

South Pacific Pleasures Cruise Tour

January 27 – February 22, 2025 (27 Days)

Tentative Itinerary



Join us for what has become one of our signature tours to Hawaii, New Zealand & Australia! This unique and custom itinerary is designed to help you escape the Canadian winter blues and delight in the warmth & sunshine of the southern hemisphere. First, spend three unforgettable nights in Hawaii before continuing to New Zealand. From Auckland, we sail to many exciting ports aboard the Norwegian Sun. We disembark in Melbourne, Australia and enjoy two nights in this incredible city before moving on to Cairns for access to the Great Barrier Reef and concluding the tour in bustling Sydney. Read through the following itinerary and prepare to have the tour of a lifetime! We look forward to meeting you on day one!

Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO

Day 1: Monday, Jan 27 – Flight to Honolulu, HI – Courtyard Marriott Waikiki

- For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air & Transfers Package, fly from your local airport, and meet your tour manager in Toronto where you will fly together with Air Canada to Honolulu, HI. Your first piece of checked luggage (1 per person) is included in your airfare price.
- Upon arrival, collect your luggage in the baggage claim area and meet your tour manager as we board the motorcoach for our private transfer to the Courtyard Marriott Waikiki, your home for the next three nights.
- After a day of travel, take this opportunity to get a good night sleep and be ready for a thrilling day of activities tomorrow!

Day 2: Tuesday, Jan 28 – Honolulu, HI (B, Welcome Dinner)

- Delicious hot breakfast included.
- Experience a half day guided tour of Honolulu area (included), featuring: Kapolei Lookout, Diamond Head Crater, Punch Bowl Cemetery and more!
- **Group Dinner** – Join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner (with wine & beer included) at an upscale restaurant near our hotel.
- Rest of the evening at your leisure.

Day 3: Wednesday, Jan 29 – Honolulu, HI (B)

- Delicious hot Breakfast included.
- Today is your free day in Honolulu. Enjoy as you please!

Day 4: Thursday, Jan 30 – Flight to Auckland, New Zealand (B)

- Rise and shine for our early morning departure! Today, an in-flight meal and snack will be included and provided by airline.
- Today, we cross the equator by air and travel to New Zealand, an island nation like no other.
- Flight arrives Afternoon/Evening in Auckland, NZ (local time).
- *(Crossing International Date Line)*

Day 5: Friday, Jan 31 – Arrival and transfer to Hilton Auckland Hotel, Auckland, NZ (B)

- Welcome to New Zealand! Our evening arrival into Auckland, NZ, will be followed by our transfer to the hotel. Meet your tour manager in luggage claim for location of meeting group transfer.
- Transfer to the 5-star Hilton Auckland hotel city centre, (included with Collins Tours Inclusive Flight Package) where you will stay for three nights.
- The rest of the evening is at your leisure.



Day 6: Saturday, Feb 1 – Auckland, NZ (B, Group D)

- Enjoy your delicious buffet breakfast (**included**) before we head out for a day of exploration!
- Get set this morning for an included half-day guided tour of Auckland, including the heritage buildings of Queen Street, stunning views over Viaduct Harbour and M.J. Savage Memorial Park, Auckland Domain, village of Parnell & Auckland Harbour Bridge.
- **Group Dinner** – Join for a fabulous group dinner at an upscale dining experience (**included**). This is sure to be a highlight meal of our trip!

Day 7: Sunday, Feb 2 – Auckland, NZ (B)

- Delicious buffet breakfast included.
- Enjoy a free day in Auckland, the ‘City of Sails’ at your own leisure.
- Tonight, dinner is on your own and at your leisure.

Day 8: Monday, Feb 3 – Auckland - Embark on Norwegian Sun (B, L, D)

- A delicious buffet breakfast included at your hotel today.
- Enjoy a relaxed start this morning and depart the hotel for the pier and embark on Norwegian Sun for a 12-day cruise through New Zealand, ending in Sydney, Australia’s world-famous harbour before we explore that country further.
- Today, lunch will be served on board the Norwegian Sun (**included**).
- Please note that cabins may not be ready until 3:00 pm today. Once you are on board the ship you make take advantage of the all-inclusive amenities as part of your Collins Tours package! Bon Voyage!
- Set sail towards Tauranga at 6:00pm

Day 9: Tuesday, Feb 4 – Tauranga, NZ (B, L, Cocktail Reception, D) ***Optional Excursion “Tauranga Highlights”**

- Tauranga (8:45 am – 8:10 pm). Tauranga is a Harbourside City in the Bay of Plenty on New Zealand’s North Island – settled by Maori in the 13th century and by Europeans in the early 19th Century.
- Join your Tour Manager for today’s optional excursion (**PRICE TBA**)! Today’s half-day tour begins with city highlights of Tauranga before heading to the outskirts to enjoy a gentle bush walk to beautiful McLaren Falls. We then have a guided look at kiwifruit growing to learn why the coastal Bay of Plenty is the perfect place to grow the sweet fruit! Next up, a stop at the highest location in the city, “The Minden” to look over the surrounding area. One of the most scenic locations in Tauranga is the Minden Lookout, a scenic viewpoint overlooking the city and beyond. It is 286 metres high and offers a sweeping panorama of the city as a whole. From Tauranga to Mount Maunganui and as far as the eye can see. We conclude our day tour with a beautiful drive along Mt Maunganui beach before returning to our ship!
- Today, the ship sails for Napier at 8:10 pm
- Tonight, meet your group friends for a Collins Tours Welcome Aboard Cocktail Reception. Light apps, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are included.
- Dinner is on your own tonight.

Day 10: Wednesday Feb 5 – Napier, NZ (B, L, Group D) *Optional Excursion

“Hawkes Bay Wine Country”

- Napier (1:00 pm – 7:00 pm). Napier is our gateway to wine country!
- Napier calls itself the Art Deco capital of the world, but it's also a leading wine-travel destination. Levelled by an earthquake in 1931, Napier was rebuilt in Art Deco style. Along with Miami Beach, Napier is one of the best examples of this style, with many of its structures well preserved.
- Join us for an optional excursion into famous New Zealand wine country (**Price TBA**)! We will travel towards the coast along the Tuki Tuki River Valley, undoubtedly one of the most scenic pastoral and vineyard drives in New Zealand, often compared to Tuscany. We will stop at Te Mata Peak (elevation 399 metres) to enjoy a breathtaking 360-degree view of the Heretaunga Plains. Here, we gaze out on orchards and vineyards on the plains to forestry, sheep and cattle farming on the surrounding hills. The formations of these hills and lower plains were created by glacial activity during the last ice age and create an amazing sense of awe. The peak is on the AA list of 101 things Kiwis must see in New Zealand! Next stop is a local winery where we will enjoy a range of wonderful local wines with incredible views of the Eastern side of Te Mata peak. After our guided tasting in Hawkes Bay wine country, relax on our leisurely drive with stunning views while returning to the ship.
- The ship sets sail for Wellington at 7:00pm
- Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a group dinner in one of the ships main dinning rooms! Bon appetite!

Day 11: Thursday, Feb 6 – Marlborough (Picton), NZ (B, L, D)

- Marlborough (Picton) (11:15 am – 8:00 pm).
- Enjoy this free day to explore Picton! Built around a sheltered harbour, Picton is lined with cafés and restaurants for you to choose from. Popular attractions in Picton include a maritime museum and an aquarium. Relax as you browse the local shops that offer a wide range of trinkets, including handmade jewelry, paintings from local artists and woodcarvings.
- Set sail for New Zealand's capital city at 8:00 pm.

Day 12: Friday, Feb 7 – Wellington, NZ (B, L, Group D) *Optional Excursion

“Highlights of Wellington”

- Wellington (7:00 am – 3:00 pm). Located on the southern tip of the country's North Island, Wellington is the country's capital, home to National Archives, National Library, New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, and the Royal New Zealand Ballet.
- Today, we meet our private guide for an optional 4-hour Wellington city highlights tour (**PRICE TBA**). We enter the Botanical Gardens via our ride on the famous Funicular, make several photo stops, notably on Mt Vic and visit the beautiful historic church of Old St Paul's with the astonishing wooden Gothic interior. Finally, we follow the waterfront to visit Te Papa Tongarewa, the National Museum of New Zealand. The museum reflects the country's pride, history and culture showcasing more than 800,000 artworks, objects and specimens! Explore the many exhibits on your own before we make our way back to our cruise ship.
- Sail to Timaru at 3:00pm.
- Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a group dinner in one of the ships main dinning rooms! Bon appetite!



Day 13: Saturday, Feb 8 – Lyttleton, NZ (B, L, Group D)

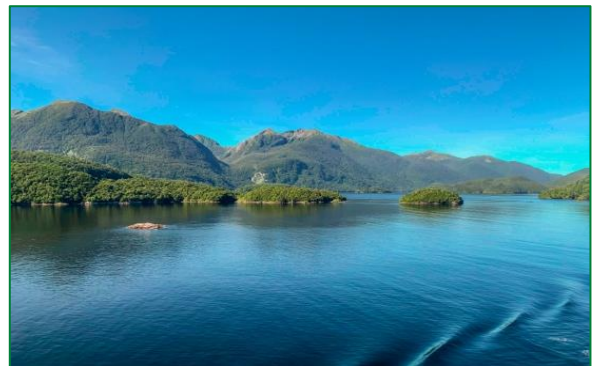
- Lyttleton (8:00 am – 6:00 pm).
- Enjoy this free day to explore Lyttleton! Just 20 minutes from the centre of Christchurch city, Lyttelton is a charming port town with a long history. Today it's a vibrant town, home to a small community of 3,000 residents, filled with bohemian artists, cafés, restaurants and unique shops to discover.
- Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a group dinner in one of the ships main dinning rooms! Bon appetite!
- Set sail for Dunedin at 6:00 pm.

Day 14: Sunday Feb 9 – Dunedin, NZ (B, L, D) *Optional Excursion “Experience Dunedin”

- Dunedin (8:00 am – 6:00 pm). Dunedin became wealthy during the central Otago Gold Rush. Today it is a university town with a UNESCO City of Literature designation.
- Join us this morning on another half-day signature Collins Tours optional private shore excursion (**PRICE TBA**), starting with a 15-kilometre journey from port to town. Pass by Forsyth Barr stadium, home of the Otago Highlanders Rugby Team, before making our way around the inner-city harbour through to Otago Peninsula High Road. Arrive at Larnach Castle for a guided tour (entrance included). Next, on to the Historic Railway Station, the most photographed historic building in New Zealand. We will continue our tour including Toitu Museum, Octagon (city centre) and St. Paul’s Cathedral. Heading to North of the City to view the steepest Street in the southern Hemisphere before eventually passing by Dunedin Botanic Gardens (the oldest botanic garden in NZ) and the famous Otago university campus before returning to the port and our ship.
- Sail toward the “Sounds” at 6:00pm.

Day 15: Monday, Feb 10 – Dusky, Doubtful & Milford Sounds, NZ (B, L, Group D)

- Cruising through Dusky Sound, Doubtful Sound & Milford Sound. Visitors to Fiordland are treated to amazing scenery and New Zealand wildlife. Depending on wind and weather conditions, cruise ships can visit three fiords that were incorrectly called sounds by the early explorers. The designation is incorrect, but the names stuck.
- Tonight, meet your group tour friends for another group Dinner –located in ships main dining room.



Day 16: Tuesday, Feb 11 – At Sea (B, L, D)

- Enjoy a relaxing day at sea. Delight in all the wonderful amenities on our vessel, the Norwegian Sun as you begin to cross the Tasman Sea.

Day 17: Wednesday, Feb 12 – At Sea (B, L, Group D)

- Enjoy a relaxing day at sea. Delight in all the wonderful amenities on our vessel, the Norwegian Sun.
- Tonight, meeting your fellow travellers for another Group Dinner located in the ships main dining room.

Day 18: Thursday, Feb 13 – Hobart, AU (Tasmania) (B, L, D) *Optional Excursion TBA

- Hobart (7:00 am – 4:00 pm). Welcome to Australia! Today we visit the island state of Tasmania and its capital: Hobart. This capital city blends culture, historical sites, and a vibrant artistic community against a backdrop of astonishing natural beauty. Join Collins Tours for a 4-hour optional excursion (**Details and price TBA**).
- Set sail for Burnie at 4:00 pm.

Day 19: Friday, Feb 14 – Burnie, AU (Tasmania) (B, L, Group D)

- Burnie (10:30 am – 5:00 pm). Today, we arrive at the port city of Burnie with its scenic coastlines and welcoming citizens. This is your opportunity to explore nearby mountains and canyons with the wildlife of Tasmania, unique.
- Tonight, meet your group tour manager and new friends for another Group Dinner located in ships main dining room. We will also discuss details of our disembarkation from the ship tomorrow and our next adventure ahead.

Day 20: Saturday, Feb 15 – Disembark and transfer to 5-Star Sheraton Melbourne Hotel, Melbourne, AU (B)

- Welcome to Australia's second largest city: Melbourne! Disembarkation from the Norwegian Sun begins this morning. Meet your tour manager at a time and place provided (TBA).
- After leaving our floating vessel behind we have included a half-day guided tour of Melbourne area, featuring some of the city's most iconic landmarks and areas.
- Check-in to the 5-star Sheraton Melbourne Hotel, this afternoon for the next 2 nights! Our hotel is located in the vibrant Paris End of Little Collins Street in Melbourne's CBD, with galleries, designer boutiques, cafes and world-class restaurants within walking distance.
- Free evening to explore and have dinner on your own.

Day 21: Sunday, Feb 16 – Melbourne, AU (B, Group D)

- Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast at our hotel.
- Today is a free day for you to enjoy this world-class city. There is a wide variety of things to see and do including riding the trams, wine tastings, and finding the most scenic views along the Yarra River.
- Perhaps pay a visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens founded in 1846 extending across 38 hectares; it houses a collection of more than 8,500 species of plants from around the world. Visit the Shrine of Remembrance to discover the real-life stories of Australians in wartime, find peaceful reflection and view breathtaking vistas of the memorial gardens and Melbourne; originally built to honour the men and women of Victoria who served in World War I, it now functions as a memorial to all Australians who have served in any war.
- **Group Dinner** – Tonight meet your tour manager for a fabulous group dinner at local restaurant **(included)**. After dinner enjoy a free evening as you please.

Day 22: Monday, Feb 17 – Flight to Cairns, AU - Holiday Inn Express (B)

- Enjoy another delicious buffet breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to the Melbourne Airport for our flight to Cairns (included for guests who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air package)
- Arrive in Cairns and transfer to the Holiday Inn Harbourside with your ocean view rooms for the next two nights! This hotel has been confirmed with Harbourside rooms facing the sunrise!
- Check-in to our hotel and enjoy the remaining time on own.

Day 23: Tuesday, Feb 18 – Cairns, AU (B, Group D) *Optional Excursion to Great Barrier Reef

- Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast at our hotel.
- Join us for an optional excursion to the world-famous Great Barrier Reef on Green Island by way of a high-speed ferry **(PRICE TBA)**! This excursion is your only chance to experience the Great Barrier Reef and Green Island. Our excursion includes a 40-minute ride on a glass-bottomed boat with incredible views at the majestic reef below. Enjoy a swim in the pool on Green Island or dine in one of the restaurants (own expense) or perhaps choose to snorkel (included) before our return to the mainland. Your transfers from our hotel to pier are included each way with excursion price.
- **Group Dinner** – Tonight, meet your tour manager for another group dinner with wine or beer included! After dinner enjoy a free evening as you please.

Day 24: Wednesday, Feb 19 – Flight to Sydney, AU - 5-Star Pier One Sydney Harbour, A Marriott Autograph Collection Hotel (B)

- Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast at our hotel before our transfer to the airport and our group flights to Sydney. (Transfer included with Collins Tours Inclusive Air Package)
- After our arrival at the 5-Star Pier One Sydney Harbour, A Marriott Autograph Collection Hotel relax and enjoy the breathtaking views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.
- Enjoy the evening exploring the city your way, enjoy the Sydney waterfront with many shops and restaurants all within walking distance!

Day 25: Thursday, Feb 20 – Sydney, AU (B)

- Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast at the hotel.
- Today we have included a half-day guided tour of Sydney area, featuring Bondi Beach, the Rocks historic district, admission, and guided tour to the Sydney Opera House! This is sure to be a highlight of your experience in Sydney!
- Free afternoon and evening to explore and have dinner on your own.



Day 26: Friday, Feb 21 – Sydney, AU (B, Farewell Dinner) *Optional Excursion to the Blue Mountains

- Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast at the hotel.
- Today join us for an optional full day tour (**PRICE TBA**) to Blue Mountains ecological preserve just outside Sydney known for its eucalyptus trees, the diet of the famed local Koala. Travel to Katoomba capital of the Blue Mountain Region. Our first stop is at the Echo Point look off, which offers our first true views of the “Three Sisters” overlooking the Jamison Valley. From here, you can ride the steepest incline Railway in the world down to a lush valley below, or gently ascend on the Cableway taking in panoramic views before the ride on the Skyway which glides between cliff tops 270 metres above ancient ravines and the forest canopy. Walk on the valley floor boardwalk under a canopy of tall tree ferns! Next, we make our way to the small town of Leura for free time and lunch on own before eventually making our way back to the hotel for late evening return in time for our farewell dinner.
- **Group Dinner** – Tonight, our farewell Group Dinner – Join your group for an amazing farewell dinner (with beer & wine) and toast to a wonderful tour with so many great memories!
- Rest of evening at your leisure.

Day 27: Saturday, Feb 22 – Sydney, AU – Flight Home (B)

- Enjoy a delicious breakfast at our hotel before transferring to the Sydney Airport for the journey home for those who have purchased the Collins Tours all inclusive air package.

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