

Join **Natalie Bird** cruising aboard Ovation of the Seas on the



Hand Stitching at Sea

New Zealand Cruise

12 - 22 March 2024



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Hand Stitching at Sea New Zealand Cruise



Great Cruise Inclusions

- Departs Australia Tuesday 12 March 2024
- 11 days/10 nights on the luxurious Royal Caribbean, Ovation of the Seas
- Workshops - included in your package, with highly regarded teacher Natalie Bird
- Sightseeing tours of Dunedin, Wellington, Napier and Picton
- Fully escorted by Travelrite International tour manager
- All meals on-board Ovation of the Seas, taxes, port & handling and gratuities

Natalie is an accomplished Australian designer with over 20 years' experience in the Patchwork and Quilting industry, as a quilt and small project designer, shop owner, fabric designer and teacher. Natalie's designs are featured in books, patterns, and fabric. Her style is uncomplicated, fun and heartfelt, with her own hand-drawn images used for stitchery and appliqué designs, as well as in her fabrics. "I'm inspired by my garden and nature's beauty around me, also my family and friends. My designs often feature sentimental sayings and cute critters, and I love to use multiple hand-stitching techniques together in projects." Her designs have been published in many Australian and international magazines, with *Owl & Hare Hollow* featuring in *Homespun Magazine* this year and *A Letter To My Daughter* in 2021. Natalie enjoys sharing her knowledge and love for handwork techniques in particular, through teaching workshops. She has taught in Europe, New Zealand and around Australia.

Itinerary

DAY 1 Tuesday 12 March, 2024

Departure

This afternoon board the Ovation of the Seas 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.

DAY 2 Wednesday 13 March, 2024

Cruising Tasman Sea

This morning and afternoon workshops will be offered with Natalie. We will enjoy a welcome cocktail party to meet other members of the Hand Stitching at Sea Cruise.

DAY 3 Thursday 14 March, 2024

Cruising Tasman Sea

This morning and afternoon workshops will be offered by Natalie.

DAY 4 Friday 15 March, 2024

Picton

We will call into Picton our first New Zealand port this morning. Located in the north of the south island around a sheltered harbour it was named in 1859 after Sir Thomas Picton. We travel to visit the Quilters Barn in nearby Blenheim. They sell a variety of 100 per cent cotton fabrics and many quilting products and conduct a help desk. We continue with a visit to a nearby winery where we will have time to taste their wine before returning to the ship.

DAY 5 Saturday 16 March, 2024

Napier

Today we dock at Napier, a coastal city on New Zealand's North Island. It is set amid the renowned wine-producing region of Hawke's Bay. Rebuilt after a 1931 earthquake, the city is known for its numerous art deco landmarks and celebrates its art deco heritage annually with the famous Art Deco Festival. We will enjoy an Art Deco walking tour to see these attractive buildings, before visiting the Art Deco Centre, which is full of treasures we will be able to buy. We continue with a visit to the Purple Patch Handicraft shop, which is run by volunteers. It sells handcrafted goods and wares.

DAY 6 Sunday 17 March, 2024

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. We continue with a visit to Busy Bee quilt shop, where many quilting supplies are available.

Work on brand new projects, designed exclusively for the cruise. Projects to include a block-style quilt with various handwork techniques, as well as various smaller projects.



Ovation of the Seas

Ovation of the Seas is a Quantum class ship in the Royal Caribbean fleet. Royal Caribbean have certainly made a Quantum leap forward with the facilities on the ship. On-board the Ovation of the Seas there are a whole host of new concepts. One is the North Star, a London Eye type capsule offering you 360 degree views of your current surroundings from 90 meters above the sea! Another introduction is the SeaPlex, the largest indoor active space at sea, here you'll find 30 bumper cars, a roller rink, a full size basketball court, a circus school, floating DJ booth and a food truck!. In the Bionic Bar, Bionic barmen can mix two cocktails a minute with their laser precision ensuring that the thirst is well and truly quenched. The staterooms on-board the Ovation of the Seas are the most spacious in the Royal Caribbean fleet. All the staterooms have soothing aesthetics and sea inspired colour. There are virtual balconies in the interior staterooms with floor to ceiling virtual screens to give you the feel of an ocean view where you can enjoy the sunset and sunrise from the comfort of your interior stateroom. There are three main restaurants; American Icon Grill, Silk (for Asian fusion) and The Grande for more formal dining. The Vitality at sea Spa includes a Vitality Café and 158 cardio and fitness machines.



Great fun and luxury on Ovation of the Seas

Clothing on board Ovation of the Seas

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 7 Monday 18 March, 2024

Dunedin

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. We continue with a visit to New Zealand's 'castle' which overlooks the Otago Peninsular. Built from 1871, by William Larnach, merchant banker and politician, Larnach Castle showcases beautiful Victorian craftsmanship and antiques. The Barker family bought the 14-hectare property in 1967 and restored the house and garden which attained a 6★ Garden of International Significance award from the NZ gardens trust. Later in the afternoon we will visit the Fabric Store, which stocks glorious gingham, twills and stripes and beautiful linens.

DAY 8 Tuesday 19 March, 2024

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 offer a workshop this afternoon.

DAY 9 Wednesday 20 March, 2024

Cruising Tasman Sea

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

DAY 10 Thursday 21 March, 2024

Cruising Tasman Sea

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

DAY 11 Friday 22 March, 2024

Sydney

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





Hand Stitching at Sea New Zealand Cruise

Prices per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin/Description		Deck	Twin-share	Single
4U	Interior with virtual balcony	6,7,9,10,11,12,13	\$ 3599	\$ 4699
2N	Oceanview	3	\$ 3899	\$ 5299
2D	Balcony	7,8,10	\$ 4599	\$ 6599



Included in the price of the Hand Stitching at Sea New Zealand Cruise:

- Travel on the Ovation of the Seas in the selected cabin category.
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on the Ovation of the Seas during the Hand Stitching at Sea cruise.
- Farewell Drinks party.
- Leadership and workshops by Natalie Bird. All tour members can attend the workshops listed.
- Sightseeing tours of Wellington, Picton, Napier and Dunedin.
- Port and handling charges, cruise taxes and gratuities on the Ovation of the Seas.
- Professional workshop manager and tour management by Travelrite International.

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.

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. Ovation of the Seas is operated by Royal Caribbean International and Ovation of the Seas cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Royal Caribbean brochure. All passengers must complete and sign a Royal Caribbean International and Travelrite International booking form.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A deposit of \$900 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The passenger must also complete a Royal Caribbean Cruise Line on-line check-in. The final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 92 days prior to the commencement of the Ovation of the Seas cruise. A 1.5 % administration fee will be added to payments by credit cards

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 90 days	Loss of full deposit
90 - 61 days	50% of full fare
60 days or less	100% of full fare
Non appearance/no written notice:	100% of full fare.

REFUNDS: The cruise is based on arrangements which 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. If not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International regarding visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise 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: Baggage is at owners' risk throughout the cruise.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The cruise 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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VACCINATION POLICY: You must have had two COVID vaccines to be able to board the ship. No refunds will be given if you are unable to undertake some or all of their vacation due to failure to comply with these requirements.

HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$900 per person to:

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