

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

April 12-14, 2020

\$1499 USD per couple*
Taxes/Fees/Gratuities \$79 per person



April 12th, 2020
Auckland, New Zealand
Dinner

Welcome to Auckland!

After clearing customs and collecting your luggage, meet your transfer driver in the arrivals areas for your transfer to the Cordis Auckland Hotel. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy Auckland.

This evening, meet Judy for your Welcome to New Zealand dinner!



April 13th, 2020

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This morning after breakfast, you will depart for a tour of the Northern Beaches area close to Auckland. Muriwai, also called Muriwai Beach, is a coastal community on the west coast of the Auckland Region in the North Island of New Zealand. The black-sand surf beach and surrounding area is a popular recreational area for Aucklanders. Gannets nest there in a large colony on the rocks which you will have the opportunity to see.



After the morning, we will stop at Sojans Estate Winery at the gateway to Kumeu Wine Country, Auckland's heritage wine region. Enjoy a tour of the winery with lunch and wine tasting. This winery is home of New Zealand's most awarded sparkling wine - Fusion Sparkling Muscant.

The Soljans Story

Over 80 years ago, the first delicate grapevine was planted in a West Auckland field. That grapevine grew into the family winery that is still standing today. In fact, very few wineries in New Zealand can claim to have a prouder winemaking heritage than us here at Soljans. We are



the third oldest winery in New Zealand that is still owned and operated by the original family. From past to present, the story of how we came to be is inspiring, branching across two continents and three generations.

Chapter one begins centuries ago in the little town of Stari Grad, on the island of Hvar in Croatia. It was here, from the cobbled streets, charming buildings and picturesque setting, that our family's winemaking tradition first started. To the right is an image that we have proudly displayed in our

cellar door; it is the family homestead back in Stari Grad. If you look closely you can see a door, and through that door was the family's wine cellar and coincidentally, also home to the family donkey.

In 1927, Bartul Soljan and his wife Rakelina, along with their children sailed to the 'New World', with the art of winemaking stored neatly in their hearts. After breaking in the land and planting the first vines, the dream of bringing winemaking to New Zealand, became a reality. In 1932, Bartul established the first Soljans Family Vineyard in Henderson, West Auckland.

Chapter Two begins in 1937. Bartul's eldest son, Frank, was eager to own his own winery, so in 1937 he purchased a property also in Lincoln Road, Henderson, and Soljans Wines was born. Along with his wife Rona and family, he began to build up his new business.

As the 1970s came along, it became time for Frank to pass the reigns of the company down to his son Tony. He and his brother Rex joined the family winery after leaving school. Taking on the wine making responsibility from his father, Tony brought Soljans' wine onto New Zealand's dinner tables.

Just as with his father and grandfather, Tony had a bold vision to build his own winery out of the city, where he could follow in his father's footsteps and put his own stamp on the family business. For 64 years, Soljans Estate Winery held its place on Lincoln Road. But it was quickly getting overwhelmed by urban buildings and developments, so Tony made the call; it was time to move. So, in 2002, after a thorough search for the most suitable site, Tony purchased the land we are standing on today here at 366 State Highway 16 in Kumeu. There was a lot of criteria that the new land had to meet, but we managed to find the perfect place, and with full family support, Tony began the big move. A busy three months later, the Soljans Estate Winery standing here today was created. Today our winery stands as the proud gateway to Kumeu Wine Country.

The Soljan Family are all very present here at Soljans Estate Winery. In 2001, Tyler, Tony's Grandson, made his very own bottle of wine at just 5 years old, now in his 20's, Tyler work here at Soljan's full time learning the ropes. That first bottle of wine, a Merlot, still holds its place in the Family Memory Cabinet. Sitting right next to it is Amber's bottle. In 2006 Tony's granddaughter, Amber, made her first bottle of wine, aged 7, earning her the title of the first Soljan girl to make wine. Amber is now at university,

and works at the winery part time, running our social media accounts any working with Tyler to keep our website up to date.

Following family tradition, we currently have three generations involved here at Soljans, Tony Soljan and his wife Colleen, their daughters Tonia and Lisa Soljan, along with Tonia's children Tyler and Amber Soljan. In 2015, the whole family took the trip of a lifetime and visited Stari Grad, where everything started, walking along the old cobbled streets, visiting the old homestead and exploring the land in all of it's beauty.

In typical family fashion, we are extremely proud to be the only New Zealand winery with five generations of family involved, Amber and Tyler being the icing on the cake, The Fifth Generation.

After lunch, we will head back to Auckland to the hotel to relax before dinner at a local restaurant.

April 14th, 2020

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This morning after breakfast you will depart for a Auckland city highlights tour before transferring to the port of Auckland and the Celebrity Solstice – your home away from home for the next 10 days.



What is Included:

- All Transfers in Auckland
- Hotel Accommodation in Auckland at the Cordis Hotel
- all meals as stated in the tour description with
- All tours / entrance fees as described
- Luggage portorage
- Basic gratuities for the guides/drivers

Please note the following important information:

- The Package must be booked prior to December 31, 2019
- Full payment is due at the time booking
- The cancellation schedule is:
 - Dec 14 – Jan 31 2020 25% of the total cost
 - Feb 1 – 29 2020 50% of the total cost
 - Mar 1 2020 – date of travel 100% non refundable
- Tour is based on a minimum of 10 couples
- The itinerary, hotels, and tours are subject to change.

In the case the travel dates coincide with religious holidays and national celebrations, some monuments and sites may be closed without prior notice or due to other unforeseen circumstances including weather conditions. The order of the tour may be changed without notice.



AUCKLAND BOOKING FORM

April 12 - 14, 2020

Please print, complete and fax this form
to **Cruise Connections** at 604-689-9283 or
scan/email to J.Branner@CMEatSEA.org

A Customer Care Team member will follow up with you to confirm your booking details.

Sail Date: April 2020 Itinerary: Auckland 2 night Pre Package

Name: Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Name: Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please note that your passport must be valid for 6 months after the day your return home from this cruise.

Sydney Post Cruise

2 Night Auckland Package \$1499 USD = \$_____ USD

Companion travels FREE

Taxes/Gratuities \$79 USD PP = \$_____ USD

TOTAL = \$_____ USD

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