

Join **Helen Stubbings** on the Travelrite International

HAND STITCHING

AT SEA

ABOARD CELEBRITY EDGE

28 October to 9 November 2026

Sydney to Sydney

**Visiting Fiordland, Dunedin,
Akaroa, Rotorua, Auckland
and the Bay of Islands**

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Prepare to embark on a delightful journey of creativity with our cherished instructor, Helen Stubbings, the heart and hands behind Hugs 'n Kisses. For over two decades, Helen has been enchanting the global stitching community with her unique brand of sweet nostalgia and timeless elegance. Her signature style, evident in her extensive range of delicate stitchery, charming appliqué, and graceful quilt patterns, has graced the pages of countless magazines and brought joy to makers worldwide.

Beyond her much-loved patterns, Helen also brings her distinctive touch to beautiful fabric collections, kits, and innovative tools, all meticulously designed to make your creative process a pure delight. Known for her gentle guidance and inspiring approach, Helen cultivates a nurturing learning environment where every stitcher, from beginner to experienced, feels encouraged to explore. She generously shares her wealth of knowledge, clever techniques, and signature tips – often born from her own extensive experience and award-winning workmanship – transforming complex ideas into achievable projects.

Join Helen on this quilting cruise, and discover how her passion for creating beautiful things, infused with that special Hugs 'n Kisses magic, will inspire your own unique stitching story and help you craft treasured heirlooms. Get ready for an unforgettable experience filled with learning, laughter, and lovely stitches!

Great Cruise Inclusions:

- 13 days/12 nights on the luxurious Celebrity Edge
- Lessons – included in your package given by highly-regarded teacher Helen Stubbings
- Sightseeing tours of Dunedin, Christchurch, Tauranga Auckland, Bay of Islands
- Fully escorted by Travelrite International tour manager
- All meals on-board, taxes, port and handling and gratuities

DAY 1 Wednesday 28 October 2026 **Departure**

This afternoon board the Celebrity Edge on this fantastic Hand Stitching at Sea cruise to New Zealand. Be up on deck at 4.30pm as we cruise Sydney Harbour and out through Sydney Heads. Before dinner, we will enjoy a welcome drinks party to meet other members of the Hand Stitching at Sea and Helen, who will be inspiring us during our tour.

DAY 2 Thursday 29 October 2026 **Cruising Tasman Sea**

This morning and afternoon lessons will be offered by Helen.

DAY 3 Friday 30 October 2026 **Cruising Tasman Sea**

This morning and afternoon lessons will be offered by Helen.

DAY 4 Saturday 31 October 2026 **Fiordland National Park**

Today we cruise through some of the most spectacular scenery in New Zealand as we visit Milford Sound, Doubtful Sound and Dusky Sound. Fiordland National Park will be a highlight of the cruise, with spectacular scenery and fascinating wildlife. We will have classes available this afternoon. The projects will include a mix of simple relaxing stitchery,

turned edge applique (Helen's easy way) and English paper piecing. All portable to make a start in class and continue in spare time around the ship

DAY 5 Sunday 1 November 2026 **Dunedin**

We arrive in the city of Dunedin this morning. Originally founded by Scottish settlers and known as the "Edinburgh of the South", it now consists of beautifully preserved buildings overlooking parklands. We will visit the historic Jacobean-style Olveston House, containing a treasure trove of art and antiques, as we explore this attractive city. We continue with visit Stitch Witches, where there are a wide range of fabrics and accessories to suit quilters and sewers. This afternoon we visit New Zealand's 'castle' which overlooks the Otago Peninsular. Built from 1871, by William Larnach, merchant banker and politician, Larnach Castle showcases beautiful Victorian craftsmanship and antiques.

DAY 6 Monday 2 November 2026 **Akaroa**

Today we call in to Christchurch, we will drive to the gorgeous village of Akaroa. Originally founded by the French, it is now a delightful town, still retaining the ambience of France. We will have a sightseeing tour of the town. We continue with a visit to The Giants House, a historic house with original art works, terraced gardens filled with amazing sculptures and mosaics. This house was the first bank manager's house in Akaroa, built in 1880. We will return to the ship late afternoon.





Celebrity Edge Staterooms

Celebrity Edge has a range of high-quality staterooms that comfortably accommodate two people. Most of the staterooms feature a traditional balcony or a recent introduction, the Infinity Verandah. Infinity verandah's involve a reinforced glass wall that can be automatically partially lowered to form a glass veranda wall. There is also a small number of inside staterooms and staterooms with obstructed views. This innovative vessel showcases a striking exterior with the iconic "Magic Carpet," a floating platform that redefines onboard versatility. Culinary excellence takes centre stage with diverse dining options curated by renowned chefs. The ship offers a myriad of entertainment, from theatres to a Rooftop Garden, providing a harmonious balance of relaxation and excitement.

The benefit of the Hand Stitching cruise

About a third of people on the cruise travel alone. We will match people in twin-share cabins when available, saving you the single supplement. You won't be left alone; the Travelrite tour manager will be looking after you. There will be group activities almost every day.



DAY 7 Tuesday 3 November 2026 At Sea

This morning and afternoon we are offering classes or you might like to attend activities offered by the ship. We will enjoy a relaxing day at sea.



DAY 8 Wednesday 4 November 2026 Tauranga/Rotorua

This morning we arrive in Tauranga, a thriving commercial and business centre and a very busy port. Dominating the scene is the harbour and Mount Maunganui. We enjoy a sightseeing tour around Rotorua this morning, a small city on the shores of Lake Rotorua, where we explore the geothermal activity of geysers, boiling mud pools and steaming craters. We will see a geyser display, where boiling water shoots many metres into the air and the blue and green lakes named for their reflective qualities. We will visit Cottage Flair, an award winning shop in Rotorua. They supply books, magazines, fabrics, kits, haberdashery and patterns.

DAY 9 Thursday 5 November 2026 Auckland

Today we dock in Auckland, the largest city and commercial centre of New Zealand. Our morning tour takes in the main sights of Auckland city, including the Harbour Bridge, which spans the beautiful Waitemata Harbour. We visit Quilting and Beyond, which displays a large selection of kits, threads and fabrics with all the best brands at great prices.

DAY 10 Friday 6 November 2026 Bay of Islands

Our stop today is the spectacular Bay of Islands, one of the most historic areas in New Zealand dotted with 150 scenic islands. We will have a sightseeing tour to Waitangi, where the Treaty between settlers and Maori's was signed in 1840. In the afternoon we visit Country Dawn Quilting and Patchwork which displays a truly amazing collections of fabrics.



DAY 11 Saturday 7 November 2026 Cruising Tasman Sea

Today Helen will teach classes in the morning and afternoon, or you might like to enjoy some of the many activities available aboard the Celebrity Edge.

DAY 12 Sunday 8 November 2026 Cruising Tasman Sea

Today we will offer classes in the morning and afternoon, or you might like to enjoy some of the many activities available aboard the Celebrity Edge. This evening, we will enjoy a farewell drinks party.

DAY 13 Monday 9 November 2026 Disembarkation/Sydney

This morning, we arrive in Sydney. After breakfast we will disembark, and the cruise will conclude.

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Included in the price of the Hand Stitching at Sea cruise:

- Travel on the Celebrity Edge in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on the Celebrity Edge during the Hand Stitching at Sea cruise
- Leadership and workshops taught by Helen Stubbings. All tour members can attend the classes listed.
- Sightseeing tours of Dunedin, Akaroa, Tauranga, Auckland, Bay of Islands
- Port and handling charges, cruise taxes and gratuities on the Celebrity Edge
- Professional workshop manager and tour management by Travelrite International

Not included in the cruise price:

- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary will be quoted for separately
- Passport and visa fees
- Drinks on board
- Lunches when not on the ship

Per person in Australian Dollars

Early Booking Discount
enquire with our consultant

Cabin / Description		Deck	Twin -share	Single Fare	Twin -share	Single Fare
01	Deluxe Inside	7,8,9,10,11,12	\$ 6,790	\$ 9,990	\$ 6,590	\$ 9,590
P2	Deluxe Veranda	6,8,9	\$ 7,890	\$ 10,990	\$ 7,690	\$ 10,590
P1	Deluxe Veranda	7,8,9	\$ 7,990	\$ 11,190	\$ 7,790	\$ 10,790
E2	Prime with Infinite Veranda	7,8,9	\$ 8,590	\$ 12,390	\$ 7,990	\$ 11,190
E1	Prime Edge with Infinite Veranda	7,8,9	\$ 8,690	\$ 12,590	\$ 8,090	\$ 11,390
C2	Concierge Balcony	9,11,12	\$ 8,790	\$ 12,890	\$ 8,190	\$ 11,690
C1	Prime Concierge Balcony	11,12	\$ 8,890	\$ 12,990	\$ 8,290	\$ 11,790
Included port and handling charges			\$ 1,215	\$ 1,855	\$ 1,215	\$ 1,855
Included ship gratuities			\$ 290	\$ 290	\$ 290	\$ 290

Availability: All cabins are subject to availability.
Please call 1800 630 343 for fares and information on other cabin categories.

General Information and Booking Conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: TTravelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. Celebrity Edge is operated by Celebrity Cruises and the fly, cruise and tour arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Celebrity Cruises brochure. All passengers must complete the Celebrity Cruises online check-in on <https://www.celebritycruises.com/au/> as well as a Travelrite International booking form.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form for each main tour. As soon as the booking is confirmed, a confirmation advice will be emailed to the client. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 92 days prior to the commencement of the tour. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by credit card.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before the tour commences. Cancellations outside 92 days of departure will result in the loss of the deposit. Cancellations 91 days or less before departure will result in the loss of all monies paid.

REFUNDS: The tour is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport. If not an Australian passport holder, please check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover tour members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

BAGGAGE: Baggage is at owners' risk throughout the cruise.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The tour arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 92 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ATAS No. A10538) is the tour organiser. You engage Travelrite International to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Travelrite International acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between you and the various providers of accommodation, transportation and other services that comprise the tour. Travelrite may without reference to you provide or make available to you, or may as your agent engage any third party to provide or make available to you, any good or service which Travelrite reasonably believes is necessary for your benefit to maintain the tour itinerary, repatriate you or otherwise accommodate, transport or sustain you in circumstances in which the tour itinerary fails wholly or partly for any reason. You appoint Travelrite your attorney for this purpose. You agree to pay Travelrite any cost thereof and you indemnify Travelrite in respect of any cost it incurs in this regard. Travelrite advises you to obtain travel insurance generally including in respect of the risk that any such good or service may become required. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. Baggage is at owners' risk throughout the tour. The right is reserved to withdraw any tour arrangement and/or make such changes to the tour arrangements as may be found desirable or necessary



for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the tour. The passage contract in use by the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies or firms and the purchasers of these tours. The contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria and any legal action must be undertaken in the State of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of Celebrity Cruises passage contract, detailed on Celebrity Cruises website.

HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a non-refundable deposit of \$900 per person to:

**423 Whitehorse Road
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Further information can be obtained by telephoning

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Phone: (03) 8803 6868 or
Email: sales@travelrite.com.au
www.travelrite.com.au

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