

Pacific Encounter to visit Overseas Passenger Terminal

August 2022

P&O Cruises *Pacific Encounter* will visit Sydney over a period of 18-days from 2 August as part of recommissioning of cruise operations. *Pacific Encounter* will spend time at the Overseas Passenger Terminal (OPT) and conduct operational trials and sea voyages to allow for other cruise ships to visit the terminal for normal passenger operations.

Why is *Pacific Encounter* berthing at the OPT for 18 days?

Pacific Encounter's stay at OPT will allow the cruise line to prepare for the ship's return to commercial operations and its first passenger voyage following the resumption of cruising earlier this year.

While at berth, additional crew will board the ship each day and supplies will be loaded onto the vessel.

Vessel staff and contractors will also conduct maintenance tasks on and around the ship in preparation for its return to service.

Noise mitigation

For *Pacific Encounter's* stay, P&O Cruises will minimise the number of engines/generators running while supporting livable conditions for the crew onboard.

Air emissions and light spill

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) regulates emissions from all ships to protect the marine environment and human health from air pollution and ensure international emission standards are met.

AMSA issues directions to cruise ships berthing at Sydney Harbour to use either low sulphur (maximum 0.10% m/m) fuel or an alternative measure that achieves an equivalent outcome. AMSA surveyors regularly conduct checks of cruise ships visiting Sydney Harbour to ensure compliance with the conditions of the issued Directions.

The *Pacific Encounter* will use low sulphur fuel while berthing at Port Authority cruise facilities. P&O Cruises Australia has also advised it will manage light emissions by avoiding light spill into night sky or neighbouring properties, where safe and possible.

Cruising and COVID

With cruising available for international and domestic travel, the Australian and NSW Governments have put rules and protocols in place for the industry and passengers to protect the community from the spread of COVID 19.

The protocols include:

- All passengers over the age of 12 and crew must be fully vaccinated to board domestic and international cruises
- All passengers and crew are required to have a negative COVID test before embarkation and must wear masks at embarkation and disembarkation
- COVID safe plans will be developed for all shore excursions
- All cruise vessels travelling to NSW and Australia must comply with [Australian Government entry requirements](#) and the [2015 Biosecurity Act](#).
- The cruise industry must comply with the NSW Government approved [Eastern Seaboard Cruise Protocols](#) and the [CDNA National Guidelines for Cruising in Australia](#).

- Cruise operators to provide enhanced on-board public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission, including information to travelers about COVID safe practices including social-distancing, enhanced cleaning, and the availability for on board COVID-19 testing.

To know more about cruising and Covid, please visit:
[Cruising and COVID-19 | NSW Government](#)

For information about daily vessel movements at Sydney Harbour, please visit:
[Daily Vessel Movements | Port Authority New South Wales](#)
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Schedule of activities for *Pacific Encounter* while at OPT – August 2022

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
2 August	10 am to 3:30 pm	Overseas Passenger Terminal	Lifeboat exercise
3 August	10 am to 3:30 pm	Overseas Passenger Terminal	Crew training activities
4 August	10 am to 4:45 pm	Overseas Passenger Terminal	Full safety drill including emergency signals and safety announcements
5 August	10 am to 3:30 pm	Overseas Passenger Terminal	Lifeboat exercise
6 August	9:45 am to 3:30 pm	Overseas Passenger Terminal	Full safety drill including emergency signals and safety
7 August	10 am to 3:30 pm	Overseas Passenger Terminal	Lifeboat exercise
8 August	All Day	At sea	At sea
9 August	All Day	At sea	At sea
10 August	8 am	Overseas Passenger Terminal	Arrive at OPT
11 August	9:45 am to 3:30 pm	Overseas Passenger Terminal	Full safety drill including emergency signals and safety announcements
15 August	9:45 to 3:30 pm	Overseas Passenger Terminal	Crew training activities
16 August	9:45 to 3:30 pm	Overseas Passenger Terminal	Crew training activities
17 August	8 am to 4:45 pm	Overseas Passenger Terminal	Full safety drill including emergency signals and safety announcements
18 August	4 pm	Overseas Passenger Terminal	Departs

**Please note that this schedule is indicative and subject to change*