

CRUISE INDUSTRY SOURCE MARKET REPORT

Ocean Cruise Passengers New Zealand 2015



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

More New Zealanders than ever before cruised in 2015, with ocean cruise passenger numbers growing by 10 per cent to a record high of 66,152.

New Zealand was one of just three international markets to record a double-digit increase in 2015 with only Australia and emerging hot spot China reporting stronger growth.

With Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia's annual source market report now focussed solely on ocean cruising, in line with international CLIA reporting, the 2015 figures show the New Zealand passenger market has grown by almost 65 per cent in five years.

Over the past 10 years, New Zealand ocean cruise passenger numbers have risen by an average of 12.6 per cent a year.

The growth in 2015 was led by an increase in New Zealanders cruising in Australia (up 71 per cent) as well as Asia (up 64 per cent).

New Zealand's growth rate saw the nation maintain a market penetration rate of 1.4 per cent, ranking it sixth in the world, ahead of many established cruise nations.

KEY FINDINGS:

- The South Pacific maintained its place as the most popular destination for Kiwi cruisers with the region attracting one in three of the nation's ocean cruise passengers
- Europe retained second place with more than 12,500 Kiwis heading to the region for a fly-cruise holiday
- The number of New Zealanders cruising in Australian waters experienced the largest growth in 2015 - an impressive 71 per cent - with Australia replacing New Zealand as the third most popular cruise destination (a 12 per cent share)
- Remaining on par with 2014, the equivalent of 1.4 per cent of New Zealand's population took an ocean cruise last year, giving the nation a greater market penetration rate than established cruise markets like Italy (1.3 per cent), Spain (1 per cent) and France (0.9 per cent)
- The most popular cruise duration was 8-14 days, with more than half of all passengers (36,000) opting for this length, though longer voyages of 15-21 days saw the biggest jump of 25 per cent
- All age brackets remained steady with about a fifth of New Zealand cruisers under the age of 40 and about 45 per cent aged over 60
- New Zealand cruise passengers spent almost 680,000 days at sea in 2015, up 13 per cent from 2014

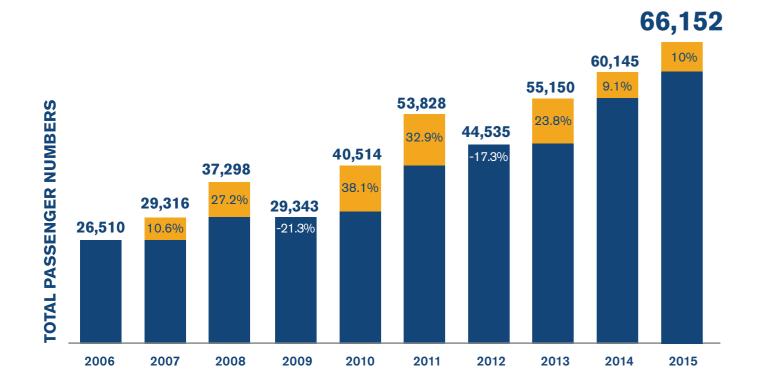
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TOTAL PASSENGERS

More New Zealanders than ever before cruised in 2015, with ocean cruise passenger numbers growing by 6007 to a record high of 66,152- an increase of 10%.

The New Zealand passenger market has now increased by almost 150 per cent since figures were first recorded 10 years ago, an annual average growth rate of 12.6 per cent.

To reach 100,000 ocean cruise passengers by 2020, the market now requires an average annual growth rate of 8.7 per cent over the next five years.



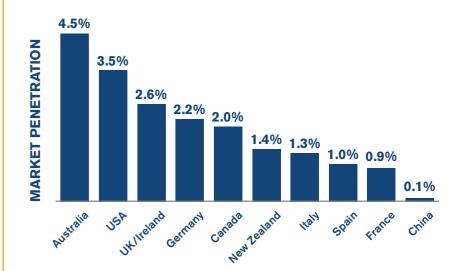
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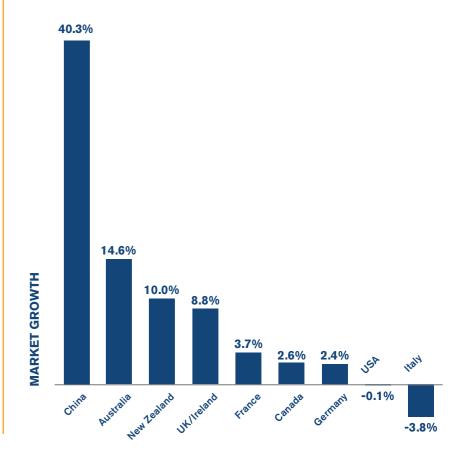
While New Zealand is still an emerging source market for cruise passengers and has a relatively small population, its performance in 2015 was impressive on the world stage.

The nation's growth rate of 10 per cent was stronger than the levels recorded by all key source markets except for Australia and China. Only the UK and Ireland came close with 8.8 per cent growth. The world's largest cruise market, the United States, retracted marginally by 0.1 per cent while passenger numbers in Italy fell by 3.8 per cent.

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With an ever-increasing array of ships cruising the region, and enticing itineraries continuing to draw travellers to oceans around the globe, the New Zealand passenger market is expected to continue on its growth trajectory.





KEY DESTINATIONS

With several ships cruising from Auckland throughout the year and more ships than ever offering trans-Tasman itineraries, cruising in local waters to the destinations of Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific accounted for 54 per cent of cruise passengers in 2015.

The South Pacific continued to hold the most allure for Kiwi cruisers, attracting one third (21,496) of the nation's total ocean cruise passengers.

In response to new coastal cruise options to Australian regional ports and more short break itineraries, Australia experienced the strongest growth with passenger numbers rising 71 per cent from 4633 to 7938. Accounting for 12 per cent of the New Zealand cruise passenger market, Australia replaced New Zealand as the third most popular cruise destination in 2015.

An increase in fly-cruise destinations including Asia, Alaska and Europe also contributed to the market's growth.

Asia rose sharply in popularity with numbers up 64 per cent to 3750 while Alaska increased by a solid 16.3 per cent to 4559.

Europe remained the most popular long-haul destination, and the second most popular overall, attracting more than 12,500 Kiwis (19 per cent) for a cruise holiday last year – up 5 per cent on 2014 numbers.

Although the number of passengers travelling on New Zealand itineraries fell by 9 per cent, it ranked fourth on the destination list, with a 10 per cent share.

DESTINATION GROWTH

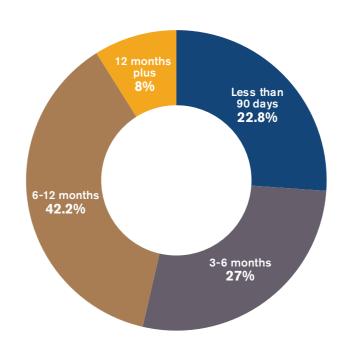
Cruise Region	2014	2015	Variance
Australia	4,633	7,938	71.3%
Asia	2,283	3,750	64.3%
Mexico	940	1,473	56.7%
Alaska	3,919	4,559	16.3%
Caribbean	3,204	3,697	15.4%
Northern Europe	2,484	2,770	11.5%
South Pacific	20,577	21,496	4.5%
Meditteranean	9,504	9,819	3.3%
New Zealand	7,519	6,812	-9.4%
Other Americas	2,085	1,798	-13.8%
World Voyages	1,251	932	-25.5%
Other Destinations	1,036	682	-34.2%
South America	710	426	-40%
TOTAL	60,145	66,152	10%

DEMOGRAPHICS

BOOKING PATTERNS

The majority (92 per cent) of New Zealanders booked their cruise holiday within 12 months of departure with half booking their trip within six months of sailing.

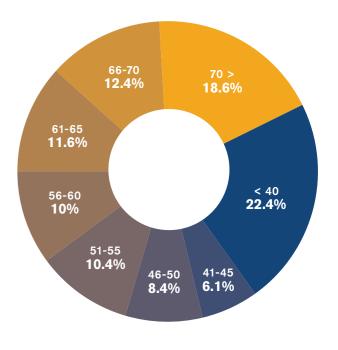
Most categories remained consistent from 2014, except for bookings made within 90 days of departure, which increased by 5.5 per cent.



PASSENGER AGE

The 2015 figures confirm that ocean cruising is a holiday which continues to appeal to New Zealanders of all ages.

About a fifth (22.4 per cent) of New Zealand cruisers were under the age of 40 and about a third (33.5 per cent) were aged over 65. The over-65 bracket decreased slightly (down 2.5 per cent) on 2014 numbers, while the under-40s grew (2.3 per cent).



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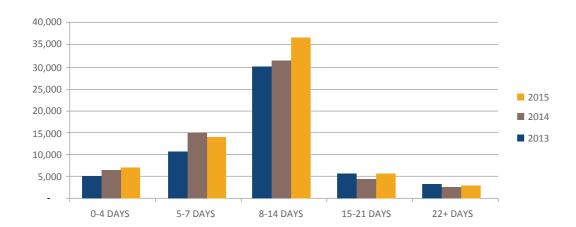
LENGTH OF CRUISE

The most popular cruise duration in 2015 was 8-14 days, with more than half of all passenger numbers (36,000) opting for this length.

Longer voyages of 15-21 days saw the biggest jump of 25 per cent reflecting an increase in destination-rich itineraries both close to home and abroad.

Cruises of 8-14 days increased by 17 per cent and short breaks of less than four days rose 8 per cent.

Overall, 76 per cent of New Zealand cruisers took a cruise of 14 days or less.

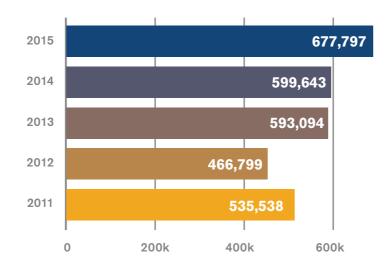


ESTIMATED SEA DAYS

New Zealand cruise passengers are estimated to have spent a record 677,797 days at sea in 2015 – an increase of 13 per cent on 2014.

The sea days figure, which results from an analysis of passenger numbers and cruise duration data, is an important gauge of the strength and growth of the market.

The average length of a cruise holiday for New Zealanders in 2015 was 10.25 days.



DEFINITION OF CRUISE REGIONS

Cruise region	Includes	
ALASKA	All Alaska cruising	
ASIA	South-East & North Asia Cruising	
AUSTRALIA	Circumnavigations, Coastal cruising & sampler cruises	
CARIBBEAN	Caribbean, Bahamas & Bermuda cruising	
	Panama Canal crossings	
MEDITERRANEAN	Eastern & Western Mediterranean	
	Black Sea and Canary Islands	
MEXICO	Mexican Riviera & Mexican Baja	
NEW ZEALAND	New Zealand coastal and Trans-Tasman cruising	
NORTHERN EUROPE	Norwegian Coast, Scandinavia, Baltic Region & North Sea	
	British Isles & Atlantic coast of France/Spain/ Portugal	
OTHER AMERICAS	Hawaii cruising	
	Eastern Canada & New England cruising	
OTHER	Africa, Dubai, India, Middle East	
	Antarctica cruising	
	Trans Atlantic crossings	
SOUTH AMERCIA	South America cruising	
SOUTH PACIFIC	South Pacific cruising & Trans-Pacific voyages	
WORLD VOYAGES	All World cruise sectors	

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