



When Eden Met Eden: P&O's Pacific Eden Visits Her Namesake Port

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P&O Cruises' latest ship Pacific Eden cruised into her namesake port – Eden – for the first time on Sunday.

The 55,820-tonne Pacific Eden turned heads when she docked in Eden's harbour on Sunday morning with her 1500 guests spending the day exploring the picturesque New South Wales' Sapphire Coast town on tours that visited the Killer Whale Museum as well as local oyster farms and the thriving coastal art scene.

P&O Cruises Australia President Sture Myrmell said Pacific Eden received a warm welcome from the people of Eden.

"Pacific Eden is a beautiful ship and Eden is a beautiful coastal town – this maiden visit was a match made in heaven. In addition to the Sapphire Coast's many attractions, Eden has the only deep water harbour between Sydney and Melbourne, making it an ideal cruise destination for our increasingly popular short break cruises and regional itineraries," Mr Myrmell said.

"In this case, it was a particularly nice synergy for our ship which shares the town's name – we're sure the Eden community will embrace our Eden as one of their own as she becomes a familiar figure in the harbour in the coming months."

The visit marks the first cruise call of the year for Eden with Pacific Eden set to make two more visits in the coming months (February 2 and March 13).

The Eden call was the first stop on an eight-night roundtrip Sydney itinerary which visits only regional towns. After Eden, Pacific Eden is scheduled to make her maiden call to Mornington (January 12) and Portland (January 13) before calling at Kangaroo Island and returning to Sydney.

Notes to editors: The region's largest and longest-serving cruise operator, P&O Cruises Australia leads the way in cruising as Australasia's only 'home brand' and its favourite cruise line. P&O Cruises has been sailing the region for more than 80 years, and has pioneered new destinations around Australia, the Pacific and Asia including Papua New Guinea, as reported in the New York Times' 52 top destinations for 2015. P&O Cruises is the nation's largest cruise line with five ships cruising from eight home ports in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. The addition of Pacific Aria and Pacific Eden in November 2015 has paved the way for exciting new cruise options including deployments from every mainland state in Australia and an extended deployment from Auckland. The pair herald a new era for P&O Cruises, as reflected in its brand repositioning - P&O Cruises, Like no Place on Earth.