



# New Zealand Cruise

## Sydney to New Zealand round-trip aboard Royal Princess

**15 Days | 14 Nights | Friday 04 to Friday 18 December 2026**

Set sail from sparkling Sydney Harbour and voyage across the Tasman Sea aboard Royal Princess, a luxurious ship filled with dining delights, entertainment and peaceful sea views. Explore both islands of New Zealand, uncovering rich Māori culture, breathtaking natural beauty and charming towns steeped in history. From the peaceful Bay of Islands to Auckland's vibrant waterfront, Marlborough's rolling vineyards and Fiordland's dramatic scenery, this unforgettable cruise blends adventure with comfort and elegance.

### Highlights

- Sydney sail-away past the Opera House and Harbour Bridge at sunset
- Ancient Māori culture and island paradise at the Bay of Islands
- Auckland's harbours, volcanic landscapes and vibrant city life
- Marlborough wine region and spectacular coastal scenery from Picton
- English charm, riverside gardens and heritage beauty in Christchurch
- Dunedin's Scottish history, stunning coastline and charming architecture
- Majestic Fiordland Sounds and towering waterfalls of Milford Sound
- Exceptional entertainment, world-class dining and ocean serenity aboard Royal Princess

### Inclusions

- Pre/post transfers (ex Perth, Western Australia)
- 41 meals
- 14 nights' accommodation
- Cruise from/to Sydney, flights from/to Perth and hotel in Sydney
- Professional Villa Tour Leader
- A scheduled pre-departure meeting with your tour leader and fellow travellers

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Your holiday itinerary (ex Perth, Western Australia)

### **Day 1. Perth to Sydney (D)**

Your journey begins with a warm Villa welcome as we collect you from home and transfer you to the airport. On arrival in Sydney, enjoy a smooth transfer to your harbourside hotel. Settle in and relax after your flight, before gathering for a delicious dinner overlooking Darling Harbour, where city lights dance on the water.

1 night: Novotel Darling Harbour

### **Day 2. Sydney Embarkation (BLD)**

After breakfast, enjoy a leisurely morning stroll or coffee by the harbour before boarding Royal Princess. As you sail out past the Opera House and beneath the Harbour Bridge, watch Sydney's glittering skyline fade behind you. Sip champagne on deck as the ship glides through the Heads and into the open Pacific, your grand adventure has begun.

13 nights: Royal Princess Cruise Stateroom

### **Day 3. At Sea – Discover Your Ship (BLD)**

Today you can truly unwind. Explore the elegant piazza, relax by the pool with a book, or join a cooking demonstration. There is so much to enjoy on board, from live music and art auctions to afternoon tea served with ocean views. This evening, dine in one of the speciality restaurants before catching a Broadway-style show.

### **Day 4. At Sea – Pampering and Pleasures (BLD)**

Wake to the gentle rhythm of the sea. Perhaps start the day with a yoga session or a stroll along the deck before breakfast. Treat yourself to a spa treatment at the Lotus Spa or a refreshing pool swim. By evening, settle under the stars for an outdoor movie on the big screen, a signature Royal Princess experience.

### **Day 5. At Sea – Tastes and Tunes (BLD)**

Savour another relaxing day at sea. Indulge in fresh seafood or try a new dish from the international buffet. Browse the onboard boutiques, take part in a quiz, or simply watch the endless blue horizon from your private balcony. Tonight, enjoy live music in the atrium before a moonlit walk on deck.

### **Day 6. Bay of Islands, New Zealand (BLD)**

Step ashore into a slice of paradise. The Bay of Islands welcomes you with golden beaches, lush forests and a deep connection to Māori culture. Visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, wander through the historic seaside town of Russell, or take a cruise to see playful dolphins. Every corner of this region is alive with natural beauty and history.

### **Day 7. Auckland, New Zealand (BLD)**

Dock in Auckland, the "City of Sails", surrounded by sparkling harbours and volcanic hills. Explore the vibrant waterfront precincts, sample local cuisine at the markets, or visit the Auckland Museum for insight into New Zealand's heritage. For wine lovers, a ferry trip to Waiheke Island offers boutique vineyards and scenic views.

### **Day 8. At Sea – Across the Cook Strait (BLD)**

As Royal Princess cruises south, spend the day however you please, perhaps learning about New Zealand through an onboard lecture, joining a dance class, or simply admiring the endless expanse of blue. In the evening, share stories over dinner as the ship sails towards the South Island.

### **Day 9. Picton and Marlborough Sounds (BLD)**

Wake to emerald hills and turquoise inlets as you glide into Queen Charlotte Sound. From Picton, venture into the world-famous Marlborough wine region for tastings and garden visits. Discover charming Blenheim or enjoy a leisurely harbour stroll. This region's wines and scenery perfectly capture the spirit of New Zealand's South Island.

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### **Day 10. Lyttelton for Christchurch (BLD)**

Sail into Lyttelton Harbour, gateway to graceful Christchurch, the "Garden City". Ride along the Avon River, wander through Hagley Park and visit the Botanic Gardens, filled with roses in summer bloom. Enjoy the city's innovative architecture, rebuilt with creativity after the earthquakes and admire its proud English heritage before returning to the ship.

### **Day 11. Dunedin (Port Chalmers) (BLD)**

Today reveals Dunedin's proud Scottish heart. Discover elegant Victorian buildings, visit the striking railway station and explore Baldwin Street, the steepest in the world. Nature lovers may head to the Otago Peninsula to see royal albatross and sea lions. Dunedin's lively cafés and boutiques offer the perfect balance of heritage and charm.

### **Day 12. Fiordland National Park Scenic Cruising (BLD)**

A day of awe awaits as Royal Princess slips through the deep, glacial waters of Fiordland. Gaze up at sheer cliffs draped in mist and cascading waterfalls, framed by the peaks of the Southern Alps. Glide through the world-famous Milford Sound, home to seals, dolphins and pristine wilderness. It is an unforgettable highlight of your voyage.

### **Day 13. Tasman Sea – Relax and Reflect (BLD)**

After days of exploration, take time to rest and relive your adventures. Attend a wine pairing workshop, browse the onboard art gallery, or simply watch the ocean drift by. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner in one of the ship's grand dining rooms.

### **Day 14. Tasman Sea – Final Day at Sea (BLD)**

Your last full day aboard offers one more chance to indulge. Savour a leisurely breakfast, relax on deck, and perhaps treat yourself to high tea or a cocktail at sunset. Celebrate new friendships during a lively final show as the ship approaches the Australian coast.

### **Day 15. Sydney to Perth (B)**

Welcome back to Sydney Harbour, where your voyage began. Enjoy a final breakfast on board before disembarking and transferring to the airport for your flight home. Reflect on the extraordinary sights, sounds, and friendships made on this remarkable journey.

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**Depart and return to Sydney**

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**Cost per person (inc GST)**

Inside cabin twin share: \$5320  
Inside cabin single option: (add. cost) \$1610

Balcony cabin twin share: from \$5965  
Balcony cabin single option: (add. cost) \$2195

Deluxe balcony twin share: \$6120  
Deluxe balcony single option: (add. cost) \$2330

Mini suite twin share: \$6820  
Mini suite single option: (add. cost) \$2970

For more details, please contact our helpful Villa Staff.

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For travellers comfortable with full sightseeing days. Building on *Moderate* requirements, these tours feature more activities, extended periods of standing and walking and nature-based excursions. You must be able to walk confidently over uneven surfaces at a steady pace and negotiate busy transport terminals. Expect feature walks for up to 3 hours, and activities that may include small aircraft, vehicles, vessels and watercraft. Not suitable for travellers requiring walking aids or assistance from others.

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