

# Escorted New Zealand & Australia



**Holland America's Noordam**  
**Mar 9-28, 2020**  
**20 Days / 17 Nts**



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

Day 1/2 Fly to Auckland  
 Day 3 Arrive Auckland & Overnight  
 Day 4 Sightseeing Tour & Board Ship  
 Day 5 Tauranga (Rotorua), NZ  
 Day 6 Napier, NZ  
 Day 7 Wellington, NZ  
 Day 8 Picton, NZ  
 Day 9 Akaroa, NZ  
 Day 10 Port Chalmers (Dunedin), NZ

Day 11 Cruising Fjordland National Park, NZ  
 Day 12 / 13 Cruising  
 Day 14 Hobart, Tasmania, Australia  
 Day 15 Cruising  
 Day 16 Melbourne, Australia  
 Day 17 Cruising  
 Day 18 Sydney, Australia (2 Nts) Sightseeing  
 Day 19 Elegant Dinner Cruise  
 Day 20 Fly Home



**Day 1 & 2 Mar 9 & 10:** Deluxe motorcoach to Airport where your adventure begins with flights to **Auckland**. **Welcome to New Zealand!** You will be crossing the date line, so your arrival will be on **March 11th**.

**Day 3, March 11: Auckland, New Zealand.** Arrive Auckland and transfer to your hotel. You will have early access to your hotel room to relax and freshen up. Auckland is multi-cultural and cosmopolitan, with sizeable Polynesian, Asian & Maori populations enriching its history. Balance of day free to unwind or explore this beautiful city. **Overnight in Auckland.**

**Day 4, March 12: Auckland, New Zealand.** This morning enjoy an included **City Highlights tour** with a visit to the Sky Tower. Auckland is one of the few cities in the world to have harbors on two different bodies of water—The Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean. Your narrated tour takes you past many of the city's major points of interest. Drive through the downtown area and note the contrast in architectural styles—modern skyscrapers and restored Victorian buildings coexist in pleasant harmony. You'll also see the colonial-style shops that line the charming streets of Parnell Village—an exclusive shopping district. Continue the excursion to the famous Sky Tower. Take the elevator to the main observation deck for panoramic views over Auckland and the Hauraki Gulf. On a clear day, Great Barrier Island, some 60 miles away, can be seen. The Sky Tower is the tallest building in the southern hemisphere at 1,072. feet. Our tour will end at the Cruise Port and we board **Holland America's Noordam for our 14 Day cruise**. Unpack, explore your ship and meet your cruise staff. Bon Voyage!



**Day 5, March 13: Tauranga (Rotorua), New Zealand 8:00a-5:00p.** The curved shore line of the Bay of Plenty—known in Maori as Te Moana-a-Toi is home to incredible surfing, white-sand beaches and New Zealand's only active marine volcano. Tauranga, with 130,000 residents, is the largest city on The Bay of Plenty and fifth largest in New Zealand. The city offers visitors a number of water-focused activities, like sailing and kayaking, as well as drier alternatives such as shopping and people-watching at a café in the Historic Village. Visit nearby Te Puke, the kiwifruit capital of the world, as well as a wealth of Maori cultural sites. For the best views, take the gondola up to Skyline Rotorua, a recreation complex atop Mount Ngongotaha. Other optional day trips to consider are a boat ride through the incomparable glowworm caves of Waitomo or an unforgettable tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set in Matamata—a must for all Tolkien fans.



**Day 6, March 14: Napier, New Zealand 12:00p-4:00p.** The Southern Hemisphere's answer to Miami Beach—at least when it comes to Art Deco architecture—Napier has a perfect mix of natural and manmade beauty. The historic district, which was mostly constructed in the 1930's after a massive earthquake and subsequent fires destroyed the city in 1931, was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007. Surrounded by the rolling vineyards of the Hawke's Bay wine region and edged by pristine waters, Napier has attracted nature lovers and foodies from all over—drawn to this North Island city's scenic splendor and abundant wildlife.

**Day 7, March 15: Wellington, New Zealand 10:00a-11:00p.** New Zealand's cool little capital is located at the southern tip of the North Island, meaning it's blessed with a beautiful waterfront, fresh seafood and unpredictable weather. So famously tempestuous is Windy Welly that visitors quickly learn not to go outside with an umbrella and will spend more time than usual talking about the weather. Wellington is known for culture and cuisine. Learn about Maori history and Kiwiana at Te Papa, the national museum; go behind the scenes of the Lord of the Rings movies made in Wellywood; and wash down a plate of chilled bluff oysters with a crisp sauvignon blanc at a Cuba Street restaurant. They say you can't beat Wellington on a good day—but visitors will soon discover that even if it's wet and windy, it's always a good day to be in Wellington.

**Day 8, March 16: Picton, New Zealand 8:00a-3:00p.** The picturesque port town of Picton is your starting point for exploring the region of Marlborough. The seaside gateway with ferry service to the North Island connects the majestic maritime beauty known as Queen Charlotte Sound to the luscious wine country of Marlborough, heaven for sauvignon blanc lovers. There's something for everyone here—nearby wildlife sanctuaries, wineries, a 43 mile stretch of the extraordinary Queen Charlotte Track—New Zealand's greatest coastal cycleway— just spectacular!

**Day 9, March 17: Akaroa (Christchurch), New Zealand 7:00a-7:00p.** Sailing into the port of Akaroa is an awesome experience—green towering hills topped craggy rock from an extinct volcano—it's a sight to see that's for sure. Akaroa is a Maori word that means 'long harbour'. The town is a former French settlement which is evident everywhere—from the street names to the pretty painted cottages that are now galleries, shops and restaurants. Take an optional tour to a family farm and witness a sheep-shearing demonstration, or take a nature cruise of the harbor with a chance to spot Hector's Dolphin—the smallest oceanic dolphin in the world.



**Day 10, March 18: Port Chalmers (Dunedin), New Zealand, 8:00a-6:00p.** Where Akaroa feels French, the port of Dunedin is distinctly Scottish—named after the Scottish Gaelic name for Edinburgh. The landscape here is very dramatic—one of the example's is Dunedin has one of the world's steepest streets (Baldwin Street) and the volcanic remnants around the harbor make for an incredible backdrop. Numerous optional activities include the magnificent Dunedin Railway Station and Larnach Castle that have been restored to their full glory; the fascinating Toitu Otago Settlers Museum provides a glimpse into the lives of early residents; outside the city, the Otago Peninsula is lined with scenic beaches and home to rare birdlife like the royal albatross and yellow-eyed penguin.

**Day 11, March 19: Cruising Fjordland National Park.** Every year, visitors flock to New Zealand in search of landscapes straight out of Middle Earth. They find what they are looking for in Fjordland National Park, on the southwestern coast of the South Island. This stunning 12,000 square-kilometer park encompasses mountains, lakes, fjords and rainforests. This region has seen a notable lack of human activity—the steep peaks and wet landscape deterred all but the hardest people. Countless plant and animal species find a haven here. Among the park’s rare birds is the flightless Takahe, thought for decades to be extinct until it was spotted in the area in 1948. The natural wonders continue with seals, dolphins, and whales.

**Day 12 & 13, March 20 & 21: Cruising**—There’s no shortage of activities onboard during your two days at sea— attend a lecture, enjoy an exercise class, visit the Spa or just sit back and relax. Head to the Promenade Deck to stretch your legs, attend one of the activities in America’s Test Kitchen or take a tour of the ship’s art collection. The ship is yours to explore and enjoy!

**Day 14, March 22: Hobart, Tasmania, Australia 8:00a-11:00p.** Tasmania, once the butt of many jokes, is finally cool. The little Australian island is home to stunning landscapes, old-growth forests and exceptional local produce. Hobart houses one of the best museums of contemporary art, vibrant markets, and eclectic music festivals. The harbor is beautiful, set against the rugged Mount Wellington looming in the background.



**Day 15, March 23: Cruising**—enjoy your day at sea



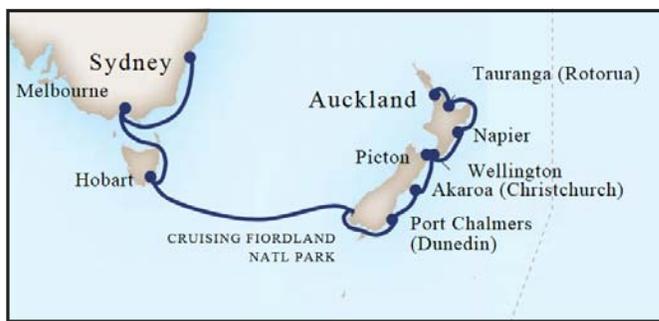
**Day 16, March 24: Melbourne, Australia 8:00a-6:30p.** Melbourne is consistently voted one of the world’s most livable cities—and for good reason—with cutting edge art and architecture, historic galleries, attractions and museums. Take an optional eco-tour out to the Australian bush to walk among the eucalyptus to spot the Koalas and spend time on the savannah grasslands and in the bush in the company of wild kangaroos, emus and many species of birds. Other optional tours include winery visits or penguin spotting at nearby Phillip Island. Wherever you go in and around Melbourne, you’ll be sure to understand why so many choose to call this beautiful corner of the world home.

**Day 17, March 25: Cruising**—enjoy your day at sea

**Day 18, March 26: Sydney, Australia—7:00a arrival.** Welcome to Sydney! We disembark our ship today and head out on an **included tour**. Travel back in time to Sydney’s oldest village—the Rocks. This historic enclave sits in the shadow of the dazzling Harbour Bridge. Traveling through central Sydney, watch for the Sydney Tower, the magnificent Queen Victoria Building, the modern Darling Harbour Complex, magical Chinatown and Mrs Macquarie’s Chair. The most sought-after residential areas in Sydney are Darling Point and Watson’s Bay. You’ll also stop at Bondi—the world-famous surfing beach where delightful cafés and restaurants line the main street. Our tour ends at the Sydney Hyatt Regency Hotel for our 2 night stay.

**Day 19, March 27: Sydney, Australia**—Free day to explore this amazing city with its idyllic lifestyle, friendly locals and drop-dead natural beauty. Tonight we top off this amazing journey with an **included elegant Dinner Cruise on Sydney Harbor**. The Captains Dinner Cruise is the signature a la carte experience. Cruise on the prestigious MV Sydney 2000 and enjoy quality a la carte dining, live music and dancing, all set to the spectacular backdrop of Sydney by night.

**Day 20, March 28:** Transfer to the airport for your flights home taking with you wonderful memories of a spectacular trip Down Under! Upon arrival back in the states, your deluxe motorcoach will return you to your pick up point.



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**Costs:**

Cat J	Inside Cabin	\$5999.pp twin
Cat D	Outside Cabin	\$6279.pp twin
Cat C	Outside cabin	\$6299.pp twin
Cat VD	Veranda cabin	\$6899.pp twin
Cat VC	Veranda cabin	\$6949.pp twin
Cat VB	Veranda cabin	\$6979.pp twin
Cat VA	Veranda cabin	\$6999.pp twin

Plus Taxes: \$275.pp

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

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

**Final Payment:** Nov 25, 2019

**Cancellation Penalty:** If cancelled after deposit and before Nov 25, 2019 fee of \$200.pp; Nov 26-Dec 20/19 fee of 50% of total fare; Dec 21/19-Jan 15/20 fee of 75% of total fare; No refunds after Jan 15, 2020. Air penalties may be additional depending on date of cancellation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**RESERVATION FORM**

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**Noordam**

**PASSENGER #1 NAME ON PASSPORT**

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSENGER #2 NAME ON PASSPORT**

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**CABIN CATEGORY: FIRST CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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