Join **Anni Downs** cruising aboard Celebrity Edge on the



# New Zealand Cruise

1 to 13 November 2025





## **Itinerary**

## DAY 1 Saturday 1 November, 2025 Departure/Sydney

This afternoon board the Celebrity Edge on this fantastic Hand Stitching at Sea cruise to New Zealand. Be up on deck as we cruise Sydney Harbour and out through Sydney Heads.

We will enjoy a welcome cocktail party to meet other members of the Hand Stitching at Sea and Anni, who will be inspiring us during our tour.

DAY 2 Sunday 2 November, 2025 Cruising Tasman Sea

This morning and afternoon lessons will be offered by Anni.

DAY 3 Monday 3 November, 2025 Cruising Tasman Sea

This morning and afternoon lessons will be offered by Anni.





#### DAY 4 Tuesday 4 November, 2025 Fiordland National Park

Today we cruise through some of the most spectacular scenery in New Zealand as we visit Milford Sound, Doubtful Sound and Dusky Sound. Fiordland National Park will be a highlight of the cruise, with spectacular scenery and fascinating wildlife. We will have classes available this afternoon.

### DAY 5 Wednesday 5 November, 2025

We arrive in the city of Dunedin this morning. Originally founded by Scottish settlers and known as the "Edinburgh of the South", it now consists of beautifully preserved buildings overlooking parklands. We will visit the historic Jacobean-style Olveston House, containing a treasure trove of art and antiques, as we explore this attractive city. This afternoon we will have free time and you will have the opportunity to visit Stitch Witches, where there are a wide range of fabrics and accessories to suit quilters, stitchers and sewers. Some tour members may like to visit Lanarch Castle as an optional excursion at an extra cost.



Great fun and luxury on Celebrity Edge



Celebrity Edge has a range of high-quality staterooms that comfortably accommodate two people. Most of the staterooms feature a traditional balcony or a recent introduction, the Infinity Verandah. Infinity veranda's involve a reinforced glass wall that can be automatically partially lowered to form a glass veranda wall. There is also a small number of inside staterooms and staterooms with obstructed views. This innovative vessel showcases a striking exterior with the iconic "Magic Carpet," a floating platform that redefines onboard versatility. Culinary excellence takes centre stage with diverse dining options curated by renowned chefs. The ship offers a myriad of entertainment, from theatres to a Rooftop Garden, providing a harmonious balance of relaxation and excitement.

### Clothing on board Celebrity Edge

During the day casual clothing is typical, although shorts and swimwear are not permitted in the formal restaurants. Smart casual attire is required in the public lounges and formal restaurants.

#### DAY 6 Thursday 6 November, 2025 Christchurch/Akaroa

Today we call in to Christchurch, we will drive to the gorgeous village of Akaroa. Originally founded by the French, it is now a delightful town, still retaining the ambience of France. We will have a sightseeing tour of the town. We continue with a visit to The Giants House, a historic house with original art works, terraced gardens filled with amazing sculptures and mosaics. This house was the first bank manager's house in Akaroa, built in 1880. We will return to the ship for late afternoon.

#### DAY 7 Friday 7 November, 2025

At Sea

This morning and afternoon we are offering classes or you might like to attend activities offered by the ship. We will enjoy a relaxing day at sea.



#### DAY 8 Saturday 8 November, 2025

#### Tauranga/Rotorua

This morning we arrive in Tauranga, a thriving commercial and business centre and a very busy port. Dominating the scene is the harbour and Mount Maunganui. We enjoy a sightseeing tour around Rotorua this morning, a small city on the shores of Lake Rotorua, where we explore the geothermal activity of geysers, boiling mud pools and steaming craters. We will see a geyser display, where boiling water shoots many metres into the air and the blue and green lakes named for their reflective qualities. We will visit Cottage Flair, an award winning shop in Rotorua. They supply books, magazines, fabrics, kits, haberdashery and patterns.

#### DAY 9 Sunday 9 November, 2025

Auckland

Today we dock in Auckland, the largest city and commercial centre of New Zealand. Our morning tour takes in the main sights of Auckland city, including the Harbour Bridge, which spans the beautiful Waitemata Harbour. We visit Cushla's Village fabrics in Devonport, which displays a large selection of kits, threads







#### DAY 10 Monday 10 November, 2025

While working on

Bay of Islands

Our stop today is 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. This afternoon classes will be available or free time for individual activities.

#### DAY 11 Tuesday 11 November, 2025 Cruising Tasman Sea

Today Anni will teach classes in the morning and afternoon, or you might like to enjoy some of the many activities available aboard the Celebrity Edge.

## DAY 12 Wednesday 12 November, 2025 Cruising Tasman Sea

Today we will offer classes in the morning and afternoon, or you might like to enjoy some of the many activities available aboard the Celebrity Edge. This evening, we will enjoy a farewell drinks party.

#### DAY 13 Thursday 13 November, 2025 Disembark Sydney

This morning, we arrive in Sydney. After breakfast we will disembark, and the cruise will conclude.



#### Included in the price of the Hand Stitching at Sea Cruise:

- Travel on the Celebrity Edge in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment, and service charges on the Celebrity Edge during the Hand Stitching at Sea cruise
- Leadership and workshops taught by Anni Downs.
   All tour members can attend the classes listed.
- Sightseeing tours of Dunedin, Akaroa, Rotorua, Auckland, Bay of Islands.
- Welcome and Farewell drinks.
- Port and handling charges, cruise taxes and gratuities on the Celebrity Edge.
- Professional workshop manager and tour management by Travelrite International.

# 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 assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. Celebrity Edge is operated by Celebrity Cruises and Celebrity Edge cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Celebrity Cruises brochure. All passengers must complete and sign a Celebrity Cruises and Travelrite International booking form.

**DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT:** A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form for each main tour. As soon as the booking is confirmed, a confirmation advice will be emailed to the client. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 92 days prior to the commencement of the tour. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by credit card.

**CANCELLATION CHARGES:** Number of days before the tour commences.
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**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** All passengers will require a valid passport. If not an Australian passport holder, please check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover tour members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

**BAGGAGE:** Passengers qualify for a 23kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the tour. Baggage is at owners' risk throughout the cruise.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The tour arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 92 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the

tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

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#### Not included in the price:

- Travel insurance.
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary will be quoted for separately.
- Passport and visa fees.
- Drinks on board.
- Lunches when not on the ship.





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