

You are invited to join **Deryn Thorpe**
on the Travelrite International 2017

GARDEN CRUISE TO NEW ZEALAND

on board **Celebrity Solstice**

October 30 to November 12, 2017

Visiting Melbourne, Milford Sound, Doubtful Sound,
Dusky Sound, Dunedin, Akaroa, Wellington,
Tauranga, Bay of Islands and Auckland



Celebrity Cruises





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Deryn Thorpe has worked as a journalist for more than 30 years and writes a gardening column in *Habitat*, in *The West Australian* newspaper and regularly for *Gardening Australia* magazine. Her experience includes presenting on garden television, gardening talkback on ABC and commercial radio, editing garden books and event compere. Deryn volunteered for six years with Australia's Open Garden Scheme where she was Chair of WA Selectors. Her own beautiful cottage-style garden opened for the scheme and its replacement, the newly formed Open Gardens West Coast. She runs a successful Perth garden consultancy and assists in the family revegetation and land care business. In 2011 she was made a Life Member of the Horticultural Media Association Australia (HMA) and in 2015 a Life Member of the Nursery and Garden Industry of WA.

Itinerary

Day 1 Monday October 30, 2017

Embarkation

This afternoon we board *Celebrity Solstice* for our garden cruise to New Zealand. Meet Deryn on deck to enjoy spectacular views as we cruise Sydney Harbour and out through Sydney Heads.

Day 2 Tuesday October 31, 2017

At sea

The morning will be free to explore the ship. In the afternoon, join Deryn Thorpe for a game of Garden Trivial Pursuit. We will divide the group into teams to compete in answering garden questions. This is a great way to meet your fellow group members and there will be prizes for the winners. We will enjoy a drinks party this evening to formally meet Deryn Thorpe and other tour members.

Day 3 Wednesday November 1, 2017

Melbourne, Australia

This morning we arrive in Melbourne and travel by our private coach to the Dandenong Ranges to visit two exceptional gardens. We first visit Cloudehill, where a maze of stone walls and jewel-like garden rooms are set within woodlands of historic cool climate trees. After lunch in Olinda, we travel to the home garden of Phillip Johnson. Phillip's spectacular design for Fleming's Nurseries won Best Garden in Show at the Chelsea Flower Show in 2013. His gorgeous home garden has a sustainable billabong that doubles as a chemical-free swimming pool. Beautifully positioned walkways meander through the garden, featuring many indigenous plants.

Day 4 Thursday November 2, 2017

At sea

We have a free day at sea today to enjoy the many facilities and activities aboard the ship. In the afternoon, Deryn Thorpe will give a talk on her career in horticulture and the media, and answer any questions you might have.

CELEBRITY SOLSTICE

This is the most spectacular ship in the *Celebrity* fleet with outstanding restaurants, balcony views from 85% of cabins and a lawn on the top deck! *Celebrity Solstice* hosts a variety of five star speciality restaurants including Murano a French restaurant, the Tuscan Grill, Silk an Asian restaurant and Qsine, which has a playful approach to familiar dishes from around the world. Add the fresh green grass on the top deck's Lawn Club and the incredible pampering services in AquaSpa and you may never want to set foot on land again! *Celebrity Solstice* brings a truly luxurious cruise experience.



Day 5 Friday November 3, 2017

At sea

Today you are free to enjoy some of the many activities available aboard *Celebrity Solstice*. Why not enjoy a spa or massage in the Wellness Centre, take a relaxing swim, an exercise class at the gym or play quarts or lawn bowls on the grass area.

Day 6 Saturday November 4, 2017 **Fiordland National Park, NZ**

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 among the wonders in this place of outstanding natural beauty. Sometimes called 'The Sound of Silence', there is a cloistered serenity within Doubtful Sound that contrasts with Milford Sound. At 40 kilometres long and eight across at its widest point, Dusky Sound is one of the largest and most complex fiords in the area. Dusky Sound was discovered and named by Captain Cook in 1773, who originally called it Dusky Bay, because of its sombre aspect.

Day 7 Sunday November 5, 2017

Dunedin

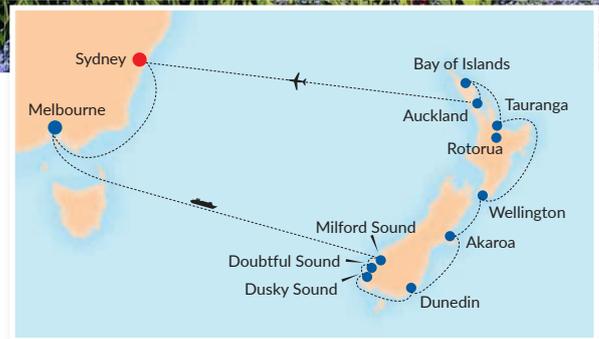
Arriving at Port Chambers this morning, we'll be met by our private coach to travel to the city of Dunedin. Originally founded by Scottish settlers and known as the Edinburgh of the South, it features beautifully-preserved buildings overlooking parklands. We will visit the Glenfalloch Woodland Garden, situated in a fertile coastal valley above the harbour. Originally developed by Philip Brady in 1917, it has a collection of superb European trees from 1872, under planted with azaleas and rhododendrons. Fuchsias and native ferns grow luxuriantly beside Russell Creek. Returning to Dunedin, we visit the historic, Jacobean-style Olveston House, containing a treasure trove of art and antiques, set in four hectares of garden.

Day 8 Monday November 6, 2017

Akaroa

Today we call in to the pretty village of Akaroa. Originally founded by the French, it's a delightful town still retaining the French ambience.





We visit Coombe Farm, a working eight hundred and fifty sheep farm in the Takamatua valley. The garden is in a beautiful setting surrounded by hills strewn with native trees and bush, abundant bird life, creeks and a waterfall. At Potter's Croft, we explore 1.2 hectares of gorgeous private country garden next to a gently flowing stream. There are roses everywhere, mixed with lush lawns, trees, wisteria and scented white Azores jasmine.

Day 9 Tuesday November 7, 2017

Wellington

Arriving in Wellington, the nation's capital, we enjoy a private sightseeing tour of the main city sights, including the Houses of Parliament, known locally as the Beehive. At Mount Victoria, there are breath-taking, 360-degree views of the city, and we also visit the Wellington Botanic Garden, famous for its rose garden and begonia house. In the afternoon we travel to Masterton, where we experience a very different garden, Assisi. It is in a stunning location on the side of a hill, with wonderful views over the Wairarapa landscape from the architect-designed house. The dynamic owners made a decision to concentrate on natives to suit the climate, and have planted hundreds of grasses, flaxes, renga lilies and cabbage trees.

Day 10 Wednesday November 8, 2017

At sea

A day free to explore the ship. Why not have a swim or a massage. In the afternoon we will have Garden Trivial Pursuit led by Deryn Thorpe with questions based on the gardens we have explored over the past nine days. We will divide the group into teams with prizes for the winners.

Day 11 Thursday November 9, 2017

Tauranga, (Rotorua)

We dock in Tauranga and travel to Rotorua to visit two gardens today. The 12 hectare Tikiteret garden, developed since 1987, incorporates a natural stream, established trees and bog plants including hostas, iris and primulas. Bridges cross the stream, which is lined with a collection of Japanese maples and cherry trees, while azaleas and rhododendrons cover the slopes beyond. We travel on to visit Miller's garden, a private, well-established garden with many interesting features.

Day 12 Friday November 10, 2017

Bay of Islands

Our final stop is the spectacular Bay of Islands, one of the most historic areas in New Zealand and comprising of 150 scenic islands. We will have a sightseeing tour to Waitangi, including the Treaty House where the treaty between settlers and Maoris was signed in 1840. In the Treaty Grounds, as well as stands of historic native trees, there is a small semi-formal garden planted to suit the period. Don't miss seeing one of the world's largest carved war canoes. We will enjoy a drinks party before dinner to say goodbye to our superb ship and cruise.

Day 13 Saturday November 11, 2017

Auckland

This morning we arrive in Auckland, the largest city and commercial centre of New Zealand. After disembarking we enjoy a morning sight-seeing tour of the city, which takes in the main sights of Auckland, including the Harbour Bridge, spanning the beautiful Waitemata Harbour and the quaint and stylish shopping area of Parnell. At Ayrlies Garden, created from 1964 by Beverley and Malcolm McConnell, gardening is an art form. Covering 4.5 hectares, it is one of New Zealand's finest and best-known gardens, incorporating three large ponds, cascading waterfalls, a rose garden, rockery, meadow garden and the stimulating "lurid border". There's also an adjoining 14ha wetlands reserve. This is a superb garden which is considered to be the best garden in New Zealand. We will then be transferred to our hotel.

Day 14 Sunday November 12, 2017

Arrive Australia

This morning we are transferred to the airport for flights back to Australia.



Clothing aboard Celebrity Solstice

During the day casual clothing is typical, although shorts and swimwear are not permitted in the formal restaurants. During the evening on chic nights, smart casual is required for ladies and gentlemen in the main restaurants. There are usually two chic nights. Casual nights require a collared shirt for gentlemen. The self-service restaurants are casual.

The advantages of Celebrity Solstice Garden Cruise to New Zealand

The cruise is fully escorted and is a fun holiday with plenty of activities. Each evening you can dine with the group at our reserved tables. You will meet a fun group of people with a love of gardens and nature in common, and have a fabulous time!

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Cabin	Description	Deck	Twin-share Fare	Single Fare
9	Interior	9, 10, 11	\$ 4645	\$ 6395
2C	Balcony	6	\$ 5245	\$ 7385
1C	Balcony	8	\$ 5495	\$ 7845
1B	Balcony	8,9	\$ 5595	\$ 7985
1A	Balcony	6,7,8,9	\$ 5695	\$ 8145
C3	Concierge Class	9, 10	\$ 5895	\$ 8545
C2	Concierge Class	9,10,12	\$ 5995	\$ 8685
A2	Aqua Class	11	\$ 6295	\$ 9245
Included port & handling charges			\$ 645	\$ 985
Included cruise gratuities			\$ 219	\$ 219
Included air taxes as at 1 December, 2016			\$ 60	\$ 60

Supplement to include airfare from Auckland to Perth: \$220 per person

Availability: All cabins are subject to availability. Please call for fares and information on other cabin categories. A limited number of cabins are available for single occupancy. **Please call for details on 1800 630 343.**

Extending: You can stay longer in New Zealand for minimal additional cost. **Please contact 1800 630 343 for more information.**

Included in the price of the Garden Cruise to New Zealand:

- Economy-class air travel from Auckland back to Sydney/ Melbourne/Brisbane and Perth. \$220 surcharge for Perth
- Travel on Celebrity Solstice in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on Celebrity Solstice
- Private activities on board Celebrity Solstice
- 1 night's accommodation in Auckland including breakfast
- Sightseeing tours of Melbourne, Dunedin, Akaroa, Wellington, Tauranga, Bay of Islands and Auckland in New Zealand
- Tour leadership by Deryn Thorpe
- Port and handling charges on Celebrity Solstice
- Cruise taxes
- On-board gratuities
- Air taxes as of 1 December 2016

Not included in the price:

- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary. These will be quoted for separately
- Drinks on board (excepting the two drinks parties)
- Lunches when not on the ship and lunch and dinner in Auckland
- Visas

General Information and Booking Conditions

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 tour without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. Celebrity Solstice is operated by Celebrity Cruises and the fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the 2017 brochure. All passengers must complete and sign a Travelrite International booking form and complete the Celebrity Cruises online check in.

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 confirmation advice will contain all details. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by Visa or Mastercard and 3% for payment by AMEX or Diners Club cards.

CANCELLATION CHARGES:

Number of days before departure.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 90 days	loss of deposit
90 - 61 days	75% 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 with six month validity. If not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for 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: Passengers qualify for 23kg free baggage allowance on flights to return from the cruise.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The fly/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 91 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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fly/cruise passage contract, detailed on the back of the Celebrity Cruises reservation form. If you do not have a copy of this form please contact Travelrite International and we will send one to you.

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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