

Travelrite International invites you to join us  
aboard Celebrity Solstice for the 2019

# RAILJOURNEYS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND CRUISE

with **Philip Brady**

January 31 to February 18, 2019

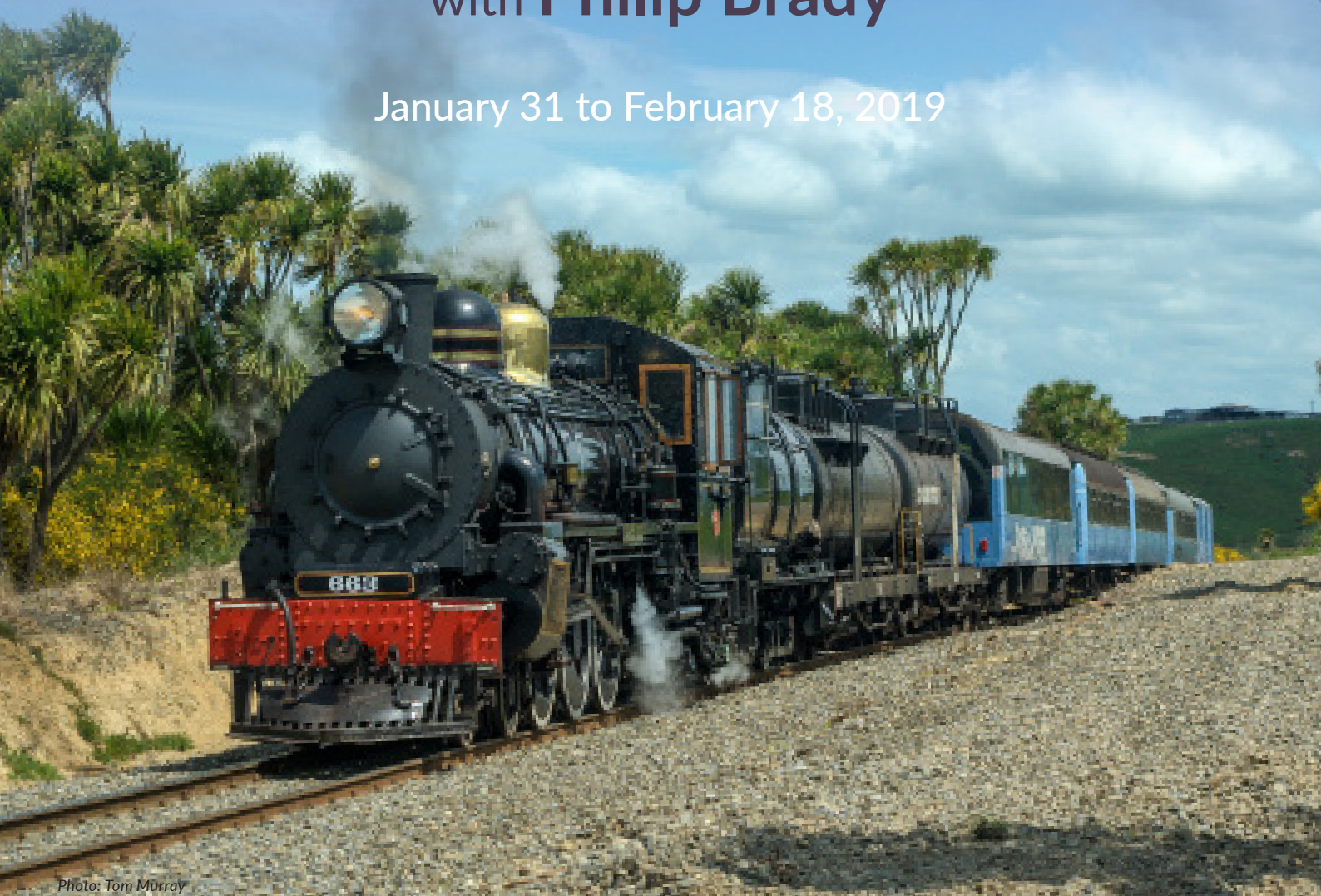


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**Melbourne, Fiordland National Park, Dunedin, Akaroa,  
Wellington, Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Auckland,  
Christchurch, Picton, New Zealand**



Here is Phil Brady driving the Mornington-Moorooduc railway in Victoria after a crash course in operating the loco!



**WITH PHILIP BRADY**

## Itinerary

### **DAY 1** Thursday January 31, 2019

**Departure**

This afternoon, board the Celebrity Solstice on this fantastic Rail and Cruise Journey of New Zealand. Be up on deck as we cruise Sydney Harbour and out through Sydney Heads.

### **DAY 2** Friday February 1, 2019

**At sea**

Our first day at sea, this is the perfect opportunity for you to explore and enjoy the fabulous facilities of the ship. This afternoon Phil Brady will give a talk about his life in the media starting with his time at Channel 9 from 1958 with Graham Kennedy on *In Melbourne Tonight* to today!

### **DAY 3** Saturday February 2, 2019

**Melbourne**

This morning we arrive in the port of Melbourne, where we travel by luxury coach to the Dandenong Ranges to take a journey on Puffing Billy. This century-old steam train travels from Belgrave Station through to Gembrook, with a post-preservation history spanning over 50 years, the line is one of the most popular steam heritage railways in the world. The line was originally opened in 1900 to serve the local farming and timber community and originally ran from Upper Ferntree Gully station. In 1955 the Puffing Billy Preservation Society was formed to keep the train running indefinitely.

### **DAY 4** Sunday February 3, 2019

**At sea**

A day at sea to explore and enjoy the fabulous facilities of the ship. This afternoon Phil Brady will give a talk about the glory days of Hollywood.

### **DAY 5** Monday February 4, 2019

**At sea**

A day at sea to enjoy the fabulous facilities of the ship. This afternoon Phil Brady will run a fun session of trivia.

### **DAY 6** Tuesday February 5, 2019 **Fiordland National Park**

Today we cruise through some of the most spectacular scenery in New Zealand as we visit Milford Sound followed by Doubtful and Dusky

Sounds. The fiords will be a highlight of the cruise, with spectacular scenery and fascinating wildlife. Nothing can prepare you for the majesty of Milford Sound, star of Fiordland National Park. New vistas mesmerise at each turn – towering Mitre Peak, rising 1692 metres above the Sound, plunging waterfalls, bottlenose and dusky dolphins, fur seals and Fiordland crested penguins are amongst this wonderland of outstanding natural beauty.

### **DAY 7** Wednesday February 6, 2019

**Dunedin**

Departing from Dunedin's beautiful railway station, our train begins its scenic journey into some of New Zealand's ever-changing, most spectacular and iconic scenery on its journey to Pukerangi, a peaceful outcrop out the other side of the Taieri Gorge. The train travels through the Southern parts of Dunedin city until it arrives at Wingatui junction, where it turns off onto the Taieri branch. From here the train sneaks across the Taieri Plains and climbs into the Taieri Gorge, a narrow and deep gorge carved out over aeons by the ancient Taieri River. The train will stop or slow down at various scenic points along the way for photos where we can disembark and stretch our legs and enjoy the best of beauty, peace and quiet that nature has to offer.

### **DAY 8** Thursday February 7, 2019

**Akaroa**

Today we arrive in to the tender port of Akaroa, and board an Akaroa Harbour Nature Cruise. This award-winning cruise is packed with highlights including the rare NZ native dolphin, the Hector's dolphin, as well as penguins and other sea birds. You will also see the giant volcanic sea cliffs. We then travel to The Giants House, a historic house with original art works, terraced gardens with sculptures and mosaics. This house was the first bank manager's house in Akaroa, built in 1880.

### **DAY 9** Friday February 8, 2019

**Wellington**

Arriving in Wellington this morning, we travel to the suburb of Silverstream in the Hutt Valley, to visit the Silver Stream Railway. The beginnings of Silver Stream Railway were in 1967 when the Wellington branch of the New Zealand Railway and Locomotive Society (which changed its name to Silver Stream Railway Incorporated in 1983) began a collection of locomotives and rolling stock. Track laying on the old formation of the Hutt Valley Line did not begin until 1977. The collection of locomotives and rolling stock had previously been stored at a site by the Gracefield Branch in Seaview, and this was transferred to the present Silverstream site in 1984. The official opening of the full 1.5 kilometre track took place on 15 February 1986.





## An experience of a lifetime!

An opportunity to cruise to New Zealand aboard Celebrity Solstice, cruise around New Zealand and visit the spectacular beauty of Milford Sound. Experience the thrill of travelling by rail on the Northern Explorer train from Auckland to Wellington. Ride on *The Coastal Pacific* from Wellington to Christchurch and journey on the *TranzAlpine* from Christchurch through to Arthurs Pass National Park. As well as enjoying rail experiences at ports of call.

## Great fun and luxury cruising aboard Celebrity Solstice

Since Celebrity Solstice joined the Celebrity fleet, she has dazzled and amazed even the most well-travelled cruisers. She showcases spectacular vistas with 85 per cent of all staterooms having sweeping balcony views. Celebrity Solstice hosts a variety of five-star speciality restaurants, including Murano, a French restaurant, the Tuscan Grill, Silk, an Asian restaurant and Qsine, a dining venue with a unique and playful approach to familiar dishes from around the world. Add the fresh green grass on the top deck's Lawn Club and the incredibly pampering services in AquaSpa, and you may never want to set foot on land again. Celebrity Solstice offers a truly luxurious cruise experience.

### DAY 10 Saturday February 9, 2019

At sea

A day at sea to explore and enjoy the fabulous facilities of the ship.

### DAY 11 Sunday February 10, 2019

Bay of Islands

Today we arrive in the spectacular Bay of Islands, one of the most historic areas in New Zealand dotted with 150 scenic islands. We will have a sightseeing tour to Waitangi, where the Treaty between settlers and Maori's was signed in 1840. We then travel on the famous Bay of Islands Vintage Railway, which operates on part of the former Opuha track and offers train rides through the scenic Northland countryside.

### DAY 12 Monday February 11, 2019

Tauranga

This morning we arrive in Tauranga, a harbourside city in the Bay of Plenty region on New Zealand's North Island. Today we will enjoy a magical rail experience. We first travel inland to Mamaku, past Lake Rotorua, and board our own self-drive Rail Cruiser to travel through the beautiful Dansey Road Scenic Reserve, on the steep 1:35 gradient railway between Mamaku and Tarukenga. We then see the famous geysers and volcanic activity of Rotorua.

### DAY 13 Tuesday February 12, 2019

Auckland

After breakfast we will disembark the ship. We enjoy a sightseeing tour of gorgeous Auckland, the largest city and commercial centre of New Zealand. Our morning tour takes in the main sights of the city, including the Harbour Bridge, which spans the beautiful Waitemata Harbour.

### DAY 14 Wednesday February 13, 2019

Auckland

Today we travel to Waiuku to experience the golden era of "steam age" train travel at the Glenbrook Vintage Railway operating through picturesque rural countryside over 7.4 km of the former New Zealand Railways (NZR). The Glenbrook Vintage Railway owns and operates a number of historic and valuable heritage locomotives both steam and diesel, from the smallest locomotive, a 3 ton diesel shunter, to the giant 110 ton JA 1250 "Diana" steam locomotive. The rest of the day will be at your leisure.

### DAY 15 Thursday February 14, 2019

Wellington

This morning we board the Northern Explorer train for our journey to Wellington. The train service is a scenic rail journey through the five unique geographical regions of the North Island. We travel from Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, through the central heartland of the Northern Island. Along the way, we enjoy the farming landscapes

and rocky sea scapes of the lower North Island and ascend through stunning river gorges to the volcanic plateau passing the majestic volcanoes of Mt Tongariro, Mt Ngauruhoe and Mt Ruapehu, the home of the North Island ski fields. Upon arrival in Wellington, we are transferred to our hotel.

### DAY 16 Friday February 15, 2019

Wellington

This morning we will have a sightseeing tour of the main sights of Wellington, including the Houses of Parliament known as "the Beehive". We visit Mount Victoria, where we have 360 degree views of the city, then travel by cable car to the Botanical Gardens. The afternoon is free for independent sightseeing.

### DAY 17 Saturday February 16, 2019

Christchurch

This morning we are transferred to the ferry port for a short journey across Cook Strait to Picton, here we board The Coastal Pacific train to Christchurch. Travelling via Kaikoura, the home of whale watching and then onto the gateway to the beautiful Marlborough Sound with the famous wine growing region of Blenheim. The journey takes us through some of New Zealand's finest horticultural and farmland areas of the Canterbury Plains to the rugged Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side of our train, the Pacific Ocean coastline on the other with views of marine wildlife such as seals and penguins all from the comfort of our carriage. Arriving into the South Island's largest city Christchurch, we are transferred to our hotel where we spend the next two nights. Note: Should The Coastal Pacific train not be operating on this day we will replace this day with a flight from Wellington to Christchurch.

### DAY 18 Sunday February 17, 2019

Christchurch

On our excursion today we travel on one of the most scenic train journeys in New Zealand – the TranzAlpine Express Train. From Christchurch we cross the flat Canterbury Plains to the small community of Darfield. We continue through beautiful alpine scenery as we enter the Arthur's Pass National Park. Marvel at the alpine scenery as we sit back and enjoy the commentary and an included lunch on board the train.

### DAY 19 Monday February 18, 2019

Departure

This morning we will be transferred to the airport for the flights to Australia.

## Relax and enjoy!







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Price per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin	Description	Deck	Twin-share Price	Single Price
11	Inside	7	\$ 6450	\$ 9900
10	Inside	8 9	\$ 6525	\$ 9999
9	Inside	9 10 11	\$ 6585	\$ 10125
2C	Deluxe Balcony	6	\$ 7295	\$ 11480
2A	Deluxe Balcony	7	\$ 7495	\$ 11865
1C	Deluxe Balcony	8	\$ 7495	\$ 11865
1B	Deluxe Balcony	8 9	\$ 7540	\$ 11965
1A	Deluxe Balcony	6 7 8 9	\$ 7585	\$ 12050
SV	Deluxe Balcony	6 7 8	\$ 7895	\$ 12660
C3	Concierge Balcony	9 10	\$ 7750	\$ 12375
C2	Concierge Balcony	9,10,12	\$ 7780	\$ 12435
A2	Concierge Balcony	11	\$ 7950	\$ 12760
A1	Aqua Balcony	11	\$ 8050	\$ 13125
Included port and handling charges and ship gratuities			\$ 273	\$ 546
Included air taxes as at 1/1/2018			\$ 125	\$ 125

### Included in the tour price:

- Travel on Celebrity Solstice in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on Celebrity Solstice
- First-class rail travel as listed in the itinerary
- 2 nights' accommodation including breakfasts in Christchurch
- 2 nights' accommodation including breakfasts in Wellington
- 2 nights' accommodation including breakfasts in Auckland
- Sightseeing tours as listed in the itinerary
- Entry to museums and attractions as detailed in itinerary
- Tour leadership by Philip Brady
- Tour management by Travelrite International Pty. Ltd
- A Travelrite travel bag

### Not included in the price:

- Passport and visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Meals unless specified in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary; these will be quoted for separately

**Extending:** You can stay longer in New Zealand for minimal additional cost.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION AND BOOKING CONDITIONS

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair-climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

**Tour Operator:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd, ATAS number A10538 (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour operator.

**Tour Costs:** The tour costs are based on general transport, accommodation costs and foreign exchange rate at 1/1/18. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 90 days of departure from Australia.

**Deposits and Payments:** A deposit of \$900 per passenger for is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 90 days before departure for the tour. A 1.5% administration fee will be charged on payment by Visa or Mastercard and 3% on payment by AMEX or Diners Club cards.

**Cancellation Conditions:** Cancellations within 90 days of departure will result in the loss of all monies paid. Cancellation outside 90 days from departure will result in a cancellation fee of \$900 per person.

**Travel Insurance:** Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

**Minimum Tour Numbers and Conditions:** The tour has been priced on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 90 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost. Travelrite reserves the right to change advertised entrances and/or substitute the tour host, if necessary for the smooth operation of the tour.

**Refunds:** The tour is based on arrangements that do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

**Travel Documents:** All passengers will require a valid passport. Visas for countries visited are not required for Australian passport holders. If you hold another passport please check with Travelrite.

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