



ms Volendam

28 days including a 14-Night Cruise - Departure January 25th, 2011



HIGHLIGHTS

- Sydney sights and surrounding beaches
- Famous Sydney Opera House visit
- Magnificent Blue Mountains and Australian Wildlife full day tour – including lunch
- Cruise to Great Barrier Reef
- Full day Kuranda and Tjapukai for an aboriginal experience
- Explore Red Centre and mighty Uluru (Ayers Rock)
- Sounds of Silence "Dine under the stars" in the Red Centre
- Melbourne sights and surrounding vineyards
- Colonial Tramcar Dinner experience through Melbourne's vibrant streets

25-26 January • Depart Canada

Sit back and relax after boarding your flight and get ready for a trip of a lifetime! As you cross the international date-line you will lose a day, arriving into Australia 2 days later.

27 January • Arrive Sydney

G'Day and Welcome to Australia! Upon arrival in Sydney you will be met by a local guide who will provide an overview of Sydney as you are transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure to rest and explore the city. Amora Jamison Hotel (3 nights)

28 January • Sydney

This morning enjoy a private half day sightseeing tour of the city followed by a visit to the famous Opera House. The remainder of the afternoon is at your own leisure. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at the Summit Restaurant providing not only great food but a 360 degree view of the stunning city of Sydney. (B/D)

29 January • Sydney

After breakfast this morning, enjoy a private tour to the magnificent Blue Mountains with a stop at Featherdale Wildlife Park for a look at some of the animals and birds native to Australia. Enjoy lunch at Mountain Heritage Restaurant with its beautiful views of the mountains. (B/L)

30 January • Join ms Volendam

After a leisurely breakfast, transfer to the Sydney Overseas Passenger Terminal to check-in for your 14 night Holland America cruise aboard the ms Volendam (B/D)

31 January-01 February • ms Volendam

At sea. (B/L/D)

02 February • Milford Sound

Kia Ora! Welcome to the Land of the Great White Cloud – New Zealand. Your first stop is Milford Sound, star of Fiordlands National Park. New vistas mesmerize at each turn – towering Mitre Peak, plunging waterfalls, bottlenose and dusky dolphins, fur seals, Fiordland crested penguins. (B/L/D)

03 February • Oban (Halfmoon Bay)

Oban is the main settlement on Stewart Island, New Zealand's southernmost inhabited island. Arriving by sea, Oban presents a vista of picturesque bays and coves with houses nestled in lush vegetation. A haven for bird-life, the island is home to Kaka, parakeets, tui, and New Zealand's national bird, the kiwi. (B/L/D)

04 February • Dunedin

Majestic Victorian and Edwardian architecture, close proximity to an abundance of wildlife and a lively youth culture make up the essence of Dunedin, your next port of call. (B/L/D)

05 February • Christchurch

This morning you awake in Christchurch, known as the "Garden City". Although it has a reputation as being a conservative British city, if you look around you will see a vibrant city full of the spirit of arts and culture, a spirit of adventure that is 100% kiwi. (B/L/D)

06 February • Wellington

Sandwiched between steep hills on one side and the ocean on the other, Wellington is not only the capital of New Zealand but also one of its most picturesque cities. The city has some excellent cafes, bars, restaurants and of course the well known and excellent Te Papa Museum. (B/L/D)

07 February • Napier

This morning you will delight in the views of Napier, a port city in the lovely Hawkes Bay region of New Zealand – famous for its award winning wines. After a major earthquake and fire in the early 30's destroyed most of the city – Napier was rebuilt in the flamboyant art deco style prevalent at the time, making a walking tour of Napier a great way to experience the architecture. (B/L/D)

08 February • February Tauranga

Wake up in lovely Tauranga which lies at the heart of the Bay of Plenty region about 2 1/2 hours south of Auckland. It has become one of New Zealand's fastest growing areas, thanks to plentiful sunshine and beautiful beaches. (B/L/D)



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09 February • Auckland

Known as the "City of Sails" because of its beautiful location between two harbours and for having the largest number of sail boats in the world, Auckland is by far New Zealand's largest and most cosmopolitan city. (B/L/D)

10 February • Bay of Islands

Your final port of call – the Bay of Islands. Comprised of 144 islands, secluded bays, warm azure waters and golden beaches, the Bay of Islands is a nature lovers dream (B/L/D)

11-12 February • ms Volendam

At sea. (B/L/D)

13 February • Sydney to Cairns

Arriving into Sydney Harbour say goodbye to the ms Volendam as you head for the Sydney Airport to meet your flight to Cairns. On arrival in Cairns, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Novotel Oasis Cairns (3 nights)(B)

14 February • Cairns

Enjoy a full day tour to the Great Barrier Reef. Your day will be spent on a floating pontoon platform located on the reef where you can try your hand at snorkelling, diving (extra expense) or simply float around in the semi-submersible. After a buffet lunch, sit back in a deck chair and snooze or read the afternoon away. You will be transferred back to Cairns late this afternoon. (B/L)

15 February • Cairns

Today is another camera day but from a different angle as you tour by train to the quaint village of Kuranda where there is free time to explore the markets and shops. Board the Skyrail for a spectacular cable ride down the mountain-side with the Coral Sea and the city of Cairns at your feet. Once at the bottom, enjoy lunch at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Culture Centre with free time to wander through this icon of Cairns. (B/L)

16 February • Cairns to Ayers Rock

After breakfast this morning, depart Cairns for a 3 hour flight to the Red of the Outback. Shortly before sunset, journey into the desert where a didgeridoo welcome awaits you as you enjoy the popular Sounds of Silence Dinner. As the sun sinks behind the domes of Kata Tjuta (Olgas), enjoy a selection of fine beverages and sample delicious outback canapés. Feast on a gourmet barbecue of Australian delicacies including kangaroo, and crocodile, served with fresh salads and a selection of desserts. Then relax as an astronomer guides you through the stars. Sails in the Desert (1 night) (BD)

17 February • Ayers Rock to Alice Springs

It's an early start this morning as you participate in the Morning Sunrise and Base Tour of Ayers Rock. After breakfast, travel from Ayers Rock to Alice Springs, an excellent way to experience the vastness and solitude of the Red Centre. Crowne Plaza Alice Springs (1 night) (B)

18 February • Alice Springs to Melbourne

After arrival and transfer to your hotel, this day is yours to explore at leisure. Hop on the free tramcar that circuits the city centre or browse through the streets that make up the bustling cosmopolitan city of Melbourne. Swanston Grand Mercure (3 nights) (B)

19 February • Melbourne

Enjoy an overview of the city and see some of its highlights before you travel out to the Yarra Valley for wine tasting and lunch at the Domaine Chandon Winery. (B/L)

20 February • Melbourne

Enjoy your day at leisure exploring this cosmopolitan city. Leave room for the gourmet dinner served on the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant, a historic tram that winds through the streets of Melbourne giving diners a unique view of the city. (B/D)

21 February • Depart Australia

Bid farewell to Australia as your tour concludes with your transfer to the airport and your return flight home. (B)

INCLUSIONS

- Air from Vancouver with Qantas Airways
- 11 nights superior accommodation in Australia
- 14-night cruise throughout New Zealand in an Inside Cabin
- 50 meals (25 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 17 dinners)
- All touring and entry fees as per itinerary

Package price, per person, double - from \$9149

Program with Inside Cabin 'K'	\$9149*
Program with Oceanview Cabin 'E'	\$9479*
Program with Oceanview Cabin 'DA'	\$9631*
Program with Vernadah Cabin 'AA'	\$12094*

*Airport taxes and port charges: approximately \$1050 per person to be added

Add ons

Calgary/Edmonton	\$196
Toronto	\$427
Montreal	\$495