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The Probus Community

Probus Chairman's Message, December 2025.

IN 2024, PROBUS CELEBRATED its fiftieth anniversary in New Zealand, and it will reach the milestone of fifty years in Australia on 3 February, 2026.

Probus started in England in the 1960's. The Probus Club of Kapiti Coast in New Zealand was founded in November 1974 on the initiative of a Rotarian, Gordon Roatz, who had cousins in Scotland, one of whom was a Probus Club member. It occurred to Gordon that the idea was worth introducing to the growing number of retired residents in Kapiti. He returned to New Zealand and secured his Rotary Club's support to start a Probus club.

Not long afterwards, Jim King from the Rotary Club of Dumbarton in Scotland visited the Rotary Club of Parramatta North (now Parramatta City) in New South Wales and told members of the success of the Probus movement in the United Kingdom. The Rotary district which included Parramatta took up the idea, and as a result, the Probus Club of Hunter's Hill in Sydney met for the first time on 3 February 1976.

Who would have guessed, when the first club started 50 years ago, that by 2026 Probus would have spread all throughout Australia and New Zealand.

While Probus is all about fun and friendship, we perform a valuable service to the community as well, by helping people adjust to retirement. I use the words "community and companionship" a lot when I am talking about Probus. Wherever I go, I hear people saying how important their Probus Club is in keeping them active and developing new



friendships in their local community.

It is wonderful that the original clubs in New Zealand and in Australia are continuing to thrive today. It is a tribute not only to the present leadership of the club, but also to all those who have worked so effectively over the past 50 years.

I would also like to acknowledge Rotary International. It is thanks to Rotary that Probus came to Australia and New Zealand, and I am very grateful for their continued support over the years.

Throughout 2026, PSPL will be showcasing the benefits of joining Probus, encouraging older New Zealanders to enjoy more social engagement within their communities. In addition, we will embark on a major recruitment drive to attract new, active semi retirees and retirees to join a local Probus Club through a range of marketing initiatives.

On a separate note, I wanted to share that nominations are now open for Probus Club members to serve on the PSPL Board as Representative Member/Directors for the following areas of selection: New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory, Western Australia, and New Zealand. Both male and female Probians with business experience in finance, public service, communications, or marketing as a public company director are encouraged to consider nomination by their Probus Club. These are volunteer positions, with most meetings held online except for the annual general meeting. Further information is included in this issue.

As we head into the festive season, on behalf of the PSPL board, our management team, and staff, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and extend our warmest thanks for your continued support throughout the year. ■



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58 FINAL CHANCES TO WIN A RAROTONGA HOLIDAY

An ancient land ... the Northern Territory

Editorial by Joan Gestro

WE ARRIVED in the Northern Territory's capital city of Darwin (originally Palmerston and named after Charles Darwin, the British scientist and explorer). The Darwin International Airport is the major domestic and international airport for the Territory and serves as a gateway not only to the NT but to South-East Asia.

Before we headed out to the unforgettable landscapes of the Territory, we stayed overnight at the welcoming Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin Waterfront where we were greeted by a bag containing a satellite

phone, a survival kit and two bottles of water, so essential in the heat of the outback.

Darwin is Australia's only tropical capital and offers a fascinating blend of culture, history and laid-back outdoor living. The city's military legacy is profound, with the bombing of Darwin commemorated through interactive wartime sites, immersive tours in a genuine World War II army truck, and the excellent Darwin Military Museum. Wander vibrant laneways filled with street art, explore the Waterfront Precinct's dining and lagoon, or come face-to-face with a saltwater crocodile at Crocosaurus Cove.

Saturdays start early at Parap Markets, famous for laksa and tropical produce, while the iconic Mindil Beach Sunset Market (April–October, Thursdays and Sundays from 4pm) transforms the stunning beachside location with music, food stalls and camel rides along the sand. Whether you're into history, food, art or wildlife, Darwin delivers a colourful, surprising and thoroughly memorable experience.

It's not just Darwin that has a fascinating history. The Northern Territory is home to the world's oldest living continuous cultures. For 65,000 years Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have cared for the land and seas here. Today, around 50% of land has been returned to Traditional Owners after colonisation, including two UNESCO-listed World Heritage National Parks – Kakadu and Uluru-Kata Tjuta.

The Territory has two main

regions: the north – also known as the Top End – has a tropical climate with extensive river systems; Alligator, Adelaide, McArthur, and Victoria Rivers, to name a few. Further south, the country is arid and famous for its rich red colours (hence its title as the Red Centre). Such a vast and amazing land.

Peak tourism season in the Territory is the dry season which runs from April to the end of August. In the Top End, the days and nights are warm – humidity averages around 30% – with virtually no rain. In the Red Centre, the days are also warm with low humidity, but the nights become cool thanks to its desert environment.

It's also the time when many exciting events are held, including April's Parrtjima in Alice Springs, a unique and free 10-night event that shines a light on Aboriginal cultures through large-scale illuminated art installations, music, talks, workshops and more.

The wet season in the Top End is from September to April, which also happens to be the best time for catching the Territory's famous barramundi fish. In fact, the Million Dollar Fish competition runs every year from October to March, with anglers able to land a cool million-dollar barra!

From September to May, it's wet season in the Top End and summer in the Red Centre. It's also known as the Territory's Best Kept Season, with dramatic skies, thundering waterfalls in the north, and mesmerising night skies and more space to yourself in the Red Centre.

Time to leave Darwin and head out. The roads are very well maintained, making it easy driving, and you can see for miles ahead. Outside built-up areas, the speed limit is between 110km/hr and 130km/hr.

It's important to note, too, that tourists will require a Parks Pass to visit the national parks.

BAMURRU EXPERIENCE

A three-hour drive, with an hour's drive on red dirt road from Darwin on the Stuart Highway, our journey in the outback began in Bamurru Plains. (I made a mistake of wearing white shoes, only to bring them home a dusky pink) This is a wilderness experience like no other.

Bamurru Plains

This off-grid destination is 300 square kilometres and home to 5,000 water buffalo, some of which are exported each season to south Asia. On one of our safari experiences, a ranger told us that the Sultan of Brunei was their biggest customer.

Bamurru is located on the edge of the Mary River floodplains bordering the Kakadu National Park, surrounded by tropical savannah bushland. Here the satellite phone would potentially come in handy as there is no internet or phone signal. The last stop with cell phone coverage was Bark Hut, from where we were instructed to call the chief ranger of Bamurru to inform him that we were on our way.

After an hour's drive through rough red earth road, we were met by ranger Jack and driven in his safari vehicle to the Lodge. Impressive place!

Bamurru Plains offers one of Australia's richest wildlife experiences: Tens of thousands of magpie geese mingle with whistling kites, egrets, herons and buffalo on the floodplains, while blue-winged kookaburras, parrots, cockatoos, and wallabies inhabit the fringing woodlands.



Sunset touring at Bamurru Plains. TOURISM NT

We were welcomed at the Lodge with a glass of bubbly and canapes. On the following day, we took a cruise on the airboat, skippered by Jack. The trip was an eye-opening experience for us.

As our airboat skimmed across the floodplains over huge lily pads crowned by their white and yellow lily flowers, we looked at the shallows for crocodiles, with nought success – this time, anyway!

We watched myriad birds of different sizes, some small, some rather huge, taking flight as we approached, to once again fly back and settle in their favourite spots on the billabong as we sped onwards. We spotted an eagle high up on a tree, a majestic bird perched on a large branch, completely still except for its head, turning from right to

left, as it surveyed his territory for predators, keeping a close eye on his nest of hatchlings. Daddy never far away, keeping an eagle eye as the saying goes!

We saw herds of water buffalo wading in the shallows, going about their business quietly and lazily enjoying the day. The buffalo 'nurseries' seen in this area are solely a female domain and responsibility for taking care of their young, nursing them until they are old enough to fend for themselves. When export season begins, buffalo are selected and carried on land trains (trucks hauling three trailers), which goes to show the vastness of this land.

On our return from the airboat trip, we freshened up and joined the other guests on the deck of the lodge over a glass of wine before dinner. As



Floodplain at Bamurru Plains. TOURISM NT



See the vast wetlands at Bamurra via airboat, a must to experience. TOURISM NT

we shared our respective experiences of the day, we were amazed at the huge number of birds, of all kinds and sizes, taking flight, just above our head at sunset off to their nocturnal destination, and heard them all return in the early morning.

The termite mounds

Our adventure on a safari trip was an eye opener, and very informative. The magnificent termite mounds stand up to two metres high, jutting skywards and showcasing an amazing feat of nature. The structures some around 100 years old, are unique to this part of Australia.

The mounds are made by the clever termites, half the size of an ant. The outer chambers of the mounds are created with cut up grass stalks that have been stored. As they forage from underground, the mounds push skywards. The soldier caste of termites defends the mound with a sticky saliva-type substance that traps intruders like ants and other critters. Each mound is thought to house one queen termite, who produces all the colony's eggs. The mounds live for around 50 to 100 years – the same

amount of time the queen termite is alive. The mounds themselves are the perfect home for the termites, which require a balanced amount of warmth and humidity throughout the year for their colony to survive.

We listened and also learned about the Milk Tree that oozes a milky substance from a cut in its bark. We were told a drop of the substance into your eyes could cause



Driving past termite mounds. TOURISM NT/SEAN SCOTT

temporary blindness. On a more positive note, it has also been used as an ointment to increase lactation in new mothers.

The true luxury of Bamurru Plains is its location, a beautiful and vast wilderness region, home to one of the largest crocodile populations in the world, and the annual migration of over one hundred thousand magpie geese – an incredible sight and sound to behold.

The Wild Bush Luxury at Bamurru provided us with uniquely outback style on our two-day stay. There were four other couples from the US and from France. The package was all inclusive of accommodation, meals, drinks, plus chef-prepared meals paired with Australian wines, and escorted tours. The staff were wonderful and went out of their way to make our whole experience one to remember.

We were all spoilt and felt satisfied that the Bamurru experience was worth the effort driving such a long way to get to this remote but amazing place.

In our next issue, we explore Cooina and the Yellow River Billabong in Kakadu National Park. Another experience full of wonderment! ■

The mystique of Morocco

THE MERE MENTION of Morocco conjures up an intoxicating blend of exotic spices, bustling souks, and camels silhouetted against desert dunes. It's no mystery as to why Morocco holds great allure for travellers.

An ancient and layered history is most evident in architecture. The Berbers, the Phoenicians, Romans and Arabs also left the legacy of an exotic cuisine. Spices are to the fore, and a cooking class to learn the art of the tagine can create a tangible souvenir to return home with. Other mementos can be found on a dive into the intriguing souks.



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Full Steam Ahead

DENNIS and ROSAMUND KNILL discover there's no other mode of travel more suited than an epic train journey into the unknown.

AFTER A LONG FLIGHT, the temptation is to collapse into bed, draw the curtains and ignore the alarm. But experience has taught us that surrendering to fatigue only prolongs jet lag. So, a guided tour of Perth proved the perfect antidote to travel weariness and to anchor us immediately in a new rhythm.

We have flown to Perth to travel 4,325kms of continuous track with 188 other passengers on one of the world's longest luxury rail journeys that traverses three states along some of the most isolated and diverse terrain in Australia.

Four in the afternoon at East Terminal Station and there stands two majestic blue and yellow turbo charged locomotives radiating power and grandeur drawn with 29 carriages

unfurling into the horizon. There is an infectious buzz and a distinctive air of nostalgia as passengers enjoy plenty of finger food, wine and beverages while being entertained with live music.

Check-in is seamless, tickets carefully scrutinised, there is a ripple of exhilaration and excitement as we embrace the adventure ahead. Amy the train manager makes herself known and then escorts us to our hotel on wheels to our cabin. We are travelling to Sydney in a Gold Premium carriage. Considering the space limitations our cabin is compact and well equipped so our advice is to travel light. Space is king and no surface wasted. There is a cosy sofa by day that mysteriously folds into beds each night, wardrobe, writing

desk, picture window to take in sweeping views of the great outdoors, a small ensuite with toilet and shower, toiletries, fluffy white towels and a hair dryer. An exclusive lounge and dining car is also included for all Gold Premium passengers.

Right on cue, the wheels begin to turn slowly as we roll out of our siding and onto the main line leaving behind one of the most stunning cities in Australia. Passing lush green fields and vineyards we say goodbye to suburbia, for the next four days we will be powering towards Sydney.

By 6pm most of the passengers have gravitated to the lounge car for cocktails and pre-dinner drinks. Our diversity of origin and languages made for a league of nations with passengers from all over the world.



Superb dining.

Over a glass of wine, we engage in friendly conversation which can often result in lasting friendships. Dinner comes at a good moment and in the soft lamplight of the dining car there is something magical about enjoying a meal while the landscape glides past your window. Expect white linen tablecloths, attentive service and multi-course menus. Over the journey, dining becomes a daily ritual to meet new faces and discuss the previous day's events.

We're eager to learn how the chefs cope with the challenge of preparing elaborate three-course meals on a moving train in the confines of a galley not much larger than the size of an average scullery. None of the meals are pre-cooked and not a single dish is repeated over the journey.

While at dinner our cabin has been converted into a clever bedroom. Sleep comes easy, nothing soothes the soul like the steady rhythm of a train in motion.

Arising late each morning just in time for breakfast, we're treated with everything imaginable. From fresh juices and fruits, yoghurt, berries and cereals to a full English breakfast. A typical lunch included a ploughman's plate, massaman curry and haloumi roasted vegetable salad followed by dessert. Each evening the galley would entice us with a four-course menu with everything from appetisers, entrees, mains and desserts.

Our first major challenge is the shower. We quickly learn to hold the towel rail with one hand, soaping and

shampooing with the other while at the same time swaying in rhythm with the movement of the train.

The sun rises early in WA and before dawn on day one we rise at 5.30am and rugged up for a whirlwind coach tour of Kalgoorlie often referred to as the Queen of the Golden Mile. In typical outback fashion there is a pub on every corner. Mining for gold is a 24/7 operation, with pits so deep it takes trucks 45-minutes to navigate the precarious track back up to the top. Perched on top of the lookout we peering down to The Super Pit, a colossal 3.7km open-cut gold mine, with 70-ton trucks that look like dinky toys. After dinner, we pull into Cook, population six, for a bonfire, a beacon of light and warmth whilst we shared a final unhurried drink beneath the stars.

Crossing the Nullarbor Plains will always remain a fascination, 447km of straight rail track. For 1500km not a single stream cutting through it, so without camels bringing in water the railway would never have been built in the first place. Parched red earth, Australia's heart with vegetation down to sagebrush and spear grass and where life exists for only kangaroos, camels, wedgetail eagles and dingos.

Arriving into Longplains, we're transferred by coach to the Barossa for a food and wine pairing gala dinner at Seppeltsfield Winery. As the band entertained us the wine keep



Following the South Australia coast.



Stops along the way to take in the scenery.



flowing with a menu that kept taste buds alive. This was such a special night we wished we could have shared this with a handful of our closest friends.

After crossing WA border during the night, we are awakened at Broken Hill, a rugged silver and lead mining town surrounded by desert and a town where the big roos run 200km in the night chasing thunderstorms. Our chosen walking tour came alive with the presence of two flamboyant drag queens leading the way, their vibrant outfits and high heels turning heads at every corner. They cracked jokes, shared juicy tidbits about the historical landmarks and transformed a simple stroll into a lively and unforgettable experience.

Victoria Station, our last morning and our final leg of our epic journey across Australia to the stunning Blue Mountains. A World Heritage listed wonder, framed by rugged cliffs and dramatic rock formations. The Scenic Skyway soars 270m above deep ravines offering breathtaking views of the Three-Sisters, Jamison Valley, Katoomba falls and endless wilderness.

Back on board, we are speeding towards Sydney Central Station, even a city like Sydney can become a stranger from the window of a train. Train lines often describe unsightly ways to the heart of the city, routes through suburbs and their graffiti splattered backyards rarely seen by road. As we pull into Central Station



at 12.45pm after four glorious days, our suitcases repacked, the cleaners are waiting to board the empty carriages. We say our goodbyes to our newfound friends, exchange emails with a mood of finality, not one of sadness but rather a realisation that this is a short taste of the good life in the slow lane.

Our last night in Sydney was notable for a two-hour dinner cruise on the Spirit of Migloo for an unforgettable experience of gourmet dining under the stars and the bright lights of Sydney Harbour.

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THE SPIRIT OF THE ANTIPODES tour offers an unforgettable exploration of the North Island's diverse landscapes, rich rail heritage, and cultural treasures, from the East and West Coasts to the Central Plateau. The lush countryside of Taranaki, the fruit bowl of the Hawkes Bay and back again.

The first leg of our journey takes us southeast to Tokoroa, where we begin our exploration of the North Island's scenic railways. From there, we set off by touring coach to Rotorua, a region steeped in Māori culture and geothermal wonders. Here, we delve into the history of the abandoned Rotorua Branch Line, tracing its path through

lush countryside and past iconic landmarks.

From Rotorua we transfer by coach to the Tauranga, on the East Coast of the Bay of Plenty. Joining our train here we have a rare opportunity to take a passenger train through the Kaimai Tunnel to Hamilton, where we resume our southward journey, bound for Ohakune, a town renowned for its rich rail heritage.

From Ohakune, we travel by coach through Raetihi to the Whanganui River, where we board the historic paddle steamer Waimarie for a scenic cruise to the city of Whanganui. Re-joining the train here, we skirt the slopes of Mt. Taranaki, through rolling hills and farmland,

passing through charming towns like Inglewood and Patea en route to New Plymouth on the West Coast.

Heading north, we traverse the dramatic Manawatū Gorge, now accessible only by rail. From here we travel through the changing landscapes of the Tararua and Hawkes Bay before following the coastline to Napier, the Art Deco jewel of Hawke's Bay.

Departing Hakes Bay we travel to the Wairarapa region before our tour concludes. On our return journey we ascend to the central plateau, home to towering viaducts and the iconic Raurimu Spiral, each twist revealing another chapter of New Zealand's rail story. Our return journey winds through the rolling farmlands of

Waikato and King Country, offering one last chance to savour the beauty of the North Island.

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In 2026, Seabourn unveils four epic itineraries to some of the planet's most extraordinary frontiers: Norway and Iceland, Alaska, Antarctica, and close to home in New Zealand and Australia. These ultra-luxury cruises offer rare opportunities to encounter nature in its most pristine form, all while enjoying the warmth and refinement of a private yacht experience.

Norway & Iceland: Realm of Fire and Ice
Northern Europe's dramatic landscapes come alive on Seabourn's itineraries. In Norway, snow-capped peaks rise from tranquil fjords, and



coastal towns preserve centuries of seafaring tradition. Iceland offers volcanic terrain, geysers, and glaciers under the midnight sun. Whether kayaking beneath waterfalls or soaking in geothermal lagoons, guests experience nature at its most awe-inspiring.



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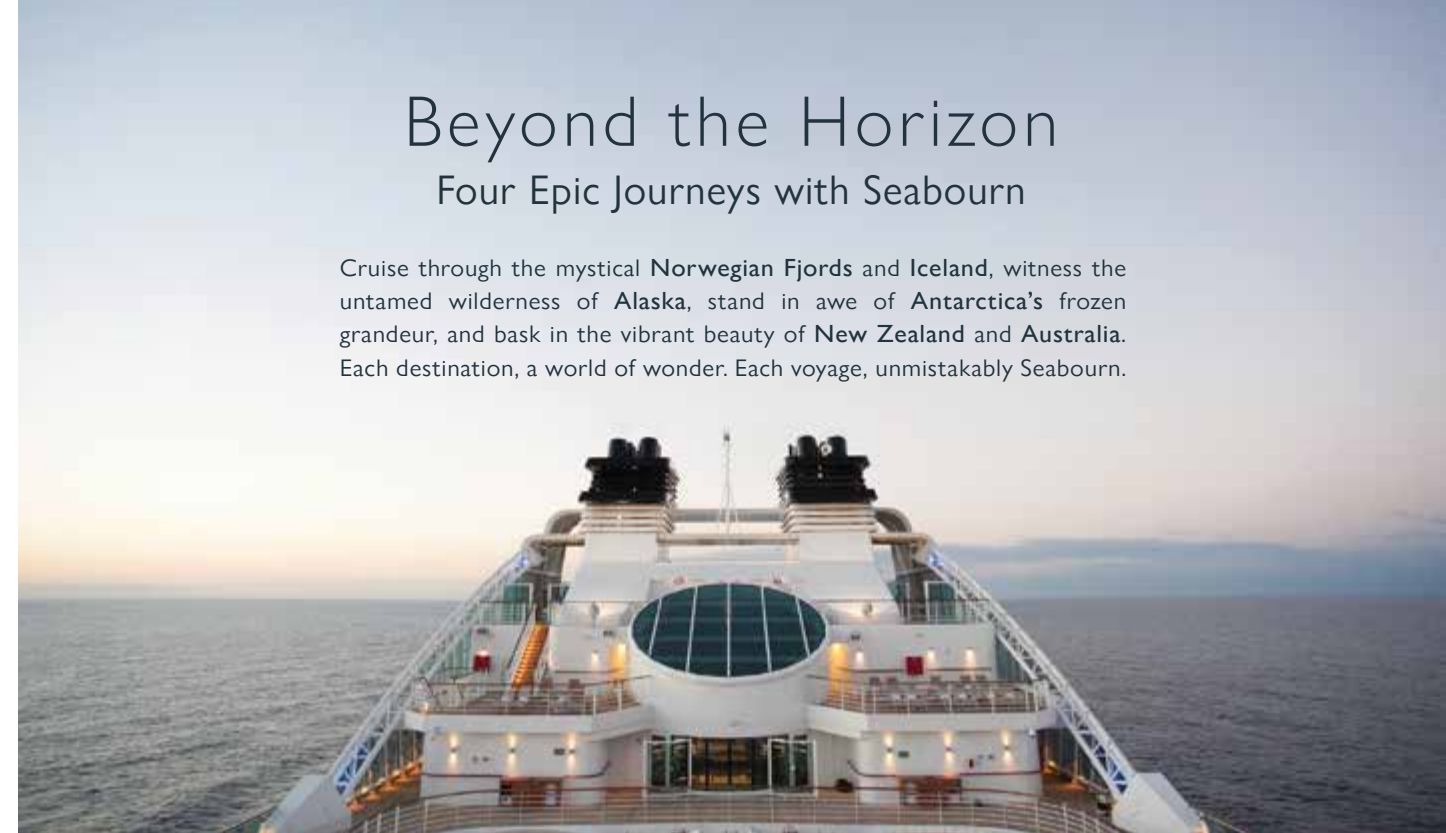
Australia & New Zealand: A Symphony of Coastlines
Seabourn's Trans-Tasman cruises offer relaxed, refined voyages with access to charming towns and vibrant cities. Spectacular scenery, curated shore experiences, and local flavour make these journeys a favourite among international guests.

Across every ocean, Seabourn proves that luxury and exploration are perfect partners. Each voyage balances adventure with comfort, indulgence with discovery. For those seeking travel beyond the ordinary, Seabourn offers the rare luxury of true connection with the planet. ■



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Tauck River Cruises: Beyond the Ordinary Luxury for Every Generation

FOR 100 YEARS, Tauck has set the global standard for curated, all-inclusive travel, inviting guests to discover the world through journeys that go Beyond the Ordinary.

Tauck's award-winning river cruises blend luxury, authenticity, and discovery – delivering a seamless experience where every detail is thoughtfully designed and every moment feels personal.

Always putting guest experience first, Tauck carries fewer guests on their river boats and limit capacity to just 84 or 130 guests depending on the riverboat – far fewer than the industry average. More akin to a boutique hotel than a traditional cruise ship, guests enjoy spacious accommodations, attentive service, and a relaxed onboard atmosphere that encourages connection, comfort, and curiosity.

Tauck's all-inclusive promise means every aspect of the river journey is covered: fine dining, premium beverages, gratuities, airport transfers, and expertly guided shore excursions. Meals are a celebration of regional cuisine, whether enjoyed in the elegant Compass Rose or the casual Arthur's. Onboard spaces—from panoramic lounges to wellness sanctuaries and open-air decks can accommodate all guests altogether



and are crafted for both reflection and exploration.

2026 sees the launch of Tauck's newest riverboats, MS Serene and MS Lumière, adding to their capacity on the Seine and the Rhône rivers of France. These next-generation vessels elevate river cruising with resort-style Sun Decks, featuring pools, shaded daybeds, full-service bars – perfect for savouring Europe's landscapes. Inside, The Retreat introduces an expanded wellness area framed by sweeping river views with a fitness centre, massage suite, and juice bar. More than 75% of cabins measure 225 square feet or larger, and the lavish Tauck Suites offer 300 square feet of indulgence, with dual French balconies and walk-in closets.

Yet, what truly sets Tauck apart is its exclusive access – unforgettable experiences not available or easily achieved on your own. Guests might enjoy an after-hours tour of the Louvre, a private concert in a Viennese palace, or dinner in a centuries-old chateau. These signature Tauck events exemplify the brand's promise: to take travellers beyond regular sightseeing with personal experiences of culture, tradition, and people connection.

Through Tauck Bridges, families can also share in special moments and holidays together. Designed for travellers of all generations, these multi-generational itineraries balance education, adventure, and fun – whether cycling through Rhine vineyards, exploring fairy-tale castles, or learning to make crêpes with a French chef.

With Tauck, one upfront river cruise price delivers a world of meaning. No hidden extras, no stress – just unforgettable experiences, and in every detail journeys that are truly Beyond the Ordinary. ■



TAUCK

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Oceania Cruises

OCEANIA CRUISES is renowned for offering an elegant, destination-focused cruise experience defined by culinary excellence, warm service and a relaxed, country club atmosphere. Operating a fleet of small, stylish ships that carry between 670 and 1200 guests, this is an intimate and personalized journey. From the sun-drenched Caribbean and classic Mediterranean ports to the vibrant coastlines of Asia and the dramatic fjords of Northern Europe, their global program of cruise itineraries invites guests to explore the world in unrivalled comfort, with a focus on authentic cultural immersion, through the lens of culinary artistry, and refined luxury.

Oceania Cruises newest ship Allura launched in November 2025 with an inaugural season exploring the sun-drenched Caribbean for the first part of 2026 cruising from/to Miami, before crossing the Atlantic for 23-nights cruising Miami to Athens.

Allura is the eighth ship in Oceania's elegant fleet, and accommodates up to 1200 guests, in stylish veranda staterooms. Inspired by breezy seaside villas, the ship's interiors feature soothing coastal tones, lavish bathrooms and oversized rainforest showers.

The ship's culinary innovation is



what sets her apart. Oceania Cruises' signature commitment to "The Finest Cuisine at Sea®" boasts fresh, imaginative concepts. Guests savour an extraordinary range of culinary experiences across multiple venues, from elegant fine dining to casual indulgence.

The new Crêperie is a relaxed morning retreat, serving delicate crêpes and authentic Belgian waffles made to order. At Jacques, the ambiance of a Parisian bistro sets the stage for refined French classics, while Red Ginger presents bold Nikkei flavours that fuse Japanese and Peruvian traditions. The Grand Dining Room remains the ship's culinary heart, featuring sophisticated international menus with favourites such as butter-roasted Maine lobster

and truffle-infused Beef Wellington.

Guests can also indulge in the new Gérard Bertrand Wine Pairing Luncheon, where expert sommeliers guide tastings of acclaimed French wines paired with gourmet courses. Whether dining al fresco under the stars, enjoying afternoon tea, or savouring a multi-course masterpiece, Allura offers a celebration of flavour, artistry and impeccable service at every meal.

Sailing with Oceania Cruises is stylish, intimate luxury, coming together seamlessly with enriching destinations experiences. Whether you're drawn by the promise of culinary excellence, world-class service or immersive travel experiences, Oceania Cruises is proving popular with New Zealanders. ■



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IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, cuisine is more than sustenance – it's an expression of culture, heritage, and joy. With this philosophy at its core, Silversea's S.A.L.T. programme – Sea and Land Taste – invites guests to discover destinations through the universal language of food.

Designed for curious travellers and passionate food lovers, S.A.L.T. offers immersive culinary experiences both onboard and ashore. At S.A.L.T. Kitchen, menus evolve with the voyage, highlighting the unique flavours of each port. At S.A.L.T. Bar, regional spirits and fresh local ingredients inspire creative cocktails. Guests can don an apron in a hands-on S.A.L.T. Lab class or take a seat at the S.A.L.T. Chef's Table for a multi-course dining experience, paired with storytelling and fine wine. The enrichment continues with S.A.L.T. Experiences and S.A.L.T. Talks – celebrating culinary artistry and culture.

Onshore, Silversea curates' unforgettable gastronomic encounters. In Tuscany, guests can



venture into the countryside for a truffle hunting expedition, guided by a local expert and their trained dogs. After the forest forage, enjoy a tasting of this prized delicacy in traditional recipes – a rare opportunity to connect with a centuries-old culinary tradition.

In Liguria, food lovers can dive into the region's pasta-making heritage with a Corzetti and Pesto cooking experience. Corzetti – one of the oldest known pastas from Genoa – are delicately stamped discs of dough, once used to display noble family crests. Guests will learn the art of making this historic pasta by hand, followed by preparing Liguria's signature basil pesto using a mortar and pestle, just as it's been done for generations.

A true highlight in Portofino is



the S.A.L.T. Unforgettable Picnic with a View. Perched high above the Ligurian coast at the eco-conscious La Portofinese Farm, this exclusive experience invites guests to savour warm, wood-fired focaccia, organic regional delicacies, and local wine – all enjoyed amid panoramic views of the Italian Riviera. Accessible only via special vehicle, it's a rare opportunity to enjoy a slower, more authentic slice of Ligurian life, far from the usual path.

These enriching experiences are part of Silver Ray's 2026 sailing from Barcelona to Monte Carlo, departing 9 June 2026. From bustling markets to serene vineyards, Michelin-starred kitchens to family-run farms, this journey offers a true taste of the Mediterranean – rich in flavour, history, and soul.

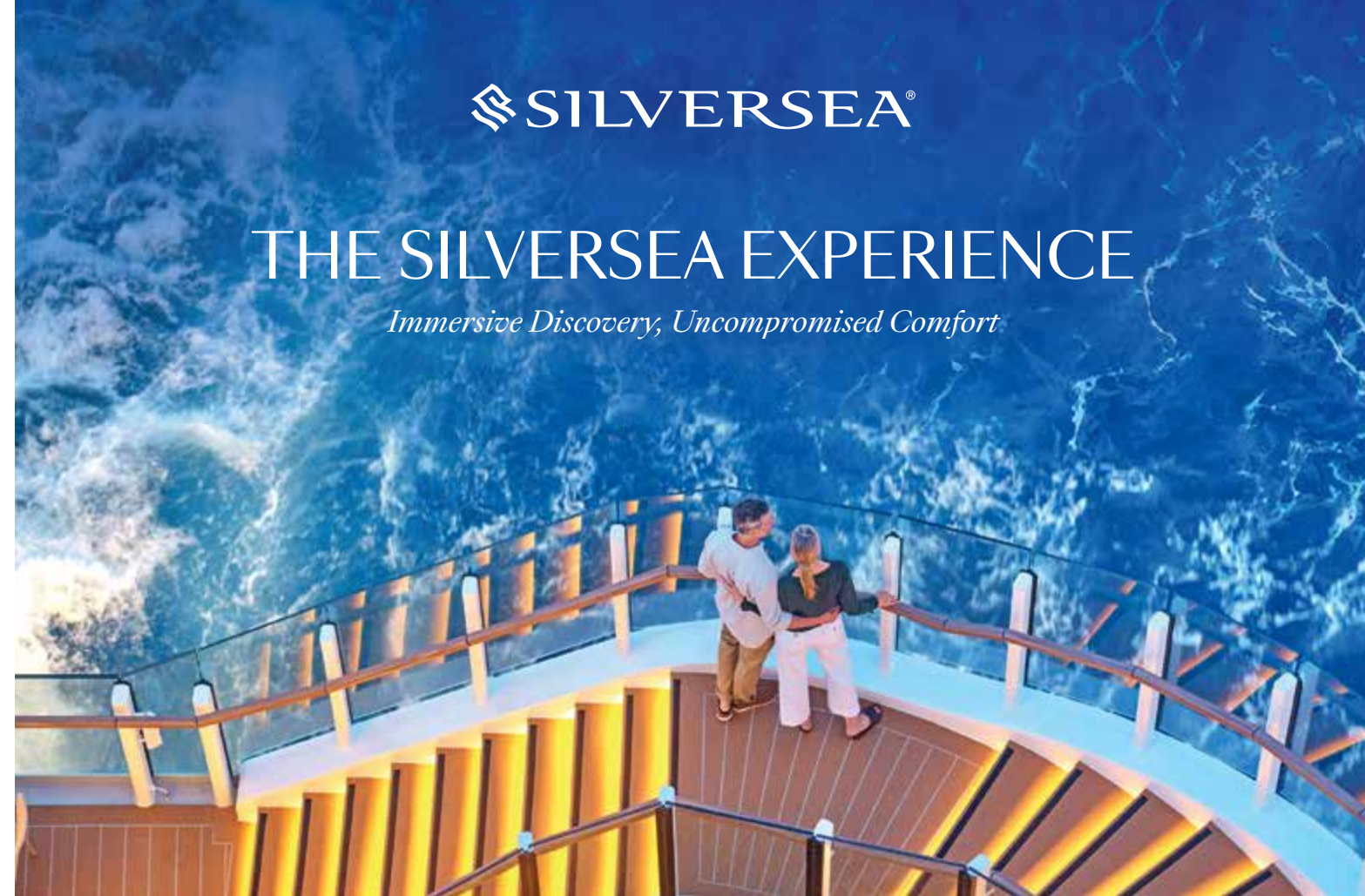
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The Mekong Princess: Sailing through the heart of the Mekong

WHEN A FRIEND mentioned celebrating a milestone birthday in Vietnam, there was no hesitation about saying yes to joining her, and commandeering her plans to do the luxury, authentic river cruise onboard Mekong Princess to the Mekong Delta.

Sailing seven nights downstream on the Mekong Princess is more than a river cruise – it's an intimate passage through Cambodia and Vietnam. Carrying just 28 guests in 14 suites, she is small enough to access Cambodia's timeless villages, and Vietnam's vibrant delta islands, tributary rivers and cities.

Our journey began in Siem Reap, at the stunning Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort, set in tropical gardens. The Angkor Wat Temples is a key focus for any visit to Siem Reap, and we were in awe of the scale and architectural detail of these ancient structures.

We boarded the Mekong Princess from the riverbank in the heart of Angkor Ban, to cruise downstream to Ho Chi Minh. Inspired by French colonial style and beautifully appointed, she is the perfect platform to explore from. The dining is exceptional with fine wines and local and international cuisine. The local crew are exceptional, providing service that is effortless and heartfelt. Local guides share personal stories



and cultural traditions – transforming the experience into something very human and memorable.

Life onboard complements a program of included shore experiences. The voyage is a cultural tapestry woven with history, hospitality, and human connection. Each day reveals new layers of everyday life along the river.

In Angkor Ban, we assisted school children with their English reading and pronunciation. In Phnom Penh, we explored by cyclo visiting the Royal Palace and National Museum, before touring the very sobering Killing Fields.

Crossing into Vietnam, to the heart of the Mekong Delta, we enjoyed unique access to island villages where artisans weave Khmer scarves on handlooms; were invited into locals' homes for craft demonstrations; watched sampan boats being built by hand and met



hydroponic flower growers. Cai Rang Floating Market and the Wet Market near Can Tho, are busy and industrious and fascinating. In the island interior of Ben Tre, we wandered through coconut groves to learn decades-old techniques of growing, harvesting, and crafting this produce.

These encounters are not just sightseeing tours – they were smiles, conversations, and shared stories that showcased a life lived so differently to ours.

Ending in Ho Chi Minh City, because of her size Mekong Princess glides under the bridges to conveniently berth right in the city centre. ■



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Canyon Spirit and Rocky Mountaineer

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Building on this legacy, Rocky Mountaineer introduced its U.S. route in 2021 – now reimaged under the new name Canyon Spirit. This elevated train experience invites travellers to explore the dramatic landscapes of the American Southwest, where rugged river canyons, red rock formations, and the Colorado River create a stunning backdrop for an unforgettable



journey. Canyon Spirit offers two distinct itineraries: a two-day route between Denver and Moab, and a new three-day extension launching April 21, 2026, which continues to Salt Lake City.

The extended journey includes overnight stays in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and Moab, Utah – charming towns that offer a deeper connection to the region's natural beauty and culture. The additional day of travel

traverses the mountain passes of eastern Utah and the vast, open vistas of the Great Basin, culminating in the vibrant urban hub of Salt Lake City.

Onboard Canyon Spirit, every detail is curated to reflect the spirit of the Southwest. Guests enjoy the all-inclusive Signature experience, featuring gourmet menus inspired by the surrounding landscapes and a curated selection of local beverages. Hosts provide captivating storytelling and attentive service, while the train's viewing platform offers fresh air and unobstructed views of the dramatic terrain. For those seeking an elevated experience, the Premier upgrade includes enhanced culinary offerings, an exclusive lounge car, and more space to unwind and socialize.

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the weather and guests' interests. Plus, the locals are happy to invite them to exclusive spots and share unique experiences that simply wouldn't work for a larger group.

Personal connection is everything at Driftwood Eco Tours, so owners Maree Carson and Julian Tovey are coming to the Bay of Plenty Expo, to chat with you about what makes their tours special. You can also get in touch on 021 399 137 or through driftwoodecotours.co.nz

With tours of only six to 12 people, each guest has more opportunities to form genuine connections with the families, special individuals and unique places that they visit. Just imagine sitting down for a farm-cooked meal with the musters working the vast high country of Molesworth Station, or sharing a cuppa with a Chatham

The genuine connections with the people and places of rural NZ are what make Driftwood Eco Tours so special.

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NEW ZEALAND INVESTORS have had a love affair with owning and investing in property for many years and there are whole industries that have evolved around property investing.

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There are property investors that still want to be involved with property but don't want to have the hassles of tenants, maintenance, management fees or the plumbing emergency at 2am in the morning.



Property backed peer-to-peer investing has risen in popularity since Southern Cross Partners gained its license from the FMA in December 2016.

Many of our investors have had investment portfolios but are now at a stage in their life where they are thinking more about travel and lifestyle rather than maintenance and tenants.

Owning investment property can have possible capital gains but could also result in capital losses. Property backed peer-to-peer investments,

whilst not enjoying capital gains, could provide a monthly income which most investors tell us is important to them.

Every investment has risks, and peer to peer is no different so it's important to understand the risks associated with any investment product. To download our free Guide to Investing with Property visit www.southerncrosspartners.co.nz.

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Fiordland

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Acorn Stairlifts: restoring independence, one step at a time

FOR OVER 17 YEARS, Acorn Stairlifts has been a game-changer in the lives of individuals across New Zealand by providing a simple yet transformative solution that has empowered thousands to regain their freedom of movement within the comfort and safety of their own homes. Whether the challenge is the natural effects of aging, a disability, or recovery from an operation, Acorn's innovative stairlifts have proven to be a lifeline.

When faced with the choice people start asking themselves if it's time to move. But relocating is not



a far more affordable and less disruptive alternative. It allows individuals to stay in the home they love, without being confined to a single level.

In a world where mobility challenges can often feel isolating, Acorn Stairlifts provides a simple yet profound way to restore independence. With its innovative technology and customer-centric approach, the company continues to

only stressful – it's often far more expensive than installing a stairlift. The choice to move may seem like the only solution, but in reality, it comes with a host of financial and emotional costs. A stairlift, by contrast, offers

prove that the solution to staying in your own home may just be a matter of taking one step – safely and confidently – at a time.

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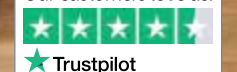
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Effortless to drive

- **Hybrid re-invented:** Nissan's e-POWER models deliver smooth, quiet electric motor driving – without needing to plug in. The petrol engine charges the battery, so you simply fill up with fuel and go. Enjoy refined driving around town and confident acceleration when needed.
- **All-weather confidence:** Available e-4ORCE all-wheel drive balances power to each wheel for stable, secure handling on wet roads, gravel driveways and winding coastal routes.

Comfort that suits your lifestyle

- Easy access, supportive seating and a quiet cabin help make longer trips more relaxing.
- **Practical space:** Plenty of room for luggage, golf clubs or grandkids' gear – plus clever storage throughout.
- **Modern convenience:** Intuitive screens and controls, with features that help reduce stress on every journey.

Choose your model. The MY26 X-TRAIL range will be available in ST, ST-L and Ti-L grades, with a choice of efficient petrol or e-POWER with e-4ORCE all-wheel drive and with seven seats option. Whether you prioritise great value or top-of-the-line luxury, there's an X-TRAIL to match your lifestyle.

Why X-TRAIL

- Designed for New Zealand conditions and everyday practicality



- Easy to live with, easy to park, and easy to enjoy
- Supported by Nissan's local dealer network

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I saw two push bikes and hundreds of electric bikes while I was there. The economy had definitely changed.

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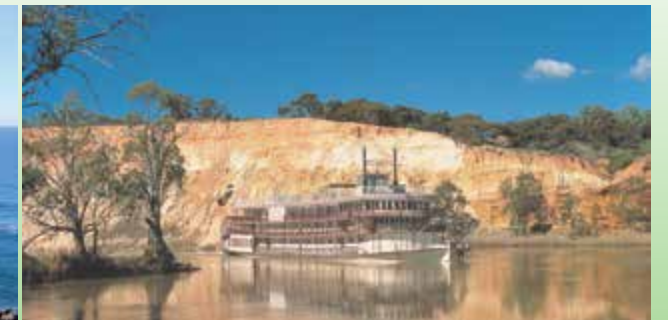


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Nikki Clerke, Director of Seemore Tours, at Hokitika Gorge.

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Nikki says their philosophy

is simple: if you can easily book it yourself, they are not doing it right. Many highlights come from local encounters, such as meeting a farmer who shares his story, an artist explaining their inspiration, or a guide revealing a special place. Each tour is designed to experience a region rather than rush through it.

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sure what happens next.

Real value in India is measured in confidence, not dollars. This means having absolute certainty that your driver is vetted and experienced, that your guide speaks fluent English and understands the interests of a Kiwi traveller, and that dedicated support staff in your time zone will answer the phone instantly if plans unravel.

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Why slow active travel is resonating with New Zealanders over 60

FOR MANY NEW ZEALANDERS over 60, travel today is less about rushing through destinations and more about experiencing them at a meaningful pace. Walking and cycling journeys have become a natural fit – combining gentle daily activity with cultural depth, beautiful scenery and time to truly connect with a place.

Europe is particularly well suited to this style of travel. Its compact geography, centuries-old trail networks, quiet back roads and excellent infrastructure make it ideal for exploring on foot or by bike. The widespread availability of e-bikes has further opened up cycling travel, allowing riders to enjoy longer distances and varied terrain comfortably and confidently.

Two styles of cycling journeys are especially popular. Self-guided, land-based tours allow travellers to move independently from town to town, with luggage transferred ahead and accommodation pre-arranged. Bike & barge journeys, meanwhile, offer the comfort of unpacking once, with a floating hotel following the route – a favourite along Croatia's Adriatic coast.

Some of the experiences that continue to inspire Kiwi travellers include cycling through the olive groves and white villages of Apulia in southern Italy, riding vineyard backroads in Burgundy with time for wine tastings, exploring Slovenia's alpine valleys and emerald rivers, discovering

Andalusia by bike between Granada, Seville and Marbella, and walking iconic routes such as the Camino de Santiago – among many others.

A Walkers World is New Zealand's leading walking and cycling tour specialist. Locally based and a pioneer of this style of travel, the company has spent over 30 years helping more than 15,000 Kiwi travellers explore destinations around the world.

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Chirag Ahuja is the Director of A Walkers World, New Zealand's leading walking and cycling tour specialist. www.walkersworld.co.nz, info@walkworld.co.nz ■



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We stayed at the adults-only resort on Rarotonga's south-west coast, **Sanctuary Rarotonga-on the beach**, from where you can see turquoise lagoon waters and breathtaking sunset views right from your balcony.

Sanctuary Rarotonga welcomes guests aged 16 and over, but if you're travelling with younger family members, the family-friendly sister resort next door, The Rarotongan Beach Resort & Lagoonarium, makes it so easy for grandchildren to stay with Mum and Dad, yet still enjoy holiday time with Nana and Granddad.

All Sanctuary guests are also able to use The Rarotongan's facilities, so you can join up anytime with the rest of the family for lunches, dinners, or a refreshing sundowner on the new Lagoon Deck at Captain Andy's Beach Bar & Grill, named after a famed South Seas trading schooner skipper.

Both resorts now offer guests a delicious and extensive Daily Full Cooked Breakfast Buffet, the perfect way to set up the whole family for another great day on your Rarotongan holiday. You can enjoy a quiet breakfast at Sanctuary Rarotonga's sand-floor BlueWater Grill, or choose to join the rest of the family at The Rarotongan's Te Vaka Room. Either

way there's a wide range of hot and cold breakfast dishes to select from, including eggs, bacon, sausages, quiche and much more.

During the day, the whole family can also enjoy playing or relaxing on the white sands of

The Rarotongan's Aroa Beach. For a special treat, snorkel straight off the beach in the sheltered waters of Aroa Lagoonarium Marine Sanctuary where you can even swim with gentle Green Turtles as well as colourful angel fishes, parrot fish,



Sanctuary Rarotonga-on the beach.



The popular swim-up bar and swimming pool at Sanctuary Rarotonga-on the beach.

sunset wrasses and many more colourful and approachable tropical fishes. Snorkelling plus stand-up paddleboarding, kayaking, gym, games room and tennis along with fish feeding, learning to husk a coconut, make a fresh flower garland ei, dance the 'ura (hula), play the ukulele and island log drums, bingo, karaoke, are all complimentary to resort guests at both resorts.

Younger adventurers will also enjoy splashing about at The Rarotongan's Little Dolphin's Mini Waterpark, as well as all the activities at the resort's free Moko Kids Club for children aged 4-11 years.

After all the fun times together, feel free to retreat the few steps away back to Sanctuary Rarotonga where the adults-only swimming-pool with a unique swim-up bar awaits just the two of you for a quiet drink and a bit of R&R. ■

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The new Suzuki Fronx delivers on all counts.

If you're considering downsizing from a larger vehicle, or stepping up from one that's becoming awkward to get in and out of, the Fronx offers the perfect solution. This sleek compact SUV is nimble enough to handle city parking and narrow driveways with ease, yet spacious enough for everything from the weekly shopping to outings with the grandchildren.

For lower running costs, this self-charging hybrid requires absolutely no effort on your part. No need to remember to plug it in overnight and no special charging stations to find. The Fronx takes care of everything automatically, quietly combining the best of 91 petrol and electric assistance to maximise fuel efficiency. That's fewer trips to the petrol station and more money in your pocket for



The Suzuki Fronx combines comfort, safety, and smart hybrid technology.

the things that matter.

To keep you safe on the road, the Fronx has an extensive range of modern safety features. The 360-degree view camera system eliminates blind spots when parking or reversing. Parking sensors provide extra peace of mind in tight spaces. While the comprehensive suite of driver-assist features works quietly in the background, helping you stay safe on every journey.

The elevated seating position and comfortable ride height of the Fronx makes entering and exiting effortless, while providing excellent visibility of the road (and hazards) ahead. There's even a heads-up display projecting important driving information onto the windscreen at eye level, so you never need to look down at the dashboard while driving.

Inside, you'll find a thoughtfully designed cabin with a 9-inch touchscreen, wireless phone charging, and a refined dual-tone finish throughout. Everything is intuitive and easy to use – no complicated menus or confusing controls. Plus, with heated front seats you'll feel cosy wherever you are heading.

Available in a host of colours including three two-tone options with a smart black roof, it's no wonder Fronx has been a top seller for Suzuki over the last few months. And the good news – the price is just as refreshing!

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Wairarapa – Lonely Planet Best in Travel 2026 FAQs

WAIRARAPA'S STARGAZING, food, and wine have been named one of the world's Top 25 Experiences for 2026 by Lonely Planet's Best in Travel. It is the only New Zealand experience to make this global list.

What is Lonely Planet's Best in Travel? Best in Travel is Lonely Planet's annual guide highlighting the top places and experiences for the year ahead. The 2026 edition features 50 essential picks worldwide: 25 destinations and 25 unmissable experiences.

When and where was this accolade announced?

- The 2026 edition launched on October 22, 2025 with the selection announced here
- A best in Travel 2026 website was also launched
- A global launch event and award presentation was held at London's National Portrait Gallery on November 5, 2025.

Why was Wairarapa recognised?

Lonely Planet highlights Wairarapa as not "just an after-hours destination."

The region offers:

- Daytime experiences: award-

winning food and wine, boutique shopping, outdoor adventures, and charming towns.

- Nighttime experiences: breathtaking stargazing, including guided tours led by expert local astronomers.

What makes Wairarapa special for stargazing? Wairarapa is one of only 22 International Dark Sky Reserves worldwide.

- The Wairarapa Dark Sky Reserve is accessible and visitor-friendly, with accommodation and facilities nearby.
- Visitors can experience pristine night skies, the Milky Way, and southern constellations in one of the clearest and darkest regions of New Zealand.
- Visitors can take part in guided stargazing experiences
- Where is Wairarapa and how do people get there?
- Just over an hour's drive from Wellington, with a scenic route along State Highway 2.
- Daily train service connects Wellington with Featherston, Greytown, Carterton, and

Masterton.

- Convenient connections from Wellington International Airport and inter-island ferries.

What else can visitors do in Wairarapa? Explore the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail, featuring top wineries across Wairarapa, Hawke's Bay, Marlborough, and connecting into Wellington.

- Enjoy rugged coastlines, rolling hills, charming villages, outdoor adventures, and local cuisine. Curated 3-day itineraries to cater for different audiences.
- Lonely Planet have created this bookable 11-night Dark Skies and Natural Skylines itinerary
- Why is this recognition important?
- Positions Wairarapa among world-class experiences alongside attractions such as rafting the Grand Canyon or tracking elephants in Namibia.
- Highlights Wairarapa's unique combination of day and night experiences and boosts tourism, local business, and international profile. ■



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Māori heritage, Rotorua provides memorable experiences without the need for strenuous activity.

One of Rotorua's highlights is its geothermal parks. Te Puia is a must-visit, featuring the impressive Pōhutu Geyser, bubbling mud pools, and guided cultural

tours that allow visitors to learn at a comfortable pace. Waitapu Thermal Wonderland is equally appealing, with colourful mineral pools and clearly marked boardwalks ideal for gentle walking.

In the heart of the city, Kuirau Park offers free access to geothermal features, foot pools, and shaded paths, making it perfect for a relaxed stroll. Nearby, the beautifully maintained Government Gardens provide a peaceful setting for walking, sitting, or enjoying lake views.

For those who enjoy nature, the Redwoods – Whakarewarewa Forest features wide, flat trails among towering trees. The forest is easily accessible and offers plenty of seating

areas. Seniors interested in history will enjoy the Buried Village of Te Wairoa, which tells the fascinating story of the 1886 Mount Tarawera eruption.

Cultural experiences are another highlight. Whakarewarewa – The Living Māori Village and Te Pā Tū offer authentic insights into Māori traditions, storytelling, performances, and cuisine in a welcoming environment.

To finish the day, many seniors enjoy unwinding at the Polynesian Spa, where thermal pools overlook Lake Rotorua. With its combination of gentle activities, rich culture, and relaxation, Rotorua is an ideal destination for senior travellers. ■

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Today, Polynesian Spa continues that legacy of wellbeing, offering a serene retreat where mind and body can unwind. After a soothing soak or signature treatment, browse the Spa Essentials Store for premium skincare and locally inspired wellness gifts, or enjoy a nourishing meal at our on-site cafe.

Blending natural healing, rich history, and holistic wellness, Polynesian Spa remains a timeless sanctuary for those seeking to restore, relax, and reconnect in one of New Zealand's most iconic spa destinations. ■



Probus Club News

Out and about with the Probus Community.

Ravenscar House Museum visit

Rolleston Central Probus recently visited the Ravenscar House Museum. The collection was donated by Jim and Susan Wakefield who began acquiring paintings and decorative arts while living in Auckland in the late 1980s. It was a very informative visit and one that left everyone a little in envy of how one can amass such a fortune! A delicious lunch followed at Dux Dine, Riccarton.



A fashion show with a difference

Mosgiel Ladies Probus Club recently celebrated its 28th birthday with a fashion parade of preloved outfits sourced from the local Hospice shop. This was hosted by one of the shop's volunteers and it was so much fun. Certainly, a great way to celebrate the Club's 28th birthday!



Boulcott Probus visit the Maritime Unit of the Wellington Police

Recently, Boulcott Probus Club had one of their best outings to the Wellington Police – Maritime Unit. The Maritime Police were so enthusiastic and answered all of their questions as they were shown through the *Lady Elizabeth IV*.



A trip to the Thames Goldmine

Newmarket Probus members had an exciting trip to Thames and visited the goldmine there. It is still a working mine and when members arrived at 11am, they are taken into the main factory of the mine for a talk, and a demonstration of how the machinery sorts out the gold from the rocks.

Once out of the mine, members explored all the out houses that were part of the factory process to go through and even had a chance to pan for gold in a special trough – perfect for those feeling lucky!

Tiptoe through the tulips

Kapiti Coast Probus members had a lovely day out, taking a route through the Botanic Gardens on the Puketea Bush Trail, which was unfamiliar to them all, and everyone felt like they were miles away from the city.

Members enjoyed the summer vibe sitting outdoors at Picnic Cafe, enjoying lunch before catching the train home.



ARE YOU A PROBUS CLUB MEMBER IN NSW, ACT, WA OR NEW ZEALAND

If you answered yes and have served on your Club's Management Committee for at least one year, then you could consider joining the Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) Board. Each year, PSPL calls for nominations for the PSPL Board from Probus Club members to succeed those Directors who are retiring. The PSPL Board consists of six Representative Member/Directors who are nominated by their Probus Club, the Immediate Past Chairman and up to three Board-appointed Directors. The primary role of a PSPL Representative Member/Director is, in conjunction with the Board, to ensure the continued growth and success of Probus in Australia and New Zealand.

All Directors on the PSPL Board act in a voluntary capacity for the benefit of the Probus Community and all Probus Club members from either New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, Western Australia or New Zealand that meet the eligibility criteria are encouraged to consider nominating.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO SERVE ON THE PSPL BOARD FROM AUGUST 2026 TO AUGUST 2029

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- *New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory
- *Western Australia
- *New Zealand

Both male and female Probians who have business experience in finance, communications, or marketing as a public company Director are encouraged to consider nomination by their Probus Club.

These are volunteer positions with meetings currently being held via technological means with the exception of the Annual General Meeting.

For further information or to obtain an official Nomination Form, please contact:

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO SERVE ON THE PSPL NOMINATING SELECTION COMMITTEES MAY 2026

Nominations are open for two Probus Club members from each of the following areas of selection to serve on the Nominating Selection Committees (NSCs):

- *New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory
- *Western Australia
- *New Zealand

The role of the Nominating Selection Committee is to assess all eligible nominations from Probus Club members wishing to serve on the PSPL Board.

Interviews conducted by the Nominating Selection Committees will be conducted during May 2026 via

technological means.

Nominations for the PSPL Board and the Nominating Selection Committees must be lodged with PSPL by 30 April 2026.

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A quick history recap

Levin Combined Probus Club celebrated their 25th anniversary

with comprehensive history of the club presented and collated by Monica. It was a wonderful reflection of rich history, highlighting key milestones, and the club's unique operation.



Cheers to twenty-five!

Papamoa Sunshine Probus recently celebrated its 25th birthday. Past members were invited, and it was great opportunity for everyone to catchup and share many memories.

Foundation and life members, Jean, Carole, Merran, and Peter, assisted Gwen with the cutting of the birthday cake, followed by a delicious, shared lunch. After lunch members spent time listening to stories, looking at photos and discussing what Probus gives to each of one of them with Past Presidents, Paula, Claire, John, Paul and Cliff, leading the discussions.



A glimpse of the future at Scott Technology

Seventeen enthusiastic members of Dunedin South Probus embarked on an eye-opening visit to Scott Technology's Dunedin headquarters – a global leader in automation and robotics, right in their own backyard! From the outside, Scott Technology's building in Kaikorai Valley might look unassuming, but inside it's a hive of cutting-edge activity.

A visit to the Boys' and Girls' Institute

Six members of the Wellington Combined Probus Club enjoyed a visit to the Boys' and Girls' Institute (BGI), hosted by Ross Davis and members of his team. After each person introduced themselves and gave a brief recap of their life, the group was shown around the impressive premises, which is dominated by a magnificent carved poutokomanawa symbolically supporting the roof.



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