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A Lower Danube River Cruise

Bucharest to Budapest

NEW

07 - 25 AUGUST 2026

- Cruise through the heart of Eastern Europe, featuring a luxurious Lower Danube River cruise aboard Viking Ullur.
- Discover the rich history, scenic beauty and cultural treasures of Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, and Hungary.
- Begin with two nights in Transylvania, home to medieval towns and Dracula's castle, and conclude with three nights in Prague.
- This new tour blends the luxury of a Danube River cruise with the cultural treasures of Prague and the dramatic landscapes and legends of Transylvania. We hope you can join us!



Nashville to New Orleans

Music, Culture
& The Mississippi

12 - 28 MAY 2026

NEW

- Follow the influential sounds of chart-topping history from Nashville to New Orleans.
- Strut your way down Nashville's Honky Tonk Row to reserved seats at the Grand Ole Opry.
- Explore Elvis Presley's Graceland estate and the famous studios and streets of Memphis.
- Travel through the Deep South that leads you to elegant mansions, historic sights, and the sounds of country, rock, and rhythm and blues.
- Soak up the French Quarter of New Orleans as music fills the air.
- Bonus! Three nights in Houston including the NASA Johnson Space Centre.

We hope you will join us on this private and exclusive new tour!



New Zealand Owned and
Operated - 47 years

Awards



Damian, Pukekohe Travel Director pictured middle

Pukekohe Travel Top 10....thank you!

Pukekohe Travel has again been awarded a Top 10 finish from over 80 Travel Agents that make up our First Travel Group. Craig and Damian (Directors) would like to thank all our amazing staff who made this achievement possible. Plus of course a huge thank you to you, our clients, for choosing Pukekohe Travel.

Pam Cruises with Viking and the Edinburgh Tattoo

Pam our Senior Retail Consultant has also just returned from Europe after enjoying an all-inclusive Viking River Cruise. She couldn't fault anything on board and she extended her trip to Scotland to experience the Edinburgh Tattoo. A highlight of her European adventure.



All you need to know about cruising

Lisa and Morgan recently spent two full days in Brisbane at the Australasia Cruise Line Associations annual conference.

Everything was on show from the latest ship designs and itineraries, to cruise specials and even ships offering no single supplement. In an ever-growing sector of the travel industry the number of cruise lines on offer can be

mind boggling as to which one to choose. We all love to talk cruising, so call us today and we can take the hassle out of making the right choice for your next cruise.



Belinda Cruises with Avalon and falls in love with Switzerland

Belinda our Senior Tours Consultant recently returned from an Avalon River Cruise along the Rhine River. Although she thoroughly enjoyed her cruise it was the country of Switzerland that stole her heart. The pristine atmosphere and serene vistas were the highlights of this fantastic destination.



Welcome back to Vanessa

We have recently welcomed Vanessa to our retail travel team.

Vanessa comes from a strong travel background and was a Travel Broker with Pukekohe Travel eight years ago. At home in Waiuku, Vanessa is kept busy with her family and enjoys socialising with her friends. Welcome back Vanessa!



Travel Talk...

As we race towards the end of another year our planning turns to 2026. New tours planned for next year include China and Tibet, A Lower Danube River Cruise, a music heritage tour from Nashville to New Orleans and late next year we take off for Nepal. Back by popular demand we return to Africa with one of our most popular tours, Three Country Safari, and our East African Safari for 2026 is almost sold out. We travel back to Croatia in September and for the gardeners Jack Hobbs escorts our exclusive gardening tour to France in May.

Closer to home our Australian Cruise and Rail journeys return, plus a new tour from Adelaide to Auckland including the Great Ocean Road. A spring tour to Norfolk Island will be popular and our behind-the-scenes tour in Rarotonga is a great break from the

winter blues.

Our three Master Cruise consultants are kept busy as the popularity of cruising continues to rise and they have noticed a surge in interest for small ship cruising. In addition, school holidays favourite Fiji is already busy in 2026 and planning ahead is essential to lock in your break away in the sun.

Back in the office we are all looking forward to our annual First Travel Group conference where we learn about what's new in travel, handy hints and tips, and we finish the weekend with a night of celebration with all our travel suppliers.

We hope you enjoy the latest edition of our 'Boarding Pass' and we look forward to talking with you soon.



Sri Lanka

A journey to the jewel of the Indian Ocean

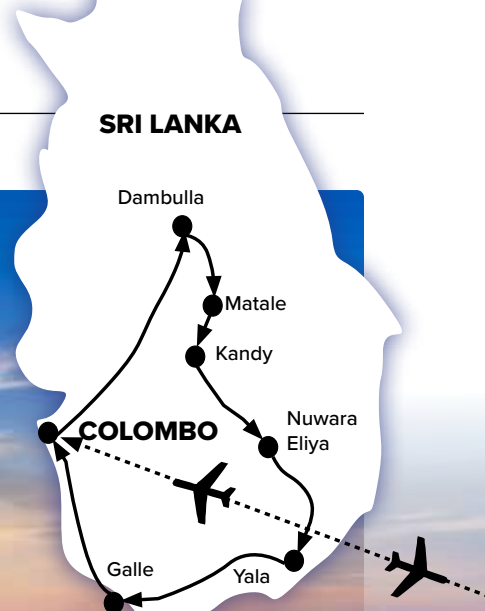
- This exciting tour encompasses the best of Sri Lanka where you'll visit Colombo, Dambulla, Kandy, Galle and the Yala National Park.
- Visit Sigiriya Rock, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Experience a scenic train journey through tea plantations and scenic waterfalls.

12 - 24 MARCH 2026

- Wildlife enthusiasts spot elephants and leopards on safari in Yala National Park.

This tour has something for everyone!

**HALF
FULL**



Portugal

Plus an eight-day Douro River Cruise

Portugal has a saying "tudo bem" (all good) - this special sojourn into a country that oozes colour, romance, history, beautiful scenery, UNESCO Heritage Sites, cobbled streets, markets and its renowned port vintages - is just that.

Become totally absorbed travelling from the Algarve in the south to finish in the north with an eight-day cruise along the beautiful Douro River.

Plus an optional five night extension into Spain.

25 JUNE - 13 JULY 2026



The **Best** of **Vietnam** and **Cambodia**

Including
Angkor Wat

05 – 24 MAY 2026

- Vietnam, is a popular country to visit, offering a rich history, diverse culture and a charming innocence – highlighted by frenetic Ho Chi Minh City, enchanting Hoi An, UNESCO Halong Bay and the highlands gem of Sapa.
- Cambodia offers the tour highlight of Angkor Wat in Siem Reap

The **Best** of **China** and **Tibet**

- Peach blossoms, Landscapes & Ancient Wonders
- **Bonus! Three day Yangtze River Cruise**
- Great Wall of China, Panda's, Terracotta Warriors & Potala Palace in Tibet

NEW

**LAST
SPACE**

30 MARCH – 20 APRIL 2026

Central India & Assam

including **Delhi, Agra, Varanasi** and
the **Festival of Lights** plus a **seven-day Brahmaputra River Cruise**

- Be immersed in the cultures, colours, food and life visiting the jewels of India – Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Varanasi, plus the 'land of the Maharajas'.
- The special bonus in 2026 is the inclusion of the Festival of Lights. A vibrant celebration marked by glowing lamps, fireworks, sweets, and family gatherings.
- Then fly to the distant state of Assam and cruise on the Brahmaputra River on board a luxurious river boat as it calls into villages, tea estates and National Parks.

**Extension to Bhutan
available.**



**Escorted by
Jack Hobbs**

31 OCTOBER – 25 NOVEMBER 2026

France to Switzerland

French Canal Cruise and Swiss Trains

**LAST
SPACE**

- Take in the natural beauty of France's Champagne Region as you travel by canal boat from Epernay to Paris.
- Continue your adventure through the Burgundy Region before arriving in Annecy, known as the 'Venice of the Alps'.
- The charm of this historic town gives way to the elegance of Switzerland as you begin your Swiss train journey from Lake Geneva to Lucerne, where you'll ascend breath taking alpine peaks, cruise on pristine lakes and marvel at the picturesque landscapes, historic cities and charming villages.



24 AUGUST - 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

Gardens of France in the Spring

14 MAY - 03 JUNE 2026

Escorted by Jack Hobbs

- The scope and variety of the gardens in France is immense and this tour will offer a handpicked cross section of the diversity on offer.
- Highlights are the opulent gardens of Versailles, the famed gardens of Giverny and the grandeur of the Loire Valley.
- The tour travels from Paris in the north, through the Bordeaux region before arriving at the Mediterranean gardens in the south.
- To complete the tour we enjoy three nights in Nice whilst visiting the Cote d'Azur.

**NEW
EXCLUSIVE
TOUR**



Galapagos

Including Equador and the Amazon

Small group exclusive tour

- Eight day / seven night private charter vessel to explore the Galapagos Islands
- See the famous red and blue-footed boobies, frigate birds, giant tortoises as well as sea and marine iguanas.
- Bonus! 3 nights / 4 days in an Amazon Jungle Lodge
- Small group, exclusive tour. Very limited space.

LAST SPACE

10 - 28 AUGUST 2026

The Five Stans

Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan

- Explore the cultural diversity and incredible scenery of the 'Five Stans' of Central Asia.
- Traditional villages, ancient towns and glorious cities with time worn trading routes.
- This exclusive and fascinating escorted tour is an adventure into the past.

LAST SPACE

17 APRIL – 11 MAY 2026

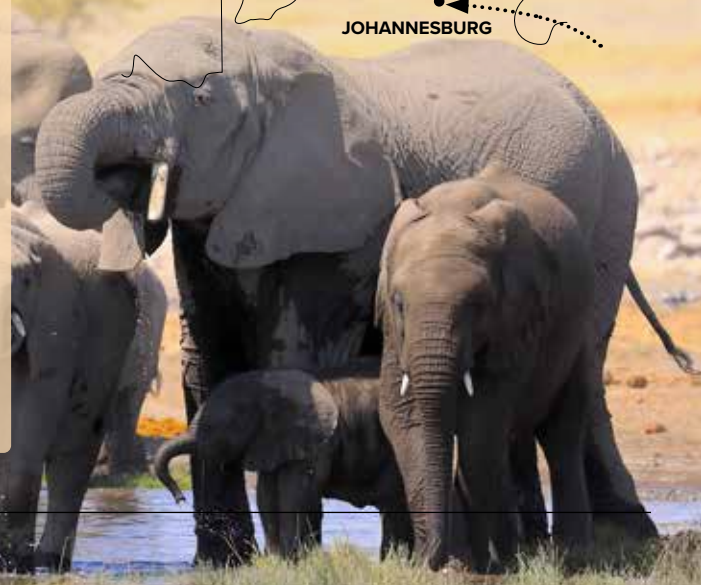
Three Country Safari

Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe

13 AUGUST - 06 SEPTEMBER 2026

- There is something unparalleled about having time to relax and observe animals in their natural habitat. This ever-popular tour offers three contrasting countries with limitless game viewing opportunities and experiences.
- Etosha National Park is open, dry and scrubby, with game concentrated at numerous waterholes.
- Sossusvlei - huge ochre coloured sand dunes a photographer's delight.
- Chobe National Park known for its large herds of elephant and Cape buffalo.
- Rivers that attract hippo, crocodiles and a myriad of bird species.
- Lions, elephants, cheetahs, buffalo, giraffe plus a huge variety of antelope - all viewed by 4x4 game vehicle.
- Victoria Falls concludes the tour - always a highlight.

OVER HALF FULL



Nepal

Culture, heritage sites, wildlife and mountain panoramas



- This new tour offers a twelve day adventure through one of the world's most spectacular destinations.
- Explore ancient UNESCO World Heritage Sites, street markets & the serene mountain villages of Bandipur and Ghandruk in the Annapurna region.
- Enjoy lakeside walks in Pokhara - known as the "Jewel of the Himalaya".
- Experience a wildlife safari in Chitwan National Park and spot one-horned rhinos, royal Bengal tigers, wild elephants and over 450 bird species.
- With a perfect balance of cultural discovery, mountain scenery, and wildlife encounters, this new tour promises an unforgettable experience.

Escorted by Damian O'Connor

11 – 23 NOVEMBER 2026

Croatia

the Islands & Neighbours

Slovenia - Bosnia Herzegovina plus seven days cruising the Croatian islands

14 SEPTEMBER – 07 OCTOBER 2026



- Explore the Croatian capital of Zagreb and Slovenia's Ljubljana and the beautiful lake town of Bled.
- Travel by electric train into the Postojna Caves, experience truffle hunting, appreciate the terraced lakes of Plitvice.
- Stop-off in Mostar, walk the streets of Sarajevo and

explore the old town of Dubrovnik.

Bonus! A privately chartered, luxury cruise on board ms 'Stella Maris' around the sparkling Adriatic islands including Mijet, Korčula, Hvar and Split.

The Best of the Mediterranean

Cruise

- Every port of call unveils a tapestry of ancient history, vibrant culture, and breathtaking landscapes.
- Explore the ruins of Pompeii, savour delicacies from Italian trattorias, and wander the picturesque streets of Barcelona. Experience Ephesus from the port of Kusadasi and relax in the white washed streets of Santorini.

Bonus! Three nights in Barcelona.

25 AUGUST - 21 SEPTEMBER 2026

**21 nights
aboard the
Sun Princess**

Rome to Corsica Including Sicily, Malta and Sardinia

05 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

**EXCLUSIVE
TOUR**

A rare and unexpected tour opportunity to visit a combination of Mediterranean Islands. Sicily, with its well known Mt Etna, and Sardinia, (known as the Blue Zone), with its clear pristine water and beaches. Malta, with a history that once visited, leaves an indelible and long-lasting memory and rugged

Corsica, where Napoleon was born. Combine this with Naples the home of the pizza and cameo jewellery and the buried city of Pompeii still being uncovered, plus Sorrento and the famed Amalfi Coast.

Scandinavia

Including a Norwegian Coastal Cruise,
Copenhagen, Oslo and Stockholm

- This coastal cruise starts from 72 degrees north in Norway.
- Visit the Lofoten Islands, Trondheim, the Sogenfjord and more en-route to Bergen.
- A village stay in Lapland with a visit to a reindeer farm and the sami people.
- Experience medieval Tallinn, Estonia.
- Travel by the Flam Railway through mountains and fjords.
- Visit Stockholm, Helsinki, Oslo and Copenhagen.

25 AUGUST - 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

Japan at Cherry Blossom Time

plus an eleven-night cruise

28 MARCH - 20 APRIL 2026

**LAST
SPACE**

Highlights

- The Cherry Blossoms.
- Mt Fuji - Kyoto.
- Riding on a bullet train.
- Sampling seafood, sushi & sake.
- Wandering through Japanese gardens and temples.
- Visiting Hiroshima - the country's new symbol of peace.
- Tokyo – the bustling capital.
- A cruise of highlights visiting Busan (Sth Korea), Sakaiminato, Kanazawa, Aomori, Sakata and Tokyo.

**A cultural experience
to remember**

Autumn in Eastern Canada



**EXCLUSIVE
TOUR**

24 SEPTEMBER - 16 OCTOBER 2026

- The Maritimes are picture book pretty - Peggy's Cove, Halifax, the Cabot Trail, Charlottetown.
- Quebec Province is ablaze with foliage that creates a tapestry of yellow, orange and red - a never forgotten sight.

- Both French-speaking Montreal and the nation's capital, Ottawa, add their own dimensions.

Bonus! Three nights in New York and a full day tour to Niagara Falls.

South Korea in the Autumn

Seeing Autumn leaves in Korea is an absolute must.

- Dazzling reds, burning oranges, rich golds, and lush greens paint the cities, forests and mountains of Korea in waves of splendour that shouldn't be missed.
- This fully escorted tour moves at a comfortable pace that lets you properly take in the sites, markets and local experiences. It includes the DMZ tunnels, Gyeongju's ancient tombs, Busan's coastal beauty, and a fast train experience on the KTX Express.
- **Plus savour the authentic Korean cuisine and cultural activities such as weaving in Jeonju Hanok Village.**

**EXCLUSIVE
TOUR**

20 OCTOBER - 04 NOVEMBER 2026

Transpacific Cruise Honolulu to Auckland

Plus three days in Hawaii

- This tour gives you a taste of the breath-taking Hawaiian landscapes, vibrant culture, and rich history. Highlights include a Circle Island and Pearl Harbour Tour.
- Board the Celebrity Solstice in Honolulu for a sixteen night cruise via Tahiti and Fiji to Auckland.
- Celebrity Solstice is known for its sleek & stylish design, world-class dining, state-of-the-art accommodations and standalone unique features this will be a cruise to remember.
- **Disembark in Auckland.**

27 SEPTEMBER - 18 OCTOBER 2026



In the **pipeline** for 2027...

Mexico

NEW

2027

Polar Bears

OCTOBER 2027

China & Tibet

APRIL 2027

Five Stans of Central Asia

APRIL 2027

Arctic Cruise

NEW

JULY / AUGUST 2027

Rivers of West Africa

NEW

FEBRUARY 2027

South Pacific

Escape to Paradise - Fiji Cruise

**NEW
SHIP**

AUGUST 2026

Warm, clear blue waters, white sandy beaches and a smiling Fijian Crew. Why not join us as we explore the Islands of Fiji aboard the new small ship Yasawa Princess

Explore the Outer Cook Islands

Speaks to the adventure in all of us

- A unique opportunity to visit the Southern Cook Islands Group. Mitiaro, Aitutaki plus Rarotonga!
- No resorts on Mitiaro - just good old fashioned island hospitality with simple accommodation and bountiful food and sightseeing
- Group size maximum 10
- Local escort to smooth the way
- Flying between all Islands

21 – 29 MAY 2026

A hosted week in

Rarotonga

Highlights

- Island orientation, a cultural centre visit, a lagoon cruise and Marie Nui Garden Tour.
- Each day has a half day activity with half a day to relax.
- Daily breakfast plus eight other meals including a progressive dinner.
- An authentic Island Night show and more.
- Local New Zealand guide and host.

14 – 21 AUGUST 2026

Lord Howe Island

- This Eco World Heritage Island includes 168 bird species, 241 species of native plants, 500 types of marine fish and 90 different coral species warmed by the South Equatorial Current.
- Walk, swim and snorkel, play golf, hire a cycle or simply relax - a special week away.
- Daily activities included with time to relax and explore

15 – 21 NOVEMBER 2026

Niue

Polynesia as it was Exclusive Tour

- Niue boasts crystal clear waters, abundant marine life and a rugged shoreline.
- An uncrowded, untouristy slice of Polynesia.
- Throughout the tour activities abound. Snorkeling, fishing, walking and local entertainment to name but a few. Or just put your feet up and relax by the pool.
- **This exclusive tour is sure to sell quickly. Space is limited. Don't miss out.**

BACK BY
POPULAR
DEMAND

20 – 27 JUNE 2026

Norfolk Island

REGISTER
YOUR
INTEREST

Highlights

- An outdoor paradise
- Picturesque coastline
- Relaxing atmosphere
- Emily Beach
- Colourful history and culture
- Cyclorama
- Friendly locals
- Daily cooked breakfasts and six dinners

SEPTEMBER 2026

Voyage to the Marquesas Islands

17 JULY – 01 AUGUST 2026

**Tahiti + Aranui 5 +
Flights = All inclusive Tour**

Highlights

- Deep blue waters, sheer rock cliff faces, time ashore to explore local villages and your home away from home aboard 'Aranui 5' await.
- The custom-built passenger / freighter 'Aranui 5' with the latest amenities is the only way to explore the enchanting Marquesas Islands – the cradle of French Polynesia where visitors are very welcome.
- Our previous groups described it more like a cruise with the additional experience of life in tiny trading ports.

Where Our Team Has Been...

Our team has been on the move lately, discovering incredible destinations across the globe! From escorting tours, enjoying well-deserved family holidays or expanding our expertise at industry conferences and educational famils - our staff have been immersing themselves in the world of travel. Take a look at where our adventures have led us recently.



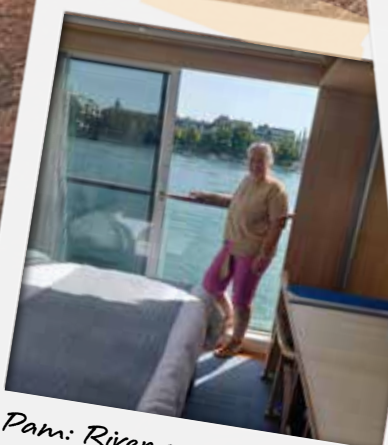
*Craig: On tour escorting
The Five Stars Tour*



*Damian: Riding trains on
tour in Sri Lanka*



*Belinda: Ticking off a bucket list
trip to Switzerland*



*Pam: River cruising in
Europe aboard Viking*



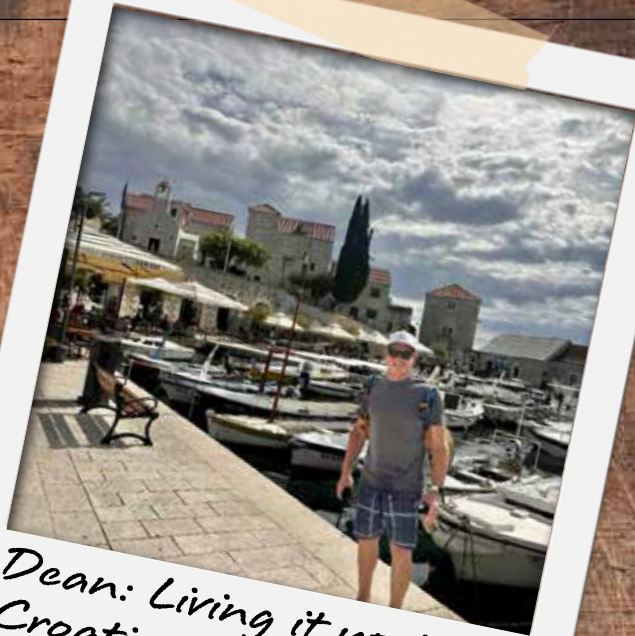
*Morgan: Attending
Cruise360 in Brisbane*



*Andrea: Soaking up the
sun on a famil to Tahiti*



Lisa: Cruising the east coast of Australia aboard Crown Princess



Dean: Living it up in Croatia



Bridget: On board Silverseas



Vanessa: Sightseeing in San Francisco



Steph and Andrea: Having fun in Sydney escorting our Torrill & Dean tour



Wendy: Island hopping on tour in Fiji



Mary: Enjoying some family time in New Caledonia



Sarah: Experiencing the beauty of Niagara Falls

Australia Cruise & Rail

Perth to Sydney on the iconic Indian Pacific Train

Highlights

- Relaxing on board the Indian Pacific Train for four nights in all-inclusive Gold Class travelling from Perth to Sydney.
- Off-Train Experiences included in Kalgoorlie, Rawlinna, Cook, Adelaide, Broken Hill and the Blue Mountains.
- Perth Experience Tour, Margaret River Vineyard Lunch, Cambray Cheese Tasting and Pemberton Coastal Experience Tour all included in South West Australia.

Bonus! 7 nights in Australia's show piece the South West Corner

OCTOBER 2026

The Ghan Train & East Coast Cruise

Adelaide - Darwin - Sydney



Adelaide - Alice Springs - Katherine - Darwin - Port Douglas - Brisbane - Sydney

- Sit back in Gold Class aboard the iconic 'Ghan' on one of the world's great train journeys through the Outback, from Adelaide to Darwin with all-inclusive meals and beverages.
- Then step aboard the 'Crown Princess' and cruise for nine nights from Darwin via Port Douglas and Brisbane to Sydney.
- Bonus! Two nights' accommodation in both Adelaide and Darwin.
- Plus, a Barossa Valley winery lunch and Darwin city sightseeing.

**EXCLUSIVE
ESCORTED
TOUR**

03-18 APRIL 2026

Australia West Coast Cruise and The Ghan Expedition

Plus six nights in Darwin

31 MARCH – 20 APRIL 2026



**VERY
POPULAR
TOUR**

**Perth - Exmouth -
Broome - Darwin
- Katherine - Alice
Springs - Coober
Pedy Adelaide**

Cruise from Perth to Darwin aboard the 'Crown Princess' for eight nights including port stops in Exmouth, Broome and scenic cruising past the Kimberley Coast.

Enjoy six nights in Darwin including a full day Litchfield National Park tour and Kakadu National Park tour.

Then board the legendary 'Ghan' Expedition train and travel in Gold Class through Australia's Red Centre from Darwin to Adelaide.

Plus!

- City sightseeing tours in Perth, Adelaide and Darwin.
- Barossa Valley winery lunch.

The Great Southern Loop Australia Cruise & Rail

Plus three nights in Perth

**Sydney - Hobart - Melbourne - Adelaide - Albany -
Margaret River - Perth - Kalgoorlie -
Barossa Valley - Blue Mountains**

21 MARCH – 09 APRIL 2026

Highlights

- 11-night cruise along the southern coast of Australia from Sydney to Perth aboard Crown Princess with port stops in Hobart, Melbourne, Adelaide, Albany and Margaret River.
- A five-day, four-night crossing of Nullarbor

Plains from Perth to Sydney on the legendary Indian Pacific Train in all-inclusive Gold Class with Off-Train Experiences in Kalgoorlie, Cook, Barossa Valley, Broken Hill & the Blue Mountains.

- Plus three nights in Perth and a tour of Rottnest Island.



**ESCORTED
TOUR**

Tasmania

Our 22nd tour to
this popular pristine
wilderness

BACK
BY POPULAR
DEMAND

NOVEMBER 2026

Highlights

- Popular well-paced excursions.
- Three nights in Strahan and Hobart.
- Explore the North West corner.
- Cruise on the Gordon River.
- Ride on the Wilderness Explorer Train.
- Private guided Tour of Port Arthur.
- Salamanca Markets.

Contrasts of the Kimberley Overland Darwin to Broome

Including Lake Argyle,
El Questro Station and Kakadu
National Park

Highlights

- Majestic canyons, fresh water swimming holes and outback stations.
- Travel west through some of the vastest landscapes you will ever encounter.
- Visit stunning Katherine Gorge and the huge Lake Argyle and El Questro Station.
- Cruise the incredible Geikie Gorge.
- Options to fly over the Bungle Bungle and a full day tour to the Horizontal Falls.

20 JULY - 04 AUGUST 2026

Australia's Longest Shortcut - Cairns to Perth

10 - 29 SEPTEMBER 2026



This is an epic experience - OUTBACK Australia! Crossing from north east to south west is not something many achieve... even the Australians.

- While an exciting journey such as this cannot be termed luxury, the accommodation is definitely comfortable, and the very experienced local driver is renowned for their enthusiasm, knowledge and genuine love of the area.
- Travelling by purpose built, comfortable 4WD coach with stops in Alice Springs, Uluru and Kalgoorlie will give you an insight in to the heart of Australia.

We hope you can join us!



- Relax on board the 'Ghan' Expedition train for three nights / four days in all-inclusive comfort – Gold Class.
- Off-Train Experiences in Katherine, Alice Springs and Coober Pedy.
- Katherine Gorge Cruise.
- Four nights in Darwin and two nights in Adelaide.
- Explore Litchfield National Park.
- Darwin and Adelaide city sights tour.
- Barossa Valley lunch at Seppeltsfield.

The Ghan Expedition Train - Plus Darwin and Adelaide

17 - 27 JULY 2026



Adelaide and the Red Centre

EXCLUSIVE
NEW
TOUR

03 – 10 JUNE 2026

- Private scenic charter flight from Adelaide to Uluru.
- Two nights accommodation at Uluru.
- Sounds of Silence Dinner and Uluru Sunrise experience.
- Fields of Light Pass plus cultural Centre Visit.
- City Sights and Adelaide Hills Tour.
- Exclusive food and wine experience in the Barossa Valley.

Don't miss out, seats are limited!

Murray River Cruise plus Adelaide

Highlights

- Join our tour to South Australia which includes a four-night ever popular Murray River Cruise aboard the Murray Princess.
- Two night stay and touring on Kangaroo Island.
- Plus four nights in the South Australian Capital of Adelaide which allows us time to explore highlights such as the Barossa Valley, Adelaide Hills and the village of Handorff.



24 SEPTEMBER – 04 OCTOBER 2026

Cairns to Cape York - an Unspoilt Wilderness

Highlights

- Cape York Peninsula is rugged, remote and one of the last unspoilt frontiers in Australia.
- Reach the tip of Cape York and overlook the myriad of exotic and unspoilt islands.
- Azure waters and the reef will be an awe inspiring experience.

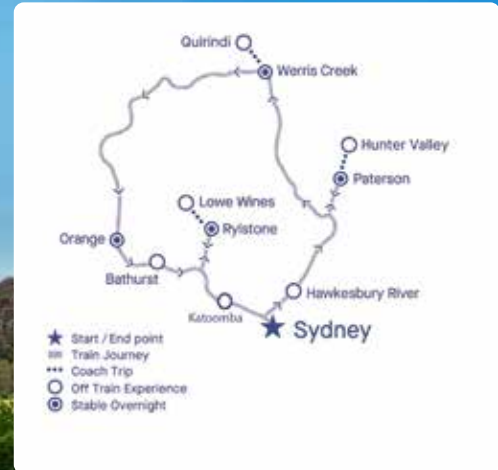
Seats are strictly limited.



16 - 25 JULY 2026

Rail Tour of New South Wales

Bonus! Two nights in Sydney and the Blue Mountains



Highlights

- The restored Southern Aurora Train will take you on tracks not readily accessible to the general public, making this a real adventure!
- Come celebrate some of Australia's diverse history and rich culture with visits to regional towns, gardens and attractions travelling on an iconic vintage train.
- Highlights include a Hawkesbury River Cruise, Hunter Valley Tour, private lunch at Abercombe House and a Blue Mountains Scenic Tour.

07 - 15 NOVEMBER 2026

Queensland by Rail Including the Outback



17 - 30 JUNE 2026

Highlights

- From the Outback to the Great Barrier Reef, this new tour embraces the essence of Queensland.
- Our exclusive tour travels by train from Brisbane to Hervey Bay, again from Bundaberg to Longreach and a third rail experience from Townsville to Cairns.
- Experience the Outback towns of Winton and Longreach, a visit to Fraser Island and a full day tour to the Great Barrier Reef.

Top of the South Rail Tour

27 APRIL - 5 MAY 2026

EXCLUSIVE
TOUR

From the Coastal Pacific rail journey along the restored Kaikoura coastline, traversing the picturesque Southern Alps on the Tranz Alpine train to cruising the Abel Tasman National Park coastline - this tour has it all.

Add in mooching around Akaroa on Banks

Peninsula, enjoying time in the impressive Omaka Aviation Museum and free-time in Nelson for good measure.

This all-inclusive tour is always popular and spaces will sell quickly!

South Island Grand Summer Rail Tour

12 - 25 MARCH 2026

Including **Franz Josef, Milford Sound, Stewart Island** and the **Catlins**

The best value South Island Rail Tour

Includes

- Train travel Auckland to Wellington, Picton to Christchurch and Christchurch to Greymouth.
- Two nights in Christchurch, Franz Joseph, Queenstown, Te Anau and Invercargill.
- Comfortable hotel accommodation.
- Daily cooked breakfasts, six lunches, and all but one dinner.
- Omaka Aviation Centre.
- Blenheim vineyard lunch.
- Akaroa Experience Tour.
- Milford Sound lunchtime cruise.
- Walter Peak Gourmet BBQ lunch - Queenstown.
- Stewart Island Experience.
- Catlins tour.
- Flights home from Dunedin to main centres.

Rail Cart Journey along the Forgotten Highway

MULTIPLE
DEPARTURES
AVAILABLE!

19 - 22 FEBRUARY 2026 / 19-22 MARCH 2026

Highlights

Nestled within the hidden valleys of New Zealand is the 'Forgotten Highway' – the ultimate way to explore rural New Zealand. Our previous tour groups have loved their specially-modified golf cart experience along a century-old railway line, through twenty tunnels, native bush and over bridges.

The Ultimate New Zealand Train Journey Auckland to Invercargill

**EXCLUSIVE
CHARTER
TRAIN**

Dean's pick

The Ultimate New Zealand Rail Tour is still my favourite NZ Rail Tour. The comradery, great fun, family atmosphere makes this a special tour for all. The privately chartered Kiwi Rail carriages come equipped with large panoramic windows, a café cart, viewing platform and of course toilets for your convenience. One of the unsung highlights of the tour is travelling south into Dunedin, as we hug the coastline, the views of the white sand beaches are spectacular.



30 APRIL – 12 MAY 2026

**FULLY
ESCORTED**

- Twelve nights hotel accommodation .
- Travel by Exclusive Charter Train Christchurch to Invercargill.
- Northern Explorer Train Auckland – Wellington included.
- Coastal Pacific Train Picton - Christchurch included – private charter.
- Trans Alpine Train, Christchurch - Greymouth.
- Cooked breakfasts daily.
- Seven lunches and ten dinners.
- Commentaries provided by your drivers and guides
- Comfortable air-conditioned coaches with panoramic windows.
- One way airfare home from Christchurch to Auckland (other destinations please ask).
- All gratuities are included
- Oamaru guided walking Tour.
- Dunedin City Sights Tour.
- Akaroa Experience Day Tour.
- Morning Tour to Bluff.
- Catlins experience Tour.
- Vanished World Tour in Duntroon.

“Excellent accommodation & great food choices”
– Ross and Jill

“The scenery is on a grand scale” – John and Lynda

“It exceeded our expectations - in almost every way” – Delwyn and Frank

“Wonderful team, many thanks! Made the trip even more special” – Ivan and Cvita

New Zealand Getaways...

High Country and Farewell Spit - small group tour

- Small group special to the top of the South Island. Includes Molesworth Station and
- Hanmer Springs. Back by popular demand for 2026.

05 - 12 FEBRUARY 2026



Art Deco Festival

- The famous festival celebrates the unique Art Deco heritage built out of the Napier 1931 earthquake.
- Shows, music, dance, picnics, walks and so much more....or simply sit back, relax and soak up the atmosphere.

20 - 23 FEBRUARY 2026



LUXURY Central South Island Tour

- Luxury boutique accommodation, carefully chosen inclusions.
- "The Vicarage" for three nights in Geraldine & the Hermitage for two nights at Mt Cook.
- A hosted lunch and garden tour Ashburton, 4WD day tour to Mesopotamia Station.
- Plus Christchurch and two nights in Oamaru.

08 - 16 APRIL 2026



Mount Cook Mid Winter Christmas

- What better location to enjoy mid-winter celebrations than in the alpine surroundings of Mount Cook.
- Stay at the Hermitage Hotel at the base of Mt Cook with numerous optional activities to enjoy. Always a sell out.

26 - 31 JULY 2026



Stewart Island and Catlins

- Stewart Island's densely forested hills, tiny population and untouched coastline make it a natural refuge for marine and bird life and a 'must do' for every New Zealander.
- The Journey through the Catlins by luxury coach will include podocarp forests, rugged coastlines, hidden lakes and stunning waterfalls.

07 - 13 APRIL 2026



The Chatham Islands

The way it used to be

Craig's pick....

Local's who wave and say hello, fishing akin to Granddad's stories, rugged, stunning landscapes, white sand beaches and seafood to die for – all this is wrapped up in one close to home destination – The Chatham Islands.

Often last heard on a radio news weather report, the Chatham Islands is just 2 hours 25 minutes flight from the "mainland". Independent travel is possible on the Island, but an organised tour is the best way to experience all the island has to offer. Taking advantage of the experience and access afforded to the local guides, you will have the chance to explore the island, without the hassle of making a wrong turn, or finding attractions closed as the "gone fishing" sign dangles from the front gate.

Each day head out to explore the island, your direction dictated by the weather. Time is not as important here, as enjoying yourself and soaking up your surroundings. A chance to walk, chat, take photos, go fishing, fly to Pitt Island, enjoy a special home cooked BBQ are all part and parcel of a hassle-free tour.

Pick of the accommodation is Hotel Chathams, with comfortable rooms, a great location and evening meals that highlight the local produce. Crayfish and blue cod are the people's favourite.

If it's on your bucket list call me today on **0800 785 386**.



2026 Exclusive Escorted Summer Tour Dates

- 31 January - 07 February
- 07 - 14 February
- 14 - 21 February - Direct from Tauranga
- 21 - 28 February - LAST SPACE
- 28 February - 07 March
- 07 - 14 March
- 14 - 21 March
- 21 - 28 March



Top five Reasons to book our eight day tours....

- Included, daily-guided tours which allow access to island highlights which remain restricted to many
- Hassle free and all-inclusive tour
- Crayfish dinners
- Enjoy the local hospitality
- Waterfront accommodation with all meals included

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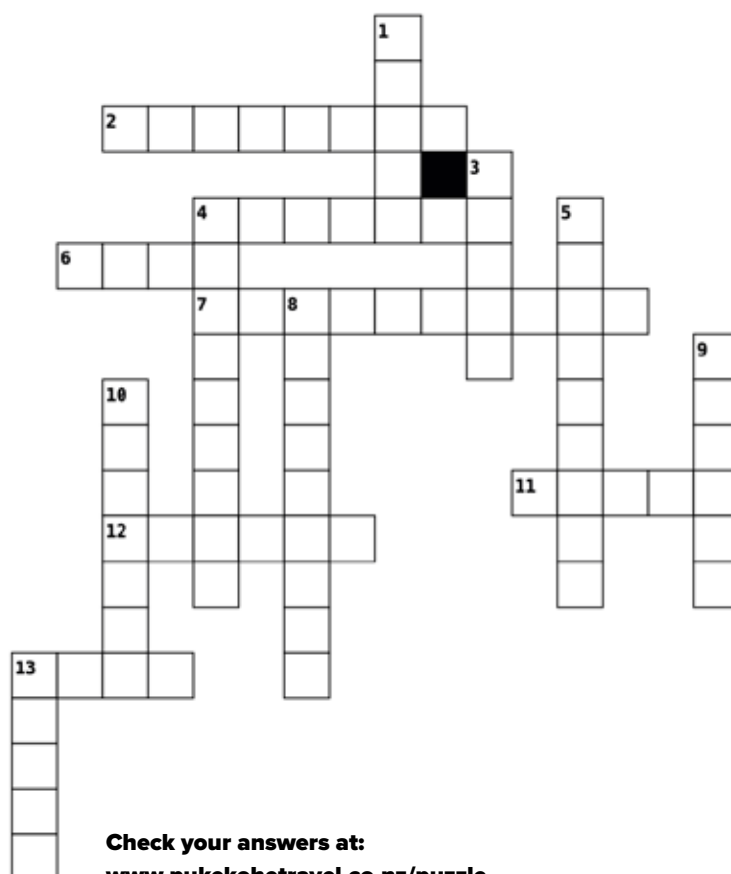
Crossword

Across

2. Historic trading city in Mali
4. Barcelona basilica designed by Gaudi
6. Egyptian site of pyramids and sphinx
7. Iconic Swiss peak on the Italy–Switzerland border
11. Sacred sandstone monolith in Australia's Northern Territory
12. Tallest mountain in North America
13. Stone statues found on Easter Island

Down

1. "Rose-red city" carved into rock in Jordan
3. Picchu Incan citadel high in the Andes
4. Ancient Silk Road city in Uzbekistan, known for its blue-domed mosques
5. Ancient citadel overlooking Athens
8. Nickname for the French flag
9. Europe's second-longest river, flows through 10 countries
10. Traditional Venetian boat
13. Leaf Emblem at the centre of Canada's Flag



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Adelaide to Auckland via the Great Ocean Road

- This new tour travels from the world-renowned wine regions of South Australia, along the legendary Great Ocean Road, through the gold rush history of Ballarat's Sovereign Hill, and into the vibrant cultural precincts of Melbourne and Canberra.
- Your journey concludes with the ultimate relaxation – a five-night cruise aboard the Crown Princess, where world-class entertainment and dining await as you cruise home to Auckland.

This new tour is sure to be popular.

NEW

26 OCTOBER - 09 NOVEMBER 2026

NEW

Phantom of the Opera in Sydney A Weekend Escape

- Celebrate the 40th anniversary of The Phantom of the Opera with a long weekend in Sydney.
- This long weekend includes three nights in Sydney, a scenic harbour cruise with high tea and free time to explore.
- Don't delay, seats are limited!



17 – 20 APRIL 2026

Escorted Tours Diary 2026

January

31 - 07 Chatham Islands

February

05 - 12 High Country & Farewell Spit
07 - 14 Chatham Islands
14 - 21 Chatham Islands direct from Tauranga
19 - 22 20 Tunnels
20 - 23 Art Deco
21 - 28 Chatham Islands
28 - 07 Chatham Islands

March

07 - 14 Chatham Islands
12 - 24 Sri Lanka – **NEW!**
12 - 25 South Island Grand Rail Tour
14 - 21 Chatham Islands
17 - 31 Tasmania **SOLD OUT**
19 - 22 20 Tunnels
21 - 09 Apr The Great Southern Loop Cruise & Rail
21 - 28 Chatham Islands
23 - 28 Melbourne Flower Show **SOLD OUT**
28 - 20 Apr Japan at Cherry Blossom - **LAST SPACE**
30 - 20 Apr China & Tibet **LAST SPACE**
31 - 20 April Australian West Coast Cruise & Rail

April

03 - 18 The Ghan Train & East Coast Cruise
07 - 13 Stewart Island & Catlin's
08-16 Luxury Central South Island
17 - 19 Phantom of the Opera, Sydney **NEW!**
17 - 12 May The 5 Stans of Central Asia **LAST SPACE**
27 - 05 May Top of the South
30 - 12 May Ultimate NZ Train Journey

May

14 - 03 June France Garden Tour **NEW!**
05 - 24 Vietnam and Cambodia

June

17 - 30 Queensland by Rail
20 - 27 Niue
23 - 12 Jul Heart of Europe **SOLD OUT**
25 - 13 Jul Portugal incl. Douro River Cruise

July

16 - 25 Cape York
17 - 01 Aug Marquesas Island Cruise
17 - 27 Ghan Darwin - Adelaide
20 - 04 Aug Contrasts of the Kimberley
26 - 31 Mount Cook Mid-Winter Xmas

August

07 - 25 Lower Danube Cruise **NEW!**
10 - 28 Galapagos
13 - 06 Sep Three Country Safari
14 - 21 A Week in Raro
24 - 18 Sep Scandinavia
24 - 13 Sep French Barge & Swiss Rail **NEW!**
25 - 21 Sep Best of the Med Cruise
TBA Fiji Cruise **NEW SHIP!**
TBA Indian Pacific Train and WA
TBA Southern Alps Hanner

September

05 - 29 East Africa Safari
05 - 30 Rome to Corsica
10 - 29 Sep Longest Short Cut Cairns to Perth
14 - 07 Croatia
24 - 04 Oct Murray River Cruise
TBA WOW
24 - 16 Oct Autumn in Eastern Canada
27 - 18 Oct Honolulu Cruise to Auckland
TBA Norfolk Island
TBA Southern Circle, WA

October

10 - 21 Polar Bears **SOLD OUT**
20 - 04 Nov South Korea
26 - 09 Nov Adelaide to Auckland
31 - 25 Nov Central India and Assam
TBA WOW
TBA Akaroa French Festival
TBS Southern Circle of WA

November

07-15 NSW Vintage Rail Tour
11-23 Nepal **NEW!**
TBA Tasmania