



P&O's Pacific Eden Makes First Visit to Mornington Peninsula

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P&O Cruises' latest ship Pacific Eden has made history this morning, visiting Mornington Peninsula for the first time as part of an eight-night itinerary taking in regional attractions along Australia's south coast.

Featuring a relaxed, stylish design which reflects modern Australia, the 55,820-tonne Pacific Eden is scheduled to spend the day on Mornington Peninsula, with its 1500 guests spending the day exploring the Victorian region famous for its geothermal hot springs and charming seaside hamlets.

Pacific Eden's call to Mornington Peninsula is the second maiden visit as part of her roundtrip cruise from Sydney. Following her first call to Eden on Sunday, Pacific Eden will make her maiden call to Portland tomorrow before visiting South Australia's gourmet food hub Kangaroo Island.

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

"Mornington Peninsula offers a wonderful opportunity for P&O's cruise passengers to explore a whole range of local attractions including waterfront dining at the historic township of Sorrento, a chance to swim with dolphins and a taste of the region's fine wines," Mr Myrmell said.

P&O Cruises' ships will make three visits in total to Mornington Peninsula in 2016, injecting more than half a million dollars into the local economy. Pacific Eden will return on January 30, while Pacific Jewel will visit Mornington on March 6, 2016.

For more information visit pocruises.com.au, or see a licensed travel agent.

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 new brand repositioning - P&O Cruises, Like no Place on Earth.