

# 22-NIGHTS GREAT BARRIER REEF AND NEW ZEALAND CRUISE

## ***CELEBRITY EDGE***

### **February 11, 2026 – Sydney, Australia**

Embark on the beautiful award-winning *Celebrity EDGE*. Settle in to begin your unrivaled Bucketeer Adventure. Awaken all of your senses with 29 distinct restaurants, bars and lounges. Clear your mind and fine-tune your body at the Spa and Fitness Center. Explore the onboard activities and entertainment to make your vacation unforgettable.

### **February 12, 2026 – At Sea Cruising**

While at sea, take the time to recharge before the next adventure. Lounge by the pool, be spoiled at the spa, taste the delicacies or explore the venues on-board, until we arrive at the next amazing destination.

### **February 13, 2026 – Brisbane, Australia**

On a Brisbane cruise, you'll find a thriving art scene, sandy beaches, lively nightlife, and multiple wildlife sanctuaries. Start with scenic city views from Mount Coot-tha, west of downtown.

Cultural sophistication belies Brisbane's proximity to wilderness. Contemporary art galleries energize the vibrant Fortitude Valley district, including the Gallery of Modern Art, Institute of Modern Art, Philip Bacon Galleries, Jan Murphy Gallery, and Edwina Corlette Gallery.

A cruise to Brisbane offers plenty of possibilities to recreate. Go for a swim at South Bank Parklands, a sparkling, man-made, inner-city beach overlooking the Brisbane River. Or, take a ride down to Gold Coast and swim, surf, or build sandcastles on one of the Pacific's most famous beaches.

Meet Australia's best-known natives, the koalas and kangaroos, at the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, on the river. Learn all about the sleepy marsupials and other wildlife threatened by traffic, disease, and habitat loss. Cuddle a koala. Feed a kangaroo. See Tasmanian devils.

North of town, you can visit the Australia Zoo to learn about Wildlife Warriors and efforts to protect injured, threatened, and endangered species. See cheetahs and rhinos roaming the zoo's African Savannah.

You can shop for the latest designer goods on a Brisbane cruise. One chic area is Edward Street, where you'll find Hermès, Orono, Georg Jensen, Paspaley, Chanel, and Australia's largest Cartier store. Move on to James Street, in Fortitude Valley, for the vibrant colors, bold designs, and bohemian fashions of Australia's own Camilla.

### **14 February 2026 – At Sea Cruising**

### **15 February 2026 – Airlie Beach, Australia**

On your cruise to the Great Barrier Reef, this is the perfect departure point for local excursions. The coral reef is the largest living thing on the planet—so big you can see it from space—but made of billions of tiny organisms known as polyps.

A UNESCO World Heritage site, the reef supports a vast diversity of marine life, with 600 types of soft and hard corals, 1,625 types of fish, and 30 species of whales and dolphins. Great Barrier Reef Marine Park covers 133,000 square miles, including 3,000 coral reefs and 900 islands. The snorkeling and diving here are unmatched.

Airlie Beach is popular with backpackers, yachtsmen, and other lovers of the tropical lifestyle. Sailing among the calm, protected waters of the Witsunday Islands and skydiving over the pristine shorelines are a couple of the must-do adventures for many visitors.

When it's time for some shopping during your Airlie Beach cruise, you'll find lovely seaside markets and galleries with friendly artists, handmade jewelry, colorful paintings, stunning photos, and tropical beachwear—perfect for a leisurely browse after breakfast.

### **16 February 2026 – Cairns, Australia [overnight]**

In tropical North Queensland, surrounded on three sides by lush rainforest, your Cairns cruise makes the perfect launchpad for excursions to the Great Barrier Reef. This reef is the largest living thing on the planet—so big you can see it from space—but it's made up of billions of tiny organisms known as coral polyps.

A UNESCO World Heritage site, the reef supports a vast diversity of marine life, with 600 types of soft and hard corals, 1,625 types of fish, and 30 species of whales and dolphins. Great Barrier Reef Marine Park covers 133,000 square miles, including 3,000 coral reefs and 900 islands. The snorkeling and diving here are unmatched.

Inland, explore the rainforest by cable car and scenic railway, soaring above treetops, peering into gorges, and observing jungle waterfalls. Join a whitewater rafting adventure in Barron Gorge National Park.

Stop at a rainforest village to see kangaroos, birds, butterflies, and reptiles. Hold a koala in your arms and feed a wallaby. Watch traditional Aboriginal dancers perform and artisans

create their pottery, paintings, glass works, jewelry, and fabrics. You can shop for these original keepsakes to take back aboard your Cairns cruise.

Back in town, stroll the lovely native flowers, plants, and trees at Cairns Botanic Gardens. You might even get lucky in the local casino. What a way to top off your cruise to Cairns.

### **17 February 2026 – Cairns, Australia**

Continue your exploration.

### **18 February 2026 – Port Douglas**

The once-sleepy, now-bustling seaside village of Port Douglas will be your hub to the Great Barrier Reef, home to some 1,500 species of fish, 5,000 species of mollusk and 400 species of coral for your exploration. During your Cruisetour, you'll enjoy a full day of marine adventure with opportunities to swim, snorkel, dive or view the reef from an underwater observatory.

### **19 February 2026 – Willis Island Cruising**

The only humans that make their home on this tiny island—just 1,600 feet long and 490 feet wide—are meteorologists manning a weather monitoring station. From the ship's deck you'll see thousands of seabirds such as Boobies, wedge-tailed shearwaters and sooty terns. Other highlights include a nearby coral reef and turtle nesting ground.

### **20 – 21 February 2026 – At Sea Cruising**

### **22 February 2026 – Sydney**

Considered one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the Southern Hemisphere, Sydney offers so much—from beaches and wineries to stunning landmarks and world-class shopping. Tour architectural marvels like the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbor Bridge, view life below the surface from Sydney Aquarium's underwater walkways, or take it all in from above on a tour of the Sydney Tower. You're never far from nature in this thriving urban center. Well-known surf beaches, zoos, national parks, whale watching tours, bush tours, and the Royal Botanic Gardens—featuring over 7,500 plants—offer visitors a chance to enjoy the area's sunshine, lush greenery, wildlife, and clear blue oceans. Sydney is not only Australia's oldest city, it is also one of the most ethnically diverse cities on the globe, offering a wealth of cuisines, unique museums, and cultural opportunities. Explore lively pubs, shops, and historic buildings at The Rocks, located on Sydney harbor.

### **23 – 24 February 2026 – At Sea**

## **25 February – Cruising New Zealand Fjords – Milford Sound, Dusky Sound, Doubtful Sound**

As we sail into the narrow fjords of the Milford, Dusky and Doubtful Sounds, even your massive ship seems to shrink in comparison to the towering cliffs topped by lush mountain terrain. Situated within Fiordland National Park, this natural wonder is part of the Te Wahipounamu World Heritage Site and is protected by its natural geography, which makes it a haven for all types of wildlife.

## **26 February – Dunedin, NZ**

Here in this capital of architectural heritage, you might think your Dunedin cruise had taken you to Edinburgh. The architecture, scenery, and culture—if not the accents—borrow heavily from those in Scotland.

Take a harbor cruise to spot albatrosses, cormorants, and other sea birds. You might even see penguins, dolphins, and seals. In town, stroll the spectacular Dunedin Botanic Garden, discover ancient Maori artifacts in the Otago Museum, or learn all about beer at Speight's Brewery—touring, tasting, and shopping for beer gear.

Browse several engaging art galleries in the central Octagon neighborhood, also known for bars and cafés. Look for experimental exhibitions at Blue Oyster Gallery, bespoke jewelry at Chris Idour, old masters at Dunedin Public Art Gallery, heritage at Reed Gallery, and New Zealand artists at the De Novo and Milford galleries.

Head inland aboard Taieri Gorge Railway, departing from the charming gingerbread Dunedin Railway Station, for a four-hour excursion past former gold-mining sites.

Venture out to Otago Peninsula and visit 19th-century Larnach Castle—New Zealand's only castle—perched on a hill overlooking the harbor. Hear stories of scandal, tragedy, and intrigue—all part of its lavish history. Top off your cruise to Dunedin with Highland dancers and bagpipers at Larnach.

## **27 February 2026 – Christchurch, NZ**

At the center of town is Christchurch Cathedral, a stunning example of Gothic Revival architecture. Outside of town wine country beckons for an afternoon of tastings.

## **28 February 2026 – Picton, NZ**

A charming seaside town at the head of Queen Charlotte Sound, Picton was settled by early 19th century whalers. Today, it is a bustling seaport surrounded by award-winning restaurants, delightful local art galleries, water sports' activities plus beautiful yet challenging nature trails. Take an adventurous hike along the famous Queen Charlotte track and experience the photogenic flora and unique fauna of New Zealand. Since the climate of Picton is always temperate, at any season, you can take in stunning costal views, mystical waterfalls and diverse wildlife.

### **1 March 2026 – Wellington, NZ**

Wellington claims to be the coolest little capital in the world and the new film making center.

Get an overview of its geological, biological, and cultural history at Te Papa, the national museum of New Zealand, just 10 minutes from CentrePort. The interactive exhibits pique your curiosity through innovative storytelling.

Wander along Oriental Bay, the scenic waterfront that is highly walkable—and jog-able, skate-able, bike-able—and dotted with cafés, bars, and ice cream vendors.

Hike up through a large central park to Mount Victoria for 360-degree photo opps of the city, airport, and harbor—including your Wellington cruise. Blocks west of the port, ride the iconic cable car up to beautiful Wellington Botanic Garden, with a cable car museum, observatory, and planetarium. Catch a shuttle out to the Zealandia ecosanctuary, a project to restore 556 acres of bush, where you can hike to the singing of native birds.

On Miramar Peninsula, film fans off a Wellington cruise make their journey to Middle Earth—and beyond—to learn secrets of great film making. Weta Workshop is the design and effects facility behind big movies like Blade Runner 2049, Thor: Ragnarok, Power Rangers, Man of Steel, and several Hobbit properties.

To taste your way through Wellington, start on Cuba Street, home to hipsters, artists, and lovers of all things vintage. Amid the city's creative craft beer scene, the street has colorful shops and street performers, as well as bohemian bars and cafés. For food and drink, look for Husk, café by day, beer bar by night; Olive, with big breakfasts, excellent waffles, and mimosas; Laundry, when you feel like a classic burger or tacos; Floriditas, famous for eggs and scones; and Midnight Espresso, the quirky place for coffee, snacks, and people watching.

### **2 March 2026 – Napier, NZ**

Discover Art Deco architecture, an alluring seaside town, and some of Hawke's Bay's finest wineries. Napier's devastating 1931 earthquake resulted in a magnificent rebuilding effort

that makes the city home to the greatest density of Art Deco buildings in the world. Stroll along Napier's lovely streets and admire the architecture characterized by bold symmetrical shapes, linearity balanced by gentle curves, and sometimes intricate ornamentation. Visit lovely cafés, restaurants, and shops as you explore Napier's seaside sights. Enjoy a beer, or fish and chips. Take a traditional tea break and sample a Pavlova, a New Zealand dessert of meringue and fresh fruit. Journey outside the city to explore some of New Zealand's most spectacular wine vintages in Hawke's Bay. Tour the wineries and enjoy exclusive wine tastings. Bird watchers and eco-tourists can visit Cape Kidnappers to admire the world's largest gannet nesting site. Explore sheep farms, lush coastal scenery, mountain top lookouts, or just sit back and relax at a café in Napier, taking in the ambiance of another era.

### **3 March 2026 – Tauranga, NZ**

Explore this chic coastal town in the North Island and you'll discover the land of the Māori. Tauranga's white sand beaches offer something for everyone. Relax and sunbathe on one of New Zealand's most beautiful and popular coasts. Take a dip in the ocean or immerse yourself in a lush waterfall swimming hole. Watch dolphins frolic in the waves or swim with these lovable creatures. Learn to sail, try surfing, take a diving lesson, or refine your fishing technique. Water activities abound in Tauranga. If you're a landlubber, you can tee up at a golf course on your Tauranga cruise or stroll down The Strand where you can enjoy cafés and a vibrant nightlife. Journey to charming waterfalls or board one of the many eco-cruises available in the Bay of Plenty. Sometimes called the New Zealand Riviera, downtown Tauranga offers galleries, shops, history, and a vibrant café and restaurant scene. The culinary culture brings together innovative chefs working in diverse traditions. Enjoy Italian, Indian, Turkish, Thai, French, and fusion flavors. Sip a hand-crafted drink or enjoy fresh-caught seafood from the Bay of Plenty. From casual al fresco dining to sophisticated New Zealand Riviera gastronomy, Tauranga offers something to tantalize every taste.

### **4 March 2026 – Bay of Islands**

Discover indigenous New Zealand Maori culture in a land of sparkling seas and pristine beauty. Bay of Islands is a sub-tropical paradise of clear blue water, hundreds of undeveloped islands, diverse wildlife, and historical significance. The pristine oceans, warm weather, and many animal species attract nature lovers from around the globe. Take an eco-cruise and discover the area's dolphins, penguins, marlins, whales, and bird life. Journey into a beautiful cave with majestic rock formations and glow worms. Kayak, sail, swim, or sunbathe on one of the many beaches. Those who love beaches consider these in Bay of Islands & New Zealand some of the world's finest, with their perfect white sand and crystal-clear water. And as tempted as you'll be to pull up a lounge chair and soak in the

surroundings, many consider a Bay of Islands cruise the ideal time to partake in more active pursuits, such as kayaking, mountain-biking, parasailing, swimming with dolphins and scuba-diving.

### **5 March 2026 – Auckland, NZ**

Time to fly home, or stay a while and experience New Zealand's most cosmopolitan city—a melting pot of British, Asian, Pacific, and Māori cultures. Sample their diverse arts, entertainment, and traditions.

The Auckland Art Gallery has collected more than 15,000 paintings, sculptures, and prints, dating from 1376. Other attractions to visit include the Auckland War Memorial Museum, New Zealand Maritime Museum, National Museum of the Royal New Zealand Navy, and Museum of Transport and Technology.

Natural landmarks include Auckland Domain, a central park offering great views of Hauraki Gulf; Mount Eden, with 360-degree views from the city's highest volcanic cone; Mount Victoria, a volcanic cone overlooking downtown from North Shore.

Enjoy wine tastings on nearby Waiheke Island, a remote site of beaches, forests, vineyards, and olive groves. The hills surrounding the city are cloaked in rainforest.

Man-made landmarks include Sky Tower, offering panoramic views from downtown; Auckland Harbour Bridge, the connection to North Shore; and Auckland Town Hall, which includes a fine concert hall.

When it's time to go shopping, head to Queen Street, Britomart, Ponsonby Road, Karangahape Road, Newmarket, or Parnell. You won't come back empty handed from your Auckland visit.