



## **Pacific Eden Cruises in as Part of P&O Cruises' Record Melbourne Season**

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One of P&O Cruises' latest ships, Pacific Eden has cruised into Melbourne this morning for its first deployment in the city as part of the cruise line's biggest ever Victorian season.

Pacific Eden takes the reins from sister ship Pacific Jewel which has been based in Melbourne since December.

Between them the two ships are expected to inject more than \$15 million into the local economy over the season, through guest and crew spending, provisioning and port charges.

Presenting a relaxed, stylish design which reflects modern Australia, the 55,820-tonne Pacific Eden will sail on eight cruises from Melbourne in February and March this year as part of P&O's summer season in Victoria, which features a total of 18 cruises between the two ships.

The cruise line's Melbourne schedule offers a range of cruises to suit every holidaymaker, from two-night sailings to Adelaide to the traditionally popular South Pacific voyages of 11 nights.

Over the next two months Pacific Eden will sail on a series of shorter Sea Break cruises including three-night Comedy and Food & Wine themed cruises, as well as new four-night round trip itineraries to Eden and Kangaroo Island which also take in some of Victoria's charming regional towns.

P&O Cruises Australia President Sture Myrmell said the cruise line was excited to have its largest ever presence in Melbourne, and to have one of its latest ships, Pacific Eden sailing from the city in February and March.

"Melbourne is a vibrant hub for contemporary dining and entertainment which makes it an ideal departure point for a holiday on P&O's new-look cruise ships," Mr Myrmell said.

The two ships will return again next summer for their Victorian season, commencing in December with Pacific Jewel which will be based in the city until February, when Pacific Eden will take its place for a series of six cruises until March 2017.

Fares on Pacific Eden's 12-night Melanesian Discovery cruise start at \$1099\* per person quad share including calls to Noumea, Lifou, Vila, Mystery Island and Isle of Pines and departing Melbourne on March 3, 2017.

\*Subject to availability conditions apply. Valid for sale until February 25, 2016.

**For more information call 13 24 94, visit [pocruises.com.au](http://pocruises.com.au), or see a licensed travel agent.**

**Notes to editors:** The region's largest and longest-serving cruise operator, P&O Cruises Australia leads the way in cruising as Australasia's only 'home brand' and its favourite cruise line. P&O Cruises has been sailing the region for

more than 80 years, and has pioneered new destinations around Australia, the Pacific and Asia including Papua New Guinea, as reported in the New York Times' 52 top destinations for 2015. P&O Cruises is the nation's largest cruise line with five ships cruising from eight home ports in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. The addition of Pacific Aria and Pacific Eden in November 2015 has paved the way for exciting new cruise options including deployments from every mainland state in Australia and an extended deployment from Auckland. The pair herald a new era for P&O Cruises, as reflected in its new brand repositioning - P&O Cruises, Like no Place on Earth.