



*No Worries, Mate!*

## Australia & New Zealand

Australia is the world's smallest continent and largest island. It has unique animals and a fantastic climate and offers a wide and contrasting range of cruise experiences covering the Barrier Reef to Tasmania. New Zealand is cruised to from Australia. A year round series of cruises keep ships busy from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. The Australia New Zealand cruises are often operated by visiting ships to the South Pacific and operate from November to March as they cruise around the south of New Zealand's South Island.



**Thompsons Preferred Cruise Lines sailing in this area: Holland America Line, Princess Cruises, Royal Caribbean International.**

*Why not extend your time in Australia & New Zealand?  
Call Thompsons Holidays for more details.*

### Cruise Types:

Major cruise lines offer itineraries along the Australian coast from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Specialty cruises, generally in small ships with ranging passenger numbers explore Australia's diverse coastline. These cruise destinations include the Barrier Reef, the largest living organism on the planet. Australia's Top End (northern Australia) with cruises operating from Darwin to Broome;

and around Tasmania. New Zealand, New Caledonia and Vanuatu are all cruised to from Australia. A year round series of cruises to these destinations keeps ships busy from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

### Cruise Season:

While larger ship and Barrier Reef cruises are available year round, the speciality cruises are seasonal.

Tasmanian cruises operate in the southern summer (November to March) while Top End cruises operate in the winter months (April to October)

### Main Ports:

The key embarkation ports include Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

### Weather:

Australia seasons are the reverse of the Northern Hemisphere so Christmas is in mid-summer and the coldest months are July and August. However Australia spans from the tropics (where winter is very pleasant and summer is hot and humid) to Tasmania which has a more temperate summer and cold winters.