

Be part of the outstanding

2011 Country Music Cruise

to **New Zealand** on the *Sun Princess*

featuring exclusive concert performances by

Adam Harvey, Beccy Cole, Wayne Horsburgh, Laura Downing,
The Howie Brothers, and the Hamilton County Bluegrass Band

Departing from and returning to Sydney

20 February to 5 March 2011



Great fun and luxury on Sun Princess

Bay of Islands, Auckland, Rotorua,
Napier, Wellington, Christchurch,
Dunedin, Milford Sound



Great value, fully inclusive Country Music Cruise

Great Cruise Inclusions. . .

- 14 days/13 nights on the luxurious Princess cruise liner, *Sun Princess*.
- Adam Harvey, Beccy Cole, Laura Downing and The Howie Brothers accompany you on the whole cruise. Wayne Horsburgh accompanies you up until Christchurch.
- Exclusive, private on-board concerts.
- Private concerts in New Zealand.
- In addition to our exclusive country music concerts, all other entertainment provided by the cruise ship is included.
- Sightseeing tours of Bay of Islands, Auckland, Rotorua, Napier, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.
- Fully escorted by John Howie.
- Cruise taxes and port and handling charges.
- All meals on board *Sun Princess*.
- Gratuities.

Country Music Cruise with John Howie

The *Sun Princess* Country Music Cruise, escorted by John Howie, will be a wonderful opportunity to cruise on the *Sun Princess*, listen to fantastic music, and see the highlights of New Zealand's North and South Islands. The cruise is fully escorted and includes sightseeing coach tours in all of the ports of call. Best of all, the John Howie *Sun Princess* Cruise includes 6 exclusive country music concerts, featuring the stars of Australian and New Zealand country music.



Bring your dancing shoes!

There will be two special Old Time Country Dance events on the *Sun Princess*, exclusively for those who book on the John Howie Country Music Cruise. Music will be provided by The Howie Brothers. We've tentatively scheduled the dances for Friday evening Feb. 25th and Tuesday evening March 1st.



COUNTRY MUSIC CRUISE ENTERTAINERS

Adam Harvey

Country singer Adam Harvey is one of the biggest names in the Australian entertainment industry. Although his voice and style are not unlike Johnny Cash or Elvis, he's still uniquely Adam Harvey. In recent years he's won 7 Golden Guitars at the Country Music Awards in Tamworth, including **Male Vocalist of the Year** and **Album of the Year** awards. With his captivating personality and laconic humour he has already gained significant recognition overseas, performing three times on the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville and winning the prestigious Country Music Association (of America) **Global Artist Award** in 2007.

Beccy Cole

Beccy Cole is well known for her outstanding live shows. As well as being a great singer and songwriter, she is an accomplished comedienne. Her wicked brand of humour often has audiences roaring with laughter. She has won many awards, including 7 Golden Guitar awards in Tamworth. Beccy has toured with Willie Nelson, Kenny Rogers, Tom T Hall, The Bellamy Brothers, Glen Campbell and Don Mclean. A divorced, working single mother, she has always had the ability to laugh in the face of adversity. Beccy's energy and generosity are infectious, and her honesty and lack of pretence are refreshing.

Wayne Horsburgh

Wayne Horsburgh is one of Australia's most successful country music entertainers. He has a fabulous voice and his Slim Whitman style of yodelling is a real crowd pleaser. Originally from Benalla, Victoria, Wayne is based in Sydney, but has also been performing in the USA for over 25 years, sharing the stages with some of their biggest stars. Wayne has won 5 'MO' Awards and 2 'ACE' Awards for 'Best Male Country Performer' in Australia.

Laura Downing

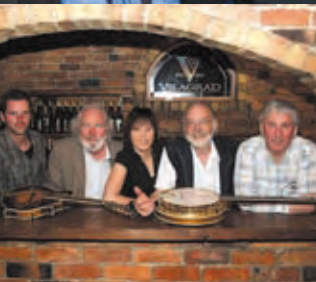
Laura Downing, from Brisbane, is fast becoming one of Australia's most sought after entertainers. A multi-award winning yodeller, comedienne and balladeer, Laura has toured extensively throughout Australia, New Zealand and Europe and has worked with many well-known performers, including Lee Kernaghan, Beccy Cole and Adam Harvey. She has 5 CDs and 2 DVDs to her credit.

Hamilton County Bluegrass Band

The Hamilton County Bluegrass Band exploded onto the New Zealand folk and country music scene in 1968, the first group to popularize bluegrass music in New Zealand. In its heyday, through regular appearances on TV, the HCBB became one of New Zealand's best loved musical acts. The band became well-known in Australia after touring extensively with Slim Dusty in the 1970s. Three decades later the band still enjoys a special place in Kiwi hearts, with a finger-pickin' good traditional and original repertoire. The band that performs for us will probably be a six piece outfit, and we are hoping it will include outstanding fiddle player, Colleen Trenwith.

The Howie Brothers

The Howie Brothers is one of Australia's leading country music / easy listening acts. Twin brothers John and Graeme Howie have been performing and recording for over 30 years and are renowned for their distinctive vocal harmony sound. They play a variety of instruments, including piano, guitar, accordion, mandolin, ukulele and drums. Their music is essentially Australian country, with bluegrass, Irish/Scottish, easy listening, singalong-type influences. On the cruise John and Graeme will perform with long-time musical partner Robert Edge (electric bass; banjo; guitar; comedy) and Barry Roy (one of Australia's best country and rock n' roll lead guitarists).



Day 1 Sunday February 20, 2011

This afternoon board the *Sun Princess* on this fantastic cruise to New Zealand. Be up on deck as we cruise Sydney Harbour and out through Sydney Heads.

Day 2 Monday February 21, 2011

Our first day at sea. During the day there will be time to explore and enjoy the fantastic facilities and many activities available on the *Sun Princess*. This afternoon we have our first exclusive concert, featuring The Howie Brothers. Adam Harvey and Beccy Cole will make guest appearances on this show. This evening we will formally welcome our tour group with a Welcome Aboard cocktail party. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet and chat with Adam Harvey, Beccy Cole, Wayne Horsburgh, Laura Downing, The Howie Brothers, and other tour group members.

Day 3 Tuesday February 22, 2011

Another day at sea. You can spend the day exploring the ship, participating in its many activities or browsing in the designer boutiques on board. This afternoon we have our second exclusive on board concert, featuring Wayne Horsburgh. Laura Downing will make a guest appearance on this show.

Day 4 Wednesday February 23, 2011

Our first stop is the spectacular Bay of Islands, one of the most beautiful spots in New Zealand (the bay is dotted with 150 scenic islands). Morning: Sightseeing coach tour of Paihia (the main town) and surrounding area, including a tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where the treaty between settlers and Maoris was signed in 1840. Afternoon: Free time for you to explore Paihia or catch a ferry over to the charming and historic village of Russell. Russell, New Zealand's first European settlement, was for many years a notorious whaler, sealer and escaped convict town. Pre-dinner drinks entertainment: Adam Harvey.

Day 5 Thursday February 24, 2011

Auckland is the largest city and the commercial centre of New Zealand. Our morning city tour takes in the main sights of Auckland, including the Harbour Bridge, which spans the beautiful Waitemata Harbour, Mount Eden, where we get a panoramic view of the city, the Auckland Museum and the trendy shopping area of Parnell. Our visit to the Auckland Museum will include a 30 minute traditional Maori concert. Mid-afternoon: Return to the *Sun Princess*, where we attend a special concert by landmark New Zealand act, the Hamilton County Bluegrass Band. Be up on deck as we sail out of gorgeous Auckland harbour at 6pm.

Day 6 Friday February 25, 2011

We arrive in Tauranga this morning. Tauranga is a thriving port city in the beautiful Bay of Plenty area. We travel by coach to Rotorua, a major city on the shores of Lake Rotorua, where we visit Wai-o-Tapu Thermal Wonderland, one of the best places to witness the amazing geothermal activity of geysers, boiling mud pools and steaming craters. If possible we will see a geyser display, where boiling water shoots many metres into the air. Pre-dinner drinks entertainment: Laura Downing.

Day 7 Saturday February 26, 2011

This morning we will have a special Country Music Forum (question & answer session) with Adam Harvey, Beccy Cole, Wayne Horsburgh, Laura Downing, and Barry Roy. They

Departure

will give us insights into their lives as musicians and share some wonderful stories. Afternoon: Visit the city of Napier. We will have a city tour, during which our local guide will provide in-depth information about the Art Deco-style architecture of the city. We will see the National Tobacco building and many shops and houses designed in this popular 1930s style. In February 1931 an earthquake, registering 7.9 on the Richter scale, levelled almost all the buildings in Napier and raised the seabed by two and a half metres. Prior to re-boarding the *Sun Princess*, join our country music entertainers at an exclusive venue in Napier, for an informal 'unplugged' music session. Bring your instrument and join in!

Day 8 Sunday February 27, 2011

Today we will have a sightseeing tour of Wellington, New Zealand's capital city. Wellington is a spectacular city, built in a mountainous region that runs right down to the sea. See New Zealand's parliament building, known as "the Beehive". Visit Mount Victoria, where we have spectacular 360 degree views of the city. We will also travel by cable car to the Botanical Gardens. Pre-dinner drinks entertainment: Wayne Horsburgh.

Day 9 Monday February 28, 2011

Today we call into Lyttelton, the port for Christchurch. Christchurch, with its very English feel, is the South Island's largest city. The city boasts modern architecture and historic buildings set against beautiful parks, gardens, rivers and beaches. Morning: Travel to the beautiful Banks Peninsula and the village of Akaroa. Originally founded by the French, it is now a delightful town, still retaining the ambience of France. Afternoon: Spend some time in the charming inner-city area of Christchurch. Pre-dinner drinks entertainment: The Howie Brothers.

Day 10 Tuesday March 1, 2011

We arrive in the city of Dunedin this morning. Tour Dunedin and surrounding region. Originally founded by Scottish settlers and known as the 'Edinburgh of the South', Dunedin has many beautifully preserved historic buildings. Visit the impressive Dunedin Railway Station (1906) and beautiful Jacobean style Olveston House (1904-6), which contains a treasure trove of art and antiques. Pre-dinner drinks entertainment: Beccy Cole.

Day 11 Wednesday March 2, 2011

Today we cruise past Fiordland National Park, in the south-west corner of the South Island. This is one of the most beautiful wilderness regions in the world. Late afternoon, enjoy amazing scenery as we sail into spectacular Milford Sound. Today we will have our third exclusive on board concert, featuring Laura Downing. Pre-dinner drinks entertainment: Our exclusive country music entertainers will share the stage.

Day 12 Thursday March 3, 2011

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea. Morning is free for individual activities. This afternoon we have our fourth exclusive on board concert, featuring Beccy Cole.

Day 13 Friday March 4, 2011

Today you are free to enjoy the many activities available aboard the *Sun Princess*. This afternoon we have our final exclusive concert, featuring Adam Harvey.

Day 14 Saturday March 5, 2011

Tour members will disembark the ship this morning and tour arrangements conclude.

Wellington

Christchurch (Lyttelton)

Dunedin (Port Chalmers)

Fiordland National Park

Cruising Tasman Sea

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Sydney

Sun Princess

Sun Princess, is a premium quality cruise ship with every convenience and comfort built-in. There are eight restaurants and cafes, four pools, five whirlpool spas, seven bars and lounges. There is plenty of space to relax on this big ship with a small ship feel, as it is so spacious. There are waterfront tables where you can dine and a huge selection of choices including traditional fine dining, 24-hour room service, a delicious Pizzeria, sumptuous buffet selections and the specialty restaurant – The Sterling Steakhouse. Enjoy Broadway style productions in the evenings, the scholarship at sea lectures during the day, or just relax in your luxurious stateroom. A voyage on *Sun Princess* is an experience to be savoured and remembered!

Price Comparison

JJ Cabin Princess Saver Fare	\$ 3079
Gratuities	\$ 130
Sightseeing tours (7 x \$75)	\$ 525
Exclusive Concerts	\$ 550
TOTAL:	\$ 4284
Country Music Cruise Fare Saving	\$ 3790
	\$ 494

Additional Benefits

- Tour leadership by John Howie
- Meet entertainers
- Group dining

Fantastic value. Nothing more to pay.

The John Howie escorted Country Music Cruise represents amazing value. There are no additional extras; port and handling charges, cruise taxes and gratuities are included in the one great price.

Clothing on board *Sun Princess*

During the day casual clothing is typical, although shorts and swimwear are not permitted in the formal restaurants. There are four nights at sea classified as formal for dress purposes. During the evening on formal nights, a dinner suit or dark suit for gentlemen and eveningwear for ladies is required for the main restaurants. Smart casual attire is required in the public lounges and restaurants.

Don't worry about coming alone

About a third of people on the cruise travel alone. We will match people up in twin-share cabins when available, saving you the single supplement. John Howie will be looking after you, to ensure you are not left out. There will be group activities almost every day.

The advantages of John Howie's Country Music *Sun Princess* Cruise

Six fabulous country music concerts, plus an informal 'unplugged' music event, plus pre-dinner drinks entertainment, all available only to those who book on the Country Music Cruise. The cruise is fully escorted and will be a great fun holiday with plenty of activities. Each evening you will eat with the group on our reserved tables. You will meet an interesting group of people and have a fabulous time.

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Per person in twin-share cabins

Cabin	Description	Deck	Package Fare	Single Supplement
JJ	Interior, twin or queen beds	9, 10	\$ 3790	\$ 1500
I	Interior, twin or queen beds	10, 11	\$ 3990	\$ 1550
II	Interior, twin or queen beds	11, 12	\$ 4100	\$ 1600
GG	Oceanview (obstructed), twin or queen beds	8	\$ 4890	\$ 1700
F	Oceanview, twin or queen beds	5	\$ 4990	\$ 1900
D	Oceanview, twin or queen beds	8	\$ 5100	\$ 2000
DD	Deluxe Oceanview, twin or queen beds	9	\$ 5190	\$ 2900
BC	Oceanview with balcony, twin or queen beds	9, 10	\$ 5390	\$ 3100
BB	Oceanview with balcony, twin or queen beds	10, 11	\$ 5490	\$ 3200
BA	Oceanview with balcony, twin or queen beds	11, 12	\$ 5590	\$ 3300
AC	Mini-suite with balcony, twin or queen beds	10	\$ 6990	\$ 4900
AA	Mini-suite with balcony, twin or queen beds	10	\$ 7290	\$ 5500
Included: Port and handling charge and port taxes			\$ 180	
Included: Gratuities			\$ 130	

Included in the Country Music Cruise to New Zealand are:

- Travel on *Sun Princess* in the selected cabin category.
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on the *Sun Princess*.
- Exclusive country music concerts on board and on shore.
- Exclusive Welcome Aboard cocktail party, with our Australian country music entertainers.
- Sightseeing tours of Bay of Islands, Auckland, Rotorua, Napier, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.
- Tour leadership by John Howie.
- Port and handling charges on *Sun Princess*.
- Cruise taxes.
- Gratuities.

Not included in the cruise price are

- Travel Insurance.
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary. These will be quoted for separately.
- Passport and visa fees.
- Drinks on board.
- Lunches when not on the ship.
- Return ferry ride, Pahiia to Russell (Bay of Islands). Costs approximately \$10.

Book Early!

Cabins (and various categories of cabins) on the *Sun Princess* book out early, so book straight away to avoid disappointment. We had nearly 200 people on the February 2010 Country Music Cruise. Many more missed out because the ship was totally booked out.



Availability:

All cabins are subject to cabin availability. Please call for fares and information on other cabin categories. A limited number of cabins are available for single occupancy at a surcharge. Please call for details on 1800 033 436.

Port and handling charges:

Please note that a port and handling charge of \$180 is included in your fare.

Gratuities:

Gratuities of \$130 have been included in your fare.

General information and booking conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this tour without the need of assistance from others.

Tour operator: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. *Sun Princess* is operated by Princess Cruises and *Sun Princess* cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Princess Cruises brochure for *Sun Princess* 2011. All passengers must complete and sign a Princess Cruises and Travelrite International booking form.

Deposit and payment: A deposit of \$500 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The client must confirm the booking by paying a cruise deposit equal to 10 percent of the cruise fare within seven days of the booking being confirmed. The confirmation advice will contain all details. The passenger must also complete and return a Princess Cruises reservation form to Travelrite International. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the *Sun Princess* cruise. A 1% administration fee will be added to payments by Visa or Mastercard and 3% for payment by AMEX or Diners.

Cancellation charges: Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to departure Cancellation fee

Over 75 days	Loss of deposit
75 - 61 days	50% of full fare
60 days or less	100% of full fare
Non appearance/no written notice	100% of full fare

Refunds: The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

Travel documents: All passengers will require a valid passport. If not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International regarding visa requirements.

Travel Insurance: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

Baggage: Baggage is at owners' risk throughout the cruise.

Minimum tour numbers: The cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 75 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

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How to book: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$500 per person to:

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