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# Discover Australia's Outback to New Zealand's South Island

with Optional 3-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension

March 26 – April 14, 2025

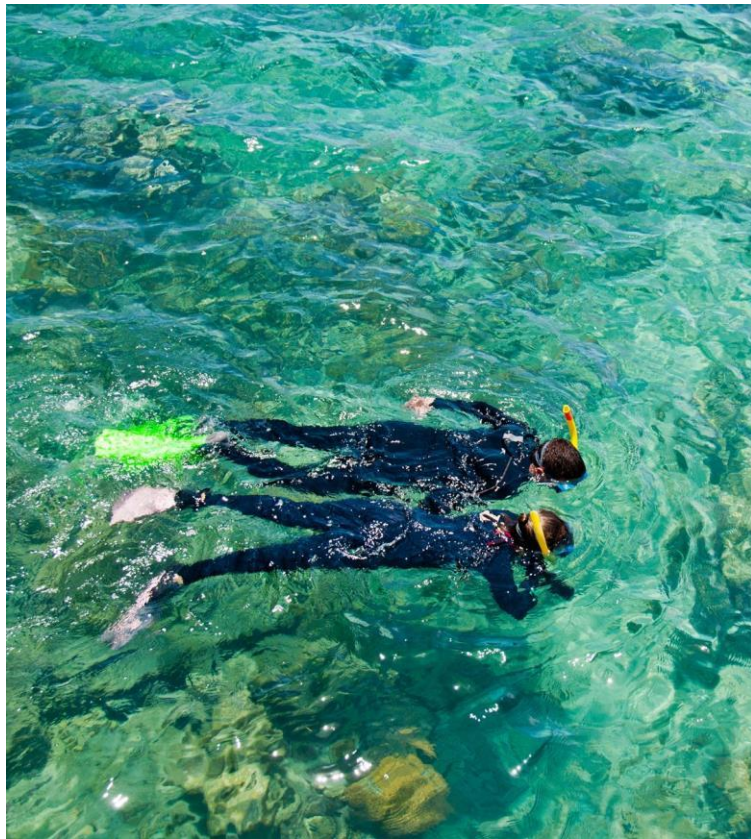


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**20 Days • 28 Meals:** 17 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 9 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Sydney, Sydney Opera House, Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Alice Springs, Uluru, Melbourne, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Mt. Cook National Park, Christchurch

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE	
Days 1, 2	Overnight Flight
Days 3 – 5	Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, Sydney
Days 6 – 8	Bailey Hotel by Crystalbrook, Cairns
Days 9, 10	Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, Alice Springs
Day 11	Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock
Days 12, 13	Crown Promenade Melbourne, Melbourne
Days 14 – 16	Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown
Day 17	The Hermitage, Mount Cook Natl. Park
Days 18, 19	Distinction Christchurch Hotel, Christchurch
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

**Day 1 – 2: March 26 – 27, 2025 Depart from Home** Cross the International Dateline (skipping a day ahead) for an adventure discovering the treasures of Australia and New Zealand, including their unparalleled beauty and captivating culture.

**Day 3: Friday, March 28, 2025 Sydney, Australia - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in Sydney, perhaps one of the friendliest metropolis in the world. Tonight join your fellow travelers and toast to the start of your adventure down under during dinner in lively Darling Harbour. *(D)*

**Day 4: Saturday, March 29, 2025 Sydney** See where English colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney, starting with an Aboriginal-guided walking tour of The Rocks district, after which you visit Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, and the fashionable suburb of Darlinghurst. Take an expert-led tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then, have the chance to join a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. *(B)*

**Day 5: Sunday, March 30, 2025 Sydney** Deepen your exploration of Sydney’s many wonders with a day at leisure. Tonight, enjoy scenic vistas of Sydney during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the magnificent skyline and iconic attractions: the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. *(B, D)*

**Day 6: Monday, March 31, 2025 Sydney - Cairns** Fly to Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world’s most spectacular natural attractions – the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO). Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. *(B)*

**Day 7: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns** Board a glass-bottom catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to discover the aquatic realm of the Great Barrier Reef. Spend the day however you please, perhaps choosing from a selection of included activities. Maybe you’ll soak up the sun on a tiny remote island,\* located along the outer reef. Or, consider snorkeling in the rolling waves, uncovering a pod of vibrant sea life. You can also meet with a marine biologist or join an expert on a heritage trail walk along the island. *(B, L)*

**Day 8: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 Cairns** Soak up the tropical atmosphere – the morning is yours. Perhaps you will take an optional tour on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, taking you above the rainforest canopy for a bird’s-eye view of unspoiled nature. This afternoon, visit Hartley’s Crocodile Adventures to see crocodiles on a nature cruise. Head through rainforests on boardwalks to see animals such as wild birds, reptiles, and wallabies. Visit with a koala and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these furry creatures. *(B, D)*

**Day 9: Thursday, April 3, 2025 Cairns - Alice Springs** Experience the vast landscapes and tranquility of the Outback. Your flight takes you to Alice Springs, the perfect place to begin exploring this unique land. Tonight, continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment. *(B, D)*

**Day 10: Friday, April 4, 2025 Alice Springs** Access the history and culture of the Arrernte Aboriginal people by enjoying a guided walk on their sacred land, followed by a talk with an Aboriginal guide. Gain insight into their cultural history and discover what makes this place so special. This afternoon, discover a more modern side to Outback living when you visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, a lifeline to thousands across the vast terrain of Central Australia. Later, tour the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill with its excellent views of Alice Springs and the surrounding area. *(B)*

**Day 11: Saturday, April 5, 2025 Alice Springs - Uluru** Traverse the “Red Centre” and head to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers



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Rock) in the heart of the Australian Outback. This huge monolith and the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta were created through upheaval and erosion. Tour the base of "the Rock," learning about its geology and significance to Aboriginal culture. Witness the changing colors of Uluru at sunset accompanied by a champagne toast. *(B)*

**Day 12: Sunday, April 6, 2025 Uluru - Melbourne** Fly to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. Set upon the shores of Port Phillip Bay and the Yarra River, the city exudes a lively and cosmopolitan atmosphere. *(B, D)*

**Day 13: Monday, April 7, 2025 Melbourne** Set out on a city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens and Melbourne's bustling "laneways." Then, **it's your choice!** Enjoy free time to explore on your own **-OR-** visit the Melbourne Botanical Gardens and Shrine of Remembrance. With an afternoon to yourself, perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Phillip Island, home to the world's largest colony of Little Penguins, where you'll see hundreds of these birds waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their dune burrows. *(B)*

**Day 14: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 Melbourne - Queenstown, New Zealand** Leave Australia behind and fly to Queenstown, New Zealand. One of New Zealand's most popular towns, Queenstown is nestled against a picturesque bay and snowcapped mountains. Home to ski resorts, hiking trails and an abundance of natural beauty, the

city is known as the "Adventure Capital of the World." Settle into your new home for the next 3 nights. *(B, D)*

**Day 15: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown** Soak in the rugged grandeur of Hollyford Valley as you travel through an ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. Cruise the Milford Sound and see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following the cruise, consider returning to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. *(B, L)*

**Day 16: Thursday, April 10, 2025 Queenstown** Your day is free to experience Queenstown your way. Shop or people-watch in the village, find a unique eatery for lunch, sample some New Zealand wine – the day is yours to enjoy this stunning city. *(B)*

**Day 17: Friday, April 11, 2025 Queenstown - Mt. Cook National Park** Set off for the 19th-century settlement of Arrowtown, founded in the gold fever. Follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand's most famous national park – Mt. Cook. Savor some free time in this Alpine paradise. You may choose to take a nature walk or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. *(B, D)*

**Day 18: Saturday, April 12, 2025 Mt. Cook National Park - Christchurch** Depart for Christchurch this morning and pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. A leader in the conservation of New

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Zealand species, Willowbank offers the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" up close and personal. Learn about the local indigenous culture of the Maori, with a paddle on the Avon River in a traditional canoe or 'waka'. Later, join a local Kiwi family for a home hosted dinner. (B, D)

**Day 19: Sunday, April 13, 2025 Christchurch** Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the "Garden City" is recreating itself during a sightseeing tour that highlights the city's magnificent gardens and elegant park district. As the day draws to a close, toast to your adventure down under at a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers. (B, D)

**Day 20: Monday, April 14, 2025 Christchurch - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with unforgettable memories of the South Pacific. (B)

#### PLEASE NOTE:

**Book Now rates valid until Sep 28, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only.**  
IDENTIFICATION

Passports and visas are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our guests traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

#### Visa Requirements:

US and Canadian citizens: ETA's (Electronic Travel Authority) are required for this tour.

For travel to Australia: Your ETA must be processed in advance of travel through the Australian Immigration website by visiting <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601#HowTo> or by downloading the Australian ETA app on a smartphone. The approximate cost of the ETA application is \$20 Australian Dollars. Please allow for up to 72 hours for processing.

For travel to New Zealand, your NZeTA must be processed in advance through the New Zealand Immigration online system by visiting <https://nzeta.immigration.govt.nz/> (approximate cost of 12 NZD) or through their mobile app NZeTA (approximate cost of 9 NZD) in addition to Tourism Levy of 35 NZD.

Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed with the exception of visits to wildlife parks.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

\*For your sail to the Low Isles, there will be minimal amenities available on the island. Be sure to bring everything you may need for the day including water and a change of clothes.

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.



If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Due to changes in air schedules while on tour, the order of days in the itinerary may change.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Due to early arrival times into some cities, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <https://mohap.gov.ae/en/services/issue-of-permit-to-import-medicines-for-personal-use> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

**A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of September 21, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 25, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until September 28, 2024.**

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DEPARTURE DATE: March 26, 2025

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### Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

*Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.*

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

#### Alice Springs

##### Outback Ballooning

**\$275 USD**

Drift over the Outback on the gentle winds in the welcome cool of the early morning. The landscape erupts into color as the sun's rays strike the rugged MacDonnell Ranges. Watch as balloons slowly inflate and gracefully rise into the sky. Float aloft and enjoy the spectacular Australian scenery below you. Kangaroos and wallabies love the early mornings, so keep your eyes open for them as you glide over the bush. Return to the ground and enjoy a light breakfast as you toast your airborne experience! Actual balloon flight time is 30 minutes. This option operates on a weather permitting basis only. Time is seasonal and will begin approximately one hour before sunrise. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 1 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

#### Queenstown



##### Take a Steamship to Dinner

**\$150 USD**

Step back in time when you board the TSS Earnslaw, the beloved steamship that has been transporting goods and people on Lake Wakatipu since 1912. Nicknamed "The Lady of the Lake," she is the only coal-fired steamship still in operation in the southern hemisphere. Embark on a leisurely cruise across the pristine waters to Walter Peak High Country Farm. Enjoy the hospitality of the Colonel's Homestead at an impressive buffet where you can indulge in the best of New Zealand meats and seafood, fresh vegetables and garden salads. You are sure to find the house dessert specialties hard to resist! An after-dinner visit to the farm provides an entertaining glimpse into farming life in the high country. Cruise back to Queenstown, relaxing or joining in the revelry of the lively sing-along. This option is only available from July through April as it is drydocked during the other months of the year. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 1 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

#### Yulara

##### A Camel Ride, the Rock and a Sunrise

**\$130 USD**

Experience the majesty of sunrise on Ayers Rock from a unique vantage point – the back of a camel! A peaceful one-hour camel ride brings you across the red sand dunes in the cool, clear morning air. Watch the sunrise over Ayers Rock bring the warm hues of the monolith alive. Learn about the flora and fauna of this UNESCO World Heritage Site from your friendly cameleer. After the ride, enjoy fresh-baked damper bread and hot, fresh tea and coffee. During winter months this option may not be available due to timing of sunrise. Due to the nature of this option, we require advance notice for any guest weighing 100kg/220lbs or more. Please enquire at time of booking. *Duration: Approximately 2.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 1 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

#### Cairns



##### Over and Through the Rainforest Canopy

**\$120 USD**

Glide over and through the lush rainforests of Cairns on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, the world's longest gondola cableway. The comfortable gondola carries you 4½ miles through the rugged beauty of Barron Gorge National Park, part of the Wet Tropics, a UNESCO World Heritage area. The gondola dips through the layers of the canopy to bring you deep into the rainforest, stopping at two viewing platforms along the way. Experience the sights, sounds and scents of this vibrant ecosystem up close and see the dramatic Barron gorge and waterfalls. *Duration: Approximately 2 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.





Each night at sunset the world's smallest penguins, the Little Penguins, emerge from a day's fishing at sea and waddle ashore to their sand dune burrows. Travel to Phillip Island, home to one of the world's largest colonies of Little Penguins and see the Penguin Parade for yourself. Observe the busy penguin rookeries from elevated boardwalks, so as not to disturb the nests. Take advantage of exclusive "Penguins Plus" access to have the best viewing possible. Explore the Visitor Centre and learn all there is to know about the lives of the Little Penguins and their daily commute. *Duration: Approximately 9 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

## Cairns

## Outer Reef Experience

\$150 USD

Jump in and explore the vibrant, colorful world teeming with life at the Agincourt Reef at the very edge of the Continental Shelf of the Great Barrier Reef. This massive reef system, the largest in the world, can actually be seen from space. Cruise across the water by catamaran to the Quicksilver pontoon where a diverse, bountiful ecosystem is yours to discover. You may enjoy the fish feeding from the unique underwater platform. You're sure to have a once-in-a-lifetime experience exploring one of the seven natural wonders of the world. *Duration: Approximately 9 hours.* Please note a minimum of 1 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

## PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

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✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Outback Ballooning <i>Actual balloon flight time is 30 minutes. This option operates on a weather permitting basis only. Time is seasonal and will begin approximately one hour before sunrise.</i>	275.00
	Take a Steamship to Dinner <i>This option is only available from July through April as it is drydocked during the other months of the year.</i>	150.00
	A Camel Ride, the Rock and a Sunrise <i>During winter months this option may not be available due to timing of sunrise. Due to the nature of this option, we require advance notice for any guest weighing 100kg/220lbs or more. Please enquire at time of booking.</i>	130.00
	Over and Through the Rainforest Canopy	120.00
	In the Footsteps of the Little Penguins	130.00
	Outer Reef Experience	150.00

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