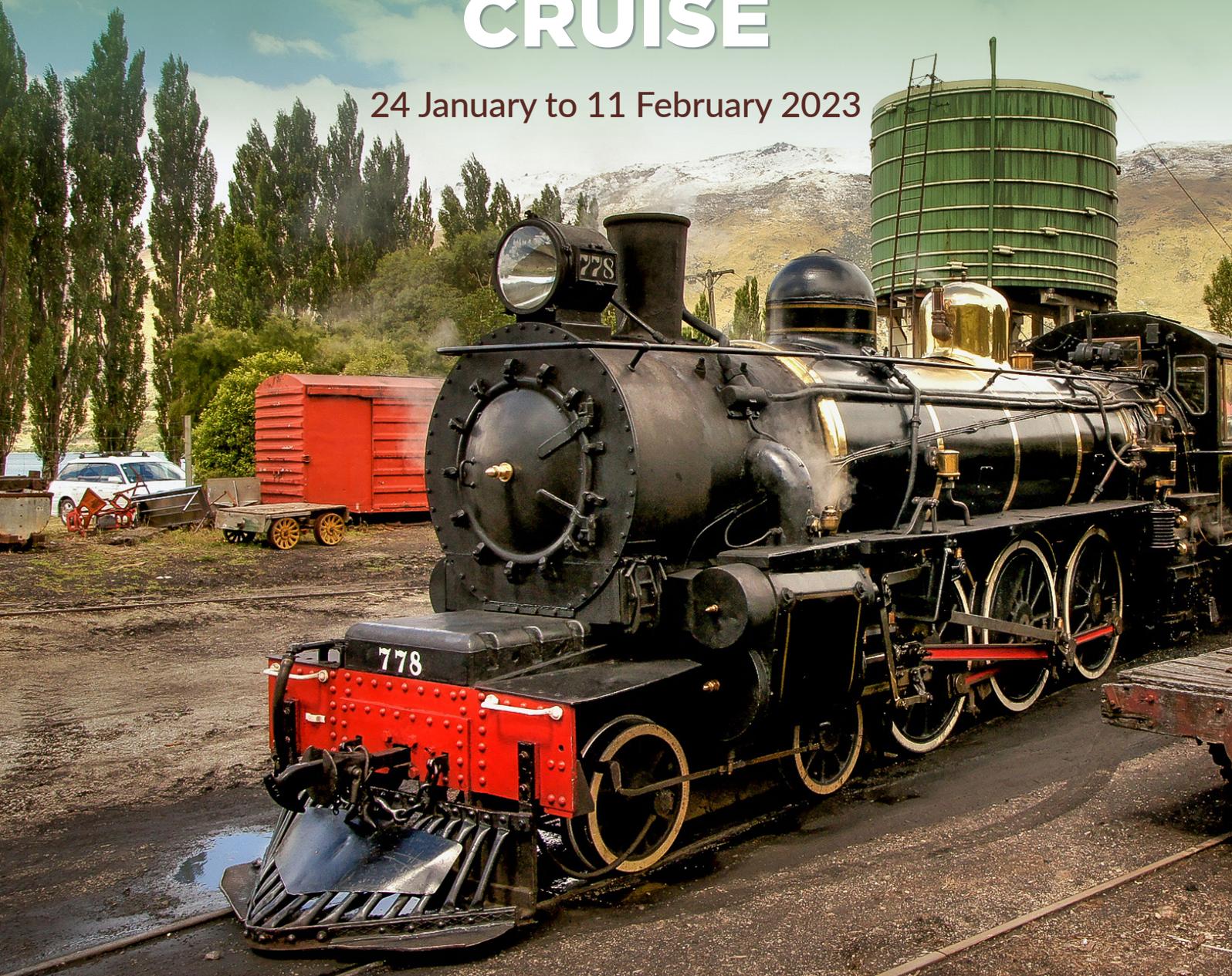


Travelrite International invites you to join us  
aboard Majestic Princess for the 2023

RAIL JOURNEYS OF

# AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND CRUISE

24 January to 11 February 2023



Auckland, Wellington, Picton, Christchurch, Bay of Islands, Rotorua,  
Dunedin and Fiordland National Park New Zealand; Hobart, Australia



# An experience of a lifetime!

An opportunity to cruise from New Zealand aboard Majestic Princess. Experience the thrill of travelling by rail on the Northern Explorer train from Auckland to Wellington, ride on the Coastal Pacific from Wellington to Christchurch and journey on the TranzAlpine from Christchurch through to Arthurs Pass National Park. Cruise around New Zealand and visit the spectacular beauty of Milford Sound. As well as enjoying local rail experiences at ports of call.

## **DAY 1** Tuesday 24 January, 2023 **Auckland, New Zealand**

Group members fly to Auckland, New Zealand, and upon arrival we transfer to our city hotel. The rest of the day will be at your leisure. This evening we have a welcome dinner so you can meet other passengers in the group.

## **DAY 2** Wednesday 25 January, 2023 **Auckland**

Today we travel to Waiuku to experience the golden era of "steam age" train travel at the Glenbrook Vintage Railway operating through picturesque rural countryside over 7.4 km of the former New Zealand Railways (NZR). The Glenbrook Vintage Railway owns and operates a number of historic and valuable heritage locomotives both steam and diesel, from the smallest locomotive, a 3 ton diesel shunter, to the giant 110 ton JA 1250 "Diana" steam locomotive. This afternoon we enjoy a sightseeing tour of gorgeous Auckland, the largest city and commercial centre of New Zealand. Our tour takes in the main sights of the city, including the Harbour Bridge, which spans the beautiful Waitemata Harbour.

## **DAY 3** Thursday 26 January, 2023 **Wellington**

This morning we board the Northern Explorer train for our journey to Wellington. The train service is a scenic rail journey through the five unique geographical regions of the North Island. We travel from Auckland through the volcanic plateau passing the majestic volcanoes of Mt Tongariro, Mt Ngauruhoe and Mt Ruapehu, the home of the North Island ski fields. We continue through the central heartland of the Northern Island to the farming landscapes and rocky sea scapes of the lower North Island passing stunning river gorges along the way. Upon arrival in Wellington, New Zealand's capital, we are transferred to our hotel.



## **DAY 4** Friday 27 January, 2023 **Christchurch**

This afternoon we transfer by ferry across Cook Strait from Wellington to Picton to board The Coastal Pacific train to Christchurch. Travelling via the beautiful Marlborough Sound with the famous wine growing region of Blenheim to Kaikoura, the home of whale watching. We continue past the rugged Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side of our train and the Pacific Ocean coastline on the other, with views of marine wildlife such as seals and penguins all from the comfort of our carriage to some of New Zealand's finest horticultural and farmland areas of the Canterbury Plains.



## **DAY 5** Saturday 28 January, 2023 **Christchurch**

On our excursion today we travel on one of the most scenic train journeys in New Zealand – the TranzAlpine Express Train. From Christchurch we cross the flat Canterbury Plains to the small community of Darfield. We continue through beautiful alpine scenery as we enter the Arthur's Pass National Park. Marvel at the alpine scenery as we sit back and enjoy the commentary.

## **DAY 6** Sunday 29 January, 2023 **Auckland/Embarkation**

This morning we fly from Christchurch to Auckland. In the afternoon we board the Majestic Princess for our cruise around New Zealand. Be up on deck as we cruise out of Auckland harbour.

## **DAY 7** Monday 30 January, 2023 **Bay of Islands**

Today we call into the far north of New Zealand and visit the spectacular Bay of Islands. We have a morning sightseeing tour and we visit Waitangi House, overlooking the Bay of Islands, where on February 6th, 1840, the Treaty of Waitangi was first signed between Maori natives and the British Crown. The Treaty House – built for the first British Resident, James Busby and his family is one of New Zealand's oldest and most visited historic homes. The afternoon is free.



Great fun and luxury cruising aboard

## Majestic Princess



The Majestic Princess, is a spectacular example of the next generation of innovative Princess ships. From the breathtaking Atrium & Piazza – over 50 per cent larger than other ships' atriums in the line and featuring exciting new eateries – to signature features like The SeaWalk, a dramatic glass-bottom walkway, which has been called one of the “Top Gee-Whiz Features at Sea”, you'll quickly come to love the many exciting dining and entertainment options available on this majestic ship. Majestic Princess offers a truly luxurious cruise experience.

### DAY 8 Tuesday 31 January, 2023

Tauranga/Rotorua

This morning we arrive in Tauranga, a harbourside city in the Bay of Plenty region on New Zealand's North Island. Today we will enjoy a magical rail experience. We first travel inland to Mamaku, past Lake Rotorua, and board our own self-drive Rail Cruiser to travel through the beautiful Dansey Road Scenic Reserve, on the steep 1:35 gradient railway between Mamaku and Tarukenga. We then see the famous geysers and volcanic activity of Rotorua.



Gorge, a narrow and deep gorge carved out over aeons by the ancient Taieri River. The train will stop or slow down at various scenic points along the way for photos where we can disembark and stretch our legs and enjoy the best of beauty, peace and quiet that nature has to offer.

### DAY 14 Monday 6 February, 2023

Fiordland National Park

Today we cruise through some of the most spectacular scenery in New Zealand as we visit Milford Sound followed by Doubtful and Dusky Sounds. The fiords will be a highlight of the cruise, with spectacular scenery and fascinating wildlife. Nothing can prepare you for the majesty of Milford Sound, star of Fiordlands National Park. New vistas mesmerise at each turn – towering Mitre Peak, rising 1692 metres above the Sound, plunging waterfalls, bottlenose and dusky dolphins, fur seals and Fiordland crested penguins are amongst this wonderland of outstanding natural beauty.



### DAY 9 Wednesday 1 February, 2023

At sea

A day at sea to explore and enjoy the fabulous facilities of the ship.

### DAY 10 Thursday 2 February, 2023

Wellington

Arriving in Wellington this morning, we travel to the suburb of Silverstream in the Hutt Valley, to visit the Silver Stream Railway. The beginnings of Silver Stream Railway were in 1967 when the Wellington branch of the New Zealand Railway and Locomotive Society (which changed its name to Silver Stream Railway Incorporated in 1983) began a collection of locomotives and rolling stock. Track laying on the old formation of the Hutt Valley Line did not begin until 1977. The collection of locomotives and rolling stock had previously been stored at a site by the Gracefield Branch in Seaview, and this was transferred to the present Silverstream site in 1984. The official opening of the full 1.5 kilometre track took place on 15 February 1986.

### DAY 11 Friday 3 February, 2023

Picton

This morning we arrive in Picton, located in one of the sunniest parts of New Zealand, the top of the South Island, it is a quaint port town nestled deep in the Marlborough Sounds. Our train journey today is on board the Marlborough Flyer, a WWI Memorial heritage steam train built in 1915. The hour-long Steam Train journey takes you up the challenging and steep elevation out of Picton (1-in-37 slope), through the Para Wetlands, across the Wairau River into the Wairau Valley and through a sea of vineyards into Blenheim.

### DAY 12 Saturday 4 February, 2023

Christchurch

We begin the day with a sightseeing tour of Christchurch with its very English feel. It is the largest city on the South Island of New Zealand. The city boasts modern architecture and historic buildings set against beautiful parks, gardens, rivers and beaches. We then drive to the nearby village of Akaroa. Originally founded by the French, it is now a delightful town, still retaining the ambience of France.

### DAY 13 Sunday 5 February, 2023

Dunedin

Our Dunedin train journey today is the Taieri Gorge Railway. Departing from Dunedin's beautiful railway station, our train begins its scenic journey into some of New Zealand's ever-changing, most spectacular and iconic scenery on its journey to Pukerangi, a peaceful outcrop out the other side of the Taieri Gorge. The train travels through the Southern parts of Dunedin city until it arrives at Wingatui junction, where it turns off onto the Taieri branch. From here the train sneaks across the Taieri Plains and climbs into the Taieri

### DAY 15 Tuesday 7 February, 2023

At sea

A day at sea to enjoy the fabulous facilities of the ship.

### DAY 16 Wednesday 8 February, 2023

At sea

A day at sea to enjoy the fabulous facilities of the ship.

### DAY 17 Thursday 9 February, 2023

Hobart

This morning we arrive in Hobart, the capital city of Tasmania. We are transferred to the airport for our flight to Strahan, on the west coast of Tasmania and board the West Coast Wilderness Railway. We journey deep into the heritage of the Tasmanian wilderness to discover the history and stories of the people and railway that turned the west coast of Tasmania into one of the wealthiest mining regions in the world.

### DAY 18 Friday 10 February, 2023

At sea

A day at sea to enjoy the fabulous facilities of the ship.

### DAY 19 Saturday 11 February, 2023

Sydney

This morning we dock in Sydney and the cruise concludes.



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## Price per person in Australian Dollars

### Included in the tour price:

- Travel on Majestic Princess in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on Majestic Princess
- Rail travel as listed in the itinerary
- Welcome Dinner
- 2 nights' 4 star accommodation including breakfast in Auckland
- 1 night's 4 star accommodation including breakfasts in Wellington
- 2 nights' 4 star accommodation including breakfasts in Christchurch
- International flights from Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney to Auckland. (A surcharge will apply from Adelaide and Perth). Domestic flight from Christchurch to Auckland
- Sightseeing tours as listed in the itinerary
- Entry to museums and attractions as detailed in itinerary
- Tour management by Travelrite International Pty Ltd

### Not included in the price:

- Passport and visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Meals unless specified in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary; these will be quoted for separately

Cabin	Description	Deck	Twin-share Price	Single Price
ID	Inside	10,11,12,14	\$ 6890	\$ 8690
IC	Inside	8,15,16	\$ 6990	\$ 8790
DW	Balcony (Obstructed)	8,15,16	\$ 7090	\$ 8890
BW	Balcony (Obstructed)	8	\$ 7190	\$ 8990
BF	Balcony	8,15,16	\$ 7790	\$ 10190
BD	Balcony	9,10,11,12,14	\$ 7890	\$ 10290
BC	Balcony	15,16	\$ 7990	\$ 10390
DF	Deluxe Balcony	8,15,16	\$ 8090	\$ 10590
BB	Balcony	9,10,11,12,14,15	\$ 8190	\$ 10690
DD	Deluxe Balcony	10,11,12,14	\$ 8290	\$ 10990
DC	Deluxe Balcony	15,16	\$ 8390	\$ 11190
DB	Deluxe Balcony	8,9,10,11,12	\$ 8490	\$ 11390
MF	Mini Suite	8,15,16	\$ 8590	\$ 11590
MC	Mini Suite	8,15,16	\$ 8690	\$ 11990
MB	Mini Suite	10,11,12,14,15	\$ 8790	\$ 12190
S5	Suite	9,10,11,12	\$ 10990	\$ 16590
Included port and handling charges and ship gratuities			\$ 710	\$ 1100
Included air taxes as at 1/11/2021			\$ 60	\$ 60

**Extending:** You can travel to New Zealand prior to the group for minimal extra cost. Please contact Travelrite 1800 630 343 for more information.

## 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 need of assistance from others.

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd, ATAS number A10538 (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour operator.

**TOUR COSTS:** The tour costs are based on general transport, accommodation costs and foreign exchange rate at 1/11/21. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 90 days of departure from Australia.

**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A deposit of \$900 per person for is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 90 days before departure for the tour. A 1.5% administration fee will be charged on payment by credit card.

**CANCELLATION CHARGES:** Cancellation over 90 days before tour departs will result in loss of deposit. Cancellation 90 days and under before tour departs will result in a loss of all monies paid.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

**MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS AND CONDITIONS:** The tour has been priced on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 90 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost. Travelrite reserves the right to change advertised entrances and/or substitute the tour host, if necessary for the smooth operation of the tour.

**REFUNDS:** The tour is based on arrangements that 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. Visas for countries visited are not required for Australian passport holders. If you hold another passport please check with Travelrite.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd. (ATAS No A10538) is the tour organiser. Travelrite acts only as an agent in the making of arrangements for hotels, transportation, restaurants or any other service

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International are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, which may include a booster shot to keep it current and valid.

**HOW TO BOOK:** Bookings can be made by sending full names and addresses of intending tour members with a deposit of \$900 per person for the tour. Please send to:

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