



## **P&O Cruises Announces New Cruises for Record 2018 NZ Season**

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Leading cruise line P&O Cruises has strengthened its commitment to New Zealand, adding five more voyages to its record season of sailings from Auckland next year.

The cruise line today released full details of its largest New Zealand program yet, with local holidaymakers able to choose from an unprecedented 22 roundtrip cruises in 2018.

With New Zealand cruise passenger numbers continuing to surge, P&O Cruises remains the leading cruise line in the local market.

With the extension of its latest program, P&O's superliner Pacific Jewel will now be based in Auckland between March and August 2018, offering itineraries ranging from themed three-night Sea Break cruises, perfect for a weekend getaway, to a 15-night cruise exploring the islands of Polynesia.

The additional five itineraries now on offer in July and August include:

- a 10-night cruise to Tonga departing July 24, 2018 and visiting four ports including Vava'u and Nuku'alofa with fares from \$1206 NZD per person quad share
- a nine-night cruise to the Pacific Islands, visiting Noumea, Lifou, Port Vila and Mare, departing August 6, 2018 with fares from \$1119 NZD per person quad share
- an eight-night cruise to Fiji departing August 15, 2018 with fares from \$943 NZD per person quad share
- a three-night comedy cruise departing August 3, 2018 with fares from \$383 NZD per person quad share
- a three-night food and wine cruise, departing August 23, 2018 with fares from \$383 NZD per person quad share.

Also on offer is a new four-night comedy cruise sailing one-way from Auckland to Brisbane on August 26, 2018, with fares from \$383 NZD per person quad share.

Releasing details of the new extended six-month program, P&O President Sture Myrmell said the cruise line had seen very strong demand for its cruises from Auckland this year, including its first New Zealand spring season of cruising.

"We're responding to Kiwis' growing love of cruising by expanding our offering from 15 cruises this year to a record 22 cruises in 2018," Mr Myrmell said.

"The longer season also means we can offer a wider range of cruises – from short weekend breaks to longer two-week sojourns – so holidaymakers will truly be spoilt for choice."

Mr Myrmell said P&O's record season was expected to inject around \$25 million into the local

economy in guest and crew spending, provedoring and port charges, with the cruise line set to carry more than 40,000 guests throughout the season.

Accommodating 1950 guests, the 70,310-tonne Pacific Jewel features almost 200 private balcony rooms and mini-suites, an indulgent spa and a host of great onboard activities including the action-packed P&OEdge Adventure Park. Its many dining options include fine dining at Salt grill by Luke Mangan and contemporary casual eating in the Pantry, a stylish international food market featuring eight fresh food outlets and a bar.

**For more information visit [pocruises.co.nz](http://pocruises.co.nz), call 0800 78 0716 or see a licensed travel agent.**

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