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UNLOCK THE PAST HISTORY & GENEALOGY

CATALOGUE UPDATED TO OCTOBER 2015

CRUISES

2015 - 2016

with possible further cruises 2017-2019



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 2015-2016—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
7th	Jan 2015	Fremantle	Southern Western Australia	5 nights	Astor
8th	Jul 2015	Southampton	Baltic	14 nights	Celebrity Eclipse

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

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\$3200, £1550, €2000, US\$2300)



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)
- » Chris Braund (England)
- » Tricia Fairweather (Western Australia)
- » Dr Janet Few (England)—migration, 17th century social history
- » Caroline Gurney (England)
- » Shauna Hicks (Queensland)—Australia’s most prolific presenter
- » 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

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9th Unlock the Past cruise—2 nights

Queensland

our cheapest cruise a one day conference at sea

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

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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

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*



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www.beyondships.com

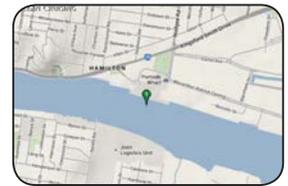
CRUISE DETAILS

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\$550, £300, €350, US\$400)



CRUISE ITINERARY

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



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Louis Kessler's Behold Blog

Paul Milner Genealogy

Sauna Hicks

The History Detective – Carol Baxter

Writing Family History – Noeline Kyle – web site

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10th Unlock the Past cruise—18 nights New Zealand to Australia

One way Auckland to Fremantle

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

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 has an international team of presenters with a program headed by Judy Russell from the US and Paul Blake from the UK

Judy Russell

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.



Paul Blake

Paul Blake (England) Paul Blake is a full-time researcher, lecturer and writer, with over twenty years experience. Based in London, he specialises in London and military ancestry but has wide general expertise. He is a contributor to magazines, TV and radio programs, as well as guest lecturer internationally and on cruise ships. Paul is also now writing for *Unlock the Past*



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\$3200, £1600, €2000, US\$2400)



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	

ALERT: this cruise booked out almost entirely 14 months ahead—apart from cabins reserved for our group. Book early to be sure of a place and best choice of cabins



Other presenters

- » 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



See the following page for information on a value two-cruise option—this cruise plus a 7 night Barrier Reef cruise

PLACES THIS CRUISE WILL TAKE YOU TO

AUCKLAND—Auckland, set on 52 dormant volcanic cones and known as the ‘City of Sails’, is New Zealand’s biggest city and has the largest Polynesian population of any city in the world. Situated on a narrow isthmus, it is one of the few cities in the world to have harbours on two separate bodies of water, the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean. Places to be visited in the city include not only the central business district and the inner city park (the Domain), but also the picturesque suburb of Ponsonby, with its colonial era homes. Travel to the summit of Mt Victoria with stunning panoramic views of Auckland and then visit Westhaven Marina, one of the largest marinas in the Southern

BAY OF ISLANDS—the first permanent European settlement and sea port in New Zealand. It is close to the northern tip of the country. The bay is the busiest, yet quietest place you’ll ever come to. It lies in a subtropical wonderland with an average summer temperature of 24° and has the bluest skies in the world. (That’s official!) This beautiful collection of 144 islands provides plenty of natural and historical places of interest such as the stunning site at Paihia, where the Waitangi Treaty Treaty can be examined. Attractions include the historic Treaty House, a giant flagstaff, a unique fully carved Maori meeting house, and the world’s largest single-hulled canoe.

TAURANGA (visit **ROTURUA**)—Rotorua is a centre of tourism and a place of extraordinary natural beauty. It is a smallish city on the shores of a lake of the same name, in the crater of an ancient volcano in the Bay of Plenty. The entire area is thermally active, and the smell of sulphur, a ‘rotten eggs’ smell that is never far, results in the nicknames ‘Sulphur City’ and ‘Rottenrua’. The surrounding geothermal wonderland including 16 beautiful lakes and the lush green of the abundant native flora, soon causes one to get used to the odour.

WELLINGTON—New Zealand’s capital city is set on the edge of a stunning harbour surrounded by rolling hills. It houses Parliamentary buildings as well as the bulk of foreign diplomatic missions. However, it is also renowned for its cafe-culture, as there are more cafes per capita than in New York City, and they rival the world’s top culinary destinations for flavour and variety. The city’s world-class film industry attracts many visitors.

AKAROA—The quaint and beautiful French village of Akaroa, nestled in the heart of an ancient volcano. Explore the village with its colonial architecture, the quaint shops all sign-posted with French names, craft stores, and cafes where beautiful gardens invite visitors to relax and enjoy the delightful refreshments. For some fun in the sun visit French Bay, or find a secluded beach of your own in one of the neighbouring bays. Then there’s the highly recommended Pohatu Penguin Habitat

DUNEDIN—It was founded in 1848 by Scottish migrants, and today the city still contains many Scottish relics, including a statue of the Scottish Bard Robbie Burns. Fine examples of working heritage include the Speight’s Brewery, the Gasworks Museum and the very popular Taieri Gorge Railway. Then there are the standout Victorian and Edwardian buildings like First Church and Dunedin Railway Station, as well as the stately homes such as Larnach Castle and Olveston. Dunedin has a spectacular and varied coastline with good surfing and a host of safe swimming beaches. St Clair beach with its vibrant Esplanade and the private and dramatic Tunnel beach are very popular.

DUSKY, DOUBTFUL SOUND, MILFORD SOUND

Dusky Sound—a fjord on the SW corner of NZ, in Fjordland National Park. In 1770 it was named by Captain Cook and his crew as that was the time of night when they found it. They encountered groups of shy Maoris, but nowadays the area is almost uninhabited. However, seal numbers have increased since the ban on seal hunting. The myriad islands that lie in the sound make for spectacular sightseeing.

Doubtful Sound—a very large and naturally imposing fjord in the far SW of New Zealand. It is near the smaller but more famous and accessible Milford Sound, but it is three times longer, and has a surface area ten times larger. Often referred to as the ‘Sound of Silence’, Doubtful Sound is a tranquil, awe-inspiring destination known for its cascading waterfalls, looming mountains and rare marine life. It attracts photographers, adventurers and cruisers from all over the globe.

Milford Sound is a stunningly beautiful fjord in the SW of New Zealand’s South Island, and lies within a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Described by Rudyard Kipling as the ‘eighth wonder of the world’, it has been judged ‘the world’s top travel destination’ in an international survey, and is acclaimed as New Zealand’s most famous tourist destination. Milford Sound runs 15 km inland from the Tasman Sea and is surrounded by sheer rock faces, such as the Elephant and Lion Peaks that rise to 1,200 m or more on either side. Lush rain forests cling precariously to these cliffs, and seals, penguins and dolphins frequent the waters, while whales can sometimes be seen.

SYDNEY—The harbour, Opera House, CBD, Circular Quay ferry terminal, and Sydney Harbour Bridge are all within a few minutes’ walk.

MELBOURNE—Cruise ships dock three kilometres from the Melbourne CBD at Station Pier, Port Melbourne, in Port Phillip Bay. Trams commute between the Pier and Southern Cross railway station in the city centre, and a regular coach service links the railway station with Tullamarine Airport (with long-term parking).

ADELAIDE—The Port Adelaide Passenger Terminal is 22 km from Adelaide city centre. Access is via a vehicle drop-off zone, or a 200 m walk to Outer Harbour railway station. Park cars nearby, but note there is no long-term parking. Adelaide is an architecturally-planned city, set beside the River Torrens between the Adelaide Hills and Gulf St Vincent. The wine and festival capital of Australia, Adelaide is offers the convenience of a big city without the frustrations. The 1920s Adelaide Railway Station is an attractive casino, and an historic tram takes visitors out to Glenelg beach with its own special ambience. Hahndorf, home to some delightful craft shops, is the oldest German community in Australia. It reflects the early architecture of the community.

FREMANTLE (PERTH)—all cruise ships berth at the Fremantle Passenger Terminal on Victoria Quay, in the heart of Fremantle’s bustling commercial port. Fremantle is a day-out destination with historic buildings, eateries, tourist attractions and ferries up the Swan River to the City, and off-shore to Rottnest Island. Cars can set-down passengers and find long-term parking nearby. The distance to Perth’s CBD is 30 minutes, and to the airport 40 minutes. Trains, buses and taxis are all handy. In addition to the regular round-the-world cruise vessels, a number of ships are homebased in Fremantle, meaning they have a complete passenger transfer when they call.

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11th Unlock the Past cruise—7 nights

Barrier Reef

The cruise many of you have asked for



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

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



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\$1000)



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

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 2015 to the July 2016.

ENTRY INTO THE DRAW—All who make a booking between 1 January and 31 Dec 2015—for any future scheduled Unlock the Past cruise AND who subscribe to the Unlock the Past cruises email newsletter list will be in the draws—for AU\$6000 worth of prizes.

A PRIZE—may be used on any Unlock the Past cruise sailing from July 2015 to 31 December 2016, including a coming 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	WDYTVA 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

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12th Unlock the Past cruise—7 nights

Rhine river

a destination focused cruise



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A Romantic Rhine 7 night 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 April 2015. Choose the sightseeing pace that suits you: leisurely, traditional or independent.

Benefits

- a land based day seminar in Amsterdam the day before the cruise – with a European focus (within the cruise fare) is being considered
- 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 2015 to be in the draw for \$6000 worth of prizes
- free Wi-Fi access

4 reasons to book early

1. SAVE \$200 per person with our early pricing (on the 20 cabins that have been allocated to us at this initially)
2. river cruises usually book out much earlier than ocean cruises—up to a year before the cruise itself
3. the deposit required with booking (\$400 per person) is fully refundable until 1 October 2015—a safety net should you need to cancel
4. 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*



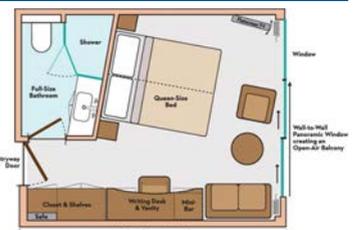
CRUISE DETAILS

duration: 7 nights (6 days in ports)
date: 30 July – 7 Aug 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\$470, £2300, €3000, US\$3500)



ITINERARY

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



Itinerary

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-steepled 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.)



Deluxe stateroom E & D



Panorama suite B & A



lounge



Dining



Panorama bistro



bar

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



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\$1001-\$2000	\$150	60%	\$60 - \$360	\$100	\$50	\$360 - \$660
\$2001-\$3000	\$200	70%	\$70 - \$420	\$150	\$50	\$470 - \$820
\$3001 plus	\$300	75%	\$75 - \$450	\$200	\$50	\$625 - \$1000

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- 3 **UNLOCK THE PAST CRUISE VOUCHER**—a loyalty voucher from each UTP cruise you do towards a subsequent UTP cruise
- 4 **CLEAN CRUISING CRUISE VOUCHER**—a \$50 loyalty voucher for a subsequent cruise

Save by sharing a cabin — are you interested in a cruise, but don't have a spouse or partner to share a room (and costs) with? If you are travelling alone but interested in sharing a cabin with someone else to help with costs, we can probably find a suitable cabin partner of the same gender, especially if you register your interest early.

8th Unlock the Past cruise—see page 4

Baltic—14 nights **THIS CRUISE HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED**

11–25 July 2015

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

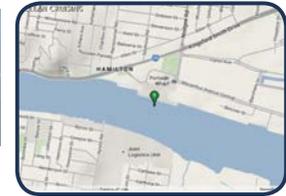


9th Unlock the Past cruise—see page 6

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



10th Unlock the Past cruise—see page 8

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



11th Unlock the Past cruise—see page 10

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



12th Unlock the Past cruise—see page 12

Rhine river—7 nights

30 July–6 August 2016

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



Further cruises under consideration 2017–2019

No firm commitment has yet been made to further cruises, but consideration is being given to more over the 3 years 2017–2019. Some interesting new options have recently come to notice with two new ships coming to Australia to operate all year round from six different Australian cities.

Our new cruises survey has further details on 10 possible itineraries including:

- » a cruise option to New Guinea, including visits to significant WWII places
- » a cruise option to Alaska
- » 2 cruises options to Asia – one to Hong Kong, the other to Singapore
- » 2 cruises options from Fremantle northward along the Western Australian coast
- » 2 cruises options from Melbourne
- » 2 cruises options from Adelaide



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