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Princess® welcomes you to your Australia & New Zealand cruise and to the Shore Excursion program. All of our excursions involve some walking. We recommend passengers wear comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes while on tour. To assist in your tour selection, please note the symbol(s) accompanying each tour description. They represent the following:

Icon Definitions



Easy

Although primarily sightseeing tours, these excursions do include walking for short distances over relatively level terrain. They also may include getting into/out of a helicopter or floatplane.



Moderate

Slightly more active, these excursions may include sitting for a period of time aboard a river raft or extended periods of standing, as while sportfishing, for example.



Strenuous

For the adventurous, these are our most active shore excursions. Activities such as canoeing, biking, hiking or kayaking are examples.



Wheelchair Accessible

This symbol indicates tours that can accommodate passengers who utilize a wheelchair. Most tour operators require that wheelchairs are collapsible. Space restrictions may preclude transport of electric wheelchairs and walkers.

Please notify the Shore Excursion Manager onboard your ship so that arrangements may be made prior to your arrival in port.



Meal Included

A meal and beverage is provided.



Snack Included

A snack is provided.



Shopping Opportunity

Shopping opportunities will be available during this excursion.

Categories

Sightseeing & City Tours

Guided tours that show you many of the top highlights of our port city and/or the local area.

Nature & Wildlife

Excursions that allow you to enjoy wilderness areas, view/interact with local fauna or marine life.

Activities & Adventures

Fun, exciting explorations that get you outdoors in the sun or surf: hikes, rides, water sports, beach visits, ziplines, flightseeing and more!

Special Interests

Focused excursions and walking tours that visit select highlights while exploring particular aspects of the port's appeal in greater depth: Cuisine, History, Art/Culture, Religion, or Guided Shopping.

Exploring On Your Own

Resources that help you make the most of an independent exploration of the area.

Badges

Most Popular

Our TOP recommendation as the ONE most representative experience for each port, these tours are always among the most popular excursions we offer.

Connoisseur

Intimate, exclusive experiences to groups no larger than 20 passengers. Each includes a special dining experience, special access or unique hard-to-duplicate experiences not offered on other tours.

Kid-Friendly

Specially designed to be enjoyable for children under 12. Lasting no more than four hours, they visit a limited number of individual sites specifically chosen based on interest/appeal to kids, offer kid-oriented commentary, activities and meals – and are priced affordably.

Off the Beaten Path

These excursions showcase distinctive, more unusual but less-frequented attractions of the port city or local area – perfect for return visitors or those looking for “something different.”

World Heritage Site

These tours visit one or more UNESCO World Heritage List properties.



Melbourne, Australia

Victoria may be Australia's smallest continental state, but Melbourne, its capital, is big on everything. With a population of 2.7 million people living in 59 separately named communities within 715 square miles, Melbourne is a sprawling city offering culture, art, fashion and friendly, sports-minded Australians. It is also an easy city to explore. At the heart of the city is the Golden Mile, the city's governmental and commercial center, home to hotels, shops, restaurants and theaters.

Originally part of New South Wales, Victoria became a colony in its own right in 1851. The discovery of gold propelled Melbourne's growth to prominence and prosperity.

Travel Tip: Melbourne is pronounced "mell-burn."

Sightseeing & City Tours

Blue Dandenongs, Puffing Billy & Yarra Valley

MEL-115 Approximately 8 hours / From \$199



Departing from your ship, you'll board a motorcoach for a picturesque ride into the green Dandenong Ranges on your way to the first stop in your adventure. As you leave the city, you'll pass through thriving suburbs and climb steadily into the Ranges renowned for their contrasting scenery of tall mountain forests and spectacular views of the Silvan Dam.

You'll arrive at Belgrave train station where you'll board one of the most popular steam heritage railways in the world. Known as the Puffing Billy, this restored antique narrow-gauge train still travels along the same the mountain track in the lush Dandenong Ranges, just as it did in the early 1900s. During your 30-minute ride, you'll journey through thick forest and flourishing fern-filled gullies, crossing magnificent timber-trestle bridges up to 280 foot long and recapturing the romance and charm of bygone days on this scenic journey. The authentic open-sided carriages are the best way to see the stunning scenery.

Your motorcoach will meet you at Menzies Creek station to bring you to your next destination, where you'll the fruits of the Yarra Valley. Like Bordeaux or Burgundy in the South of France, or the Tuscany region of Northern Italy, the Valley is a world class, world-renowned wine region. Home to over 55 wineries, it's recognized as a producer of exceptional sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, pinot noir, shiraz and cabernet sauvignon. You'll arrive at the Fergussons Winery, where you'll have time on your own to explore while the chef prepares your lunch. Of course, you'll get to enjoy some of the house wines as well.

After lunch, you'll re-board your motorcoach for your second winery stop at Rochford Estate. A highlight of the Yarra Valley you'll have an opportunity to sample award-winning wines at their cellar door as well as appreciate the landscape. Climb their observation tower for some spectacular views of the estate, or take in a bit of culture with a stroll through the art gallery.

Just down the road is De Bortoli Wines which is a third generation family wine company established by Vittorio and Giuseppina De Bortoli in 1928 after the couple emigrated to Australia from Northern Italy. Taste some of the range at the cellar door of this famous family run estate.

Your tour concludes as your motorcoach takes you back through the Ranges and to your ship. As you marvel at the peaceful greenery and babbling waterways, you can reflect on your taste of the beautiful countryside.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

During total fire ban days, Puffing Billy is powered by a diesel locomotive. The train is not air-conditioned.

Passengers must be 18 or older to participate in wine tasting.

Off the Beaten Path

Ballarat Wildlife & Sovereign Hill Goldmine Township

MEL-125 Approximately 8 hours / From \$149



Departing from your ship, you'll board a motorcoach bound for a scenic ride toward the Great Dividing Range on your way to the city of Ballarat, and a visit to the enticing Ballarat Wildlife Park.

Set upon thirty-two acres of peppermint gum woodland, Ballarat Wildlife Park is a rich collection of Australian native animals and reptiles, with a few "foreign" imports. You'll find over 400 species chosen for their educational and conservation potential. The reptile collection alone is one of the largest private collections in Australia featuring around four hundred individual animals of both native

and exotic origins. Kangaroos and emus roam free, and are ready to eat right out of your hand! Have your picture taken with one of the resident koalas. You can also visit with wombats, crocodiles and even see a Tasmanian devil up-close. There are lots of unique Aussie critters for you to get to know.

Afterwards, you'll re-board your motorcoach for the short ride to Sovereign Hill, an exceptional interactive experience that recreates an 1850 Victoria gold rush boomtown.

The time and adventures are yours to explore on your own. With over 60 buildings and volunteers in period costume roaming the streets, you'll feel like you've stepped back in time to relive the boom times. Discover all the town's treasures including the old gold diggings. You can even try your luck panning for gold. As for lunch on your own, why not sample a "fair dinkum" Aussie meat pie from the bakery, or seek out a cafe where the mood of yesteryear prevails. As you wander down Main Street you can also shop for many of the goods available in the 1850s, from ironware to tin and pottery. Pick up some gold at the Waterloo Store, the Jewelers, the Gold Museum and the Gold Smelting Works. The Sovereign Hill Gallery is where you'll find fine gifts, Australian and local crafts.

Your day is complete, and a far lot richer, as you re-board your motorcoach for the return trip, back to present day and your luxurious ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Bring a hat and sunscreen and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Local currency is required for purchasing lunch.

Fitzroy Gardens & Yarra River Cruise
MEL-200 Approximately 4 hours / From \$79



Departing from your ship, you'll board a motorcoach bound for Southgate Pier and the start of your 50-minute cruise on the beautiful Yarra River.

Although Melbourne is situated on the shores of one of the largest bays on the Australian coast, the Yarra River is the city's main water way. That's because one of the "most livable cities in the world" grew from the banks of the Yarra. In early times it was the major food source and meeting place for indigenous Australians, and the early European settlers used it primarily for agriculture. Today, it's one of the busiest ports in the country. During your cruise, you'll enjoy a different perspective of the city, sailing past some of the more notable sites including the vast Royal Botanic Gardens founded in 1846 and the Melbourne and Olympic Park Sports Precinct, considered to be Australia's premier sports complex that regularly hosts some of the biggest domestic and international sporting events. The venues have also previously hosted the 1956 Summer Olympics and 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Your motorcoach will meet you at the pier after your cruise to whisk you away for a narrated motor tour past some of the city's most notable sights including the ornate Princess Theater. Built in 1857, it's regarded as Melbourne's home for international musical productions. You'll also see Melbourne Park, Melbourne Cricket Ground, The Arts Centre. You'll pass by the Grand Prix site and St Patrick's and St Paul's Cathedrals.

Within the grand Fitzroy Gardens you'll discover huge formal garden beds, walking paths, a superb collection of trees, a gorgeous conservatory and the cottage that was once the home of Captain James Cook. It's the only 18th century building remaining in Melbourne. You'll get to view the cottage and learn about Captain Cook's life. The cottage, originally built in 1755, commemorates the captain who discovered and skilfully charted Australia's eastern coastline. Built by Cook's father in 1755 from sandstone and brick, the cottage was dismantled and transported from the village of Great Ayton in Yorkshire, England, to its present site in 1933.

Your final stop is the Shrine of Remembrance for another photo opportunity. The memorial is a permanent and lasting memory to the ANZAC spirit; the men and women of Victoria who served and those who died in the Great War. It's design ensures that a ray of sunlight falls on the Stone of Remembrance and illuminates the word LOVE at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the exact moment of the armistice ending WWI.

Your tour concludes as you return to your ship reflecting on all that Melbourne has to offer.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Tour order may vary.

This tour is only offered on the Diamond Princess.

Historic Melbourne & Old Gaol

MEL-215 Approximately 5 hours / From \$99



Departing from your ship, you'll board a motorcoach for a short ride through the leafy suburbs of Melbourne to your first stop on your adventure, one of the more notorious sites of area's rich legacy, the Old Melbourne Gaol.

The 19th century prison dominated the Melbourne skyline as a symbol of authority when it was built in the mid 1800's. Between 1842 and its closure in 1929, the Gaol was the scene of 135 hangings. Most of Australia's infamous characters, including iconic bushranger, Ned Kelly, considered to be an Aussie Robin Hood, and notorious gangster Squizzy Taylor have spent time within the walls of this amazing precinct. You'll learn about their life and crimes, their trials and treatment. You'll get the chance to see some of Kelly's armor, his revolver and his death mask. And you won't want to miss the fascinating exhibition on the "Art of Hanging."

After your tour visit to some of Melbourne's darker heritage, you'll re-board your motorcoach for some of its more beautiful aspects. Within the grand Fitzroy Gardens you'll discover huge formal garden beds, walking paths, a superb collection of trees, a gorgeous conservatory and the cottage that was once the home of Captain James Cook. It's the only 18th century building remaining in Melbourne. You'll have a chance to explore the cottage on your own and learn about Captain Cook's life. The cottage, originally built in 1755, commemorates the captain who discovered and skillfully charted Australia's eastern coastline. Built by Cook's father in 1755 from sandstone and brick, the cottage was dismantled and transported from the village of Great Ayton in Yorkshire, England, to its present site in 1933.

Your final stop will be to Como Historical House, an iconic colonial mansion built by Barrister Edward Eyre Williams in 1847, 12 years after the first settlement in the Port Phillip district. The sprawling garden designed by William Sangster includes gentle sloping lawns, picturesque flower walks and peppered over the spacious grounds are pine trees, terraces and gardens.

Content and enriched, your tour concludes as you re-board your motorcoach for the short, but relaxing return to your ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Tour order may vary.

Due to the size of Cook's Cottage, this portion is unguided.

Puffing Billy & Dandenong Ranges

MEL-220 Approximately 5 hours / From \$99



Departing from your ship, you'll board a motorcoach for a picturesque ride into the green Dandenong Ranges on your way to the first stop in your adventure, Grants Reserve. As you leave the city, you'll pass through thriving suburbs and climb steadily into the Ranges renowned for their contrasting scenery of tall mountain forests and spectacular views of the Silvan Dam.

Your first stop is Grants Reserve. This park in the Sherbrooke Forest is home to Mountain Ash, luxurious tree ferns and colorful native birds. Be sure to watch for kookaburras and bellbirds, not to mention the surprisingly tame Australian parrots. You can even hand feed the crimson rosella.

After you time feeding the birds, you'll re-board your motorcoach you'll arrive at Belgrave train station where you'll board one of the most popular steam heritage railways in the world. Known as the Puffing Billy, this restored antique narrow-gauge train still travels along the same the mountain track in the lush Dandenong Ranges, just as it did in the early 1900s. During your 30-minute ride, you'll journey through thick forest and flourishing fern-filled gullies, crossing magnificent timber-trestle bridges up to 280 foot long and recapturing the romance and charm of bygone days on this scenic journey. The authentic open-sided carriages are the best way to see the stunning scenery.

Your motorcoach will meet you at the station to return you to your ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

During total fire ban days, Puffing Billy is powered by a diesel locomotive. The train is not air-conditioned.

Melbourne by Colonial Tramcar

MEL-250 Approximately 3 hours / From \$159



Departing from your ship, you'll board a motorcoach for the short ride into the city and to your destination that is truly an "only in Melbourne" experience.

You'll climb aboard a vintage colonial tramcar that's been converted into a restaurant of note, traveling throughout the town and

showing you the sights while tantalizing your taste buds. The atmosphere is cozy, the service friendly and the decor as inviting as the colonial period reflects. This is a fantastic way to view the city sights and landmarks of Melbourne.

Your restored colonial tramcar sports a burgundy-colored exterior and features the luxurious equipage of the great rail cars of yesteryear. The decor includes burgundy carpet, seats covered in plush velvet, beautiful brass fittings and tables set with white linen and fine silver. Your Maitre'd not only watches over the service of your four-course lunch with matching (and free-flowing) wines and beverages, but the entire staff is engaging and entertaining. You'll enjoy a meal is truly Australian, and plentiful. In fact, you'll marvel at the magic the chef creates in such compact conditions.

Your tour lasts approximated two hours as you travel through the streets of Melbourne and its suburbs, getting a glimpse of St Kilda, Middle Park and South Melbourne.

Your inimitable adventure comes to a close as you return to motorcoach and to your ship, completely fulfilled by your very special and truly unique Melbourne experience.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Trams are air-conditioned and equipped with a restroom.

Wear clothing suitable to the day's weather conditions and comfortable walking shoes. Bring a hat and jacket.

Guests must be able to negotiate four, steep stairs to board the tram and a narrow aisle on board. Minimal walking on this tour.

City Drive & Eureka Deck

MEL-290 Approximately 4 hours / From \$79



Departing from your ship, you'll board a motorcoach for a ride through the bay suburbs of Melbourne as you enter the city itself for a breath-taking perspective.

Towering over Melbourne, the Eureka Skydeck offers awe inspiring views of the city. Skydeck 88 is located on Level 88 with an unforgettable panorama views of the city.

After your birdseye view, you'll re-board your motorcoach for a narrated motor tour past some of the city's most notable sights including the ornate Princess Theater. Built in 1857, it's regarded as Melbourne's home for international musical productions. You'll also see Melbourne Park, Melbourne Cricket Ground, The Arts Center. You'll pass by the Grand Prix site and the beautiful St Patrick's and St Paul's Cathedrals enroute to Fitzroy Gardens.

Within the grand Fitzroy Gardens you'll discover huge formal garden beds, walking paths, a superb collection of trees, a gorgeous conservatory and the cottage that was once the home of Captain James Cook. It's the only 18th century building remaining in Melbourne. You'll get to tour the cottage and learn about Captain Cook's life. The cottage, originally built in 1755, commemorates the captain who discovered and skillfully charted Australia's eastern coastline. Built by Cook's father in 1755 from sandstone and brick, the cottage was dismantled and transported from the village of Great Ayton in Yorkshire, England, to its present site in 1933.

Your final stop is the Shrine of Remembrance for another photo opportunity. The memorial is a permanent and lasting memory to the ANZAC spirit; the men and women of Victoria who served and those who died in the Great War. Its design ensures that a ray of sunlight falls on the Stone of Remembrance and illuminates the word LOVE at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the exact moment of the armistice ending WWI.

Your tour concludes as you return to your ship reflecting on all that Melbourne has to offer.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

Child Price

12 years and under only

Special Notes

This tour is only offered on the Diamond Princess.

Most Popular

River Cruise, Healesville Sanctuary & Wine Tasting

MEL-100 Approximately 8 hours / From \$199



Departing from your ship, you'll board a motorcoach bound for Southgate Pier and the start of your 50-minute cruise on the beautiful Yarra River to the Healesville Sanctuary.

Although Melbourne is situated on the shores of one of the largest bays on the Australian coast, the Yarra River is the city's main water way. That's because one of the "most livable cities in the world" grew from the banks of the Yarra. In early times it was the major food source and meeting place for indigenous Australians and the early European settlers used it primarily for agriculture. Today, it's one of the busiest ports in the country. During your cruise, you'll enjoy a different perspective of the city, sailing past some of the more notable sites including the vast Royal Botanic Gardens founded in 1846, and the Melbourne and Olympic Park Sports Precinct, considered to be Australia's premier sports complex that regularly hosts some of the biggest domestic and international sporting events. The venues have also previously hosted the 1956 Summer Olympics and 2006 Commonwealth Games.

A short motorcoach ride in Healesville brings you to the Sanctuary, nestled in the foothills of the lush Yarra Valley. Here, you'll get to explore the natural bush setting and see many of Australia's native wildlife. Get close to over 200 species of Australian wildlife, including platypus, koalas, emus, Tasmanian devils, lyrebirds, wombats and eagles. You won't want to miss the Sanctuary's new Platypusary that reveals the previously hidden world of platypus breeding and care, as well as a working wildlife hospital with unprecedented views into the care of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife.

From your Sanctuary visit, you'll re-board your motorcoach for a short ride to the Yarra Valley and the Fergusson Winery and Restaurant. Like Bordeaux or Burgundy in the South of France, or the Tuscany region of Northern Italy, the Valley is a world class, world-renowned wine region. Home to over 55 wineries, it's recognized as a producer of exceptional sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, pinot noir, shiraz and cabernet sauvignon. You'll get to sample of few of these stellar wines and then enjoy a delicious first-class two-course lunch.

After your repast, you'll enjoy a scenic ride back to your ship. As you wind through the fertile Valley, you'll pass farms and vineyards as your journey back to the city. Within the city, you'll be able to see such notable sites as the Princess Theatre, Melbourne Park, Cricket Grounds, The Arts Center and St. Patrick's and St. Paul's Cathedrals. Your day comes to an end as you return to your ship, having experienced some of the best of Melbourne.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Passengers must be over the age of 18 to participate in the wine tasting at the wineries.

On the Sea Princess voyage C222 (8Nov 2012), the river cruise portion will be adjusted due to Melbourne Cup Week.

Healesville Sanctuary, Yarra Valley & Wine

MEL-110 Approximately 8 hours / From \$199



Departing from your ship, you'll board a motorcoach for a scenic ride to the fertile Yarra Valley and the Healesville Sanctuary. You'll wind your way along the roads passing open vistas of flowers and berry farms.

Your first stop in this thriving landscape is the Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary, nestled in the lush Valley's foothills. Here, you'll get to explore the natural bush setting and see many of Australia's native wildlife. You'll have the chance to get close to over 200 different species including platypus, koalas, emus, Tasmanian devils, lyrebirds, wombats and eagles. Have a wallaby eat right from your hand. And you won't want to miss the Sanctuary's new BHP Billiton Platypusary that reveals the previously hidden world of platypus, or the working wildlife hospital with unprecedented views into the care of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife.

From your Sanctuary visit, you'll re-board your motorcoach for a short ride into the farmlands of the Yarra Valley. Like Bordeaux or Burgundy in the South of France, or the Tuscany region of Northern Italy, the Valley is a world class, world-renowned wine region. Home to over 55 wineries, it's recognized as a producer of exceptional sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, pinot noir, shiraz and cabernet sauvignon.

Lunch will be served at the Rochford Wines. A highlight of the Yarra Valley you'll have an opportunity to sample award-winning wines at their cellar door as well as appreciate the landscape. Climb their observation tower for some spectacular views of the estate, or take in a bit of culture with a stroll through the art gallery.

After lunch there is time for one more tasting before heading back to the ship. Visit a local charming vineyard and enjoy a tasting of their extensive range.

Your day concludes as you re-board your motorcoach for a relaxing, picturesque ride back to the city and your ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Passengers must be over the age of 18 to participate in the wine tasting at the wineries.

Kangaroos, Koalas & You Yangs Park
MEL-210 Approximately 5 hours / From \$129

Departing from your ship, you'll board a motorcoach bound for bushlands of Victoria's Western Plain as you travel to your first stop, the Serendip Sanctuary.

This 618-acre sanctuary is an excellent example of the open grassy woodlands and wetlands of the volcanic Western Plains. These environments provide the perfect introduction to Australia's unique wildlife and indigenous culture, and a great place to also enjoy a spot of tea and a biscuit (cookie or pastry). Then, see and walk amongst kangaroos in large free ranging groups. Spot emus, wallabies, koalas and other unique Australian wildlife while your naturalist guide provides the introductions and offer a wealth of information.

After you walkabout with the 'roos, you'll return to your motorcoach for a short ride into the Brisbane Ranges National Park and the eucalyptus forests of You Yangs Regional Park.

The name You Yang comes from the Aboriginal word 'Wurdi Youang' meaning 'big mountain in the middle of a plain'. Not only is this the home to more than 200 bird species, but you'll also find a large population of wild koalas throughout the many eucalypts. (Eucalyptus is a koala's major food source.) Kangaroos, wallabies, possums and sugar gliders live in this natural bush setting, too. Be sure to visit the koala conservation area and get to meet a few of the charismatic marsupial participants.

Then, it will be time to return to your motorcoach, as your tour concludes with a relaxing, scenic return back to your ship, having met some of the quintessential Aussie natives.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Sightings of animals even though frequent are not 100% guaranteed, as the animals are in their own habitat.

Due to fire danger no smoking is permitted on this tour. Guests should wear comfortable shoes and light long pants are recommended. Please bring a bottle of water.

This tour will not operate for calls of the Sun, Dawn or Sea Princess.



Hobart (Tasmania), Australia

Tasmania's capital has much in common with Sydney. Founded but a few years later, Hobart also owes its origins to the establishment of a penal colony - and its natural setting is just as impressive. Seen from its fine deep-water harbor, Hobart spills over the lower reaches of the Derwent Valley as Mt. Wellington towers in the background. Much of the city's heritage is centered on the historic waterfront. North of the city stretches the vast parkland of the Queen's Domain. Many of Tasmania's other attractions are within easy reach of Hobart.

With more than 90 National Trust buildings, Hobart, founded in 1804, combines colonial character with a sophisticated metropolitan lifestyle.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Richmond, Bonorong & Wine Tasting

HBA-100 Approximately 7 hours / From \$229



Your tour begins at the pier where you'll board a motorcoach and drive through Battery Point to a scenic lookout at the signal station on Mt. Nelson for citywide and river estuary views and a photo opportunity. We'll then travel via Hobart's northern suburbs to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary.

Here, you'll observe some of Australia's most famous natives, such as koalas, Tasmanian devils and wombats, along with kangaroos and wallabies. Some of the animals are allowed to roam free in their natural habitat. Park keepers are on hand to answer questions. You'll get a chance to interact with many of the animals. Bring your camera to capture the moment!

Re-board the motorcoach and continue on through farming and wine country to historic Richmond. This beautifully preserved Georgian village is home to Australia's oldest jail, bridge and church. Next, we'll head over to a local Vineyard, for wine-tasting at the cellar door followed by a casual and tasty lunch at the Richmond Wine Centre.

Afterwards, you'll have free time on your own to explore the historic old jail and many of the well-preserved buildings that have been converted into shops, galleries, tearooms and bed-and-breakfast lodgings.

Next we'll drive to Rosny Point Lookout for another photo opportunity. See a panoramic view of Hobart and Mt. Wellington before returning to the pier.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Passengers must be over the age of 18 to participate in the wine tasting.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have advised that any passenger visiting the Bonorong Wildlife Conservation Centre must wash their shoes upon return to the ship for biosecurity reasons. This footwear will then need to be presented at the New Zealand Customs and Agriculture & Forestry Inspection which will take place during the cruise.

This tour will only operate for the Diamond Princess voyages.

World Heritage Site

Port Arthur Historic Site

HBA-110 Approximately 7 hours / From \$169



Your narrated tour begins in Hobart at the pier where you'll board a motorcoach and drive along the wild and scenic Tasman Peninsula. We'll stop at a lookout at Pirates Bay for a photo opportunity, which offers a commanding view of Eaglehawk Neck and the peninsula's stunning east coast.

Afterwards, we'll re-board the motorcoach and drive through Eaglehawk Neck. Referred by locals as "the neck," this isthmus is a natural gateway to the peninsula. In the 1830s, the British would post guard dogs across the neck to prevent Port Arthur's prison convicts from attempting to escape across it.

Continue on to infamous Port Arthur. From the 1830s to the 1870s, more than 12,000 convicts passed through this correctional facility. Upon arrival, your knowledgeable guides and the exhibits at the Interpretation Centre will provide a behind-the-scenes look at the penal colony's history and workings. Explore the open-air ruins and more than 30 restored buildings, which include the

Commandant's house and Smith O'Brien's house. Wander through the early colonial gardens and then board the M.V. Marana for the harbour cruise that travels past the eerie island cemetery, the Isle of the Dead, the dockyards and Point Puer Boys prison. Includes a stop for lunch at the Port Arthur Cafe.

En route to the pier, you'll have time for some great photo opportunities. We'll stop to admire this isolated area's contradictory beauty. Its rugged terrain has several striking geologic formations, such as the Tessallated Pavement, Tasman's Arch, Blowhole and Devil's Kitchen.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The drive to Port Arthur is approximately 1.5 hours.

Most Popular

Richmond & Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary
HBA-215 Approximately 4 hours / From \$99



Your tour begins at the pier where you'll board a motorcoach and drive to Rosny Point Lookout for a photo opportunity. Enjoy panoramic views of Hobart and Mt. Wellington. We'll also make a photo stop at St. John's Church, the oldest Roman Catholic church in Australia.

Next, we'll travel to Richmond. This historic village is noted for its Georgian buildings, boutiques and galleries. Pass by the 1825 Gaol (jail) and view Richmond Bridge, built by convict labor in 1834. We'll also make a photo stop at St. John's Church, the oldest Roman Catholic church in Australia. You'll have enough time to discover old Richmond, including time on your own for shopping.

Afterwards, we'll travel via farming country to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary. At this popular animal sanctuary, you'll observe some of Australia's most famous natives, such as koalas, Tasmanian devils and wombats, along with kangaroos and wallabies. The animals are allowed to roam free in their natural habitat. Sanctuary keepers are on hand to answer questions. You'll get a chance to interact with many of the animals. Bring your camera to capture the moment! You'll have one hour to enjoy the Sanctuary before re-boarding the motorcoach and returning to the pier.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have advised that any passenger visiting the Bonorong Wildlife Conservation Centre must wash their shoes upon return to the ship for biosecurity reasons. This footwear will then need to be presented at the New Zealand Customs and Agriculture & Forestry Inspection which will take place during the cruise.

City Drive & Royal Botanical Garden
HBA-290 Approximately 4 hours / From \$69



At the pier, board an air-conditioned motorcoach that will take you on a narrated drive to Mt. Wellington via Battery Point. We'll drive past Constitution Dock, the official finishing point of the Sydney-to-Hobart Ocean Classic Yacht Race and continue on to historic Salamanca Place, the old warehouse district that is today home to trendy boutiques, shop, offices and cafes. We'll pass through the historic suburb of Battery Point en route to Mt. Wellington and the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.

Upon arrival at the Mount Wellington Lookout, towering over 4,000 feet above sea level, you'll experience panoramic views of Hobart, the Derwent River Valley and Tasman Peninsula.

Next, we'll travel to the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens for a one-hour, guided tour where you'll find an oasis, rich in both Aboriginal and convict history. Established in 1818, Australia's second oldest botanic gardens feature the nation's most diverse collection of temperate climate plants, including the largest conifer collection in the southern hemisphere. Other exotic and gorgeous gardens featured include the Sub Antarctic Plant House, the Japanese Garden and the Fuchsia House. Don't miss the spectacular beds of annuals that provide ever-changing displays four times a year. You'll have time to explore the lush gardens and visit the gift shop before we re-board the motorcoach and head back to the ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

A photo stop at mount Nelson Lookout may be substituted for Mount Wellington in case of inclement weather.

Walking is required to visit the Royal Botanical Gardens; some paths have inclines.

World Heritage Site

Port Arthur Historic Site (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)

HBA-111 Approximately 7 hours / From \$169



Your narrated tour begins in Hobart at the pier where you'll board a motorcoach and drive along the wild and scenic Tasman Peninsula. We'll stop at a lookout at Pirates Bay for a photo opportunity, which offers a commanding view of Eaglehawk Neck and the peninsula's stunning east coast.

Afterwards, we'll re-board the motorcoach and drive through Eaglehawk Neck. Referred by locals as "the neck," this isthmus is a natural gateway to the peninsula. In the 1830s, the British would post guard dogs across the neck to prevent Port Arthur's prison convicts from attempting to escape across it.

Continue on to infamous Port Arthur. From the 1830s to the 1870s, more than 12,000 convicts passed through this correctional facility. Upon arrival, your knowledgeable guides and the exhibits at the Interpretation Centre will provide a behind-the-scenes look at the penal colony's history and workings. Explore the open-air ruins and more than 30 restored buildings, which include the Commandant's house and Smith O'Brien's house. Wander through the early colonial gardens and then board the M.V. Marana for the harbour cruise that travels past the eerie island cemetery, the Isle of the Dead, the dockyards and Point Puer Boys prison. Includes a stop for lunch at the Port Arthur Cafe.

En route to the pier, you'll have time for some great photo opportunities. We'll stop to admire this isolated area's contradictory beauty. Its rugged terrain has several striking geologic formations, such as the Tessellated Pavement, Tasman's Arch, Blowhole and Devil's Kitchen.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

This is the same tour as HBA-110. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book HBA-110. Due to the specialized nature of some lift-equipped vehicles, you may have to limit the persons traveling with you to one companion who will be providing assistance you during the tour. Others will travel on separate transport. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

The drive to Port Arthur is approximately 1.5 hours.

Wheelchair-accessible transportation is available on a very limited basis for confined passengers.

Nature & Wildlife

World Heritage Site

Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary, Mt. Field Park & Curringa Farm

HBA-135 Approximately 8 hours / From \$229



Your adventure begins at the pier in Hobart where you'll board a motorcoach for the drive to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary. At this popular animal sanctuary, you'll observe some of Australia's most famous natives, such as koalas, Tasmanian devils and wombats, along with kangaroos and wallabies. Some of the animals are allowed to roam free in their natural habitat. Park keepers are on hand to answer questions. You'll get a chance to interact with many of the animals. Bring your camera to capture the moment!

Afterwards, we'll re-board the motorcoach and drive to Mt. Field National Park. This UNESCO World Heritage Site features an approximately 20-minute walk on a well-traveled trail through stands of the world's tallest hardwood trees. We'll emerge from the Tasmanian rainforest at spectacular Russell Falls. You'll have time to browse the Interpretation Centre and check out the gift shop.

Next, we'll travel to Curringa Farm near Hamilton. Here, you'll visit one of the oldest sheep stations in Tasmania operated by the sixth generation of this farming family. Watch a sheep-shearing demonstration and discover the unique understanding between farmers and their amazing sheep dogs, as they work together to round up a flock of sheep.

Lunch will feature an authentic Tasmanian-style barbeque, accompanied by a glass of premium wine, as well as tea and coffee.

While at Curringa Farm, you'll be taken on a short tour called "Over the Back," which explains the local environment and the challenges that face today's farmers near Meadowbank Dam. Learn about this area's purpose and importance to a viable farming community while providing habitat for native birds and animals. You'll have 2 1/2 hours at Curringa Farm.

Your return route from Hamilton takes you past Glen Clyde House (circa 1840) and the historic township of New Norfolk with its many quaint cottages and gardens on the drive back to the pier.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have advised that any passenger visiting the Bonorong Wildlife Conservation Centre must wash their shoes upon return to the ship for biosecurity reasons. This footwear will then need to be presented at the New Zealand Customs and Agriculture & Forestry Inspection which will take place during the cruise.

World Heritage Site**Russell Falls, Meadowbank & Wildlife**

HBA-145 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$249



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach at the pier in Hobart and set off for Mt. Field National Park. Upon arrival at Mt. Field National Park, we'll walk on a well-traveled trail into the Tasmanian rainforest through stands of the world's tallest hardwood trees to spectacular Russell Falls. This living marvel is registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Peruse the gift shop for souvenirs and explore the Interpretation Centre.

We'll continue on to Meadowbank. This working sheep and cattle farm is also a winery that produces premium wines. Take a walk in the vineyard and hear the story of the Meadowbank vintners followed by a tasting of their award-winning wines. Watch a sheepdog herd a flock of sheep and then meet the amazing dog. There will also be a sheep-shearing demonstration by a professional shearer. Lunch will be served at Meadowbank Winery overlooking the vineyard. The menu includes Tasmanian appetizers, salad, main course and dessert, accompanied by a glass of Meadowbank wine.

Next, we'll drive to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary. Here, you'll observe some of Australia's most famous natives, such as koalas, Tasmanian devils and wombats, along with kangaroos and wallabies. The creatures are allowed to roam free in their natural habitat. Park keepers are on hand to answer questions. You'll get a chance to interact with many of the animals. There will plenty of photo opportunities, so remember your camera. You'll have 45 minutes to experience the park.

We'll ride through the scenic Derwent River Valley and its charming countryside on the return route to the pier in Hobart.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

This tour is very limited in availability; book early to avoid disappointment.

Passengers must be over the age of 18 to participate in the wine tasting.

Richmond and Bonorong

HBA-160 Approximately 7 hours / From \$229



Your tour begins at the pier where you'll board an air-conditioned motorcoach and drive along Hobart's northern suburbs to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary. At this popular animal sanctuary, you'll observe some of Australia's most famous natives, such as koalas, Tasmanian devils and wombats, along with kangaroos and wallabies. Some of the animals are allowed to roam free in their natural habitat where park keepers are on hand to answer questions. You'll get a chance to interact with many of the animals. Bring your camera to capture unforgettable moments!

We'll travel to Barilla Bay for stunning scenery and an informative tour of an oyster farm. Taste freshly shucked oysters and view the interpretation centre before a delicious platter style lunch service of fresh Tasmanian produce. We'll continue on to Richmond via Buckland for more scenic views along the way.

Richmond's historic village is noted for its well-preserved Georgian buildings. Free time affords the opportunity to stroll through the local shops, view the 1825 Gaol (jail) and visit St. John's Church, the oldest Roman Catholic church in the country. View the Richmond Bridge, built by convict labor in 1834.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

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Please be aware that many of the streets in Richmond are cobblestones which may be difficult for guests with mobility concerns.

Tasman Island Wildlife Cruise

HBA-170 Approximately 7 hours / From \$199



Your tour begins as you board your motorcoach and travel to Eaglehawk Neck to embark on your eco-adventure cruise.

You'll set off on an approximately 2.5 to 3-hour voyage onboard a highly maneuverable vessel and cruise the coastline of Tasman National Park to enjoy close encounters with the highest sea cliffs in the Southern Hemisphere, marvel at the towering sea stacks such as the Totem Pole and Candlestick and glide in and out of sea caves. One of the highlights of the cruise is Tasman Island, a great landmark of the Southern Ocean - its slender white lighthouse is still a beacon for seafarers entering Storm Bay, including during the famous Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. Your skipper and guide will provide expert narration as you cruise beneath towering crags, around islands and past sea caves cut by the waves. Keep watch for the abundance of native wildlife in the sea, on land and in the air.

After your eco-cruise, enjoy lunch served in a private restaurant in Stewarts Bay before driving back to the ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Tour transportation is not air-conditioned. This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

Minimum age for tour is 5 years old.

Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary

HBA-200 Approximately 2.5 hours / From \$79



Travel via Hobart's northern suburbs to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary.

Here, you'll observe such indigenous animals as koalas, Tasmanian devils, wombats, kangaroos and wallabies that are allowed to roam free in their natural habitats. The animal keepers are on hand to answer questions. You'll get a chance to interact with many of the animals. Bring your camera to capture the moment!

Re-board the motorcoach and continue on a drive to Rosy Point Lookout for a panoramic view of Hobart and Mt. Wellington.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have advised that any passenger visiting the Bonorong Wildlife Conservation Centre must wash their shoes upon return to the ship for biosecurity reasons. This footwear will then need to be presented at the New Zealand Customs and Agriculture & Forestry Inspection which will take place during the cruise.

Special Interests

City Drive, Narryna, Anglesea Barracks & Wine

HBA-205 Approximately 5 hours / From \$179



Your tour begins at the pier where you'll board an air-conditioned motorcoach that will take you on a 10-minute drive to the oldest Army base in Australia-the Anglesea Barracks. Filled with a fascinating collection of military memorabilia and uniforms, you'll have 40 minutes to discover Australia's military past and present.

Next, we'll drive 15 minutes further to Mt. Nelson Signal Station and Lookout for a photo opportunity. This vantage point offers wonderful panoramic views of Hobart, the Derwent Estuary and the harbor. Have your camera handy; you'll have 20 minutes to capture the perfect shot.

From there, we'll continue on for 15 more minutes to Hobart's historic Battery Point district. Visit the Narryna Heritage Museum, which is set in a handsome Georgian mansion from the 19th century. Each room contains an assortment of furniture and memorabilia from the colonial era. The museum also possesses one of the largest costume collections of women's clothing from the period in the southern hemisphere. You'll have 35 minutes to explore this historic house.

The final stop on your itinerary is the acclaimed Moorilla Estate Winery, some 25 minutes away. The winery is situated in a picturesque setting that overlooks the Derwent River. Learn about the art of cool climate winemaking. The wine-tasting features a sampling of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Riesling wines, accompanied by a selection of Tasmanian cheeses, as well as fruits and

biscuits. We'll spend 60 minutes at this venue before heading back on the 25-minute drive to the pier.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Passengers must be over the age of 18 to participate in the wine tasting.

Activities & Adventures

Off the Beaten Path

Huon Valley & Tahune Airwalk

HBA-120 Approximately 7 hours / From \$169



Your narrated tour begins in Hobart at the pier where you'll board a motorcoach en route to panoramic views of Hobart from Mt. Nelson. We'll travel through the beautiful scenery of the Huon Valley known for its apple orchards. Upon arrival at the Huon Valley Apple Farm, you'll discover it has everything you ever wanted to know about apples and apple farming. Tour the organic apple orchard and cidery as you learn about the cider making process and even enjoy a tasting.

Afterwards, we'll re-board the motorcoach and drive to the Huon Manor Bistro that overlooks the picturesque Huon River. As part of your tour, you'll sit down to a refreshing morning tea or coffee served with sandwiches, miniature quiche, homemade cakes and biscuits, as well as fresh fruit.

Next, we'll continue on to what will surely be the highlight of this tour: Tahune Forest Air Walk. Here you'll take a walk amongst the treetops, up to 120 feet above the forest floor. Observe what a wet eucalyptus forest looks and smells like and discover how truly glorious nature can be from a new perspective.

Lunch is not included on this tour. However, a wide variety of food and drinks are available for purchase at the Air Walk.

Afterwards, we'll drive 30 minutes to Geeveston-the gateway to the Southern Forests. At the Forest and Heritage Centre, you'll learn about the resilience of the forest pioneers, their history and the forest machinery used. Discover the natural forests and their living and breathing inhabitants.

Your return route passes along the pastoral Derwent River before reaching the Hobart suburbs of Taroona and Sandy Bay en route to the pier.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Local currency is recommended for purchasing lunch.



Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand

Perched on the hills above one of New Zealand's loveliest harbors, Dunedin is a Kiwi city with a Scottish heart. Hailed as the "Edinburgh of New Zealand," Dunedin is proud of its heritage. A statue of famed Scottish poet Robert Burns graces downtown, and the presence of New Zealand's only kilt maker and whisky distillery - as well as many bagpipe bands - keep Dunedin's ties to Scotland alive. The city also boasts a distinguished architectural and cultural history, a legacy of New Zealand's 1860s gold rush.

Port Chalmers, gateway to Dunedin, is located eight miles from the city center. Dunedin is a planned city: its streets and suburbs fan out from the city's octagon.

Travel tip: Dunedin is pronounced "Dunn-knee-din"

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

Taieri Gorge by Train & Larnach Castle PC3-100 Approximately 9 hours / From \$269



Enjoy a leisurely train trip that is as convenient as it is scenic, a must for any rail buff. A Princess exclusive, board the train alongside your ship and enjoy morning tea, a light picnic lunch served along the way and a continuous refreshment service. Upon your ship's arrival into Port Chalmers, the Taieri Gorge Railway will greet you dockside for a thrilling half-day journey through the remote mountain scenery of the Taieri River Gorge.

Travel in the comfort of vintage or contemporary carriages, as you experience an amazing variety of landscapes of the city, farmland, forests and the wild Taieri River Gorge. Taieri Gorge Railway carriages are fully enclosed and have heating. Trains include heritage carriages dating back to the 1920s and featuring opening sash windows, wooden trim; and/or modern panorama carriages featuring panoramic windows. The trains are pulled by classic 1960s DJ diesel electric locomotives.

Cross magnificent stone and wrought iron viaducts and bridges, and gasp at the sheer drops to the river below. Plunge into ten tunnels with the schist rock walls only inches from the side of the train. Disembark at points of interest to take photographs (weather, time and operational conditions permitting). The track glides across awesome Wingatui Viaduct, a marvel of 1880's construction that remains the largest wrought iron structure in New Zealand.

The views through the panoramic windows will keep you on the edge of your seat and the lively onboard commentary will enhance every passing sight. Learn the lore of the central Otago region, from its colorful gold rush days, through to the emergence of the train as a modern-day tourist excursion.

Continuing across curving bridges, you'll pass crossing stations and a popular picnickers stop before emerging from the gorge near Pukerangi, the turn-around point for your railway adventure. Enjoy morning tea and a light picnic lunch along the way and take in the open-air viewing platforms.

Next, disembark at the historic Dunedin Railway Station and board a motorcoach for the scenic drive to Larnach Castle. Travel through Dunedin, past Otago Harbour, and surrounding farmland, and arrive at the magnificent Larnach Castle. Here, discover New Zealand's only Castle, built in 1871 by William Larnach, a merchant baron and politician, for his beloved first wife Eliza. It took over 200 workmen three years to build the Castle shell, while master European craftsmen spent a further 12 years embellishing the interior. Complete with a 3000 square-foot ballroom, and commanding 35 acres of gardens and grounds, this stunning home evokes the elegant lifestyle of Dunedin's elite.

After touring the castle, re-board your motorcoach for the drive back to Port Chalmers and your cruise ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Passengers may be required to walk approximately 150 feet to board the train. There are four steep steps up into carriages. The train and motorcoach transportation are not air-conditioned.

Larnach Castle and the motorcoach to the Castle are not wheelchair accessible. Passengers confined to wheelchairs should book tour PC3-226 - Taieri Gorge by Train (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)..

Photography is not permitted inside Larnach Castle.

City Drive, Olveston House & Botanic Gardens

PC3-200 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$69



Built by David Theomin in 1906 and bequeathed, with all its contents, to the city of Dunedin in 1966, the beautiful 35-room Olveston House is a stunning example of the stately architecture created for the privileged families of Dunedin's high society.

Your tour provides an intimate glimpse of an era's elegant lifestyle and the dreams and achievements of the family who lived out its days in this graceful Jacobean-style brick and plaster mansion.

Merchant, piano importer, music lover and art enthusiast, David Theomin poured his heart and soul into the creation of this grand estate and its beautiful manicured garden. With the help of his wife, who hailed from a distinguished Melbourne family, the home grew resplendent with massive fireplaces, colorful stained glass windows and an impressive art collection.

Both David and Marie were passionate patrons of the arts and during their extensive travels they collected some 240 paintings and brought back numerous artifacts from China and Japan. They still grace the 21 rooms that your guide will highlight during your comprehensive tour.

Also featured on this intriguing half-day excursion are the glorious gardens, ponds and meandering paths of the internationally renowned Dunedin Botanic Garden. Let your imagination run wild as you explore New Zealand's oldest public garden, sited next to New Zealand's oldest college, the prestigious Otago University.

Established in 1863 and extensively enlarged during the early years of the 20th century, this 72-acre oasis forms part of Dunedin's Town Belt, a circle of green that surrounds the inner city. The lower gardens feature rose and herb plots, a duck pond, band rotunda, Japanese garden and the rippling waters of Lindsay Creek.

Split by Lovelock Avenue, a winding public road, the upper gardens are home to the famed Rhododendron Dell, which has graced the southeast corner of the garden from its earliest days. Also found are an African garden, wetlands garden, and small aviary.

In addition to your house and garden tour, a narrated scenic drive showcases expansive views of lovely Otago Harbour and its colorful beach communities plus photo stops at two of the city's most notable attractions.

Visit the Octagon, an eight-sided plaza that forms the core of Dunedin's imposing business district, and the Dunedin Railway Station, a jewel in New Zealand's architectural crown.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Motorcoaches are not air-conditioned.

There is no elevator access to Olveston House's upper stories. Guests in wheelchairs may view a DVD-tour of those floors.

Photography is not permitted inside Olveston.

City Drive & Larnach Castle

PC3-205 Approximately 4 hours / From \$79



Sightsee through Dunedin for a glimpse of what many consider to be the best-preserved Victorian city in the world. Soak up the grandeur of its architecture from the classical A.N.Z Bank to the buildings surrounding the Octagon, an eight-sided plaza that forms the core of Dunedin's lively business district.

A photo stop at the Octagon provides views of notable landmarks like the Town Hall, the Municipal Chambers and St. Paul's Cathedral; all watched over by the statue of poet, Robert Burns.

Center stage on your half-day excursion is a guided tour of Larnach Castle, which is beautifully situated in the tranquil countryside. This magnificent neo-Gothic estate built for William and Eliza Larnach and their six children by renowned architect Robert Arthur Larson, commands the highest point on the Otago Peninsula.

Approximately 200 men spent three years building the shell of the 40,000-square foot mansion overlooking Dunedin, Otago Harbour and the Otago Peninsula. Then a team of European craftsmen stepped in to finish the interior, including a 3000-square-foot ballroom added for the 21st birthday of Larnach's favorite daughter, with a lavish array of masterful embellishments.

As you explore New Zealand's only castle, your experienced guide will bring William Larnach and his colorful era and his "bravura" lifestyle. You'll hear about the castle's architect, Robert Arthur Larson, whose fame hung upon his previous design for Dunedin's First Church, an architectural tour de force in the decorated Gothic style.

And you'll learn about the Barker family who bought the castle as their home in 1967 and have spent more than 40 years restoring it, filling it with original New Zealand period furniture and antiques, and gracing it with a "Garden of International Significance."

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Motorcoaches are not air-conditioned.

Photography is not permitted inside Larnach Castle.

Olveston House & Larnach Castle

PC3-220 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$99



Your half-day excursion begins at the pier where you'll board your motorcoach and travel the coast road from Port Chalmers to Dunedin. Enjoy the sights of the city, passing an impressive collection of Victorian buildings, including Otago University, Dunedin Law Courts and the Otago Boys High School, as well as the delightful Dunedin Railway Station.

Your first venue is the Olveston House. Tour the home and see a 35-room Edwardian mansion filled with treasures collected during businessman David Theomin's travels around the world. Built between 1904 and 1906, Olveston House is surrounded by an acre of gardens. Your guide will take you through the rooms, recounting the history of the house and its treasures.

Continue on to Larnach Castle, a unique Neo-Gothic structure with breathtaking views and an intriguing history. William Larnach, a merchant baron and politician, built New Zealand's only castle (built between 1873 and 1887) for his beloved first wife Eliza. It took over 200 workers three years to build the Castle exterior. And Master Craftsmen from Europe spent an additional 12 years finishing the interior with the finest materials found around the world.

Tour the castle, partake of a delicious tea and scones in the castle's ballroom and enjoy free time to visit some of the nine different gardens, including a Rain Forest Garden, South Seas Garden, Serpentine Walk and more. Its gardens are one of only five gardens nationwide to have been given the rating of "garden of international significance" by the New Zealand Gardens Trust.

Afterwards, you'll return via motorcoach to the pier where your ship awaits to take you on your next adventure.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Photography is not permitted inside Olveston House or Larnach Castle.

There is no elevator access to Olveston House's upper stories. Guests in wheel chairs may view a DVD-tour of those floors. Larnach Castle is not wheelchair accessible - guests in wheelchairs are restricted to visiting the gardens and the ground floor.

Taieri Gorge by Train

PC3-225 Approximately 5.5 hours / From \$239



Roundtrip train travel from dockside in Port Chalmers, a Princess exclusive, makes this Taieri Gorge Railway trip as convenient as it is scenic. And, as one of the world's great train journeys, it's a must for any rail buff. Sit back and take it all in through panoramic windows as your imagination conjures the prospectors and pioneers who passed this way before you. Enjoy morning tea, a light picnic lunch served along the way with continuous refreshments and take in the open-air viewing platforms.

Travel in the comfort of vintage or contemporary carriages, as you experience an amazing variety of landscapes of the city, farmland, forests and the wild Taieri River Gorge. Taieri Gorge Railway carriages are fully enclosed and have heating. Trains include heritage carriages dating back to the 1920s and featuring opening sash windows, wooden trim; and/or panorama carriages featuring panoramic windows. The trains are pulled by classic 1960s DJ diesel electric locomotives.

Cross magnificent stone and wrought iron viaducts and bridges, and gasp at the sheer drops to the river below. Plunge into ten tunnels with the schist rock walls only inches from the side of the train. Disembark at points of interest to take photographs (weather, time and operational conditions permitting). The track glides across awesome Wingatui Viaduct, a marvel of 1880's construction that remains the largest wrought iron structure in New Zealand.

The views through the panoramic windows will keep you on the edge of your seat and the lively onboard commentary will enhance every passing sight. Learn the lore of the central Otago region, from its colorful gold rush days, through to the emergence of the train as a modern-day tourist excursion.

Continuing across curving bridges, you'll pass crossing stations and a popular picnickers stop before emerging from the gorge near Pukerangi, the turn-around point for your railway adventure.

As your train pulls into the historic Dunedin Railway Station, get ready to step into the grandest "gingerbread house" you'll ever see. Nicknamed "Gingerbread Gorge" after its architect George Troup, this elaborately decorated building boasts a mosaic floor of almost 750,000 porcelain tiles, among many ornate embellishments. After this short stop, re-board the train for the continuation of your rail trip to Port Chalmers and your waiting ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Passengers may be required to walk of approximately 150 feet to board the train. There are four steep steps up into carriages. The train is not air-conditioned.

Connoisseur

Olveston House & City Drive by Classic Car **PC3-230 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$229**



What could be more fun than touring the charming sights of Dunedin in a classic car! Discover the "Edinburgh of New Zealand" in a classic 1960s Jaguar or Daimler limousine. Your knowledgeable driver takes you through the streets of Dunedin's hillside neighborhoods, the university campus and the city's architectural highlights in this classic English motorcar tour.

Departing from your ship berth at Port Chalmers you will weave your way up Mount Cargill with panoramic views of the City and harbour. View Baldwin Street, the steepest street in the world, and the Dunedin Botanic Gardens established in 1863. Arrive at Dunedin's Railway Station, the "Gingerbread House," this magnificent building was originally built in the Flemish Renaissance style. Famed for its Victorian elegance, the intricate tile floors and detailed glasswork are exemplary. In its heyday, this station was the country's busiest, handling up to 100 trains a day.

Your next stop is at the First Church where you will enjoy a guided tour providing an informative and entertaining introduction to the early Scottish settlers who established Dunedin in 1848. You will also find out how Dunedin rapidly expanded through servicing of the Central Otago Goldfields.

From refinement to refreshment, it's on to Speight's Brewery for an informative, guided tour. Since 1876, this landmark on Rattray Street at the foot of City Rise has been brewing the "Pride of the South," undoubtedly New Zealand's favorite beer. Learn the history of the beer as well as how it is made as you are escorted through the brewery. Your tour concludes with an appreciation session and an opportunity to sample six Speight's beers. Before departing, be sure to check out the well stocked gift shop and selection of authentic Speight's memorabilia.

The gracious grounds of Olveston House are your final stop. Here, you are invited to explore the exceptional, 35-room Edwardian mansion filled with treasures collected during businessman David Theomin's travels around the world. Surrounded by heavenly gardens, this stately manor, designed by London architect Sir Ernest George, was built for the prosperous Dunedin importer between 1904 and 1906. Each room is filled with history and offers an intimate glimpse into the life of this early-1900s family. Delight in the decorative detail and unusually modern conveniences, such as an elevator to link all four stories and an internal telephone system. The manicured gardens offer numerous photo opportunities and are lovely for taking a stroll.

Your classic motorcar returns you to port after this culturally satisfying day.

Special Notes

Cars seat 3 to 6 passengers.

Passengers will encounter stairs at the brewery and Olveston House.

Passengers must be 18 years and over to taste beer.

Taieri Gorge by Train (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)

PC3-226 Approximately 5.5 hours / From \$239



Roundtrip train travel from dockside in Port Chalmers, a Princess exclusive, makes this Taieri Gorge Railway trip as convenient as it is scenic. And, as one of the world's great train journeys, it's a must for any rail buff. Sit back and take it all in through panoramic windows as your imagination conjures the prospectors and pioneers who passed this way before you. Enjoy morning tea, a light picnic lunch served along the way with continuous refreshments and take in the open-air viewing platforms.

Travel in the comfort of vintage or contemporary carriages, as you experience an amazing variety of landscapes of the city, farmland, forests and the wild Taieri River Gorge. Taieri Gorge Railway carriages are fully enclosed and have heating. Trains include heritage carriages dating back to the 1920s and featuring opening sash windows, wooden trim; and/or panorama carriages featuring panoramic windows. The trains are pulled by classic 1960s DJ diesel electric locomotives.

Cross magnificent stone and wrought iron viaducts and bridges, and gasp at the sheer drops to the river below. Plunge into ten tunnels with the schist rock walls only inches from the side of the train. Disembark at points of interest to take photographs (weather, time and operational conditions permitting). The track glides across awesome Wingatui Viaduct, a marvel of 1880's construction that remains the largest wrought iron structure in New Zealand.

The views through the panoramic windows will keep you on the edge of your seat and the lively onboard commentary will enhance every passing sight. Learn the lore of the central Otago region, from its colorful gold rush days, through to the emergence of the train as a modern-day tourist excursion.

Continuing across curving bridges, you'll pass crossing stations and a popular picnickers stop before emerging from the gorge near Pukerangi, the turn-around point for your railway adventure.

As your train pulls into the historic Dunedin Railway Station, get ready to step into the grandest "gingerbread house" you'll ever see. Nicknamed "Gingerbread Gorge" after its architect George Troup, this elaborately decorated building boasts a mosaic floor of almost 750,000 porcelain tiles, among many ornate embellishments. After this short stop, re-board the train for the continuation of your rail trip to Port Chalmers and your waiting ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

This is the same tour as PC3-225. Only wheelchair confined passengers should book this tour. Other traveling companions should book PC3-225. Priority for requests for space on this tour is given to confined passengers; cruise bookings not noted as confined to a wheelchair will be removed.

On occasion, the wheelchair carriage may not return to the ship at the end of the tour. In this case, a taxi, equipped with a wheelchair lift, will be arranged to transfer confined passengers from the Dunedin Railway Station back to the ship.

Electric scooters cannot be accommodated on the hydraulic lift. Maximum total capacity of the lift is 440lbs (200kg). The maximum wheelchair width is 29.5 inches (75cm).

Passengers may be required to travel approximately 150 feet to board the train.

The train is not air-conditioned.

Nature & Wildlife

Otago Wildlife Cruise

PC3-245 Approximately 2 hours / From \$109



Walk approximately 300 yards from your ship to board the sightseeing vessel, mv Monarch, for a thrilling two-hour cruise showcasing amazing wildlife in its natural habitat. As you pull away from the dock, begin your exploration by enjoying the scenic views of picturesque Port Chalmers.

Founded in 1844 during the Otago gold rush, this bohemian seaside town raised a memorial to commemorate Port Chalmers as the departure point for the Antarctic expeditions of Captain Robert Falcon Scott of 1901 and 1910. Something of an artists' colony today, several galleries, a small seafaring museum and a host of charming eateries make this a popular weekend excursion for the locals.

Continuing your cruise along the scenic Otago Peninsula, you'll arrive at Taiaroa Head, unique in the world for the variety and richness of the bird and marine life found here. Enjoy insightful onboard commentary that focuses on the history of the Cape with its dramatic 1860s lighthouse, 100-year-old Fort and its network of tunnels, and the unique albatross-breeding colony that draws thousands of visitors every year.

As the skipper steers his vessel in close to the headland, you'll learn fascinating facts about the ongoing campaign to protect this magnificent seabird from extinction. The first Taiaroa-reared albatross chick flew in 1938 and this now protected nature reserve is home to an established colony with a population of around 140 birds.

Here you can marvel at the sight of a soaring albatross. Held aloft on slim wings up to 10 feet across, they provide awesome aerial displays. They are just as intriguing to watch as they go about their daily activities of courtship, nest building, and chick rearing.

You'll be continually entertained by the antics that come naturally to other inhabitants of of Taiaroa Head. Capture photographs of Blue Penguins, New Zealand Fur Seals, and Hooker's Sea Lions as they haul out on rocky ledges and fish for their supper, right before your eyes.

This voyage of discovery, rich with gems of geological and historical significance, is enhanced by the expert commentary of your skipper and crew. It comes complete with a snack and beverage and wildlife information sheets that you can take home as a memento of your exploration.

At the conclusion of your excursion, you'll arrive back at Port Chalmers where just a short walk takes you from the mv Monarch to your waiting cruise ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Dress appropriately; wear low-heeled, rubber-soled shoes, and warm clothing. Limited binoculars are provided on a share basis; bring along your binoculars to enhance your views.

There is a walk of approximately 300 yards to reach your tour boat; several steps lead into the boat.

This tour is not suitable for wheelchair passengers.

Off the Beaten Path

Nature's Wonders & Otago Peninsula PC3-465 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$179



Board your motorcoach at the pier and enjoy a scenic drive to Taiaroa Head at the tip of the Otago Peninsula, before continuing on to Nature's Wonders.

Once you arrive at Nature's Wonders, board an exciting 8-wheel-drive Argo vehicle and explore one of New Zealand's most significant wildlife areas by driving off road on the peninsula's untamed landscape. The 8-wheel-drive Argo is driven by your guide and provides a smoother ride across the bumpy terrain.

Your Argo stops at Penguin Beach, which is located on the tip of the Otago Peninsula and is the only home to the world's rarest penguin - the Yellow-eyed Penguin. Binoculars are provided at the viewing platform for an up-close look at the nests. Little blue penguins make their home on the beach too. You may also see fur seals and pups, sea lions, and a breeding colony of cormorants.

Return to Port Chalmers after a delicious morning tea and your cruise ship via a brief city sights tour.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Part of the tour is in 8-wheel-drive Argo vehicles, often described as a cross between tractor, boat and hovercraft.

The scenic drive to Nature's Wonders is approximately 75 minutes.

The breeding season for Yellow-eyed Penguins, Blue Penguins, and cormorants occurs annually between September and early April.

Dress appropriately; wear shoes with non-slip soles and dress in preparation for some exposure to the elements.

Special Interests

Speights Brewery & Pub Hop PC3-305 Approximately 6 hours / From \$129



Begin your escorted tour with a highlight which is the exploration of one of Dunedin's most famous icons: the renowned Speight's Brewery. Here, you will learn about the history of beer, see how Speight's is made and enjoy an appreciation session that includes a sampling of six Speight's beers. Browse the gift shop and choose a souvenir from the wide selection of authentic Speight's beer gear.

Next, you're off to enjoy a traditional pub lunch.

You will then enjoy some sightseeing on board the coach where you will be shown the city's impressive collection of Victorian-era architecture. After free time for shopping on George Street, Dunedin's main shopping thoroughfare, your tour continues to Cableways Bar which is a friendly English-style pub situated just over the hill from the Dunedin Octagon. It lies on the site of the steam powerhouse that drew 1900's cable cars over the hill from Stuart Street on the Kaikorai Cablecar Line. Enjoy your selected drink while surrounded by the artefacts of Dunedin's cable car days including an original Roslyn cable car sited outside the entrance.

Return towards Port Chalmers with a scenic drive. Along the way you will pass the Otago University which reflects the Gothic and Queen Anne styles indicative of the city's Scottish Baronial flair. Your final stop is at idyllic Carey's Bay Historic Hotel on the lovely Otago Peninsula. Arriving at the town's favorite gathering spot, you'll hoist a pint at the front bar or find yourself a cozy corner overlooking the bay.

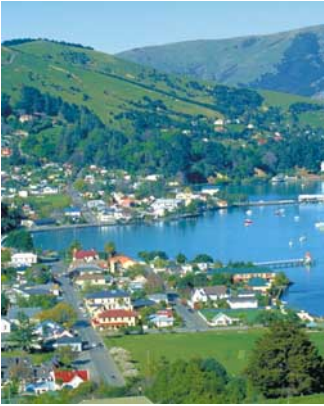
Child Price

12 years and under only

Special Notes

Beer and wine will only be served to those over the age of 18. Bring cash or credit cards for additional purchases; alcohol purchased ashore will be collected at the gangway for safe keeping and will be returned to you on the last day of your cruise.

Brewery tour requires passengers to ascend and descend approximately 240 steps. Close-toed shoes must be worn.



Akaroa, New Zealand

On the eastern shores of New Zealand's South Island, Akaroa is a popular tourist destination with a distinctly French flair, its history steeped in legend. It lies on the volcanic Banks Peninsula, which the Maori believe was formed when a hero named Maui piled mountains upon a giant who threatened to eat his children.

The same peninsula was purchased from the local Maori by a French whaler around 1838, and was later settled by both the French and the British, who had just signed the Treaty of Waitangi ensuring New Zealand's existence as a British colony.

With French-named streets leading to restaurants serving French cuisine and colonial architecture all around, Akaroa's heritage as the only French-founded community in New Zealand is unmistakable. Akaroa harbour is home to a diverse array of marine life, including rare Hector's dolphins, and visitors are lured by the area's secluded beaches and quaint boutiques.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

Tranz Alpine Train & Arthur's Pass

AK1-110 Approximately 9 hours / From \$329



Your easy, full-day adventure begins with a motorcoach journey across scenic Banks Peninsula and the Canterbury Plains, a patchwork quilt of pastoral countryside that lies serenely between the mountains and the Pacific Ocean. Sit back and soak up the sights as your driver/guide shares expert narration on the history and culture of Canterbury and the flora and fauna of the ever-changing landscape.

As flat as a billiard table, the plains host a wide array of agricultural activities from grazing grass and wheat to herbs and sunflowers. In fact, the area produces more than 80% of New Zealand's grains, crops and seeds.

Soon you'll be arriving at a farm in Darfield, a town in the Malvern District's pastoral farming area. Here your hosts will treat you to a spot of morning tea before you continue to Arthur's Pass.

Arriving at the highest pass in the Southern Alps, you'll disembark the motorcoach and, if time permits, enjoy free time at the Arthur's Pass Visitor Centre. The diamond-cut crags and peaks of the Southern Alps include so many natural wonders that four national parks have been set aside to preserve and protect them.

You can learn about the Maori hunting parties that traveled here in ages past and about the road that converges here with the railway line. Built to service the gold fields of West Canterbury in Hokitika and credited with opening up the west coast of New Zealand to settlement, these engineering accomplishments offer contemporary travellers an unforgettable way to explore the landscape.

You'll board the Tranz Alpine Express and watch in awe as the rail belt descends through the misty mountains, your route crosses a series of steel girder bridges over deep gorges and crosses through a series of short tunnels. The highest viaduct is the famous 'Staircase' which hovers 246 feet above the river below.

Enjoy a relaxing train ride onboard carriages that include both one way seating and tabled group seating. Along the way, soak up the amazing views and savour a picnic-style box lunch and beverage. Stretch your legs and take in the fresh air on the open viewing carriage. Be sure to bring your camera as there are many opportunities to capture great memories of your favourite spots.

Arriving at the railway junction of Rolleston, you will transfer back to a motorcoach for the memory-filled return drive back to Akaroa and the pier.

Child Price

12 & under reduced

Special Notes

Travel is one-way by the Tranz Alpine Express Train (2 hours) with some narration and one-way by motorcoach (5 hours) with the driver/guide offering a full narration.

Be prepared for changeable weather at Arthur's Pass.

Passengers using a wheelchair should be aware before booking this tour that the train cannot store wheelchairs.

Akaroa, Giants House & Canterbury Farm

AK1-200 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$159



Departing from your ship, you'll board your motor coach for a scenic 45-minute ride through the lush Akaroa countryside, with its picturesque bays, panoramic views of rolling hills and sheep grazing in the green fields. New Zealand is known for its sheep industry, as your first destination will show you.

You'll arrive at Manderley Farm, one of many farms in this area of Canterbury, greeted by a friendly hello and a spot of morning tea. After your refreshment, experienced farm hands will then lead you to the sheep-shearing shed where you'll get to see a demonstration. Another key member of the shepherding team is the dog. You'll marvel at the considerable talents of these four-legged herders as they perform a lively display of their abilities for you. See top New Zealand sheep dogs gather a mob of sheep from nearby hills herding them down for their master for your photo opportunity. These champion sheep dogs will take whistle commands from half a mile distance with speed and agility. Ross will talk about his life experiences farming the hills over the last 30 years.

Leaving Manderley take a short drive to Birdlings Flat, a small settlement located at the edge of the Kaitorete Spit - an area renowned for the abundant minerals and gem stones. Visit the Gemstone museum to see how the stones are cut and polished and spend some time browsing the displays of stones, fossils and other interesting items washed up ashore and collected by the museum owner, Vince - who will explain to you the various stages and states of the stones as they are washed down from the mountains to the plains. You can take a short stroll to the beach with its interesting flat stones and uninterrupted views of the ocean.

From Birdlings Flat head back towards Akaroa and "The Giant's House." Originally known as Linton, the house is a unique part of the history of Akaroa - nestled in a secluded valley, it was built in 1880 for Akaroa's first bank manager. This grand house is reminiscent of the French style typical of Akaroa and features extensive use of native totara and kauri wood and has a magnificent imported staircase of mahogany and numerous classic features. The gardens are like a living art gallery with a sculpture mosaic garden that's colorful, exuberant, interactive, romantic, fun and full of surprises. Touches of whimsy create many magical moments and make for an unforgettable experience.

At the end of your visit here, reboard your tour coach and return to the wharf.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

There are a number of steps in the garden at the Giant's House.

This tour only operates for the Diamond Princess.

Banks Peninsula & City Drive

AK1-210 Approximately 5 hours / From \$119



Board your motorcoach and set off skirting the many bays and coves bordering historic Akaroa Harbour. The Banks Peninsula was formed by three massive volcanic eruptions occurring millennia ago. The peninsula's two main harbors - Akaroa and Lyttleton - are the exploded remains of shield volcanoes. (The peninsula was named in honor of Sir Joseph Banks, the famed botanist who accompanied Captain Cook on his first voyage of discovery.)

Drive to Manderley Farm, an historic homestead on the shores of Lake Forsyth. The farmhouse, built of handsawn native totara wood, dates to 1876. The 750-acre farm is renowned for both its fine Merino sheep and its champion sheepdogs. Enjoy tea poolside in the landscaped gardens, and then observe a demonstration of herding skills featuring the farm's prized collies. There is also free time to browse the gift shop for New Zealand woolens and crafts.

Board your coach and continue past Lake Forsyth and Lake Ellesmere (Waihora) and the township of Tai Tapu to Christchurch. Enjoy a drive through the bustling Addington business district and past Hagley Park to the city centre where you will make a short stop for the opportunity to explore some of the city's attractions or shops and to purchase lunch at one of the many cafes or restaurants.

Your return route travels through Tai Tapu and along the shores of Lakes Ellesmere and Forsyth back to Little River. Continue to Hilltop, a scenic overlook perched atop the rim of the caldera forming Akaroa Harbor. Descend to the harbor and your ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Bring local currency for purchases. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Sequence of tour stops may vary.

Akaroa Harbour Nature Cruise

AK1-245 Approximately 1.5 hours / From \$99



Begin your easy, one and a half hour adventure in Akaroa on the Banks Peninsula which is made up of the remnants of two basaltic volcanoes, Lyttelton and Akaroa. Both became extinct about 5.5 million years ago. Here you'll board a comfortable catamaran and set off across the tranquil waters for a scenic cruise filled with unforgettable sights since your skipper knows the best spots and times to get up close and personal with the harbor's most intriguing marine mammals.

Watch for the world's smallest and rarest dolphin, the Hector dolphin. There are just 8,000 of these graceful creatures left in the world, so you're in for a real treat! You'll know the Hector dolphin by its diminutive size (it can fit in a bathtub), and by its rounded dorsal fin, sloping forehead, and distinctive black, white and grey coloring.

The dolphins dine on flounder, red cod, mackerel, crabs and squid, finding them in shallow waters via echo-location. They emit a stream of high frequency clicking noises and when the sound strikes an object it bounces back and the dolphin can tell by listening what the object is: what kind of fish it is, how far away it is and how fast it is moving. It's like seeing with sound!

Another marine resident to keep an eye out for is the New Zealand Fur Seal, (kekeno in the Māori language). These charismatic creatures, numbering about 12,500 mature animals, travel widely within and beyond the region, feeding on fish and squid. They typically gather during the summer months in large colonies at specific beaches or rocky outcrops to give birth to their young. After several continuous days of nursing the newborn pups, females go on extended foraging trips that can last as long as a week, returning to the rookery to feed their pups until they are weaned. Males fast during the reproductive season, unwilling to leave their females or territories.

Fur seals were widely hunted from shortly after the European discovery of New Zealand until the late 19th century. Fur seals are now protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (1978) and their numbers are greatly increased.

You'll also have the opportunity to enjoy the antics of the Little Blue Penguins that spend their days hunting for food in the shallow waters of Akaroa Harbour. Your skipper will point them out as they congregate in floating groups referred to as "rafts," as they make dives in search of anchovies, squid, plankton, krill, small octopi and pilchards and as they comically waddle onshore to rejoin their mates on the rocky outcrops that make up their habitat.

At the end of your sun drenched Akaroa Harbour adventure, you'll return to your ship with a host of great photographs and a boatload of memories to add to your impressions of charming New Zealand.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Wild dolphin and Little Blue Penguin sightings are common but cannot be guaranteed. This tour does not include a dolphin swim.

Bring cash or credit card for lunch and additional purchases.

Special Interests

Paua Bay Farm

AK1-225 Approximately 2.5 hours / From \$119



Take in spectacular panoramic views while listening to an informative commentary on the rural lifestyle of Paua Bay Farm, a typical New Zealand Hill country farm owned and operated by your hosts, Sue and Murray Johns. Enjoy a warm welcome and then get acquainted during an informative orientation that covers the history and development of an extensive property that has been in the family for five generations.

Paua Bay Farm, with a flock of 2,500 sheep, provides its fair share of wool and mutton plus a double dose of kiwi friendliness. Your moderate half-day tour of the farm is sure to be a highlight of your cruise.

Walk with a knowledgeable guide as you explore the expansive grounds from the sheep yards to the shearing shed and get acquainted with the hard-working sheep dogs that have been thoroughly trained to work by their handlers.

Marvel at the cunning way that the farmers partners with his dogs to tend the flock. Learn some time-honored commands like "cast" which prompts the dogs to gather the stock into a group, "hold" which tells them to keep the sheep where they are, "come-bye" which means go to the left of the stock, and "away to me" which means go to the right.

At a sheep shearing demonstration, you'll be introduced to a typical sheep farm occurrence that is as much an "event" as it is a task. Typically each adult sheep is shorn of its wool at least once a year, during all seasons, by skilled shearers and experienced woolclassers. Watch in awe as the ewes and rams are quickly shed of their heavy coats.

A sheep is caught by the shearer from the catching pen and taken to his "stand" on the shearing board. It is then shorn using a mechanical handpiece via one of several popular methods. A professional or "gun" shearer typically removes a fleece in two to three minutes, or less than two in elite competitive shearing.

Once the entire fleece has been removed from the sheep, the fleece is thrown, clean side down, on to a wool table by a shed hand (commonly known in New Zealand and Australia as a rouseabout or rousie).

The fleece is then skirted by one or more wool rollers to remove the sweat fribs and other less desirable parts of the fleece. The removed pieces largely consist of shorter, seeded, burry or dusty wool etc. which is still useful in the industry. As such they are placed in separate containers and sold along with fleece wool.

Upon completion of the demonstration, you'll have time to take a leisurely stroll through the garden with its mature trees and prolific bird life and join your hosts on the homestead veranda for tea or coffee and homemade scones. As you sip from a delicate china cup, look back on an action-packed day that gave you the chance to take part in separating the sheep, learning how wool is "classed" and be a "farmer for a day."

Special Notes

There are some uneven areas on the farm.

Canterbury Station, Mt Sunday & Lord of the Rings Sights

AK1-125 Approximately 8.75 hours / From \$249



The Lord of the Rings trilogy was shot entirely in New Zealand with as many as nine individual units filming in remote and beautiful areas. This easy full day tour features the best of this dazzling landscape! You will be met at the pier in Akaroa by a friendly local tour guide who will travel with you to provide entertaining and informative commentary on all aspects of Christchurch, Canterbury and the Lord of the Rings.

Your day begins with a scenic journey over the farmland of the Canterbury Plains to the breathtaking Rakaia River. Keep your camera handy because the views are non-stop. Here, you'll have the opportunity to take advantage of a charming kiwi tradition: morning tea.

Enjoy the setting: a friendly, family-run country store and meet the locals!

Continuing your motorcoach sightseeing drive you'll head inland towards the heart of the spectacular Southern Alps. Get out and stretch your legs when you arrive at Lake Clearwater but don't forget to bring along your camera. Enjoy the relaxing stroll to the lake viewpoint where you can take in the panorama of mountains, forest, and a small village of holiday homes: the perfect backdrop for this alpine jewel. The breathtaking views over the lake to the Southern Alps will leave you with lasting memories.

The next stop on your itinerary is the home of Edoras, where you will experience first-hand why this remote and beautiful location was chosen for the epic Lord of the Rings trilogy. You will have free time to explore this magical landscape and even have the opportunity to have your photo taken with Lord of the Rings replica swords.

You'll then travel a short distance to your lunch location. Sit down to a delicious picnic lunch, including quiche and cake, fruit, a glass or two of New Zealand bubbly, tea, coffee and juice. Nestled at the base of the Southern Alps, enjoy fantastic scenery in New Zealand's famous High Country, so go ahead and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and beautiful setting.

But soon it will be time to start your three-hour journey back to your ship, sightseeing back across the Canterbury Plains to Little River Township and then climbing to the Hilltop views of the Banks Peninsula before descending to the Akaroa bays for an unforgettable adventure from beginning to end.

Special Notes

Due to legal and conservation requirements, no film sets remain on location.

The drive to the Mt. Potts Station is approximately three hours each way.

Wear flat, comfortable shoes; bring a waterproof jacket. Sunglasses and sunblock are recommended.

Due to the remote lunch location please advise the Shore Excursion office of any dietary requirements at least 48 hours prior to the tour departing.

Antarctic Centre & Botanic Gardens

AK1-280 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$149



Take a tour to Christchurch's International Antarctic Centre for a taste of the South Pole; ride the Hagglund snow cat; see live penguins and experience a range of interactive displays so that you can literally see, touch and feel what it takes to survive the South Pole. There is much to see and do.

Afterwards, take a scenic drive to the city where you will have time to visit the impressive Christchurch Botanic Gardens, the Canterbury Museum or Hagley Park.

The International Antarctic Centre features hands on exhibits, video presentations, laser holograms and stereo sound bring the frozen continent to life. Follow the Antarctic seasons, witness the aurora and observe life in a penguin rookery. You will also be able to experience the temperatures of a real snow cave.

You can don cold-weather gear and experience an arctic snowstorm. see what it feels like to be inside an ice cave. Of course, you won't want to pass up visiting the penguins.

During your Antarctic Centre experience you can take a ride on the Hagglund, a tracked, and amphibious vehicle used in Antarctica, for an exhilarating ride over mounds, up and over a steep hill, across a crevasse, through a pool of water and onto open ground.

Screening in the 4D EXTREME Theatre is 'Ice Voyage'. This experience will take you on a cruise to Antarctica, with unexpected excitement and adventure. Moving seats, wind in your face, water spray, bubbles and snow. Ice Voyage is the closest you'll get to cruising in Antarctic waters without leaving the comfort of your movie seat.

Allow some time to visit the Antarctic Shop with its extensive range of Antarctic and New Zealand souvenirs and clothing or stop for a refreshments in the Antarctic Café & Bar (own cost).

Leaving the Antarctic Centre travel to the city, driving past Hagley Park, the Avon River, the Bridge of Remembrance to the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. Nestled in a bend of the Avon River, the Botanic Gardens were established in 1863. The gardens span an area of 75 acres hosting without doubt the finest collection of exotic and indigenous plants to be found anywhere in New Zealand. The gardens are an oasis in the city of Christchurch offering conifers and maples, roses, and seasonal flower displays, several conservatories, memorials, garden art and walking tracks.

Departing from Christchurch, we return to Akaroa.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The Hagglund ride is not recommended for those pregnant or with bad backs.

The visit to the Botanic Gardens is self-guided.

There is ample time for a refreshment break at the Antarctic Centre and at the Botanic Gardens. Bring cash or credit cards for morning tea, lunch and additional purchases.

Tour may operate in reverse order. The drive between Akaroa and Christchurch is approximately 1 3/4 hours each way.

Wildlife Cruise

AK1-240 Approximately 2 hours / From \$119



Board the vessel "Into the Blue" for a luxurious nature cruise on this easy, half-day tour. For a festive embarkation toast, you will be welcomed by an experienced guide who will help you find comfortable seating and will offer you a complimentary drink like an award-winning Astrolabe Sauvignon Blanc white wine or Steinlager beer: "bon voyage!"

Once the boat departs, your 6th generation skipper will entertain you with fascinating commentary on a variety of interesting subjects. Learn about the volcanic geology of the area as you cruise along the Banks Peninsula, a stunning landform that owes its existence to two basaltic volcanoes, Lyttleton and Akaroa, which became extinct about 5.5 million years ago.

You'll also gain insight into the colonial history of the city. It was here that a disparate group of French and German settlers successfully founded the only French colony in New Zealand. The descendants of these first settlers still reside here and the Akaroa Trust strives to preserve the quaint cottages and Historic Village Walk that add character to New Zealand's "Little France".

About fifteen minutes into your tour you will cruise past the Onuku Maori marae, a communal or sacred place which carries great cultural meaning, and this provides the skipper with the perfect opportunity to fill you in on aspects of Maori history. Hear tales of the ceremonial meeting place that was built here and officially opened in 1990 during the Centenary celebrations of the Treaty of Waitangi. Signed in 1840, it established British law in New Zealand and guaranteed Maori authority over their homeland and culture.

Next, the boat will venture into spectacular Cathedral Cave where little white-flipped blue penguins nest. This series of majestic sea caves formed by wave action over thousands of years boast sharp acoustics as well as stunning natural beauty.

Depending on the weather and sea conditions, the boat will either cruise to the east and visit New Zealand fur seal colonies or to the west for magnificent Scenery Nook.

During the cruise you may see many pods of the highly endangered and rare Hector's Dolphins. There are just 8,000 of these graceful creatures left in the world, so you're in for a real treat! You'll know it by its diminutive size (it can fit in a bathtub), and by its rounded dorsal fin, sloping forehead, and distinctive black, white and grey coloring. Also keep an eye out for many varieties of sea birds including Albatross and Cormorants.

As you glide along the western side of Akaroa Harbour, you'll pass by the Akaroa Salmon farm and Mussel farm enjoying a tasty treat of complimentary home baking! Then, to complete your experience, return to the pier and look back on all the stunning landmarks and the wide variety of rare, seldom-seen wildlife you were privileged to encounter on this unforgettable connoisseur cruise.

Activities & Adventures

Akaroa Harbour Swim with Dolphins AK1-710 Approximately 3 hours / From \$179



Akaroa Harbour, the flooded crater of an extinct volcano, is the ideal setting for an adventure that will have you swimming with some of the world's smallest and rarest dolphins. The Hector's or New Zealand Dolphin, recognized by its rounded dorsal fin, sloping forehead, and distinctive black, white and grey color, is the featured attraction on select tours sanctioned by the Department of Conservation and led by your professional and caring crew.

Step aboard your specially outfitted catamaran and skim along scenic Banks Peninsula. Formed millions of years ago by the Lyttelton and Akaroa volcanoes, this dramatic landform is dotted with 500-foot-high cliffs, plunging palm-fringed gullies, and ancient lava flows in pink, purple and red. It shelters an equally stunning marine mammal sanctuary and a rich population of Hector's dolphin, yellow-eyed penguin, white-flipped penguin and the New Zealand fur seal.

Learn all about the natural history of the region with narration from the bridge and enjoy up close views of abundant wildlife as your skipper guides his vessel to the best viewing areas. The tour includes approximately two hours of cruising and up to 45 minutes in the water with dolphins and all equipment is provided including wetsuits, mask & snorkel, a hot shower afterwards, steaming hot chocolate and a certificate of your swim.

If you are new to snorkelling and the use of a wetsuit your crew will be on hand to help you out. They will also give you safety instructions and other information to allow you to fully enjoy your experience.

Imagine getting in the water to swim with these friendly, inquisitive marine mammals. Glide along with your graceful companions as they slip through the waves. See their sleek multi-colored forms shimmer in the sun and listen to the distinctive clicks, whistles and clapping jaws.

Fascinating, intelligent creatures, they dine on flounder, red cod, mackerel, crabs and squid, finding them in shallow waters via echolocation. They emit a stream of high frequency clicking noises and when the sound strikes an object it bounces back and the dolphin can tell by listening what the object is: what kind of fish it is as well as how far away it is and how fast it is moving. Dolphins, along with whales and porpoises, are descendants of terrestrial mammals which entered the water roughly 50 million years ago. New Zealand, the only home of the rare Hector's dolphin (*cephalorhynchus hectori*) designated Akaroa Harbour as its first marine mammal sanctuary in 1988.

The boundaries were extended in 2008 and the preserve now reaches beyond Banks Peninsula to include coasts to the north and south and 12 nautical miles off-shore. Thanks to both public and community conservation work, dolphin numbers continue to rise.

Child Price
12 years & under only

Special Notes

Wild dolphin sightings cannot be guaranteed. A partial refund by the tour operator, in local currency, is made if no dolphin swim occurs.

Guests must be at least 8 years old to participate and children up to 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult in the water.

The swim takes place in the open waters and not in an enclosed pool.

All participants receive a dolphin information book, commemorative post card and certificate of participation.

Bring your swimsuit, towel and a change of clothing - hot showers are available at the conclusion of your tour. Wetsuit, mask and snorkels are included.

Bring cash or credit card for lunch and additional purchases.

Canterbury High Country by 4WD

AK1-515 Approximately 9 hours / From \$359



This off the beaten path full-day tour is an active adventure exploring one of New Zealand's least-visited areas: the rugged hill country of the Southern Alps. It's a stunning region that stands in dramatic contrast to the flat Canterbury Plains that surround Christchurch. Imagine taking in the sights via 4X4 tussock buggy and then transferring to a high-speed jet boat for a thrilling cruise into the spectacular Waimakariri River Gorge!

From the sea side port of Akaroa, journey over the coastal hill and across the fertile Canterbury Plains, before crossing the Waimakariri River at the Gorge Bridge. Travel on through the Oxford area before entering the 10,000-acre property of Woodstock Station, the largest farm in the Oxford area located along the northern boundary of the Waimakariri River Gorge.

At a secluded lodge on the edge of the Gorge, enjoy morning tea while viewing the fast flowing river below. Then, board your next mode of transport, a Hamilton jet boat, which will take you on a thrilling and spectacular scenic ride deep into the heart of the Waimakariri Gorge, skimming over water at times only centimetres deep.

Upon arrival at the river boundary of Flock Hill Sheep Station, you'll switch modes again, this time to a 4x4 tussock buggy. From the river's edge, the buggy will take you through bush-clad slopes up into the tussock-covered high country of Flock Hill Station.

The 12-mile journey through the vast 35,000-acre property includes numerous stops for photos and a chance to appreciate the spectacular views of river gorges, rugged high country and the jagged peaks of the Southern Alps.

Learn about the colorful history of this remote and isolated area as your journey takes you along the original stagecoach road, hand built by the early pioneers to gain access to the gold fields on the west coast.

After crossing the Midland railway line, explore the abandoned coal mining settlement of Avoca. Arrive at Hamilton Lodge in time for a hearty three-course lunch.

Lunch consists of soup followed by a selection of hot meats and salads from a buffet, desert and tea or coffee. Take time to relax and enjoy the picturesque high country surroundings.

Then re-boarding your motorcoach, for a scenic return journey down from the mountains along the Great Alpine Highway and back across the Canterbury Plain to Akaroa, where the tour concludes at the pier.

Special Notes

Wear sturdy walking shoes and clothing suited to the day's conditions. Bring a windbreaker or light jacket.

Sequence of tour stops may vary.

Exploring On Your Own

Christchurch On Your Own

AK1-185 Approximately 7 hours / From \$79



Explore independently while enjoying the convenience of pre-arranged transportation between your ship and Christchurch. You'll set the pace and choose the places you want to see with ample time to wander from one intriguing landmark to another. At the time specified by your driver/guide, the motorcoach will depart from the same point for the return drive to Akaroa and your waiting ship.

Your motorcoach departs Akaroa and travels around the small bays around the harbour, up to the Hilltop and then passing the township of Little River and Tai Tapu, heading to Christchurch City. Your tour driver will give you a brief orientation and point out the places of interest that you might like to visit during your time in the city.

Places of interest include the Canterbury Museum; punting on the Avon River; the Botanic Gardens, Hagley Park and the Cashel Street Restart Mall shopping precinct with the iconic Ballantynes department store. You might like to take a sightseeing tour of the city or view the city by foot and joining a walking tour with a local guide. Tours can be purchased upon arrival in the city. The earthquakes of late 2010 to early 2011 have left a unique mark on the city centre which gives a fascinating insight into post-earthquake recovery.

The Canterbury Museum, housed in a beautiful stone building, first opened in 1870 with just over 25,000 specimens on display. You won't want to miss the outstanding Maori exhibits, a Victorian Christchurch Street, an extensive Antarctic collection and interactive fun for the children in Discovery. General admission to the Museum is free, although donations are appreciated.

The Christchurch Botanic Gardens were established in 1863, the gardens span an area of 21 hectares hosting without doubt the finest collection of exotic and indigenous plants to be found anywhere in New Zealand. Guided walks of the gardens are available or you can explore at your own pace or for those who do not wish to walk, book a ride on the Caterpillar, at your own cost, which will take you on an informative tour.

Please be mindful that this excursion is non-guided and is exclusive of lunch and entrance fees. Local currency will be required for entrance to some attractions and lunch, you should plan to either exchange your money onboard the ship or currency exchange facilities are available in the Cashel Street Re-Start Mall.

Child Price

12 years and under only

Special Notes

The drive between Akaroa and Christchurch is approximately 1 3/4 hours each way, subject to traffic conditions.

Areas of the city centre are closed and cordoned due to earthquake damage.



Tauranga, New Zealand

New Zealand's natural bounty is always on display at the Bay of Plenty. It was Captain James Cook who in 1769 aptly named this bay after he was able to replenish his ship's provisions, thanks to the prosperous Maori villages of the region. Tauranga, the chief city, is a bustling port, an agricultural and timber center and a popular seaside resort. Tauranga is also the gateway to Rotorua - a geothermal wonderland that is the heart of Maori culture. A 90-minute drive from Tauranga, Rotorua is New Zealand's primary tourist attraction.

Your ship docks near the foot of Mt. Maunganui, which rises 761 feet above the bay. Across the harbor, Tauranga offers scenic tidal beaches at Omokoroa and Pahoia. The region boasts fine beaches, big-game fishing, thermal springs and seaside resorts.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Te Puia Thermal Reserve, Maori Arts & Agrodome

TRG-100 Approximately 9 hours / From \$179



Your day starts when you meet your guide, who also serves as your driver, for the 90-minute motorcoach ride through the North island's gorgeous countryside towards Rotorua.

Situated just north of Rotorua city, your first stop of the day is the award-winning Agrodome, a scenic and educational sheep and beef farm. As well as shopping for colorful woolen products, you will have the opportunity to learn about New Zealand's important sheep industry in an hour-long, fun-filled family tour that features sheep dogs in action, a sheep shearing demonstration and displays featuring 19 breeds of sheep.

Te Puia is home to the internationally renowned spouting Pohutu geyser and boasts silica terraces, pools of boiling mud and dramatic steams vents but best of all, your guide is a Maori who is keen to share the fascinating local lore and legends of this wonderful country. You will then view the reserve's fascinating re-creation of an early Maori village, and also have time to purchase souvenirs in the gift shop, including traditional Maori carvings.

At Te Puia's Maori Arts & Crafts Institute, where for the past 45 years, visitors have enjoyed this unique journey into the Maori's rich heritage. Their mission is all about preserving the ancient skills and rich culture of the Maori, and to that end, young people from across New Zealand are selected as apprentices. Here, the students learn skills ranging from carving to weaving, along with creating flax skirts and patterned bodices, and you will see all this at close hand.

At this special place, you will enjoy a delicious lunch and then a lively Maori concert, which includes the world famous haka, a war dance designed to frighten an enemy and intricate hand games that are used to train young warriors.

Your drive back to port will take you through beautiful Rotorua and kiwifruit country, so keep your cameras at the ready, sit back and enjoy everything this magnificent region has to offer.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Your walk at the thermal reserve consists of 650 yards over established walkways. As with all geothermal regions, the smell of hydrogen sulphide permeates the atmosphere.

Photography may be restricted.

Wear clothing suitable for conditions.

Most Popular

Wai-o-tapu Valley & Rainbow Springs

TRG-105 Approximately 9 hours / From \$229



Wai-O-Tapu, Maori for "Sacred Waters", is an active geothermal area found in New Zealand's Taupo volcanic zone, and this colorful, action-packed nine-hour tour is guaranteed to enthrall and educate you.

The tour starts after you meet your guide, who will also be your driver for the day, before setting off from the port of Mount Maunganui for the scenic hour and a half drive to the Wai-O-Tapu valley.

Arrive at Wai-O-Tapu, enjoy a mile and a half walk to the heart of the 'thermal wonderland'. Then for two awe-inspiring hours, you will be able to closely view the mud pools, mineral terraces and steaming volcanic lakes. You will also notice the smell of hydrogen sulphide in the atmosphere, a natural byproduct of this geothermal region, while enjoying the striking colors of the hot and cold pools, and the unique landscape.

Reboard your motorcoach for a brief 30 minute drive to Lake Rotorua. Board the Lakeland Queen for a delicious buffet lunch cruise on Lake Rotorua. The Lakeland Queen is a locally built, shallow draft, stern driven vessel - similar to a Mississippi River Boat and ideal for Lake Rotorua's shallow waters. During your lake cruise, enjoy a unique performance from a Maori cultural group.

After you have completed your lunch cruise, you will then drive for 15 minutes to the amazing Rainbow Springs for a guided tour of this awesome landscape. For the next 45 minutes you will enjoy viewing more than 135 varieties of native trees and ferns that surround the pools, which are teeming with trout. Enjoy the incredible 60-foot tall trees, then gaze upon the delicate maidenhair ferns. You will also find many exotic native birds on display in the aviaries, and will have plenty of time to visit the nocturnal Kiwi House, where you will meet New Zealand's adorable national emblem, the endangered kiwi bird.

The hour and a half journey back to port takes you through plenty of magnificent scenery including the sparkling Rotorua lakefront. With so much to enjoy and absorb, this uniquely memorable tour promises to be a day you will never forget.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

As with all geothermal regions, the smell of hydrogen sulphide permeates the atmosphere.

Photography may be restricted and passengers may be asked to remove their hats during the Maori ceremonies.

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

Off the Beaten Path

Waimangu Volcanic Valley & Rainbow Springs

TRG-110 Approximately 9 hours / From \$239



Visit Waimangu Volcanic Valley is Rotorua's premier eco tourist attraction which is also a protected Scenic Reserve and Wildlife Refuge set in pristine native forest. Waimangu means "black water" in Maori, the indigenous language, and comes from the color of the water that was thrown up by the famous Waimangu Geyser, which was blackened with mud and rocks.

With four fabulous hours to enjoy this pristine natural landscape, your Waimangu guide will take you on a walking tour along unpaved paths further into the geothermal wonders of Waimangu Volcanic Valley, considered by many to be the most beautiful place in New Zealand.

Waimangu Volcanic Valley and Lake Rotomahana, are fantastic examples of an eco-system naturally re-establishing itself in an area following a volcanic eruption, and as with all geothermal regions, you will also be able to smell the hydrogen sulphide that permeates the atmosphere.

Then it's time for you to board the tour boat for a leisurely cruise on Lake Rotomahana, the youngest naturally formed lake in New Zealand and the deepest on the North Island. Your friendly guide will point out the many volcanic craters, lakeside geysers, steaming vents (where Maoris would steam their food) and rich bird life, so make sure you have your cameras at the ready.

Next its time enjoy a tasty buffet lunch in the Waimangu cafe.

Back on the motorcoach, you will enjoy a 45 minute drive through more stunning countryside to Rainbow Springs, where your guide will introduce you to over 135 varieties of native trees and ferns that surround the clear trout pools. Observe the colorful exotic native birds on display in the aviaries, and then visit the nocturnal Kiwi House for a look at New Zealand's cute national emblem, the kiwi bird.

Driving back to port, the scenery will continue to enthrall as you drive past the glorious Rotorua lakefront before arriving at the ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

As with all geothermal regions, the smell of hydrogen sulphide permeates the atmosphere.

Wear comfortable walking shoes. There are approximately 60 steps throughout Waimangu Volcanic Valley.

Tauranga City Drive, Elms Mission Station & Kiwi 360

TRG-210 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$99



View Tauranga's scenic highlights on a narrated scenic drive about the bay. Visit the historic Elms Mission Station, founded in 1835, is the oldest European heritage site in the Bay of Plenty. Visit Kiwi 360 and learn about the kiwifruit growing process.

At Kiwi 360, explore this wonderful tourist attraction, which was established in 1987, and celebrates the popular kiwifruit that was once known as the "Chinese Gooseberry." Take a tour through the lush orchards, before browsing for kiwi-related souvenirs in the gift shop. Here, you will also enjoy a delicious afternoon or morning tea. Don't forget to lookout for their giant kiwifruit, which has to be seen to be believed!

From Kiwi 360, you will board your motorcoach for the 45-minute scenic drive to Elms Mission Station, a restored traditional English house that was founded in 1835 by New Zealand's pioneer missionary, Archdeacon Brown.

This breath-taking and tranquil oasis features large manicured grounds and you will have a chance to wander and enjoy the scenery at your leisure. It was here that the Maori were given the opportunity to learn about Christianity, and were educated in reading and writing, as well as learning agricultural and domestic skills.

Touring the house, which is located in the middle of Tauranga, you will also learn many wonderful details of what life was like here hundreds of years ago, including a viewing of the old square piano and delicate ivory spools and threads that were used to create exquisite embroidery.

Returning to port through this fertile fruit-growing region, you will drive along Tauranga's lively harbor, past the impressive Maori War Canoe. You will also be able to catch a glimpse of the prestigious 1847 Mission House as you tour through the Te Papa Peninsula.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Photography is restricted inside the Elms Mission Station.

Tour order may vary.

Special Interests

Tamaki Maori Village

TRG-295 Approximately 6 hours / From \$199



If you're interested in learning more about the Maori culture then this is one tour you will not want to miss.

An authentic Maori experience, exclusive to Princess Cruises, this once-in-a-lifetime adventure starts with a motorcoach ride, across the beautiful countryside, with a brief restroom stop to pick up your Maori guide in Rotorua. The Tamaki Maori Village is the proud winner of New Zealand's Supreme Tourism Award and has become a popular destination for tourists from all over the world.

Your experience begins before you step foot in the village as your guide talks you through what you are about to see, and explain some of the history and protocols of what will happen when you enter the sacred village. Expect lively singing, group games and horn honking as you wind your way along the country roads. You will then be greeted at the gates by a traditional welcome ceremony, before enjoying a colorful Maori performance accompanied by the sound of ancient Maori instruments. Observe life in this incredible village, which has been designed to offer the curious visitor a close-up and animated snapshot of the past.

Then enjoy a delicious hangi feast, cooked in the hangi pit area. Traditionally, the hangi baskets, laden with piping hot chicken, lamb, kumara, potatoes, carrots, and delicious stuffing, are pulled from a pit. Your hosts deliver an interactive commentary on how the meal was prepared and cooked, the origin of the hangi and provide a brief history of how Maori hangis were cooked in ancient times.

You may wish to purchase souvenirs before listening to a farewell song and speeches. Then board your motorcoach for the journey back to Mount Maunganui.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The drive from the ship to Tamaki Maori Village is approximately 90 minutes long.

Cameras and video recorders are permitted at Tamaki Maori village.

Skyline Skyride & Luge**TRG-425 Approximately 6 hours / From \$129**

Join your driver/guide for a 75-minute narrated bus ride through Tauranga and the North island's breath-taking countryside, to the Skyline Skyrides Gondola Cableway, for the first new experience of the day.

Board an eight-passenger gondola at Skyline Skyride and climb the slopes of Mount Ngongotaha for sweeping views of Lake Rotorua. Once is never enough. A world first proudly designed and designed and built in Rotorua. A fun-filled gravity ride on a 3-wheel cart using a unique braking and steering system, giving the rider full control. Return to Syline's top complex by chair lift. There is a choice of three tracks with a combined total of five kilometres of track options to ride.

Your super fun visit here includes three thrilling luge rides, where you will travel at speed along the stunning 1.2 mile tracks that wind through the magnificent forest vistas. There are also viewing bays for photographs, and speed addicts will have plenty of opportunity to try their luck on the advanced track with its challenging tunnels and spirals.

During your visit you may wish to purchase additional Luge rides, refreshments and lunch. For an additional charge, visit some of the neighboring attractions which include the Sky Swing, SkyVue 4-D Motion Theater, and fice scenic walking tracks.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Medical Restriction

To ride the luge you must be in good health and be free of health conditions, motion sickness, back problems or other physical limitations. Expectant mothers should not ride.

Special Notes

Children under six years and/or less than 3 feet and 6 inches must ride in tandem during the Luge.

To ride the luge you must be in good health and be free of health conditions, motion sickness, back problems or other physical limitations. Expectant mothers should not ride.

Clothing, long hair, and any personal articles should be secured to avoid damage or loss. Group Racing, bumping or skidding is not permitted. Full instructional information and safety briefing provided prior to riding.

Lunch is on your own and can be purchased at Skyline Skyrides Gondola Cableway.

Lake Rotoiti Kayak & Thermal Pool**TRG-745 Approximately 6.5 hours / From \$199**

You will be transported by coach on a scenic 45 minute drive to Lake Rotoiti to begin your kayaking adventure.

Upon arrival at Lake Rotoiti, join your highly trained and knowledgeable guide who will inform you about the area, as well as local Maori history and legends. As you paddle onto the lake you will view the beautiful expansive scenery & geothermal vents. Paddle past classic Kiwi baches (holiday homes) and abundant birdlife towards the hidden entrance of a cave. Once just inside the cave entrance, keep a look out to view the amazing glow-worms.

After exiting the cave, paddle across to the Manupirua thermal hot pools. These are natural thermal hot pools which are only accessible by water. Enjoy a well-earned break with a 30 min soak in the hot waters while taking in the breath-taking landscape of Rotoiti. During the tour, enjoy a classic kiwi packed lunch including a filled roll, biscuit, chocolate bar and bottle of water.

Special Notes

There is no height or weight requirements but please note the physical and agility requirements.

No previous kayaking experience is required, but a good level of fitness and mobility is needed, as you will be paddling for two hours, sometimes in breezy conditions requiring sustained strenuous exertion. Due to these physical requirements, this tour is not suitable for less physically capable guests.

To make your day as enjoyable as possible, please wear swimwear under your clothes and bring a towel, sunscreen, sun hat, sunglasses, and a dry change of clothes are also recommended. Shorts are the recommended attire for kayaking denim jeans are not suitable.

Participants must be a minimum of 8 years old.

Double kayaks are used on this tour.

Tour timings may vary due to the participation levels.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF TAKING ORGANIZED EXCURSIONS?

A. There are a number of advantages to taking organized tours offered by Princess, such as:

Quality: We have carefully inspected all of our ports and we offer you excursions from only the most reputable local tour operators

Variety: All our tours are designed both to feature the most popular and interesting attractions in each port and to satisfy the diverse needs and interests of our passengers.

Service: What could be easier than letting us arrange your tours for you? Either by having your tours organized onboard so you can best maximize your time in port and avoid having to make independent, last-minute arrangements, or by pre-reserving all your excursions at princess.com. Princess is at your service.

Safety: Your safety and security are of the utmost importance to us and they are the primary consideration in the development and operation of our tour programs.

Value: We endeavor to select local tour operators who provide excursions of the highest quality and we carefully monitor prices to ensure that you are receiving good value. Remember to book early to receive the best possible price.

Q. WHAT DOES PRINCESS DO TO ENSURE MY SAFETY WHILE I'M ASHORE?

A. Our primary concern at Princess is your safety and security. We are in continual contact with authorities concerning any travel advisories that might impact our cruises. If the U.S. State Department advises against travel to specific locations we visit, we would make the necessary changes to the published itinerary. Although such itinerary changes occur infrequently, please understand that these changes are for your own safety and security and are beyond our control.

Despite all of our efforts and in light of recent world events, we remind all of our passengers that they must ultimately assume responsibility for their actions while ashore. In this regard, we would like to remind you of some common sense precautions when visiting ports-of-call:

- Stay in the normal tourist areas and don't travel to out-of the way places without the benefit of a guided tour offered through Princess.
- Do not leave any of your belongings unattended in public areas.
- Be generally aware of people and activities around you.
- Do not accept packages from anyone you don't know personally.
- Keep a low profile - dress and behave conservatively.
- Be careful when eating and drinking ashore.

We thank you in advance for following these recommendations, which we believe will enhance the enjoyment of your cruise or cruisetour.

Q. WILL I MISS THE SHIP IF I GO ON A SHORE EXCURSION?

A. One very important feature of taking a shore excursion organized by Princess is that we closely monitor the departures and returns of all our tours. Therefore, our ships do not sail until all of our organized tour transportation has returned, so you can be assured that you won't miss the ship. Please keep in mind that when you make your own arrangements in port, or if you leave an organized tour, we will no longer be aware of your whereabouts; so be sure to schedule ample time to return to the ship before it sails.

Q. HOW DO I RESERVE MY SHORE EXCURSIONS IN ADVANCE OF MY CRUISE?

A. Visit our website at princess.com for the most up-to date shore excursion information, full tour descriptions and to request your shore excursions up until 5 days prior to your cruise. The Cruise Personalizer is the fastest and most convenient way to reserve your shore excursions. Please keep in mind that you will receive your tickets when you arrive onboard and all of your shore excursion purchases are charged to your shipboard account. Advance payment is not accepted. Since shore excursions have limited capacity, we encourage you to reserve your tours as early as possible to avoid disappointment and confirm the best price. Reservations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

You may change shore excursion requests, but be advised that shore excursion prices may change. Requests to add tickets at a later time can be made but these tickets may be at a higher price than those previously booked. If you request a shore excursion which you previously cancelled, these requests will be confirmed at the current shore excursion price, which may be higher.

Q. HOW DO I RESERVE MY LAND EXCURSIONS IN ADVANCE OF MY CRUISETOUR?

A. When you are ready to pre-reserve your land excursions, go to the Cruise Personalizer and have your booking number and credit card information ready to enter. A credit card must be registered for each passenger that wishes to participate on a land excursion and we accept Princess Visa, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Diner's Club. Credit cards used to pre-reserve land excursions must be valid through the full length of your cruisetour and may also be used to establish your shipboard account. Although a credit card is required to reserve your excursion(s), guests are able to pre-reserve all of their land excursions with no deposit required. An auto-charge of all pre-reserved excursions will take place two days prior to your first Land Excursion booking. Confirmed pre-reserved excursions can be viewed at any time in your detailed itinerary in the Cruise Personalizer. The Cruise Personalizer will remain open until your cruisetour departure date so you may add or cancel tours prior to the cancellation deadline without penalty. Excursions cancelled once the auto-charge has been processed are subject to a 100% penalty. Note that excursion availability is based on cruisetour date, capacity limitations, and suitable weather conditions. Excursions are subject to change at any time and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Guests are encouraged to book early as space is limited and flightseeing tours in particular may not be available for pre-reserving right up to tour departure date. Prior to travel, print your Travel Summary which will have a listing of all of your pre-reserved land excursions. You will also receive information on confirmed excursions in your Welcome Envelope upon arrival at each location.

Q. HOW CAN I BE SURE I AM CONFIRMED ON THE EXCURSIONS I WANT?

A. When you book your excursions online at princess.com, you receive an immediate confirmation of the status and price of your requested excursion. The site shows the remaining capacity on all tours, so you know if you are confirmed or waitlisted. To avoid disappointment and confirm the best price, please reserve your excursions as early as possible. If the specific tour time you requested is fully booked, Princess may schedule you on an alternate departure that corresponds with your other tour selections.

If your shore excursion choice is not available, we will put you on a waitlist and attempt to obtain more space on the shore excursion. If you have companions traveling with you in your stateroom or in other staterooms and would like everyone to be on the same shore excursion departure, order all the excursions under one name. Requests made individually, even if at the same time, may cause you to be booked on a different departure than your companions or waitlisted on an excursion for which your companions are confirmed.

Land Excursions can not be waitlisted but we actively request more space wherever possible from our tour operators; if a tour is sold out we encourage guests to revisit the Cruise Personalizer at a later date and they can also check for more availability at the tour desks in our Alaska ports.

Q. MAY I TAKE MORE THAN ONE TOUR IN A SINGLE PORT OF CALL?

A. Yes. In Alaska, Canada/New England, the Caribbean, Panama Canal, Hawaii and Mexico, allow at least 30 minutes between each tour. In all other regions, allow at least 60 minutes between each tour. All tours depart from, and return to, the cruise ship pier. By scheduling the appropriate amount of time between tours, you will have sufficient time to take multiple excursions.

Q. CAN I CANCEL AN SHORE EXCURSION I'VE REQUESTED?

A. Due to the limited capacity and high demand for helicopter flights and private vehicle options, these shore excursions are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation.

For all other shore excursions, a "Closing Time for Bookings" for each port of call is listed on the Tour Order Form you will receive onboard in your stateroom. This is the time when the bookings for the tours in that port close and we notify the local operators of the final shore excursion requirements. You may cancel an excursion if it is prior to the closing time whether you reserved in advance or onboard. We cannot cancel a shore excursion if it is past this closing time, nor can we refund shore excursions on which you choose not to go. All shore excursions operate rain or shine unless cancelled by the tour operator.

Q. CAN I CANCEL A LAND EXCURSION I'VE REQUESTED?

A. Due to the exclusive nature and advanced planning required for excursions involving hotel accommodations, airline flights and some flightseeing tours, these excursions are not refundable within 30 days of sailing. A fee will be assessed onboard for any of these tours cancelled within 30 days of sailing.

Land Excursions, pre-reserved through the Cruise Personalizer, may be cancelled up to the Land Excursion cancellation deadline which is two days prior to your first land excursion booking. At the cancellation deadline, all pre-reserved land excursions will be auto-charged using the credit card that you provided in the Cruise Personalizer to reserve your tours. Excursions cancelled once the auto-charge has been processed are subject to a 100% penalty, unless the operator, at their sole discretion, is unable to operate the program due to unforeseen circumstances. All sales of tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of an operator approved cancellation.

Q. CAN I REQUEST TO BE REFUNDED FOR MY LAND EXCURSION.

A. In the event of any excursion being cancelled for reasons beyond our control, a full refund will be made. Land

Excursions that were pre-reserved, charged and then cancelled due to weather or other operator approved cancellation will be refunded using the same credit card used to book your excursions. These refunds will typically be reflected on your credit card statement between 7-10 business days after cancellation. Tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of a cancellation by the vendor. Should any excursion have to be abandoned through force majeure or difficulties en route, the best possible refund will be arranged according to the circumstances.

Q. HOW DOES THE PRINCESS EXCURSIONS PROGRAM OPERATE ONBOARD?

A. Our Shore Excursion Manager runs the onboard portion of the Princess Shore Excursions program. Tour Office staff are available to answer questions and make shore excursion reservations for you. Once onboard in your stateroom, you will find tickets for the shore excursions you reserved in advance. If you have not yet reserved tours or would like to purchase additional shore excursions, you will find a Tour Order Form in your stateroom. You will also find a schedule of daily activities, the Princess Patter, which features important program information including Tour Office hours and the closing time for shore excursion bookings. Remember, tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and space on shore excursions is limited, so book early. A Tour Order Form drop box is located near the Tour Office where you may deposit your order form at any time.

Q. ARE THERE CHILDREN'S PRICES AVAILABLE?

A. Yes, on some tours for children age 12 and under. If you are traveling with children, please pre-reserve the number of child tickets you would like on the Cruise Personalizer. If the adult and child price is the same, please order all tickets as adult. Once onboard the ship or at one of our land excursion destinations, check your tour tickets to ensure you have received the correct number of adult and child tickets. Visit the Tour Office as soon as possible to make any necessary adjustments. Parents are also responsible for bringing a safety seat for their child.

On most helicopter and flightseeing tours, children 24 months of age and older are required to have their own seat. Children under 24 months are considered lap infants and may ride free of charge if the tour operator can accommodate them - with prior arrangement through the onboard Tour Office. Parents must show proof of age to the tour operator for any lap infant. Children under the age of 24 months are not able to participate on a helicopter tour.

Q. ARE PRIVATE SHORE EXCURSION OPTIONS AVAILABLE WHERE I CAN CUSTOMIZE MY TOUR?

A. Yes, in many ports we offer shore excursions that can be customized to your specifications. On these tours you are able to book exclusive use of the tour vehicle (automobile, boat or plane) and tailor the tour to include activities and venues you want to experience.

Due to the limited capacity and highly specialized nature of these excursions, they are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation or prior to the booking closing time for the port which is listed on the onboard Tour Order Form (whichever is first). Once onboard the ship, you may be provided with a preference card to advise the tour operator of your selected itinerary and interests. The onboard Tour Staff will gladly assist you and provide recommendations.

Please note these shore excursions are sold per transport, not per person, so only one passenger should make the reservation for the entire group. This is a private arrangement and those accompanying you are the guests you choose; Princess does not match up individual passengers to form a private group for the vehicle. The price listed includes the means of transport and/or private guide and does not include gratuities, meals and attraction entrance fees (unless indicated otherwise) as these will vary based on your choices.

Q. ARE THERE AGE OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON TOURS?

A. For most tours, there is no minimum age for children as long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Passengers under the age of 18 years cannot participate without a parent or guardian. Please review the tour description notes for the most current restrictions and any exceptions; a few operators may allow an unaccompanied minor on tour if a waiver is signed by the parent or guardian in the operator's presence. Any other restrictions imposed by the tour operator are listed in the "Special Notes" section of each tour description.

Q. IS A VISA REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THE PORTS I VISIT?

A. Please review the information detailed in the "Itinerary" section of the Cruise Personalizer regarding any applicable visas for your specific voyage.

Q. IS ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE ON SHORE EXCURSIONS?

A. Passports, visas and other documentation may be required on certain shore excursions. Please review the "Special Notes" section of the shore excursion for full details. Notarized written consent is required for children crossing international borders without both parents.

Q. ARE THE EXCURSIONS GUIDED?

A. Yes. All of our excursions include local English-speaking guides except for On Your Own tours and where otherwise noted.

Q. SHOULD I TIP THE TOUR GUIDE?

A. Tipping is a discretionary matter; however, it is customary, if one is pleased with their tour, to tip the tour guide. A

general rule of thumb is \$2 per person for a half-day tour and \$5 per person for a full-day tour.

Q. WHAT TYPE OF CLOTHING SHOULD I WEAR WHILE ON TOUR OR IN PORT?

A. During your cruise, the climate can range from temperate and cool to hot and humid. Please plan to dress in layered, light- to medium-weight clothing and comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes. Since weather conditions may vary, we suggest you also pack a sweater, a light jacket and an all-weather coat. In addition, don't forget a hat or visor, a collapsible umbrella, sunglasses, sun screen and of course your camera and extra film and batteries. Please note that for water-related excursions where we suggest you wear your bathing suit, cover-up and hat, we have placed a symbol next to the shore excursion description.

If you plan to participate on an overland tour and will need to recharge video equipment or use a hair dryer, we suggest you bring an international adapter. Whenever you plan on going ashore, we highly encourage you to leave your valuables and jewelry onboard. While ashore, please take care in protecting your purses, cameras and other personal items. Minimizing personal belongings brought ashore could expedite the security process when reboarding the ship. We suggest you carry a photocopy of your passport when going ashore as you may need your passport number to exchange currency.

Please be mindful that in some of the countries you will visit, the local people may have somewhat more conservative views concerning dress than those to which you are accustomed. Generally shorts, tank tops, and short skirts are not acceptable dress when visiting churches or places of worship. Specific information regarding appropriate dress in these ports is provided with the shore excursion. For all golf tours, collared shirts and either long pants or Bermuda-style shorts are required (no cut-offs, bathing suits, etc.).

Q. WILL I MISS MEALS IF I GO ON SHORE EXCURSIONS?

A. Our wide variety of dining venues, including a 24-hour buffet, means there are always meal options available onboard that fit within the shore excursion timing you select.

Q. IS THERE TIME FOR SHOPPING ON THE EXCURSIONS?

A. Shopping is, for many, an important part of travel and, wherever possible, time for this activity is allowed within the framework of many of our shore excursions. Please note, however, that the actual amount of time available for shopping is generally limited.

Q. DO THE EXCURSIONS INCLUDE MUCH WALKING AND STAIR CLIMBING?

A. All of our excursions involve some walking and some excursions include more walking and stair climbing than others. Walking may be over uneven surfaces such as cobblestone city streets or the rocky pathways of ancient ruins. On many excursions, it is necessary to negotiate stairs. Please keep in mind that many of the buildings you will be visiting may have been constructed well before conveniences such as elevators were invented and have been preserved in their original state. Please refer to our tour symbols with each excursion description for more information and guidance.

Q. WHAT ELSE SHOULD I ANTICIPATE IN PORTS?

A. Keep in mind that some sites you will be visiting are extremely popular among both tourists and locals. Therefore, you may encounter crowded conditions, whether participating in one of our tours or sightseeing on your own. Regrettably, we have no control over this situation. With regard to photography, some venues may prohibit the use of flash cameras, so fast-speed film is recommended. In some places, photography or video may be prohibited altogether or a fee may be imposed. We ask that you observe any restrictions and, if in doubt, ask your guide for assistance.

Q. AM I REQUIRED TO WEAR SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON TOUR?

A. Yes, on certain tours it is mandatory that you wear the appropriate safety equipment in order to participate. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to snorkel vests, life vests, helmets, etc.

Q. WHAT IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A CERTIFIED DIVE TOUR?

A. An open-water scuba certification card must be presented in order to participate in a certified dive tour. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate divers with either a Junior Open Water or a Scuba Diver rating due to the depth limitations imposed by these certifications. The sport-diving industry recommends that divers take an update course if they have not been diving within the last six months. Please note that some dive operators may reserve the right to refuse to take divers who cannot provide proof of the date of their last dive or scuba review course. We recommend you bring a log book or proof that you have recently completed a review course.

There are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you will be required to complete a medical-history form and liability waiver/release form that will be supplied onboard or by the tour operator. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or the need to take medication to control blood pressure, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraines headaches, recurrent ear problems, severe motion sickness and presently taking prescription

medicines with the exception of birth control. Passengers are welcome to bring and use their own personal equipment, but it must be stored in their stateroom and there is no reduction in the tour price.

Q. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN AN INTRODUCTORY/DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING TOUR?

A. Yes, there are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you must complete a medical history form and liability waiver/release form that will be provided on board or by the tour operator at the beginning of the tour. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure, presently taking prescription medicines with the exception of birth control, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraine headaches, recurrent ear problems, and severe motion sickness. For Introductory Scuba Diving tours there is a minimum age of 10. Passengers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Q. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN A SNUBA DIVING, HELMET DIVING OR UNDERWATER SCOOTER TOUR?

A. Yes, there are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you will be required to complete a medical-history form and liability waiver/release form that will be supplied onboard or by the tour operator. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure, presently taking prescription medicines with the exception of birth control, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraine headaches, recurrent ear problems, and severe motion sickness. For helmet or SNUBA tours there is a minimum age of 8 years and passengers must weigh at least 75 pounds. For underwater scooter tours there is a minimum age of 10.

Q. ON SPORTFISHING EXCURSIONS, DO I GET TO KEEP THE FISH I CATCH?

A. Most sportfishing tours offered by Princess are part of a catch-and-release program. Fish that are edible and not endangered are typically landed and kept by the boat crew. Please remember you have purchased an opportunity to catch fish, not a guarantee of doing so. As one of our boat captains said, "We guarantee fishing, not catching."

In Alaska only, if your tour is not designated as catch and release, your catch can be processed and shipped home for an additional charge as arranged by the tour operator. Because of its perishable nature and U.S. Customs regulations, your catch may not be sent outside of the United States in most cases. Due to federal regulations, your catch may not be stored onboard the ship, but may be prepared for dinner onboard. Fish caught while at our lodges in Alaska, needs to be shipped home if not part of a catch-and-release program. In Alaska, fishing licenses are required and can be purchased on your boat for \$20 per person in cash (rates subject to change). Fishing for king salmon requires an additional \$10 retention tag (rates subject to change). Children under 16 do not need a license. Fish runs are dependent on spawning seasons, so during May and late-September fish stock may be more limited. Go to www.adfg.state.ak.us for more details on licensing requirements and fishing regulations in Alaska.

Q. WHAT SHOULD I KNOW BEFORE TAKING A HELICOPTER TOUR?

A. Due to weight and balance limitations, as well as passenger safety and comfort, the helicopter excursion companies have advised that passengers weighing 250 pounds or more (fully clothed) will be assessed a surcharge to reserve adequate space onboard the helicopter. The surcharge amount will be indicated in the "Special Notes" section of each tour.

Because of the limited capacity and high demand for helicopter tours, they are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation. Children 24 months of age and older are required to have their own seat. Children under 24 months are considered lap infants and may ride free of charge if the tour operator can accommodate them - with prior arrangement through the onboard Tour Office. Parents must show proof of age to the tour operator for any lap infant.

Carry-on bags are not allowed and limited secure storage is provided at the heliport. Helicopters may carry up to six guests depending on combined group weight. The flight length is approximate and flight route may vary due to weather conditions. Helicopter tours may be cancelled on short notice due to weather or safety issues. Warm clothing and sunglasses are recommended on helicopter tours. Dressing in layers is practical and lets you adjust your attire to meet changing conditions.

For helicopter tours in Denali National Park, a surcharge is not charged for guest over 250lbs. The helicopter company will assign aircraft and seats based on weight and balance. While every consideration is made to keep traveling companions and/or families together, this is not always possible for safety reasons.

Q. DOES PRINCESS OWN THE TOUR COMPANIES IN THE PORTS?

A. No, all of the shore excursions are operated by local, independent companies not by Princess; Princess retains a

portion of the total sale. We selected only the most reputable companies available to provide your excursions. The companies providing your excursions are selected by Princess based on their excellent reputation for service and safety.

Q. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PASSENGERS?

A. Our answer, of course, depends on the type and degree of the disability. The goal of Princess Cruises is to provide a safe comfortable cruise experience for all passengers. If you will be using a mobility device during your sailing we strongly recommend you travel with a person physically fit to assist with your needs both onboard and ashore.

If passengers are able to walk on their own, we recommend tours designated as requiring a moderate level of activity. The transport on some tours may be able to accommodate a collapsible wheelchair stored below the bus; scooters or motorized wheelchairs are often too large. If confined to a wheelchair, we would recommend reserving the excursions identified as wheelchair accessible (see Tour Symbols listed for each tour) or a private vehicle shore excursion. We also recommend that non-ambulatory passengers be accompanied by someone who is able to assist them throughout the duration of their day. Our Tour Staff can provide more information on touring options for non-ambulatory guests. Physically challenged passengers participating on a shore excursion must contact the Tour Office at least 48 hours prior to your excursion to ensure arrangements can be made to meet your particular needs.

Embarking and disembarking can be challenging for those with limited mobility. Many major ports of call provide easy access for wheelchairs and scooters. However due to various conditions: steepness of the gangway, weather, shoreside facilities and tidal and sea conditions, passengers using mobility devices may be required to transfer to a stair climber or be precluded from going ashore. Princess staff will make every effort to assist but are not allowed to individually physically lift more than 50 pounds (22 kg).

Some ports of call require the ship to anchor off shore. Passengers are then taken to shore by small boats or tenders. When tendering is required, passengers using mobility devices will not be transferred into or out of the tender, if lifting in excess of the above limitation is required. Many tender ports do not provide wheelchair access so even if the passenger can board the tender they may not be able to disembark ashore. Again the shoreside facilities, movement of the tender, weather and tidal conditions can also preclude tendering.

The decision to allow any passenger to board a tender or disembark the vessel will be made by the Captain on the basis of the safety and welfare of all involved and is final. If passengers are unable to tender or disembark because of circumstances outlined above there will be no refund or credit for missed ports. While Princess recognizes your disappointment the safety of both passengers and crew takes precedence.

For more information on the terms and conditions for Princess Shore Excursions, please refer to the Special Information section. Every effort will be made to accommodate all passengers on the tour of their choice but, tours are operated by independent local companies and not by Princess. The final determination to let any passenger participate is made by the tour operator and therefore if, in the judgment of the tour operator, the safety or comfort of any passenger is in question, guests may be denied participation. This evaluation may not be able to be determined until meeting directly with the local tour operator.

Special Information

CONDITIONS In selling tickets (including coupons or vouchers) or otherwise promoting or making arrangements for Excursions— whether for air, land or local water transportation; tours; sports or any other recreational activities; shore accommodations or meals or for any service, facility or activity other than onboard Princess' cruise ships – Princess acts only as agent for the independent tour operator supplying such excursions or services. Participation by a passenger in Excursions is conditioned upon such passenger's acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in the Passage Contract contained in the Cruise Ticket, the Excursion Ticket and, depending on the activity, other documents which, among other things, expressly release Princess from any liability for such participation. Participation may also be subject to the independent tour operators' own terms and conditions.

EXCURSION TIMINGS Departure times for each tour will be listed on princess.com in the Cruise Personalizer. For Shore Excursions, they will also be listed on the Tour Order Form, which you will receive onboard. These have been published according to information from our Tour Operators, but are subject to change should the vessel's arrival time at any port be delayed, or the itinerary for any particular excursion be amended. Please note that the time shown will be the time the last tour vehicle leaves the pier or hotel. Passengers are requested to report to the specified departure location (either onboard ship or shoreside) at the designated time, as delay on your part can interfere with the pleasure of your fellow passengers.

EXCURSIONS WITH LIMITED PARTICIPATION Shore Excursions may be purchased in advance of your cruise departure or onboard ship on a first-come, first served basis. Many of our excursions have limited participation and reservation requests will be processed in the order received. When excursions are fully subscribed, additional requests will be placed on a waiting list in the order received. Land Excursions can not be waitlisted but we actively request more space wherever possible from our tour operators; if a tour is sold out we encourage guests to revisit the Cruise Personalizer at a later date and they can also check for more availability at the tour desks in our Alaska ports.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS Coats, wraps, umbrellas, cameras, handbags, traveling bags and similar personal articles remain at all times through the tour under the passenger's custody and control. Be careful that you do not leave your possessions unattended at any time in the car or coach in which you are traveling.

PRICES The prices for Excursions are subject to change without notice; are per adult, per child or in some cases per vehicle. Prices are confirmed at the time of booking. All quotations made include conveyance according to the itinerary and, where applicable, meals, refreshments, guides and entrance fees, unless otherwise stated. Children, other than infants in arms, will be charged full fare unless noted otherwise.

SHOPPING Where possible, time for shopping has been allowed within the framework of some excursions. However, excursions are not primarily designed for shopping, and time allowed for this purpose may be limited.

REFUNDS No refunds can be made on any ticket, coupon or voucher unless notice of cancellation is given before the closing date indicated on the booking form for the excursions involved. The times when bookings will close will be published onboard. In the event of any excursion being canceled for reasons beyond our control, a full refund will be made. However, should any excursion have to be abandoned through force majeure or difficulties en route, the best possible refund will be arranged according to the circumstances. Land Excursions that were pre-reserved, charged and then cancelled due to weather or other operator approved cancellation will be refunded using the same credit card used to book your excursions. These refunds will typically be reflected on your credit card statement between 7-10 business days after cancellation. Tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of a cancellation by the vendor.

TRANSPORTATION Passengers should appreciate that standards of transport vary considerably throughout the world. Air-conditioned coaches are not available in many areas, and in some, local buses are the best available. Cars or taxis are also used at some ports where coach or bus transportation is not available or limited. Passengers wishing to travel with friends should all leave the ship together, as this will help the Tour Staff to allocate them space in the same vehicle. For the comfort of all passengers, smoking is prohibited aboard all sightseeing vehicles.

WITHDRAWAL OF TOURS The Tour Operator reserves the right to withdraw any excursion through lack of demand and to make any alterations that they may deem advisable for the comfort of the passengers, bearing in mind the convenience and best interest of each group.

ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT. It is our policy to maintain a positive and proactive position in relation to the environment. We realize that there is much work to be done to achieve our company goals. To this end we are continually striving to increase awareness of any environmental issues that are likely to affect any of the excursions we offer. We work closely with our local agents to convey any environmental messages in our shore excursion programs and therefore ask you to support us in our efforts by respecting the cultures, customs and environmental issues of the various destinations we visit.