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## Largest P&O ship to visit Australia



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The largest P&O Cruises ship ever to visit Australia, the 2000-passenger Arcadia, will make a maiden voyage here in 2009 as part of the world's biggest-ever world cruise program.

An unprecedented three British superliners - the huge Arcadia, launched just two years ago, and her famous, state-of-the-art sisters, Oriana and Aurora - will visit a total of 71 destinations in 34 countries during their 2009 world voyages. And in a coup for Australia, all three ships will visit our shores in February and March 2009, making a record total of 16 calls across the continent.

P&O Cruises, which invented cruising in 1837, has released for sale 41 full world, line or sector voyages across the three ships in 2009, with 20 of the line voyages to sail to or from Australia. Fares are priced from A\$7935 per person\* for a 39-day leg.

The 83,000-ton child-free Arcadia is the fourth P&O Cruises liner in history to boast the famous name - a Greek word for a mythological paradise. The second of those liners, a 30,000-ton ship simply branded as 'The Arc', was arguably the most loved P&O ship ever to sail from Australia after carrying hundreds of thousands of migrants and passengers on more than 230 voyages.

## Book Christmas rental car now - or risk missing out

The Australian arm of Holiday Autos, the world's biggest rental car broker, has warned those planning to get a rental vehicle for their Christmas holiday break that they should book it now - or miss out.

"Many people think that by waiting until a few days before Christmas to book they'll get a better deal, but that just doesn't work at Christmas when every year we simply run out of cars, 4WDs and mini-vans both here in Australia and in New Zealand," says Managing Director, Chris Hamill.

And he says that booking now comes with the bonus of being able to still cash-in on early-booking incentives from the biggest companies in the rental car business, in-

cluding in Australia no extra cost for an additional driver during the Christmas holiday period, and free excess reductions that reduce excess to only \$385 on all vehicles except mini-vans.

In New Zealand, he says, vehicles for Christmas also come with no extra charge for an additional driver over the holiday period if booked now.

Mr Hamill said warnings to get in and book now for Christmas applied particularly to those wanting to collect vehicles in Sydney, Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Perth and New Zealand.

For full details phone 1300 55 44 32 or check-out [www.holidayautos.com.au](http://www.holidayautos.com.au)

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