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## Will Kiwis Cruise Locally Again?

**The number of Kiwis taking a cruise dropped in 2025, attributed to less accessibility rather than a lack of cruise demand, due to reduced close to home cruise options.**

Cruise Lines International Association's (CLIA) 2025 Source Market Report for New Zealand found that 62,000 Kiwis took an ocean cruise during 2025; down 22.3% on 2024 when 80,200 sailed.

House of Travel's gm cruise Jeff Leckey says these numbers are understandable, given the lack of homeporting. CLIA's Australasia executive director Joel Katz builds on this, saying regulatory challenges and rising costs are impacting New Zealand's ability to attract cruise ships, and this has affected the choices of Kiwi cruisers.

And while there won't be much change short term in regards to this, Leckey is positive about what 2027 holds, pointing out that Carnival, Azamara, NCL, Celebrity and Holland America will be visiting New Zealand.

"The Carnival cruises from Auckland in 2027 have sort of created a bit of a bubble of homeport cruising again, and so we've seen a huge uplift in people booking those, taking advantage of those Auckland-Auckland departures, particularly as they include some

school holiday dates." The future, says Leckey, looks a little bit brighter. "But we do need some more cruise lines to commit to an ex New Zealand season."

### ... Long-haul Up

At the other end of the spectrum, CLIA's data shows the number of New Zealanders who cruised in long-haul destinations increased 3.6% to 28,700 in 2025, with 46.3% of cruising Kiwis now sailing outside the local region.

"New Zealand has yet to achieve the cruise growth being experienced in other markets around the world, but the data confirms Kiwi cruise fans are still keen to sail and they're happy to fly elsewhere when their options are limited at home," says Katz.

In fact, Katz says Kiwis' swing towards long-haul cruises is in direct response to reduced options in local waters. Long-haul cruising has always been popular for House of Travel, says Leckey. "We've always over indexed in that UK, Europe, Asia, Alaska space," he says. The research also found that the average cruise taken by a Kiwi was 9.9 days in 2025, up from 9.7 days in 2024, while the average age of a New Zealand cruise passenger in 2025 was 53.9 years, an increase on the average of 50.8 years in 2024.

## Air NZ Price Spike

Air New Zealand has increased fares by as much as 25% on the same time last year as a result of war in the Middle East, analysts at Forsyth Barr say.

Prices on long-haul bookings made over the past four weeks were up a quarter, the Tasman and Pacific Islands are up around 20% and domestic around 10%.

"Domestic fares were already experiencing robust inflation ahead of the fuel price spike," the analysts say.

The long-haul spike comes as capacity restrictions on Middle East transits are impacting other airlines. The analysts say NZ's response to soaring fuel prices has been to moderately reduce capacity (predominantly on domestic and short haul international routes) and lift prices.

"Its options are limited. Our data shows that quoted prices have increased materially in recent weeks, which will help soften the bottom line impact from higher fuel costs, though will also dampen demand."

The net impact will be deeper losses than those incurred in the first half of the financial year, adding pressure to the airline's balance sheet. "We retain an Underperform rating," Forsyth Barr says.

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## Qatar AKL Flights!

Qatar Airways has confirmed plans to return to daily flights between Auckland and Doha from 17 Jun, routed via Adelaide for an interim period.

A QR 777-300 configured with 42 QSuite business seats and 312 seats in economy will operate on the route, and include Starlink connectivity.

QR says the first departure from Auckland is scheduled for 18 Jun, departing at 1745 to ADL. Flights to and from Doha will continue through a safe operating corridor established in close coordination with the Qatar CAA it adds.

QR clients with a confirmed booking for a travel date 28 Feb-15 Jun are eligible for: free date changes to a new travel date up to 31 Oct when rebooking on flights operated by QR, subject to availability and fare seasonality; or a refund of the unused ticket value. Refunds may take up to 28 days to be processed, adds QR. See more [HERE](#).

### ... MCTs

Hamad International Airport (HIA) has resumed 24/7 operations. The transit time in Doha is 60 minutes (minimum) until 15 Jun, and reduces to its standard 45 minutes from 16 Jun.

Stopover for the Purpose of Connection (STPC) is available for passengers with a transit time of eight-24 hours and airport lounges and services remain open and fully operational, it adds.

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**UA & AA Merger?**

There is talk of two of the biggest airlines in the US merging, something sparking serious competition concerns.



Reuters reports that, in a meeting with US president Donald Trump, United Airlines ceo Scott Kirby pitched the potential for merging with American Airlines, with sources telling the outlet Kirby argued to administration officials that a combined airline would be a stronger competitor in international markets.

The chances of the deal's approval would be slim, say industry officials, citing likely opposition from unions, rival airlines, lawmakers and airports, as well as concerns about route overlap and job losses. AA has not commented on Kirby's proposal. Reports say it is yet unclear how Trump responded to Kirby's proposal.

**Kiwi Travel To Korea Is Climbing**

Korea achieved a record-breaking year in regards to tourism from Oceania, including a 'particularly strong' performance from the New Zealand market, where the destination's spring blossoms and history have continued to gain interest.



The Korea Tourism Organization says Kiwi arrivals into Korea last year grew 6% to more than 44,700. Apr was the peak month for travel with more than 5000 heading to the destination for the spring season.

What's notable about the rise it that it comes despite less connectivity. Air New Zealand suspended its direct service early in 2025, but the destination's history, culture and heritage is keeping Kiwis keen, as well as a growing interest in K-culture and seasonal travel.

Also playing a role is the South Korean Government extending the temporary K-ETA exemption for New Zealand passport holders to 31 Dec, meaning Kiwis can complete the e-arrival card online three-days before departure

for free, with KTO saying this also speeds up immigration.

**... Outlook**

Looking ahead to 2026, further Kiwi growth is expected as the KTO points out that 67% of travel agents in New Zealand see Korea's popularity rising and 82% forecast strong growth over the next five years.

The KTO will also make an effort with the trade to maintain this momentum with an ongoing trade training series that includes webinars, and it will be attending a number of events.

Local representative Jeeyoon Lee urges agents to reach out for tailored training sessions [HERE](#). See the latest brochure [HERE](#).

**Burnard's New Role**

Industry veteran Jodie Burnard is contracting to Showponi, charged with supporting its PR strategy and project delivery across its growing travel portfolio.



Showponi founder Gordy Bayne says Burnard's commitment to the travel industry and flair for storytelling make her the perfect fit. "With her deep media relationships and travel expertise, [Burnard] will play a pivotal role in delivering inspiring campaigns and meaningful editorial partnerships for our clients," he adds.

**FJ Travel Advice**

Fiji Airways is asking agents to ensure passengers' contact details are up to date. This follows temporary schedule adjustments on selected routes in response to substantially higher fuel prices, which has seen select flights to Brisbane and Dallas Fort Worth temporarily suspended. Those affected by these changes will be contacted and provided with suitable alternative travel options. In the meantime, flight status can be found [HERE](#).

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# Auckland To Get New Cruise Terminal

Auckland is opening its arms to larger cruise ships, as details are revealed about its new international cruise terminal, set to open next year.

The new terminal, called Te Waharoa, is part of a wider \$200 million investment by Port of Auckland into the city's cruise precinct, which includes the development of a new big ship wharf at Bledisloe North capable of handling the large 350m vessels expected to visit New Zealand.

Port of Auckland ceo Roger Gray says the new terminal is a major step in building a thriving, globally-connected city. "More than 300,000 cruise passengers currently pass through the port each year, and Te Waharoa, designed to handle up to 1500 people an hour, will help attract more ship calls while ensuring the efficient movement of visitors and a high quality first impression of Auckland as they arrive in the heart of the city," he says.

The New Zealand Cruise Association has welcomed the move, saying it is a significant milestone for Auckland and for New Zealand's cruise sector. "It's encouraging to see a collaborative approach delivering infrastructure that will support future cruise growth and help re-establish

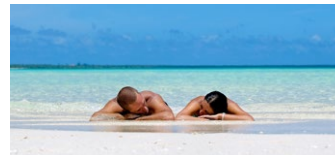


New Zealand's position among leading global cruise destinations." The cruise association says that increasing capacity on busy turn days will be key to enabling greater deployment, improving operational efficiency, and enhancing the overall visitor experience. "It's a positive step forward in ensuring Auckland, and New Zealand, remain competitive and well-positioned as a world-class cruise destination."

## ... Offering

Highlights of Te Waharoa, located in Quay Street, will include a new pick-up and drop-off area for buses and taxis going sightseeing around the region, with cruise guests also able to walk straight into Britomart, to ferry services, hotels, restaurants and the surrounding areas. The new cruise area will also better facilitate efficient re-supply of cruise ships with New Zealand food and beverage. Te Waharoa is being developed in collaboration with the port's long-term partner, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, architect RCG and design agency Guardians.

## Aircalin Sale



Aircalin has fares on sale to 17 Apr, with return fares ex Auckland to Nouméa from \$619, for travel 21 Apr-09 Dec. Blackout dates and seasonal surcharges may apply. See details [HERE](#).

## Orient Express Offer



The La Dolce Vita Orient Express train is celebrating its first year of operation with an anniversary offer, advises World Journeys.

Featuring a refurbished Italian Z1 model carriage channelling a distinctive 1960s-era, the train has luxury cabins and suites, gourmet meals and iconic destinations.

Options include a two-day *Venice to Rome* itinerary, a five-day *Grand Tour* round-trip from Rome, or a five-day *Istanbul to Rome* or vv, via Bulgaria, Romania and Austria it adds.

Clients who make a new booking by 13 May can get a EUR500 travel credit per cabin, for journeys departing before 11 Dec.

The offer is subject to availability and the credit can be used for bespoke off-board experiences, cabin upgrades, premium onboard services or purchases from La Dolce Vita Lounge at Roma Ostiense, says World Journeys. See more details on the product [HERE](#).

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## Scenic In Aussie



The Scenic Group will have two ships in Australia and Asia in 2028, as the company reports strong demand for luxury expedition product.

Emerald Xara, which will debut in 2028, will offer 15 new itineraries across the destination, exploring Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia before sailing The Kimberley region and Papua New Guinea.

She will join Scenic Eclipse II in the area, with the yacht operating an extended program across the South Pacific and Australia, before travelling to New Zealand for two voyages to East Antarctica and the Ross Sea, and then to Japan and South Korea.

These voyages are now open for pre-registration. See more on Scenic Cruises [HERE](#), and Emerald Cruises [HERE](#).

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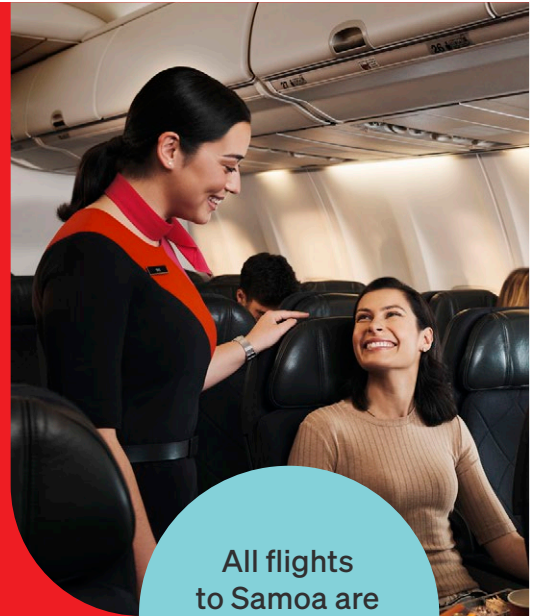
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**Sth Africa Travel Up**



South African Tourism says New Zealand is seeing strong growth in demand for travel to South Africa, with arrivals up 15.8% year-on-year. This is said to be 'significantly ahead' of pre-pandemic levels and the NTO expects the trajectory to continue. "Australasia remains a highly engaged long-haul market for South Africa and a key strategic priority for us globally," says Gobani Mancotywa, South African Tourism gm for Australasia.

**... New PR Rep**

At the same time, South African Tourism has appointed Gate 7 as its public relations and communications representative for Australasia.

**G Adventures & Nat Geo Expand Options**

G Adventures' collection of National Geographic Signature itineraries has expanded, as md Sean Martin reveals that Signature has proved to be G Adventures most successful launch to date.

"We are seeing a large percentage of repeat customers booking these trips, which is a testament to our and National Geographic's brand reputations," he adds. The collection now boasts 17 new itineraries, bringing the total to 49 trips spanning 44 destinations, each one featuring highly-experienced National Geographic Expedition Leaders with expertise in topics ranging from photography and biology to archaeology and conservation.

**... The Trips**

Among the new additions is the eight-day *Signature: Bhutan & the High Himalayan Valleys*, ex Thimphu to Paro, with experiences such as hiking to the Tiger's Nest Monastery and visiting the Sangchen Dorji Lhendrup Nunnery,



a leading Buddhist college for women. The trip is priced from \$13,099pp. The 10-day *Signature: Turkey's Istanbul, Ephesus & Cappadocia* roundtrip from Istanbul to Ephesus and Cappadocia includes access to research laboratories at the Bodrum Museum Of Underwater Archaeology, and a dinner in a fourth-century underground reservoir. It is priced from \$13,099pp. Also new is the eight-day *Signature: Northern Spain's Ancient Caves, Basque Coast & La Rioja*, ex Bilbao to San Sebastian, with experiences including exploring prehistoric art alongside an archaeologist during a private visit to the UNESCO-listed caves of Castillo and Monedas. Prices are from \$12,799pp. See more the trips [HERE](#).

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**AA Electronic Gates**



American Airlines is launching electronic boarding gates at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport this northern summer, following a successful pilot last Nov. TheDormakaba Argus Air XS electronic boarding gates will streamline manual tasks for AA staff members during boarding, provide clear AA-branded touch-screen instructions for customers, automatically validate boarding passes and regulate the pace of boarding to reduce congestion and improve jet bridge flow.

**Boeing Deliveries**

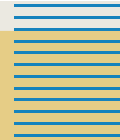
Boeing delivered 143 commercial aircraft in the first quarter of 2026, the majority of which were 737s, accounting for 114. The remainder of the Q1 orders included 15 787s, eight 777s and six 767s.



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**Sharon O'Brien Passes**



Sharon O'Brien is pictured with her partner Michael John Kellher

Well-known Kiwi travel broker Sharon O'Brien passed away last week and is being remembered by those in the trade.

"Over the past two-and-a-half years, Sharon faced her illness with quiet strength and remarkable courage," says New Zealand Travel Broker's Guy Flynn.

O'Brien was a valued member of the NZTB family for 12 years, founded Live Breathe Travel and shared her passion for cruising with clients and colleagues alike.

"Her vibrant personality and enthusiasm for travel left a lasting impression on everyone who had the pleasure of working with her," he adds.

She was widely respected for her passion and commitment to her clients throughout her 40 years in the industry, and was a proud member of the broker community, recognised as *CLIA New Zealand Broker of the Year* in 2022.

"Sharon build a trusted and successful business over the course of her career, forming lasting relationships across the industry, and she will be remembered for her warmth, energy, and enduring love of travel," says Flynn.

"You will be deeply missed Sharon; rest in peace."

**Expanded Luxury Yacht Collection**

The Scenic Group is expanding its worldwide yacht cruising program for 2028, with the launch of Emerald Xara and the return of Scenic Eclipse II to Australia, The Kimberley and the South Pacific.

The Emerald Xara will join the luxury fleet in 2028, the first of the group's Emerald yachts to explore Asia and Australia. It will offer 15 new itineraries across these regions, with destinations including Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia's Raja Ampat islands before venturing to Darwin, The Kimberley and onto Papua New Guinea. See more [HERE](#).

Alternatively, clients can choose to explore this part of the world on the Scenic Eclipse II which will return to Oceania in 2028. Scenic Group says this deployment is in response to unprecedented travel partner and guest demand following the success of the 2024 and 2025/2026 seasons.

The Scenic Eclipse II (pictured) will operate an extended program across the South Pacific, sailing from Tahiti through the Pacific islands to Australia's Kimberley coastline.

She will then continue over the Top End and down to Hobart, before travelling to New Zealand for two voyages to East Antarctica and the Ross Sea, then onwards through Indonesia's Spice Islands to Japan and South Korea. See more [HERE](#).

"We are delighted to be bringing the Scenic Eclipse II back to The Kimberley, Oceania and East Antarctica from Mar 2028, following two highly successful seasons," says Tom Batchelor, Scenic's acting vp, deployment, product & port operations ocean.



"Launching Emerald Xara for her inaugural season means guests can explore this extraordinary part of the world across both of our brands, reflecting our confidence to deliver unique experiences in the region, plus our commitment to growing Scenic Group's presence across all continents globally."

**... Momentum**

These announcements build on Scenic Group's expansion program momentum, including the recent maiden sailing of Emerald Kaia. Forthcoming river launches in Europe are ahead for Emerald Astra this May, and in 2027 Emerald Lumi, Emerald Nova and Emerald Raiya will visit the continent. Scenic will also introduce Scenic Aria on Portugal's Douro River in 2027, Scenic Spirit II on the Mekong in early 2028, and the highly anticipated Scenic Ikon Discovery Yacht in 2028.

**Tahiti Offer**

Our Pacific has Tahiti packages on sale to 24 Apr for travel 20 May-24 Jun 2026. Five nights at Hotel Royal Bora Bora, three nights at Kon Tiki Tahiti in Papeete, flying Air New Zealand ex Auckland to Papeete and return Air Tahiti flights PPT to Bora Bora is priced from \$4999pp t/s. See details [HERE](#).

**SQ China Addition**

Singapore Airlines is launching daily flights between Singapore and Hangzhou from Jun, subject to regulatory approvals.

The inaugural flight is scheduled to depart SIN at 1740 01 Jun, arriving at HGH at 2250 local time.

The return flight is scheduled to depart HGH at 0010, arriving SIN at 0510.

The flights will be operated by one of SQ's medium-haul A350-900s. See more [HERE](#).



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**OAG On Notable New Airline Routes**

This northern summer some 1323 new routes will open up, shows the latest OAG data, with Asia Pacific and Europe the regions boasting most of this increased connectivity.

Europe has the highest level of new route growth this northern summer, with more than 400 new international routes. Italy is in the lead with 53 new routes, followed by Spain and Germany with 45 and 44, respectively.

The region will also see 40 new domestic routes, it adds. Wizz Air is said to be driving the growth, as OAG reports that across Italy, Spain, Germany, the UK, and France the carrier is the single biggest contributor to new route launches, adding 82 this northern

summer. Ryanair and easyJet are also showing significant growth, with honorable mentions going to Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, and American Airlines for their new transatlantic routes into Europe.

**... Asia Pacific**

The Asia Pacific region is set to welcome 170 new international routes, says OAG; not a bad number, but it's in new domestic routes that the region really shines, with some 376 debuting this northern summer. OAG attributes this to the continued recovery and growth potential of Asia Pacific's domestic aviation markets.

Elsewhere, North America is adding 122 new domestic routes this northern summer and nine international, while Latin America will welcome 55 new domestic and 52 new international routes, and Africa will welcome 86 new routes in total, 68 of which are international.

The Middle East sits at the bottom of the list, with just 14 new routes set to debut.

**Airbus Mar Deliveries**

Airbus made 60 deliveries to 38 customers over the month of Mar, receiving 331 gross orders, says the planemaker. Year to date, Airbus has made 114 deliveries to 46 customers in 2026. See more [HERE](#).

**Scenic Ikon Countdown**



This month marks two years until Scenic Ikon sets sail, and Scenic Group reports demand for the luxury yacht is strong, with several early departures having already sold out.

The vessel will cater to 270 guests in 135 verandah suites, including the 250m Ikon Penthouse which features a master bedroom and dedicated wellness studio. Also on board will be the two-level Senses Rejuvenation Spa, 15 culinary experiences and eight bars and lounges.

Ikon will set sail on 05 Apr 2028, and in her maiden season she will sail to 110 ports across the Mediterranean, introducing 26 new destinations to the Scenic Discovery Yachts portfolio. Agents are encouraged to book now to take advantage of its early-bird offers, with reduced deposits available to 30 Apr and savings for those who pay in full 10 months prior to departure. See more [HERE](#).

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**Hurtigruten Early Bird**



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**Only Found In West Hollywood: The List**

Agents with clients who want a quintessential Los Angeles escape will find it in the walkable 5km<sup>2</sup> of West Hollywood says Visit West Hollywood, listing ideas to get a visitor started.

Sunset Strip music venues The Roxy Theatre, The Viper Room and Whiskey A Go Go launched stars like Tom Petty, Neil Young and Nirvana—while new venue Live at Sun Rose continues to be a stage for emerging talent. Dance clubs such as Keys and Sunset At The EDITION are patronised by A-listers, while rooftop bars (and cocktails) include Harriet’s Rooftop, Juniper Lounge & Garden and E.P. & L.P.

Send LGBTQ+ clients to the Rainbow District along Santa Monica Boulevard for the annual Pride celebrations and a meal at Hamburger Mary’s.

Self-care options include Face Place LA, Joanna Vargas, and Ole Henriksen or luxe spas at hotels. Retail districts include Melrose Avenue, the Design District with



over 200 design houses ([HERE](#)) and Sunset Plaza for boutiques, luxury labels and flagship stores.

Noted eating and celebrity-sighting places are supper club Delilah, Catch LA, Sushi Park, Craig’s, Cavatina and Harriet’s. Brunch options include The Butcher’s Daughter and Ardor for plant-based diners and Great White, First of All, Casa Madera’s or La Boheme for general dining.

There are many walking tours taking in topics like cinema, music history by companies such as Rock ‘N Walk Tours ([HERE](#)).

And the famed Route 66 runs right through the heart of West Hollywood with landmarks from several eras. See more West Hollywood details [HERE](#).

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**On Time Airlines**



OAG data reveals that Garuda Indonesia is the most on time airline for Mar 2026. The carrier’s OTP was 97.9%, with Fuji Dream Airlines and Sky Airline following at 95.5% and 94.25%, while Air New Zealand ranked 78th with 80.59% flights on time.

The top 10, all with OTP of more than 89%, are Copa Airlines, Star Flyer, Australian Airlines, FlySafair, Changan Airlines, Wizz Air and Aeromexico.

Bottom of the list, Air Inuit, had just 31.87% Mar flights operating on time. SpiceJet also ranked poorly at 43.83%, alongside Spirit Airlines at 48.9%.

**... Major Win**

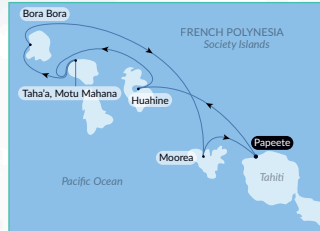
Scandinavian Airlines, the most on time major airline for Mar 2026, operated 88.69% flights on time, followed by Hainan Airlines and China Southern Airlines 86.35% and 85.54%, respectively.

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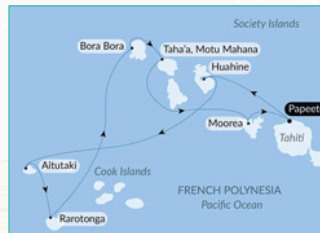
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**Vivid's Fire Kitchen**



Vivid Fire Kitchen, the food pillar of Vivid Sydney located in Barangaroo Reserve, has an expanded program in 2026, with free programming every evening 1800-2300.

It features open-fire cooking demonstrations to intimate talks and tastings. Vivid director Brett Sheehy AO says the concept has been reimagined for 2026, offering a different experience nightly.

The line up of culinary vendors ranges from Filipino barbecue specialists Hoy Pinoy to the Italian Antico Pizza Sandwiches. There will also be live music each night, with light installations nearby including Molecule of Light, Peekaboo Parliament and Mycelium Network. Find out more [HERE](#).

**Crystal's 2028 Preview Outlined**

Crystal has revealed the first details of its 2028 voyages, including the inaugural season of Crystal Grace, which joins Crystal Symphony and Crystal Serenity.

Crystal Grace will sail from 11 Jun. Her inaugural sailing ex Rome will be followed by a Mediterranean season that will have her sailing into Italy, Croatia, Greece, France and Spain, with stops in Valencia and Monte Carlo as well.

The ship will then offer a series of fall voyages in New England and Eastern Canada from the Sep, before sailing to Bermuda and Caribbean ex Fort Lauderdale from Nov.

**... Symphony**

Following the 2028 World Cruise, Crystal Symphony will sail the Americas ex Fort Lauderdale, before spending the peak northern summer months in Alaska and British Columbia. In late Sep she will sail to Asia for a series of voyages throughout Japan and South Korea.



Crystal Serenity begins the northern summer season in Europe, sailing from the Iberian Peninsula into the Mediterranean, before heading north to the British Isles, Norway, Iceland, Greenland and the Faroe Islands.

The end of summer will see her return to Western Europe and the Mediterranean.

All itineraries will be released today (16 Apr), for bookings from 28 Apr. See [HERE](#).

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**E-Bikes In Fiji**



iBike Fiji has introduced the country's first multi-day e-bike tour, with a focus on sustainability, advises Tourism Fiji.

The nine-day small group tour travels 154km across Viti Levu and Vanua Levu, with experiences along the way including a tour of the Kokomana cacao farm, snorkelling Great Sea Reef, a kava ceremony in a village, and a sunset cruise.

iBike Fiji will run multiple departures in 2026 for groups of up to six, with prices from AUD4400pp. The package includes eight nights' accommodation, return flights ex Nadi to Labasa, transfers, a premium e-bike, a local guide, support vehicle, most meals, and all activities. See [HERE](#).

**INDUSTRY DIARY**

**APRIL**

**Land, Rail, & Sea:** Wendy Wu, New Plymouth: Thu 16, Novotel, 1430 & 1830. **Kapiti:** Wed 22, Coastlands Event Cinemas, 1030. **Lower Hutt:** Thu 23, Boulcotts Heritage Farm Golf Course, 1030. **Wellington:** Thu 23, Grand Chancellor James Cook Hotel, 1830.

**Scenic Cruises Info Sessions**

**Hamilton:** Tue 21, Novotel Hamilton Tainui, 1000, 1200. **Tauranga:** Thu 23, Trinity Wharf Tauranga, 1000, 1200. **Havelock North:** Thu 30, Porters Boutique Hotel, 1800.

**Emerald Cruises Info Sessions**

**Hamilton:** Tue 21, Novotel Hamilton Tainui, 1400. **Tauranga:** Thu 23, Trinity Wharf Tauranga, 1400.

**MAY**

**Hawai'i Tourism: Month of Lei**

**Destination Training**  
Auckland: Mon 04, JW Marriott Auckland, 1730.

**Emerald Cruises Info Sessions**

**Auckland:** Tue 05, Park Hyatt, 1000.

**Scenic Cruises Info Sessions**

**Auckland:** Tue 05, Park Hyatt, 1200 & 1400.

**Wendy Wu, Journey Beyond, Viking**

**Warkworth:** Tue 05, The Stables Matakana, 1030. **Kerikeri:** Wed 06, The Turner Center, 1030. **Whangarei:** Thu 07, Event Cinemas, 1030 & 1830. **Hamilton:** Tue 26, The Veranda, 1430 & 1830. **Rotorua:** Wed 27, Novotel

Rotorua Lakeside, 1830. **Taupo:** Thu 28, The Lakeview Hotel & Convention Center, 1030 & 1830.

**World Journeys Luxury Rail Events**

**Tauranga:** Wed 06, The Balcony Room, 1800. **Lower Hutt:** Thu 07, Lower Hutt Event Centre, 1800.

**The Auckland Travel Show**

**Auckland:** New Zealand International Convention Centre on Sat 09 & Sun 10.

**JUNE**

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**Hibiscus Coast:** Tue 02, Wainui Golf Club, 1000. **Auckland East:** Wed 03, Sorrento in the Park, 1000. **Tauranga:** Thu 04, Trinity Wharf, 1000. **Christchurch:** Tue 09, Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū, 1000. **Lower Hutt:** Wed 10, Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club, 1800. **Masterton:** Thu 11, The Screening Room, 1800. **Hamilton:** Tue 16, Narrows Landing, 1000.

**Land, Rail, & Sea: Wendy Wu, Journey Beyond, Viking**

**Blenheim:** Wed 03, Scenic Hotel Marlborough, 1030/1830. **Nelson:** Thu 04, The Rutherford, 1030/1830.

**AUGUST**

**Viva Beyond The Brochure**

**Christchurch:** Mon 31, Chateau on the Park, 1730.

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