



DAZZLING OCEANIA

## Auckland Go Beyond Exclusive Pre-Cruise Program

February 21+–24, 2024

\$2,699 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY  
\$3,499, SINGLE, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY



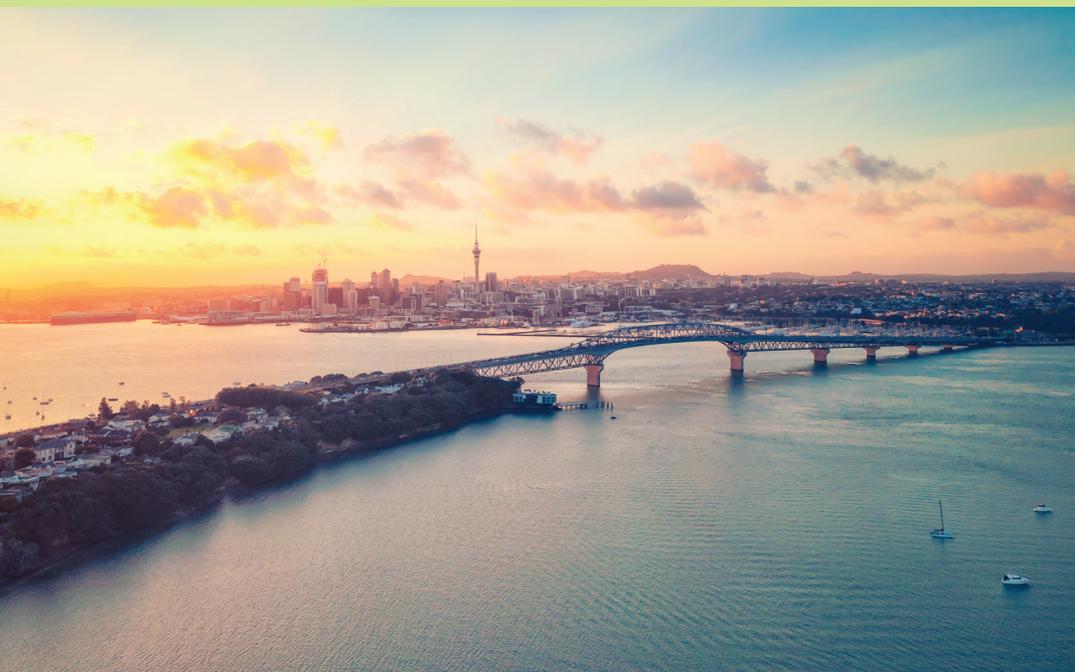
Explore Auckland on this tour designed to give well-deserved attention to an incredible destination that would otherwise be missed. This pre-cruise tour is the ultimate accessory to a remarkable trip.

Enjoy the wealth of experiences offered in the delightful city of Auckland, famed for its plentiful parks, gardens, and Waitemata Harbour, New Zealand's busiest and largest port. Take in this thriving city's historic buildings, trendy shops, and varied restaurants. Venture out onto the emerald waters of Hauraki Gulf for a visit to the white sand beaches of Waiheke Island, or discover world-class vineyards and olive groves. In Auckland, there is something for everyone.

### INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights at the 4-star Cordis Hotel with Breakfast
- Sightseeing excursions as specified in itinerary, including entrance fees
- 2 full-days and 1 half-day sightseeing excursions
- Professional tour guide
- Exclusive Go Next Program Manager and hospitality desk
- Transfers between cruise ship, hotel, and airport,\* with related luggage handling

\*FOR GUESTS BOOKING THEIR OWN AIRFARE: Airport transfers are only applicable on program dates. You must provide your complete flight details to Go Next 30 days prior to departure in order to ensure airport transfers.



- FEB 19** Depart for Auckland
- FEB 20** Cross the International Date Line and lose one calendar day.
- FEB 21** Arrive in Auckland and check in at the 4-star Cordis Hotel, with early check-in. Go Next holds your room for the entire day so that no matter how early your flight gets in, you are guaranteed immediate access to a luxurious room. Relax and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.
- FEB 22** After breakfast, get ready for a full day of sightseeing, including lunch on Waiheke Island. Drive through Auckland's downtown area, passing an array of historic buildings before arriving at the Sky Tower, the tallest structure in New Zealand. Then take a guided tour through the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Next up, board a ferry to Waiheke Island, popular for its stunning white sand beaches, vineyards, olive groves, and seaside villages. Stop at Mudbrick Vineyard to savor a wine tasting and lunch amid its peaceful garden setting before continuing to Rangihoua Estate to sample olive oil and learn the secrets of its production. Return to Auckland via ferry and transfer to the hotel. Spend the remainder of the day at your leisure.
- FEB 23** After breakfast, transfer from Auckland to the limestone caves of Waitomo, one of New Zealand's most remarkable natural wonders. Embark on a 45-minute tour through spectacular underground scenery with informative and entertaining commentary, where the guide will share stories, cultural legends and natural wonders of this living masterpiece.

Famous for its acoustics, begin with the Cathedral Cavern, where New Zealand's own opera diva Kiri Te Kanawa once performed. Continue along a low, narrow passage to the Tomo, the limestone caves of Waitomo, one of New Zealand's most remarkable natural wonders. View more incredible formations, including the Banquet Chamber, the Pipe Organ, and the Catacombs. Take a boat trip through the Glowworm Grotto, the tour's star attraction. The caves are home to the Waitomo glowworm, *Arachnocampa luminosa*, unique to New Zealand. Thousands of these tiny creatures radiate their luminescent light as our expert guides provide informative commentary on the cave's historical and geological significance.

Following your tour, travel through the serene countryside to the Hobbiton™ Village set, located on rustic farmland with views of the Kaimai Mountain Ranges. Delight in a private tour of the ten-acre site, viewing remnants of the original set from The Lord of the Rings trilogy, such as the charming Hobbit holes, while listening to commentary on the filming, set creation, and more. Enjoy a special Festive Feast lunch before transferring back to your hotel.

- FEB 24** This morning, begin a half-day panoramic city tour of Auckland. Travel along Tamaki Drive where you will have a beautiful photo opportunity at Bastion Point (weather permitting) before crossing the Auckland Harbor Bridge to the quaint village of Devonport. Transfer to *Regatta* in the afternoon.

**Note:** This tour involves a moderate amount of walking, some over uneven terrain, and may not be suitable for those with walking difficulties. The Waitomo Glowworm Cave requires walking up and down 150 steps. Must be able to step in and out of a dory type boat in low light. \*Hotel check-in date is February 21



## THE CORDIS HOTEL

Relax and explore the treasures of Auckland in the 4-star Cordis Hotel, conveniently located near Upper Queen Street and within walking distance of the waterfront, the Auckland Domain, and other unique attractions. This sophisticated hotel combines classic furnishings with signature amenities and facilities like the award-winning Chuana Spa, a state-of-the-art fitness studio, a heated rooftop pool, and enticing restaurants and bars.

