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**\$10,170<sub>pp</sub>**

Package #312

Start the New Year in style with a 15 day luxurious cruise from Auckland to Sydney, taking in some of New Zealand's most spectacular spots!

Beginning in Auckland, we'll head down the coast of New Zealand's North Island calling at Tauranga in the Bay of Plenty and Wellington.

Then, it's across the Strait en route to Kaikoura - keep your eyes peeled for whale sightings! We'll spend a day in gorgeous Akaroa, then head further south to Dunedin before stopping in Stewart Island for a day of exploring.

Before we wave goodbye to New Zealand, we'll spend a sensational day cruising the spectacular Doubtful and Milford Sounds. Then you'll have two luxurious days to relax at sea lapping up the impeccable service, sumptuous cuisine and superb facilities on board.

On arrival in Hobart, we'll spend a day checking out the sights then enjoy another at sea, arriving in Melbourne the following morning. You'll have a day to explore the city or shop til you drop before enjoying a final day at sea before finishing in Sydney.

## **Package Inclusions**

- 15 night luxury cruise from Auckland to Sydney aboard Silversea's Silver Muse
- **Business Class Air Roundtrip**
- **Transfers (between airport and ship)**
- Spacious suites – over 80% with private verandas
- Butler service in every suite
- Unlimited Free Wifi
- Personalised service – nearly one crew member for every guest
- Multiple restaurants, diverse cuisine, open-seating dining
- Beverages in-suite and throughout the ship, including champagne, select wines and spirits
- 24-hour dining service
- Onboard entertainment
- Complimentary transportation into town in most ports
- Onboard gratuities

**PLUS! Ultimate Cruising guests also receive chauffeur driven luxury car transfers to/from your nearest airport (within 35km)**

## **Your Ship**

Silver Muse redefines ultra-luxury ocean travel - enhancing the small-ship intimacy and spacious all-suite accommodations that are the hallmarks of the Silversea experience. Silver Muse is the best place between sea and sky, 8 dining venues, spacious outdoor areas and up-to-the-minute technology makes her simply divine.

## **Cruise Highlights & Ports of Call**

### **AUCKLAND**

Blending beachy recreation with all the delights of a modern, diverse and thoroughly multicultural city, Auckland sits on the lucid blue-green waters of New Zealand's north island. Known as the 'City of Sails', its two harbours will tempt you with waterfront walks, and the chance to breathe fresh sea air deep into your lungs while absorbing spectacular views of Auckland's grand harbour bridge's span. Take in the true scale of Auckland's magnificent cityscape by ascending 192 metres to the Sky Tower, and looking out over the city's gleaming silver towers, which reflect on the abundant waters below. Views over the bay and adjacent islands await, and you can share elegant cocktails at this dizzying height, above the mingling yachts of Viaduct Harbour. Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of the area at Auckland Art Gallery, Toi o Tāmaki.

### **TAURANGA**

Tauranga is New Zealand's sunny capital – with wide sweeping beaches and surfers curling across cresting waves. Climb to the top for spectacular views of the natural harbour, or take winding coastal footpaths to explore the unfolding scenery. An entry point to the vast indent of the Bay of Plenty, the volcanic peak of Mount Maunganui is a fittingly dramatic welcome. Brooding, geothermal energy creates spectacular natural attractions across this region, while plunging waterfalls, and fascinating Maori culture ensures that the Bay of Plenty has a lot to offer visitors. Said to receive New Zealand's highest amount of sunshine, the hanging kiwi, citrus fruit and

avocados add an exotic touch to the area's landscape - especially around Te Puke. Vibrant teal and orange colours await at the stunning geothermal area of Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, where mud pools bubble and steam rises from the earth.

## **WELLINGTON**

Sprawling around a hook-shaped peninsula, Wellington is a vibrant and energetic seaside capital. A compact, well-stocked city of buzzing bars and chatting cafes, New Zealand's capital is a bright and breezy place with an infectious, easy-going atmosphere. Known as the creative hub of the South Pacific, there are shows to see, art installations to enjoy, and rich flavours to savour here. The sounds of rare and beautiful birdlife fill the hills around the city, and the bush of the green belt provides easy-to-access sanctuary, strolls and cycle rides. The Botanical Gardens break up the buildings, even more, while an iconic, cherry-red cable car rumbles up Wellington's slope to the city's best viewpoint, looking out over the city's scenic harbour from above. Zealandia has provided an urban home for rare and endangered birdlife, bringing many species back from the brink.

## **KAIKOURA**

Lodged between high mountains and the Pacific Ocean, on New Zealand's South Island, it is said that no two views in Kaikoura are the same. Look left, and you'll see snow-capped peaks and rolling meadows. Look right, and you'll see seals hauling out on rugged shores. Look straight ahead and you'll see nothing except the wide expanse of the Pacific. Kaikoura's claim to fame is its rich abundance of marine life. Visitors have a 95% chance of spotting giant sperm whales, as well as dusky dolphins, orcas and humpback whales, regardless of whether you are travelling by boat or by air. Additionally, New Zealand Fur Seals live in the shallow waters of the town's peninsula, and surely there can be no greater experience than swimming alongside the playful marine mammal in its natural habitat.

## **AKAROA**

With pretty painted cottages, overflowing verdant balconies and street names such as Rue Lavaud and Fleur Lane, you could be forgiven for thinking that you have stepped onto the streets of Provence upon arrival in Akaroa. And yet, here you are, in New Zealand's South Island, less than 50 kilometres from Christchurch. The French connection stems from 1838, when Captain Jean Francois Langlois acquired the land for six British pounds (and questionable circumstances) from the Maoris. He then travelled home to France in order to bring back anyone who might want to join him in his new life. However, during his travels, the Treaty of Waitangi was signed (signatories included two Akaroa Maori chiefs) and New Zealand's first Governor, Hobson, declared sovereignty over the whole of New Zealand. Thus when Langlois and his settlers arrived back, they were faced with a choice: either return home to France or stay on.

## **DUNEDIN**

The south-easterly coast of New Zealand's wild southern island is a haven for outdoor adventures, with masses of raw scenic beauty and thrilling coastline. Heading the Otago Harbour, Dunedin is a cosmopolitan city of culture and architectural splendour, with a distinctly tartan flare. Settled by the Scots in 1848, the romantically misty valleys and moody landscapes, continue to capture the hearts of visitors to these distant shores. Searing bagpipes echo down the streets in the Edinburgh of the South, which wears its Scottish origins proudly. Gothic revival architecture is scattered liberally, including the magnificent university - with its glorious clocktower - and the city's grand cathedral. Head to the elegant Octagon to see the statue to Robert Burns, whose nephew was a city founder. The railway station is perhaps the pick of this city's many artistic structures.

## **STEWART ISLAND**

Within touching distance of the South Island's southern tip, the majority of New Zealand's third-largest island is handed over to a beautiful sprawl of National Park. Taking its name from the Māori word 'Rakiura' which means 'land of the glowing skies' this is an island sanctuary of radiant beauty. Sunsets and sunrise are magical, but it's the swirling patterns of lights that dance across the heavens above that enchant above all else - as the southern hemisphere's version of the northern lights dazzles overhead. Slow the pace, on this island of leisurely fishing villages and swirling Maori legend. The majority of Stewart Island has been claimed by dense forests, which conceal wonderful wildlife watching opportunities, and reveal isolated coves and dramatic cliffs. Bring your hiking boots, as with only 15 miles of road, the best way to see the rugged beauty is by crunching along seaside trails.

## **DOUBTFUL SOUND**

As with all of New Zealand's fiords, Doubtful Sound is a masterpiece of nature. The only way to reach it is by boat, crossing Lake Manapouri, so of the three Sounds (Dusky and Milford being the other two), Doubtful is the least touristy. Thus those who are lucky enough to experience Doubtful Sound deserve it. Because of the Sound's inaccessibility, you'll encounter very few people as you float through the silent waterways. Animals, however, are a different matter. Because of the lack of human interaction, Mother Nature has been given a free rein here. The dense forest is rife with wildlife and birdsong is a constant soundtrack (otherwise it is the sound of silence). In the water, you can expect to get up close and personal with fur seals, pods of bottlenose dolphins and some lucky souls have even sighted the occasional whale and albatross.

## **MILFORD SOUND**

Named after Milford Haven in Wales, Milford Sound is not a sound but a fjord, yet the name has stuck. In 1998 the Maori name Piopiotahi has been added and officially it should be written as Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. The local name refers to the extinct New Zealand Thrush (the piopio). Milford Sound sits within South Island's Fiordland National Park, one of the four national parks forming the UNESCO World Heritage site "Te Wahipounamu" -pounamu being the local greenstone highly estimated for carvings by the Maori. The fjord has a length of approximately 16 kilometers and a depth of more than 290 meters. Steep cliffs, several impressive waterfalls and dense rainforest characterize the fjord. Halfway down the fjord is Stirling Falls, the second tallest.

## **HOBART**

Mount Wellington's looming, cloud-wisped form is an ever-present sight as you explore booming Hobart, the cosmopolitan capital of Australia's most southerly state. A former British penal colony, nowadays Australia's second-oldest city is a place to live the free and easy life. Encircled by dramatic cliffs, landscaped gardens and rolling vineyards, Hobart is also well stacked with cultural pursuits including museums, and respected - if controversial - galleries plastering new and old art to their walls. With fresh sea breezes and a fabulous location, Hobart is a creative place, where you can browse the produce of local artisans in Saturday's massive Salamanca

Market - which draws visitors from all across Tasmania and beyond. Eat at waterfront restaurants, or rise up Mount Wellington's slopes to appreciate the remoteness of Hobart's location.

## MELBOURNE

Australia's metropolitan cultural capital is a refined, contemporary and richly liveable city - which has a blend for every taste. The smells of freshly ground, artisan coffees fill the streets of this hip, youthful city, which is generously sprinkled with fine dining establishments, art galleries, and absorbing museums. With an airy outdoor lifestyle, Melbourne is a vibrant global hub of fashion, fun and festivities. Multicultural and diverse, Victoria's capital is crisscrossed by narrow alleys and splashed with street art. It's fair to say Melbourne's bearded baristas take their coffees seriously. Settle in to sample the unique coffee culture that is an essential part of Melbourne life. Looking for something a little stronger? The city's rooftop bars come alive with clinking cocktails as the sun sets.

## SYDNEY

With its glorious harbour, lavish golden beaches and iconic landmarks, Sydney is Australia's showpiece city. Creative and curious, discover the world-class cuisine, indigenous culture, and irresistible beach life that make Sydney one of the world's most dynamic, exciting destinations. Sydney's sparkling harbour is the heart of a richly cultural city. Overlooked by the metallic curves of the masterpiece of an Opera House, and that grand arched harbour bridge. Take it all in from the water, and admire the iconic landmarks, which are set before the city's gleaming skyline backdrop. If you're feeling adventurous, take the legendary climb up the smooth curve of the bridge - nicknamed the Coathanger - to soak in the shining city's spread from a unique perspective. Spread out to tan on one of the world's most famous stretches of sand - Bondi Beach.

## Departure Dates & Pricing

Cruise departs Auckland on Monday 03 January 2022, arriving Sydney Tuesday 18 January 2022.

Prices start from NZ\$10,879 per person twin share in Vista Suite, including early booking bonus.

Please note pricing is subject to availability and can change at any time. Please contact us for the most up to date availability and the best available price.

### Cruise Category

- Classic Luxury

### Onboard Features

- 24 Hr Room Service
- All meals
- Boutique &/or Salon
- Drinks All Day
- Gratuities
- Pool &/or Spa

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### trip itinerary

Day 03 Jan 2022

Auckland

Day 04 Jan 2022

Tauranga, New Zealand

Day 05 Jan 2022

At Sea

Day 06 Jan 2022

Wellington, New Zealand

Day 20 Dec 2021

Melbourne, Australia

Day 07 Jan 2022

Kaikoura

Day 08 Jan 2022

Akaroa, New Zealand

Day 09 Jan 2022

Dunedin, New Zealand

Day 10 Jan 2022

Stewart Island, New Zealand

Day 11 Jan 2022

Doubtful & Milford Sounds, New Zealand

Day 12-13 Jan 2022

At Sea

Day 14 Jan 2022

Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

Day 15 Jan 2022

At Sea

Day 16 Jan 2022  
Melbourne, Australia  
Day 17 Jan 2022  
At Sea  
Day 18 Jan 2022  
Sydney, Australia  
Day 02 Jan 2022  
Bay of Islands, New Zealand  
□ The Vessel  
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## Technical Details

### Cruise Category

- Luxury Expeditions

Silver Muse

Silversea Cruises is happy to present, Silver Muse. The new ultra-luxury ship was built by Fincantieri and at 40,700 grt accommodates 596 guests. Representing an exciting evolution of Silver Spirit, Silver Muse redefines ultra-luxury ocean travel – enhancing the small-ship intimacy and spacious all-suite accommodations that are the hallmarks of the Silversea experience. The addition of Silver Muse expands Silversea's fleet to nine ships, and once again significantly raises the bar in the ultra-luxury cruise market with a wealth of enhancements to the onboard experience, while satisfying the uncompromising requirements for comfort, service, and quality of the world's most discerning travellers.

Vessel Features

- **24 Hr Room Service**
- **All meals**
- **Boutique &/or Salon**
- **Drinks All Day**
- **Pool &/or Spa**
- **Speciality Restaurants**

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