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PANAMA CANAL & CENTRAL AMERICA

Music Cruise

on the *Serenade of the Seas*

with The Humbuckin' Pickups
and featuring The French Family Band
in Nashville

5 October to 27 October 2027



Visiting Los Angeles, San Diego (California); Puerto Vallarta (Mexico); Puerto Quetzal (Guatemala); Puntarenas (Costa Rica); Panama Canal; Cartagena (Colombia); George Town (Grand Cayman); Tampa (Florida); Nashville (Tennessee)

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Set sail on a spectacular 23-day music adventure from 5–27 October 2027, combining Los Angeles and San Diego with a Panama Canal cruise and a memorable Nashville finale. Aboard Serenade of the Seas, enjoy exclusive concerts and pre-dinner drinks music sessions, featuring The Humbuckin' Pickups. Also, enjoy relaxed days at sea and fascinating shore excursions in Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Colombia and Grand Cayman, including colourful local music & dance performances (exclusively for our tour group). Discover colourful colonial cities, tropical wildlife and local flavours, and experience the remarkable passage through the Panama Canal. Then soak up Nashville's legendary music scene, with visits to the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Ryman Auditorium, and a Grand Ole Opry show, plus a special French Family Band performance for our tour group. We will also have a group lunch or dinner with the French Family. This will be a fabulous holiday, filled with music, discovery and great company.



The Humbuckin' Pickups

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Ewan Cloonan & Mahney Cain (Ex Hillbilly Goats) are The Humbuckin' Pickups – a festival-hardened, crowd-winning act, blending folk, country and story driven song-writing with warmth, humour, and undeniable stage chemistry. Both members bring a wealth of experience to the stage, with decades of performing, and between them they have earnt an array of accolades, including 4 Golden Guitar Nominations, Folk Band of the Year 2022, Maldon Minstrel and Troubadour songwriting awards. Together, their combined histories create a dynamic synergy that is both polished and deeply authentic.

DAY 1 Tuesday 5 October 2027 — Los Angeles

Depart Australia on your flight to Los Angeles. Arrive in L.A. early the same day (we cross the International Date Line). Enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of Los Angeles. Visit the Hollywood Walk of Fame (commemorative stars, embedded in sidewalk) and go for a walk on the iconic Santa Monica Pier. See the famous Hollywood sign and drive through Beverly Hills. After the tour, check into our hotel. Free time for the rest of the afternoon & evening. Overnight: Los Angeles. (–)

DAY 2 Wednesday 6 October 2027 — San Diego

Morning: Travel south, by coach, to San Diego (193 kms). Afternoon: Visit the USS Midway, a huge aircraft carrier providing excellent views of the harbor and San Diego. The visit is largely self-guided, with retired naval servicemen on hand to share information. Also, enjoy a panoramic sightseeing coach tour of San Diego. Evening: Pre-dinner drinks and an included welcome dinner (at our hotel or close to our hotel), with a few songs from The Humbuckin' Pickups. After dinner you may like to accompany Mahney & Ewan to a local Honky Tonk, for some live Californian-style country music (own expense). Overnight: San Diego. (B, Pre-dinner drink, D)

DAY 3 Thursday 7 October 2027 — San Diego – Embarkation

Morning: Free time. Afternoon: Board Serenade of the Seas. Be on deck to watch as our luxury cruise ship departs San Diego. Evening: Enjoy fabulous on-board dining. The main dining rooms offer mouth-watering multi-course meals, served in an elegant setting. After dinner enjoy some of the ship's outstanding live entertainment. (B)

DAY 4 Friday 8 October 2027 — At Sea

Today will be an excellent opportunity for you to explore the ship's fantastic facilities and many activities. Late Afternoon/Early evening: Enjoy Welcome Aboard Drinks Party, where you will be formally introduced to Mahney Cain & Ewan Cloonan, and, if available, our Groups Co-Ordinator (main person on the ship who helps organise our exclusive concerts/events). After dinner, enjoy more high-quality Serenade of the Seas entertainment, including Broadway-style shows, comedy shows, etc.

DAY 5 Saturday 9 October 2027 — At Sea

Today, enjoy our 1st exclusive on-board concert, featuring The Humbuckin' Pickups. The afternoon is free to explore the ship and enjoy the onboard activities and entertainment.

DAY 6 Sunday 10 October 2027 — Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Puerto Vallarta is a Mexican beach resort city situated on the Pacific Ocean's Bahia de Banderas (Bay of Banderas). Puerto Vallarta is known for its climate, excellent shopping, and mile after mile of palm lined beaches. Enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of the area, with local guide. We will stroll along the Malecon (the city's popular boardwalk by the beach... it's lined with shops, restaurants and artists selling their wares). Visit the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, famous for the large, sculptured crown on top of its bell tower. Travel to Los Arcos, where we have a wonderful view over the bay. Then visit Hacienda Dona Engracia tequila distillery. An expert will explain how tequila is made, and we get to try some different flavoured samples. The distillery also has some excellent entertainment, including dancers in beautiful costumes, and a dancing horse! (On-shore tequila tasting)

DAY 7 Monday 11 October 2027 — At Sea

Enjoy an exclusive Music Industry Forum (question & answer session). Your chance to ask Mahney and Ewan about their careers & the music industry in general. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure aboard Serenade of the Seas.

DAY 8 Tuesday 12 October 2027 — At Sea

A free day to enjoy the facilities and entertainment on Serenade of the Seas. Early evening: Enjoy our 1st exclusive on-board Pre-Dinner Drinks Music Session. The Humbuckin' Pickups will perform 7 or 8 songs. They will then host an informal singalong/music session, where tour group members are invited to singalong or play along, including leading the tour group in a song or two, if they wish.

DAY 9 Wednesday 13 October 2027 — Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala

Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour from Puerto Quetzal through Guatemala's colourful Pacific lowlands to the historic city of Antigua, with its cobbled streets, colonial architecture, lively plazas and views of the surrounding volcanoes, with time to browse for local handicrafts. Before returning to the ship we will stop somewhere for afternoon drinks (own expense), including live local folk music (or folk music & dancing).

DAY 10 Thursday 14 October 2027 — At Sea

Another day at sea, to enjoy the ship's excellent facilities. Also, enjoy our 2nd exclusive on-board concert, featuring The Humbuckin' Pickups.



The French Family Band


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Country music just sounds better when performed by a family. And no one does it any better than The French Family Band. Husband-and-wife duo, Camille and Stuie, became a much-loved Country music duo in Australia, before the family moved to Nashville in 2019. Stuie is an outstanding guitar player and Camille has a beautiful, once-in-a-generation voice. Sonny (19) has become a virtuoso guitarist that holds his own with his Dad, and his pure voice blends with his mother's and father's as only families can. With over 18 million views on YouTube and 40 million on Facebook, The French Family Band has gone from strength to strength since moving to Nashville. Their dreams came true in April 2023 when they made their debut performance on The Grand Ole Opry and received a standing ovation. The French Family look forward to performing for us, and having a group meal with us, in Nashville.



Serenade of the Seas

Serenade of the Seas combines elegant cruising with unforgettable destinations, offering guests a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere at sea. This impressive Royal Caribbean ship features spacious accommodation, a wide variety of dining options, exciting onboard entertainment, and panoramic ocean views from its signature glass-enclosed spaces. Whether you're enjoying live shows, relaxing by the pool, indulging in spa treatments, or exploring fascinating ports of call, Serenade of the Seas delivers the perfect blend of comfort, adventure and exceptional service for a truly memorable holiday.

DAY 11 Friday 15 October 2027 — Puntarenas, Costa Rica

The city of Puntarenas lies on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica. With very high mountains in its interior, Costa Rica is known as 'the Switzerland of the Americas'. It features volcanoes, lush rainforests, beautiful beaches and unique wildlife. Morning: Enjoy a boat ride on the Tarcoles River. See local bird and plant life, and crocodiles. Afternoon: In the beautiful Central Valley and Highlands area, visit a coffee plantation or coffee processing establishment. Learn about how coffee is produced from coffee beans and sample some product. There will be time for shopping in Puntarenas. Also, enjoy afternoon drinks (own expense), with colourful live Costa Rican music (or music & dancing), before returning to our ship. (Coffee ashore)

DAY 12 Saturday 16 October 2027 — At Sea

Morning: Enjoy a fun-filled Music Quiz, hosted by The Humbuckin' Pickups. Excellent prizes for the winning teams! Early evening: Enjoy our 2nd exclusive on-board Pre-Dinner Drinks Music Session, featuring The Humbuckin' Pickups followed by informal singalong/music session.

DAY 13 Sunday 17 October 2027 — Panama Canal (Cruising)

Today we sail through the Panama Canal. The 77-kilometre-long canal joins the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and is a key link for international maritime trade. The canal was built between 1904 and 1914. Annual traffic has risen from about 1,000 ships, in the canal's early days, to more than 14,000 vessels now. It has been named one of the 7 modern wonders of the world by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Along the route of the canal there are 3 sets of locks – the Gatun, Pedro Miguel and Miraflores locks. A complete transit of the canal usually takes between 9 and 10 hours. Watch from the deck, or your balcony cabin, as we sail through this miracle of engineering.



DAY 14 Monday 18 October 2027 — Cartagena, Colombia

Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Cartagena, including the colourful streets and colonial buildings of the UNESCO-listed walled city, the impressive fortifications of Castillo San Felipe de Barajas, and time to explore the plazas, churches and local shops. Enjoy on-shore afternoon drinks (own expense), featuring colourful live Colombian music (or music & dancing), before returning to the ship.

DAY 15 Tuesday 19 October 2027 — At Sea

Enjoy our 3rd exclusive on-board concert, featuring The Humbuckin' Pickups. Otherwise, a free day for you to enjoy the wonderful facilities and entertainment on Serenade of the Seas.



DAY 16 Wednesday 20 October 2027 George Town, Grand Cayman

Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Grand Cayman, travelling through George Town and along the island's scenic coastline, with stops at local landmarks and beaches and time to browse the shops. On-shore, enjoy an Afternoon Drinks (own expense) get-together, where we will be entertained with colourful live local Caribbean style music (or music & dancing), before returning to the ship.

DAY 17 Thursday 21 October 2027 — At Sea

Our final day at sea. A completely free day for you to enjoy the fabulous facilities of our ship. Early evening: Enjoy our 3rd, and final, exclusive on-board Pre-Dinner Drinks Music Session, featuring entertainment by The Humbuckin' Pickups and some of our talented tour group members.

DAY 18 Friday 22 October 2027 — Tampa & Nashville

Morning: Arrive in Tampa, Florida and enjoy a panoramic coach tour of Tampa. We will then fly to Nashville, home of country music. On arrival visit the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Centre. This amazing hotel features a huge glass atrium and 9 acres of beautiful indoor gardens. We then proceed to our hotel. Evening: Visit Nashville's main entertainment precinct (around Broadway & 2nd Avenue). This area has lots of famous honky tonks (live country music bars). Overnight: Embassy Suites Nashville Vanderbilt.

DAY 19 Saturday 23 October 2027 — Nashville

Morning: Enjoy sightseeing coach tour of Nashville, with local guide. At the end of our tour visit the beautiful Ryman Auditorium (Grand Ole Opry venue 1943 – 1974). Afternoon: Visit the Opry Mills Shopping Mall (excellent shopping & excellent food court, for lunch). Evening: Attend Nashville's famous Grand Ole Opry show, featuring country music's biggest stars. (B)

DAY 20 Sunday 24 October 2027 — Nashville

Morning: Visit Nashville's outstanding Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum. Then travel to Hendersonville, on the outskirts of Nashville, where The French Family Band will do a special performance for us, and we will have an exclusive lunch with the French Family. After lunch visit Johnny Cash's grave, before returning to Nashville. Evening: Free time for you to further explore Nashville, at your leisure. You may like to attend a country music concert at Nashville's legendary The Station Inn. (B)

DAY 21 Monday 25 October 2027 — Departure

Morning: Enjoy free time in Nashville. Afternoon: Travel to Nashville airport. Commence flights back to Australia. (B)

DAY 22 Tuesday 26 October 2027 — In Flight

DAY 23 Wednesday 27 October 2027 — Australia

Arrive back in Australia. Tour arrangements conclude.

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Included in the Panama Canal & Central America Music Cruise:

- 15 nights' accommodation in your stateroom aboard Serenade of the Seas
- Return economy-class air travel from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane to USA
- Economy-class air travel from Tampa, Florida, to Nashville, Tennessee
- Economy class air travel from Nashville to Los Angeles
- Accommodation in first-class or moderate first-class hotels on twin-share basis, with private facilities, as follows: 1 night in Los Angeles; 1 night in San Diego; 3 nights in Nashville
- All meals and entertainment on Serenade of the Seas
- 3 exclusive on-board concerts by The Humbuckin' Pickups; 3 exclusive on-board pre-dinner drinks music sessions, featuring The Humbuckin' Pickups; a few songs from The Humbuckin' Pickups, in San Diego.
- Exclusive concert, by The French Family Band, in Nashville (or Hendersonville). Also, exclusive lunch (or dinner) with the French Family, in Nashville (or Hendersonville).
- Sightseeing tours (with local guides) of Los Angeles, San Diego, Nashville and Tampa, USA; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Cartagena, Colombia; George Town, Grand Cayman.
- Meals (on the ship): All meals are included. Meals (off the ship): Breakfast, daily (except for Day 1); 1 dinner (Welcome Dinner); 1 lunch (with French Family)
- Entrance to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary (that is, those attractions where the itinerary says 'visit'), except for those marked 'optional'
- Tour leadership by Mahney Cain
- Private coach charters, where needed, throughout the cruise/tour, including all airport/hotel transfers.
- Special live on-shore 'local' music & dance performances, as follows: (1) Day 6: entertainment at Hacienda Dona Engracia tequila distillery, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; (2) Day 9: Live on-shore performance in Guatemala; (3) Day 11: Live on-shore performance in Costa Rica; (4) Day 14: Live on-shore performance in Colombia; (5) Live on-shore Caribbean type performance in Grand Cayman.
- Port and handling charges on Serenade of the Seas
- Cruise from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean, through the amazing 77km long Panama Canal
- Cruise taxes

Not included in the tour price:

- Travel Insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary. These will be quoted for separately.
- Passport and visa fees
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary. Please note: on Serenade of the Seas you will be required to pay for alcoholic drinks and some soft drinks & hot drinks. However, there are many free soft drinks and hot drinks on the ship. You don't have to pay for drinks at our Welcome Aboard Drinks Party.
- Lunches and other refreshments when not on the ship (lunch with the French family *is* included, though).
- Ship gratuities



Per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin / Description		Deck	Twin Share	Single Fare
ZI	Interior	Guarantee	$12,495	$15,975
4V	Interior	3,4,7,8	$12,600	$16,175
2V	Interior	2,3,4,7,8,9,10	$12,695	$16,295
YO	Ocean View	Guarantee	$13,150	$17,250
2N	Ocean View	2,3,4	$13,395	$17,750
2D	Balcony	7,8,9	$15,150	$20,895
Included port and handling charges			$1,731	$2,741
Included air taxes			$298	$298

Availability:

All cabins are subject to availability. Please call for fares and information on other cabin categories. There are fare reductions available for the 3rd and 4th persons sharing in some cabins. Please call for details on 1800 033 436.

Please book early, as cabins on popular cruise ships, like Serenade of the Seas, sell out quickly!

General information and booking conditions

International 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 activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. Serenade of the Seas is operated by Royal Caribbean International. The cruise arrangements are subject to the Royal Caribbean booking conditions applicable to each guest's primary country of residence, together with Royal Caribbean's current guest health, safety and conduct policies and any supplementary terms. Australian residents should read and retain the current Royal Caribbean Booking Conditions – Australia. Guests must complete Royal Caribbean's online check-in and provide all required passenger information by the applicable deadline, as well as complete a Travelrite International booking form.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A deposit of $900 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. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 120 days prior to the commencement of the fly/cruise. No more than $5,000 per booking may be paid to Travelrite by credit card, the balance must use another approved method.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 120 days	$900
120 days to 91 days	50% of full fare
90 days or less	100% of full fare
Non appearance/no written notice	100% of full fare

DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS: You engage Travelrite to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Travelrite acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between you and the various providers of accommodation, transportation and other services that comprise the tour. Travelrite may without reference to you provide or make available to you, or may as your agent engage any third party to provide or make available to you, any good or service which Travelrite reasonably believes is necessary for your benefit to maintain the tour itinerary, repatriate you or otherwise accommodate, transport or sustain you in circumstances in which the tour itinerary fails wholly or partly for any reason. You appoint Travelrite your attorney for this purpose. You agree to pay Travelrite any cost thereof and you indemnify Travelrite in respect of any cost it incurs in this regard. Travelrite advises you to obtain travel insurance generally including in respect of the risk that any such good or service may become required.

REFUNDS: This 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 respective tour has commenced. Travel Documents: All passengers will require a valid passport. If not an Australian passport holder, check with Travelrite International for 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 that could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND BAGGAGE: All passengers must hold a passport valid for the journey and are responsible for obtaining all visas, electronic travel authorities, health documents and entry or transit permissions required for their itinerary and nationality. Requirements can change, and passengers should check the current requirements for the United States and every country visited or transited and consult Travelrite International if assistance is required. Airline and cruise-line baggage allowances vary by carrier, route and fare; the allowance shown on each passenger's ticket or booking confirmation applies. Baggage remains at the passenger's own risk throughout the tour.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The fly/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 120 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.

RESPONSIBILITY: Travelrite International Pty Ltd is the tour organiser. Travelrite acts only as an agent in the making of arrangements with carriers, hoteliers and others for the tour. As a result we cannot accept liability for any act or omission whatsoever, whether negligent or otherwise of those carriers, hoteliers or other persons providing services in connection with the tour over whom we have no direct or exclusive control. We do not accept responsibility for any injury, damage, loss, delay, change of schedule or any other events which are beyond our direct control, such as, but not limited to, war, flood, fire, civil disturbance, acts of god, acts of Government, terrorism or any other authorities, accidents to or failure of machinery or equipment, or industrial action. The passage contract in use by the carriers concerned shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies or firms and the purchasers of these tours and the passengers. Baggage is at own risk throughout the tour. The contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria.

HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by sending full names and addresses of intending tour members with a deposit of $900 to:

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