

# The Offer

Embark on a 33-night voyage with Holland America, sailing from Sydney, Australia to explore the dramatic fjords of New Zealand and the sun-kissed shores of French Polynesia. Discover the beauty of the remote Marquesas Islands and the magic of the open sea before arriving in San Diego, USA.

Your adventure begins with a day at leisure in Sydney before boarding Holland America's Zaandam ship. Sail to New Zealand and discover Milford Sound's cascading waterfalls as you sail by the towering peaks of Fiordland National Park. Next, the charming ports of Dunedin, Timaru, Wellington and Auckland reveal New Zealand's rich history and natural beauty. Tauranga on the beautiful Bay of Plenty opens the door to Rotorua and a cultural Maori immersion awaits in Waitangi's Bay of Islands.

As you sail towards the sun-drenched shores of Tonga, experience a classic cruising experience. Designed for explorers at heart, Zaandam offers the perfect balance of relaxation and adventure, with spacious accommodation, exceptional dining, live entertainment and more.

Cruise into the heart of French Polynesia's azure lagoons, lush mountain peaks and coral-fringed atolls. Step onto Tahiti's paradise shores, explore Moorea's emerald valleys and discover Raiatea's sacred legends. Revel in Bora Bora's picture-perfect island landscapes, where palm trees sway above white sand beaches and colourful reefs make for the idyllic escape. Play among the pale pink sands and warm tropical seas of Fakarava, a pristine UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, before cruising to the raw volcanic beauty of the Marquesas Islands.

Along the way, tick time travel off your bucket list when you cross the International Date Line and join in the fun of ancient naval traditions as you sail across the Equator. On arrival in San Diego, USA, disembark, with time to explore California's coastal charm at leisure before your flight home.

Book your next adventure, including a one-way international full-service flight & (where applicable) internal flights to Sydney to begin your cruise, 33-night cruise, 2 nights of 4-star accommodation, 95 meals while cruising.

Want more? Upgrade your experience with cabin upgrade or Stay Behind options available.

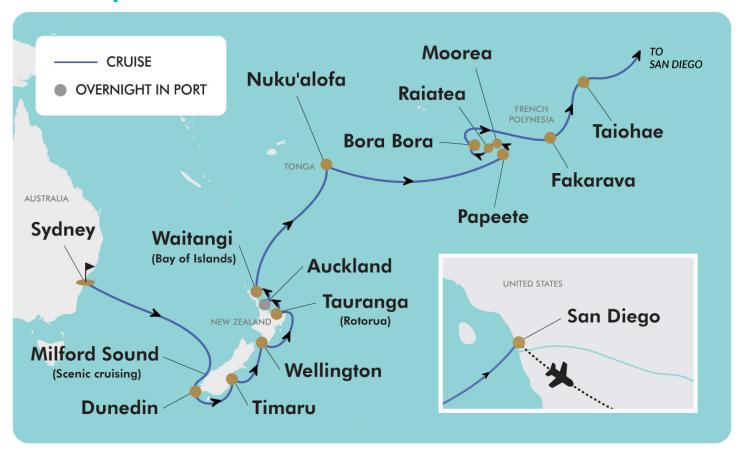
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# The Itinerary

# Day 1 Begin 33-night South Pacific Grand Voyage - Sydney, Australia

**Embarkation - Overnight** 

Today you begin your 33-night Grand Voyage to San Diego!

If Sydney is your starting location, please make your own way to the cruise terminal in time for the check in process.

If you have selected another departure city, please make your own way to the airport for your flight to Sydney. Upon arrival in Sydney, make your own way to the cruise terminal in time for check in.

Please note: Your ship docks in Sydney overnight

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2 Sydney, Australia

Overnight - Depart: 17:00

Enjoy a day at leisure in Sydney. The famed harbour is among the top sights - home to twin icons the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge, it is the stepping-off point for some of the city's best cultural attractions and sightseeing.

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### **Day 3 Cruising**

Enjoy a day at sea aboard the elegant Zaandam ship as you cruise towards your next destination.

The onboard décor is inspired by music and features musical instruments including signed guitars from Queen, Iggy Pop, Eric Clapton and the Rolling Stones and a Baroque-style pipe organ. While on board, rejuvenate with a spa treatment in the serene Greenhouse Spa & Salon® (charges apply), indulge in a tantalising meal at one of the onboard restaurants or play a friendly game of pickleball at sea. Enjoy world class entertainment at the World Stage theatre, head to B.B. King's Blues Club, see live music at the Rolling Stone Lounge and more.

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### **Day 4 Cruising**

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

# Day 5 Milford Sound, New Zealand (Scenic Cruising)

Milford Sound, or Piopiotahi (its Maori name), sits on the west coast of New Zealand's South Island and was first called the Eighth Wonder of the World by none other than Rudyard Kipling, who had seen some pretty wonderful places. As you sail up the 15-kilometre-long sound, with soaring snow-topped peaks looming above - the tallest reaches an altitude of 1,517 metres - you'll understand Kipling's enthusiasm.

Although it is called a sound, it is technically a fjord - a narrow inlet created by glacial erosion over thousands of years. While its geological history is long, its human history is not. It is believed

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that the Maori first explored the sound, and the rest of the area that is now part of Fiordland National Park, around 1,000 years ago. Captain Cook followed up with his exploration in 1770.

The land remains pristine when Fiordland National Park, New Zealand's largest national park, was established in 1952. While many walking trails cross the park, the most breathtaking views are arguably those from the water, with the sheer rock faces looming above your ship as you sail through this majestic landscape.

Continue your day scenic cruising Fiordland National Park, on the southwestern coast of the South Island. This stunning 12,000-square-kilometre park encompasses mountains, lakes, fiords and rain forests.

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 6 Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand

Arrive: 07:00 - Depart: 18:00

Much of New Zealand feels like England, by way of Polynesia. There are a few exceptions, though, such as the town of Akaroa, a former French settlement, or the distinctly Scottish city of Dunedin, named after the Scottish Gaelic name for Edinburgh. After Dunedin was founded in 1848, city surveyor Charles Kettle attempted to impose Edinburgh's New Town grid plan on the growing city. But the Otago Peninsula's hilly landscape proved challenging as Dunedin has one of the world's steepest streets (Baldwin Street). The volcanic remnants around the harbour make for a dramatic backdrop.

Dunedin's prominence during the gold rush in the late 19th century resulted in many grand Victorian and Edwardian buildings. Thanks to the beautiful University of Otago (the country's oldest), there's a large student population to keep the city vibrant and modern. Dunedin's heritage is always proudly on display, from the magnificent Dunedin Railway Station and restored Larnach Castle, to 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.

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast: Lunch: Dinner

#### Day 7 Timaru, New Zealand

Arrive: 07:00 - Depart: 15:00

Strolling along the city's hilly streets and past its Edwardian and Victorian buildings and green spaces, you might not guess that Timaru was built on the lava flows of a now-extinct but vividly named volcano, Mount Horrible.

Timaru's own name comes from the Maori Te Maru, which means "place of shelter." Chief among Timaru's charms are its parks and gardens. As if the backdrop of the Southern Alps wasn't enough, a rose garden, boardwalk and beach also enliven the already beautiful waterfront of Caroline Bay, named for a 19th-century whaling ship. Up the hill, the scenic reserve of Centennial Park offers picturesque picnic spots and walking and biking trails. Timaru showcases New Zealand and Maori culture at the stellar Aigantighe Art Gallery and South Canterbury Museum.

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If you have time to venture beyond Timaru and are interested in learning about the area's truly ancient history, the fascinating Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre, about half an hour outside the city, exhibits rock art made by early Maori settlers more than 700 years ago.

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# Day 8 Wellington, New Zealand

Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 17:00

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 without an umbrella and will spend more time than usual talking about the weather. Politics is a hot topic too, with government workers buzzing about the Beehive, as the distinctive Parliament building is colloquially known.

Wellington is also 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.

Gourmands are spoiled for choice with the city's many coffee micro-roasteries, craft breweries, innovative chefs and artisanal markets. Fortunately for your waistline, it's also a terrific city for walking, hiking and cycling, with a compact historic core hugged by green hills and dotted with impossibly perched houses. 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.

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### **Day 9 Cruising**

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

# Day 10 Tauranga (Rotorua), New Zealand

Arrive: 07:00 - Depart: 18:30

The curved shoreline 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.

Tauranga is also a great jumping-off point for exploring nearby beaches and Te Puke, the kiwifruit capital of the world, as well as a wealth of Maori cultural sites. The world-famous geothermal wonderland of Rotorua, nicknamed Sulphur City, has been a major Polynesian spa resort town since visitors first arrived in the late 1800s. In Maori, roto means lake and rua means two, but Rotorua actually comprises 18 lakes, plus an incredible redwood forest.

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For the best views, take the gondola up to Skyline Rotorua, a recreation complex atop Mount Ngongotaha. Other day trips you should 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.

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

# Day 11 Auckland, New Zealand (Overnight)

Arrive: 07:00 - Overnight

Auckland, New Zealand's biggest city, is multicultural and cosmopolitan, with sizeable Polynesian, Asian and Maori populations enriching its history and broadening the palate. Internationally known chefs and fashion designers have made neighbourhoods like Ponsonby, Newmarket and Parnell world-class destinations for shopping and dining.

You're never far from water attractions in New Zealand and this is especially true in Auckland where it's not unheard of for downtown workers to go kayaking on their lunch break. The once-gritty port has been transformed into inviting public spaces and buzzing nightclubs, with sailboat charters and regular ferry connections waiting to whisk visitors around the harbour for sightseeing.

Start your day sipping a flat white while you plan your explorations: art gallery crawl, winery tour or volcano hike? It's possible to do all three without losing sight of the Sky Tower, one of Auckland's top tourist attractions, from which you can get a bird's-eye view of the gateway to Aotearoa.

Your ship docks in Auckland overnight so you can explore more of this city.

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 12 Auckland, New Zealand

Overnight - Depart: 19:00

Enjoy a second day at leisure in Auckland.

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

# Day 13 Waitangi (Bay of Islands), New Zealand

Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 17:00

(Tender)

Historic sites, including the place where the most important treaty in New Zealand's history was signed, winemaking, golfing, sailing and scenic beauty all combine to make the Bay of Islands one of this South Pacific nation's most compelling regions. Located at the top of the North Island, the area has a subtropical microclimate that gives it an abundance of flora and fauna and a lengthy beach season. Comprising 144 islands between Cape Brett and the Purerua Peninsula, the Bay of Islands requires a few days to fully explore.

Waitangi is home to the region's historic treaty grounds and one of three main towns with celebrated sights. The others are Kerikeri, with its historic buildings and vineyards, and the notorious seafaring past of Russell. Those who'd rather experience the Bay of Islands' breathtaking nature can walk amid

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majestic kauri trees, descend into glowworm caves or spy on whales and dolphins (or even swim with the latter) in one of New Zealand's sunniest and most picturesque playgrounds.

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**Day 14 Cruising** 

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

**Day 15 Cruising** 

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 16 Nuku'alofa, Tonga

Arrive: 08:00 - Depart 17:00

Located on the northern coast of Tonga's largest island, Tongatapu, Nuku'alofa, the financial and commercial hub of Tonga is a charming, idiosyncratic city with a lively infrastructure combining a slew of pleasant cafés and restaurants with historic churches and long, stunning beaches. It's an easy city to navigate on foot, and the surrounding island can be explored equally easily with a car or motorbike, both of which can be rented locally.

Head to the water and take advantage of some of the world's finest snorkelling, or venture out to sea on a whale-watching charter between June and November (or watch for free from several local viewpoints). Land options can include a round of golf or a cultural experience such as the Tongan ancient village. It's possible to take a day trip to nearby islands, visit the upscale eco-resort Fafa or the lower-key Makaha'a Island, both acn be reached by local ferry or even by kayak if you're feeling adventurous.

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### **Day 17 Crossing International Dateline**

Get ready to tick time travel off your bucket list as you cross the international date line! The international date line defines the boundary between two calendar dates so when you travel east, the clocks will be wound back 24 hours and you'll effectively experience the same day twice as you cruise towards French Polynesia.

Please note: This day of the itinerary lasts for 48 hours or two nights on board.

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

**Day 18 Cruising** 

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### Day 19 Papeete (Tahiti), French Polynesia

Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 17:00

When Captain James Cook first sailed to Tahiti in 1769, he and his crew all thought they'd found paradise. Cook hinted at it in his journals, in coy language that would have been acceptable in his day; his men felt considerably less reserve, and returned home sporting tattoos and stories of a people who ate what fell from trees, and lived lives of freedom unknown in Europe. All without much need for clothes.

Although all of French Polynesia is sometimes referred to as Tahiti, Tahiti proper is only one island, ringed by a reef that turns the water shades of blue even sapphires can't come near. Rivers flow down from its high peaks, and every night, the sun goes down behind the neighbouring island of Moorea, outlining the mountains like a laser show.

Papeete, the capital of French Polynesia, is a bustling business and government centre, with black-pearl shops on almost every corner. As you move into the countryside, time starts to slip, and it's just the changeless ocean and the almost unchanged forests—and much the same sensation that made Cook think he'd found heaven on earth.

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Day 20 Moorea, French Polynesia

Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 22:00

(Tender)

Shaped like a heart and crowned with emerald-green spires, Moorea is easy to love. The Magical Island, as it's nicknamed, is celebrated for its untamed landscape and symmetrical side-by-side bays (called Opunohu and Cook's); it was said to be the inspiration for the mythical isle of Bali Hai in James Michener's Tales of the South Pacific. Its languid lagoon seems without end, wrapping this 132-square-kilometre isle in shades of liquid blue, from pale aqua to intense turquoise. Dolphins and stingrays glide through the waves alongside snorkelers and divers exploring the stunning undersea scene. Venture inland to the valleys and another aspect of island life becomes clear: agricultural abundance, with crops that include pineapples, bananas, taro, sugarcane, coffee and cotton. Moorea has shopping, too, mainly for lustrous Tahitian black pearls and brightly patterned pareus (wraparound skirts).

Wherever you head, you'll find the South Pacific you have dreamed of, moving to the leisurely pace of island time. It can be hard to believe Moorea is just 20 kilometres from Tahiti's bustling capital, Papeete.

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### Day 21 Raiatea, French Polynesia

Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 23:00

Most first-time visitors to French Polynesia end up on one of the three best-known Society Islands: Tahiti, Moorea and Bora-Bora. And repeat visitors often head to the Tuamotu Archipelago or the Marquesas Islands, to scuba dive, seek out traditional Polynesian culture or learn about the cultivation of Tahitian black pearls. One of the sleepier Society Islands, Raiatea, located adjacent to Tahaa and within viewing distance of Bora-Bora, offers all these things and more.

The quiet allure of Raiatea, French Polynesia's second-largest island, is home to a flower so rare it grows nowhere else on Earth. Its landscape is dramatic and mountainous, its tallest peak tops 1,000 metres, fitting for a place whose name means "faraway heaven." Tahitians consider this their sacred island, and a journey here will take you to sites associated with legends and lore. But adventure seekers will also find plenty of outdoor activities, including hiking, kayaking, diving and exploring by horseback, while shoppers can browse a handful of shops and the daily market in the port of Uturoa.

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 22 Bora Bora, French Polynesia

Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 21:00

(Tender)

When you arrive to Tahiti on your Bora Bora cruise you first see it from the ship as it navigates Teavanui Pass, you'll be astonished. Brilliant blue water in far too many shades to count and palm-dotted white-sand motus (islets) encircle a lush island topped by craggy Mount Otemanu. Close your eyes and open them again. Yes, you are on a beautiful French Polynesia cruise and it's all real!

For years, Bora-Bora has also drawn a multitude of divers eager to scope out its array of reef fish, rays and sharks. It's hard to compete with the sheer drama of the water, or with shape-shifting Mount Otemanu, which looks completely different from every angle. In fact, Vaitape, the island's largest city with a population of about 5,000 people, doesn't even try to compete. Not much changes in this sleepy port, where black-pearl shops, boutiques and galleries join a weathered church and several small cafés where you could sample the poisson cru (raw fish marinated in coconut milk and lime juice). But to be honest, the best spot to visit on Bora-Bora is anywhere out on the lagoon.

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

# **Day 23 Cruising**

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 24 Fakarava. French Polynesia

Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 17:00

(Tender)

Arriving by sea, you'll experience the innumerable shades of blue that are the lagoon encircling Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia's Tuamotu Archipelago. Once you step ashore,

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you'll notice the beaches alternate between whitest white and palest pink sand, with a backdrop of coconut trees swaying gently in the tropical breeze. And while this pristine paradise counts only around 800 residents on an island 60 kilometres (37 miles) long and 21 kilometres (13 miles) wide, it is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. That designation means Fakarava, as well as its six neighbouring atolls, are entirely protected, both onshore and in the surrounding waters. No wonder then that Fakarava is famous for its incredible snorkelling and diving. A lagoon excursion, which also spirits you to the atoll's most beautiful beach, one accessible only by boat, is a great way to complete your Seven Seas fantasy.

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

### **Day 25 Cruising**

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast: Lunch: Dinner

### Day 26 Taiohae, French Polynesia

Arrive: 08:00 - Depart: 17:00

(Tender)

The dramatic landscape of the Marquesas is like nowhere else in French Polynesia. Formed by volcanoes, islands like Nuku Hiva, home to the charming port town of Taiohae, don't have a barrier reef or lagoon to protect them. As such, the sea crashes directly up onto the shore, creating wild scenery that has inspired artists and writers from Paul Gauguin to Herman Melville.

At the base of craggy, soaring peaks, Taiohae may be the main "city" in this far-flung island group with a peaceful tropical village vibe. The Marquesans are known for their excellent handicrafts, and on Nuku Hiva you'll find skilled carvers working in wood, bone and volcanic stone to create true pieces of art.

Beyond Taiohae are opportunities to explore Nuku Hiva's wild interior, replete with sharp basalt pinnacles and lush, green river valleys by either horseback or on foot.

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

# **Day 27 Cruising**

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 28 Cruising - Crossing the Equator

The equator is an essential component of our planet's geography—even though it's just an imaginary line drawn on a map. In addition to being the widest spot on the planet—a full 43 kilometres (27 miles) wider than at the poles, this is also the planetary dividing line for the Coriolis effect, which explains why cyclones rotate clockwise north of the equator and counterclockwise south of it. It's also the place best suited for launching spacecraft because the gravitational pull gives rocket ships an extra boost out of the stratosphere.

For a bit of light-hearted fun, if you're onboard a craft where any of the crew are crossing this imaginary line for the first time, you'll likely witness a King Neptune (or Crossing the Line)

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ceremony. This ancient naval tradition puts newbies, or "Pollywogs," through a series of pranks and tests to prove themselves worthy of being a son or daughter of Neptune, the Roman god of the sea.,

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

**Day 29 Cruising** 

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

**Day 30 Cruising** 

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

**Day 31 Cruising** 

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

**Day 32 Cruising** 

Overnight: Holland America's Zaandam Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner Day 33 Disembark Cruise - San Diego, California, USA

Arrive: 07:00

This morning your ship arrives in San Diego after an epic 33-night voyage across the Pacific. After disembarkation, make your own way to your hotel and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Overnight: Westgate Hotel or similar, San Diego, California Meals included: Breakfast

Day 34 San Diego, California, USA

Enjoy a day at leisure in San Diego, California.

With more than 300 days of sun every year, renowned surf spots like Del Mar and La Jolla, and a bustling culinary and craft beer scene, San Diego is a surfer's paradise and a feast for foodies. Explore distinct neighbourhoods and enjoy the city's laid-back

Overnight: Westgate Hotel or similar, San Diego, California Meals included: None

Day 35 San Diego, California, USA - Australia (or New Zealand)

At the appropriate time, make your own way to the airport for your flight home.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 36 In Transit

Meals included: In-Flight

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Day 37 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

Welcome home!





# **Tour Inclusions**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Take a 33-night voyage from Sydney to San Diego

Visit Australia, New Zealand, French Polynesia and USA

Enjoy a day at leisure in Sydney, exploring the iconic harbour

Marvel at spectacular scenery throughout the Milford Sound

Delight in the stunning landscapes of Fiordland National Park

Explore New Zealand by sea with days in Dunedin, Timaru, Wellington, Tauranga, Auckland and more

Visit the Bay of Islands for a mix of cultural and adventure experiences

Discover the beaches and villages of Nuku'alofa, Tonga's charming capital

Explore Tahiti, the lush island declared paradise by Captain Cook

Visit the islands of French Polynesia including Moorea, Raiatea and

Enjoy a day in the sought after holiday destination of Bora Bora

Explore Fakarava, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve known for beaches and snorkelling

See dramatic volcanic landscapes of the Marquesas Islands

Enjoy time at leisure in vibrant San Diego, California

Exploring the beaches, surf spots and culinary scene of San Diego

# **FLIGHTS**

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

One-way internal flight (where applicable) from select departure cities to Sydney to begin your cruise

### **CRUISE**

33-night South Pacific Grand Voyage from Sydney, Australia to San Diego, California

Cruise aboard Holland America's Zaandam

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

2 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation in San Diego, California

### **DINING**

95 meals while cruising

### **ESSENTIALS**

Airline taxes & surcharges

Cruise port taxes & charges



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# **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.

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- 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.
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   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.
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#### Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 6th March 2026. This travel offer is priced for 2 people based on a twin share.

#### **Departure Dates & Surcharges**

See the checkout for live dates and availability.

**Single Traveller Supplement** 

For solo travellers, no discounts apply, a full voucher must be purchased.

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 6 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, \*Perth or \*Auckland

#### **Departure City Surcharges**

Melbourne: \$200 per person
Brisbane: \$350 per person
Adelaide: \$450 per person
Perth: \$1350 per person
Auckland: \$450 per person

### International Full-Service Flight(s)

• Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate oneway 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**

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Qantas: \$500 per person (Please note: Qantas may use partner airlines for US internal flights.)

### Please note:

- Preferred airlines are subject to availability.
   If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed, subject to aircraft configuration.

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- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.

### **Stay Behind Options**

#### Stay Behind

- San Diego From \$300 per person, subject to availability.
- San Francisco From \$400 per person, subject to availability.
- Los Angeles From \$400 per person, subject to availability.

#### Please note:

- Exclusions: This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- Internal Flights: If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind in a city other than the one where the tour starts or ends, the package will include an internal flight to your destination. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.
- Cancellations & Changes: 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.
- High-Season: 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.

- + 60 days: You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.
- Estimated Dates: Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.
- High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

15th September 2025 - 12th October 2025

1st December 2025 - 19th December 2025

20th December 2025 - 4th January 2026 5th January 2026 - 31st January 2026 3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026 26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026 18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026 12th December 2026 - 18th December 2026

19th December 2026 - 3rd January 2027 4th January 2027 - 26th January 2027

### 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

#### **Holland America's Zaandam**

The MS Zaandam, part of the Holland America Line fleet, is a mid-sized cruise ship designed to offer a classic cruising experience with a modern twist. With a guest capacity of approximately 1,432 and a crew of around 615, the Zaandam provides a personalized and comfortable atmosphere for its guests.

Entertainment options include The Mainstage, a 557-seat venue hosting Las Vegas-style revues and variety shows; the Crow's Nest, a versatile space for dancing and reading; the Wajang Theatre for films and lectures; and Billboard Onboard for live music. Guests can also enjoy classical performances in the Explorer's Lounge and hold private gatherings in the Hudson Room.

Dining options range from elegant meals at the Pinnacle Grill to casual fare at the Lido Market. Recreational facilities include a fitness center, a pool area, and a spa offering relaxation treatments. With its blend of entertainment, fine dining, and enrichment activities, MS Zaandam provides a well-rounded cruise experience, perfect for those seeking adventure and comfort on the high seas.

#### **Onboard Currency**

\$ USD

#### Cabins/Staterooms

### **Amenities**

- Daily housekeeping
- Complimentary 24-hour room service
- Elemis Aromapure soap, lotion and shampoo
- Luxurious bathrobes
- Hair dryers and makeup mirrors
- Generous storage
- Fresh fruit upon request
- Safe
- Ice service
- Shoeshine
- TV with On Demand movies and programming

Inside Staterooms: From 13m<sup>2</sup>



Two lower beds convertible to one queensize bed—our signature Mariner's Dream™ bed with plush Euro-Top mattresses, premium massage shower heads and a host of amenities are featured in these comfortable staterooms.

### Oceanview Staterooms: From 21m<sup>2</sup>

These expansive staterooms include two lower beds convertible to one queen-size bed—our Signature Mariner's Dream™ bed with plush Euro-Top mattresses, premium massage shower heads, a host of amenities and an ocean view.

## Vista Suite: From 24m<sup>2</sup>

With a teak-lined verandah, floor-to-ceiling windows and comfortable sitting area, these comfortable suites are filled with light. They include two lower beds convertible to one queen-size bed—our signature Mariner's Dream™ bed with plush Euro-Top mattresses, plus a shower with premium massage head and a refrigerator.

### Please note:

- All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.
- Cruise cabins are booked on a guaranteed basis and are assigned by the cruise line prior to departure.

#### **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

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

San Diego, California: Westgate Hotel

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**

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

• Mandatory city tax

# **Gratuities/tipping**

#### Cruise

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the cruise staff's services throughout this tour's cruise component. Holland America is an internationally registered company & operates according to US & European standards, both of which have an economy driven by a tipping culture. Gratuities are expected on your cruise and will be charged to your onboard account at around USD\$17.00 per guest per day If you have any questions regarding the gratuities on your cruise, please speak to the guest services staff onboard the ship.

# **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

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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** 

#### **New Zealand**

In March, New Zealand experiences early autumn, with temperatures ranging from 12°C to 22°C (54°F to 72°F), depending on the region. The North Island, including cities like Auckland and Wellington, tends to be milder, with temperatures around 15°C to 22°C (59°F to 72°F). Meanwhile, the South Island, including places like Christchurch and Queenstown, can be cooler, with temperatures ranging from 10°C to 18°C (50°F to 64°F). This time of year offers pleasant weather, with generally less rainfall than during the winter months, making it a great time to visit.

#### **Tonga**

In March, Tonga experiences warm and humid weather as it falls within the wet season. Average temperatures range from 23°C to 30°C (73°F to 86°F). While daytime temperatures can be quite hot, evenings are usually cooler. March also marks the tail end of the wet season, so there can be occasional rainfall, but it's generally a great time to visit for warm weather and lush landscapes.

#### French Polynesia

Throughout March, French Polynesia experiences warm, tropical weather, with temperatures typically ranging from 24°C to 30°C (75°F to 86°F). This is during the wet season, so you can expect occasional showers, often in the form of short, heavy rainfalls. Humidity is high, and the weather can feel quite warm, especially in the afternoons. Despite the rain, it remains a popular time to visit due to the lush, green landscapes and the warm temperatures.

#### San Diego

During April, San Diego enjoys mild and

pleasant weather, with temperatures typically ranging from 15°C to 22°C (59°F to 72°F). The days are generally sunny, though it can be cooler in the mornings and evenings. April is a great time to visit as it's not too hot or too cold, and there's usually very little rainfall. The coastal breeze keeps the climate comfortable throughout the month.

#### Weather

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/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.

#### **Dietary Requests**

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

#### **Passport Validity**

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 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.

#### 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

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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

#### **United States**

If travelling on an Australian Passport, an ESTA (Visa Waiver) for the USA is a strict requirement when travelling to or flying through the USA. Once a USA ESTA Visa Waiver is issued it is valid for 2 years or until your passport expires (whichever is sooner) and will allow multiple entries into the USA. For information on ESTA eligibility or to apply, please visit https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/.

Please note: Due to recent changes in the USA Immigration policies, TripADeal recommends all travellers visit US Customs & Border Protection.

#### Canada

If transiting via Canada on the way to the USA, Australian and New Zealand passport holders must apply for an electronic travel authorisation (eTA) before travelling to Canada by air. An Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is an entry requirement for visa-exempt foreign nationals travelling to Canada by air. An eTA is electronically linked to a traveller's passport. It is valid for up to five years or until the passport expires, whichever comes first. If you get a new passport, you need to get a new eTA. If you are not travelling via Canada by air, and are only visiting by boat, you will not

require an eTA if you are an Australian or New Zealand citizen.

#### **New Zealand**

Australian passport holderse travelling to New Zealand are required to complete traveller declaration 24 hours prior to arrival in New Zealand. Australian passport holders are visa exempt for an unlimited stay. The traveller must hold a passport valid on arrival

#### French Polnesia

Australian passport holders are visa exempt for a stay of up to 90 days per 180 days. The traveller must hold a passport valid at least six months beyond the period of intended stay with one blank visa page

#### **Tonga**

Australian passport holders will require a permit to enter will be issued on arrival for a stay of up to one month. Extensions for a stay of up to 6 months may be possible by request with the local immigration department on arrival. The traveller must hold a passport valid at least six months on entry with two blank visa pages

# Important:

- Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.
- 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 <a href="https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance">https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance</a>.

**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.

