

# Cruising

## 2023-24



Albany is one of WA's premier regional cruise destinations given the city's extraordinary history, top attractions and sweeping views. The cruise industry brings visitors to our spectacular Great Southern and provides a welcome boost for our local economy. This cruise season will see a total of 13 cruise ships visit between October and June, bringing more than 14,500 visitors to Albany.

## EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SOUTHERN PORTS – ALBANY'S UPCOMING CRUISE SHIP SEASON

### Q: Where can I meet someone arriving on a cruise ship?

**A:** Southern Ports provides a free shuttle bus service for cruise ship passengers which stops in the centre of town. We recommend you arrange to meet passengers in town as roads at the port are used by many heavy vehicles. If there are special circumstances which prevent passengers from being able to catch the shuttle bus, please contact Southern Ports-Albany on 9892 9000 to discuss alternative arrangements at least 48 hours prior to the ship's arrival.

### Q: Can I go on board a cruise ship?

**A:** Due to Federal Government security requirements, the public is not allowed on cruise ships or in the security zone of the port. A local security company assists Southern Ports to meet these requirements. There is no public access to the port and no parking near entry gates. A public carpark is adjacent to the public boat ramp.

### Q: Where can I view cruise ships from?

**A:** Arrival and departure of cruise ships can be viewed from Marine Drive or the boardwalk. There is no parking along Princess Royal Drive.

### Q: Why would a cruise ship anchor in King George Sound, rather than coming in to berth?

**A:** Cruise ships are high-sided above the waterline, which means they can sit about 45m high. They are also short-sided below the waterline, usually to a depth of 7m. This means they can be difficult to manoeuvre in strong winds, so the Captain or Harbour Master is tasked with determining whether it is safe for a vessel to enter port. In high winds, it may be safer for vessels to anchor at King George Sound and use its tenders to ferry passengers to-and-from Albany.

### Q: What health precautions are in place in relation to COVID-19?

**A:** The management of COVID-19 is consistent with other common communicable diseases. These are managed in accordance with state and federal government requirements which can be found via [health.wa.gov](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/).

### Q: Want to find out more?

**A:** Southern Ports current cruise ship schedule for Albany is available on [southernports.com.au/shipping/albany/cruise-ships](https://southernports.com.au/shipping/albany/cruise-ships).

For other queries, email [enquiries.albany@southernports.com.au](mailto:enquiries.albany@southernports.com.au) or call 9892 9000.

Ship name	Due	Pax	Time in port
<b>2023</b>			
Coral Geographer	Wed 25 Oct	120	Anchor only
Coral Princess	Mon 13 Nov	2,265	9am-6pm
Silver Whisper	Mon 4 Dec	388	9am-6pm
Regatta	Mon 11 Dec	824	9am-7pm
Azamara Journey	Sat 23 Dec	694	11.30am-6pm
<b>2024</b>			
Regatta	Sat 13 Jan	824	9am-6pm
Azamara Journey	Sat 17 Feb	694	8am-2.30pm
Volendam	Mon 19 Feb	1,839	8am-5pm
Coral Geographer	Sat 24 Feb	120	1pm-7pm
Brilliance of the Seas	Sun 3 Mar	2,496	7am-5pm
Coral Princess	Sun 17 Mar	2,265	9am-6pm
Pacific Explorer	Mon 1 Apr	1,101	5.30am-4pm
Pacific Explorer	Thurs 13 Jun	1,101	6.30am-5pm

Please note these dates, arrival and departure times are subject to change. Please check [southernports.com.au/albany](https://southernports.com.au/albany) for updates.

### Vessel movement security notice



A restricted area of 80m off the Port's berth is permanently in place. In order to meet Federal Government security requirements, an additional Exclusion Zone is in place at berths 1 and 2 whenever a cruise ship is alongside. All other vessels and watercraft will be prohibited from entering this zone, which extends 100m from the berth face. Penalties apply.