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UNLOCK THE PAST
HISTORY & GENEALOGY

CRUISES

2015 - 2016



With over thirty years of genealogy conferences behind me, I had long ago decided that the best conferences were those that were 'live-in'—with on-site accommodation—you can really feel you are in Genealogy Heaven!! Now I know better! Now I know real Genealogy Heaven is an UTP cruise! Cocooned in another world; with friends—new and old; eating, drinking, sleeping, learning, absorbing genealogy!! 24/7!! Sea days; shore days; EVERY day a gem!!!



Jan Gow, New Zealand
1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th cruise presenter

I love UTP genealogy cruises for a whole host of reasons. Getting to meet international speakers and be inspired by them; to hear and learn from other Australian and New Zealand speakers; catching up with old genealogy friends; meeting new friends; having the ability to go to a conference and not having to worry about getting there each day or finding a place to go for dinner each night; the opportunity to see new places; fine dining every night and ship board entertainment. It is the ultimate holiday for me!



Shauna Hicks, Australia
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th and 12th cruise presenter

I think an Unlock the Past genealogy cruise is marvelous. You can confirm this by the excellent feedback you'll hear from other attendees. And wow, what a program of genealogy presentations they put together. Due to the length of the cruise, there is more content available than you can get in any land-based 3-day conference. And there's more time in-between to relax.



Louis Kessler, Canada
3rd and 11th cruise presenter

A genealogy conference on the high seas? Not only do you get all the fun of a regular cruise, you have the opportunity to network with other family historians from all over the world. The best part: the lectures and educational presentations are offered by some of the leading speakers in the genealogy industry. And Unlock the Past Cruises has the best selection of destinations and speakers hands down!



Thomas MacEntee, United States
4th cruise presenter

UTP genealogy cruises offer opportunities galore—to learn from and interact with world-class speakers, to make new friends, see the world, and enjoy one of the best genealogy conferences available anywhere. The length of the conference and the schedule flexibility allow for key presentations as well as impromptu small group sessions around topics of interest. Cruise destinations allow you to learn while sharing travel time with your non-genealogy traveling companions. Come join us.



Paul Milner, United States
3rd and 8th cruise presenter

Only one thing beats a good genealogy conference, and that is a genealogy conference that offers a chance to see a bit of the world, to enjoy some top class entertainment, and above all else, meet many other people sharing a similar interest. It's also the perfect family holiday, with plenty of fun activities for your partner and kids to get up to on board whilst you're attending conference sessions!



Chris Paton, Scotland
2nd, 4th and 8th cruise presenter

10 reasons to join an Unlock the Past history & genealogy cruise...

General

1. Sail away on a cruise holiday from as little as AU\$120 a day
2. Attend a great conference with more presentations and choice of topics than land events
3. Save. The cost includes accommodation, meals, entertainment — and all conference presentations

Genealogy

4. Make new friends and expand your genealogy network
5. Learn from nationally and internationally known experts
6. Select from a huge range of topics—something for all interests and experience levels
7. Participate in special interest groups and discussion opportunities throughout the cruise. Bring along your 'brickwall' list and ask the experts in the Research Help Zone to help
8. Make the most of the wealth of knowledge available among presenters and attendees. See demos of the Flip-Pal mobile scanner, software, online data sites and mobile devices

On board

9. Enjoy being pampered by the cruise staff. Unpack your bags once. No 'living out of a suitcase'
10. Have fun. Have a go at the many activities on offer ... or just get pampered in the spa. Discover theme pubs, library, the show lounge and relax in the evening or during time out

History and genealogy cruising

Cruising is a popular holiday experience but combining cruising with exploring your family history is a relatively new phenomenon. This experience offers the cruiser the opportunity to participate in the everyday ship activities, go ashore at the ports of call as well as enjoy the presentations and advice of researchers in a variety of history and genealogy disciplines.

The conference is perfect for beginners and experts—all will learn something on an Unlock the Past cruise. You can meet with like-minded people, expand your genealogy network, participate in special interest groups, and attend your choice of presentations on a huge range of topics. If you have 'brickwalls' in your research ask the experts in the Research Help Zone to help demolish them.

Unlock the Past has an exciting range of cruises planned for 2014-2017—short taster cruises, destination focused cruises and others with a conference focus. A cruise provides an opportunity for you to explore your history in a novel way!



PREVIOUS UNLOCK THE PAST CRUISES

No.	Date	from	where	nights	ship
1st	Mar 2011	Brisbane	South Pacific	7 nights	Pacific Dawn
2nd	Nov 2011	Auckland	New Zealand to Sydney (one way)	14 nights	Volendam
3rd	Feb 2013	Sydney	South Pacific	9 nights	Voyager of the Seas
4th	Feb 2014	Sydney	Southern Australian states	9 nights	Voyager of the Seas
5th	Jul 2014	London	British Isles discovery	10 nights	Marco Polo
6th	Oct 2014	Sydney	offshore from Sydney	3 nights	Celebrity Solstice

keep informed—subscribe to the Unlock the Past www.unlockthepastcruises.com/newsletter

Compare!

Cruises offer great value holidays

- » unpack your bags once—no “living out of a suitcase”
- » cruise cost includes all accommodation meals and entertainment

An Unlock the Past cruise offers a great value holiday PLUS a unique conference and networking experience with some of the world's leading experts.

Comparing cruise holidays with land holidays

P&O Cruises (Aust) have a great DARE TO COMPARE table in their 2014-16 cruise catalogue

You can check their cost breakdown and details in the current P&O catalogue, which is available for download or mail delivery from their website—and no doubt from travel agents. Here is their summary of 7 night holidays out of Sydney to various destinations.

• Bali	\$1561
• Thailand	\$2241
• Gold Coast	\$1296
• Fiji	\$1719
• P&O cruise	\$1101

Comparing an Unlock the Past cruise conference with a major land genealogy conference

VALUE—a major cruise conference compares very favourably with a major land conference. There are many excellent traditional land conferences, but a national conference over 3-4 days may cost nearly AU\$2000 to attend, allowing for conference fees, travel (from interstate), local transport, accommodation and meals. A 7-9 day cruise conference for a similar outlay (or maybe less) offers more than comparable value.

- more topics to choose from
- attend up to twice as many presentations
- much more free time
- one-on-one time with experts
- bonus of all that a cruise offers by way of holiday benefits
- visit interesting places all within the cruise cost
- comprehensive activity and entertainment choices, most free
- great for non-history/genealogy partners—plenty else to do

more comparisons below

AU\$6000 in prizes



Book any Unlock the Past cruise and be in the draw to win a future Unlock the Past cruise up to AU\$2500 value—or one of 12 additional prizes—AU\$6000 in prizes in all

- » a FREE CRUISE up to the value of AU\$2500
- » 3 cruise discount vouchers valued at AU\$500 each
- » 3 cruise discount vouchers valued AU\$200 each
- » 4 cruise discount vouchers valued at AU\$100 each
- » a cruise discount from Clean Cruising valued at AU\$500 (for any Unlock the Past cruise booked with Clean Cruising)
- » a cruise discount from Royal Caribbean valued at AU\$500 (for any Unlock the Past cruise on a Royal Caribbean or Celebrity ship)

Choose from any of the cruises in this catalogue that are available to book from July 2014 to the end of 2016.

ENTRY INTO THE DRAW—All who make a booking between 12 May and 31 December 2014—for any future Unlock the Past cruise open for booking AND who subscribe to the Unlock the Past cruises email newsletter list will be in the draw.

A PRIZE—may be used on any Unlock the Past cruise sailing from January 2015 to 31 December 2016, including the cruise you have already booked

full details and conditions on website

How major Unlock the Past cruises compare with other (excellent) major events

Maybe we are a tad biased, but we think Unlock the Past conferences are unequalled in most respects by any major events—anywhere

	UTP cruise (4th cruise)	UTP Expo (Qld 2012)	Australasian Congress 2012	New Zealand Fair 2013	RootsTech 2013 Salt Lake City	WDYTYA Live! London 2014
Duration—days	8	3	4	3	3	3
Parallel talks (number to choose between)	1 to 3	3	5	8	19	8
Presenters	15-25	24	32	26	115-145	c70
Topics—to choose from (estimate)	100	65	c65	46	c190	c140
Sessions (time slots—max possible to attend)	50	20	18	18	17	21
Research Help Zone (1 on 1 with experts)	many	some	no	some	no	some
Special interest forums	usually	no	no	no	no	no
Formal dining together (optional)	yes	no	no	no	no	no
Non genie activities at venue—free	yes	no	no	no	no	no
Ideal for non-genie spouses	yes	no	no	no	no	no

7th Unlock the Past cruise—5 nights

Western Australia

An Albany Anzac Centenary commemoration

7th cruise website
www.unlockthepastcruises.com/cruise7
Clean Cruising (booking inquiries) 1800 007987

BOOK NOW to be sure of a place—many cabin categories sold out or nearly sold out

Albany was the gathering point for the convoys carrying the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) and New Zealand Expeditionary Force (later to be known collectively as the ANZACs), that departed from Albany in November and December 1914. The cruise program will have some tie in with this occasion—as part of a wider general interest program.

Astor is stylish 4 star fully stabilised and air-conditioned cruise liner with capacity for 620 guests. She has seven passenger decks. Her wide range of public facilities include the very impressive Waldorf Restaurant. There is a very good selection of comfortable modern cabin accommodation with individually controlled air-conditioning from Standard to De Luxe with 70% of cabins having an ocean view.

Program—25 topics in up to 2 streams. Talks are not scheduled during the days in Esperance and Albany.

Speakers

- **Lead presenter**—Dr Richard Reid, leading military and Irish historian
- **Other presenters**
 - Eric Kopittke
 - Rosemary Kopittke
 - Mike Murray
 - Dr Lesley Silvester
 - Helen Smith



Book early to be sure of a place and the best price - this is a smaller ship (about 620 passengers in all). We have a limited number of cabins available to our group. If you are considering joining us the wise thing will be to plan and book early, especially if you want the better priced cabins.

More about the Astor - there are five lounge areas - the theatre style Astor Lounge, for some truly sparkling entertainment from the highly acclaimed show-team; the elegant Captain's Club, a perfect venue for pre-dinner cocktails with the resident pianist; the intimate Hanse Bar which leads onto the stylish Sonnen (Sun) Terrace Bar, with wonderful panoramic ocean views; and the Poolside Bar where the head barman will soon get to know your favourite drink.

Other facilities include the ship's Library, the Card Room, an internet café, a shopping arcade featuring a boutique, jeweller, perfumery and the Wellness Centre, which offers hairdressing and beauty treatments, an indoor swimming pool, ocean view fitness and exercise equipment, and sauna and massage facilities. There is an outdoor swimming pool, two whirlpools and, in keeping with her heritage, a traditional walk around promenade deck. There is a very good selection of comfortable modern cabin accommodation with individually controlled air-conditioning from Standard to De Luxe with 70% of cabins having an ocean view.



CRUISE DETAILS

duration: 5 nights (2 days in ports, 2 days at sea)
date: 19-24 January 2015
ship: Astor (Cruise & Maritime voyages)
cruise summary: Fremantle - Southwest WA - Fremantle
cost: from AU\$1099
(other currencies: approximately NZ\$1250, £550, €800, US\$1050)



CRUISE ITINERARY

Date	Port/City	Arrive	Depart
Mon 19 Jan	Fremantle		5 PM
Tue 20 Jan	at sea		
Wed 21 Jan	Esperance	9 PM	5 PM
Thu 22 Jan	at sea		
Fri 23 Jan	Albany	9 AM	10 PM
Sat 24 Jan	Fremantle	early morning	

8th Unlock the Past cruise—14 nights

Baltic cruise

8th cruise website
www.unlockthepastcruises.com/cruise8
 Clean Cruising (booking inquiries) 1800 007987

Baltic cruise – from England, visiting northern Europe and Scandinavia

The Baltic cruise, 11-25 July 2015, on the *Celebrity Eclipse* will leave from Southampton and visit Bruges (Belgium), Berlin (Germany), Tallinn (Estonia), St Petersburg (Russia), Helsinki (Finland), Stockholm (Sweden), and Copenhagen (Denmark).

The conference will feature:

- an international team of leading presenters
- a wide-ranging program—choose from about 90 topics
- great networking opportunities
- Research Help Zone sessions for expert advice one-on-one or in small groups
- thousands of dollars worth of prizes

Celebrity Eclipse

Celebrity Eclipse is one of a fleet of five Solstice class ships from Celebrity which offer a premium quality cruise, and have some of the highest ratings by Berlitz for large cruise ships. Ninety percent of staterooms have an outside view, and of these 85% have a balcony—more than any other superliner in the world. Standard cabins have a sofa or convertible sofa bed, twin beds that convert to a double bed, plenty of storage space, personal safe, mini-bar/refrigerator, interactive TV, and good-size bathroom. The cabins are nicely decorated and appealing with warm wood-finish furniture. You'll be provided with robe, tote bag, bath products, hairdryer and safe, and twice-daily room service. Some balcony staterooms are interconnecting. Suites have more space, butler service, better amenities and personal service.

CRUISE DETAILS

duration: 14 nights (8 days in ports, 5 days at sea)
date: 11-25 July 2015
ship: *Celebrity Eclipse* (Celebrity Cruises)
cruise summary: Southampton – Baltic – Southampton
cost: from AU\$2949
(other currencies: approximately NZ\$3300, £1700, €2100, US\$2800)



CRUISE ITINERARY

Date	Port/City	Arrive	Depart
Sat 11 Jul	Southampton, England		4:30 PM
Sun 12 Jul	Bruges, (Zeebrugge), Belgium	7:00 AM	3:00 PM
Mon 13 Jul	at sea		
Tue 14 Jul	Berlin (Warnemunde), Germany	9:30 AM	11:59 PM
Wed 15 Jul	at sea		
Thu 16 Jul	Tallinn, Estonia	10:00 AM	5:00 PM
Fri 17 Jul	St Petersburg, Russia	7:00 AM	
Sat 18 Jul	St Petersburg, Russia		6:00 PM
Sun 19 Jul	Helsinki, Finland	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Mon 20 Jul	Stockholm, Sweden	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
Tue 21 Jul	at sea		
Wed 22 Jul	Copenhagen, Denmark	10:00 AM	11:59 PM
Thu 23 Jul	at sea		
Frid 24 Jul	at sea		
Sat 25 Jul	Southampton, England	5:30 AM	



Baltic cruise presenters

- » Carol Baxter (New South Wales)—researching and writing
- » Carol Becker (United States)
- » Tricia Fairweather (Western Australia)
- » Dr Janet Few (England)—migration, 17th century social history
- » Caroline Gurney (England)
- » Shauna Hicks (Queensland)—Australia's most prolific presenter
- » Daniel Horowitz (Israel)
- » Cyndi Ingle (United States)—creator of the incomparable Cyndi's list
- » Eric Kopittke (Queensland)—Germany and Denmark
- » Rosemary Kopittke (Queensland)—online databases and Australian records
- » Paul Milner (United States)—British Isles and US
- » Gordon Nuttall (United States)—developer of the Flip-Pal Mobile Scanner
- » Chris Paton (Scotland)—Scottish and Irish specialist
- » Helen Smith (Queensland)—Australia, England, medical and general
- » Tony Beardshaw (England)—My History, our cruise bookseller



Our major cruise partners

We highly recommend them should you choose to do other cruises (between your Unlock the Past cruises!)

Clean Cruising—travel agents for all 13 Unlock the Past cruises and our 2012 War comes to Australia battlefield tour to Darwin

Unlock the Past has pioneered the History & Genealogy cruise concept in Australia - and Clean Cruising has been with them every step of the way! Based in Brisbane, Clean Cruising is a family owned and operated cruise agency operating since 2001. In 2014 we were voted by Australia's cruiselines into CLIA's Top 5 Agents of the Year. Our dedicated cruise consultants have spent plenty of days at sea, and are here to answer all of your questions about cruising. When booking your Unlock the Past cruise, we can also assist with flights, accommodation, insurance and more to make your trip easy to organise—give us a call on 1800 007987 or +61 7 3100 7999 if outside Australia. website: www.cleancruising.com.au



Royal Caribbean International—cruise line for 4 Unlock the Past cruises

Royal Caribbean International is an award-winning global cruise brand with a 45-year legacy of innovation and introducing industry "firsts" never before seen at sea. The cruise line features an expansive and unmatched array of features and amenities only found on Royal Caribbean including, jaw-dropping, Broadway-style entertainment and industry-acclaimed programming that appeals to families and adventurous vacationers alike. Owned by Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. (NYSE/OSE: RCL), the cruise line sails 23 of the world's most innovative cruise ships to the most popular destinations in the Caribbean, Europe, Alaska, South America, the Far East, and Australia and New Zealand. World renowned for its friendly and engaging Gold Anchor Service, delivered by every staff and crew member, Royal Caribbean has been voted "Best Cruise Line Overall" for 11 consecutive years in the Travel Weekly Readers Choice Awards and "Australian Cruise line of the year" in 2013 by the Australian Federation of Travel Agents.



Celebrity Cruises—cruise line for 4 Unlock the Past cruises

Celebrity Cruises' iconic "X" is the mark of modern luxury, with its cool, contemporary design and warm spaces; dining experiences where the design of the venues is as important as the cuisine; and the amazing service that only Celebrity can provide, all created to provide an unmatched experience for vacationers' precious time.

Celebrity Cruises' 11 ships offer modern luxury vacations visiting all seven continents. Celebrity also presents immersive cruise tour experiences in Alaska and Canada. Celebrity is one of five cruise brands operated by global cruise vacation company Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. (NYSE, OSE: RCL).



Repeat cruises on Royal Caribbean and Celebrity ships earn you great loyalty club benefits

9th Unlock the Past cruise—15 nights

Transatlantic

9th cruise website
www.unlockthepastcruises.com/cruise9
 Clean Cruising (booking inquiries) 1800 007987

One way Southampton to Miami visiting Boston, New York (2 days), Bermuda & Port Canaveral

Relive 400 years of European migration to the New World—but in greater comfort on the superb *Celebrity Eclipse*. At the same time learn from some of the best international genealogy and history guides on this 15 night one way cruise from Southampton to Miami, with 6 days in various ports.

The conference will feature:

- » an international team of leading presenters
- » a wide-ranging program—choose from about 90 topics
- » great networking opportunities
- » Research Help Zone sessions for expert advice one-on-one or in small groups
- » thousands of dollars worth of prizes

Speakers

- » Elsie Churchill
- » Dick Eastman
- » Kirsty Gray
- » Shauna Hicks
- » Daniel Horowitz
- » Rosemary Kopittke
- » Eric Kopittke
- » Alec Tritton
- » ... more to come



CRUISE DETAILS

duration: 15 nights (6 days in ports, 8 days at sea)
date: 1-16 November 2015
ship: *Celebrity Eclipse* (Celebrity Cruises)
cruise summary: Southampton – Atlantic – Miami
cost: from AU\$1879
(other currencies: approximately NZ\$2000, £1050, €1300, US\$1800)



CRUISE ITINERARY

Date	Port/City	Arrive	Depart
Sun 1 Nov			4:30 PM
Mon 2 Nov	at sea		
Tue 3 Nov	at sea		
Wed 4 Nov	at sea		
Thu 5 Nov	at sea		
Fri 6 Nov	at sea		
Sat 7 Nov	at sea		
Sun 8 Nov	Boston, Massachusetts	7:00 AM	5:00 PM
Mon 9 Nov	New York	3:00 AM	overnight
Tue 10 Nov	New York		5:00 PM
Wed 11 Nov	at sea		
Thu 12 Nov	Kings Wharf, Bermuda	10:30 AM	overnight
Fri 13 Nov	Kings Wharf, Bermuda		12:00 PM
Sat 14 Nov	at sea		
Sun 15 Nov	Port Canaveral, Florida	8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Mon 16 Nov	Miami, Florida	7:00 AM	



10th Unlock the Past cruise—2 nights Queensland

10th cruise website
www.unlockthepastcruises.com/cruise10
 Clean Cruising (booking inquiries) 1800 007987

our cheapest ever cruise a one day conference at sea a great networking opportunity

*a great way to 'test the waters'
 if you haven't cruised before*

A short 2 night cruise and one day conference at sea out of Brisbane—the most affordable cruise we are ever likely to offer.

It is ideal if you've never cruised before as a cruise sampler—minimal cost and minimal risk if you're not sure how you will go on a cruise. But it will suit anyone who would like a short break and a great one day seminar program in a different environment.

The conference will feature:

- » approx 15 presentations
- » great networking opportunities
- » Research Help Zone for expert advice one-on-one or in small groups
- » hundreds of dollars worth of prizes

Speakers

- » **Lead presenter**—Stephanie Ryan
 (State Library of Queensland)
- » **other presenters**
 Eric Kopittke
 Rosemary Kopittke
 Helen Smith

CRUISE DETAILS

duration: 2 nights (1 day at sea)

date: 8-10 December 2015

ship: Legend of the Seas (Royal Caribbean)

cruise summary: Brisbane – at sea – Brisbane

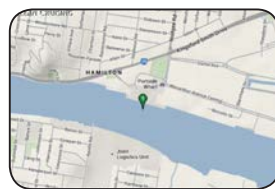
cost: from AU\$499

(other currencies: approximately NZ\$450, £300, €350, US\$500)



CRUISE ITINERARY

Date	Port/City	Arrive	Depart
Tue 8 Dec	Brisbane		6 PM
Wed 9 Dec	at sea		
Thu 10 Dec	Brisbane	6 AM	

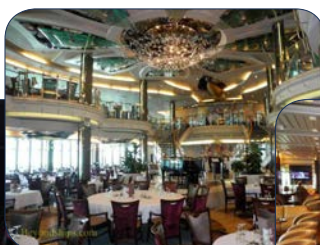
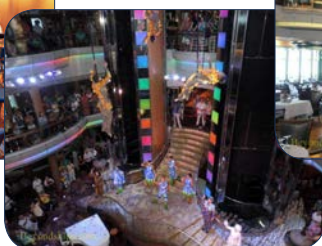


This cruise marks a number of firsts for the 4 star *Legend of the Seas*

- » the 1915/16 season is the first by *Legend of the Seas* in Australia
- » it is the first time a Royal Caribbean ship has been based in any Australian city other than Sydney – it will be operating out of Brisbane—from December 2015 to April 2016
- » this cruise is the very first cruise of the first Australian summer season for *Legend of the Seas*



photos from Beyond Ships website
www.beyondships.com



11th Unlock the Past cruise—18 nights

New Zealand to Australia

11th cruise website
www.unlockthepastcruises.com/cruise11
Clean Cruising (booking inquiries) 1800 007987

One way Auckland to Fremantle

The 11th cruise takes you to 10 cities and other tourist regions as well as the wonderful Dusky Doubtful and Milford Sounds in New Zealand.

This cruise will have an international team of presenters. We are delighted to welcome Judy Russell to be our lead presenter.

The *Legal Genealogist* Judy G. Russell is an American genealogist with a law degree who provides expert guidance through the murky territory where law, genealogy and history come together. Her expertise ranges from using court records in family history to using DNA testing to test genealogical theories.



Other presenters confirmed initially

- » Jan Gow (New Zealand)
- » Shauna Hicks (Queensland)
- » Louis Kessler (Canada) – genealogy software, technology and sourcing
- » Eric Kopittke (Queensland) – Germany and Denmark
- » Rosemary Kopittke (Queensland) – online databases and Australian records
- » Helen Smith (Queensland) – Australia, England, medical and general



CRUISE DETAILS

duration: 18 nights (9 days in ports, 8 days at sea)
date: 14 February - 3 March 2016
ship: Celebrity Solstice
cruise summary: one way Auckland – Fremantle
cost: from AU\$2979
(other currencies: approximately NZ\$3300, £1700, €2100, US\$2800)



CRUISE ITINERARY

Date	Port/City	Arrive	Depart
Sun 14 Feb	Auckland, NZ		8:00PM
Mon 15 Feb	Bay of Islands, NZ (tendered)	7:00 AM	6:00PM
Tue 16 Feb	Tauranga, NZ	8:00 AM	6:00PM
Wed 17 Feb	at sea		
Thu 18 Feb	Wellington, NZ (tendered)	8:00AM	6:00PM
Fri 19 Feb	Akaroa, NZ (tendered)	8:00AM	6:00PM
Sat 20 Feb	Dunedin, NZ	7:00AM	5:00PM
Sun 21 Feb	Dusky Sound, NZ (cruising)	8:00AM	9:00AM
Sun 21 Feb	Doubtful Sound, NZ (cruising)	11:30AM	1:00PM
Sun 21 Feb	Milford Sound, NZ (cruising)	4:30PM	6:00PM
Mon 22 Feb	at sea		
Tues 23 Feb	at sea		
Wed 24 Feb	Sydney, Australia (tendered)	6:30AM	10:00PM
Thu 25 Feb	at sea		
Fri 26 Feb	Melbourne, Australia	8:00AM	6:00PM
Sat 27 Feb	at sea		
Sun 28 Feb	Adelaide, Australia	7:00AM	5:00PM
Mon 29 Feb	at sea		
Tue 1 Mar	at sea		
Wed 2 Mar	at sea		
Thu 3 Mar	Fremantle (Perth), Australia	6:30AM	



PORT OF DEPARTURE: ● PORT OF CALL: ● CRUISE ROUTE: —

12th Unlock the Past cruise—7 nights

Barrier Reef

12th cruise website

www.unlockthepastcruises.com/cruise12

Clean Cruising (booking inquiries) 1800 007987

The cruise many of you have asked for is now offered for the 1st time at an affordable price

Here at last is a good affordable option on a ship with great conferencing facilities—a 7 night cruise out of Brisbane, with 3 days in Barrier Reef ports and 3 days for a conference at sea.

Speakers

- » Carol Baxter
- » Eric Kopittke
- » Rosemary Kopittke
- » Helen Smith
- » Judy Webster
- » ... others to be advised

Carol Baxter will present her highly acclaimed 8 lecture *researching and writing history and genealogy series*



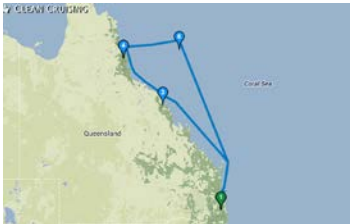
CRUISE DETAILS

duration: 7 nights (3 days in ports, 3 days at sea)
date: 6-13 March 2016
ship: Legend of the Seas
cruise summary: Brisbane – Barrier Reef – Brisbane
cost: from AU\$1269
(other currencies: approximately NZ\$1400, £700, €900, US\$1200)

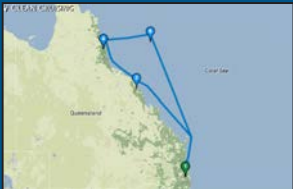
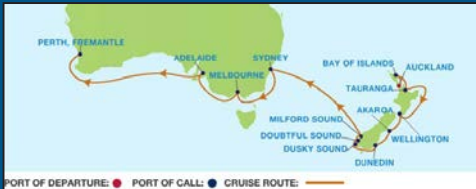


CRUISE ITINERARY

Date	Port/City	Arrive	Depart
Sun 6 March	Brisbane		4:30 PM
Mon 7 March	at sea		
Tue 8 March	Airlie Beach	6:00 AM	4:00 PM
Wed 9 March	Cairns	9:00 AM	overnight
Thu 10 March	Cairns		6:00 PM
Fri 11 March	Willis Island	8:00 AM	9:00 AM
Sat 12 March	at sea		
Sun 13 March	Brisbane	6:00 AM	



A unique and cost-effective way to see much of Australia and New Zealand



do both—Auckland to Fremantle PLUS Barrier Reef—and save \$200 on the total fares

Visiting from other countries?—maximise the value of your visit down under
 From Australia or New Zealand?—see both countries as you have never seen them before
 optionally add a land tour to either or both of these cruises

13th Unlock the Past cruise—7 nights

European river cruise

13th cruise website
www.unlockthepastcruises.com/cruise13
 Clean Cruising (booking inquiries) 1800 007987

a cruise with a difference—a destination focused cruise and a great networking experience

A Romantic Rhine 7 night cruise plus a one day conference in Amsterdam the day before the cruise. Cruise in an outside stateroom on the very latest and most exciting of the new panorama suite ships from Avalon—a ship so new it is not yet in service. *Tranquility II* will enter service in 2015. Choose the sightseeing pace that suits you: leisurely, traditional or independent

Cruise conference and other benefits

- a land based day seminar in Amsterdam the day before the cruise – with a European focus (within the cruise fare)
- some presentations on the cruise ship itself
- informal networking and advice from experts at select times and locations on the cruise
- several thousand dollars worth of prizes and special offers
- book by 31 December 2014 to be in the draw for \$6000 worth of prizes
- free Wi-Fi access

6 reasons to book early

1. Unlock the Past has an exclusive window to book into our group before the cruise opens to the public in mid-January 2015
2. SAVE \$200 per person with our early bird pricing (on the 20 cabins that have been allocated to us at this initially)
3. river cruises usually book out much earlier than ocean cruises—up to a year before the cruise itself
4. the deposit required with booking (\$400 per person) is fully refundable until 1 October 2015—a safety net should you need to cancel
5. a number of people have already registered expressions of interest (some with deposit).
6. the more early bookings we get the greater our chances of getting additional cabins for our group

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Below: sister ship to *Tranquility II* — *Panorama suite plan B & A*



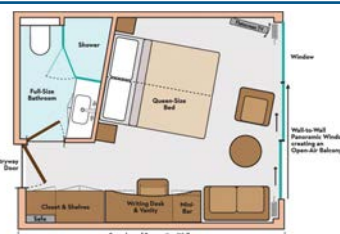
CRUISE DETAILS

duration: 7 nights (6 days in ports)
date: 31 July – 7 Aug 2016 plus 1 day conference in Amsterdam Saturday 30 Jul 2016
ship: *Tranquility II* (new—entering service in 2015)
cruise summary: Amsterdam – Basel
cost: from AU\$4431—early bird pricing—see website
(other currencies: approximately NZ\$4920 £2460, €3100, US\$3900)



CONFERENCE & CRUISE ITINERARY

Date	Port/City
Sat 30 Jul	one day conference in Amsterdam (to be confirmed)
Sun 31 Jul	Amsterdam, Holland (embarkation – afternoon)
Mon 1 Aug	Amsterdam
Tue 2 Aug	Cologne, Germany
Wed 3 Aug	Koblenz-Rhine Gorge-Rudesheim
Thu 4 Aug	Excursions to Mainz and Heidelberg
Fri 5 Aug	Strasbourg, France
Sat 6 Aug	Breisach, Germany – excursion to the Black Forest
Sun 7 Aug	Basel, Switzerland (disembarkation)



Itinerary for a similar cruise in 2015

2016 itinerary details have not been released, but it is likely to be similar to 2015

DAY 1—ARRIVE IN AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (EMBARKATION).

Welcome to Amsterdam! Holland's sophisticated, modern capital has a rich and fascinating history. This delightful 700-year-old city with its elegant and classic architecture, cafes, and restaurants has a distinct ambiance. The streets, squares, and canals - not to mention the bike paths throughout the city - make for a vibrant atmosphere, and with over 60 museums, Amsterdam has the highest museum density in the world. Perhaps you would like to take an optional excursion to Zaanse Schans with its traditional houses and Dutch craft workshops. This afternoon, board your river cruise vessel and meet your crew at an evening welcome reception. (D) (NOTE: Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.)

DAY 2—AMSTERDAM

There is no better way to see Amsterdam than by CANAL BOAT, cruising through the elegant grachten lined with stately homes dating back to Amsterdam's 'Golden Age.' There's free time in the city this afternoon - you might like to join an optional biking tour (weather permitting). Later, bid tot ziens (farewell) to Holland and set sail for Germany.

DAY 3—COLOGNE, GERMANY

Today, enjoy a peaceful morning of cruising before reaching Cologne in the afternoon. One of Germany's largest cities and capital of the Rhineland, Cologne straddles both sides of the Rhine, and is known for its soaring, twin-steeped gothic cathedral. Choose between an included GUIDED CITY WALK or JEWISH HERITAGE WALK. The Old Town abounds with cafes, shops, and taverns. Be sure to try a Kolsch pale lager, locally brewed in Cologne for over a hundred years!

DAY 4—KOBLENZ-RHINE GORGE-RÜDESHEIM

Situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, 2,000-year-old Koblenz is the cultural and business centre of the Middle Rhine region. Here, join a Local Guide for a WALKING TOUR of the city that reveals an eventful past through its castles, fortress walls, towers, squares, and monuments. The dramatic RHINE GORGE is the most beautiful stretch of river. Here, ancient castles stand sentry on lofty cliffs rising 122 metres (400 feet) above the waters. Cruise past the legendary rock of the Lorelei, where echoes of enchanted siren song lured unwitting sailors to their doom. In Rüdesheim, the quintessential Rhine Valley wine town, visit SIEGFRIED'S MECHANICAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM, where you'll see and hear a large collection of self-playing calliopes and music boxes from the 18th to the early 20th centuries. Enjoy a SPECIAL TREAT before returning to your ship for dinner.

DAY 5—MAINZ. EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG

Strategically located at the confluence of the Rhine and Main Rivers is

Mainz, with 'civilized' origins dating back to around 38 BC. Today, this is Germany's largest and most important wine market. Join your Local Guide for a GUIDED WALK through the Altstadt (Old Town) with its many intriguing shops and the whimsical Fastnachtsbrunnen (Carnival Fountain) on the Schillerplatz, a tribute to the jesters at the city's annual Carnival celebration. Gutenberg, father of modern printing, was born here, and you'll visit the captivating GUTENBERG MUSEUM. After lunch, travel to Heidelberg, home to the oldest university in Germany. With a Local Guide, visit the imposing ruins of HEIDELBERG CASTLE, towering magnificently over the city and among the most important Renaissance structures north of the Alps. You'll also see the famed GREAT VAT, the 'World's Largest Wine Barrel.' At nearly 7 metres high (23 feet) and 8.5 metres wide (28 feet), the cask holds over 219,554 litres (58,000 gallons) of wine and has a dance floor built on top of it!

DAY—STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Situated on the border of France and Germany, Strasbourg blends the cultures of both countries in a delightful way. As capital of the Alsace region and seat of the Council of Europe and European Parliament, it is without a doubt an important city that manages to retain its historic charm. On your GUIDED SIGHTSEEING TOUR, visit the monumental red-sandstone GOTHIC CATHEDRAL with its ancient murals, stained-glass windows, and fascinating astronomical clock, as well as the magical LA PETITE FRANCE district, home to half-timber houses, quaint shops, inviting bistros, and a waterfront promenade. Also spend time exploring Place Kleber, a large historic square in the heart of the city, and Place Gutenberg in the heart of medieval Strasbourg, which features a statue of the inventor of the printing press. An optional excursion into the Alsace wine country is available today. After dinner tonight, enjoy an onboard WOODCARVING demonstration.

DAY 7—BREISACH, GERMANY. EXCURSION TO THE BLACK FOREST

Located at the foot of Kaiserstuhl Mountain on the French-German border, Breisach is the gateway to Germany's BLACK FOREST region, an area of unrivaled natural beauty with its forests of thick pine trees. The area got its name because the forests are so dense that local residents described them as black. Surely the most well-known products from this region are Black Forest ham, Black Forest cherry cake, and cuckoo clocks. You may opt for a visit to the workshop of a local woodcarver who produces clocks and other carvings, or to the open-air Museum of Vogtsbauernhof to see how life was lived in this area centuries ago.

DAY 8—BASEL, SWITZERLAND (DISEMBARKATION)

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (NOTE: Departure flights should not leave Zurich Airport before 10 am.)



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Panorama suite B & A



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Dining



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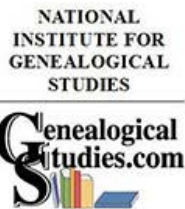
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1st cruise testimonials

I had an absolute ball and gained sooooo much information, tips and tricks. I am very excited to be able to come home and hopefully knock down some of those Stop signs! ... was definitely one of those who wanted to do everything ... The lectures were interesting, informative and inspiring. The presenters were fantastic and I am so grateful for their time – not only the presentation itself but the preparation that must have gone into it, and also their willingness to share ... The lunch/dinner tables were terrific ... Overall though, I really did have the best time ... Everyone did the most amazing ... —Kerin Stinear, Qld

Yes it has been a shock coming back home and having to fend for ourselves after being looked after so well on the ship. Jacqui and I certainly enjoyed our time on the cruise and I hope that my contributions to the events were helpful to the attendees. I wanted to thank you and the rest of your team for the wonderful job you all did organising the event ... Everyone I spoke to was certainly pleased with the variety and scope of the programme.
— Jeremy Palmer, NSW (speaker)

2nd cruise testimonials – from blog posts

Hard to believe the 14 days are nearly over, I could easily stay at least another week!... — Shauna Hicks

The highlight for me ... was Chris Paton ... an authority on Scottish and Irish history and research. I learnt so much from Chris and am really looking forward to some free time over Christmas to put his advice into practice ... — Jennifer Jones

Genealogically I learned so much on the trip that it would be impossible to include it all in a single post ... - Chris Paton, lead presenter on the cruise, British GENES – cruise review

Aside from the talks, my family and I had a great day on Wednesday in Rotorua, visiting the geysers there and taking my life in my hands on the Sky Swing. Freefall for fifty metres in a car, which then swings for a couple of minutes as a pendulum – on the top of a mountain! Hopefully the laundry bill won't be too expensive...! ... a great time sightseeing...
— Chris Paton, lead presenter on the cruise, British GENES – first report

3rd cruise testimonials

What a fantastic and wonderful experience it has been. Great speakers and a good variety of topics. I now know that I am on the right track with my research. I was traveling solo yet felt I was part of a warm and friendly group. - Thank you.
— Lauretta Nobes

Thus endeth a wonderfully successful conference, and an amazing cruise
— Louis Kessler (Canada)

4th cruise testimonials

This was our first cruise, of any kind, and we were blown away by the quality of the venues and the food, on board. Much better than most hotels we have stayed in. To top it off we were seated for dinner with some really lovely people. We are still exchanging the odd email and photos.

WOW! Never cruised before, will cruise again.

4th cruise survey feedback (selected questions): how do you rate the...?

general cruise experience?—93% said excellent, very good or good

speakers and presentations overall?—100% said excellent, very good or good

value for money—95% said excellent, very good or good

7th Unlock the Past cruise—see page 5

Southern Western Australia—5 nights

19–24 January 2015

An Anzac Centenary tie-in cruise—the first two Gallipoli contingents left from Albany



8th Unlock the Past cruise—see page 6

Baltic—14 nights

11–25 July 2015

From Southampton to Northern Europe and Scandinavia. Visit great places and enjoy a major conference at sea



9th Unlock the Past cruise—see page 8

Transatlantic—15 nights

1–16 November 2015

One way from Southampton to Miami, via several US cities—with a major conference at sea

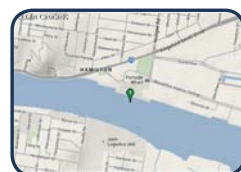


10th Unlock the Past cruise—see page 9

Queensland—2 nights

8–10 December 2015

Our cheapest ever cruise, a one day conference and a great way to 'test the waters' for first time cruisers



11th Unlock the Past cruise—see page 10

New Zealand to Australia—18 nights

14 February–3 March 2016

One way Auckland to Fremantle, via most major New Zealand and Australian cities with a major conference at sea

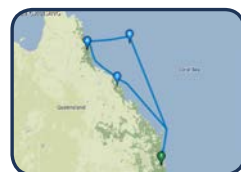


12th Unlock the Past cruise—see page 11

Barrier Reef—7 nights

6–13 March 2016

Explore the Barrier Reef or tropical North Queensland from this cruise—with a great conference on the days at sea



13th Unlock the Past cruise—see page 12

European river cruise—7 nights + 1 day seminar

31 July–7 August 2016 + 30 July seminar

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