the way, photo stops will be made to capture the spectacular river gorges and jagged peaks of the Southern Alps. You will learn about the colorful history of this remote and isolated area while traveling along part of the original stagecoach road, which was built by early pioneers to gain access to the West Coast gold fields.

A stop will then be made at the charming Flock Hill Lodge for lunch and splendid views of the beautiful alpine surroundings. After lunch, you will return to Christchurch by coach for an orientation tour of the Garden City. A stop will also be made at the Arts Center, where you will have an opportunity to browse through its many excellent craft shops and galleries.

Following this exciting adventure, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier in Lyttelton.

PLEASE NOTE: *Although this tour does not involve much walking, it is geared towards the adventurous traveler. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair. Wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring a jacket in the event of rain or cooler weather. This tour cannot operate when the Waimakariri River is flooded; you will be notified regarding same by 7 a.m. on the day of the tour.*

International Antarctic Center • CHC-002

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach and Argo Off-Road Vehicle



Explore the connection between Christchurch, the U.S. Government and Antarctica during this informative visit to the International Antarctic Center.

Since the 1950s, Christchurch has been the main staging center for Operation Deep Freeze, the U.S. Government's Antarctic project. During the Southern Hemisphere's summer months, numerous American Starlifter and Galaxy aircraft fly south to McMurdo Station in Antarctica. However, Christchurch's Antarctic links go back much further, to the time when Captain Scott sailed from Lyttelton on his final journey to the South Pole in 1912.

Depart the pier for the drive to the International Antarctic Center in Christchurch. Upon arrival, you will see many informative displays depicting life and work on the frozen continent. You can even experience sub-zero conditions in a specially-designed blizzard room. You will then view the audio-visual film, *The Great White South*, and visit the Penguin Encounter enclosure to see the cute and entertaining little blue penguins swimming and roaming about in their specially re-created marine environment.

Next, you will take an exhilarating 10-minute ride on a genuine Hagglund All-Terrain Snowmobile over an outdoor adventure course. Along the way, your snowmobile will climb over a steep incline and cross a pool of water. This tracked, 16-seat vehicle is the same type used in Antarctica by the U.S. and New Zealand Antarctic programs.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to Lyttelton via the Lyttelton Tunnel.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Hagglund ride involves off road driving and steep ascents and descents. This portion of the tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilize a wheelchair.*

Maori Handicraft Making • CHC-006

Duration: 4½ Hours

Transport: Non Air-Conditioned Mini-Van



Don't miss this rare opportunity to participate in a Maori bone-carving or flax-weaving experience during this unique and memorable visit with experienced Maori artisans.

Depart the pier for the brief drive into Christchurch en route to a serene Maori meeting place, or *marae*. Upon arrival, you will be

welcomed with a traditional Maori ceremony, or powhiri. After hearing stories about the Maori people and the history of this area, you will be served light refreshments.

Leaving the *marae*, you will be transferred to a central city workshop. Here, you will learn the art of bone-carving or flax-weaving under the professional guidance of a Maori instructor. All materials will be provided, and you will be able to take home your finished product.

Following your visit, you will be re-board your mini-van for the return drive to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: *Kindly inform The Regent Travel Concierge Manager on board of your craft preference, bone-carving or flax-weaving; your request will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis.*

TranzAlpine Train Excursion • CHC-005

Duration: 9¾ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach and Train



Experience one of New Zealand's most scenic train journeys during this full-day excursion aboard the TranzAlpine Express, and a visit to Christchurch.

Depart the pier for the transfer to the Christchurch Railway Station. Upon arrival, you will board the TranzAlpine Express, which links Christchurch on the east coast to Greymouth on the west coast. Along the way, you will pass through Christchurch's western suburbs before crossing the fertile Canterbury Plains en route to Springfield.

From here, the train will begin climbing and weaving its way around the Torlesse Range, then cross impressive viaducts and a series of tunnels to Arthurs Pass; a delightful alpine village. At Arthurs Pass, you will be transferred to a chartered coach and return to Springfield via a different route. A visit will then be made to a local farm in neighboring Darfield, where you will be served a country-style lunch, and witness a brief but entertaining sheepdog and sheep-shearing exhibition.

Upon arrival in Christchurch, a visit will be made to the Arts Center, formerly Canterbury University. Some free time will be made here to browse the many arts and crafts galleries, or take a brief stroll through the Christchurch Botanical Gardens or Canterbury Museum opposite the Arts Center.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coach and return to the pier in Lyttelton in the late afternoon.

PLEASE NOTE: *Wear casual clothes, and bring a jacket in case the weather turns cold. Lunch includes two glasses of house wine, local beer, soda, water, tea, or coffee. The train carriages are not exclusive to RSSC guests.*

Maori Rock Art • TIU-005

Duration: 5 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Mini-Van



History, anthropology and archeology buffs won't want to miss this unique opportunity to marvel at New Zealand's authentic Maori rock drawings during visits to Craigmore and the Rock Farm.

South Canterbury is home of New Zealand's finest collections of ancient Maori petroglyphs; at least 300 rock art sites can be found here, with more being discovered. Drawn on the smooth limestone are figures representing the Maori hunters and gatherers who, while sheltered in the caves, recreated the world they saw around them. They drew their dogs, huge extinct birds, or moas, New Zealand's massive extinct eagle and mythological creatures.

Depart the pier in Timaru for the drive southwest to Craigmore, home to one of the most extensive areas of Maori rock art, for a look at the first of two of New Zealand's finest Maori caves. Upon arrival, you will see where early Maori lived and hunted before the arrival of Europeans. The largest area, the 210-acre Valley of the Moa, or O Wahi Moa, contains the Moa and Dog Caves. These caves have been protected by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust since 1960.

After a look at these unique prehistoric charcoal drawings, you will continue inland for a visit to the Rock Farm. Here, you will find a huge limestone rock above the farm that conceals some of the region's best-preserved rock drawings created by the early Maori food gatherers.

Following refreshments served at the small settlement of Cave, you will re-board your mini-van for the return drive to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: *This tour involves extensive walking and climbing; 30 minutes of walking over uneven and unpaved farmland at Craigmore, and uphill climbing at the Rock Farm. Wear comfortable, casual clothing with sturdy footwear, and bring a light jacket from the ship in case the weather turns cold.*

Mount Cook National Park by Chartered Plane • TIU-004

Duration: 2½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach and Plane



Experience the majestic beauty of the Southern Alps from a unique perspective during this exhilarating flight-seeing tour over Mount Cook National Park.

Depart the pier for the transfer to Timaru's Richard Pearse Airport. Upon arrival, you will board your chartered, prop-driven aircraft, then fly across the beautiful rolling hill farming districts of South Canterbury en route to the dry and arid McKenzie Basin. Along the way, you will look down on Lake Tekapo's stunning turquoise waters before entering Mount Cook National Park. At 12,350 feet, Mount Cook is New Zealand's highest mountain, and is remarkable from up-close. In fact, 22 of New Zealand's 27 peaks over 10,000 feet in height, along with many impressive glaciers, are located within Mount Cook National Park.

Your flight will reveal more than two-thirds of this expansive, 17,300-acre World Heritage-listed park. The park is covered with Southern beech and podocarps, some of which are over 800 years old. The remaining third of the park lies beneath permanent snow and glacial ice. During your flight, you will be served light refreshments while listening to an informative commentary about the history, geography and ecology of the region.

At the conclusion of your flight, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: *The total flight time will be approximately 1.5 hours. All guests will be guaranteed a window seat. Your pilot will narrate the flight.*



Scenic South Canterbury • TIU-003**Duration:** 5 Hours**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach

Embrace the pristine natural beauty of one of New Zealand's most picturesque farming regions during this memorable visit to scenic South Canterbury.

Depart the pier with local guide Les Cain for the drive west through the countryside, then past the rolling hills that dominate the farming landscape where cattle, sheep and deer are raised for export. You will then travel through the beautiful Pareora Gorge en route to Cannington. After a brief stop at the quaint Stone Church, you will venture onto a dirt road and ascend to approximately 2,000 feet above sea level.

Along the way, you will take in splendid vistas over South Canterbury to the Pacific Ocean in the east, the Clayton Mountains to the north and the McKenzie Pass leading to Mt. Cook in the west. You will also see the small settlements of Cave, Albury and Fairlie, and the Tengawai River flowing gently along the valley below while traversing the Brothers Range. A highlight will be a visit to one of the South Canterbury region's many Maori rock drawing sites.

Following morning refreshments served at a private home, you will re-board your coach before returning to Timaru from the west.

PLEASE NOTE: *This tour can accommodate guests who utilize a wheelchair, as long as the wheelchair is collapsible, and guests can get in and out of the coach without assistance (two to three steps).*

Timaru to Milford Sound • TIU-P001**Duration:** 1 Night**Transport:** Air-Conditioned Coach

This optional tour must be pre-purchased, and is not included in the regular tour program. If you have not already pre-booked this optional shore excursion, please contact Regent Seven Seas Cruises Reservations at 800-285-1835 to verify the current status of this program. Limited space may be available, and should be booked via reservations. You may also check with The Regent Travel Concierge Manager upon embarkation to verify if this tour is still available. RSSC reserves the right to withdraw this program if minimum participation requirements are not met.

A 100% cancellation penalty applies to overland programs cancelled within 90 days of departure.

Experience New Zealand's pristine natural beauty during this scenic sojourn through the center of the South Island. Your journey begins in Timaru with a picturesque drive through the rich farming area of South Canterbury, then along the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo en route to Mount Cook National Park, home of New Zealand's highest peaks. You will then cross the Lindis Pass into Central Otago before proceeding to Queenstown for a breathtaking cable-car ride to Bob's Peak.

Following dinner and an overnight stay in Queenstown, you will take an exhilarating jetboat ride through the Shotover Gorge and visit the historic gold mining township of Arrowtown. Your drive will then continue along the eastern shoreline of Lake Wakatipu to Kingston, and across the North Southland Plain to Te Anau. After lunch, you will drive through the magnificent World Heritage Site of Fiordland National Park. Upon arrival in Milford Sound, you will be tendered back to the ship.

February 6, 2009 – Timaru/Queenstown (304 miles)

After disembarking the ship at the Port of Timaru, you will be met and escorted to your awaiting private coach. You will then depart for the drive west through the farming region of South Canterbury, past Fairlie and across Burkes Pass en route to Lake Tekapo, one of New Zealand's most beautiful lakes. Upon arrival, a brief stop will be made for panoramic views and photo opportunities across the lake of Mount Cook National Park and the picturesque Church of the Good Shepherd.

Your drive will then continue north to Mount Cook National Park. Upon arrival at the alpine village of Mount Cook, a stop will be made for lunch at the Hermitage Hotel. After lunch, you will proceed for a visit to the informative and entertaining Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Center to learn about mountaineering in Mount Cook National Park.

Next, your drive will proceed to Queenstown. Along the way, you will travel south along the eastern shoreline of Lake Pukaki and across the McKenzie Basin to Omarama. From here, you will cross the beautiful Lindis Pass en route to the Central Otago region, which is famous for its gold-mining past.

At the Old Kawarau Bridge, you may catch a glimpse of bungy jumpers leaping off the bridge for the 120-foot drop to the river below. Afterward, you will continue on to Queenstown. Upon arrival, you will take a cable-car ride to Bob's Peak for breathtaking views and photo opportunities over Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkable Mountains.

Following your cable-car ride, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in. Dinner will be served in a Queenstown restaurant located within walking distance of the hotel. Overnight at the Mercure Grand St. Moritz-Queenstown.

February 7, 2009 – Queenstown/Milford Sound (188 miles)

After breakfast at the hotel, you will depart for the drive to the Shotover River via Arthur's Point. Upon arrival, you will take an exhilarating jetboat ride along the Shotover River. As you pass through the

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spectacular Shotover Gorge, your jetboat will come within inches of the rock fall. You will marvel at the maneuverability of these versatile boats, which were first invented in New Zealand in the 1950s.

At the conclusion of your jetboat ride, you will re-board your coach for the drive to Arrowtown, once a bustling gold-mining town in the 1860s. Upon arrival, some time will be made available to take a leisurely stroll along its quaint streets lined with galleries, cafés and bars. You will then take a drive along the eastern shoreline of Lake Wakatipu to Kingston before crossing the North Southland Plain en route to Te Anau.

After lunch at Te Anau's Kingsgate Hotel, your drive will continue north toward Milford Sound. En route, you will pass through the magnificent Fiordland National Park, a World Heritage Site, and make brief photo stops at the Mirror Lakes and The Chasm. Upon arrival at Milford Sound, you will be tendered back to the ship via a specially-chartered local launch.

Program Includes:

- 1-night stay at the Mercure Grand St. Moritz Hotel, Queenstown
- Shotover River jetboat ride
- Cable car ride to Bob's Peak
- Chartered launch tender from the Milford Sound wharf to the ship
- 1 breakfast, 2 lunches and 1 dinner (includes choice of 2 glasses of house wine, local beer, soda, bottled water, tea, or coffee with lunch and dinner)
- All transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as per program

Not Included: All meals and drinks not specified above, tips to drivers and tour director, gratuities, laundry, telephone calls, cancellation insurance, and other personal items.

Timaru Town and Country with Steam Train Ride • TIU-002

Duration: 4½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach and Train



Explore Timaru's unique history, charm and people during this scenic orientation tour of Pleasant Point, Geraldine and South Canterbury by coach and train.

Depart the pier for the drive along Stafford Street, Timaru's main street, which has undergone a beautiful restoration of its Victorian and Edwardian architecture. Along the way, you will pass by the botanical gardens and through some of Timaru's well-maintained residential suburbs. You will then proceed along Rosewill Valley Road to Pleasant Point. Upon arrival, the volunteer staff of the Pleasant Point Museum and Railway will welcome you. You will then board a fully restored AB 699 steam locomotive for a brief ride. You will also have an opportunity to visit the museum, which features some entertaining vintage old movies reminiscent of an earlier era when life was much less hectic.

Leaving Pleasant Point, a photo stop will be made at the Richard Pearse Memorial and the field where Pearse made his first powered flight on March 31, 1903; some nine months ahead of the Wright Brothers. Your drive will then continue along some lovely country back roads en route to Geraldine, a delightful small town settled in the 1850s. Geraldine is the heart of a prosperous farming area for sheep, cattle, dairy cows and deer, but the area is especially renowned for its artists and as a haven for retirees.

Upon arrival in Geraldine, you will proceed to a private home for refreshments, an opportunity to chat with your hosts and learn about life in New Zealand. Some free time will then be made available for you to stroll about the cafés, food outlets, craft stores and galleries that line Geraldine's quaint streets. One of the most interesting is The Giant Jersey, where you will find the world's largest sweater mounted on the wall and a stunning piece of metal tapestry made out of two million pieces of steel.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to Timaru via Washdyke and Caroline Bay.

PLEASE NOTE: The steam train ride is approximately 45 minutes.



Historic Hobart, Countryside and Winery • HOB-002

Duration: 4 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Experience the beauty and flavors of Tasmania during this tour of historic Hobart, and an award-winning winery in the scenic countryside.

Depart the pier for the drive to Richmond. Along the way, you will cross the Derwent River via Australia's oldest bridge before arriving at this picture-postcard town. One of Australia's most important historic towns, Richmond features landmark buildings constructed by convict labor under appallingly harsh conditions. Its well-preserved cottages, homes, shops and pub reflect life in an era long since passed. During your visit, some free time will be made to explore the area.

Next, you will continue on to Berridale for a visit to Meadowbrook Estate, one of Tasmania's finest wineries. En route, you will pass by many of Hobart's picturesque and elegant homes, and quaint cottages. Upon arrival at Meadowbrook Estate, your welcoming hosts will provide you with an informative commentary and wine tasting (actual winery visited may be substituted).

Leaving Berridale, you will proceed for a visit to one of Tasmania's most renowned historic buildings, Runnymede Estate. This gracious old home, nestled amidst charming grounds, was built in 1840 for Tasmania's first lawyer, Robert Pitcairns. Upon arrival, you will take a guided tour through its elegant rooms and learn about the fascinating history of this house and its many residents.

Your tour will conclude with a tour of historic Hobart before returning to the pier and ship.

PLEASE NOTE: *The actual winery visited may differ from Meadowbank Estate. The order of sites visited may vary. Your driver is also your guide. Guests must be at least 21 years of age to participate in tastings of alcoholic beverages.*

History, Heritage and Wildlife Tour • HOB-3866

Duration: 4 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Take a step back into Australia's past during this picturesque orientation tour of Tasmania, a land rich in history, wildlife, flora and fauna.

Depart the pier for a brief, yet scenic drive into the countryside, and travel through the area where Tasmania was first settled. A stop will be made at the historic town of Richmond, located some 15 miles outside of Hobart. Upon arrival, you will cross the Richmond

Bridge. Completed in 1825, it is Australia's oldest bridge. St. John's Church can be seen from Richmond Bridge, and is but one reminder of the devout 19th-century settlers who brought Christianity to Tasmania. Richmond has changed little since its beginnings over 120 years ago, and offers some great photo opportunities as well as an insight into Australia's early history. You will enjoy a stroll past quaint stores, charming teahouses, and local arts and crafts shops.

Next, you will continue on to Bonorong Wildlife Park to view the famous Tasmanian Devil, along with a large array of Australian native animals that include kangaroos, wombats and emus. The park guides will provide you with information about the unique Australian wildlife found here.

Following your visit to Tasmania, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier and ship.

PLEASE NOTE: *Your driver will also be your guide. The order of sites visited may vary.*

Hobart "Jewel of the South" • HOB-3865

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Explore the diverse beauty and topography of Australia during this orientation tour of Hobart, the Jewel of the South.

Depart the pier for your introductory tour of Hobart. Your first stop will be the historic warehouse complex of Salamanca Place, which now houses charming shops and restaurants. You will then continue on past rows of historic cottages and the elegant mansions of Battery Point to see the city's many beautiful old buildings, including the Cascade Brewery. Established in 1824, it is Australia's oldest brewery.

The highlight of this tour will be a brief stop at the summit of either Mount Wellington or Mount Nelson (depending on weather conditions), where you will take in panoramic views and photo opportunities of Hobart and southeast Tasmania. Just minutes from the heart of Hobart, you will find Queen's Domain. Here, a visit will be made to the spectacular Royal Botanical Gardens. These gardens are considered to be among Australia's finest. Upon arrival, some time will be made available for you to stroll through and explore the gardens at your leisure.

PLEASE NOTE: *During inclement weather, the Botanical Garden stop may not be made. Views from Mt. Wellington and Mt. Nelson are also dependent on the weather, and cannot be guaranteed. Your driver is also your guide.*

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Huonville, Geeveston and Tahune • HOB-7241

Duration: 8 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Experience the historic beauty of Tasmania during memorable visits to Huonville, Geeveston and Tahune.

Depart the pier for the drive along the Huon Highway to the center of Huonville, Tasmania's picturesque apple-growing district. Huon Pine, a valuable softwood that was once used to produce furniture and craft items, was discovered in this district and is still grown in some areas today. A brief stop will be made at the Apple Heritage Museum, a former packing shed. During your guided tour, you will have an opportunity to sample an apple that has been freshly peeled on a vintage 1909 apple-peeling machine.

Next, you will continue through the picturesque Huon Valley to the timber town of Geeveston for a hands-on, interactive interpretation of forest practices at the fascinating Forest and Heritage Center. Here, you will see a range of antique woodworking machinery and have an opportunity to purchase some local Tasmanian timber crafts.

Your tour then turns off the main road for a drive along forest trails surrounded by beautiful and impressive trees. You will then continue on to the Tahune Forest Airwalk, a stunning engineering and ecological marvel. Upon arrival, you will take a unique and picturesque forest walk through the tree canopy on a specially built walkway. Lunch will be served at the Airwalk Café, or a similar venue.

Your tour will conclude with a visit to the Home Hill Winery (or similar), where you will participate in a wine tasting overlooking the orderly rows of vines.

Following your tour, you will re-board your coach for a brief city tour of Hobart before returning to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: *The order of sites visited may vary. If the weather is inclement and forces the closure of some forest trails, the tour itinerary will be amended slightly. There is a 500-yard walk over unpaved ground from the Visitor's Center to the beginning of the Tahune Airwalk. Sodas and bottled water are included with lunch. Your driver is also your guide.*

Mt. Wellington Descent by Bike • HOB-003

Duration: 3 Hours

Transport: Bicycle



Discover the spectacular views and alpine forests of Mt. Wellington during this exciting bicycle tour down the mountain.

Take in the stunning views from Mt Wellington before descending for a thrilling ride.

Depart the pier for the 12-mile drive to the top of the 4,000-foot Mt. Wellington. Upon arrival, you will take in panoramic views out to distant mountain ranges and the city of Hobart below (weather permitting). Your guide will then give you a safety briefing and outfit you with all of your cycling gear before leading you on a scenic bicycle tour through the magnificent Alpine terrain and forest. Stops will be made along the way to rest and take some photos.

During the tour, more adventurous guests will have an opportunity to experience the thrill of off-road biking in one section, then rejoin the group for a rest and quick snack before continuing through South Hobart and Battery Point en route to the ship.

PLEASE NOTE: *The actual cycling time is approximately 2.5 hours; the cycling time may vary depending on the group's ability. Guests are responsible for assessing their physical ability and medical condition before participating in this cycling tour. For comfort and safety reasons, guests must be at least 5 feet in height to participate on this tour.*

Oyster and Wine • HOB-004

Duration: 4 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Savor the exquisite taste of fine wine and oysters during this half-day guided tour of the Barilla Oyster Farm and Meadowbank Estate.

Depart the pier for the visit to the Barilla Oyster Farm, a world-class oyster production facility, and sample fresh, mouth-watering Barilla Bay Oysters. These oysters owe their delicate taste and texture to the cold, clean Southern Ocean waters in which they are cultivated. Your guides will explain the history of Barilla Bay's pristine waters and importance of tides, and show you how oysters are grown from a tiny spat to full maturity. You will also learn about the Forrest family business, and its commitment to ensuring the preservation and conservation of the pure Tasmanian waters.

Next, you will proceed for a visit to Meadowbank Estate, or similar, for a wine tasting and informative commentary. Upon arrival, you will enjoy wonderful views overlooking the spectacular Coal River Valley and Tasmania's wine country. From there, you will continue on to Hobart for a brief orientation tour of the city, then take in panoramic

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views from either Mt. Wellington or Mt. Nelson (depending on weather conditions) en route to the pier and ship.

PLEASE NOTE: *Guests must be at least 21 years of age to participate in tastings of alcoholic beverages. Consumption of alcohol is at the discretion of each guest. This tour involves approximately 1 hour of walking over even surfaces, and several small steps. Raw oysters have been known to produce adverse reactions in people with suppressed immune systems. Consume them at your own risk. Your driver will also be your guide. The order of sites visited may vary.*

Port Arthur and Tasmanian Wildlife • HOB-3864

Duration: 8 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach and Train



The contrasts of Tasmania's turbulent past are yours to discover during this visit to the beautiful Tasman Peninsula, and the penal colony at Port Arthur.

Depart the pier for the 1.5-hour drive through many small towns and communities en route to the Tasman Peninsula. The Tasmanian countryside is lush and green, with spectacular farms and orchards. On your way to Port Arthur, a stop will be made at the Bonorong Wildlife Park to view and photograph the famous Tasmanian Devil and other native Australian wildlife.

On the Tasman Peninsula, some 60 miles from Hobart, you will visit the infamous penal colony of Port Arthur. Upon arrival, you will take a walk through history in this magnificent setting. More than 10,000 convicts were transported here from England during the 40 years the prison was used, and it was these same prisoners who eventually became the settlers of this new land. Now an historic site, Port Arthur has been carefully restored, making it easier to explore these fascinating ruins. Interesting sites include the church, which was designed by an inmate, along with the penitentiary, hospital, old guard house, and a model prison; a radical experiment in prison design for the time.

During your tour, you will be served a casual two-course lunch. During the 1.5-hour return drive to the pier, you will take a brief, yet scenic drive around Hobart to see the highlights of the city.

PLEASE NOTE: *The drive from the pier to Port Arthur is approximately 1.5 hours in each direction. The ground at the Bonorong Wildlife Park is natural and uneven. The visit to historic Port Arthur will include more than 35 minutes of walking. Guests will walk down a flight of stairs or a ramp to access the ruins. Once at the ruins, walking will take place on even, grassy surfaces and uneven, unpaved ground. Some ruins have cobbled, uneven flooring and steps, and narrow doorways that must be negotiated. Lunch venues are limited in the area. The proposed venue is an*

older-styled hotel, and guest should be advised that although the meal is substantial and of good quality, the venue is not five-star. Lunch includes Australian wines, local beers or soft drinks. The order of the itinerary may change, but the tour will operate in inclement weather. Your driver is also your guide.

Tasmanian Sojourn • HOB-001

Duration: 8 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Explore the stunning scenery and green pastureland of historic Tasmania during this scenic, full-day tour to the Meadowbank Estate, Mt. Field National Park, Salmon Ponds Trout Farm and Something Wild.

Depart the pier for the morning drive to historic Richmond, where a brief stop will be made to explore the fine Georgian-style buildings built from native sandstone by conscripted convict labor. Continue on for a visit to Meadowbank Estate (or similar) for a tasting of local wines and informative commentary. Upon arrival, you will take in wonderful views overlooking the spectacular Coal River Valley, and indulge your senses in Tasmania's wine country. Massive floor-to-ceiling windows make the most of the changing seasons, both in the vineyard and throughout the Coal River Valley.

Next, you will proceed for the 1-hour drive to New Norfolk for a visit to the renowned Salmon Ponds Trout Farm. Established in 1861, the farm is situated amidst beautiful grounds. Upon arrival, you will view the farm's trout hatchery, museum and fish-feeding facility. From here, you will drive to picturesque Mt. Field National Park. Upon arrival, you will be served a casual, picnic-style lunch at the Waterfall Café (or similar). After lunch, some time will be made available for a stroll through the rainforest and a glimpse of the world's tallest hardwood trees before reaching spectacular Russell Falls.

After taking in the scenic beauty and photo opportunities at Mt. Field National Park, you will drive to Something Wild, a rehabilitation and conservation sanctuary for orphaned and injured animals. The sanctuary nurtures native wildlife back to good health, and prepares them for their eventual release back into the wild. The park also includes a number of habitats for animals that are unsuitable for release, or may have been bred in captivity. Upon arrival, you will take a guided eco-tour, and learn more about these animals and their habitats. Wildlife to be seen includes the Tasmanian Devil, along with native kangaroos and koalas.

PLEASE NOTE: *The order of sites visited may vary. Care should be taken at Mt. Field National Park, as walking paths are on natural, uneven ground. Your driver will also be your guide. Lunch includes non-alcoholic beverages.*

A Touch of Aussie Wildlife • SYD-3711

Duration: 4 Hours

Transport: Rivercat and Air-Conditioned Coach



Experience the scenic natural beauty and wildlife of Australia during this wonderful half-day orientation tour of Sydney.

Depart the pier for the scenic drive to Koala Park, Sydney's natural and historic animal and bird sanctuary. Upon arrival, your guide will greet you with a dingo, and introduce you to a wombat. During your visit, you will also have an opportunity to get close to the koalas for great photo opportunities. You will then explore the rest of the sanctuary to experience other native Aussie fauna. You can pat the kangaroos, and stare down an emu. As part of your special visit, you can try some traditional Aussie Billy Tea and Damper Bread.

Next, you will proceed to one of the nearby ferry stations to begin your River Cat journey. After embarking your River Cat, you will cruise along the scenic Parramatta River, and take in wonderful views and photo opportunities of lovely riverside homes, parklands and Sydney Harbor.

Following your river cruise, you will disembark the River Cat at Circular Quay for the short walk to your awaiting coach, which will transfer you back to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE: *The River Cat service is a regular public transport operation. It is not exclusive, and provides no commentary. The order of sites visited may be reversed. Should the River Cat's schedule change and not fit into itinerary, the tour will be carried out by coach. The visit to Koala Park involves up to 500 yards of walking; however, not all exhibits need to be covered. Walking paths at the Koala Park include a mix of paved and unpaved surfaces.*

Discover Sydney Panorama • SYD-3395

Duration: 3½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Take a step back in time during this memorable visit to The Rocks, Sydney's oldest village.

Depart the pier for the drive to The Rocks, situated in the shadow of the Harbour Bridge. Upon arrival, you will see the expert restoration of this area, and understand why its warehouses, taverns and authentic village green have become so popular with tourists. A visit will then be made to the city center, home of Mrs. Macquarie's Chair, Centerpoint Tower, the magnificent Queen Victoria Building, modern Darling Harbour Complex, and mystical Chinatown.

As you proceed east of the city, from Darling Point to Watson's Bay, you will take in spectacular vistas and photo opportunities of the shoreline fringed with vast mansions, expensive apartments, and yachts and boats. You will also be able to view the sidewalk cafés and chic boutiques of Double Bay, and the magnificent city skyline from Watson's Bay.

Next, you will proceed to Bondi, Australia's world-famous surfing beach, along with the delightful cafés and restaurants lining the main street. Afterward, you will venture back into the city via the narrow streets of Paddington, which are lined with picturesque terrace homes framed with iron-laced balconies, sandstone houses, designer boutiques, art galleries, and cafés.

Following your tour, you will return to the pier and ship.

PLEASE NOTE: *The order of the visits may vary. This tour is limited to one photo-stop; the remainder of the tour will be spent on the coach.*

Performance at Sydney Opera House • SYD-3902

Duration: 5 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



What better way to spend an evening in Sydney than to enjoy a performance at the Sydney Opera House.

Your evening begins with a luxury coach transfer to the Sydney Opera House with its, sail shaped roofline that has made it one of the most talked-about buildings in the world. With your performance program in hand, make your way to your seats in the theater for a memorable experience as part of an audience at this famous performing arts center.

The performance on February 12, 2009 will be *Cavalleria rusticana* and *Pagliacci*. Sung in Italian with subtitles. The opera will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will last approximately 2 hours and 55 minutes (including one 30-minute interval).

About the Production: It is Easter Sunday and trouble is brewing between two of the hot-blooded young turks in a small village in Sicily. Then, across the water in Reggio Calabria, a band of traveling players comes to town to perform a dramatic crime of passion. Mascagni's *Cavalleria rusticana* and Leoncavallo's *Pagliacci* are opera's ultimate double bill: two near-perfect examples of *verismo* opera. Forget gods and kings: these stories are about real life, real love, real tears, told in the evocative style of Italian *film noir* set to a score of some of the most beautiful music you will ever hear. Welsh lyric tenor Dennis O'Neill has made the role of Canio, the broken-hearted clown of *Pagliacci*, his own, while baritone Jonathan Summers brings impassioned intensity to the role of wronged Alfio in *Cavalleria rusticana*. These two vocal heroes appear in both operas, fighting for the love of Nicole Youl as Santuzza and Amelia Farrugia as Nedda. They are joined by a richly-talented cast including Jacqueline Dark and the engaging Jose' Carbo, with Andrea Licata conducting these passionate scores.

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SECURITY: Due to security policies there is restricted vehicle access to the Opera House, in particular for coaches. Special access for those with disabilities needs to be requested no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled performance date and is usually only allowed for private car transfer.

PLEASE NOTE: Dress code is semi-formal. There is a walk of approximately 300 yards from the vehicle drop off/pick up point to the front entrance of the Opera House. Depending on seating allocation, guests may need to negotiate up to 200 steps within the Opera House. There is a VERY LIMITED number of seats for wheelchair restricted guests and they will require assistance to get to and from their seat. There is an elevator available for wheelchairs, but with limited space and there may be a delay for use. Please advise of anyone requiring special arrangements for wheelchair seating, elevator access and walking difficulties well ahead of time so that requests can be made. Confirmation of special assist requests is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. Regent Seven Seas Cruises is holding a limited number of Premium seat tickets (centre of theater). Once pre-requested, this tour will be non-refundable. Dress code is semi-formal. It is advised that guests wear comfortable footwear as there is a walk and steps to be negotiated.

Sydney, the Opera House and Bondi • SYD-7237

Duration: 4 Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Explore the beauty and charm of Sydney during this half-day orientation tour of the city's most popular destinations.

Depart the pier in Sydney for an orientation drive through the city. Your tour begins at Sydney's oldest village, The Rocks. This historic enclave is nestled in the shadow of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and depicts the heritage of two centuries along its narrow twisting streets. You will view a splendid mix of Victorian-era buildings alongside modern-day structures. During your tour of the city center, you will see the magnificent Sydney Tower, Queen Victoria Building, Darling Harbour Complex, Chinatown and Mrs. Macquarie's Chair.

From here, you will drive east of the city to view the most sought-after residential areas in Sydney. From Darling Point to Watson's Bay, the shoreline is fringed by vast mansions and expensive apartments overlooking a flotilla of yachts and cruising boats moored along the harbor's edge. A brief stop will be made to take in the spectacular views at The Gap at Watson's Bay (weather permitting), the southern head of the entrance to Sydney Harbour. A brief photo stop will then be made at Bondi Beach, a world-renowned surfing haven featuring delightful cafés and restaurants along its main streets. Afterward, you

will return to the city via the narrow streets of Paddington, which are lined with picturesque terraces framed with iron-laced balconies, sandstone houses, designer boutiques, art galleries, and cafés.

Your tour will conclude with a visit to the Sydney Opera House, officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II on October 20, 1973, and one of Sydney's most famous landmarks. You will take a short guided tour of this imposing building, view its distinctive sail-like roof, and learn about its history, design and current uses. From here, you will be transferred back to the pier and ship.

PLEASE NOTE: The order of sites visited may vary. You will receive a souvenir Sydney booklet as a memento your trip. The Opera House has more than 200 steps throughout the venue. Due to new security restrictions, coaches are not permitted to enter at the Opera House; a walk of approximately 700 feet from the coach's pick-up and drop-off point will be required.

The Blue Mountains • SYD-3714

Duration: 8½ Hours

Transport: Air-Conditioned Coach



Discover the beauty and geological history of the Blue Mountains during this unforgettable tour of Sydney's awe-inspiring Grand Canyon of giant rock formations.

Depart the pier for the scenic drive to the Blue Mountains. Along the way, you will drive through the site of the 2000 Sydney Olympics at Homebush for an up-close perspective of the awesome main stadium, state-of-the-art swimming complex and other sporting arenas. You will then continue west through the outer-suburbs, and into the mountains. Here, you will see deep tree-studded valleys and cascading waterfalls before reaching the township of Katoomba.

Next, you will proceed to the Fairmont Resort (or a similar) for a relaxing lunch. After lunch, your sightseeing will continue with a ride on the Perpendicular Train; the world's steepest perpendicular railway, it plunges 700 feet into the valley. You will then disembark here for a brief walk before reaching another cable car that will return you to the top station. A visit will then be made to the Blue Mountains Lookout to see the Three Sisters, a world-famous rock formation. From here, you will enjoy panoramic distant views of the Jamieson Valley, Mount Solitary, Ruined Castle, Katoomba Falls, and the Burraborang Valley.

Following your visit, you will re-board your coach for the return drive to city.

PLEASE NOTE: This tour involves approximately 2 hours of walking. Due to the nature of getting on and off the Perpendicular Train, this tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or guests who utilize a wheelchair. The order of sites visited may vary. Lunch includes 2 glasses of house wine, local beer, soda, water, coffee, or tea.