

# *Salisbury Cruise Club*

## Australia & New Zealand Cruise - February 28 - March 17, 2023

### Group Excursions

As an alternative to the Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) excursions, the *Salisbury Cruise Club* has made arrangements for special group excursions in each port. We believe that these excursions offer much the same, if not more than similar tours offered by NCL, at a discounted price and with the people you know. However, given that each balcony and ocean view cabin receives a \$50 excursion credit in each port to be used towards excursions booked through NCL during our cruise (that's one \$50 credit per cabin per port - so up to \$400 per cabin if you redeem your credit in each port), the net prices for excursions offered by NCL are a little more affordable and we won't be offended if you opt to book with NCL rather than booking our Group Excursions in some ports. Details will be reviewed at our meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2022. If you are interested in any of the *Salisbury Cruise Club* group excursions, **please send in your registration as soon as possible**, since **space is limited**. Please return the reservation form by email or US Mail **no later than Thursday, December 15, 2022** so I can confirm our reservations with the tour providers.

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**Tickets and Instructions** - Tickets for each of the excursions that you have registered for will be provided to you at our meeting on Friday, February 10 at 7:00 pm along with your cruise documents and other information about our cruise. In addition, at that time you will receive detailed instructions on when and where to meet on the pier in each port of call. You will also receive a few tips on what to expect and how to prepare for each excursion. Any last minute changes and/or reminders about our excursion for the next day will typically be provided to the group each night for those joining us at dinner in the main restaurant.

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**Responsibility and Liability** - These group excursions have been arranged by the *Salisbury Cruise Club* as a convenience to our group members. These excursions are provided by independent tour operators and the *Salisbury Cruise Club* and its officers and agents will not be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, injury, costs or delays resulting from, or in conjunction with, your use of these services. **By registering for these excursions, you assume such responsibility and liability in conjunction with your participation in these tours and agree that neither the *Salisbury Cruise Club* nor its officers or agents are liable for any loss, damages, injuries, costs or delays.**

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**Tour Protection Insurance** - Because we have booked these group excursions with independent tour operators, they must be paid in advance and are therefore **non-refundable**. Since almost everyone in our group has already purchased the Comprehensive Trip Protection Policy, we recommend that you consider purchasing an add-on policy, subject to the same terms and conditions for cancellation, to cover the cost of your excursions should you need to cancel. The add-on policy costs \$50 per person and can be added to your total excursion payment.

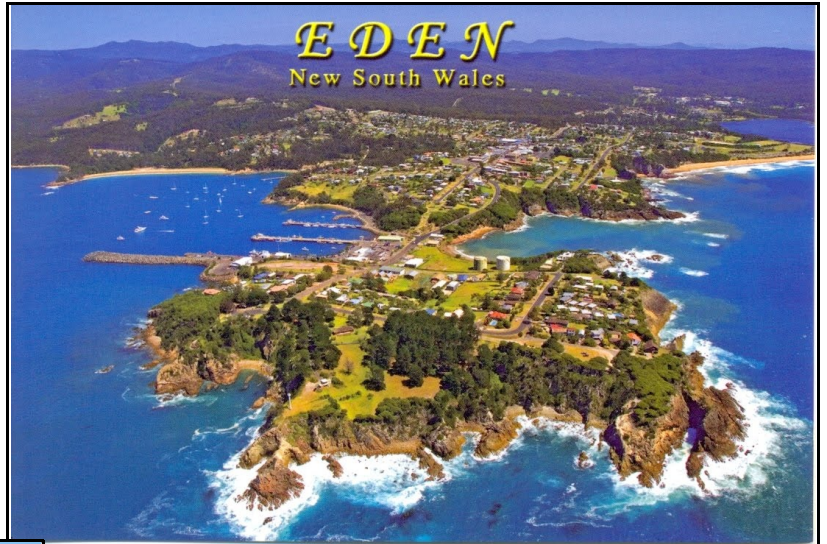
**Please Register Early as These Tours Will Sell Out**

**Deadline for Excursion Registration is December 15, 2022**

# Tour 1 - A Day at the Beach in Eden, Australia

Date - **Sunday**, March 5, 2023 - Eden, AUS  
Tour Time - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm - (6 hours)  
- with optional return to the ship at any time  
Ship Anchored (Tender) - 7 am to 4 pm - (9 hours)  
Tour Cost = **FREE**

Today we anchor off of Eden, Australia and take the tenders into port. For those who have not registered for a tour through NCL we invite you to join your hosts for a casual day at the beach in Eden. We will take a morning tender to the pier in Eden and gather for a short 15 to 20 minute walk (about 1 mile) through town to **Aslings Beach** on the northern shores of Twofold Bay in Eden.



Aslings Beach offers both surf (waves 3-5 feet) and safe swimming which is patrolled in summer. However, please be advised that conditions can change regularly and rip tides may be present, so please take proper precautions. The northern end of the beach ends with Lake Curralo, an intermittently closing estuary to the north. Aslings Beach Rock Pool can be found at the southern end of the beach, which is protected from the surf and makes for a nice relaxing place to cool off. While we are not likely to see whales (which migrate August to November) we may catch a glimpse of dolphins which are often seen right along the shoreline, either feeding or sheltering in the bay. After relaxing on the beach for a while and soaking up some sunshine (average temperature 75 degrees), you may wish to take a stroll and enjoy the views from the 3.7 mile

Lake Curralo Boardwalk, which is level and accessible. Our group will plan to head back to the pier by around 1:00 pm so we can take a stroll through town to check out a few of the shops before arriving back at the pier to take the tender back to the ship at around 2:00 pm. Group members are free to leave the beach whenever they wish if they prefer more time for shopping on the way back to the pier.



# Tour 2a/2b - Nature and Whiskey in Burnie, Tasmania

Date - **Monday**, March 6, 2023 - Burnie, Tasmania, AUS

Tour Time - 11:00 am to 5:00 pm - (6 hours)

Ship In Port - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm - (8 hours)

Tour Cost 2a (includes distillery tour) = **\$70** - only 30 seats

Tour Cost 2b (nature only/no distillery tour) = **\$55**

Board our motor coach to take in some of the natural highlights of Burnie, Tasmania before our tour and tasting at Hellyers Road Distillery. Our first stop will be **Fern Glade Reserve** where we will take a stroll through the rainforest path and into the woodland to the river bed where we will search for the illusive platypus which call Fern Glad home. Next stop - **Guide Falls** - where after a short walk



we can view the waterfalls. From here, we travel to the beautiful **Emu Valley Rhododendrum Garden** known as much for the birdsong as it is for the stunningly beautiful gardens. We're likely to see and hear Fairy Wrens, Pink Robins, Rufous Whistler, and many more. It's a bird lovers paradise and a feast for the eyes as well. But now that you've worked up a thirst, it's time to head to **Hellyers Road Distillery** where we will enjoy a 40-minute tour and whiskey tasting. I understand that their Pinot Noir casked 12-year old whiskey is a showstopper. But since the distillery tour is limited to only 30 people, and since some may prefer to skip the distillery, your bus will remain at the Garden where they have a tea house for your afternoon refreshments. Then both groups will proceed to **Table Cape Lookout** for the incredible views along the coastline before we return to the ship.



# Tour 3 - Koalas, Kangaroos & Shopping in Melbourne

Date - Tuesday, March 7, 2023 - Melbourne, AUS  
 Tour Time - 8:30 am to 4:00 pm - (7.5 hours)  
 Ship In Port - 8:00 am to 6:00 pm - (10 hours)  
 Tour Cost = \$70



Board our motor coach and enjoy the coastal route with commentary by our guide as she shows us the sights in Melbourne, including St. Kilda Beach and the bathing boxes at Brighton Beach, on our way to **Moonlit Sanctuary**, Melbourne's award-winning wildlife park. At Moonlit Sanctuary we will be treated to an up-close look at Australia's amazing animals. We will have an opportunity to explore their bush-land while **feeding** kangaroos and wallabies, **petting** friendly koalas and **enjoying** encounters with colorful birds, reptiles, dingoes and many other animals including endangered species. Our group visit will include a private koala encounter (at 10:30 am), a private Conservation in Action Show, and animal food for the kangaroos. We will also have time to look around the sanctuary at our own pace to see the more than 70 Australian species awaiting our arrival. After our visit we will travel back downtown for a stop at **Queen Victoria Market** for lunch (on your own) and shopping. Also known affectionately as 'Vic Market' or

'Queen Vic', the Queen Victoria Market has been the heart and soul of Melbourne for more than a century. An historic landmark spread over two city blocks, it's a vibrant and bustling inner-city market where we can shop at over 600 small businesses for everything from Australian fruit and vegetables, local and imported gourmet foods, clothing and souvenirs before we return to the ship by 4 pm. Okay ladies - this is not just a "Kelly" shopping stop, this is a full blown shopping opportunity.



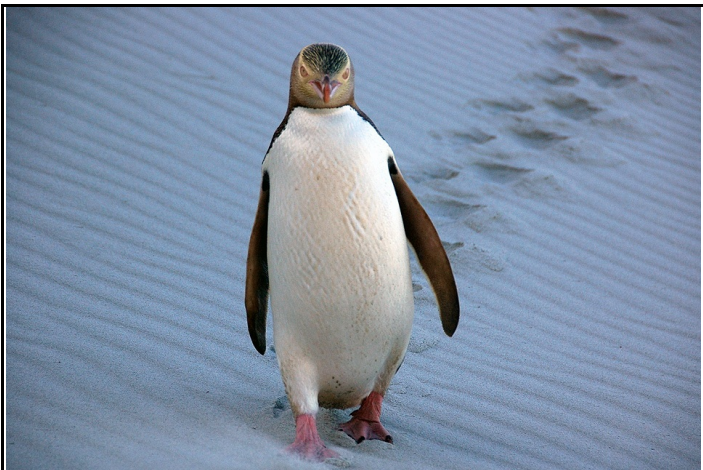
# Tour 4 - Dunedin City, Scenery & Wildlife Safari

Date - **Saturday**, March 11, 2023- Dunedin, NZ  
Tour Time - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm - (7 hours)  
Ship In Port - 9:00 am to 7:00 pm (10 hours)  
Tour Cost = **\$105**

Today, our motor coach will take us on a journey to explore the highlights of Dunedin and the gorgeous scenery of the Otago Peninsula capped off with a wildlife safari where we will see Penguins and Fur Seals in their natural habitat. Our Dunedin city tour



will include stops at Baldwin Street (the steepest street in the world), Botanical Gardens, University of Otago and the Railway Station (the most photographed building in New Zealand). We then drive northeast along the coast to the Albatross Centre Café where we will stop for lunch (on your own). After lunch we continue to Natures Wonders for our wildlife safari. Natures Wonders is a real experience, owned by real people. Wildlife is living in natural environments the way nature intended it to be. The team at Natures Wonders don't feed the wildlife, and the wildlife is not subjected to



tagging, handling or any form of testing. This is as real as it gets when it comes to wildlife habitats. The Yellow Eyed and Blue Penguins are a great example as they freely go about their lives on Penguin Beach. Experience a unique guided wildlife adventure, traveling on an all-terrain Argo 8 wheel drive and then a 24-seater Penguin Express Coach where we will take an

exhilarating ride across the farm to the breeding habitat of Yellow-eyed Penguins, Blue penguins, and New Zealand Fur Seals. We will enjoy spectacular coastal views, private beaches and up close and personal encounters with nature with a little time before or after the tour to enjoy the scenery or check out the gift shop before we head back to the ship.

# Tour 5 - Christchurch and Antarctic Centre Tour

Date - **Sunday**, March 12, 2023 - Lyttleton, NZ  
Tour Time - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm - (6 hours)  
Ship In Port - 8:00 noon to 6:00 pm - (10 hours)  
Tour Cost = **\$60**

Today we will enjoy a scenic overlook, Christchurch City tour as well as a visit to the International Antarctic Centre. Our first stop will be Sign of the Takahe for a spectacular view of the Canterbury Plains and the Pacific Ocean. We then continue to Christchurch for stops at **Hagley Park** and the **Botanic Gardens, Cathedral Square** and **Riverside Markets** where we will have some free time for lunch and/or shopping before we continue to the International Antarctic Centre.



Next to the airport in Christchurch, the **International Antarctic Centre** will transport us to an incredible world of ice and mystery, ambition and endeavor. The centre has become renowned as one of New Zealand's most diverse and dynamic tourist attractions. The range of interactive experiences here provides fun, education and excitement for visitors of all ages. They take pride in delivering an inclusive and engaging centre. Here we will experience real snow and ice and we will survive an indoor Antarctic storm. We will learn about life at Scott Base and see what it takes to work on the ice. We will hang out with little blue penguins and get close up to a husky. There's also the exciting Hagglund Field Trip, an

awesome 4D Theater, a massive HD screen and lots, lots more. At the International Antarctic Centre they love the Antarctic, which is exactly why they want to share it with the rest of the world. Their ethos: "See it. Love it. Save it." is their reason for being and a bold vision to make a difference. They believe this spirit of adventure is one of the things that draws people to the Antarctic and is the first step in becoming a passionate advocate. After our visit to the International Antarctic Centre we are sure to become advocates too.



# Tour 6 - Movie Special Effects and Wellington Tour

Date - **Monday**, March 13, 2023 - Wellington, NZ  
Tour Time - 8:30 am to 4:00 pm - (7.5 hours)  
Ship In Port - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm - (9 hours)  
Tour Cost = **\$60**

Today we will discover how imaginary worlds are brought to life at Weta Workshop, an award-winning creative design and practical effects company that service the world's creative

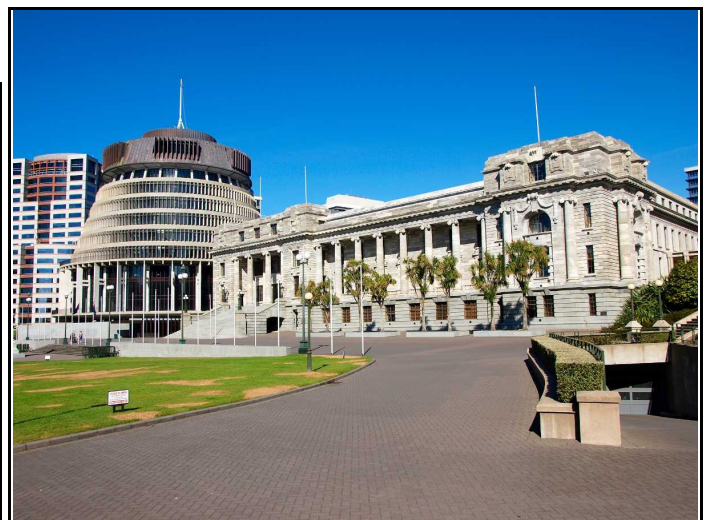


industries. Their crew has worked on many well-known and much-loved films and TV series, such as The Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit, Avatar, King Kong and many more. Our 90-minute tour will take us on a guided journey

through the practical effects crafted for Hollywood and studios around the globe as well as a private screening of Weta's exclusive behind-the-scenes documentary.



After our Weta Workshop Tour, our guide will show us the highlights of the Wellington area, including: the Miramar Peninsula and the rugged South Wellington Coast, Mount Victoria Lookout for 360 degree views of the city, and a drive through Pukahu National War Memorial Park. We then head into the city for some lunch (on your own) and/or shopping before we continue to see the cable car, Botanical Gardens at the Lady Norwood Rose Gardens and finally the Parliament Buildings before we return to the ship.



# Tour 7 - The Wine, Ale and Art Deco of Napier, NZ

Date - **Tuesday**, March 14, 2023

Tour Time - 8:30 am to 2:30 pm - (6 hours)

Ship In Port - 7:00 am to 4:00 pm - (9 hours)

Tour Cost = **\$85** - only 45 tickets available

Welcome to the oldest Wine growing region and New Zealand's premium Red Wine growing region, set around the Art Deco Capital of the World. Today we will discover the historic City, sample some fabulous world class Wines and enjoy a few Beers or Cider. At the start of the tour, we will learn the history so as to understand exactly what Art Deco is, and why here in Napier. On the tour, we will drive all the main City streets and Suburbs to view this spectacular and very



unique City and gain an understanding of all the aspects of this beautiful style that has stood the proof of time. This is a city with beautiful unique architecture

and rich colorful gardens including Centennial Gardens and the spectacular 130 foot waterfall constructed in 1974. Our aim is to have enough time remaining to enjoy a stroll down these streets at the completion of the tour when we will be given the option to walk the main street and return to the shuttle at our convenience, or be returned directly to the shuttles which will take us back to your ship.



Our first stop on the wine and ale tour and tasting will be **The Filter Room Ale & Cider House**, a small local brewery producing a huge range of drinks. Here we will each enjoy 3 glasses of beer, ale, cider or mixed drinks, or non-alcoholic drinks like tea or coffee if you prefer. We are in the process of securing a drink menu so we can pre-order our drinks in order to speed the serving process once we arrive. You can choose from craft beers including pilsners, lagers or Indian Pale Ales (IPA), ciders and sangria including wildberry, peach, passion fruit or red sangria, mixed drinks like vodka and lemonade, or non-alcoholic drinks like Ginger Beer. Trust me, there's something for everyone on this drink menu. Next Stop, **Shed530**, a newly branded small boutique Winery (used to be Moana Park), set amongst its own 3 acre Chardonnay vineyard. We are their first booking under the new name. While the winery has undergone a new owner and winemaker, they have the same cellar door staff. In fact, I understand that one of their cellar door staff, John Hancock, is one of New Zealand's best wine makers having just completed 51 vintages of wine making. There are not many that can lay claim to that record in New Zealand. While John is NOT the wine maker at the winery, he is retired (yet again) and works in the cellar door as he gets bored if he is not working. Our guide is 100% sure we will all will love the wines at Shed530 as they have always been a hugely popular winery with all operators, including our guide – John Hanlon. Last stop, the **Mission Estate Winery**, the oldest Winery in New Zealand, you will hear about the history of the Mission dating back from 1836 and of the challenges and hardships the French Catholic Marist Missionaries experienced when they first established the Winery in 1851. It was here that the very first vines were planted to produce both sacramental and table wines thus New Zealand's first Winery was born.





# Tour 8 - Natural Wonders & Maori Culture - Tauranga

Date - **Wednesday**, March 15, 2023 - Tauranga, NZ

Tour Time - 10:30 am to 5:30 pm - (7 hours)

Ship In Port - 10:00 noon to 7:00 pm - (9 hours)

Tour Cost = **\$115**

Today we learn the story of native **Maori culture**, their settlement as the first humans in the land and their remarkable innovative abilities that make them second to none in taking up ideas and



transferring them into practical

new resources for the world at large. Our tour begins as we drive through New Zealand's Garden of Eden - the Paengaroa horticulture area and Kiwifruit orchards - en-route to Rotorua. We follow the Kaituna River inland as the early Maori did to discover geothermal activity and an amazing place to live – in the most active volcanic zone on earth!! We arrive at **Lake Tarawera**, the site of the famous Pink and White Sinter Terraces and later **Lake Rotorua** for an introduction to Te Puia and



contemporary Maori with a guided tour led by 3rd, 4th and 5th generation descendants of the original guides of Tarawera and the Pink and White Terraces. Next we arrive for our guided tour at "**Te Puia Geothermal Valley and Maori Arts & Crafts Centre**" – home of the largest geyser in the Southern Hemisphere – blasting steam upwards to 100 feet every hour – and boiling mud pools, steaming forests and bubbling hot springs used for cooking. It is also the center for Maori culture through the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute. Here Maori bring their highly gifted university students to complete a masters degree in fine art as they learn and perfect their skills and knowledge in the traditional practices of wood, bone and stone carving and how these skills provide the carved stories of their ancestors from arrival in New Zealand 900 years ago until today.



These carvers will describe their art to the group as part of the guided tour. Since this is a staggered activity for groups of 30, there will be time for shopping at Te Puia for those who are awaiting the tour or who have already finished. There are lots of Maori based articles for sale that are priced for everyone and will provide a memorable souvenir of our final tour day in New Zealand.



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**Group Excursions – Registration Form**

To register for any of these Exclusive Group Excursions offered by the *Salisbury Cruise Club*, please complete and return this registration form together with full payment in the form of a **check made out to “Salisbury Cruise & Travel”** as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, December 15, 2022, and mail to: **Salisbury Cruise & Travel, 3911 Five Friars Road, Salisbury, MD 21804.**

Name(s) of Participants (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign me up for the following excursion(s):	<u># of Tickets</u>	<u>Price per person</u>
Tour 1 - <b><u>A Day at the Beach in Eden, Australia</u></b>	_____ x	FREE = \$ <u>0</u>
Tour 2a - <b><u>Nature and Whiskey in Burnie, Tasmania</u></b>	_____ x	\$70/person = \$ _____
OR		
Tour 2b - <b><u>Nature Only in Burnie, Tasmania</u></b>	_____ x	\$55/person = \$ _____
Tour 3 - <b><u>Koalas, Kangaroos &amp; Shopping in Melbourne</u></b>	_____ x	\$70/person = \$ _____
Tour 4 - <b><u>Dunedin, NZ City, Scenery &amp; Wildlife Safari</u></b>	_____ x	\$105/person = \$ _____
Tour 5 - <b><u>Christchurch, NZ and Antarctic Centre Tour</u></b>	_____ x	\$60/person = \$ _____
Tour 6 - <b><u>Movie Special Effects and Wellington Tour</u></b>	_____ x	\$60/person = \$ _____
Tour 7 - <b><u>The Wine, Ale and Art Deco of Napier, NZ</u></b>	_____ x	\$85/person = \$ _____
Tour 8 - <b><u>Natural Wonders &amp; Maori Culture- Tauranga</u></b>	_____ x	\$115/person = \$ _____

Optional Tour Protection Insurance Coverage (circle one) Yes or No x \$50/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number of Tickets = \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Remember, all tours will be filled on a first registered basis.**  
**So please register early to be sure that you get the tours that you want.**  
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