



Pacific Explorer Prepares to Call Australia Home

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In less than a week's time, P&O Cruises will welcome its latest ship to the fleet when Pacific Explorer arrives in Sydney following a multi-million-dollar refurbishment.

On Monday June 19, the vessel will sail in to Sydney for the first time after spending 12-days in dry dock in Singapore.

Pacific Explorer was transformed into an iconic P&O cruise ship with the help of more than 1,000 contractors who spent over 200,000 hours fitting 25,000 square metres of new carpet and painting 10,000 square metres of walls before installing over 3,000 items of new furniture and 1,200 pieces of artwork.

Similar to sister-ship [Pacific Dawn](#), Pacific Explorer will be fitted with the longest and wildest waterslides at sea and an interactive water park. One slide is transparent so that spectators can watch guests shoot through its twists and turns, while the other slide is multi-coloured, with music pumping through it to give guests a high-impact ride to the bottom.

Pacific Explorer will also wear the signature Southern Cross livery emblazoned on her hull, which was also debuted by Pacific Dawn in March this year.

New and exclusive to Pacific Explorer are two new 'fast-casual' dining options: Luke's, a poolside grill by Australian chef and restaurateur Luke Mangan and 400 Gradi, a traditional Neapolitan pizzeria by award-winning Melbourne chef Johnny Di Francesco.

Relaxation and good times will also be on the menu in Pacific Explorer's elegant new small bar, The Bonded Store, featuring a cocktail list created in partnership with Sydney-based award-winning Archie Rose Distilling Co, as well as whisky and gin-making classes.

Guests can also enjoy a cocktail or two on the upper deck playing outdoor lawn bowls – an Australian cruise ship first.

Offering something for everyone on board, guests will also be able to dine in the ship's Waterfront Restaurant, try a taste of la dolce vita in its Italian restaurant Angelo's, relax in the sultry atmosphere of the pan-Asian restaurant Dragon Lady or be spoilt for choice in The Pantry, an international marketplace of nine fresh food outlets already popular across the P&O Cruises' fleet.

P&O Cruises President Sture Myrmell said Pacific Explorer would be a fitting new addition to the fleet.

["Pacific Explorer"](#) is the next stage in the evolution of P&O, building on our very popular modern Australian holiday offering with some exciting new features. We've taken the winning features of our existing ships and added a whole new layer of excitement with some big wow moments like the

waterslides and the bowling green and The Bonded Store, which we're sure will put a smile on our guests' faces. It really will be a ship that offers something for everyone and we can't wait to show her off to our guests"

Pacific Explorer's cruises include an 8-night, A Taste of New Caledonia cruise departing Sydney on July 20, 2017. Fares start from \$835* per person quad share on the 3 x Free Sale.

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