

# Australia & New Zealand

## January 16-28, 2024



*Discovery awaits you at every turn of this amazing journey!*

**SHIP:** Norwegian Spirit

**CRUISE PORTS:** Sydney, Australia / Eden, Australia / Burnie (Tasmania), Australia / Melbourne, Australia / Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand / Akaroa, New Zealand / Wellington, New Zealand / Napier, New Zealand / Tauranga, New Zealand / Auckland, New Zealand

**Monday, January 15: Depart MSP AIRPORT**

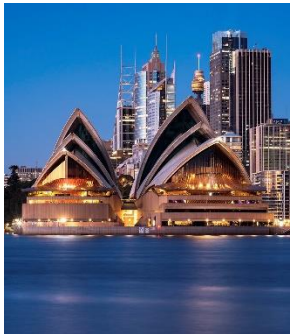
We depart for our long-awaited cruise to begin!



**Tuesday, January 16: Arrival SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

**Overnight before cruise begins**

After we arrive in Sydney, Australia a shuttle will take us to our hotel where we can relax and prepare before our cruising adventure begins. Sydney's harbor is the hub from which there's much to see and do. You'll want to explore this area, home of the iconic Opera House and admire the skyline or cross the Sydney Harbour Bridge.



**Wednesday, January 17: SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

**Depart: 8:AM City Tour    Arrive: 1:00PM Port Terminal    Depart: 6:00PM At Sea**

Today we will be picked up at our hotel and enjoy a Private four-hour guided city tour of Sydney before we embark on our cruise. You'll learn about Sydney's history and culture and see the iconic Opera House, bustling Kings Cross, the famous Bondi Beach and renowned Harbour Bridge and more. After our city tour, our driver will bring us directly to the port. Once we check in and board the ship, you have time to explore and get yourself familiar with the ship.

**Thursday, January 18: EDEN, AUSTRALIA**

**Arrive: 7:00AM    Depart: 4:00PM (Tender Port)**

Nestled between a pair of glorious bays lies Eden, the first stop on your 12-day escapade. The town's name reflects what you will indeed find in Eden – a natural wonderland paradise. Formerly a whaling pub, Eden is situated on the rugged coastline of Australia's New South Wales, and nestled among national parks, wilderness areas and enticing beaches. It's considered one of Australia's best locations for oyster farming, so bring your appetite.

**Friday, January 19: BURNIE (TASMANIA), AUSTRALIA**

**Arrive: 10:00AM    Depart: 8:00PM**

A community of artisans on the northwest coast of Tasmania, Burnie has a long history as a community that makes things, with locally crafted European-style cheeses, fine papers, ceramic and single-malt whisky. Surrounded by accessible wilderness areas, in Burnie you can still get a glimpse of little penguins and the platypus, a duck-billed mammal, in the wild. The vibrant shopping district spills onto the beach where you can sit down at a café and watch the world slow down for a little while.



**Saturday, January 20: MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**

**Arrive: 8:00AM    Depart: 6:00PM**

Once the richest city in the world thanks to a gold rush, Melbourne is Australia's cultural capital with striking architecture, chic galleries and boutiques. Wave at a wallaby or get close to a koala at a wildlife park. Feel closer to the land on a ride on a Puffing Billy steam locomotive through the mountains and countryside. Back in the city, explore a different culture and visit Chinatown – the oldest one in the west.



## **Sunday, January 21: CRUISING**

### **At Sea**

Relax in the comfort of your Ocean View Balcony Stateroom or visit the many amenities and highlights aboard. From bow to stern, Norwegian Spirit has enough onboard activities to fill every minute of your cruise.

## **Monday, January 22: CRUISING**

### **At Sea**

Serving a wide variety of culinary delights to please every palate, complimentary dining options include three main dining rooms, a help-yourself buffet and a variety of casual cafés, grills and on-the-go choices.

## **Tuesday, January 23: DUSKY SOUND - DOUBTFUL SOUND - MILFORD SOUND, NEW ZEALAND** **Cruising**

### **DUSKY SOUND**

At 25 miles in length, and five miles wide at its broadest, Dusky Sound is the largest and most spectacular fjord in Fjordland National Park and is only accessible by boat or plane making its remoteness a haven for birds and a breeding site for Fjordland crested penguins.



### **DOUBTFUL SOUND**

Although technically not a sound (it's a fjord), Doubtful Sound is the second longest in New Zealand – and the country's second most famous tourist attraction. It does, however, capture the top spot for being the deepest, at over 1,300 feet. Doubtful Sound sits at the far southwest corner of the country and winds its way for 24 miles, past small islets and lush mountains covered in dense, native rainforest.

### **MILFORD SOUND, NEW ZEALAND**

Carved by ancient glaciers, Milford Sound, which is really a fjord, is the crown jewel of Fjordland National Park and a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is only nine miles long from its head to the open sea, but what it lacks in size, it makes up for in grandeur. Its vertical cliffs covered in verdant rainforests provide a breathtaking backdrop to thundering waterfalls, misty rainbows and the tannin-stained waters of the fjord.



## **Wednesday, January 24: DUNEDIN (PORT CHALMERS), NEW ZEALAND**

**Arrive: 9:00AM Depart: 7:00PM**

This dramatic South Island coastal town offers a mix of unique natural beauty and fascinating history. Rare, yellow-eyed penguins, fur seals and Royal Albatross all call Dunedin home. Equally impressive is the Victorian and Edwardian architecture that dates from its days as a gold rush town. New Zealand's only castle sits high above the city and offers sweeping views from its famous gardens. Shop for a locally made souvenir, with crafts, artwork, wool and leather items being popular.



## **Thursday, January 25: AKAROA, NEW ZEALAND**

**Arrive: 7:00AM Depart: 5:00PM (Tender Port)**

Tiny penguins rule the roost in this historic settlement nestled in the heart of an ancient volcano. With a balmy, year-round climate, these famous foot-tall residents are certainly not snowbirds. The spectacular surroundings offer a wealth of outdoor activities, both in the sheltered harbor and on dry land. Cafés open onto streets and exquisite local boutiques and galleries offer superb local works. Be sure to sample the fine fudge and traditional cheeses.



## **Friday, January 26: WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND**

**Arrive: 8AM Depart: 5PM**

Travel to a Victorian past as you stroll by the city's Victorian Gothic buildings. Take the cable car up the mountain for a fantastic view, or grab some sunscreen and head to the beach. Great views abound in Wellington: Journey around the spectacular harbor and enjoy its amazing views. See some of the sites where the Lord of the Rings trilogy was filmed. Shopping opportunities are plentiful, with arts and crafts, jewelry, fine woolens and leather goods on offer.



**Saturday, January 27: NAPIER, NEW ZEALAND**

**Arrive: 7:00AM Depart: 4:00PM**

Napier calls itself the Art Deco capital of the world, but it's also a leading wine-travel destination. Leveled 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. Take a walk down Marine Parade, a tree-lined ocean boulevard with fountains and gardens or go out to the country to enjoy the lovely vistas, tour superb area vineyards and relax with a glass of wine.

**Sunday, January 28: TAURANGA, NEW ZEALAND**

**Arrive: 10:00AM Depart: 6:00PM**

Go walk-about and explore Tauranga, set on the beautiful Bay of Plenty. And indeed there are plenty of things to do. Head to the beach or discover Tauranga's lovely parks and rich history. Visit a village buried by a volcanic eruption and captured in a moment of time – a fascinating yet moving experience. Take a selfie at Hell's Gate, an aptly named geothermal park with boiling pools, fantastic geysers and mud baths, the largest of which is Poutamu, "the stairway to heaven."

**Monday, January 29: AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND**

**7:00AM Disembark**

Surround by tranquil golden beaches, lush forests and dramatic coastal trails, Auckland is a nature lover's paradise. The 48 volcanic cones that dot the surrounding area provide stunning panoramic views of the city and harbor. New Zealand's largest city is also a shopper's paradise offering everything from top designers to local open-air markets. Learn about the indigenous Maori and take home some native art pieces or jewelry. The fine, locally produced woolens also make excellent gifts.



**Limited Space Available!**

**Tuesday, January 30: ARRIVE HOME**

What an incredible adventure and you will have plenty of amazing stories to share with your family and friends.

**All Staterooms are:**

**Ocean View Balcony**

**\$6,500 per person**

**Based on**

**Double Occupancy**



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**Your Group Package Includes:**

- Round-trip Airfare (Mpls/St. Paul)
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- Insurance, Port Taxes & Fees
- Ship Gratuities, Hotel & Airport Transfers
- FREE Unlimited Open Bar, Excursions, Specialty Dining & WiFi aboard ship
- Pre-cruise Overnight in Sydney
- Guided City Tour of Sydney

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**We have NO Hidden Costs!**



**DON'T WAIT! - REGISTER EARLY!**

**Deposit of \$500 Per Person required to reserve your spot!**

**Final payment due June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

3% Service Charge added for Credit Card payments.  
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