

14 Day Australia & New Zealand

From \$4939*pp double Air & Land



DAY 1, Wednesday - Depart for Australia

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DAY 2, Thursday - En Route

Cross the International Date Line en route to Australia and skip a day ahead

DAY 3, Friday - Arrive in Sydney

Arrive in Sydney, Australia's cosmopolitan premier city. You'll be welcomed by our representative and transferred to the hotel. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 5:30 PM. Following the meeting there will be a light dinner served

Overnight: Sydney

Meals: Dinner

DAY 4, Saturday - Explore Sydney

This morning's panoramic tour of Sydney starts at world famous Bondi Beach and historic and fashionable Paddington with its unique terrace houses. Continuing to Mrs. Macquarie's Chair and the Royal Botanic Gardens which offer extraordinary views of celebrated Sydney Harbour, the Harbour Bridge and the striking Sydney Opera House poised majestically on the water's edge, named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Pass historic buildings including the Parliament House, St. Mary's Cathedral and the Queen Victoria Building. Then, head to The Rocks, a historic area where the city was founded by Captain Arthur Phillip and his working party of convicts. Shop for Opals at a local shop, the best in the world - Australia provides approximately 97% of the world's supply. Spend the balance of the day at leisure. Tonight, join the *optional* Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise*. Sail by iconic landmarks, including the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House, while watching the vivid colors of sunset wash over the skyline. Then, sit down for a delectable dinner of international dishes

**The Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise optional tour is unavailable for the Apr 5 departure*

Optional: Sydney Harbour Sunset Dinner Cruise

Overnight: Sydney

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Sunday - Full Day in Sydney

A last day in Sydney to pursue your personal pleasures. Perhaps, participate in the *optional* full

day excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park and the Blue Mountains. Featherdale is home to over 300 species of Australia's diverse wildlife. Admire the koalas, feed the kangaroos, view the Fairy Penguins, and see the colorful parrots, cockatoos and lorikeets. For wilderness and wildlife, the magnificent Blue Mountains region is a must see for any visitor to Sydney. Travel through quaint mountain villages, past spectacular lookouts, and through the rugged Australian Bush. Return to Sydney in the late afternoon

Optional: Blue Mountains with Featherdale Wildlife Park

Overnight: Sydney

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Monday - Flight to Melbourne

Board your flight this morning for the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne on the shores of Port Phillip Bay. Today's tour of Melbourne this morning highlights the mingling of the city's cultures, monuments and scenic delights, from the magnificent gardens to the riverside complexes and bayside suburbs, with elegant 19th century architecture. This evening, get together for dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Melbourne

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Tuesday - Full Day in Melbourne

Today is free to explore Melbourne on your own, or participate in the afternoon *optional* tour to Phillip Island Little Penguin Parade. Depart the busy city and suburbs, and travel out into the rural countryside to visit Australia's most popular wildlife attraction and home to the one of the largest Little Penguin colonies in the world

Optional: Phillip Island Little Penguin Parade

Overnight: Melbourne

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Wednesday - Flight to Dunedin

Fly via Christchurch to Dunedin, New Zealand's oldest city, well known for its Victorian and Edwardian architecture and its close proximity to amazing wildlife. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel and spend the balance of the evening at leisure

Overnight: Dunedin

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9, Thursday - Tour of Dunedin

A day to explore Dunedin, arguably New Zealand's most spectacular city in terms of contrasting landscapes, nestled in tree-clad hills at the head of a beautiful harbor. The city flourished during the 19th-century gold rush and is now the major gateway to the Otago region. Discover the city with a morning tour highlighted by a visit to the Dunedin Railway Station, a jewel in the country's architectural crown; Baldwin Street, the steepest residential street in the world; and the prestigious Otago University. Visit Olveston historic homestead, built in the early 1900s, a superb turn of the century house with stylish furnishings and a stunning art collection. The afternoon is at leisure or, join the *optional* Otago Peninsula Tour with Wellers Rock Cruise. Enjoy a tour to the Otago Peninsula home to sea lions, fur seals and penguins. Travel to New Zealand's only castle, Larnach Castle, which was built in 1871 by William Larnach, a merchant baron and politician, featuring magnificent architecture and superb craftsmanship. Lastly, embark on a one-hour wildlife cruise with an opportunity to view the exciting diversity of

wildlife which abounds on spectacular Taiaroa Head, the only mainland nesting place for Northern royal albatross in the world

Optional: Otago Peninsula Tour with Wellers Rock Cruise

Overnight: Dunedin

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Friday - Dunedin to Queenstown

Depart Dunedin, traveling north to the Central Otago area. After lunch, visit a local vineyard for wine tasting. Continue to the charming gold rush village of Arrowtown, nestled among the peaks that surround the sparkling Arrow River. Time to walk along the tree-lined avenues of this colorful town filled with 19th century miner's cottages, or enjoy the delightful shops filled with New Zealand crafts, art galleries and lovely cafes before continuing to Queenstown

Overnight: Queenstown

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 11, Saturday - Discover Milford Sound

Today, take a full day tour to Milford Sound! Travel to World Heritage Fiordland National Park, rich with dense rainforest, lakes and waterfalls cascading from rugged mountain peaks. En route to Milford Sound, stop at Te Anau and the glacier hewn Eglinton Valley before embarking on the cruise out into the fjord with scenic views of temperate rainforest, stunning Mitre Peak and Bowen Falls. Possible wildlife viewings include seals, birds and occasionally even dolphins or penguins. Late afternoon, return to Queenstown

Overnight: Queenstown

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 12, Sunday - Full Day in Queenstown

Spend time on your own discovering always picturesque Queenstown. Walk along the streets of the sophisticated downtown area, with its trendy shops and restaurants or, be adventurous and ascend on the Skyline Gondola to Bob's Peak, high above the city for magnificent views of Queenstown, The Remarkables, Coronet Peak, and Lake Wakatipu. Alternatively, participate in the *optional* Skippers Canyon adventure that follows this rugged road into the sheer cliff sides of the Shotover River Valley. During the tour, visit many historic sites and stop at Deep Creek to try your hand at gold panning at one of the richest gold bearing rivers in the world. Return to Queenstown along Skippers Road. Later, join the *optional* Walter Peak Farm Tour. Embark on a scenic cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak High Country Farm. Take a walking tour of the farm and learn about New Zealand's farming lifestyle. Afterward, return back to Queenstown

Optional: Skippers Canyon 4WD Adventure

Optional: Walter Peak Farm Tour

Overnight: Queenstown

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13, Monday - Flight to Auckland

Board your flight this morning for Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, known as the "City of Sails." Take a short walking tour of Auckland before checking in to the hotel. This evening, get together for dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Auckland

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 14, Tuesday - Depart New Zealand

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

[Book Now!](#)

Escorted Package Includes

- Flights Los Angeles-Sydney, Auckland-Los Angeles
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- All intra-flights: Sydney-Melbourne, Melbourne-Dunedin & Queenstown-Auckland
- 11 nights First Class accommodations
 - 3 nights Sydney
 - 2 nights Melbourne
 - 2 nights Dunedin
 - 3 nights Queenstown
 - 1 night Auckland
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers
- 16 meals: 11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour managers
- Entrance fees per itinerary

Special Features

- View many of Sydney's highlights, including the famous Opera House
- Explore Melbourne's lively and cosmopolitan neighborhoods
- Enjoy a scenic cruise of Milford Sound with stunning views of Mitre Peak
- Tour Dunedin with its magnificent Victorian and Edwardian architecture

Is This Trip Right for You?

This moderately paced program features some group touring highlights with ample time to participate in a variety of optional tours that are available, or to explore on your own. Most city to city transfers are via flight. Some optional tours will require walking for extended periods of time, walking over uneven terrain, or travel in 4x4 vehicles over rough terrain. Some hotels in Queenstown and Dunedin are built in the traditional local style and have no air-conditioning. During heat waves, these hotels can become uncomfortable. Please note, there may be two different Tour Managers, one in Australia and one in New Zealand. You may depart independently, or with part of the group, at the end of your program as the Tour Manager may be traveling with other passengers on an extension program. This is a Classic program.

Rydges World Square, Sydney



This first class hotel is centrally located in Sydney's central business district.

The Savoy Hotel on Little Collins, Melbourne



This first class hotel is located in the heart of the Melbourne.

Scenic Hotel Dunedin City, Dunedin



This first class hotel is located in the heart of Dunedin, only two blocks from the Octagon.

Millennium Hotel Queenstown, Queenstown



This first class hotel is located in centre city Queenstown near to its many attractions.

Pullman Auckland, Auckland



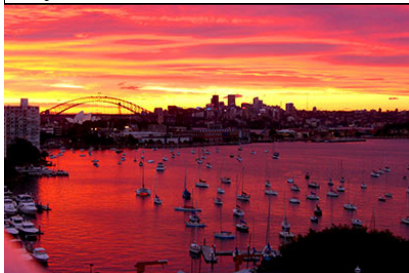
This deluxe hotel is located in the city center of Auckland nearby Albert Park.

Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise

Set out on the waters of Sydney Harbour in a luxury air-conditioned catamaran. Sail by the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Sydney Opera House and other landmarks. Start with a glass of sparkling wine and enjoy your three course dinner with an array of international dishes including fresh seafood, meat, and vegetable dishes - an unforgettable dining experience!

Pick-up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 2 hours.

Day #4		\$148
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Blue Mountains with Featherdale Wildlife Park

For wilderness and wildlife, the magnificent Blue Mountains is a must see for any visitor to Sydney. Today's full day tour to the region will give you a chance to see it for yourself. Visit Featherdale Wildlife Park, home of the world's largest collection of over 1700 Australian native birds and mammals. Walk through the Koala sanctuary where you may have the opportunity to take a photo. Later enter the enclosure of kangaroos to hand feed them. Keep your eyes open for wombats, Tasmanian devils, emus, penguins, and dingoes as you explore the rest of the park! Later, travel through the quaint villages of the Megalong Valley before you take in the views of the famous Three Sisters rock formation from Echo Point. You will also visit spectacular Govett's Leap where you can stand atop sheer cliff walls and look out over the Grose Valley below. Then to the village of Leura, where you will have time to stroll the scenic streets before descending from the mountains. Return to Sydney in the late afternoon.

Pick-up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 10 hours.

Day #5		\$125
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Phillip Island Little Penguin Parade

This afternoon travel to Phillip Island and visit Australia's most popular wildlife attraction and home to the one of the largest Little Penguin colonies in the world. The Little Penguin is the world's smallest penguin and the Penguin Parade is the best place to experience this natural phenomenon. Every sunset, wild Little Penguins emerge from the sea and waddle across the beach to their sand dune burrows. Experience the parade from the viewing area at the beach and then wander the boardwalks and watch the penguins return to their burrows. Your visit supports the conservation work carried out by the Phillip Island Nature Parks in protecting this important Penguin colony.

Details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 10 hours.

Note: Duration of the tour depends on the timing of the Penguins' arrival on the beach and your return to the hotel varies from 9 pm to midnight.

Note: Penguins have sensitive eyes and a bright, sudden flash or unusual light can frighten or disorientate a penguin. To ensure penguins keep coming back to this special area we ask you to not use your cameras, camcorders or camera phones at the Penguin Parade.

Day #7

\$145



Otago Peninsula with Wellers Rock Cruise

This afternoon, embark on a tour to the Otago Peninsula, home to many species of wildlife including seabirds, sea lions, fur seals and penguins. Travel to New Zealand's Larnach Castle, featuring magnificent architecture and superb craftsmanship. It was built in 1871 by William Larnach, a merchant baron and politician. Opportunity to take photos on the Castle grounds before continuing to the Headland and Wellers Rock. Conclude the tour with a one hour wildlife cruise* aboard a converted fishing trawler. Chance to view the diverse wildlife on spectacular Taiaroa Head, the only mainland nesting place for Northern Royal Albatross in the world and home to New Zealand fur seals. You may spot dolphins, sea lions and an array of ocean birds including other species of albatross, penguins and marine mammals in their natural environment. Afterward, return to Dunedin.

**Cruise is not suitable for people prone to seasickness.*

During winter season (Apr-Sep) the tour will operate in different order.

Pick-up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #9

\$80



Skippers Canyon 4WD Adventure

This scenic Skippers Canyon tour is an adventure that follows the rugged and once treacherous Skippers Road. You will travel the road that was hacked by hand into the sheer cliff sides of the Shotover River Valley making this an exciting opportunity. During the tour, you will visit many historic sites such as the Skippers Suspension Bridge and historical township of Skippers. The tour will also visit the restored school house where you will gain a real insight into the local heritage through photos and the histories of life from the early days of this settlement. On the return journey, you will stop at Deep Creek where you can immerse yourself in the customs of the local area by trying your hand at gold panning at one of the richest gold bearing rivers in the world.

Pick-up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #12		\$155
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Walter Peak Farm Tour

Embark on a scenic cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard a vintage steamship the TSS Earnslaw, to Walter Peak High Country Farm. Admire the beautiful scenery and views of the Remarkables mountain range. Upon arrival, take a walking tour of the farm and learn about New Zealand's farming lifestyle. Watch sheepdogs in action as they demonstrate their remarkable skills rounding up sheep. Later, visit the holding pens, where you can feed the sheep and even get up-close to the Scottish Highland Cattle. Afterward, head to the old woolshed for afternoon tea. Stroll through the lakeside gardens before cruising back to Queenstown.

Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #12		\$83
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