



Festive New Zealand Seabourn Cruise

NEW ZEALAND

The Offer

Experience the magic of Christmas and welcome the New Year on a once-in-a-lifetime journey through Australia and New Zealand. Celebrate at sea in spectacular style with festive decorations, special menus, parties and more. Indulge in the extravagance of an all-inclusive cruise as you explore iconic ports brimming with history, culture and natural beauty.

Make your own way to Sydney, where you'll board Seabourn's luxurious Quest ship. Picture yourself indulging in complimentary caviar, savouring world-class dining and enjoying fine wine experiences. Admire ocean views from the Sun Terrace, be captivated by live entertainment at The Grand Dalon, learn something new at the Discover Centre and more. Sail south to the coastal town of Eden, where whaling history, gin distilleries and seafood restaurants await. Dock overnight in Melbourne, best known for its coffee culture and Victorian architecture.

Cross the Tasman Sea to New Zealand's South Island, heading deep within Fiordland National Park. Delight in a day of scenic cruising to admire mountain peaks, cascading waterfalls and native wildlife. Spend the day on Stewart Island to explore Rakiura National Park, look out for native

birds and more. Experience Scottish heritage in Dunedin, follow a street art trail in Christchurch and see the Parliament Buildings in Wellington. Hike up Mount Maunganui in laidback Tauranga before disembarking in Auckland. With a day at leisure, you could see the iconic Sky Tower, take a day trip to Waiheke Island or visit the Auckland Art Gallery.

Take a luxurious break with a one-way international flight, an elegant 15-night cruise, 5-star hotel accommodation, 44 meals, unlimited beverages onboard and more.

Want more? Upgrade to a Veranda Suite and Stay Behind in Auckland, New Zealand.

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The Itinerary

Day 1 Sydney, Australia - Embark 15-Night Seabourn Cruise

Departs: 16:00

Today, make your own way to Sydney Cruise Terminal to board Seabourn Quest.

After check-in, you can spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Seabourn's 'Seabourn Quest'

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2 Eden, New South Wales

Arrives: 09:00

Departs 18:00

Known for the migrating whales that cruise through its waters between May and November, Eden sits in New South Wales's scenic Twofold Bay. While the whales are now protected and cherished here, the town was initially founded as a whaling centre and has many fascinating stories to tell. Namely, a unique symbiotic relationship with killer whales. Rewarded with the tongues of freshly caught whales, orcas would help to round up baleen whales in the bay, making it easy for humans to land them. This mutually beneficial exchange came to be known as "The Law of the Tongue". Find out more about it, and the area's whaling past, at Eden Killer Whale Museum.

Head to Ben Boyd National Park for bird watching and to see the arches of soaring rock formations rising beside fire-red cliffs. View the glorious coastal scenery of frothing aqua-seas and rugged headlands, from the viewing deck on top of Boyd's Tower. Initially devised as a lighthouse, it would later be used as a lookout to spot whales breaching the bay's waters. Travel to the

verdant promontory of Green Cape Lighthouse. Jutting out into the South Pacific Ocean, the pearly-white lighthouse caps crumbling cliffs and offers sweeping views of the jagged cliffs and wave-thrashed rocks. The wrecks that lie offshore attest to the respect these sometimes-punishing waves demand.

Overnight: Seabourn's 'Seabourn Quest'

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 3 Cruising

Life aboard Seabourn Quest is all about effortless luxury and refined comfort. Each day flows at your own pace whether you start with coffee on your private veranda or a quiet breakfast overlooking the sea. The ship's intimate atmosphere makes it easy to unwind with inviting lounges, gourmet dining and attentive service at every turn. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon by the pool, attend a wine tasting or simply watch the waves go by. Evenings are elegantly relaxed with fine cuisine, live entertainment, and a chance to connect with fellow travellers under the stars.

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Day 4 Melbourne, Victoria (Overnight)

Arrives: 08:00

Hailed as Australia's cultural capital, Melbourne emanates a unique charm with its eclectic mix of art, fashion and gastronomy. The city's vibrant centre is always alive with events, top-tier dining and exclusive shopping experiences. It's a melting pot of cultures and a haven for gourmands, offering excellent food. There's something for everyone from modern Australian cuisine to delightful Asian fusion fare, and cozy cafes serving the finest coffee you've ever tasted.

Whether you're lingering in the city's labyrinth of laneways covered in awe-inspiring street art or sampling gourmet local cuisine along the Yarra River, every moment in Melbourne is a moment of delight.

Overnight: Seabourn's 'Seabourn Quest'
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 5 Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Departs: 14:00

Enjoy another morning in this incredible city. Just a short walk away from the port is Bay and Beach Street which you'll find lined with cafes, boutiques and restaurants. Meanwhile, Lagoon Pier and Sandridge lookout provide scenic views and peaceful strolls.

Overnight: Seabourn's 'Seabourn Quest'
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 6 Cruising

A typical day aboard Seabourn Quest offers a seamless blend of elegance and ease. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast on deck followed by a morning spent lounging by the pool or attending a culinary demonstration. The afternoon invites quiet moments with a good book, a stroll around the ship or simply soaking in the ocean views. As the sun sets, the evening unfolds with fine dining, live music and cocktails under the stars.

Overnight: Seabourn's 'Seabourn Quest'
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 7 Cruising

This is your chance to engaging lectures, cooking demonstrations and friendly trivia competitions. Alternatively, you can simply unwind with live music and evening shows. For those seeking movement, the fitness centre and walking deck provide space to stay active. Social areas like the card room and lounges encourage connection with other travellers.

Overnight: Seabourn's 'Seabourn Quest'
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 8 Cruising

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Day 9 Cruising Fiordland National Park, New Zealand

Located on the southwest corner of the South Island, New Zealand's Fiordland National Park is the largest of the country's 14 national parks.

The park was founded in 1952 to protect the natural environment for nature lovers and trekkers. It comprises a large portion of Te Wahipounamu UNESCO World Heritage Site. The key features of the park are the mountain ranges of the Southern Alps which rise to heights over 2,500 metres.

There are three major fjords that are navigable by larger ships including Milford Sound, Doubtful Sound and Dusky Sound. Your captain will determine your exact itinerary depending on the weather and other conditions on the day. But whatever course you sail, you'll be treated to spectacular waterways curving between sheer cliffs towering thousands of feet above the mirrored surface of the fjord. Depending on recent rainfall, waterfalls tumble down the rock faces from above. Many of the peaks have nicknames based on their resemblance to animals or other objects of previous observers' imaginations. You are also likely to see seals, Fiordland penguins, bottlenose dolphins and more.

Please note: Scenic cruising timing is subject to weather conditions.

Overnight: Seabourn's 'Seabourn Quest'

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 10 Oban, Stewart Island, New Zealand

Tender Arrives: 08:00

Tender Departs: 18:00

Stewart Island overflows with opportunities to get up close to New Zealand's untouched landscapes, rich Māori heritage and unique birdlife. Lush forests, rare flora and fauna, golden beaches and rugged coastlines provide a diverse ecosystem oasis for nature enthusiasts.

Oban serves as the gateway to Rakiura National Park where visitors can embark on bird-watching expeditions and scenic walks. It also holds a significant place in New Zealand's history, reflecting both Māori and European influences. Visitors can explore the local museums to delve into the island's past, gaining insights into the Māori heritage and the European settlers who once called Stewart Island home.

Stewart Island is a must-visit for wildlife lovers and bird watchers, offering opportunities to witness a variety of bird species, including the iconic kiwi bird. The island's coastal waters are also frequented by seals, sea lions and dolphins.

Please note: This port is accessed by tender boats. Boarding and disembarking tender boats may involve steps and uneven surfaces. While cruise lines strive to provide ease of access, accessibility options can vary at different tender ports. Passengers with mobility concerns are encouraged to inquire about specific arrangements and consider their individual needs when participating in tendering activities.

Overnight: Seabourn's 'Seabourn Quest'

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 11 Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand

Arrives: 07:00

Departs: 17:00

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Heading the Otago Harbour, Dunedin is a cosmopolitan city of cultural and architectural splendour with a distinctly tartan flare. Settled by the Scots in 1848, the romantically misty valleys and moody landscapes continue to capture the hearts of visitors to these distant shores. Searing bagpipes echo down the streets of the Edinburgh of the South, which wears its Scottish origins proudly. Gothic revival architecture is scattered liberally, including the magnificent university and the city's grand cathedral.

The railway station is perhaps the pick of this city's many artistic structures. Its glowing gardens and pretty mosaics add extra detail to the elegant, gingerbread building. It's also the perfect jumping-off point for romantic rail adventures along the coastline. Museums in the city tell of Chinese influences, as well as the stories of early Māori settlers.

The melodramatic coastline of the Otago Peninsula boasts dramatic cliffs and sea-sprayed beaches, as well as an abundance of animals. Explore cliffs laced with tunnels and hidden walkways, potentially getting you up close with yellow-eyed penguins. Sea lions and seals also sprawl out on windswept beaches, drifting in and out of indulgent dozes.

Overnight: Seabourn's 'Seabourn Quest'
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 12 Christchurch (Lyttelton), New Zealand
Arrives: 08:00

Departs: 17:00

Christchurch has an unmistakable English flavour, serving as the gateway to southern New Zealand's natural wonders.

The rebuild of the country's oldest city continues, following the earthquakes that devastated it in 2011. The South Island's biggest city is now blossoming, having evolved into a confident and cultural powerhouse. Colourful street art adds an edge to the city while new bars and restaurants contribute to the sense of revitalisation and renewal. Visit museums and take tours to learn more about the reconstruction, which has made incredible progress in recent years.

Surrounded by extinct volcanoes, soaring lakes and the rolling farmlands of the Canterbury Plains, spectacular scenery sprawls around the city. Pay a visit to the Southern Alps' snow-covered peaks, the stunning hot pools of Hanmer Springs or Hector's dolphins who swim at Akaroa.

As a city that's faced immense challenges over the decade, it's hard not to feel inspired by Christchurch's defiant character and friendly locals who share an open and welcoming outlook that shines stronger than ever.

Overnight: Seabourn's 'Seabourn Quest'
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 13 Wellington, New Zealand
Arrives: 08:00

Departs: 18:00

Sprawling around a hook-shaped peninsula, Wellington is a vibrant and energetic seaside capital. New Zealand's capital is a bright and breezy place with an easy-going atmosphere. Known as a creative hub of the South Pacific, there are shows to see, art installations to enjoy and rich flavours to savour here. Various museums cover everything from Māori traditions to earthquake



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simulations and even the real-life Kraken, a displayed colossal squid. The smell of a fresh artisan espresso is never far away so stop in at countless cool cafes to top up your caffeine levels.

The sounds of rare and beautiful birdlife fill the hills around the city, while the green belt bush provides an easy-to-access sanctuary for strolls and cycle rides. The Botanical Gardens break up the buildings and the iconic red cable car rumbles up Wellington's slope to the city's best viewpoint.

Overnight: Seabourn's 'Seabourn Quest'
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 14 Cruising

Overnight: Seabourn's 'Seabourn Quest'
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 15 Tauranga (Rotorua), New Zealand
Arrives: 08:00

Departs: 16:15 (subject to tidal conditions)

Did you know that the majority of kiwifruit produced in New Zealand is shipped from Tauranga?

It also serves as the gateway to the Rotorua Thermal Area, approximately 63 kilometres away. It's a picturesque region of towering geysers, bubbling mud pots, steam vents and other volcanic phenomena. Adjacent to the thermal area is a large Māori Cultural Centre where traditional arts and cultural practices are taught and maintained. It's an excellent place to

shop for a distinctive carved wooden, woven souvenirs or pieces of handcrafted jewellery. Approximately 146 kilometres from Tauranga is also the famous Waitomo glow-worm caverns.

Overnight: Seabourn's 'Seabourn Quest'
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 16 Disembark Auckland, New Zealand
Arrives: 06:30

After breakfast this morning, it's time to disembark the stunning Seabourn Quest and enjoy your 2-night city stopover in Auckland. After luggage collection, make your own way to your hotel. Once you've checked in, spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: QT Auckland, Auckland NZ or similar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 Free Day Auckland, New Zealand

Enjoy a free day in Auckland, sightseeing natural beauty and urban charm. Visitors can explore the iconic Sky Tower for panoramic views, stroll along the vibrant Viaduct Harbour or relax at the scenic Auckland Domain. The city's diverse culture is reflected in its bustling markets, art galleries and cafes. With nearby volcanic cones like Mount Eden and coastal gems such as Mission Bay, Auckland is a captivating destination for every traveller.

Overnight: QT Auckland, Auckland NZ or similar
Meals included: None





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Day 18 Auckland, New Zealand - Australia

After check out this morning, you'll be transferred to Auckland airport for your homeward-bound flight.

Meals included: None



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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sail close to home onboard the stunning Seabourn Quest
- Delight in all-inclusive ultra-luxury cruising
- Take an incredible 15-night voyage of Australia and New Zealand
- Enjoy the ship's award-winning dining venues, comparable to fine restaurants
- Celebrate Christmas onboard with festive decorations, shows and culinary offerings
- Bring in the New Year with Seabourn's special menus, parties and midnight countdown
- Enjoy an extended overnight stay in cosmopolitan Melbourne
- Cruise through the stunning fjords and sounds of Fiordland National Park
- Discover the beaches, hikes and Māori culture in Tauranga
- Make your way to the thermal area of Rotorua from Tauranga
- Look out for seals, Fiordland penguins, bottlenose dolphins and whales
- Enjoy complimentary premium spirits and fine wines, available onboard at all times
- Enjoy your complimentary in-suite bar stocked with your preferences
- Take advantage of a 2-night city stopover in Auckland

FLIGHTS

- One way international full-service flight (economy class), surcharges may apply

CRUISE

- Enjoy 15 nights onboard the stunning Seabourn Quest
- Tipping is neither required or expected
- Unlimited premium spirits and wines on board at all times
- All dining venues are complimentary so you can dine where, when and with whom you wish
- Welcome champagne and complimentary in-suite bar stocked with your preferences
- Complimentary caviar, an extra indulgence offered throughout your voyage
- Complimentary entertainment experiences, offering a variety of shows and live music
- World-class dining and culinary experiences that rival the finest restaurants anywhere
- Complimentary Wi-Fi package with unlimited minutes powered by SpaceX's Starlink

ACCOMMODATION

- 2 nights of 5-star hotel accommodation in Auckland, New Zealand

DINING

- 44 meals including all while cruising

ESSENTIALS

- Port charges and taxes
- Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles



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TRANSFERS

Day 18: Hotel to airport

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Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

Cancellation & Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent ;**

TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

- **each booking is unique ;** our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.

- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible ;** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.

- **Travel Offers are a package ;** our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.

- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable ;** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please [click here](#).

General Terms & Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our [Terms & Conditions](#), [Privacy Policy](#) and [Cancellation Policy](#).

Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on the 20th December 2025.

This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single

supplement applies.

- V1 Veranda Suite: \$11,000
- V2 Veranda Suite: \$11,500
- V3 Veranda Suite: \$12,500
- V4 Veranda Suite: \$13,500

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 1 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 21 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Flights

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide or *Perth

Departure City Surcharges

- Brisbane: \$100 per person
- Adelaide: \$100 per person
- Perth: \$200 per person

International Full-Service Flight(s)

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Preferred Airline Surcharge

Not available

Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options

Arrive Early

Not available

Stay Behind

Auckland, New Zealand - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

Important Information

- *This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.*
- *Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies.*
- *Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.*
- *A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.*
- *You can arrive early, up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or stay behind until 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to arrive earlier or stay behind for more than 60 days, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.*
- *High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:*

15th September 2025 - 12th October 2025

1st December 2025 - 31st January 2026
3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026

Stopover Packages

Not available.

Flight Class Upgrades

Business or Premium Economy Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- *Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed, subject to aircraft configuration.*

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason,

please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Cruise

Seabourn Quest

Embark on an unparalleled journey aboard the 'Seabourn Quest', where every moment is meticulously crafted to exceed expectations. With a crew-to-guest ratio of 1:1.3, indulge in unrivalled service tailored to your every need. Delight your palate at dining venues like The Colonnade, offering lavish buffets and bistro-style dinners inspired by Chef Keller, or Earth and Ocean, serving fresh, inventive dishes under the stars. Savour the perfect blend of authenticity and culinary expertise at Sushi, and unwind at the Sky Bar with tropical beverages by day and cocktails under the stars by night. Engage in various activities onboard, from leisurely games at the Card Room to invigorating workouts at the Fitness Center. Relax and enjoy panoramic views at the Observation Bar or soak up the sun at the Pool deck, complete with whirlpools for ultimate relaxation. Immerse yourself in enriching experiences at the Discovery Center and Seabourn Square, where fascinating conversations with guest experts await. With Seabourn, the possibilities are endless, ensuring each day is filled with unforgettable moments of luxury and discovery.

Onboard Currency

\$ USD

Cabins/Staterooms

- V1 Veranda Suite (Located on Deck 5)
- V2 Veranda Suite (Located on Decks 6-8)
- V3 Veranda Suite (Located on Deck 6)
- V4 Veranda Suite (Located on Decks 7-10)

All Veranda Suites feature a full-length window and glass door to a private veranda, comfortable living area, queen-size bed or two twin beds, dining table for two, walk-in closet, interactive flat-screen television with music and movies, fully stocked bar and refrigerator, makeup vanity, spacious bathroom with separate

tub and shower.

Please note: All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.

Cruise Arrival & Departure Times

Please keep in mind that the provided cruise arrival and departure times are an approximate and will be finalised upon receipt of your cruise tickets.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used

5-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Auckland, New Zealand: QT Auckland

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

Please note:

- *Some tours or shore excursions require minimum numbers to operate.*

Important Information

- *Shore excursions can be booked/reserved directly with the cruise line before travel (subject to availability)*
- *Shore excursions can also be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability).*
- *Shore excursion programmes and itineraries may vary depending on local conditions and/or any unforeseen events concerning the timing on the day of the tour. Some excursions are very popular, and therefore availability cannot always be guaranteed, it is advisable to book in advance to avoid disappointment.*

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation

Gratuities/tipping

Land

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

Cruise

Tipping is neither expected nor required on your Seabourn cruise.

Other Important Information

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert

who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Sydney

In December, Sydney enjoys warm and sunny summer weather, making it a prime time for beach outings and outdoor events. Daytime temperatures typically range from 22°C to 30°C, though they can occasionally rise higher during heatwaves. Nights remain mild and comfortable, usually between 18°C and 22°C. The city receives moderate rainfall, often in the form of short, sudden showers or summer storms, but these are usually brief and followed by clear skies. With long daylight hours, warm ocean temperatures, and plenty of sunshine, it's an ideal season for enjoying Sydney's iconic beaches, harbours, and festive atmosphere.

Melbourne

In December, Melbourne experiences warm summer weather with some variability. December sees average daytime highs around 24°C and nighttime lows near 13°C, accompanied by moderate rainfall averaging 63 mm over approximately 9 days. However, Melbourne's weather can be unpredictable, occasionally bringing sudden changes, including heatwaves or cooler spells. Overall, this period is ideal for enjoying the city's outdoor attractions, festivals, and coastal activities.

New Zealand

In December and January, both the North and South Islands of New Zealand enjoy warm, sunny summer weather, making it one of the best times to visit. On the North Island, cities like Auckland and Wellington typically experience daytime temperatures between 20°C and 26°C, with mild nights around 14°C to 17°C. Rainfall is moderate but often comes in short bursts, and the days are generally long and sunny—perfect for beaches, hiking, and water activities.

The South Island is slightly cooler, especially in places like Queenstown and Christchurch, with daytime highs ranging from 18°C to 25°C, and cooler nights between 10°C and 14°C. The weather is mostly dry and clear, although occasional showers can occur. The scenery is at its peak, with lush greenery, full lakes, and ideal conditions for exploring mountains and fjords.

Overall, both islands offer stunning landscapes and pleasant weather, ideal for outdoor adventures and scenic travel during these summer months.

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/

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or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

CRUISE

Embarkation/Disembarkation

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

Please note: Strict Covid-19 terms may also apply regarding proof of insurance covering Covid-19 and/or vaccination. Please refer to the cruise lines' terms and conditions for further information before boarding.

Cruise Loyalty Discounts

Please note: Travellers must contact the cruise line directly upon receiving their travel documents in order to request any membership benefits they may be entitled to.

COACH TOUR

Meals

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

A relaxed level of fitness will be required. Expect a comfortable pace of touring with a focus on leisure time and gentle activity. This may include city tours, the ability to walk up and down small flights of stairs and gentle slopes. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance.

Please note:

- *Some areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, with personal walking sticks and other aids required should they be needed. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.*
- *It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.*
- *If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

Yellow Fever

A valid international certificate of

vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate upon arrival. You must check with your doctor well before leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

Sightseeing

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#) regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

New Zealand

Mandatory Traveller Declaration

All travellers to New Zealand are required to complete a traveller declaration 24 hours prior to arrival in New Zealand. The traveller declaration can be completed [here](#). Australian passport holders are visa-exempt for an unlimited stay. The traveller must hold a valid passport on arrival.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*

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- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance>

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/ accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.