



AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

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Welcome



Wild, wide and wonderful, Australia and New Zealand continually excite and inspire. It doesn't matter how many mountains you've climbed or remote island shores you've visited, there's always something new to discover with us.

We offer our respect and gratitude to the First Nations, Torres Strait Islander and Māori custodians who have nurtured the land and its cultures for so many millennia, and who are now some of our most trusted partners in introducing you to this wonderful part of the world.



Welcome Traveler,

This is your dream trip, your exciting journey through countries we've been exploring for over 100 years. They're truly beautiful, and I promise you that you won't find a group more passionate than us to ensure your trip is spectacular.

We've had the privilege to curate some new experiences this year, launching a new Aboriginal Culture & Australian Highlights tour, one that allows us to further showcase the rich and ancient culture that we have in Australia. Initiatives such as Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne, where you'll discover significant sites and gathering places of the Kulin Nation. Your walk with them helps support their Cultural Experiences Program which celebrates and continues the traditions of the First Peoples of South Eastern Australia. All that walking builds up a big appetite, so you'll join us in saying a big thank you after lunch at Big Esso by Mabu Mabu, which aims to bring Indigenous ingredients to kitchens across Australia. You'll sample their celebrated menu, discovering recipes infused with strawberry gum and pepper berries. You're also invited to visit projects we support through our MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences and The TreadRight Foundation, visiting Whirinaki Forest Footsteps in Rotorua New Zealand. This guided cultural walk directly contributes to sustainable tourism practices and our commitment to How We Tread Right, goals that are anchored to the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development. You'll learn about Rakau Rongoa (natural medicine plants), and hear stories of myths and legends walking in the shadows of giant trees, connecting with nature in its purest form.

This is only a small taste of what awaits you. With world-class tours across Australia and New Zealand, with over 400 definite departures, turn these pages knowing at every step you're in good hands with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Hall".

Ben Hall
AAT Kings Group | CEO



Bridestowe Lavender Estate,
Tasmania

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Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light, Northern Territory

Embark on an unforgettable journey as you immerse yourself in rich history and natural beauty on our guided Uluru Base Walk. Discover the stories etched into this land as you visit sacred sites, view Aboriginal rock art and hear creation stories.

Experience this on selected Red Centre tours.

Explore Australia & New

Nitmiluk National Park

Be drawn to the spectacular sandstone country of Nitmiluk National Park and the majestic Katherine Gorge with spectacular cliffs that glow in the changing light.



Uluru

Australia's most sacred Aboriginal site, mighty Uluru stands proud, watching over the Red Centre, its history filled with myth and legend.



The Pinnacles

The lunar-like Pinnacles are thousands of limestone spires, rising eerily out of the desert sands of Nambung National Park.



Eyre Peninsula

Blessed with natural beauty, Eyre Peninsula features rugged landscapes and beautiful coastline. Enjoy world famous oysters at Coffin Bay in this nature lovers' paradise.



Zealand

The vibrant color and irresistible spirit of Australia can be found everywhere, across its vast plains and mountain ranges, beaches and islands. So many unforgettable moments await you – watch the sun turn golden across waterlily-filled Kakadu billabongs or explore some of the world's most pristine beaches in Tasmania's Freycinet.

From glacial-carved gorges to immense lakes, from rainforest-draped national parks to snowy peaks, New Zealand is diverse and dramatic. Cruise in the company of penguins across Milford Sound and immerse yourself in both the beauty and importance of Māori culture.

This is where magical travel moments are made.

Great Barrier Reef

One of the seven natural wonders of the world, to experience the Great Barrier Reef is to explore an underwater paradise of color and life.



Waitomo Caves

Glide through a sparkling underground cave system lit by thousands of glowworms, and tour the incredible limestone caverns.



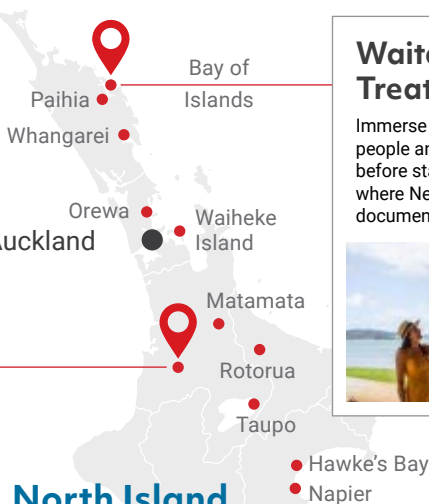
Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Immerse yourself in the stories, people and history of Aotearoa, before standing on the spot where New Zealand's founding document was signed.



- K'gari (Fraser Island)
- **BRISBANE**
- Gold Coast
- Byron Bay
- Coffs Harbour

- Hunter Valley
- **SYDNEY**
- Blue Mountains



North Island

- Nelson
- Kapiti Coast
- Wellington

South Island



Milford Sound/ Piopiotahi

Cruise this multifaceted jewel of magnificent Fiordland, once described as the world's 8th natural wonder.



Lake Tekapo

Take in the incredible Milky Way, far off planets, star clusters, solar systems, and even distant galaxies from the International Dark Sky Reserve.



Queenstown

Take on New Zealand's amazing adventure capital with a wide range of activities, from winery tours to high-speed thrills!

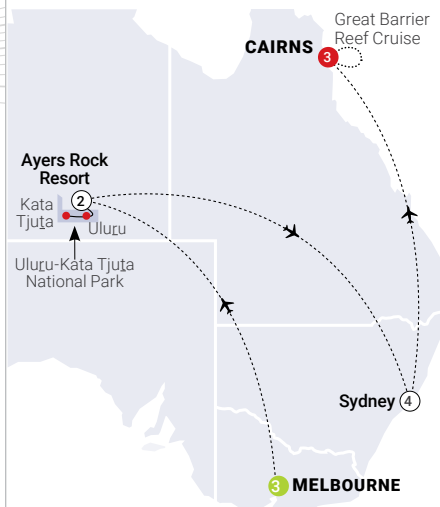


First Choice

Uncover the heart and soul of Australia and New Zealand. Choose from 16 fully curated guided vacations.

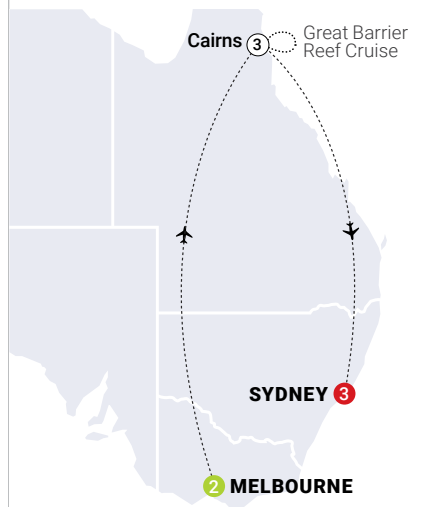
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13 DAYS • AMSC • P26



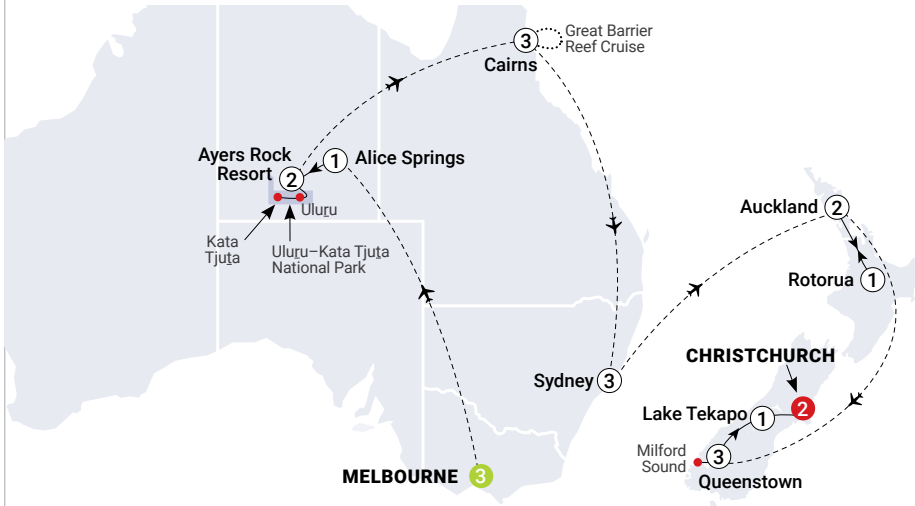
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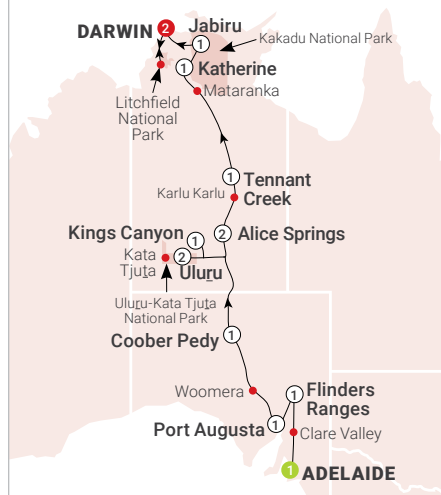
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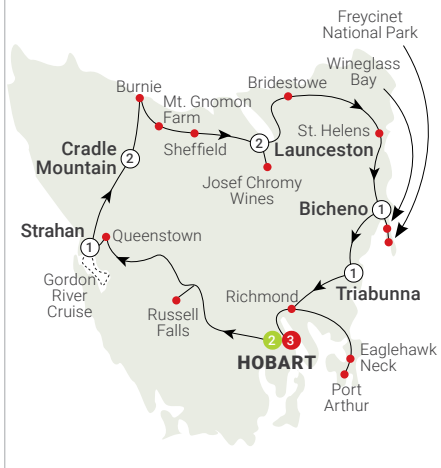
Outback Adventure

15 DAYS • NAAD • P38



Perfect Tasmania

13/7 DAYS • THLH/THHL • P46/P48



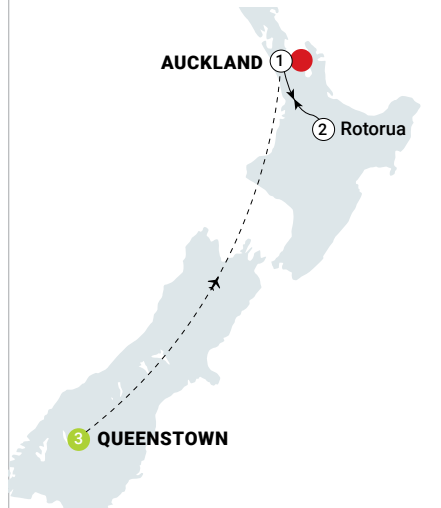
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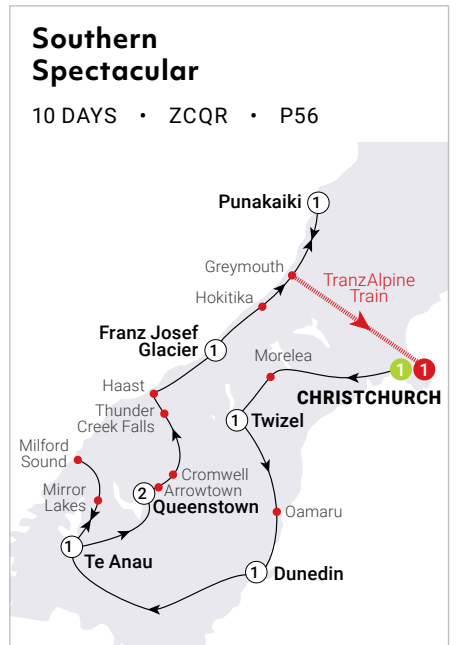
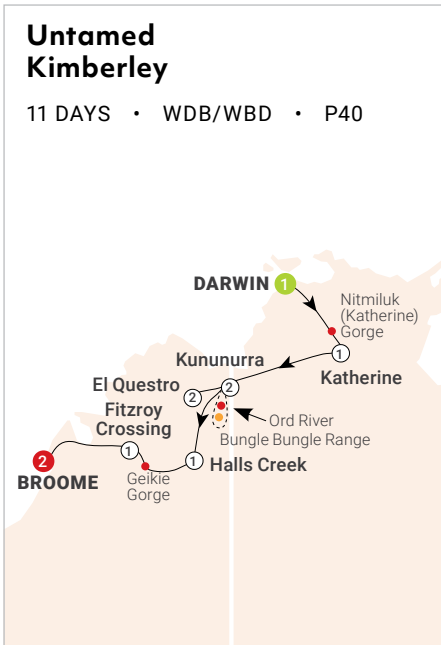
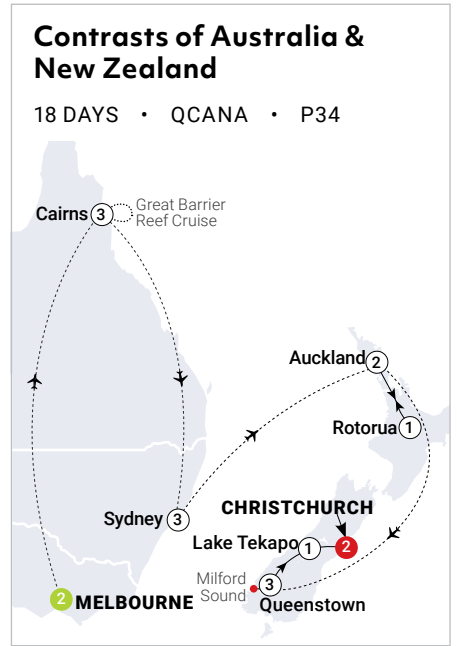
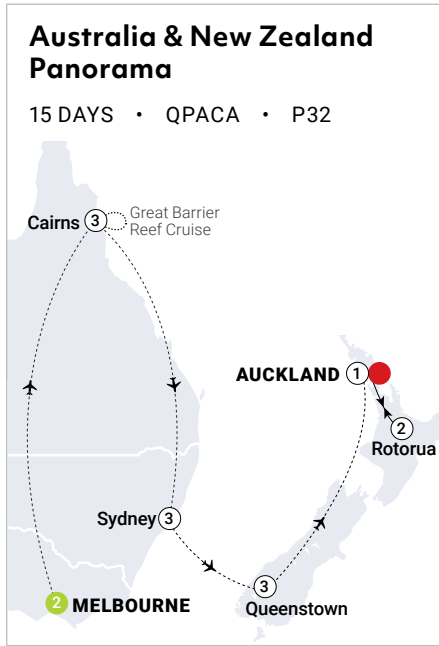
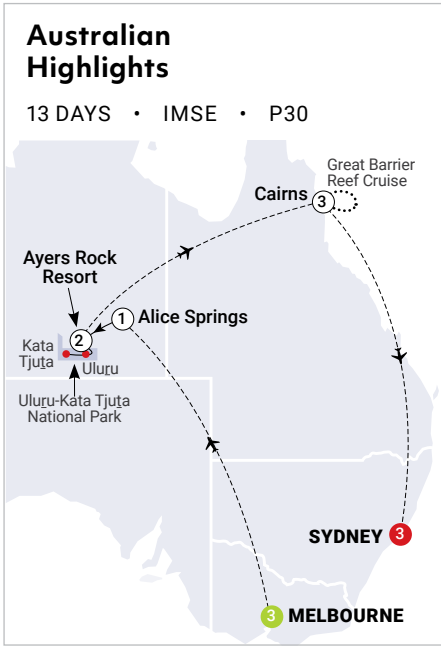
3 DAYS • UBOI • P49



New Zealand Panorama

7 DAYS • RPACA • P50





Best Buys

Travel your way, with 9 flexible itineraries that combine AAT Kings' unrivalled expertise with must-see destinations, optional experiences and free time to explore.



East Coast Islands & Rainforest

12/9 DAYS • QSC/QGC • P60

This itinerary starts in Sydney and travels north along the East Coast of Australia. Key stops include Coffs Harbour, Byron Bay, Gold Coast, Rockhampton, Sarina, Airlie Beach, Townsville, Atherton Tablelands, Kuranda, and Cairns. Activities include a Great Barrier Reef Cruise and Fraser Island. The trip ends in Sydney.

South Australian Outback Adventure

8 DAYS • SAMC • P62

This itinerary starts in Adelaide and heads into the South Australian outback. Key stops include The Barossa, Clare Valley, Wilpena Pound, Port Augusta, Marree, Arkaroola, Oodnadatta Track, Lake Eyre, William Creek, Coober Pedy, and Anna Creek Painted Hills Flight. The trip ends in Adelaide.

Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island

5 DAYS • SAKI • P64

This itinerary starts in Adelaide and travels to Kangaroo Island. Key stops include Kingscote, Emu Bay Lavender Farm, Kangaroo Island Brewery, Cape Jervis, Penneshaw, Flinders Chase National Park, Seal Bay, and Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery. The trip ends in Adelaide.

South Australian Eyre Peninsula

7 DAYS • SAEP • P65

This itinerary starts in Adelaide and explores the Eyre Peninsula. Key stops include Port Lincoln, Coffin Bay, Streaky Bay, Smoky Bay, Whistling Rocks, Ceduna, Pildappa Rock, Kimba, Port Augusta, Lucky Bay, Wallaroo Jetty, Bumbunga Pink Lake, and Clare Valley. The trip ends in Adelaide.

Northern Territory Explorer

11 DAYS • NDAU • P66

This itinerary starts in Darwin and travels through the Northern Territory. Key stops include Katherine, Mataranka, Tennant Creek, Ayers Rock Resort, Alice Springs, Uluru, and Kakadu National Park. The trip ends in Darwin.

Spirit of New Zealand

21 DAYS • LCQB • P68

This itinerary starts in Christchurch and travels around New Zealand. Key stops include Invercargill, Queenstown, Dunedin, Oamaru, Omarama, Haast, Punakaiki, Franz Josef Glacier, Nelson, Wellington, Napier, Rotorua, Auckland, and Bay of Islands. The trip ends in Christchurch.

Kia Ora New Zealand

17 DAYS • LABC/LCBA • P70

This itinerary starts in Auckland and travels around New Zealand. Key stops include Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Waitomo Caves, Lake Taupo, Huka Falls, Mt. Ruapehu, Picton, Wellington, Kaikoura, Arthur's Pass, Hokitika, Franz Josef Glacier, Mt. Cook, Haast, Christchurch, Omarama, Queenstown, Oamaru, Te Anau, and Dunedin. The trip ends in Auckland.

New Zealand Marvel

14 DAYS • LCCA/LAAC • P72

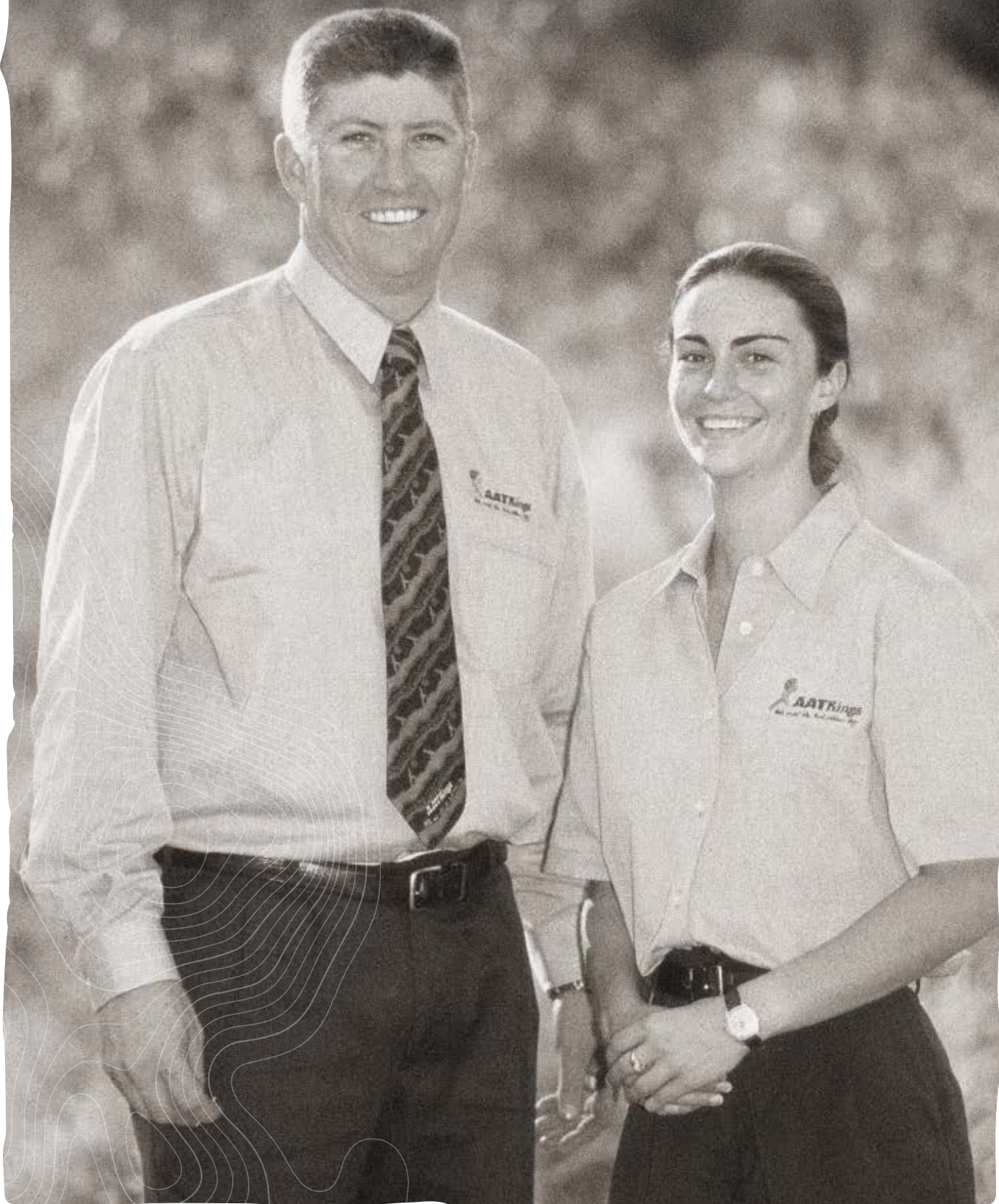
This itinerary starts in Auckland and travels around New Zealand. Key stops include Rotorua, Waitomo Caves, Lake Taupo, Huka Falls, Mt. Ruapehu, Picton, Wellington, Kaikoura, Arthur's Pass, Hokitika, Franz Josef Glacier, Mt. Cook, Haast, Christchurch, Omarama, Queenstown, Oamaru, Te Anau, and Dunedin. The trip ends in Auckland.

Southern Spotlight

9 DAYS • LCQR/LRQC • P74

This itinerary starts in Christchurch and travels around the South Island of New Zealand. Key stops include Franz Josef Glacier, Haast, Mt. Cook, Morelea, Christchurch, Omarama, Queenstown, Arrowtown, Cromwell, Oamaru, Te Anau, Dunedin, and Milford Sound. The trip ends in Christchurch.

Today, we're proud of
our history and of our people.
Some things never change...



100+ Years of Adventure and many more to come

A century ago, the Australian outback was but a twinkle in most travelers' eyes. But thanks to visionaries like the Pyke family and Bill King, the way we explore the Land Down Under was about to change in unimaginable ways. Over the coming decades, maps were unfolded, desert cruisers and coaches were customized, and guides were trained. From humble beginnings, the company now known as AAT Kings was going places few had gone before, pioneering new paths across Australia and New Zealand and taking intrepid domestic and international travelers on a wild and wonderful ride.

No corner of the Antipodes was – or is – off-limits, from the remote reaches of the Kimberley and spiritual heartland of the Red Centre, to the untamed Milford Sound, bubbling thermal Rotorua and quiet shores of Tasmania. Not to mention in-depth journeys across Sydney and its surrounds, where this forward-thinking travel venture came to fruition all those years ago.

We've come a long way and clocked a few kilometers in the process. But some things will never change. Like our spirit for adventure. Our oh-so-knowledgeable Travel Directors. The local characters we meet (and will never forget) along the way. The epic, goosebump-inducing stories we're told by First Nations guides. The life-changing experiences on offer – the kind that only 100 years of exploring affords.

Now, we're just jumping into more waterfalls, finding ourselves humbled by more sacred sites, laying more footprints on deserted beaches and hiking through more tropical rainforests than ever before. And we've never been more passionate about our next discovery. Join us, and fall in love with Australia and New Zealand all over again.

***"Keep doing what you're doing,
but try and do it better" – Bill King***



1920s

AAT Kings can be traced back to George Page's modest transport service from Melbourne to Brighton.

1930s

The Pike family introduced Sydney to Katoomba, which is still apart of our Day Tours business.

1960s

Bill King decided there was a real future with off-the-beaten-track journeys – Bill purchased two Land Rovers, an ex-army international ambulance and a Denning Bus and launched Bill King's Northern Safaris.

1970s

Bill designed and built his own 18 passenger vehicles and called them Desert Cruisers. AAT Coachlines had commenced operations in the Northern Territory.

1980s

AAT Coachlines purchased Bill King's Northern Safaris and operated as Bill King's Australian Adventure Tours.

1984

AAT Kings brand formed.

1997

AAT Kings joined The Travel Corporation Family of Brands.

1999

AAT Kings began operations in New Zealand.

2010

Small group immersive Inspiring Journeys brand was born.

2018

Down Under Tours joined the AAT Kings Group.

2019

SEIT Outback Australia joined the AAT Kings Group.

Australia & New Zealand, but not as you *know* them.

At a time when exclusivity is the world's greatest travel luxury, Australia and New Zealand tick every box. They deliver every wide and wonderful landscape conceivable, from soaring sacred monoliths to fabulous fiords; from tangles of rainforest to majestic mountain ranges. And in between await innumerable soul stirring stories to hear, characters to meet, adventures to enjoy, meals to savor, and spirits to accompany. We've spent the last century perfecting a Holy Grail of life-changing moments Down Under – ones you likely never knew even existed, and that you won't find in a guidebook or listed on any website. Our DNA has never changed – we are, and always have been pioneers committed to worry-free and sustainable travel, revealing Australia and New Zealand in a way that you never imagined possible.

Amazing Experiences

We were built on pioneering spirit, and to this day our tours include adventures that few others experience. We're constantly looking for ways to make journeys extraordinary, whether that's remote night-sky gazing or lunch on a dairy farm. This is Australia & New Zealand, but not as you've ever seen them.

Travel Your Way

What you want from your vacation is not necessarily the same as your neighbour. Sometimes, it's about adventure. Often, it's a good glass of wine and a remarkable view. Perhaps you want to see major sights, or choose your own path while we handle the main roads. Whatever your destination and route, we have an itinerary for you.

Conscious Travel

There are plenty of things we can all do while traveling to contribute to sustainable tourism practices. We've developed a series of tours with signature **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experiences – to ensure travel has a positive impact on our planet, the communities we visit and the wildlife we encounter.

Worry-free Travel

Your wellbeing is our primary concern. In addition to elevated hygiene protocols, AAT Kings tours guarantee upgraded coach air-conditioning filtration systems. We only work with partners we know and trust, and our Travel Directors ensure everything runs smoothly, with a support team on call.

Family Values

When you travel with AAT Kings, you're not only part of our century-old heritage, but are welcomed into just as many years of experience in The Travel Corporation. Journey confidently knowing our family-owned parent company has welcomed millions of people around the world across its brands.



Māori wood carving

Amazing Experiences

Every year, millions of adventure-seekers visit Australia and New Zealand. But to really get to know a place – to take its pulse as an insider – you need to follow the lead of locals. We've spent the last 100 years exploring the Antipodes, meeting farmers, winemakers, chefs, First Nations experts, artists, and astronomers, and creating lasting friendships on our Guided Holidays. The kind that now give us – and you, as our guests – unrestricted and unrivalled access to parts of the country that other travellers just can't go, and to exclusive experiences most will probably never know existed. We'll take you places, and our passionate people will reveal their true beauty.

A unique Barrier Reef Experience, QLD

A cruise to the Great Barrier Reef, incorporating the world's oldest living culture and some of Australia's most amazing marine life. Traditional Owners have passed down their dreamtime stories over tens of thousands of years and now they are brought to you. Gain a deeper cultural understanding of this diverse ecosystem and Aboriginal heritage. Interact with original clap sticks and fire poles plus view live demonstrations of traditional dances and the didgeridoo.

Discover NZ's wildlife haven, Stewart Island

New Zealand's southernmost community resides on Stewart Island, a slip of land where brown kiwi birds outnumber humans, and where blue and rare yellow-eyed penguins waddle on rocks. More than 85 per cent of this wild and wonderful destination is national parkland, as you'll discover on a tour around the petite village and its beautiful bays, your journey taking you to Observation Rock and offering unbroken views over Paterson Inlet. This is nature at its most awe-inspiring and humbling.

Get set for a peak performance, Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, NZ

New Zealand boasts more than its fair share of natural wonders, none quite as dramatic as Milford Sound/Piopiotahi within World Heritage listed Te Wahipounamu reserve. Waterfalls tumble from escarpments into inky water, glaciers sparkle from clifftops and mountains scrape the sky – it's a natural haven for fur seals, penguins and dolphins, which you'll observe firsthand on a scenic cruise through the sound. Back on land, your journey through Fiordland National Park continues to Te Anau, from rainforest through wildflower-dusted meadows and across alluvial flats.



A Cornucopia of Color, SA

You'd be forgiven for thinking you'd been transported to Mars when flying over the Anna Creek Painted Hills, a smudge of fiery colors decorating a rocky outcrop popping from the South Australian desert. It's almost as otherworldly as the salt pans of Lake Eyre which – on miraculous occasions – fills with water and attracts all manner of birds. Both are aerial art of the most inspiring kind.



Mount Gnomon Farm



Dreamtime Dive and Snorkel

Prepare to see stars, Tekapo, NZ

Free from artificial light pollution, the UNESCO Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve really knows how to dazzle. Visit this spectacular spot, over the Lindis Pass and backdropped by Aoraki/Mt. Cook, at night to gaze at the Southern Cross, Magellanic Clouds and wonders hidden along the Milky Way through an optical telescope, the mysteries and magic of the starry sky above decoded by a specialist astronomy guide.

Farm-to-table freshness at Mt. Gnomon, TAS

If visiting the cutest-sounding town on the planet is on your bucket list, ensure this is included on your itinerary. The Mt. Gnomon Farm sits just outside Penguin in the north of Tasmania, and is the site where fifth-generation farmer Guy Robertson and his family have perfected centuries-worth of skills in cider orchards and gardens. Your farm-to-fork Be My Guest lunch amid this lush setting is like Tassie in a fresh and flavorful mouthful.



International Dark Sky Reserve, Tekapo

4.5/5

feefo

independent &
transparent
satisfaction rating

“ Fabulous places, fabulous sights, fabulous stories.

This was our first AAT Kings tour, and our first ever "tour" experience of any kind. I was impressed by the effort our tour director put into planning, communicating and responding during the trip: to both the expected and unexpected events. They gave a genuine sense of caring about our well being and experience.

John P ★★★★★

“ Excellent team. They worked hard 24/7 to keep everyone happy!

Alistair M ★★★★★



@jemtravel
Kings Canyon

“ The coordinator and the manner of the driver were excellent.

Barry N ★★★★★

Travel Your Way

No two travelers are ever the same. Which means that with AAT Kings, neither are any two tours. We understand that sometimes you want to switch off and enjoy the scenery, with your itinerary, accommodations and exclusive experiences all seamlessly sorted 'behind the scenes'. Other journeys require the essentials covered and insider tips provided, but need built-in flexibility so you can go your own way. Whether you have a couple of weeks or a couple of days, whether you want to leave everything to us or customize parts of your journey, AAT Kings offers a travel style for every kind of traveler. And regardless of the tour you choose, you'll leave a minimal footprint, connect with culture and support the local communities you visit.

First Choice Guided Holidays

For explorers who want:

- Exclusive experiences and adventures around Australia and New Zealand
- More inclusions and meals
- Everything taken care of by talented Travel Directors

There's nothing quite like setting off to see Australia and New Zealand, knowing that each wild encounter, all your accommodations – and everything in between – has been taken care of by your Travel Director, guides and the team of supporting experts. All you need to do is relax, make lasting connections and delve into the countries' cultures. This is about going to wild places, with creature comforts.



Best Buys Guided Holidays

For explorers who want:

- A flexible vacation with some inclusions, and some independent travel
- All the essentials managed by in-the-know Travel Directors

Take a fully curated vacation, add in a good dose of flexibility, and you arrive at this travel style, designed for those who like travel fundamentals taken care of – the transportation, accommodations – but also like the option of exploring independently, with tips from knowledgeable Travel Directors to point you in the right direction if needed.





All Blacks Experience, Auckland

Short Breaks

For explorers who want:

- To see Australia, but don't have weeks to spare
- A seamless travel experience to take in as much as possible in a short space of time

When you have a week or less to dive into thundering waterfalls, snorkel the world's biggest reef or dine under a carpet of stars at Uluru, this travel style is for you. Your journey unites everything that's great about AAT Kings – the cultural connections, insider knowledge, wondrous sights – and condenses it into a fully curated, blissfully efficient, bite-sized package.



Day Tours

For explorers who:

- Have a few hours and want life-changing experiences packed in

A century ago, AAT Kings became an Australian pioneer in day tripping, taking adventurous explorers where few others had gone before. We know this space well, and our Driver Guides have every connection to make your day of adventure – whether around the Blue Mountains or Tiwi Islands – as meaningful as possible. Why spend a day watching TV, when you can forge a memory for a lifetime?





MAKE TREADRIGHT TRAVEL MATTER™

The TreadRight Foundation was established more than 15 years ago and since then has supported over 60 sustainable tourism projects worldwide. Their mission is clear; to have a positive impact on:

PEOPLE
SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES & CULTURES

PLANET
SUSTAINABILITY & CONSERVATION

WILDLIFE
PROTECTION & AWARENESS

Through our not-for-profit TreadRight Foundation, of which AAT Kings is a founding member, and our sustainability strategy, How We Tread Right, we're committed to reaching net zero GHG emissions across our value chain by 2050 from a 2019 baseline year, with a primary focus to decarbonize. To do this, we have launched a four-point Carbon Action Plan as well as a Carbon Fund dedicated to financing initiatives to reduce the carbon emissions of our business. You can read more about our plans to Measure, Reduce, Restore and Evolve at [impact.ttc.com](https://www.impact.ttc.com).

AAT Kings

Cares

Enrich your travels while supporting the people and places you visit. Our **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences are carefully developed for the mutual benefit they hold for the communities we explore as well as our travelers.

When you travel on an AAT Kings tour that includes a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, you'll be assured that your experience is having a positive impact. Look for the symbol below to see how you can **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



WE SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Save the Tasmanian Devil, Tasmania

AAT Kings supports the work done at the University of Tasmania to develop a vaccine to ensure these creatures can thrive disease-free in the wild. See Tasmanian Devils at Cradle Mountain on Tasmanian Wonders (visit aatkings.com/fhfh).



Save the kiwi bird, Rotorua

The flightless kiwi bird is under threat, with populations of the beloved national species in decline. AAT Kings supports the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa to provide a safe environment for eggs to hatch, as you'll discover on the **Contrasts of New Zealand** (page 52).



Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge Cruise, Northern Territory

Learn about local culture through the expertise of an Aboriginal guide as you cruise Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge. Hear stories about how the gorge was formed from one of the traditional Jawoyn landowners as you watch for freshwater crocodile and walk the nearby trails to view spectacular rock art that dates back thousands of years. Experience this on **Outback Adventure** (page 38).

Worry-free Travel

The travel landscape is forever changing, something we know only too well at AAT Kings – after all, we've been crafting life-changing itineraries for more than a century. Now, more than ever, we're committed to sparking your wanderlust, while ensuring your wellbeing. We're by your side to take the hassle and worry out of your vacation, so you can enjoy the journey (and the company), then sleep soundly knowing we're doing what it takes behind-the-scenes to ensure your well being.

Trained Travel Directors

Our Travel Directors not only hold a wealth of information about the destinations you visit, but also have their finger on the pulse when it comes to the latest protocols in well being and local etiquette.

Always in the know

We have worked closely with the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTTC) to guide and co-create their "New Normal Safe and Seamless Traveler Journey" global protocols. Find out more at: aatkings.com/about-us/wellbeing

A full team of support, 24/7

Our Travel Directors and Drivers rarely need backup, but they have it thanks to a full support team on call around the clock to ensure your journey is seamless and hassle-free, from the moment you sign up until the moment you return home.

Our coaches

AAT Kings provides Australia and New Zealand's finest fleet of luxury coaches. Each coach is superbly engineered and equipped with the latest technology and features to ensure you travel safely and in comfort, including top of the range air filtration systems. Our coaches are maintained in peak condition by expert engineers.

Trusted partners

The people we work with around Australia and New Zealand care about our guests as much as we do. We're extremely selective when it comes to our partners – whether restaurants, hotels, suppliers or venues – and we ensure upfront that we're aligned in our commitment to health and well being.

Travel Insurance & Booking Conditions

Travel insurance is highly recommended for all guests. This insurance should cover: trip interruption, personal injury, medical expenses, evacuation and repatriation cover including during pandemic events. The choice of insurer is yours.

Full Booking Conditions can be found at aatkings.com/booking-conditions



Registering for My AAT Kings Travel Portal

For peace of mind and a seamless tour from the moment you book until you return home, register your details online for piece of mind.

**It's quick & easy
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1. Visit my.aatkings.com
2. Enter your first name, last name and email address
3. Create a unique password & click Register User
4. Add your booking number and click Add my Booking

Family Values

More than a century of experience

At AAT Kings, we're proud of our service and experience, revealing the wonders and characters of Australia and New Zealand to guests for more than 100 years. We're even prouder to be part of a much bigger family, The Travel Corporation (TTC), which enjoys a global reach and a portfolio that includes some of the world's most prestigious travel brands – from luxury hotels and boutique river cruises to independent vacation package companies and guided travel experiences. The collection is diverse, but we all share standards of excellence and common goals: to offer outstanding service and experiences, whichever corner of the planet our guests choose to roam.



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The loyalty of our past guests means everything to us. That's why everyone who travels with us is automatically enrolled in our Global Rewards program, with access to exclusive past guest savings and offers on all AAT Kings and Inspiring Journey tours, and The Travel Corporation sister brands. Use your benefits on more than 1000 tours around the globe designed for every taste, place and pace.



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First Choice

Captivating Holidays, Premium Inclusions

For explorers who want to visit wild places with creature comforts, a First Choice Guided Holiday delivers exclusive experiences and quality accommodation around Australia and New Zealand, with everything taken care of by your Travel Director so you can relax and enjoy the adventure.





Local Connection

The best way to get the most authentic experience is through locals. Our Travel Directors will take you places you never knew existed, while our Be My Guest experiences led by local artisans will connect you to the heartbeat of Australia & New Zealand.

Cultural Immersion

Discover the ancient stories and spiritual cultural sites of the world's oldest culture, as revealed by Aboriginal & Māori guides.

Sustainable Footprints

We're passionate about protecting the environments and communities we visit for future travelers to discover, and do this in partnership with the TreadRight Foundation.

Wildlife & Nature

Tap into wide and wonderful pockets of Australia & New Zealand exploring glorious nature reserves and wilderness areas that are a magnet for native animals.

What's included on a First Choice Vacation?

- All accommodations in premium hotels, lodges and eco-resorts
- More 2 night stays with later starts
- Most meals including daily breakfasts
- Exclusive Be My Guest Experiences
- Wine with all included dinners
- Cultural activities in your destinations
- Community engagement activities
- Travel in purpose-built air-conditioned coaches with reclining seats, and WiFi where available
- All National Park Entrance Fees
- The services of a highly experienced Travel Director
- Transfers and taxes

Aboriginal Culture & Australian Highlights

Highlights

Local Connection

Aunty Margret is a Sydney legend, pioneering First Nations tourism around the city. Discover Aboriginal sites and stories on one of her Dreamtime Southern X tours.

Cultural Immersion

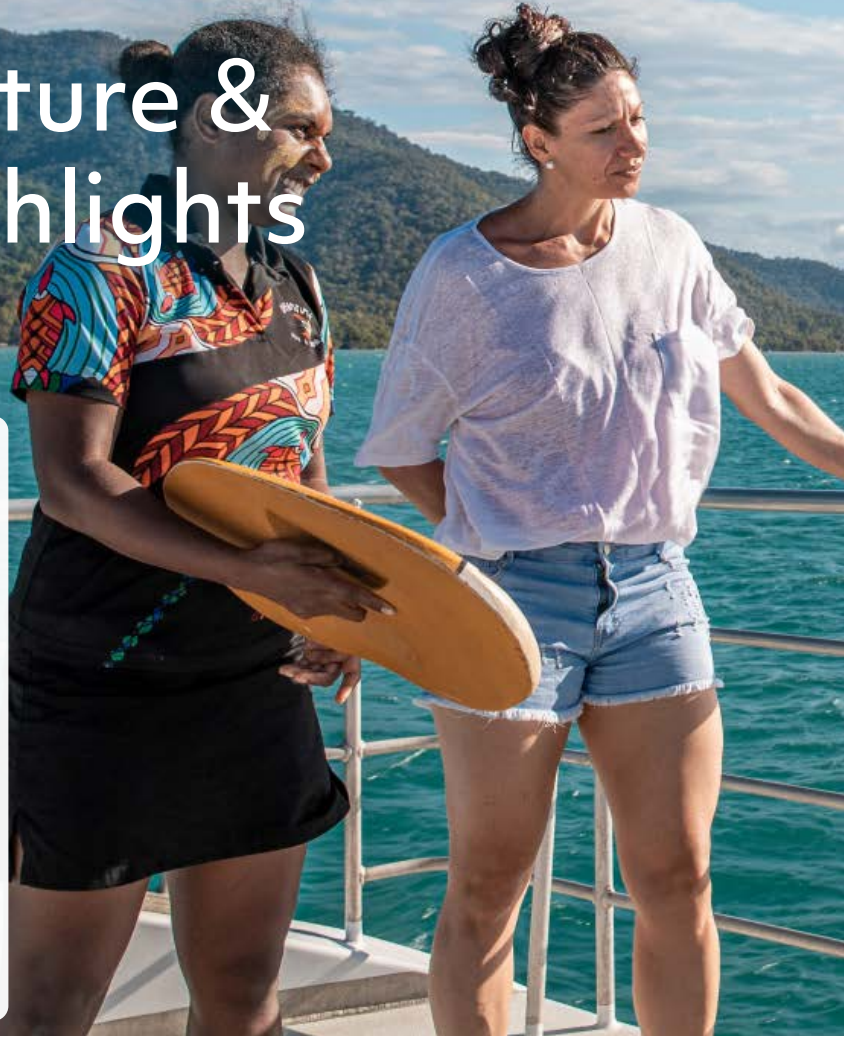
Whether at sunrise or sunset, the beauty of Uluru is mesmerising. Aboriginal creatives at Maruku Arts capture it in their paintings and will show you how to do the same.

Sustainable Footprints

Big Esso not only crafts menus using sustainably grown native produce, but also supports Aboriginal growers, makers, bakers, and brewers.

Wildlife & Nature

Take a deep dive (literally) into the First Nations stories behind the creation of the Great Barrier Reef with Dreamtime Dive & Snorkel from Cairns.



1 Welcome to Melbourne

Arrive early in Australia's cultural capital to explore art-filled laneways, galleries and boutiques at your own pace. Melbourne is also Australia's food capital – we have something special planned for your Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: InterContinental, 3 nights. DW**

2 Melbourne Sightseeing

Australia's Aboriginal culture spans oceans, rivers, rainforest, outback and cities, as you'll discover with Koorie Heritage Trust. From the organisation's base at Federation Square, explore Melbourne with a First Nations guide along the banks of the Yarra River. It's only a few steps to Big Esso by Mabu Mabu, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, celebrating contemporary Torres Strait Island culture through cuisine. The menu is an explosion of native Australian bush flavors, from finger lime to quandong, with a drinks list that heroes Indigenous-owned businesses – their art also decorates the walls. More awaits at the National Gallery of Victoria, which hosts one of Australia's most significant collections of art from First Nations creatives. **B L**

3 Melbourne Free Time

Take the pulse of Melbourne in your own time. Need touring suggestions? Your Travel Director can assist. You might choose to stay in the heart of the city exploring the Royal Botanic Gardens with an Aboriginal guide. Or for a bird's-eye view, zip to the Melbourne Eureka Skydeck – it's the highest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. While it's tempting to linger, a bevy of attractions await on the outskirts of the city, including the Great Ocean Road. Spending a day driving this World Heritage-listed route is a rite of passage, uniting surf, seaside towns and wilderness walks. You might choose to head to the other side of the bay – Phillip Island is a mecca for wildlife, including penguins that waddle from the ocean to their sandy burrows every evening. **B**

4 Melbourne – Uluru

Uluru-Kata Tjuta is World Heritage-listed for a reason. Explore spiritual landscapes that are sacred to the Anangu people; your guide on the Kuniya walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole will point out rock art and bush foods. The ultimate way to end the day is watching

the sinking sun paint the outback all manner of fiery hues – flute of bubbles in hand. This is your backdrop for an exclusive barbecue dinner. **Hotel: Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights. B DW**

5 Uluru

The outback inspires creativity, as you'll discover meeting First Nation artists at Maruku Arts. Their works capture the drama of Australia, and they'll show you how to do the same during an art class. Spend the afternoon visiting the Gallery of Central Australia (GOCA), spotlighting ethically sourced Aboriginal art. Or take to the skies on an optional scenic flight. Back at ground level, wander into Walpa Gorge, then say cheers to Kata Tjuta sunset with a glass of bubbles. **B**

6 Uluru – Sydney

50,000 – that's the number of lights that artist Bruce Munro used to create his alfresco artwork, Field of Light. This blanket of bulbs casts a surreal glow over the Uluru countryside, and is particularly beguiling on a sunrise visit. Tonight, is yours to explore Sydney. We have a little black book of hot restaurants to try if you need tips. **Hotel: Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, 4 nights. B**

7 Sydney Sightseeing

Bring your stamina for an action-packed day exploring the Harbor City, including a behind-the-scenes tour of the Opera House. It sits on land belonging to the Eora Nation, as you'll discover when you meet Aunty Margret of Dreamtime Southern X on a walking tour around the Rocks district. Swap the shore for the water on an expedition to harbor islands with Tribal Warrior Cruises and Tours, showing how Sydney's Aboriginal culture and colonial history unite. **B**

8 Sydney Free Time

Go your own way or ask your Travel Director to assist booking tours like the Burrawa Indigenous Climb, which sees you scale the Sydney Harbour Bridge accompanied by an Aboriginal guide. Or spend the day with an AAT Kings guide in the Blue Mountains. You don't need to go far to have an adventure, as you'll discover on Dave's Rocks Pub Tour, taking you to some of the city's most historic drinking establishments. Or take in the harbor in a heli, swooping over beaches



Dreamtime Dive & Snorkel

13 DAYS 16 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2024	2025
Oct 10	Feb 20
	Mar 06, 20

Definite Departures highlighted in red.

For prices, latest deals and year-round offers including past guest offers, group booking discounts for 9+ guests, multi-trip savings and additional definite departure dates visit aatkings.com/amsc or contact your local travel agent. A limited number of single rooms are also available.

Dining

12 Full breakfasts B 3 Dinners with wine DW
2 Lunches L 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 1.00pm into Melbourne Airport
Day 13 – flights to depart anytime from Cairns Airport
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and bushland. It's an outlook that inspires creativity, as you might choose to discover on a guided tour of the Art Gallery of NSW. **B**

9 Sydney Free Time

If you're looking to continue your First Nations immersion, your Travel Director can organize optional tours including a bush-tucker experience in the Royal Botanic Garden, or an Aboriginal Cultural Tour at Barangaroo. A First Nations guide will also lead you around the Australian Museum's two Aboriginal exhibitions on a Waranara Tour. **B DW**

10 Sydney – Cairns

After your morning flight from Sydney, spend your free afternoon soaking up the steamy climes of Cairns. Explore the vibrant esplanade or opt for an Indigenous-owned cruise by Mandingalbay Tours. **Hotel: Crystalbrook Flynn, 3 nights. B**

11 Great Barrier Reef

Dreamtime Dive & Snorkel's catamaran tours tell the story of the Great Barrier Reef through Aboriginal eyes. The company's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sea rangers regale you with 65,000-year-old Dreamtime creation stories while you cruise to Moore Reef; here, slip into warm water to flipper among some of the 1,500 species of fish. **B L**

12 Cairns Free Time

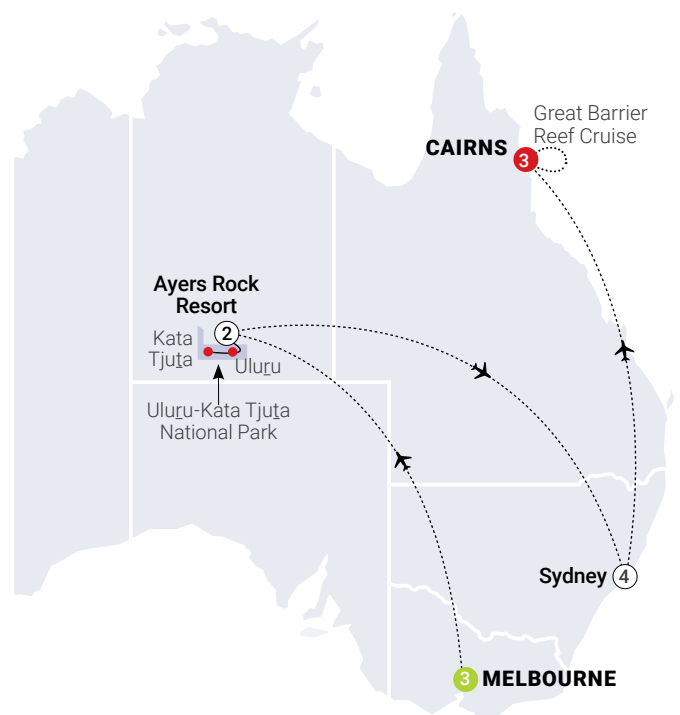
Spend your free day soaking up the sights of Tropical North Queensland, perhaps joining a tour to catch the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway and Kuranda Scenic Railway deep into the rainforest. Or maybe on an Outback Tasting Adventure, uniting distillers, brewers, cheesemongers and farmers. You may opt to discover native bush tucker on a Cape Tribulation, Mossman & Daintree tour, taking you through one of the world's oldest rainforests. End your wild adventure with a Farewell Dinner at Ochre Restaurant on the Cairns waterfront. **B FD**

13 Farewell from Cairns

You'll not only depart Cairns a more seasoned traveler, but also a more thoughtful one. And don't be surprised if you leave with a posse of new friends – Australia's Aboriginal guides are as generous with their stories as they are with their time. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Contrasts of Australia

Highlights

Local Connection

Discover what lies within the Opera House on an insiders tour. Fall in love with Sydneys Wendys Secret Garden; a volunteer horticulturalist revealing secret nooks in this floral wonderland.

Cultural Immersion

Melbourne's laneways are a work of art, with street murals, hidden bars, boutiques, and cafés. We'll show you where to look.

Sustainable Footprints

Cairns is the gateway to World Heritage listed rainforest. Ensure its protection by helping plant trees with our Rainforest Restoration project.

Wildlife & Nature

It doesn't matter how many times you splash about in the Coral Sea, the Great Barrier Reef never fails to impress. There are too many world records being broken here to mention.

1 Welcome to Melbourne

Settle into your hotel on the banks of the Yarra River and meet your Travel Director for a welcome reception and dinner at the South Wharf riverside pub, The General Assembly. It's a great opportunity to get to know everyone in a unique setting. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. DW**

2 Melbourne

Join your Travel Director for a city sights tour that includes a private walk through Melbourne's famous hidden laneways. You'll discover the city's eclectic little lanes, arcades, café society and fascinating street art. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own, enjoy an optional experience or simply relax and watch the world go by. **B**

3 Melbourne – Cairns

Go from city to tropics today as you fly north to Cairns, Queensland. On arrival join a private wildlife boat cruise at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures, encountering koalas, wallabies, birds, crocodiles and more! There will be time to help regenerate the rainforest particular to the Wangetti Valley in which Hartley's is located. Feel free to join in as much or as little as you wish with this tree planting project and be a part of keeping the World Heritage listed Wet Tropics alive. After a day in the wild, return to Cairns for a free evening. **Hotel: Hilton, 3 nights. B**

4 Great Barrier Reef

Get ready for an experience of a lifetime - board a high-speed catamaran and cruise out to the Great Barrier Reef. You can snorkel and view this natural living wonder up close (equipment provided) or stay dry and explore the stunning reef from the comfort of a semi-submersible craft, just one meter underwater. On board you'll be treated to lunch before you cruise back to Cairns. **B L**

5 Cairns Free Time

Today is a free day to do as you choose. A great option is the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway to Kuranda. Be amazed as you travel over and through World Heritage rainforest, explore quaint Kuranda village and later board the historic Kuranda Scenic Railway for the return journey. If you'd prefer to spend the day relaxing by your hotel pool or sitting back

at a local café you can do that too! In the evening meet up with your traveling companions for a dining experience at Ochre Restaurant. **B DW**

6 Cairns – Sydney

Following a leisurely start to the morning it's time to switch the tropical vibes back to city highlights as you fly to Sydney. Check into your centrally located hotel and spend the rest of the day and evening exploring as you wish. Ask your Travel Director for sightseeing and dinner suggestions. **Hotel: Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, 3 nights. B**

7 Sydney

Discover one of the great highlights of Sydney, the beautiful Sydney Opera House, on a guided tour inside this iconic building before experiencing the beauty of the city aboard a sightseeing harbor cruise sailing past Circular Quay, Shark Island, magnificent homes, beaches and parkland, and the iconic Harbour Bridge. If there ever was a place that slipped from the pages of a fairy-tale, Wendy's Secret Garden at Lavender Bay is it. Overlooking Sydney Harbour, this pocket of floral paradise is explained by a local volunteer – did you know this was once unused wasteland? Take a walk around the grounds among the shrubs, herbs, and towering trees lining meandering paths, eyes peeled for the resident parrots, gulls, kookaburras and wagtails. Your visit provides a contribution to the ongoing maintenance of the enchanting garden. **B**

8 Sydney

The day is yours to explore at your leisure or book one of our hand crafted selection of optional activities. There are so many sights and experiences to be had in this city and further afield. This evening you can share your stories of your day with your fellow travelers at your Farewell Dinner. **B FD**

9 Farewell from Sydney

All good things must come to an end. Fill up on your last breakfast before bidding farewell to your fellow travel companions. **B**



Sydney Opera House

9 DAYS 8 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Nov 09, 30	Jan 18	Jan 09, 16, 23, 30
Dec 28	Feb 01, 15	Feb 06, 13, 20
	Mar 07, 21	Mar 06, 13, 20, 27
	Apr 11	
	May 09	
	Jun 27	
	Aug 29	
	Sep 26	
	Oct 10	
	Nov 07, 21, 28	
	Dec 05, 12	

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Dining

8 Full breakfasts B
1 Lunch L

2 Dinners with wine DW
1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Melbourne Airport
Day 9 – flights to depart anytime from Sydney Airport

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Day 6 – Cairns to Sydney

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Great Barrier Reef



Melbourne laneway



Australian Highlights

Highlights


Local Connection

Whether you're exploring vibrant city streets (think, Melbourne's art-filled alleys) or remote reaches of the Northern Territory under a blaze of stars, you'll be wowed by local knowledge.

Cultural Immersion

The Sydney Opera House is the stuff of postcards. You get to go behind the scenes with an expert who not only reveals architectural highlights, but also performance secrets.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE  Some of Australia's legendary wilderness areas – Uluru, Kakadu and Litchfield – are its most fragile. Your National Parks fees preserve them for posterity.

Wildlife & Nature

The only living organism you can see from outer space, the Great Barrier Reef is among the world's most important, and biodiverse, ecosystems. Dive under the surface and see for yourself.

1 Welcome to Melbourne

Is there such a thing as too much time in Melbourne? Arrive early before meeting your fellow adventure-seekers over a beverage or two.

Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 3 nights. DW

2 Melbourne Sightseeing and Free Time

Melbourne is known for its cool cafés – we recommend grabbing a coffee to fuel you through a walking tour exploring the city's most eye-popping laneways. This afternoon, you decide. Perhaps a nature-based sojourn to Phillip Island to see penguins waddle from the ocean to the sand? We wouldn't blame you for lingering and taking a deep dive into Melbourne's culinary offerings. Ask us for tips on the hottest spots to drink and dine. **B**

3 Melbourne Free Time

If you're still getting your Melbourne bearings, linger in town to explore boutiques, galleries, and eclectic suburbs. But if it's time to venture further afield, you might want to sign up to discover the Great Ocean Road, a stretch of coastline that deserves its reputation as one of the most scenic touring routes in the world. Wherever you wander, be sure to take in a show at one of the city's glorious theatres. We can assist with tickets. **B**

4 Melbourne – Alice Springs

Some parts of Australia are so remote that the only way kids can get an education is remotely via the School of the Air. Your next stop is the birthplace of the Alice Springs township, the historic Telegraph Station. Being this far flung also means there's no light pollution from cars or skyscrapers. The result? Unrivalled stargazing (and a BBQ feast) with the Falzon family at their eco-oriented Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre.

Hotel: Mercure Alice Springs Resort. B BG

5 Alice Springs – Uluru

Spiritual, sacred and spectacular, the world's largest rock monolith will give you goosebumps. In Australia's Red Centre, Uluru has been home to the Anangu people for millennia. Their connection is palpable, as you'll discover when you arrive at Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, at sunset watching the shifting colors transform the desert with every last ray.

Hotel: Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights. B

6 Uluru and Kata Tjuta

If there's one thing worth getting out of bed early for, it's sunrise over Uluru. Incredibly, the Rock's base caves are home to First Nations art that dates back tens of thousands of years. What an honor to glimpse it. The ochres and silvery greens of the NT outback follow you to Kata Tjuta, where Walpa Gorge humbles with its soaring cliffs. Wander through the tallest domes before yet another sparkling sunset (and sparkling wine). **B**

7 Uluru – Cairns

Ok, so the other reason to get up early is to view artist Bruce Munro's installation Field of Light at dawn – 50,000 glowing spindles of light blanketing the desert. Clamber to the top of a sand dune to marvel in the morning unfolding over this very special part of the world. An Anangu artist will explain just what makes it so spiritual over an introduction to Western Desert art, introducing totems and symbols important to the region and represented in paintings and installations. Head to your next stop in sunny Cairns. **Hotel: Hilton, 3 nights. B**

8 Cairns Free Time

If you're in the habit of getting up early now, you may wish to begin your day with an optional horizon-bending hot-air-balloon ride over the Atherton Tablelands. Prefer to stay grounded? Sign up for a guided walk through the Daintree Rainforest, or surround yourself with nature riding the Scenic Railway to Kuranda returning on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway – perhaps with a side visit to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures for wetlands cruise? Tonight, celebrate the end of an incredible day at dinner on Cairns' waterfront at Salt House for regional seafood plucked straight from the ocean, highlighting fresh, local ingredients, and prepared on their custom-built Argentinian wood fired grill. **B DW**

9 Great Barrier Reef

The world's largest living organism, the Great Barrier Reef, never fails to dazzle. Set out on a catamaran to explore a kaleidoscope of color: over 1,500 species of fish, 215 different birds, 3,000 molluscs, six of the world's seven marine turtle species, and 30 species of dolphins and whales are residents. Strap on a snorkel or visit an underwater observatory and semi-submersible craft to take in the menagerie without getting your hair wet. **B L**



Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light

10 Cairns – Sydney

Touch down in Australia's largest city, and spend time at leisure in the buzzing metropolis of Sydney. Take a stroll along the iconic harbor, visit one of the city's many bars, pubs, or restaurants, or simply while away the day at the beach. You decide how best to enjoy this bustling city of delights. **Hotel: InterContinental, 3 nights. B**

11 Sydney Free Time

Bring your stamina: today is one of innumerable highlights. Go behind the scenes at the Sydney Opera House, discovering its architectural and performance secrets. If these sails could talk. Then see the city from the water on a Sydney Harbour Highlight Lunch Cruise enjoying a menu focusing on local food and wine. One icon to another: The world's most famous beach beckons this afternoon, with your chance to pad along the sand at Bondi with Sydney's beautiful people. **B HL**

12 Sydney Free Time

You could spend weeks exploring Sydney. Months even. But you have today, so get set for a wild ride. Your agenda is completely up to you, but we have more than a few ideas. Perhaps a ferry ride to Manly for fish-n-chips on the beach? And ideally a stroll through the Royal Botanic Garden, which offers so many lookouts for sparkling harbor views. This evening, celebrate your vacation at a Farewell Dinner at Midden restaurant at the Sydney Opera House. Talk about ending on a high... **B FD**

13 Farewell from Sydney

What an epic journey, with so many destinations explored in less than two weeks. Now you just have to sort through the photos... **B**

13 DAYS
16 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Oct 08	Jan 14, 28	Jan 05, 12, 19, 26
Nov 26	Feb 04	Feb 02, 09, 16, 23
	Mar 03, 17, 24	Mar 02, 09, 16, 23
	Apr 07	
	May 26	
	Jun 23	
	Aug 25	
	Sep 08, 22	
	Oct 06, 27	
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Dining

- 12 Full breakfasts **B**
- 1 Highlight lunch **HL**
- 1 Lunch **L**
- 1 Be My Guest dinner **BG**
- 2 Dinners with wine **DW**
- 1 Farewell Dinner **FD**

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Australia & New Zealand Panorama

Highlights

Local Connection

From city life in Sydney to farm life in New Zealand, go behind the scenes while meeting passionate locals. How does an exclusive backstage tour of the Opera House sound?

Cultural Immersion

Te Puia invites you to a traditional Maori experience showcasing local cuisine, an exhilarating cultural performance, and views over one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands.

Sustainable Footprints

Operation Nest Egg may sound like it's from a Bond movie, but it's actually a way that the National Kiwi Hatchery is helping boost the population of kiwi birds in the wild. Your visit helps.

Wildlife & Nature

Cairns is a place two World Heritage Sites meet: The Wet Tropics of Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef. Bring your sense of adventure to explore both.



1 Welcome to Melbourne

We recommend arriving early in Melbourne – there's so much to see in the Victorian capital before you meet your fellow travel companions for dinner tonight. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. DW**

2 Melbourne

Today, reach for rainbows in Melbourne's eye-popping street art. Follow your leader to discover alleys emblazoned with murals by some of the world's greatest aerosol artists. Take note of the hidden bars and restaurants you pass – we can help you make a booking for tonight. **B**

3 Melbourne – Cairns

Koalas, birds, wallabies, crocodiles – oh my! They all live side by side at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures in Cairns, as you'll discover on a boat cruise you'll with a private guide through this wilderness reserve. The Daintree Rainforest here is part of the World Heritage listed Wet Tropics of Queensland, and you'll help protect it on a restoration project, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. **Hotel: Hilton, 3 nights. B**

4 Great Barrier Reef

Did you know that the Great Barrier Reef is home to 1,500 species of fish, 215 different birds, 3,000 molluscs, six of the world's seven marine turtle species, and 30 species of dolphins and whales are residents? Get ready for an experience of a lifetime when you board a high-speed catamaran and cruise to the outer edge of the Great Barrier Reef. Strap on a snorkel and mask to view this marine menagerie up close and personal. **B L**

5 Cairns Free Time

Spend the day soaking up the sun discovering Cairns on your own. Tonight, join your companions for dinner, with native ingredients highlighted at Ochre Restaurant on the waterfront. **B DW**

6 Cairns – Sydney

Fly from Cairns to Sydney. The rest of the day is yours to do as you wish. You could walk to the Art Gallery of NSW or to Mrs. Macquarie's Chair for a panoramic views of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Ask your Travel Director for evening dining suggestions. **Hotel: Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, 3 nights. B**

7 Sydney

You might have seen the Sydney Opera House from the outside, but have you ventured within? This incredible architectural feat holds many secrets, as your local guide will reveal. Now take to the water on a Sydney Harbour sightseeing cruise, enjoying million dollar views. If there was ever a place that slipped from the pages of a fairytale, Wendy's Secret Garden at Lavender Bay is it. Overlooking Sydney Harbour, this pocket of floral paradise is explained by a local volunteer – did you know this was once unused wasteland? Your visit provides a contribution to the ongoing maintenance of the enchanting garden. **B**

8 Sydney Free Time

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9 Sydney – Queenstown

New Zealand's adventure capital, Queenstown, awaits. Explore the alpine village and stunning Lake Wakatipu, then enjoy walkable bars and restaurants. Ask your Travel Director for tips. **Hotel: Millennium, 3 nights. B**

10 Queenstown

Arriving in New Zealand, the first thing you probably noticed is that there's a lot of farmland. It's fitting, then, that one of the first people you'll meet is southern girl Laura, who will introduce you to the sheep farm she was born and raised on. The Real Country Farm Show, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, offers an authentic taste of what rural New Zealand is like. For every guest, we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture. Come dusk, cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the TSS Earnslaw; the only thing more inspiring than the peaks of the Remarkables that surround is the festive atmosphere welcoming you to Walter Peak High Country Farm, where a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner at the Colonel's Homestead awaits. **B HD**



Te Puia, Rotorua

11 Queenstown Free Time

You could spend a long time in and around Queenstown. But on your free day, we highly recommend either venturing into the end-of-the-Earth wilderness that is Milford Sound, to cruise past sheer cliffs, white-capped peaks and waterfalls. Or blissing out on an obligatory wine tour of the Otago region. It's a difficult decision. **B**

12 Queenstown – Auckland

Touching down in Auckland, you'll immediately understand why it's known as the 'City of Sails' – New Zealand's largest city has two lovely yacht-filled harbors, which you can explore at our leisure this afternoon. **Hotel: The Grand by SkyCity. B**

13 Auckland – Rotorua

Today is set to sparkle – quite literally – as thousands of bright green and blue glowworms light up your next destination: the Waitomo Caves. This evening, explore Te Puia's geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a dinner of hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B HD**

14 Rotorua

Cute and cuddly, NZ's national bird, the kiwi, is also endangered. Go behind the scenes on a working kiwi nursery and hatchery to learn how breeding programs are helping the population thrive. The natural drama reaches boiling point at Whakarewarewa, a geothermal reserve and the country's only living Māori village, home to famous Pohutu Geyser and the bubbling beauty of mud pools. Cap off your day at a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and companions. **B FD**

15 Farewell from Rotorua and Auckland

Two countries, multiple adventures, an abundance of new friends... Just how do you say goodbye to a journey like this? **B**

15 DAYS 14 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Nov 30	Jan 18	Jan 16, 30
Dec 28	Feb 01	Feb 13
	Mar 07	Mar 06
	Apr 11	
	May 09	
	Jun 27	
	Aug 29	
	Sep 26	
	Oct 10	
	Nov 07, 28	

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A limited number of single rooms are also available.

Dining

14 Full breakfasts **B**
1 Lunch **L**
2 Highlight Dinners **HD**

3 Dinners with wine **DW**
1 Farewell Dinner **FD**

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Melbourne Airport

Day 15 – flights to depart after 2.00pm from Auckland Airport

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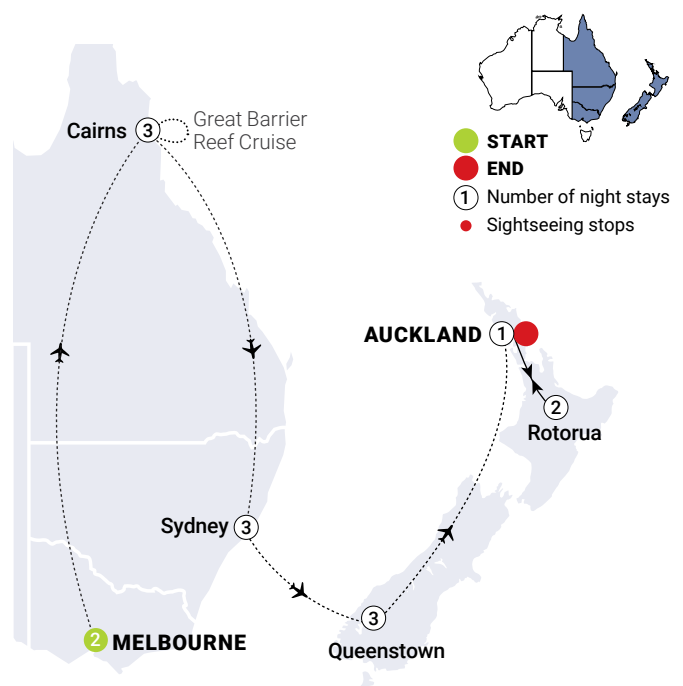
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Day 6 – Cairns to Sydney

Day 9 – Sydney to Queenstown

Day 12 – Queenstown to Auckland

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Contrasts of Australia & New Zealand

Highlights

Local Connection

From city to country ... go behind the scenes at the Sydney Opera House with a local expert, then learn about what life was like on the land in NZ over a barbecue lunch.

Cultural Immersion

Māori culture and traditions are celebrated across New Zealand, as you'll discover at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, your hangi dinner prepared in an underground oven.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Your visit to the tropics of Queensland helps protect World Heritage areas and the wildlife within them when you plant native trees as part of our Rainforest Restoration project.

Wildlife & Nature

It doesn't matter how many times you splash about in the Coral Sea, the Great Barrier Reef never fails to impress. There are too many world records being broken here to mention.



1 Welcome to Melbourne

Meet your fellow adventure-seekers – you're going to be spending a fair bit of time with them. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. DW**

2 Melbourne

Take a deep dive into Melbourne's art-filled lanes and alleys on a walking tour. Spot a jazz bar or hidden restaurant you fancy? **B**

3 Melbourne – Cairns

Things start to heat up in Cairns, the heart of Tropical North Queensland. Jump aboard a cruise at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures to discover some of the wildlife that calls this part of the state home, before helping protect their habitats by planting trees as part of our Rainforest Restoration project, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. **Hotel: Hilton, 3 nights. B**

4 Great Barrier Reef

The Great Barrier Reef deserves its World Heritage listing – it's one of the most biodiverse marine environments on the planet, home to thousands of species of fish and corals, as well as six of the world's seven sea turtles. Strap on a snorkel and dive in, or keep your hair dry and take in the drama from an underwater observatory and semi-submersible craft. **B L**

5 Cairns Free Time

Today is one of decisions: explore the Cairns Esplanade, or head up into the hills on a Scenic Railway journey to Kuranda. Tonight's dinner at Ochre Restaurant on the waterfront uses native ingredients that the world's oldest civilisation has consumed for millennia. **B DW**

6 Cairns – Sydney

We hope you have a window seat for the flight into Sydney - the view over the harbor as you come in to land certainly sparkles. The rest of your day is free for you to acquaint yourself with this magical city. Ask your Travel Director for suggestions. **Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, 3 nights. B**

7 Sydney

Discover one of the great highlights of Sydney, the beautiful Sydney Opera House with a guided tour inside this iconic building, before a Sydney Harbour sightseeing cruise enjoying million dollar views. If there was ever a place that slipped from the pages of a fairy-tale, Wendy's Secret Garden

at Lavender Bay is it. Overlooking Sydney Harbour, this pocket of floral paradise is explained by a local volunteer – did you know this was once unused wasteland? Your visit, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience provides a contribution to the ongoing maintenance of the enchanting garden. **B**

8 Sydney Free Time

You could spend weeks exploring Sydney. Months even. But you have today, so get set for a wild ride. Your agenda is completely up to you, but we have more than a few ideas. Perhaps a bird's-eye perspective of the city on a Sydney BridgeClimb? Maybe a ferry to Manly for fish-and-chips on the beach? This evening, celebrate Sydney at dinner with your travel companions. **B DW**

9 Sydney – Auckland

Battle of the harbors: Sydney has one, but Auckland has two. Small wonder it's known as the 'City of Sails'. **Hotel: The Grand by SkyCity, 2 nights. B DW**

10 Auckland

Get your Auckland bearings on a city tour, before choosing a precinct to while away the afternoon in. Ask us for dinner tips. **B**

11 Auckland – Rotorua

Cute and cuddly, NZ's national bird, the Kiwi, is also endangered. Go behind the scenes on a working kiwi nursery and hatchery to learn how breeding programs are helping the population thrive. Tonight, dive deep into Indigenous culture and traditions at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience. Enjoy a forest kai horotai (seasonal canapes) and chef choice aperitif, followed by a seasonal three-course dinner. **Hotel: Millennium. B HD**

12 Rotorua – Auckland - Queenstown

Lance O'Sullivan, a retired champion jockey, and his wife Bridgette invite you to an exclusive Be My Guest morning tea at the Red Barn, at their working dairy farm in the Waikato district. Expect country banter and have a go at the forgotten art of butter churning. **Hotel: Millennium, 3 nights. B BG**

13 Milford Sound

Sheer cliffs, thundering waterfalls, glaciers and rainforest – if there's a



Geothermal Reserve, Rotorua

destination more inspiring than Milford Sound in Fiordland National Park, we're yet to find it. After a cruise here (look out for dolphins and sea lions), we're sure you'll agree. **B L**

14 Queenstown Free Time

Sleep in, find a rooftop wine bar for lunch, take a stroll around the lake... wherever you wander, meet your fellow travelers for a Highlight Dinner at 1860s Postmasters Cottage. **B HD**

15 Queenstown – Lake Tekapo

Arrowtown and Cromwell are known for their natural drama; just as enticing is the tasty stone fruit. Take a bite. Arriving at Lake Tekapo, you're far from anywhere. Which practically guarantees dazzling stargazing in the UNESCO Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve. **Hotel: Peppers Bluewater Resort. B DW**

16 Lake Tekapo – Christchurch

Watch the sun rise over the lake or sleep in before heading to Christchurch, where community spirit is strong; not only has the city rebuilt since the devastating 2010/11 earthquakes, but it's thriving, with architectural innovations like the world's first church built of cardboard. Take in the sights with an in-the-know local. **Hotel: Distinction, 2 nights. B**

17 Christchurch

Travel through rolling countryside to Hurunui Hills, a hill country farm in North Canterbury. Enjoy warm Kiwi hospitality with the Bamford Family, who have been farming at Hurunui since 1884 with six generations focused on producing premium Merino sheep, wool and Angus cattle. Soak up stunning scenery while enjoying morning tea, meet the farm animals & discover what it is like to live off the land on this unique By My Guest experience. Continue to Waipara Springs Winery, where it's time to relax and enjoy a platter-style lunch among the vines. A big day leads to a big evening joining your Travel Director for a celebratory Farewell Dinner, featuring produce from the Canterbury region. **B BG L FD**

18 Farewell from Christchurch

It's hard to say goodbye; so say 'see you soon' instead. **B**

18 DAYS
18 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2024 continued	2025
Nov 09, 30	Apr 11	Jan 09, 16, 23, 30
Dec 28	May 09	Feb 06, 13, 20
	Jun 27	Mar 06, 13
2024	Aug 29	
Jan 18	Sep 26	
Feb 01, 15	Oct 10	
Mar 07	Nov 07, 21, 28	
	Dec 05, 12	

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Dining

- 17 Full breakfasts **B**
- 2 Be My Guest Morning Teas **BG**
- 3 Lunches **L**
- 2 Highlight Dinners **HD**
- 5 Dinners with wine **DW**
- 1 Farewell Dinner **FD**

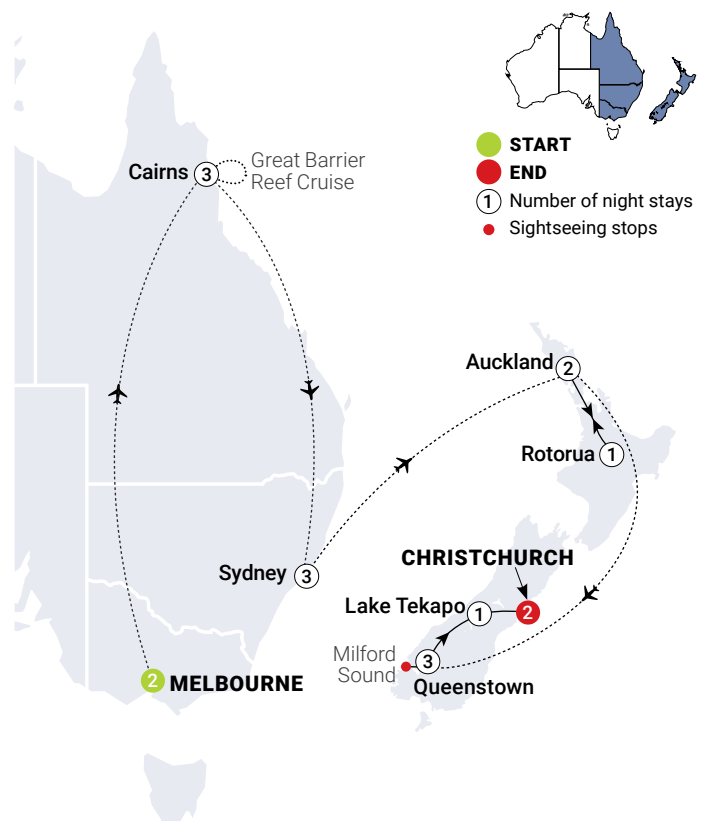
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Highlights of Australia & New Zealand

Highlights

Local Connection

Australia dazzles, whether you're gazing at the night sky in the Red Centre with the Falzon family, or exploring colorful alleys in Melbourne hand-in-hand with an art aficionado.

Cultural Immersion

Dive deep into Indigenous culture at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, where Māori culture is revealed through a traditional hangi meal and dance performance.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Your visit to a kiwi hatchery helps ensure the future of this adorable (yet endangered) bird for future generations of visitors.

Wildlife & Nature

Nature humbles at Milford Sound, where plunging cliffs and raging waterfalls meet inky dark water. On your cruise you'll begin to understand why dolphins and sea lions love living here.



1 Welcome to Melbourne

Melbourne is known for its amazing food, as you'll discover while meeting your fellow travelers tonight. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 3 nights. DW**

2 Melbourne

Get your Melbourne bearings on a city tour, but make sure you're wearing comfy shoes for when you hit the streets to explore hidden alleys covered in eye-popping murals. The afternoon is yours to indulge. **B**

3 Melbourne Free Time

There are endless reasons to linger in Melbourne. But if you feel like exploring further afield, talk to us about a road trip along the Great Ocean Road (it deserves its name) or to Phillip Island to see the Penguin Parade. **B**

4 Melbourne – Alice Springs

Some parts of Australia are so remote that the only way kids can get an education is remotely via the School of the Air. Your next stop is the historic Telegraph Station. Being this far flung also means there's no light pollution from cars or skyscrapers. The result? Unrivalled stargazing (and a BBQ feast) with the Falzon family at their eco-oriented Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre. **Hotel: Mercure Alice Springs Resort. B BG**

5 Alice Springs – Uluru

The rusty red landscapes of Uluru beckon as you leave Alice Springs for Ayers Rock Resort, your backdrop this afternoon is the world's largest rock monolith. Follow your guide to the perfect perch to capture Uluru as the last of the day disappears. **Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights. B**

6 Uluru & Kata Tjuta

The only reason to get out of bed before dawn? For a magical Uluru sunrise. It's a spiritual place with stories of the Anangu, caretakers of this remote arid landscape revealed while you tour the base. The red desert follows you to Kata Tjuta, where nature humbles as you walk through the towering domes of this ancient rock formation. **B**

7 Uluru – Cairns

So the other reason to rise in the dark is to witness Bruce Munro's Field of Light, an installation of 50,000 orbs blanketing the outback. This is the countryside that First Nations artists immortalize in their paintings - try your

hand at creating one during an intro to Western Desert Art. Head to your next stop in sunny Cairns. **Hotel: Hilton, 3 nights. B**

8 Cairns Free Time

Today is all yours. Celebrate the end of an incredible day at dinner on Cairns' waterfront at Salt House for regional seafood plucked straight from the ocean. **B DW**

9 Great Barrier Reef

The world's largest living organism, the Great Barrier Reef, never fails to dazzle. Set out on a catamaran to explore a kaleidoscope of color. Strap on a snorkel or visit an underwater observatory and semi-submersible craft to take in the menagerie without getting your hair wet. **B L**

10 Cairns – Sydney

Touch down in Australia's largest city, with a harbor you could gaze at all day long. And all night. **Hotel: InterContinental, 3 nights. B**

11 Sydney

Bring your stamina: today is one of innumerable highlights. Go behind the scenes at the Sydney Opera House. Then see the city from the water on a Sydney Harbour Highlight Lunch Cruise One icon to another: Bondi, the world's most famous beach, beckons this afternoon. **B HL**

12 Sydney Free Time

Now you've found your bearings in Sydney, why not linger around the harbor. Tonight a Highlight Dinner back in the shadow of the Opera House at Midden restaurant. **B HD**

13 Sydney – Auckland

All you have to do today is sit back and enjoy the view as you cross the Tasman to embark on your next adventure. **Hotel: The Grand by SkyCity, 2 nights. B DW**

14 Auckland – Rotorua

We'll take you out to Mission Bay and Bastion Point – have your camera poised – and then leave you to your own devices in the afternoon. **B**

15 Auckland – Rotorua

Get up close with NZ's national bird, the endangered kiwi, at a working nursery and hatchery. See how breeding programs help sustain the



Dark Sky Reserve, Lake Tekapo

population. Then, immerse yourself in the Te Pā Tū Maori Experience, celebrating Maori history, traditions and future aspirations celebrated over forest kai horotai (seasonal canapes) with chef choice aperitif, and a delicious three-course meal. **Hotel: Millennium. B HD**

16 Rotorua – Auckland – Queenstown

Lance O’Sullivan, a retired champion jockey, and his wife Bridgette invite you to an exclusive Be My Guest morning tea at the Red Barn, at their working dairy farm in the Waikato district. **Hotel: Millennium, 3 nights. B BG**

17 Milford Sound Cruise

Sheer cliffs, thundering waterfalls, glaciers and rainforest – if there’s a destination more inspiring than Milford Sound/Piopiotahi in Fiordland National Park, we’re yet to find it. After a cruise here, we’re sure you’ll agree. **B L**

18 Queenstown Free Time

Today is all yours. Regroup for a Highlight Dinner at the historic Postmasters Cottage. **B HD**

19 Queenstown – Lake Tekapo

Arrowtown, known for its charm, and Cromwell, for its stone fruit. Arriving at Lake Tekapo, you’re far from anywhere. Which practically guarantees dazzling stargazing in the UNESCO Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve. **Hotel: Peppers Bluewater Resort. B DW**

20 Lake Tekapo – Christchurch

Head north to Christchurch. **Hotel: Distinction, 2 nights. B**

21 Christchurch

Travel to Hurunui Hills, a hill-country farm in North Canterbury. Enjoy warm Kiwi hospitality with the Bamford Family. Enjoy morning tea, meet the farm animals, and discover what it is like to live off the land on this unique By My Guest experience. Then visit Waipara Springs Winery and relax over a platter-style lunch among the vines. Join your Travel Director and travel companions for a celebratory Farewell Dinner. **B BG L FD**

22 Farewell from Christchurch

How did three weeks disappear like that? Re-live all the memorable moments on your way home. **B**

22 DAYS
16 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Oct 08	Jan 14, 28	Jan 05, 12 , 19, 26
Nov 26	Feb 04	Feb 02, 09 , 16, 23
	Mar 03, 24	Mar 02 , 09, 16
	Apr 07	
	May 26	
	Jun 23	
	Aug 25	
	Sep 08, 22	
	Oct 06 , 27	
	Nov 03 , 10, 17, 24	
	Dec 08	

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Dining

- 21 Full breakfasts **B**
- 3 Lunches **L**
- 2 Be My Guest Morning Teas **BG**
- 1 Highlight lunch **HL**
- 1 Be My Guest dinner **BG**
- 4 Dinners with wine **DW**
- 3 Highlight Dinners **HD**
- 1 Farewell Dinner **FD**

Flight Information

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- Day 4 – Melbourne to Alice Springs
- Day 7 – Ayers Rock to Cairns
- Day 10 – Cairns to Sydney
- Day 13 – Sydney to Auckland
- Day 16 – Auckland to Queenstown

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Outback Adventure

Highlights

Local Connection

Discover the beauty of the Australian outback over a Be My Guest dinner at Earth Sanctuary, plus tours with the Royal Flying Doctor Service and School of the Air.

Cultural Immersion

From Uluru to Kakadu, nothing puts life in perspective quite like glimpsing 40,000-year-old rock art with an Aboriginal guide.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Sleep soundly at Wilpena Pound Resort knowing your stay contributes directly to the local Adnyamathanha people and regional conservation projects.

Wildlife & Nature

Ancient red rock cliffs encircle desert palms at Kings Canyon, the spectacular heart of Australia and a place that will make your pulse race.

1 Welcome to Adelaide

At once cultured yet cool, Adelaide attracts foodies, historians and art aficionados in equal measure. Explore at your leisure, before meeting a local gourmand to tour the city's legendary Central Market, before joining your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. DW**

2 Adelaide – Flinders Ranges

The Clare Valley is the postcard-perfect setting for historic Knappstein Enterprise Winery, producing sweet-scented rieslings and mineral-rich reds. The route north lands you at Hawker, the gateway to the Flinders Ranges. The best is yet to come, as you arrive at Wilpena Pound Resort in the shadows of a staggering natural amphitheatre. Your stay at this resort, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, contributes to the sustainable economic future of the local Aboriginal people. **Hotel: Wilpena Pound Resort. B DW**

3 Flinders Ranges – Port Augusta

The river red gums that envelop Hills Homestead will leave you lost for words. You get here on a leisurely walk along Wilpena Creek and continue to Wangarra Hill Lookout for views over the pound's peaks and curves. The drama is echoed as you climb to Pichi Richi Pass and the historic town of Quorn, where with a Local Guide, you'll hear the importance of this town in the ANZAC's Gallipoli Campaign, before easing into Port Augusta. **Hotel: Majestic Oasis Apartments. B DW**

4 Port Augusta – Coober Pedy

The main attraction in Woomera is a former rocket-testing site, today stocked with disused rockets and missiles. Speaking of space, you'll think you've landed on the moon as you travel through sun-baked country to Coober Pedy, known as 'the opal capital of the world'. Things get deep as you travel underground to visit the town's head-scratching subterranean facilities. **Hotel: Desert Cave. B DW**

5 Coober Pedy – Uluru

Emerge from your cave and cross the border into the Northern Territory. Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park has World Heritage status for a reason; under the gaze of the world's mightiest monolith, toast the end of the day with a glass of bubbles and a camera full of sunset photos. **Hotel: Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights. B**

6 Uluru Sunrise – Kata Tjuta

Pre-dawn wake-up calls are worth it when you get to enjoy a Red Centre sunrise. Marvel at the majesty of Uluru as you circumnavigate its base or join a guided walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole. This landscape takes you back to the beginning of time, a sacred place among the Anangu people. More soul-salving landscapes await at Kata Tjuta, cool relief provided as you walk amid its domes to Walpa Gorge. **B**

7 Uluru – Kings Canyon

Another sunrise excursion awaits, with an optional tour to Bruce Munro's *Field of Light* – a blanket of 50,000 glowing bulbs. Next chance to stretch your legs is at Kings Creek Station, the largest exporter of wild camels in Australia. All your senses will be activated at Kings Canyon, 440-million years in the making. **Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort. B DW**

8 Kings Canyon – Alice Springs

Things are bigger in the NT outback, from the cattle stations to the MacDonnell Ranges, which stretch like a caterpillar's spine toward Alice Springs. Aside from its plethora of Aboriginal galleries and art stores, Alice makes Australian history for her 1872 Telegraph Station, one of 12 along the Overland Telegraph Line between Adelaide and Darwin. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B**

9 Alice Springs

Aboriginal culture is strong in Alice, as you'll find on your tour of the Alice Springs Desert Park. The other thing that's mighty is community spirit – it's essential when there are so few people scattered over such a vast area of land. Enter the Royal Flying Doctor Service, its base a museum that goes behind the scenes of the life-saving health services delivered to people in remote realms. One of the benefits of being this far-flung is the lack of light pollution. And at Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre, this equates to epic stargazing. Your Be My Guest BBQ dinner here with the Falzon family is enlightening and uplifting. **B BG**

10 Alice Springs – Tennant Creek

1.3 million square kilometers – that's the eye-watering distance the School of Air's lessons are broadcast across daily. Watch a live session with children who would otherwise have no access to education. It's the devil



Mataranka Thermal Pool

15 DAYS 23 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2024	2024 continued
Jun 11 , 18	Aug 06 , 13
Jul 09 , 16	Sep 03

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Dining

14 Full breakfasts B	8 Dinners with wine DW
1 Be My Guest dinner BG	1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

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Day 15 – flights to depart anytime from Darwin Airport

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(well, his marbles) that awaits at Karlu Karlu, where precariously balanced boulders appear superglued together. **Hotel: Bluestone Motor Inn. B DW**

11 Tennant Creek – Katherine

Since the 1930s, the Daly Waters Historic Pub has been dishing up schnitzels, barramundi burgers and hearty steaks. The walls are lined with treasures that passers-by leave behind. 'Land of the Never Never' awaits at Mataranka. Visit a replica of the Elsey Homestead, used in 1982 Aussie drama We of the Never Never. Or wander palm-lined walkways to take a dip in the region's thermal springs. **Hotel: Contour. B DW**

12 Katherine – Kakadu National Park

The Jawoyn have called Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge home for millennia. You can feel their presence as you cruise the waterway, home to more than a few resident crocs. They'll make another appearance in Kakadu, when you explore Yellow Water Billabong. You don't need binoculars to spot the sea eagles, brolgas and kingfishers; they're everywhere you look. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru. B DW**

13 Kakadu – Darwin

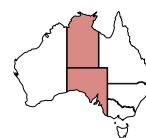
Decisions, decisions: optional morning flight over Kakadu and Arnhem Land, or a sleep in. We vote for the former before you venture toward Ubirr and its ancient Aboriginal rock art. The night is yours in steamy Darwin, where the characters are as large as the shadows cast at sunset. **Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, 2 nights. B**

14 Litchfield National Park

Nature rules today, your explorations into Litchfield National Park revealing magnetic termite mounds standing two meters tall. And then there are the waterfalls: Florence, for its dreamy cascades, and Wangi, where you can cool off in a crystal-clear waterhole (swimming is seasonal). See the NT capital in a new light when you venture out on a Darwin Harbor Cruise, your sparkling wine glass full to toast your last evening on this epic adventure. **B FD**

15 Farewell from Darwin

Time to bid adieu and head home to sort through all those photos. Even better are the memories; two weeks of wild outback adventures. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Untamed Kimberley

Highlights

Local Connection

After catching an epic sunset cruising the Ord River and Lake Argyle outside Kununurra, enjoy the flavors of Hoochery Rum Distillery – the owners are legends.

Cultural Immersion

Aboriginal Songlines are strong across Western Australia. Ensure they stay that way with a visit to a Kimberley First Nations art gallery.

Sustainable Footprints

Every footstep you take into a national park ensures your visit treads lightly. Fees go toward protecting the environment, and the animals that call it home.

Wildlife & Nature

Nature humbles at Purnululu National Park in the Kimberley, where the striated domes of the Bungle Bungles pop from the desert like Jurassic beehives.



1 Welcome to Darwin

The balmy Darwin climate sets the pace for your city tour: relaxed. Things don't happen in a hurry here. Even the fiery sunsets seem to linger. You'll catch one later, but first an orientation tour to meet locals, discover the city's architecture and learn about the events that have shaped life, from Cyclone Tracy to WWII when the Northern Territory capital was bombed. Now it's time to watch the day disappear and meet your fellow adventure seekers for a Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: Vibe Darwin Waterfront. DW**

2 Darwin – Katherine

As you begin your travels south, yet more reminders of the impact of WWII line the banks of the Adelaide River, where the headquarters of a military base once stood. Then nature takes over at Nitmiluk National Park bordering Kakadu. This is Jawoyn land, and a place where you'll feel your spirit soar. Particularly when you're cruising through dramatic Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, your boat the only sound in this enormous chasm. There's no time to catch your breath – you're off to meet larger-than-life character Tom Curtain on a cattle station, where he entertains crowds through song and stories. **Hotel: Contour. B DW**

3 Katherine – Kununurra

Say goodbye to the NT and hello to WA, your introduction to the state the unexpected delights of Kununurra. It's in the middle of nowhere, and only exists because of the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. Before it was a twinkle on the map, farming pioneers came here to establish vast cattle stations. The life of one family is chronicled at the Durack Homestead Museum, which you'll visit before enjoying yet another sunset, this time cruising the Ord River and Lake Argyle. Some experiences burn into your memory. **Hotel: Kununurra Country Club Resort, 2 nights. B DW**

4 Kununurra

How active and adventurous do you want today to be? Rise early to enjoy a bird's-eye view of the beehive-like rock formations of the Bungle Bungles on an optional scenic flight or stay grounded on a 4WD tour through the national park. Otherwise, lace up your walking shoes and

wander with your Travel Director through Mirima National Park, known as the 'mini-Bungles' for its rocky resemblance. Whatever direction you go, be sure to join the locals atop Kelly's Knob for views over the town. **B**

5 Kununurra – Emma Gorge

It's not every day that you get to go behind the scenes of a rum distillery with the family that owns it. Discover how Hoochery Distillery makes its lip-smacking, award-winning rums and whiskeys. Try a tasting paddle to get your heart started or sit down to a slice of rum cake – morning tea sorted. The Gibb River Road is the stuff road trip legends are made of. You'll see why, your route to El Questro Wilderness Park covering a few kilometers of the epic expanse. Now exhale – your safari-style tents for the night are surrounded by an oasis of pandanus and palms. **Hotel: Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities, El Questro, 2 nights. B DW**

6 El Questro Wilderness Park

The best way to wake up? With the sun streaming through your tent, wildlife all around. The Kimberley's sounds follow you across the mighty Pentecost River, a mecca for those who love a spot of barramundi fishing. Arriving at Chamberlain Gorge, an enormous fresh waterhole, your cruise chariot awaits. Jump aboard to feel very small indeed, your boat dwarfed by soaring 65-meter escarpments. When it's time to cool down, take an afternoon dip, whether in the resort pool or at a waterhole within Emma Gorge. Take your pick. **B DW**

7 Emma Gorge – Halls Creek

Until recently, the Argyle Diamond Mine was the world's largest producer of rare, and dazzling, pink diamonds. While operations have ceased, you can still visit and go behind the scenes. Your Aboriginal guide will not only point out where the magic once happened, but also explain the significance of this land. Equally important to Aboriginal communities is the Great Sandy Desert, which Halls Gap perches on the edge of. This place is small in population, but big in personality. **Hotel: Kimberley. B L DW**



El Questro Falls

11 DAYS • 22 Included Experiences

WDB: Darwin to Broome

Departure Dates

2024		2024 continued	
May	07, 28	Jul	02, 23, 30
Jun	25	Aug	06, 13, 20

11 DAYS • 22 Included Experiences

WBD: Broome to Darwin

Departure Dates

2024	
Jun	07, 14
Jul	05, 26
Aug	02

Definite Departures highlighted in red.

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A limited number of single rooms are also available.

Dining

- 10 Full breakfasts B
- 2 Lunches L
- 7 Dinners with wine DW
- 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2.00pm into Darwin Airport

Day 11 – flights to depart anytime from Broome Airport

Flights are not included in the vacation price.

Return airport to hotel transfers are included in the vacation price.

8 Halls Creek – Fitzroy Crossing

The remote town of Fitzroy Crossing acts as the gateway to Dangg (Geikie) Gorge. But before you cruise the waterway, continue your deep dive into First Nations culture at the Aboriginal art gallery here. Then embark your boat to discover how this remarkable part of the Kimberley was formed by the Fitzroy River carving the Napier Range, leaving behind a dramatic chasm, home to a plethora of wildlife. Keep watch for freshwater crocs, fruit bats and wallabies. **Hotel: Fitzroy River Lodge. B L DW**

9 Fitzroy Crossing – Broome

Among the most multicultural cities in Australia, Broome became a base for fortune-seekers the world over during its 'pearl rush'. The pristine waters here grow great oysters, and the resulting pearls are prized by lovers of all things that gleam. A city tour will give you your bearings. Then it's time to settle in for Broome's other attraction: its sunsets. Follow locals to the sand or find a perch in a beachside bar to salute the end of another spectacular day in WA. **Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, 2 nights. B**

10 Broome Free Time

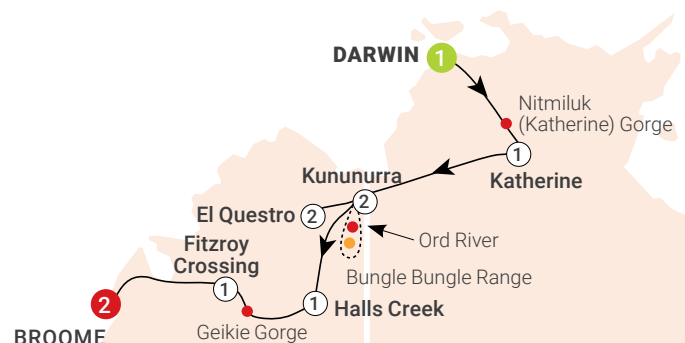
A day of decisions. Simply enjoy Broome's tropical climes, strolling along 22-kilometer Cable Beach, hunting for dinosaur footprints and browsing the pearl boutiques in town. It's hard to resist a purchase; even harder when you go straight to the source at a pearl farm, to see how they're harvested. **B FD**

11 Farewell from Broome

Eleven days, countless memories, a bunch of new friends... you'll leave Broome with your travel wanderlust ignited. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops
- Optional Experience



Tastes of Southern Australia

Highlights

Local Connection

Meet Craig Starr on his 400-hectare sheep farm Gold Creek Station for a tale or two, and a BBQ. The stories continue at Australian Parliament House.

Cultural Immersion

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Walk with an Aboriginal Guide through Adelaide's Botanic Garden, as you learn some of its history from a First Nation's perspective.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE By visiting Kangaroo Island's Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, you not only gain insights into Australian animals, but also have the chance to support them.

Wildlife & Nature

Across the Great Ocean Road's 240 kilometers you'll discover all manner of natural drama, from limestone stacks to World Heritage listed rainforest and untouched coastal coves.

As this vacation departs at 7.30am from the Vibe Hotel Sydney, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Sydney – Canberra

As hard as it is to say goodbye to Sydney, it's just as easy to say hello to the Southern Highlands. South of the 'Harbour City', the bucolic countryside of Berrima awaits – fun fact: this is the oldest Georgian village in Australia. Further on, you're welcomed to Gold Creek Station by sheep farmer Craig Starr for a Be My Guest BBQ lunch and tales about life on the land. Onward to the country's cool little capital, home to Parliament House, where you'll go behind the political scenes. Tonight, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. BG DW**

2 Canberra – Wangaratta

Get some Canberra perspective from the summit of Mt. Ainslie. You won't be able to see the Murray River, but you'll soon cross it en route to Beechworth, Victoria's best-preserved gold rush town. We'll give you the Beechworth lowdown, then set you on your way to explore character-filled antiques stores, galleries and museums at your leisure. There are plenty of charming places to refuel, as well, before Wangaratta's cathedrals beckon. **Hotel: Quality. B**

3 Wangaratta – Melbourne

Meandering south toward historic Glenrowan, you're well and truly in Ned Kelly country – this is where the infamous bushranger and his gang were finally captured in 1880. We'll tell you all the tales, then a few more about Melbourne, the home of Aussie rules football, some of the country's best arts institutions, and a swag of stellar restaurants, cafés and bars. Once you have your bearings, explore as you will. We can help with evening restaurant reservations. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. B**

4 Melbourne Free Time

You're on your own today. Well, not really, because your Travel Director is at your service to help arrange optional sightseeing experiences. After you've enjoyed a strong coffee in one of Melbourne's atmospheric laneways, that is. Adrenaline junkie? Linger in the city, gaining bird's-eye views from the Melbourne Skydeck at the Eureka Tower. Animal lover? Venture to Phillip Island to see hundreds of little penguins

pad along the sand. Want to get back to nature? Chug through the lush Dandenong Ranges on the Puffing Billy Steam Train, followed by a sip or two of wine in the Yarra Valley. The choice is yours. **B**

5 Melbourne – Warrnambool

The Great Ocean Road is one of the world's most epic journeys, a dramatic 240-kilometer union of limestone stacks (Twelve Apostles, we're looking at you), World Heritage listed rainforest, untouched coastal coves and sleepy towns, like Lorne and Apollo Bay. It's hard to know where to point your camera. We recommend having it poised to snap shots of the Loch Ard Gorge and London Bridge rock formations. It doesn't get any better than this. **Hotel: Lady Bay Resort. B DW**

6 Warrnambool – Naracoorte

Emus, kangaroos, koalas, echidnas... These are just some of the animals you'll possibly spot as you drive through Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve – housed in a dormant volcanic crater. Remarkably, this pocket of paradise was once wasteland, transformed by volunteers. More volcanic history awaits across the South Australian border in Mt. Gambier, home to the crater-filling Blue Lake. By now you'll be pretty thirsty, so it's a good thing the Coonawarra wine region is around the corner. After a few sips, you may find yourself getting deep – literally. Naracoorte's Alexandra Cave is a maze of delicate needle-like stalactites and massive twisting columns. **Hotel: William MacIntosh Motor Lodge. B DW**

7 Naracoorte – Kangaroo Island

The Fleurieu Peninsula is a natural adventure playground, all rolling hills, rugged clifftops and sandy beaches. Seaside Victor Harbor turns on the charms – there are steam locomotives – before your ferry blasts its horn. All aboard for Kangaroo Island. A well-deserved tasting of craft beer awaits at a boutique brewery, the only one on the island. How does a Golden Ale sound? Your destination is South Australia's oldest European settlement, Kingscote. **Hotel: Aurora Ozone, 2 nights. B DW**

8 Kangaroo Island

If you like alliterations, you'll love today's attractions: first stops are Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch, home to an immense colony of raucous fur seals. Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary was



Koomo Restaurant and Bar

11 DAYS 23 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Oct 17, 31	Jan 09	Feb 06, 20
Nov 21	Feb 06	Mar 20
	Mar 05	
	Apr 11	
	May 02	
	Aug 29	
	Sep 19	
	Oct 17, 31	
	Nov 21	

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A limited number of single rooms are also available.

Dining

- 10 Full breakfasts B
- 1 Be My Guest lunch BG
- 2 Lunches L
- 4 Dinners with wine DW
- 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Sydney Airport
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badly damaged by the 2019 bushfires. Through this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll assist with their bushfire recovery plan and wildlife rehabilitation program. Learn from one of their experienced guides about the delicate ecosystem and Australian native animals. More wildlife greets you at Seal Bay Conservation Park, where enormous sea lions barrel down the sand to the water. This is one of the most significant breeding colonies in the country. **B L**

9 Kangaroo Island – Adelaide

You've arrived in the South Australian capital, known for its well-preserved churches and well-admired cuisine. Did you know that Adelaide boasts more restaurants per capita than any other city in Australia? After a cultural walking tour in the Botanic Garden with an Aboriginal Guide, and an Adelaide city tour, the afternoon is yours to see just how many you can sample – we have a few recommendations, including the epic Central Market, where you can try green ant gin with cheese, among so many other delicacies. This place is the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. B**

10 Adelaide Hills & The Barossa

Today is one of indulgences through the Adelaide Hills and atmospheric towns like Hahndorf, Australia's oldest German settlement. Wander down its tree-lined streets and take time to explore the quaint shops. This part of the state is known for its food and wine, and you'll discover local flavors over lunch at Lambert Estate, nestled in the rolling hills of the Barossa, enveloped by vines. Return to Adelaide through landscape dotted with stone cottages and olive groves to join your Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner at Koomo, Adelaide's highest restaurant, for a Japanese inspired feast. **B L FD**

11 Farewell from Adelaide

By day 11, you will have a suitcase full of wine and cheese; a camera full of dreamy images; and more memories than you can count. **B**



Great Ocean Road & Kangaroo Island

Highlights

Local Connection

Mike established Kangaroo Island Brewery in 2015, and loves talking to guests about the flavors distinguishing his beers.

Cultural Immersion

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Gain a deeper understanding of the indigenous plants that grow in the area along with their traditional uses, at the Botanic Garden in Adelaide.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Support bushfire and wildlife rehabilitation projects on Kangaroo Island when you visit Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary.

Wildlife & Nature

The underworld beckons at Naracoorte's Alexandra Cave, a maze of delicate needle-like stalactites and massive twisting columns.

As this vacation departs at 7.30am from the Crowne Plaza Melbourne, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Melbourne – Warrnambool

You're on your way to the Great Ocean Road, a snaking coastal route that is one of the world's most epic journeys. Across a dramatic 240 kilometers you'll take in limestone stacks like the Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge and London Bridge. Then traverse through World Heritage listed rainforest, skirting untouched coastal coves, and pausing in sleepy towns like Lorne and Apollo Bay, where bare feet and boardshorts are the dress code. Get together with your fellow adventurers for a Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: Lady Bay Resort. DW**

2 Warrnambool – Naracoorte

Emus, kangaroos, koalas, echidnas... oh my! These are just some of the animals you'll possibly spot as you drive through Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve, housed in a dormant volcanic crater. Remarkably, this pocket of paradise was once wasteland, transformed by volunteers. More volcanic history awaits across the South Australian border in Mt. Gambier, home to the crater-filling Blue Lake. Bring your sunglasses, because the lake's name doesn't do it justice – the intensity of the hue is blinding. By now you'll be pretty thirsty, so it's a good thing the Coonawarra wine region is around the corner. Fancy a world-class cab sav, shiraz or merlot? You've come to the right place. Your final adventure is deep, in every sense of the word. Naracoorte's Alexandra Cave is a maze of delicate needle-like stalactites and massive twisting columns. **Hotel: William MacIntosh Motor Lodge. B DW**

3 Naracoorte – Kangaroo Island

Nature rules large again today as you weave along the Fleurieu Peninsula to Victor Harbor. After rolling hills, sandy beaches and rugged cliffs, you're greeted with the charms of this seaside town – towards the gateway to Kangaroo Island. All aboard the ferry for your journey toward this 'mini Galapagos'. Kangaroo Island deserves its moniker, as you'll discover tomorrow. But today, all you have to do is ease into the island with a tasting of craft beers at Kangaroo Island's only brewery. How does a Limestone Road Pale Ale sound? **Hotel: Aurora Ozone, 2 nights. B DW**

4 Kangaroo Island

First stop today truly deserves its name: the orange-lichen-clad Remarkable Rocks command your attention over the blazing blue of the Southern Ocean. Then there's Admirals Arch, home to an immense colony of raucous fur seals and a very photogenic lighthouse. Like much of the island, Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary was badly damaged by the 2019 bushfires. Through this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll assist with their bushfire recovery plan and wildlife rehabilitation program. Learn from one of their experienced guides about the delicate ecosystem and Australian native animals. More wildlife greets you at Seal Bay Conservation Park. Here, on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience you'll visit one of the country's most important sea lion breeding grounds. On a guided walk, you'll learn about these creatures - one of the rarest species in the world of only 12,000, 800 of which call Seal Bay home. Move aside: enormous sea lions regularly barrel down the sand toward the water. **B L**

5 Kangaroo Island – Adelaide

On your cruise back to the mainland, picture some of the culinary opportunities that await you in the South Australian capital. Adelaide is known as the 'city of churches' but we think a more apt title is the 'city of cuisine'. After a cultural walking tour through the city's Botanic Garden with an Aboriginal Guide, and an Adelaide city tour, the afternoon is yours to see just how many restaurants and bars you can sample. Want recommendations? We might point you in the direction of the epic Central Market, the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere with more than 70 stalls selling artisan edibles (and drinkables). **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. B**

6 Adelaide Hills & The Barossa

Now that you have a taste for South Australian produce, take a deep dive on today's adventure through the Adelaide Hills and the Barossa, dotted with atmospheric towns like Hahndorf, Australia's oldest surviving German settlement. Wander down its tree-lined streets and take time to explore the quaint shops. Wining and dining dominate the landscape, with some of the country's oldest grape vines planted across this pocket of the state. Discover local flavors at a wine tasting at Wolf Blass and over



Great Ocean Road

lunch at Lambert Estate, nestled in rolling hills enveloped by vines. Return to Adelaide and join your Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner at Koomo, Adelaide's highest restaurant, for a Japanese inspired feast. **B L FD**

7 Farewell from Adelaide

A week in this part of the world really isn't enough. We hope we've inspired you to come back for another taste. **B**



Seal Bay Conservation Park



Kangaroo Island Brewery

7 DAYS

13 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Oct 21	Jan 13	Feb 10, 24
Nov 4, 25	Feb 10	Mar 24
	Mar 09	
	Apr 15	
	May 06	
	Sep 02, 23	
	Oct 21	
	Nov 04, 25	

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Dining

6 Full breakfasts **B**
2 Lunches **L**

3 Dinners with wine **DW**
1 Farewell Dinner **FD**

Flight Information

Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Melbourne Airport

Day 7 – flights to depart anytime from Adelaide Airport

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Upgrade

Start your tour in Sydney. See Tastes of Southern Australia on page 42.



Perfect Tasmania

Highlights

Local Connection

Whether you're cruising the Gordon River and Wineglass Bay or going behind the scenes on a Be My Guest lunch at Mt. Gnomon Farm, in-the-know locals will keep you company.

Cultural Immersion

You're treated to a Welcome to Country by the Paredarerme people, the Traditional Owners of Oyster Bay, at Spring Bay Mill.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Help keep Tasmania pristine, by assisting horticulturists to propagate seeds, which will be planted to regenerate the site at a former wood chip mill.

Wildlife & Nature

Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park is the kind of place that makes you put life into perspective. How can nature be this humbling?



1 Welcome to Hobart

You don't have to venture far from your hotel to find inspiration in Hobart, whether you're exploring the harbor or easing into one of the city's applauded galleries and wine bars. Save room for your Welcome Dinner, enjoyed in the company of your fellow adventure-seekers. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. DW**

2 City Sights and Salamanca Market

Your morning excursions delve deep into many of the things that make Hobart great: the Botanical Gardens, historic Battery Point and the Cascade Brewery. End on a literal high at Mt. Nelson Lookout, offering dizzying views over the city. From alpaca throws to woodwork, Salamanca Market unites Tassie talent. Grab a coffee and navigate stalls, wedged alongside the precinct's historic sandstone warehouses. **B**

3 Hobart – Strahan

Waterfalls, lakes and ancient moonscapes – today is a journey of contrasts. Not to mention soul revival. Exhale amid the forest enveloping Russell Falls in Mt. Field National Park. Forget your worries at Lake St. Clair, the deepest of its kind in Australia. Sigh as you skirt the World Heritage-protected Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. Then revel in the serenity of Strahan. You're overlooking Macquarie Harbour, seven times the size of Sydney Harbour. **Hotel: Strahan Village. B DW**

4 Strahan – Cradle Mountain

No day that involves a cruise is a bad day. Even better if it's the deep, dark waters of the Gordon River. Soak up the silence of this untouched wilderness area en route to Sarah Island, Tassie's oldest convict settlement; today, haunting ruins have been reclaimed by nature. Your commute towards immense Cradle Mountain Lake St. Clair National Park takes you through Rosebery – tagline: "welcome to the rainforest, don't complain about the rain" – and tiny Tullah, population 165. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain, 2 nights. B L DW**

5 Cradle Mountain

At the heart of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, Cradle Mountain is all moss-covered ancient rainforests and deep river gorges,

snow-tipped peaks, wild alpine moorlands and glacial lakes – case in point Dove Lake, where you'll likely spot Bennetts wallabies, echidnas and pademelons. Pause at Waldheim Chalet, once the home of Gustav and Kate Weindorfer, the duo pivotal in the park's formation. **B DW**

6 Cradle Mountain – Launceston

Tasmania has its fair share of award-winning gin and whisky distilleries, as well as small boutique breweries. Among them is a seaside tap house found in the petite town of Penguin. If there's a place with a cuter name, we're yet to locate it on a map. Sit back and enjoy a tasting paddle of local brew whilst taking in the views overlooking glorious Bass Strait. Continue your palate expansion at Mount Gnomon Farm. Farmer Guy Robertson is as passionate about his orchard as he is the cider he makes. Sip your way through a Be My Guest lunch. Continue to quirky Sheffield, the 'Town of Murals' and through the Meander Valley to Launceston. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. B BG**

7 Launceston

Prepare for goosebumps – Cataract Gorge is humbling. Even more remarkable is the fact that this enormous cavern is just a few minutes' walk from the heart of Launceston. Explore at your leisure. By the time you reach Josef Chromy Wines, you'll have worked up a thirst. We've got you covered. This afternoon is yours: an optional cruise along the Tamar River, perhaps? **B L**

8 Launceston – Bicheno

You'll smell Bridestowe Estate well before you arrive – this lavender farm welcomes with soothing aromas, and addictive flavors in the form of lavender ice-cream. Moving moments await at Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, a series of trees carved with sculptures as an homage to fallen WWI soldiers. It's a poignant reminder just how lucky we are to have Tasmania's scene-stealing landscapes to gaze over. Be sure to head out tonight to catch a glimpse of the little penguins that call Bicheno home. **Hotel: Diamond Island Beach Resort. B DW**

9 Freycinet National Park & Wineglass Bay Cruise

There's a reason this part of Tasmania takes home top honors for its beaches – they were made for postcards. The brilliant blue ocean follows you through Cape Tourville's virgin eucalypt forests, with golden beaches



Josef Chromy Wines

13 DAYS 16 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Oct 13	Jan 19	Jan 17
Nov 10	Feb 09	Feb 07, 28
Dec 08	Mar 01, 22	Mar 21
	Apr 19	
	Sep 13	
	Oct 11	
	Nov 08	
	Dec 06, 27	

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Dining

12 Full breakfasts B
3 Lunches L
1 Be My Guest lunch BG

6 Dinners with wine DW
1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

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as far as the eye can see. Soak in the beauty of the breath-taking Freycinet Peninsula on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience that contributes to the preservation of its wildlife. You'll cruise past granite coastline, towering pink cliffs of the Hazards range, beaches fringed by dense bush, and the gentle shores of Coles Bay. **Hotel: Eastcoaster Tasmania. B L DW**

10 Triabunna – Hobart

Freestone Point was once home to the world's largest wood chip mill, built on the unceded lands of the Paredarmerne people. It's had a philosophy change, and is now intent on charting a sustainable path. As if your Welcome to Country at Oyster Bay wasn't humbling enough, you'll then have the chance to visit beehives and worm farms, and assist horticulturists in propagating seeds to regenerate the area. The GPS is now set for the historic township of Richmond; explore the convict-built gaol and bridge or browsing the quaint boutique shops in town. This evening is at your leisure in Hobart. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor (Harbor View Room), 3 nights. B**

11 Port Arthur Historic Site

While the World Heritage listed Port Arthur Historic Site has a grim convict history, you wouldn't know it today – the countryside is all rolling green fields and ocean views. Only the place names give its heritage away: cruise around the Isle of the Dead, glimpse rugged sea cliffs from Pirate's Bay Lookout, and veer past Tasman's Arch, Devil's Kitchen and the Blowhole. Tonight is at your leisure – we can recommend any number of stellar restaurants. **B**

12 Hobart Free Time

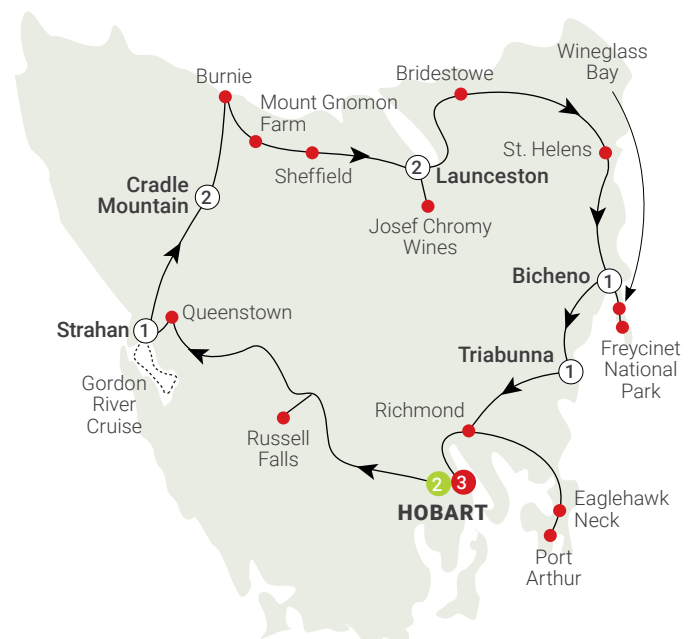
There's something about Tasmania's capital that encourages life in the slow lane. You'll quickly fall into step today, yours to spend as you will. Perhaps add on a Bruny Island cruise to spot playful sea lions and ogle Australia's highest sea cliffs? Or enjoy a bird's-eye view on a scenic flight down to the great Southwest? Or get your cultural fix with a visit to the Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery. **B FD**

13 Farewell from Hobart

If you can still count all the delicious things you have eaten and drunk, and all the epic things you have seen and done, two weeks down the track, we commend you. Now's the time to re-live them with friends and family back at home. **B**



- START
- END
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Tassie's Parks & Nature

Cradle Mountain

Highlights

Local Connection

Cheese, wine, whisky and cider all await in Tassie. Go behind the scenes with the makers, including farmer Guy Robertson for a Be My Guest lunch.

Cultural Immersion

Listen to local street performers as you taste delicious homegrown produce at Tassie's iconic Salamanca Market.

Wildlife & Nature

Carved by ice during glaciations over the last two million years, Lake St. Clair is the deepest of its kind in Australia. Added bonus – it's surrounded by World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park.

Sustainable Footprints

Your visit contributes to National Parks and Wildlife, protecting Tasmania's wilderness including the Franklin-Gordon Rivers.

1 Welcome to Hobart

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2 Salamanca Market and City Sights

Salamanca Market unites Tassie talent. Navigate stalls, wedged alongside the precinct's historic sandstone warehouses. The Botanical Gardens, historic Battery Point and the Cascade Brewery. End the day on a literal high at Mt. Nelson Lookout, offering dizzying views over the city. **B**

3 Hobart – Strahan

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Rosebery and tiny Tullah, population 165.

Hotel: Cradle Mountain, 2 nights. B L DW

5 Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake

At the heart of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, Cradle Mountain is all moss-covered ancient rainforests and deep river gorges, snow-tipped peaks, wild alpine moorlands and glacial lakes. Pause at Waldheim Chalet, once the home of Gustav and Kate Weindorfer, the duo pivotal in the park's formation. **B DW**

6 Cradle Mountain – Launceston

Travelling north, drop in for a beer tasting overlooking glorious Bass Strait. Continue your palate expansion at Mount Gnomon Farm, in the hills overlooking the petite town of Penguin. Farmer Guy Robertson is as passionate about his orchard as he is the cider he makes. Sip your way through a Be My Guest lunch. Continue to quirky Sheffield, the 'Town of Murals' and continue through the Meander Valley to Launceston. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor. B BG**

7 Farewell from Launceston

Cataract Gorge is just a few minutes' walk from the heart of Launceston. Explore at your leisure. By the time you reach Josef Chromy Wines, you'll have worked up a thirst. A fitting end to a week of wonderment. **B L**

7 DAYS

11 Included Experiences

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Dining

6 Full breakfasts B 2 Lunches L
1 Be My Guest lunch BG 4 Dinners with wine DW

Flight Information

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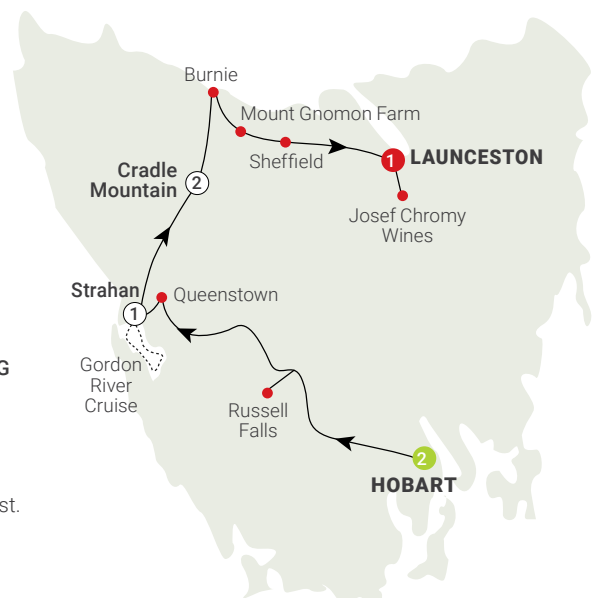
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Upgrade

Start & end your tour in Hobart. See Perfect Tasmania page 46.



- START
- END
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Jewels of the Bay



Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Highlights

Local Connection

Meet the artists, makers and producers that call the Bay of Islands home, as well as descendants of Traditional Landowners who signed the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840.

Cultural Immersion

Free day in the Bay of Islands? An optional mini tour of Russell takes you to iconic locations that make it so significant in New Zealand's early history.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Journey through Waitangi Treaty Grounds, New Zealand's most important historic site. Discover the stories, people and events that have shaped the past, present and future.

Wildlife & Nature

From its 20-million-year-old volcanic dome to its spectacular waterfall, Whangarei feels more like an oasis than New Zealand's most northerly city.

3 DAYS 1 Included Experience

Departure Dates

2023	2025
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Dining

2 Full buffet breakfasts B 1 Dinner D

Flight Information

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As this vacation departs from the Cordis Auckland at 7.30am, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Auckland – Bay of Islands

We hope you slept soundly, because today is jam-packed with adventures. Hit the road in the morning for a scenic sojourn to the Bay of Islands. This pocket of the country deserves its name – there are more than 140 subtropical islets off the coast here. It's undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical secret; this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, between Captain William Hobson and Māori chiefs. Your guide, likely a descendant of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance of the site, while pointing out the world's largest ceremonial war canoe and a carved meeting house. You wanted an introduction to New Zealand heritage on day one – you got it. **Hotel: Copthorne Resort (Water View), 2 nights. D**

2 Bay of Islands Free Time

If there's a travel destination that inspires wanderlust, the Bay of Islands is it. Today, trip the light fantastic and head off in whatever direction you please. Perhaps out on to the water to ride the waves aboard a historic tall ship, glass of New Zealand wine in hand. Or maybe on a mini-tour around the romantic

town of Russell, the country's first permanent European settlement and seaport. Fun fact: the town's streets retain their original names and layout from 1843. Just ask your Travel Director for touring tips – and places to wine and dine come dusk. This part of the country was made for blazing sunsets. **B**

3 Bay of Islands – Auckland

If you've never heard of Whangarei, you're probably not alone. But today, New Zealand's most northerly city is well and truly on your radar. A place where waterfalls meet beaches, galleries meet museums, Whangarei is the country in a tantalising snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Explore at your leisure before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. **B**



New Zealand Panorama

Highlights

📍 Local Connection

South Island farmer Laura shares what life on the land is like, while your local guide at the Waitomo Caves reveals you what life in the land is like.

🎭 Cultural Immersion

Kiwis celebrate their heritage at every chance possible, as you'll discover at Te Puia, showcasing local cuisine, a cultural performance, and views over one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands.

🌱 Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE The national symbol of New Zealand, kiwi birds are as adorable as they are endangered. Your visit to a hatchery supports breeding programs to ensure their future.

🦜 Wildlife & Nature

Blessed with snow-capped peaks and vast mirror-like lakes, Queenstown is the kind of place that makes you want to instantly become a New Zealand resident.

1 Welcome to Queenstown

Queenstown deserves its destination crown. And you'll have plenty of time to explore. But first stop is Arrowtown, a former mining town so dreamy it looks like it has slipped straight from a movie set. Drop in on bijou boutiques, cafés and bars along the tree-lined promenade before an afternoon at your leisure in Queenstown. Hit us up for dining recommendations. **Hotel: Millennium, 3 nights.**

2 Queenstown & Surrounds

Arriving in New Zealand, the first thing you probably noticed is that there's a lot of farmland. It's fitting, then, that one of the first people you'll meet is southern girl Laura, who will introduce you to the sheep farm she was born and raised on. The Real Country Farm Show, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, offers an authentic taste of what rural New Zealand is like. For every guest, we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture. Come dusk, cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the TSS Earnslaw; the only thing more inspiring than the peaks of the Remarkables that surround is the festive atmosphere welcoming you to Walter Peak High Country Farm, where a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner at the Colonel's Homestead awaits. **B HD**

3 Queenstown Free Time

You clearly need more than one day to appreciate Queenstown and its surrounds. And when we say surrounds, we mean Milford Sound. Today, sign up to dive deep into this yawning gorge within World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park – it's within easy reach of your base, and is best explored on an optional South Island tour that sees you jumping aboard boat to cruise the mirror-like waterway. Don't be surprised if you see dolphins and seals playing in the wake of waterfalls. If you like things fast paced, opt for bungee jumping, jetboating or ziplining. You are in the adventure capital of New Zealand, after all. **B**

4 Queenstown – Auckland

Touching down in Auckland, you'll immediately understand why it's known as the 'City of Sails' – New Zealand's largest city has two lovely yacht-filled harbors, which you can explore at our leisure this afternoon. **Hotel: The Grand by SkyCity. B**

5 Auckland – Rotorua

Today is set to sparkle – quite literally – as thousands of bright green and blue glowworms light up your next destination: the Waitomo Caves. From overhead attractions to those below the ground... This evening, explore Te Puia's geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a dinner of hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B HD**

6 Rotorua

Cute and cuddly, NZ's national bird, the kiwi, is also endangered. Go behind the scenes on a working kiwi nursery and hatchery to learn how breeding programs are helping the population thrive. The natural drama reaches boiling point at Whakarewarewa, a geothermal reserve and the country's only living Māori village, home to famous Pohutu Geyser (the country's largest) and the bubbling beauty of mud pools. Cap off your day at a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and companions. **B FD**

7 Farewell from Rotorua and Auckland

Short, sweet, and packed with highlights – how else to describe this wonderful week? **B**



Walter Peak High Country Farm

7 DAYS 5 Included Experiences

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Dining

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2 Highlight Dinners HD

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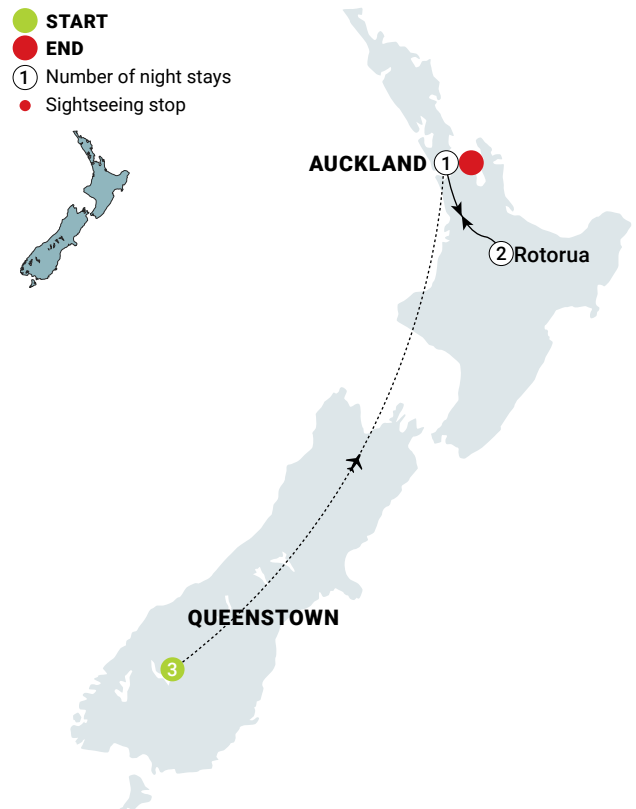
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Southern Girl Laura Koot



Contrasts of New Zealand

Highlights

Local Connection

South Island countryside never fails to impress, as you'll discover cruising World Heritage-listed Milford Sound/Piopiotahi and enjoying morning tea on a farm in the Hurunui Hills.

Cultural Immersion

Discover just how strong Māori culture is at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, celebrating art, tradition and cuisine. Bring your appetite for nurturing Māori cuisine.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE | Operation Nest Egg may sound James Bond-esque, but it's actually a National Kiwi Hatchery project to care for the country's kiwi population.

Wildlife & Nature

You'd be forgiven for thinking you'd be transported to Mars when you arrive at Rotorua, a place where steam and mud pop, fizz and swoosh at every turn.



1 Welcome to Auckland

New Zealand's largest city is also one of its prettiest, as you'll discover exploring at your leisure. Arrive early to linger in its hip harborside precincts, where galleries and design-driven stores await. You'll have worked up an appetite by the time you meet your fellow travel companions at a Welcome Reception and dinner. Start your Auckland tour on a high, we say. **Hotel: The Grand by SkyCity, 2 nights. DW**

2 Auckland

If you didn't get your city bearings yesterday, you will on an Auckland tour today. Have your camera poised as you reach Mission Bay, a dreamy waterside suburb where the blues patchwork to the horizon. Click! Then get snap happy once again at Bastion Point and the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial, offering epic vistas over Auckland and its harbors. Click, click, click! Want some tips on how to spend your free afternoon in New Zealand's largest city? How about going behind the scenes of the All Blacks, arguably the world's most legendary rugby team? **B**

3 Auckland – Rotorua

You could be forgiven for thinking Rotorua's landscapes are a sci-fi movie set. Mud pops and jettisons from bubbling geysers, and steam rushes skywards from cracks in the Earth. The surrounding forest is a fertile habitat for New Zealand's national bird, being protected and bred at the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa. The cute-as-a-button, cotton-ball kiwi is under threat in the wild; at the hatchery, passionate conservationists reveal how they are saving the population, one incubated egg at a time. Tonight, dive deep into Indigenous culture and traditions on a Rotorua tour at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience. Enjoy a forest kai horotai (seasonal canapés) and chef choice aperitif, followed by a seasonal three-course Highlight Dinner. **Hotel: Millennium. B HD**

4 Rotorua – Auckland – Queenstown

Lance O'Sullivan, a retired champion jockey, and his wife Bridgette invite you to an exclusive Be My Guest morning tea at the Red Barn, at their working dairy farm in the Waikato district. Expect country banter and have a go at the forgotten art of butter churning. The feel-good vibes that endure will follow you all the way to Queenstown, the self-proclaimed adventure

capital of New Zealand. It makes perfect sense – there are ski fields, white-water river and bridges strapped with bungy cords wherever you turn. And then there's the dining scene; Queenstown is home to some of the country's most awarded restaurants. Whether you're in the mood for bulging burgers or lakeside tapas, ask us for recommendations on this leg of your Queenstown New Zealand tour. **Hotel: Millennium, 3 nights. B BG**

5 Milford Sound/Piopiotahi Cruise

Bring your stamina and sense of adventure – things get a little wild today. Nature rules as you skirt Queenstown's gleaming Lake Wakatipu, and traverse the Devil's Staircase to Te Anau, the alpine gateway to World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park. Once you've paused to admire the drama at Mirror Lakes, Knobs Flat, Hollyford Valley lookout, Cleddau Valley and the Chasm, you'll begin to understand why Rudyard Kipling called this the 'Eighth Wonder of the World'. You haven't even seen Bowen Falls or Milford Sound/Piopiotahi yet... The best Milford Sound/Piopiotahi cruise sees you in the company of an eagle-eyed guide, who not only knows the immense geological history of the region, but can also point out sun-baking fur seals and playful dolphins. **B L**

6 Queenstown Free Time

Take today's Queenstown New Zealand tour at your own pace. Like things fast and furious? Feel the wind in your hair on a high-octane jet boat ride. Blast across Lake Wakatipu and down the world-famous Kawarau and Shotover Rivers in one of the world's most stunning locations. Prefer to be able to talk (and drink wine) while you cruise? Glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue lunch in a dreamy alpine setting. Wherever you wander, be sure to save space for tonight's Highlight Dinner at Postmasters Café, a historic Arrowtown cottage replete with picket fence and Instagrammable gardens. **B HD**

7 Queenstown – Lake Tekapo

Whether pinot noir grapes or cherries, things grow well in the fertile Central Otago region of the South Island. Get a taste for the area's plump stone fruit at the stall of a local orchard. Mountain drama – including views of Aoraki/Mt. Cook – is your backdrop en route to Lake Tekapo, with



Postmasters Café

water so turquoise it looks like a Renaissance painting. This part of the country is ravishing and remote; the lack of light pollution means dazzling Southern Hemisphere stargazing at UNESCO World Heritage listed Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve. It's handy to have an astronomer in your company to decode the constellations of the Milky Way. If there was ever a NZ experience that put life in perspective, this is it.

Hotel: Pepper's Bluewater Resort. B DW

8 Lake Tekapo – Christchurch

The Canterbury region of the west coast is a rustic union of grassy plains, mirror-like lakes and snow-capped mountains, the kind of landscape that you might see on postcards. Arrive into the beautiful English city of Christchurch for a guided visit. The city is not only rebuilding itself after the devastating 2010/11 earthquakes, but is changing the way architects think about design. Case in point the mind-bending Transitional Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Turanga, the gold-clad central library.

Hotel: Distinction, 2 nights. B

9 Christchurch

Travel north through rolling countryside to Hurunui Hills, a hill country farm in North Canterbury. Enjoy warm Kiwi hospitality with the Bamford Family, who have been farming at Hurunui since 1884 with six generations focused on producing premium Merino sheep, wool and Angus cattle. Soak up stunning scenery while enjoying morning tea, meet the farm animals & discover what it is like to live off the land on this unique Be My Guest experience. Continue to a local vineyard, Waipara Springs Winery, where it's time to relax and enjoy a platter-style lunch among the vines. A big day leads to a big evening joining your Travel Director and travel mates for a celebratory Farewell Dinner featuring produce from the Canterbury region. **B BG L FD**

10 Farewell from Christchurch

You've traveled hundreds of kilometers across two islands, likely taken thousands of photos, and made countless memories and new friends. The only thing left to do is plan your next trip to New Zealand. **B**

10 DAYS
12 Included Experiences

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Dining

- 9 Full buffet breakfasts **B**
- 2 Lunches **L**
- 2 Be My Guest Morning Teas **BG**
- 2 Highlight Dinners **HD**
- 2 Dinners with wine **DW**
- 1 Farewell Dinner **FD**

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New Zealand Uncovered

Highlights

Local Connection

Enjoy an exclusive Be My Guest lunch at the Red Barn, a Waikato working dairy farm of a retired champion jockey and his wife.

Cultural Immersion

Māori culture is celebrated across the country, no more so than at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience. Be immersed in art, tradition, culture... and nurturing cuisine.

Sustainable Footprints

Hear from the founder about the work being done to address biodiversity needs in the Kaikōura region, by developing a wildlife hospital and conservation center.

Wildlife & Nature

A limestone landscape of pancake-shaped rock formations, blowholes and surge pools sure have carved out a name for themselves. Punakaiki or Pancake Rocks are West Coasters that are known the world over.



1 Welcome to Auckland

Auckland is the kind of place you could lose yourself in for a couple of weeks. Arrive at your leisure and explore new waterfront precincts, cruise to the wineries of Waiheke Island, or just ready yourself to meet fellow travelers over a Welcome Reception and dinner. **Hotel: Cordis, 2 nights. DW**

2 Auckland

A little bit of leisure, a little bit of culture – today is one of those days. Peek behind the scenes of racing history on the New Zealand Maritime Museum's America's Cup Tour. Your Travel Director then takes you around the city, pausing at Bastion Point for epic photo opportunities. **B**

3 Auckland – Rotorua

The O'Sullivan's welcome you to their Waikato estate for a Be My Guest lunch in their Red Barn. Expect country banter and farm-to-table fare prepared with a lot of love. The next hot spot – in every sense of the word – on your NZ vacation is Rotorua. Visit Te Puia to see and support Māori artisans at work, then continue your Rotorua tour at the steamy Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, a staggering valley where geysers pop and thermal springs jettison skywards. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B BG**

4 Rotorua

Today, choose your own adventure. We have plenty of ideas for the paths you might follow. Tonight, dive deep into Māori culture at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, an important hub keeping tradition, art and music alive. Oh, and nurturing Māori cuisine. Enjoy a forest kai horotai (seasonal canapés) and chef choice aperitif, followed by a seasonal three-course dinner. **B HD**

5 Rotorua – Wellington

Say goodbye to Rotorua and hello to the raging rapids of Huka Falls. Your outlook then unfolds into the dreamy landscape of Lake Taupō. Traverse the volcanic Central Plateau to NZ's cool little capital of Wellington. **Hotel: Rydges, 2 nights. B DW**

6 Wellington

Take a city tour to discover highlights like its iconic Cable Car, parliament and Mt. Victoria. This afternoon is all yours. You could visit Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand, perhaps the wine region of Wairarapa or Zealandia's ecosanctuary restoring 225 hectares of forest. **B**

7 Wellington – Kaikōura

This morning cruise the Cook Strait to Kaikōura, a marine life haven. On arrival be treated to a biodiversity talk from Sabrina Leucht, founder of Kaikōura Wildlife Centre Trust, and learn about the work the trust is doing towards Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, at this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Tonight, dine at Hiku, which celebrates what Kaikōura is all about - kai moana and dramatic sea and mountain scapes. **Hotel: Sudima. B HD**

8 Kaikōura – Christchurch

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning or sign up for one of several optional wildlife experiences available. Take a scenic flight for a bird's-eye view, get up close to dolphins by boat or kayak, or sample tasty crayfish at waterside fish-and-chip shops. Follow the coast and Canterbury Plains to Christchurch, home to innovative architecture, art institutions and restaurants. **Hotel: Distinction. B**

9 Christchurch – Twizel

From its cardboard-crafted Transitional Cathedral to its gold-clad central library, Christchurch has well and truly rebuilt itself since the 2010/11 earthquakes. But South Island locals still cherish a simple life, as you'll discover over a Be My Guest afternoon tea with retired farmers Angie and Stan Taylor at their home Morelea on the edge of Lake Tekapo. **Hotel: Mackenzie Country Inn. B BG DW**

10 Twizel – Dunedin

Oamaru has a rich history and proud heritage, enriched by passionate and perhaps quirky locals. Explore the shops, galleries and traditional crafts within some of the Southern Hemisphere's most complete Victorian streetscapes, before landing in Dunedin. **Hotel: Scenic Southern Cross. B DW**

11 Dunedin – Te Anau

From sheep farms to rugged mountains, today is one of contrasts. Venture into Fiordland National Park toward the South Island's largest lake and the lakeside town of Te Anau. Enjoy the thrill of jet boating on scenic Lake Manapouri, home to Pomona Island, where native birds are under threat - and your visit is helping to protect them through a community-based conservation project. **Hotel: Distinction Te Anau. B DW**



Milford Sound/Piopiotahi

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Dining

- 16 Full buffet breakfasts B
- 1 Be My Guest Lunch BG
- 1 Lunch L
- 1 Be My Guest Afternoon Tea BG
- 3 Highlight Dinners HD
- 7 Dinners with wine DW
- 1 Farewell Dinner FD

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12 Te Anau – Queenstown

Your journey toward your cruise on Milford Sound/Piopiotahi traverses native rainforest, alluvial flats and meadows, with mirrored lakes, thundering waterfalls, dramatic rocky ranges and millennia-old valleys. That's enough drama for an entire travel year – you still have the streets of Queenstown to explore. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B**

13 Queenstown Free Time

Adrenaline-junkies may wish to get some perspective on a tour of the gorges of Skippers Canyon. Gourmand at heart? Perhaps a Central Otago wine tour? Your day ends on a dreamy TSS Earnslaw cruise across Lake Wakatipu, landing at Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner and farm show. **B HD**

14 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiau

From Arrowtown's tree-lined avenues to Central Otago's gleaming lakes, nature rules. Alpine scenery tiers into rainforest along the West Coast, where Thunder Creek Falls and the glacier-studded Mt. Hooker steal the scene. Welcome to the town of Franz Josef, home to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B DW**

15 Franz Josef/Waiau – Punakaiki

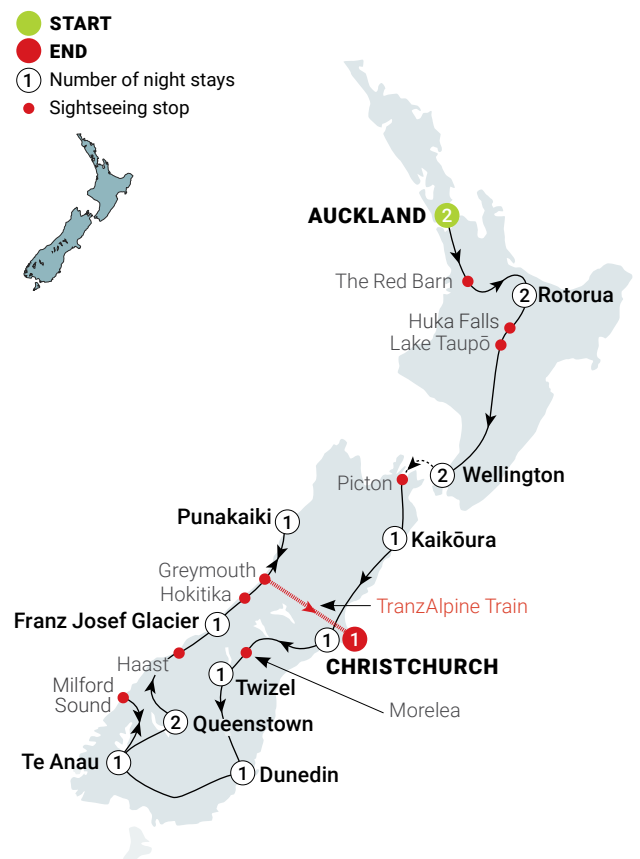
Explore the small but lively Franz Josef/Waiau village before venturing to Hokitika. Then steel yourself for the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes of Punakaiki, a sliver of South Island geology that is as humbling as it is awe-inspiring. After a spectacular day, spend the night at an eco-friendly, waterfront resort. **Hotel: Scenic Punakaiki. B DW**

16 Punakaiki – Christchurch

Beer for breakfast? We've got you sorted on a morning tour of legendary Monteith's Brewery, which is followed by lunch. The best is yet to come – all aboard for the scenic TranzAlpine train back to Christchurch, through tunnels and over viaducts, with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river valleys. **Hotel: Distinction. B L FD**

17 Farewell from Christchurch

How many travel highs can you pack into a vacation? This itinerary has certainly pushed the boundaries. Now all you have to do is go home and sort through all those photos. **B**



Southern Spectacular

Highlights

Local Connection

Angie and Stan Taylor serve up a mean afternoon tea on their estate in Tekapo. Perhaps the only thing better is cruising Milford Sound/Piopirotahi with a guide pointing out dolphins.

Cultural Immersion

Farming is a big deal in New Zealand, as you'll fast discover at Walter Peak Station. Sit down to a barbecue dinner before being immersed in a farm show

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Pomona Island Charitable Trust works with passionate volunteers to rehabilitate the South Island's largest inland island. You get to be a part of the magic.

Wildlife & Nature

Snow-capped mountains, a mirror-like lake, white-water rivers and vine-laced fields. Queenstown is blessed with natural assets.



1 Welcome to Christchurch

At once forward-thinking and fun, Christchurch is the kind of city you could lose yourself in for a week – or more. You have this afternoon, so make the most of it. We recommend riding the rails on the vintage Christchurch Tram, a narrated hop-on, hop-off experience that loops around town, your host pointing out historic architecture and new developments that have popped up since the 2010/2011 earthquakes. Time to meet your fellow adventure-seekers over a Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Distinction.**

2 Christchurch – Twizel

If you didn't get your Christchurch bearings yesterday, you certainly will on today's city tour, taking in the record-breaking Transitional Cathedral – who knew you could build a church from cardboard? The buildings of the city fade into a patchwork of farms as you ease across the Canterbury Plains toward Morelea. Here, retired farmers Angie and Stan Taylor welcome you to their home with a slap-up Be My Guest afternoon tea and tales about life on the land. And this land is truly dramatic, backdropped by powdery mountains and cut with turquoise lakes, none quite as pretty as Lake Tekapo, on its banks the stone-hewn Church of the Good Shepherd. **Hotel: Mackenzie Country. B BG DW**

3 Twizel – Dunedin

Oamaru has a rich history and proud heritage, enriched by passionate and perhaps quirky locals. Explore the shops, galleries and traditional crafts within some of the Southern Hemisphere's most complete Victorian streetscapes. You're en route to Dunedin, replete with rolling green meadows and grand stone castles. It kind of feels like you've been transported to Scotland – small wonder it's known as the 'Edinburgh of the South'. Afternoon at your leisure, we recommend a visit to Speight's Brewery – a New Zealand institution. And pretty much everything in between. There's always that castle to explore... Larnach may not have the history of Scotland's grand estates, but it's just as pretty in our humble opinion. A NZ vacation must. **Hotel: Scenic Southern Cross. B DW**

4 Dunedin – Te Anau

Leave Dunedin's pastoral sheep-farming countryside behind as you venture into World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park, a place of yawning gorges and gem-like glaciers, and azure lakes so large they have their own islands. Case in point Pomona Island, where a charitable trust of passionate volunteers works to restore flora and fauna. With your help. Take a thrilling jet boat ride down the Waiau River to Lake Manapouri and if that's not enough water for one day, you may choose to cruise to the iconic Glowworm Caves. Can we tempt you? **Hotel: Distinction Te Anau. B DW**

5 Te Anau – Queenstown

Nature rules today, from the moment you depart Te Anau and begin your journey deep into the heart of Fiordland National Park. Think native rainforests, beech forests, alluvial flats and meadows; Mirror Lakes perfectly reflecting mountain scenery; and precipitous lookouts holding guard over alpine rivers. And this is just the entrée. The main course is Milford Sound/Piopirotahi, where you cruise in the company of dolphins that frolic under the torrent of mighty Bowen and Stirling Falls, and gaze at misty escarpments so sheer they appear to cleave off the edge of the Earth. You're in the company of a naturalist who knows every nook and cranny of this mighty cavern and will point out flora and fauna you would have never spotted on your own. Life in perspective. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B**

6 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace. Like things fast and furious? Feel the wind in your hair on a high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps. Prefer wine to get your heart started? See why Central Otago makes some of the world's most raved about cool-climate pinots on a cellar door tour. Wherever your daily wanderings take you, reunite with your companions come dusk to glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw, your barbecue Highlight Dinner served on the grounds of Walter Peak High Country Farm. This is followed by a farm show. **B HD**



Church of the Good Shepherd

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7 Queenstown – Franz Josef /Waiiau

In the shadow of the Remarkables, Queenstown is pretty spectacular. But it has some stiff good-looks competition from neighbouring Arrowtown, with its movie-set tree-lined avenues and 19th-century buildings that once housed gold-rush fortune-seekers. Things grow well in this verdant countryside, from cherries to pinot grapes and all manner of stone fruit. The next explosion is a visual one as you arrive in the town of Franz Josef/Waiiau, home to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. Get some perspective of this immense ice fall on an optional helicopter flight – you may even get to land on it. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B DW**

8 Franz Josef/Waiiau – Punakaiki

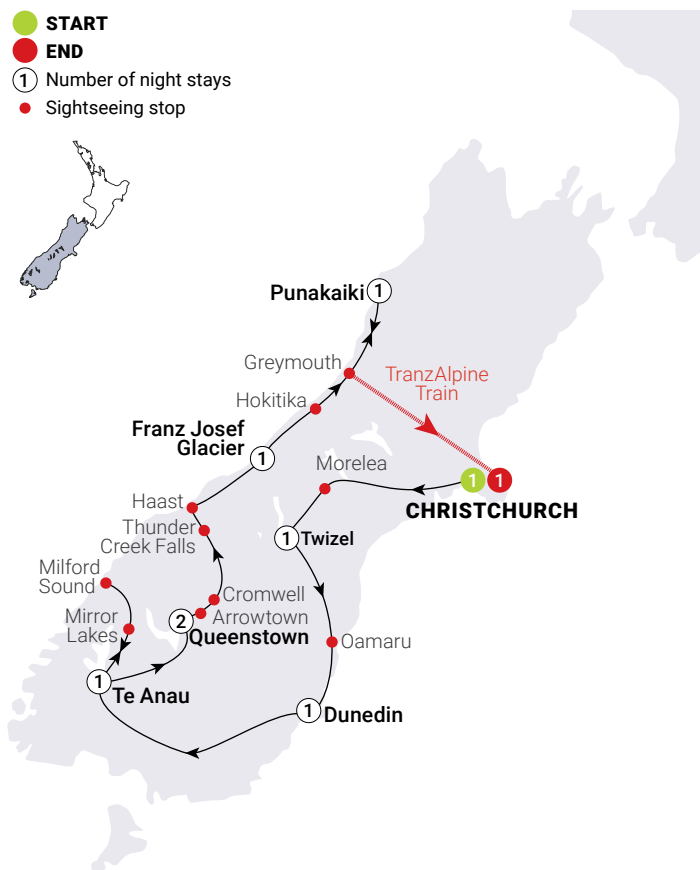
Explore the small but lively Franz Josef/Waiiau village before venturing to Hokitika, home of New Zealand's native jade greenstone. Then soak in the natural surroundings as you head to Punakaiki to view the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes, where waves thunder through cracks in the Earth. This is the soundtrack that lulls you to sleep at tonight's eco-resort. **Hotel: Scenic Punakaiki. B DW**

9 Punakaiki – Christchurch

Wine may steal the scene across much of New Zealand, but at legendary Monteith's Brewery, beer rules. It's a good thing lunch is included. Sip your way through a tasting paddle of XPA, IPA, lager and pale ale because, hey, you're not driving to the station where your TranzAlpine train awaits. This is one of those experiences where the journey matters just as much as the destination, as you sweep through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river valleys. What a way to end a day. **Hotel: Distinction. B L FD**

10 Farewell from Christchurch

Wait, the last 10 days flew by. Return home with new friends, a full SD card on your camera – and even more memories. **B**



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- Iconic destinations = Bucket List achieved!
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- Travel in purpose-built air-conditioned coaches with reclining seats, and WiFi where available
- The services of a highly experienced Travel Director

East Coast Islands & Rainforest

Highlights

✂ Flexible Vacations

Choose your own adventure on the Gold Coast and in the Whitsundays, where surf and sand meet rainforest hinterland. Hike, swim, snorkel, cruise, repeat.

📍 Iconic Sites

How many people get to say they visited three World Heritage Sites on a single vacation? You can: K'gari (Fraser Island), the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics of Queensland.

♻ Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Our Take 3 for the Sea program helps conserve our oceans through small collective efforts of rubbish collection.

🌿 Natural Wonders

Some of the world's oldest tropical rainforest envelops Cairns, this verdant tangle of ferns and palms a natural magnet for native wildlife.



As this vacation departs at 7.30am from Vibe Hotel Sydney, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Sydney – Coffs Harbour

As much as you'll want to linger in Sydney, Coffs Harbour is calling. On the mid-North Coast of New South Wales, this pocket of paradise has some of the state's most impressive beaches, not to mention the glorious national parkland that surrounds. Follow the breeze (and lead of locals) to the beach for a dazzling end of day, before a Welcome Dinner with your fellow adventure seekers. **Hotel: BreakFree Aanuka Beach Resort. D**

2 Coffs Harbour – Gold Coast

Australia's most easterly point is the stuff that postcards were made for, as you'll discover when you reach the Cape Byron Lighthouse, standing proud over the Pacific Ocean. Dolphins are a common sight year round, and they're joined by whales during migration. For lunch, we can point you in the direction of a tasty Byron Bay fish-and-chip shop – order a haul to eat with your feet in the sand. Which you're going to see plenty of at your next destination. **Hotel: Novotel Surfers Paradise, 2 nights. B**

3 Gold Coast Free Time

Your base in Surfers Paradise is the heart of the Gold Coast, a city that really does sparkle. Today you might choose to explore beaches (there are too many to count), lingering in light-filled cafés and restaurants. Or enlist in a Gold Coast tour to see another side of the 'Goldie' in the Mt. Tamborine hinterland – a hub for creatives and foodies. The city also breaks records for its extensive network of canals, which you might opt to explore on a leisurely cruise. **B**

4 Gold Coast – K'gari (Fraser Island)

Guests joining this morning on the Gold Coast will need to pre-book accommodations for the previous night (Code: QGC). Follow the waves north to Hervey Bay, the gateway to K'gari (Fraser Island). The ferry ride across the strait is a highlight, particularly during whale migration when these gentle giants come to the calm, protected waters to calve. Landing on K'gari, expect to see a lot of sand. This is, after all, the world's largest sand island, and the only place in the world where rainforest grows from the sand. **Hotel: Kingfisher Bay Resort, 2 nights. B**

5 K'gari (Fraser Island)

The island also has a really long sand highway, which you'll get to zip along on a 4WD tour across 75 Mile Beach, all the way up the east coast to the Pinnacles Colored Sands, calm Eli Creek and the Maheno shipwreck, which offers quite the photo opportunity. Just when you thought the island couldn't get any prettier, Lake McKenzie appears on the horizon, this dazzling patch of blue formed only with rainwater. It's a hard act to follow, but the ancient rainforest at Central Station and Wangoolba Creek lives up to the challenge with its huge satiny, scribbly gum and kauri trees. **B L**

6 K'gari (Fraser Island) – Rockhampton

Back on the mainland you're in Queensland's cattle country. Case in point Langmorn Station, where the Creed family will welcome you with afternoon tea and a tour of the immense (and historic) cattle property – the original family homestead was built in 1873. The Creeds will regale you with stories about life on the land. The theme continues as you cross the Tropic of Capricorn to arrive in Rockhampton, the beef capital of Australia. See if it deserves its title sampling some of the town's restaurants. Ask us for tips. **Hotel: Quality Regent. B**

7 Rockhampton – Airlie Beach

Another town with an impressive title is Sarina, Australia's sugar capital. If you've ever wanted to know how sugar cane is processed and distilled, you'll find the guided tour at the Sarina Sugar Shed a sweet addition to the itinerary. And yes, you get to sample the wares. Continue, on a high, to Airlie Beach, the gateway to the Whitsundays. Life moves at a leisurely pace here. Fall into step and take things slow tonight. **Hotel: Mantra Club Croc, 2 nights. B L**

8 The Whitsunday Islands Free Time

The Whitsunday Islands need little introduction, the 74 tropical drops of land a beguiling union of powdery beaches and rainforest, all ringed by the Coral Sea. There are endless ways to explore this part of the Great Barrier Reef – today, we're letting you choose. Perhaps rise early for an optional helicopter ride over Heart Reef. Or catch a catamaran to Whitehaven Beach, with sand so high in silica it squeaks underfoot. **B**



Great Barrier Reef

9 Airlie Beach – Cairns

After all the excitement of yesterday, today it's time to relax and enjoy the scenery – more sugar cane fields and rolling green paddocks, all framed by the ocean and rainforest-clad mountains. Stretch your legs en route to Cairns and soak up this steamy part of the state. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 3 nights. B**

10 Cairns

The Cairns Esplanade is a hive of activity in the morning, with active locals out before the humidity of the day sets in. Keep pace, before cooling off in the Atherton Tablelands, a high tropical plateau of rainforest, including the heritage listed Curtain Fig Tree. And Lake Barrine, where it's 'all aboard' for a tranquil cruise. Explore Kuranda before getting some perspective on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, high above the canopy of the Barron Gorge National Park. **B**

11 Great Barrier Reef

Just when you thought your outlook couldn't get any better, you're zipping over the Great Barrier Reef on a high-speed catamaran. Snorkel with six of the world's sea turtles bobbing over fans of coral, as well as so many fish you won't know where to look. If you prefer to keep your head above water, the marine world can also be glimpsed from an underwater observatory and glass-bottom boat. **B L FD**

12 Farewell from Cairns

A ridiculous number of beaches, world-record breaking rainforest, dreamy islands and even dreamier ocean... it's going to be hard to say goodbye to this backdrop. Not to mention your fellow travelers. **B**

12 DAYS • 10 Included Experiences

QSC: Sydney to Cairns

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Nov 06	Feb 05	Jan 06
	Mar 04	Feb 03
	Jul 08	Mar 03
	Sep 09	
	Oct 07	
	Nov 04	

9 DAYS • 7 Included Experiences

QGC: Gold Coast to Cairns

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Nov 09	Feb 08	Jan 09
	Mar 07	Feb 06
	Jul 11	Mar 06
	Sep 12	
	Oct 10	
	Nov 07	

Definite Departures highlighted in red.

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Dining

- 11 Full breakfasts **B**
- 3 Lunches **L**
- 1 Dinner **D**
- 1 Farewell Dinner **FD**

Flight Information

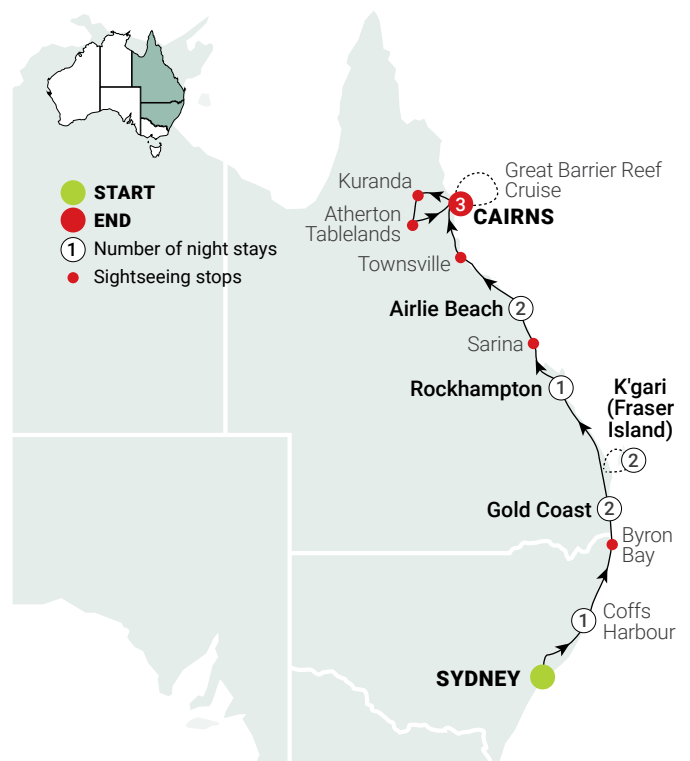
QSC: Sydney to Cairns

Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Sydney Airport
 Day 12 – flights to depart anytime from Cairns Airport

QGC: Gold Coast to Cairns

Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Gold Coast Airport
 Day 9 – flights to depart anytime from Cairns Airport

Flights are not included in the vacation price.



South Australian Outback Adventure

Highlights

✂ Flexible Vacations

Take a flight over mighty Lake Eyre, or if terra firma is more your thing, stay on the coach to Coober Pedy to experience more of the famous Oodnadatta Track with your experienced Driver Guide.

📍 Iconic Sites

Explore Farina, one of Australia's most famous ghost towns, and enjoy a tour of Coober Pedy where 70% of the population live underground.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

Arkaroola has established an education and research foundation to foster an interest in science, education and conservation. AAT Kings donates \$10 for every guest that visits.

🌄 Natural Wonders

See prehistoric river systems as you fly over Lake Eyre, Australia's largest inland lake.

1 Welcome to Adelaide

The South Australian capital often flies under the radar – locals like it that way, happy to keep their buzzing dining precincts, glorious gardens and on-your-doorstep wineries to themselves. But the secret is well and truly out, and over the course of the afternoon you'll discover just how diverse Adelaide really is. Touring the city you'll cover every interest base: sports (Adelaide Oval), horticulture (the Botanic Garden), culture (the Art Gallery of South Australia) and food (Adelaide Central Market). Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a drink and then wander up to the foodie hub of North Terrace. The city offers plenty of eateries in which to while away your evening. **Hotel: Adabco Boutique Hotel.**

2 Adelaide – Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park

You don't have to travel far from Adelaide to be surrounded by vines. In fact, just 1.5 hours north lies the Clare Valley, and therein one of Australia's most awarded wineries. Knappstein Enterprise Winery's roots reach back to 1878, which yields extremely tasty drops, as you'll discover at the cellar door before lunch in the Clare Valley's atmospheric central town. It's the best way to ease into the wide-open, otherworldly spaces of the Flinders Ranges – your commute is a short journey by coach, but it transports you to seemingly Martian landscapes, some 800 million years in the making and home to the Adnyamathanha people for tens of thousands of years. The First Nations community owns and manages your base for the night, Wilpena Pound Resort, and they'll welcome you to Country with spirit and soul. **Hotel: Wilpena Pound Resort. B D**

3 Wilpena Pound – Arkaroola

The cliffs and craters and ravishing red rocks of the Flinders Ranges shine brightly in the morning sun, your outlook particularly pretty from Wangara Lookout. From this vantage, you'll enjoy expansive views over the natural amphitheatre that is Wilpena Pound. It's an awe-inspiring way to start the day, before your journey carves north through dramatic Bunyeroo and Brachina Gorges. Keep your eyes peeled for endangered yellow-footed rock wallabies – only 2,250 remain in Australia, and most call this part of the country home. You'll begin to understand why they favour the South Australian outback when you arrive in Arkaroola, characterized by ancient

granite mountains and golden spinifex-covered hillsides and providing a vantage over Lake Frome and the desert beyond. But the real stars here are those overhead, as you'll discover on an astronomy tour that brings the dazzling night sky into full focus. Prepare to be humbled – in the best possible way. **Hotel: Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary. B D**

4 Arkaroola – Marree

What was happening in Arkaroola 1.6 billion years ago? Your guide will help decode the region's mind-boggling geological history as you navigate the steep slopes and hair-raising ascents of the Ridgetop Track. Plants here are found nowhere else on the planet, and gorges are so vast that they seem to cleave off the edge of the earth. A patina follows your journey northwest to the Ochre Cliffs outside Lyndhurst, where an artist's smudge of fiery hues paints the countryside all the way to the horizon. It's as sacred as it is spectacular, with the Aboriginal community having utilized the rich clay soil in ceremonies for centuries. You can see why this part of Australia was attractive to the 1800s settlers of nearby Farina – but you'll also learn why they departed, leaving an eerie ghost town on the outskirts of Marree, where you'll lay your swimming head for the night. **Hotel: Marree. B L D**

5 Marree – Coober Pedy

Much of the South Australian outback towns exist because of the old Ghan Railway, click-clacking from Adelaide to Darwin. Plenty of history will be revealed on your morning's journey down the line's westward bend, perhaps only outshone by the natural drama of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre. Australia's largest inland lake is – most of the time – a shimmering saltpan covering hundreds of square kilometers, yet is occasionally transformed by desert downpours into a thriving oasis. You'll have the chance to glimpse it from the air, your bird's-eye view unfolding beneath you like a work of art. Speaking of art – your included scenic flight will also pass over the Anna Creek Painted Hills, a rocky outcrop that literally pops out of the flat desert, creating silhouettes resembling cartoon characters. Touch down to explore the otherworldly countryside before jetting on to your destination, Coober Pedy, brimming with compelling quirks and subterranean adventures. **Hotel: Desert Cave, 2 nights. B**



Lake Eyre Scenic Flight

8 DAYS
10 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2024
Oct 07	Apr 06, 20
	May 04, 18
	Sep 07, 21
	Oct 05, 19

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Dining

7 Full breakfasts B 4 Dinners D
2 Lunches L

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 11.00am into Adelaide Airport
Day 8 – flights to depart after 5.00pm from Adelaide Airport
Flights are not included in the vacation price.
Internal-vacation flight is included in the vacation price.

6 Coober Pedy

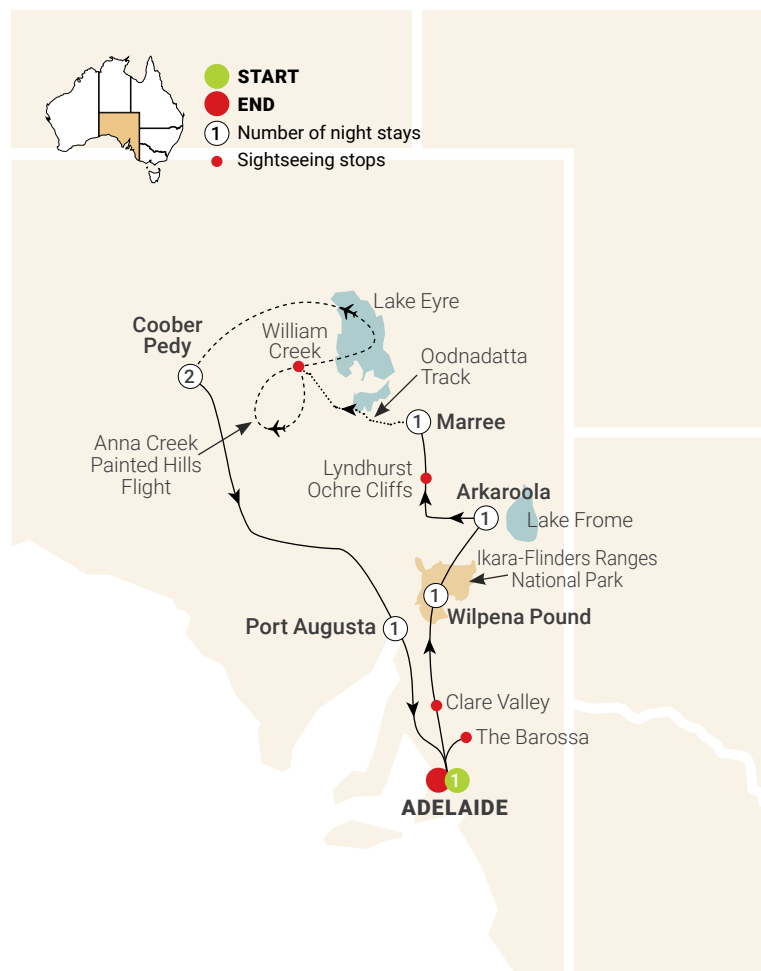
The self-proclaimed ‘opal capital of the world’, Coober Pedy’s many attractions lie primarily below the earth’s surface. Due to the above-ground heat (temperatures can soar) many locals choose to take up a subterranean residence as well. Once you’ve explored this fascinating community – including fossicking for opals in surrounding mines – look further afield to Aboriginal owned Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park, where you’ll travel along a stretch of the Dog Fence: a barrier spanning 5,300 kilometers across three states. As mind-boggling as the construction is, it pales in comparison to the setting’s moonscape of fossilised shells and cracked grey clay. The only thing more surreal than the natural landscape is the constructed one this afternoon at Coober Pedy Opal Fields Golf Club, where the fairways are dirt and sand. Pick up a club to thump balls around the oil-soaked putting green. **B D**

7 Coober Pedy – Port Augusta

It’s hard to imagine landscapes more dramatic than those you’ll have experienced so far. But the bar is officially raised by those at Lake Hart, another vast saltpan that sparked a community in the 1930s. Today, it’s all but deserted, the isolation reminding you that Mother Nature always rules. The vastness of the South Australian outback here was no doubt one of the reasons why it – specifically Woomera – was chosen to become the world’s largest military land base. Established by the British in 1947, the countryside here has been a testing base for atomic bombs, ballistic missiles and satellite boosters. It’s a piece of Australian history few know of, but that you will leave appreciating, as you head toward your evening’s repose in the natural harbor of Port Augusta. **Hotel: Majestic Oasis. B**

8 Port Augusta – The Barossa – Depart Adelaide

The Barossa needs no introduction – your journey today will take in one of Australia’s oldest wine regions, and local makers know a thing or two about creating memorable vintages. Lambert Estate reveals some of the finest regional drops, your lunchtime tipples complemented by glorious views over the vines. Cheers to that! You’ll arrive in plenty of time for your Adelaide flight, your heart, mind and spirit filled with the natural and human wonders of a region that exudes superlatives. **B L**



Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island

Seal Bay Conservation Park

Highlights

✂ Flexible Vacations

Foodies, rejoice! Arrive early to discover the culinary joys of Adelaide (don't miss the Central Market) then refuel at Kangaroo Island Brewery. They make a mean beer.

📍 Iconic Sites

From the Remarkable Rocks to Admirals Arch, Kangaroo Island's natural drama is only outshone by its abundance of wildlife.

🌿 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Visits to Seal Bay Conservation Park and Flinders Chase National Park help protect these fragile ecosystems – and the animals that call them home.

🌳 Natural Wonders

Flinders Chase NP offers an embarrassment of flora and fauna, from voluptuous rock formations to stands of eucalyptus.

5 DAYS

9 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2024

May 12, 26

Sep 15, 29

Nov 03

Definite Departures highlighted in red.

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A limited number of single rooms are also available.

Dining

4 Full breakfasts B
1 Lunch L

1 Dinner D
1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Adelaide Airport

Day 5 – flights to depart anytime from Adelaide Airport

Flights are not included in the vacation price.

1 Welcome to Adelaide

Meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a drink this evening. **Hotel: HotelMOTEL.**

2 Adelaide – Kangaroo Island

Embark on a city sights tour before discovering Fleurieu Peninsula, the gateway to all manner of wild and wonderful destinations. Not in the least Kangaroo Island, accessed via the Cape Jervis ferry, bound for Penneshaw. Bubbling with excitement to arrive on KI? So is Mike, your host at Kangaroo Island Brewery. This is no ordinary brew-house – Mike makes all his beers using rainwater he collects from the roof of his shed. Try a paddle of his liquid gold, or sip wine and cider while chatting with your host. **Hotel: Aurora Ozone, 2 nights. B D**

3 Kangaroo Island

Your outlook begins on a high at the Remarkable Rocks. Formed some 500 million years ago, the precariously balanced, rust-hued granite boulders cut a dramatic form against the inky blue of the Southern Ocean. Your outlook is just as wild at Admirals Arch, a natural rock formation within Flinders Chase National Park, and a popular hangout for cacophonous New Zealand fur seals. They're petite compared to the creatures found at Seal Bay, where playful seals tumble down the sand to splash about in the water. And onto that

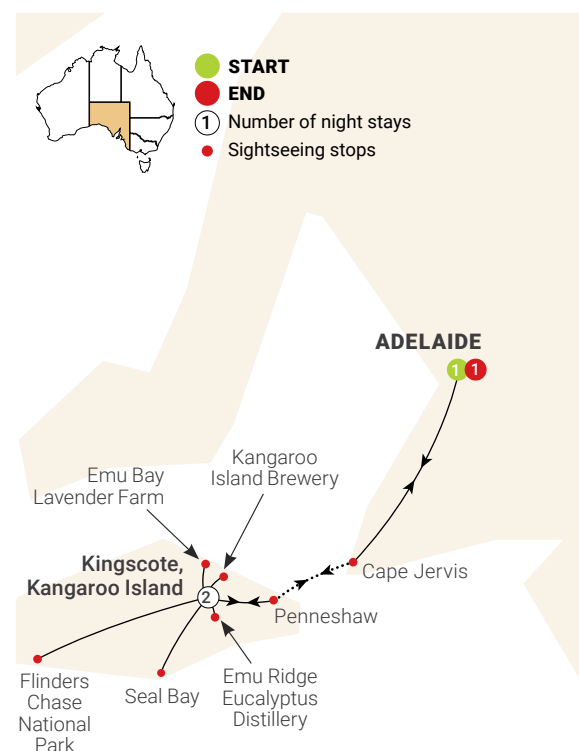
food and drink. After a two-course lunch at Vivonne Bay Bistro, Peter at Island Beehive will dish up samples of the honey he makes here using Ligurian bees. They're found on KI, and nowhere else in Australia. Meanwhile, the owners of Islander Estate Vineyard will pour you a glass or two and talk through the production of their wines. **B L**

4 Kangaroo Island – Adelaide

One of the reasons bees are so happy on Kangaroo Island is because they have an immense floral bounty to buzz over at Emu Bay Lavender Farm. Maria and Tony have been tending the land for two decades, and today grow 10 varieties of this fragrant flower. They turn it into all kinds of products, from soaps and beauty products to ice-cream, jam and scones. Dig in. Before you leave the island, follow your nose to Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery. If Australia was an aroma, this would be it. Pick up essential oils, body creams, sweets honey and soaps, and taste their cider. Back in Adelaide, join your fellow foodies for a Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: HotelMOTEL. B FD**

5 Farewell from Adelaide

It's time to bid farewell to Adelaide and Australia's second-largest (but perhaps most beguiling) island. **B**



South Australian Eyre Peninsula Escape

Murphy's Haystacks

Highlights

✂ Flexible Vacations

Kick back in Coffin Bay with wine and the sound of didgeridoos. Or lace up your hiking shoes to explore countryside around Elliston.

📍 Iconic Sites

The end-of-the-Earth sea cliffs of the Great Australian Bight frame a marine environment that humbles. Explore by land and sea, and get set for goosebumps.

🍷 Sustainable Travel

Enjoy some bush tucker and learn how to water divine as owner Kane shows you his man-made eco sanctuary hidden away in the hinterland of Coffin Bay.

🏞 Natural Wonders

Marvel at the weathered rock formations as you wander around Murphy's Haystacks; 1,500 million years in the making.

7 DAYS

16 Included Experience

Departure Dates

2023	2024
Oct 15	Apr 14, 28
	Oct 13, 27
	Nov 10

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A limited number of single rooms are also available.

Dining

6 Full breakfasts B	3 Dinners D
2 Lunches L	1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day Prior – flights to arrive prior to 8.00am into Adelaide Airport

Day 7 – flights to depart anytime from Adelaide Airport

Flights are not included in the vacation price.

1 Adelaide – Port Augusta

Just 90 minutes after departing Adelaide you're in the heart of the Clare Valley, one of South Australia's premier wine regions. Gather in the cellar door at Knappstein Wines, whose riesling will make you weak at the knees. Join your Travel Direct or for a Welcome Dinner in Port Augusta. **Hotel: Majestic Oasis Apartments. D**

2 Port Augusta – Ceduna

The town of Kimba may be small in population, but it's big in attractions. Look no further than the larger-than-life drawcard is Kimba's silos, which forward-thinking artists have decorated with eye-popping murals. Talking about colorful, wait until you see the pink ripples that Pildappa Rock casts. **Hotel: Ceduna Foreshore Hotel Motel. B D**

3 Ceduna – Streaky Bay

Head down the coast to Smoky Bay for a cruise around the scenic harbor in search of dolphins and sea lions, followed by a shared lunch including freshly shucked oysters and wine enjoyed in a working oyster shed. Discover more of Ceduna on a town tour, and visit to a local Aboriginal art gallery before arriving at your seaside hotel. **Hotel: Streaky Bay Hotel-Motel. B L**

4 Streaky Bay – Port Lincoln

Explore Cape Bauer Loop Scenic Drive where you'll visit the Whistling Rocks and Blowholes.

Nature continues to reign supreme at Murphy's Haystacks, and Talia Caves. Stretch your legs along a section of the Elliston Coastal Trail at Little Bay, before arriving in Port Lincoln. **Hotel: Port Lincoln, 2 nights. B D**

5 Port Lincoln & Coffin Bay

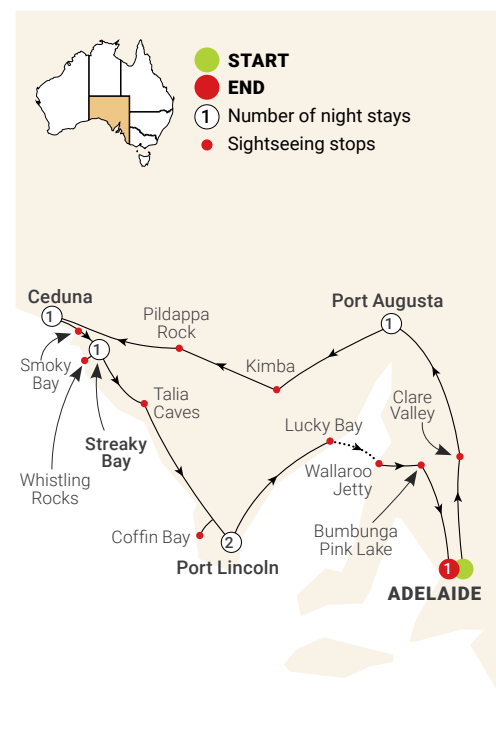
Head to Coffin Bay to dive deep into Aboriginal culture on a Wild Yarnbala tour, covering off-grid, organic orchards and gardens, giving you the opportunity to taste bush tucker. The nutrient-rich waters in this area are a natural habitat for many marine creatures but none more popular or famous than their oysters. Wearing waterproof waders, tour an oyster farm, slurp some freshly shucked molluscs, then sit down on the deck overlooking beautiful Coffin Bay and enjoy an indulgent seafood platter. **B L**

6 Port Lincoln – Adelaide

Today's your day to compare silo art: Kimba vs Tumbly Bay. Arriving at the Lucky Bay Jetty, jump aboard the Spencer Gulf Searoad to cruise across the gulf to Wallaroo. And just when you thought your week couldn't get any more colorful, you arrive at Bumbunga Pink Lake. This eye-popping waterway changes color depending on the salinity. **Hotel: HotelMOTEL. B FD**

7 Farewell from Adelaide

Short and sweet, we hope your journey inspired extended South Australian wanderlust. **B**



Northern Territory Explorer

Highlights

✂ Flexible Vacations

Life in the Top End moves at a leisurely pace. Choose your own leisurely adventures exploring World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park and the steamy NT capital, Darwin.

📍 Iconic Sites

Have your camera poised: we're taking you from the wilds of Kakadu to the escarpments of Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge and epic landscapes of Uluru.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER
EXPERIENCE Supporting Aboriginal-owned and -operated businesses helps ensure the world's oldest culture thrives into the future.

🌄 Natural Wonders

Sunrise over Uluru has this incredible ability to make you forget everything else around you and just focus on the now.

1 Welcome to Darwin

Get to know the steamy NT capital at your own pace – you'll fast find that the characters here are almost as colorful as the sunsets. You'll enjoy the latter over drinks and nibbles with your Travel Director and fellow adventure-seekers. A tasty entrée to your 11-day odyssey. **Hotel: Vibe Darwin Waterfront, 2 nights.**

2 Darwin Sightseeing & Free Time

Today is about getting your Darwin bearings on a city tour revealing the events that have shaped the city over the decades, from wars to natural disasters. You'll be a Darwin expert after visiting attractions like East Point Military Reserve and the Darwin Museum. The afternoon is at your leisure. If you're at a loss for ideas, we can point you in the direction of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Facility, perhaps, or the Mindil Beach Sunset Market, loaded with 200+ stalls. Grab a bite and watch the day end with your feet in the sand. **B**

3 Darwin – Kakadu

Aboriginal culture is strong in this part of Australia, and its kept alive by Traditional Landowners on this morning's tour. 100% Aboriginal owned and operated family business, Pudakul offers cultural and nature-based cultural experiences from the Adelaide River Flood Plains on Aboriginal owned land Limilngan-Wulna. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, dive deep into First Nations heritage, highlighting art, music and bush tucker. Your next deep dive is into the heart of Kakadu, a World Heritage listed national park that is one of Australia's most important living ecosystems. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru, 2 nights. B D**

4 Kakadu National Park

Kakadu is vast, spanning almost 20,000 square kilometers. The best way to gain appreciation for just how immense it really is from the air on an optional (but highly recommended) morning flight. Now that you have your bearings, take to the land to discover ancient Aboriginal rock art and cruise the wildlife-packed Yellow Water Billabong to search for enormous saltwater crocs – your eagle-eyed guide knows where to look. End your Kakadu tour on a high, watching the sun set over floodplains. **B**

5 Kakadu – Katherine

From one glorious national park to another... today's backdrop is the end-of-Earth escarpments of Nitmiluk National Park, carved by rivers millions of years ago. Cruising through Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge is a humbling experience even before you know the region's history. Small wonder freshwater crocs and all manner of birds call the cavern home. **Hotel: Contour. B D**

6 Katherine – Tennant Creek

If the Eley Homestead looks familiar, that's because it starred in the 1982 Aussie drama *We of the Never Never*. Today it's better known for its Mataranka thermal hot springs. Pop on your swimsuit and have a soothing soak, the magical setting surrounded by palms. The only thing more refreshing is a cold beverage at the Daly Waters Pub, self-declared as Australia's 'original outback pub'. You can imagine the kind of swaggar the locals bring. Visitors are encouraged to leave their mark as well; a memento, perhaps, or autograph on the walls. **Hotel: Bluestone Motor Inn. B D**

7 Tennant Creek – Alice Springs

The Stuart Highway is long (2,700 kilometers), very straight and very flat. Which makes the appearance of Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) on the horizon all the more dramatic. These massive granite boulders pock the countryside. But they're not just a pretty sight – they're a sacred place for the Aboriginal community, created by the fossilised eggs of the Rainbow Serpent. Get the lay of the land atop Alice Springs' Anzac Hill. From this vantage, the East and West MacDonnell Ranges appear to stretch to the horizon. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B**

8 Alice Springs Sightseeing & Free Time

This morning is yours to spend as you choose. Sleep in, take to the skies in a hot-air balloon as the desert awakens, explore the West Macs on a guided tour or visit the Alice Springs Desert Park. It's home to a vast range of plants and wildlife native to the area. You can really experience the beauty and diversity of this incredible landscape. The Arrernte people, Traditional Owners of the park, are also on hand to share their local



Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge Cruise

11 DAYS 16 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2024	2024 continued
Apr 17	Jul 03, 17, 24, 31
May 08, 29	Aug 14
Jun 05, 19, 26	

Definite Departures highlighted in red.

For prices, latest deals and year-round offers including past guest offers, group booking discounts for 9+ guests, multi-trip savings and additional definite departure dates visit aatkings.com/nda or contact your local travel agent. A limited number of single rooms are also available.

Dining

10 Full breakfasts B 1 Farewell Dinner FD
3 Dinners D

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Darwin Airport
Day 11 – flights to depart anytime from Ayers Rock Airport
Flights are not included in the vacation price.

wisdom and knowledge. Save some energy for this afternoon’s visit to the historic Telegraph Station – the reason the town was formed – and School of the Air, to gain an insight into outback and remote learning. **B**

9 Alice Springs – Uluru

From the moment you wake up until the last of day disappears, spiritual Aboriginal culture is all around on today’s Northern Territory tour. Get set to be in awe over Dreamtime stories about the creation of Uluru, the world’s largest monolith. It’s particularly pretty at sunset when the fading rays change the desert’s color with every sip of your sparkling wine. **Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge, 2 nights. B**

10 Uluru Sunrise

There aren’t many things worth getting up in the dark for. Sunrise over Uluru is one. It’s a magical time of day, the shifting light casting the countryside aglow. Exploring the base of ‘the Rock’ on an Uluru tour, you’ll begin to understand why this part of the country is so special to the Anangu people, who have called the region home for millennia. Go at your own pace this afternoon. We wouldn’t blame you for taking a dip in the resort pool to cool off. But if you want to see the monolith in another different light, opt to chopper around it on a scenic helicopter flight. Either way, you’ll have plenty of stories to tell over your Farewell Dinner. **B FD**

11 Farewell from Uluru

Another reason to rise early: to catch the optional experience of Bruce Munro’s Field of Light art installation that blankets the desert floor. Your spirit will glow just as brightly as you bid farewell to this epic Northern Territory tour. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Spirit of New Zealand

Highlights

✂ Flexible Vacations

Whether you're on foot or in a boat, you'll be wowed by Abel Tasman National Park's all-consuming beauty. Soak up the bounty at your own pace.

📍 Iconic Sites

There are few places in NZ quite as humbling as Milford Sound/Piopiotahi within World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park. Waterfalls, ancient escarpments and dolphins await.

🌱 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE A guided tour of the Māori Arts and Crafts Institute at Te Puia contributes to its success, committed to preserving and promoting Māori arts and crafts.

🏔 Natural Wonders

An island off an island, Stewart Island is wild, wide and wonderful. Some 97% is national parkland - prepare for epic animal encounters.

1 Welcome to Christchurch

Community spirit is strong in Christchurch, as you'll discover exploring its streets at your leisure. We recommend jumping on the tram to tour Christchurch and discover how the city has rebuilt itself since the 2010/11 earthquakes. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception this evening. **Hotel: Wyndham Garden.**

2 Christchurch – Omarama

More of Christchurch is revealed before the colors of the Canterbury Plains spread before you: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, snowcapped mountains and atmospheric towns. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

3 Omarama – Dunedin

Architectural drama awaits in Dunedin. While away the afternoon in atmospheric art-lined alleys or sipping a lager or two in Speight's Brewery (a national institution). **Hotel: Kingsgate. B**

4 Dunedin – Invercargill

Invercargill is obsessed with motor vehicles. Tributes to speed legends color the city. So it's only fitting that you visit Classic Motorcycle Mecca for a tour and Highlight Dinner. **Hotel: Kelvin, 2 nights. B HD**

5 Stewart Island

Wild, wide and wonderful, Stewart Island's rugged coastline cuts a dramatic form in the Southern Ocean. It's largely untouched, which means that endemic flora and fauna thrive. But don't take our word for it. Meet the locals on a tour through the Village and Bays. **B**

6 Invercargill – Queenstown

The Real Country Farm Show, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, offers an authentic taste of what rural New Zealand is like. For every guest, we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture. Continue to Queenstown and take the afternoon at your own pace. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B**

7 Queenstown Free Time

A spot of bungee jumping at the place it was born? Or an epic journey through Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, carved by waterfalls and a playground for dolphins and seals? There's a reason why this part of the island has World Heritage status. You choose today's path. **B**

8 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiau

Around the next bend is the Alpine countryside of the Southern Lakes. Over the Haast Pass, the pretty town of Franz Josef/Waiau, at the edge of Westland World Heritage Park, awaits. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

9 Franz Josef/Waiau – Punakaiki

Wander Hokitika's windswept coast before discovering the town's other beauty: pounamu (native greenstone or jade). Prepare yourself for Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks and blowholes; they owe their existence to the thundering surf that will lull you to sleep. **Hotel: Scenic Punakaiki. B D**

10 Punakaiki – Nelson

Ease along the Heritage Highway toward Nelson. Press your nose against the glass as your coach weaves through Buller Gorge and Kahurangi National Park. **Hotel: Rutherford, 2 nights. B**

11 Nelson Free Time

Lace up your hiking shoes and head off on a bushwalk, or cruise through Abel Tasman National Park. This pocket in the north of the island inspires calm, its golden beaches framed by sculpted granite cliffs. **B**

12 Nelson – Wellington

All aboard the Interislander for a cruise through Queen Charlotte Sound to Wellington. **Hotel: Travelodge. B D**

13 Wellington – Napier

Head out on a city sights tour. After the opportunity to visit Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand, travel to Art Deco mecca, Napier. **Hotel: Scenic Te Pania, 2 nights. B**

14 Napier

After a devastating earthquake in 1931, Napier completely rebuilt itself in just two years. The end result is architectural Nirvana, a city home to the



Rotorua Geothermal Pool

21 DAYS 22 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
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	Mar 07 , 21	Mar 06, 20
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Dining

20 Full buffet breakfasts B 2 Highlight Dinners HD
5 Dinners D 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

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Day 21 – flights to depart any time from Auckland Airport

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world's greatest concentration of Art Deco, Spanish Mission and Striped Classical buildings. This morning get the lowdown from your in-the-know local guide on a Napier tour. This afternoon is yours to choose, perhaps a Gannet Safari or wine tour. **B**

15 Napier – Rotorua

This evening, explore Te Puia's geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, including hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands.

Hotel: Sudima, 2 nights. B HD

16 Rotorua Free Time

Bliss out in the Polynesian Spa's thermal springs; visit the Hobbiton movie set; or board a scenic flight for a bird's-eye view. **B**

17 Rotorua – Auckland

Today your sights are firmly set on the Auckland's main love: rugby. The interactive All Blacks Experience explores an introduction to the game as a part of New Zealand culture. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B**

18 Auckland – Bay of Islands

The Bay of Islands is undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical secret: this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840. Your guide, perhaps a descendent of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B D**

19 Bay of Islands Free Time

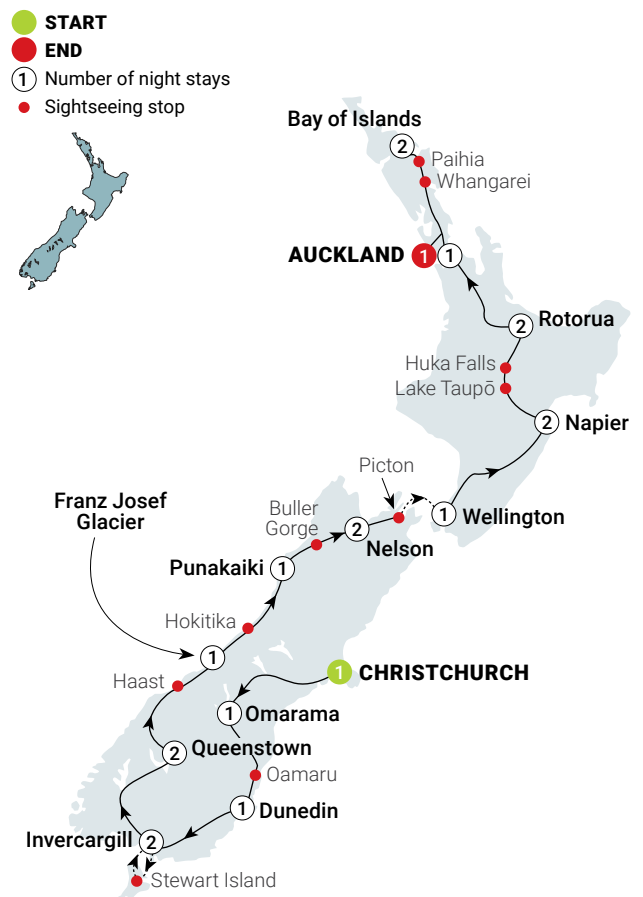
Trip the light fantastic and head off in whatever direction you please. **B**

20 Bay of Islands – Auckland

Explore Whangarei, the island's most northerly outpost, at your leisure before the commute back to Auckland for your Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B FD**

21 Farewell from Auckland

We hope you've packed your address book with the names of new friends. But at the end of the day, it's the memories that will fuel your flight home. **B**



Kia Ora New Zealand

Highlights

✂ Flexible Vacations

Want to get your heart racing? Explore the extremes of the North Island then feel the natural rush of Queenstown. Or just laze by the pool. Your choice...

📍 Iconic Sites

You don't need a reason to visit World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park. But if you're looking for one, make it shimmering Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. This place is nature amplified.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Journey through New Zealand's most important historic site, Waitangi Treaty Grounds, with a passionate local guide. Discover the stories, people and events that have shaped the past, present, and future.

🌋 Natural Wonders

End-of-the-Earth drama awaits in the Bay of Islands, where 140 droplets of land unite powdery beaches with dreamy pockets of forest.



1 Welcome to Auckland

Explore waterfront precincts filled with yachts or just meet your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception tonight. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express.**

2 Auckland – Bay of Islands

Say goodbye to the 'City of Sails' as you journey north to the Bay of Islands – 140 droplets of land ringed by turquoise sea. It's undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical secret; this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840. Your guide, perhaps a descendent of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance of the site, while pointing out the world's largest ceremonial canoe and a carved meeting house. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B D**

3 Bay of Islands Free Time

Today, trip the light fantastic and head off in whatever direction you please. Perhaps travel up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or glide around on an historic tall ship, enjoy a cruise to the iconic Hole in the Rock or join a tour of Russell and learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands. **B**

4 Bay of Islands – Auckland

Whangarei is a place where waterfalls meet beaches, galleries meet museums. It's like the country in a tantalising snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Explore at your leisure before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B**

5 Auckland – Rotorua

After a morning of sightseeing, set your GPS for the Waitomo Caves. Cruising cavernous waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. It's a landscape almost as otherworldly as Rotorua, where mud pops and jettisons from bubbling geysers. This evening, explore Te Puia's geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a dinner of hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B HD**

6 Rotorua Free Time

Explore at your own pace today. Want a bit of down time? Bliss out at the Polynesian Spa. Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of today's opportunity to visit the sights featured in The Lord of the Rings movies at Hobbiton. **B**

7 Rotorua – Wellington

At Huka Falls, 220,000 litres of water thunder over an 11-meter-high waterfall every second. The road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of mint-blue Lake Taupō. Traverse the Kapiti Coast to New Zealand's cool little capital, Wellington. **Hotel: Travelodge. B**

8 Wellington – Picton

Wellington is known for its uber-cool cafés, designed to fuel you through a session at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. Onwards to the Interislander for a cruise across Cook Strait, from the North Island to the South, through a maze of arms and inlets. **Hotel: Picton Yacht Club. B D**

9 Picton – Christchurch

There aren't many beaches more dramatic than the black sands of Kaikōura. Bonus points if you spot a sea lion or sperm whale frolicking offshore. Your Travel Director has tips on where to dine tonight. **Hotel: Wyndham Garden. B**

10 Christchurch – Omarama

On your city tour view the mind-bending Transitional Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Turanga, the gold-clad central library. From here, your outlook is the Canterbury Plains: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, snow-capped mountains and atmospheric towns. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience in Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

11 Omarama – Dunedin Free Time

Oamaru, with its stately tree-lined streets and limestone buildings, stands proud before you journey further south toward the 'Edinburgh of the South'. Dunedin's Scottish ancestry is everywhere you look, from the manicured grounds of Otago University to Larnach Castle. While away the



Milford Sound /Piopiotahi

afternoon in the city's art-lined alleys, or venture further afield to discover the wildlife that thrives here – fur seals and penguins among them. **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

12 Dunedin – Te Anau

Weave your way into Fiordland National Park and the South Island's biggest lake and the town of Te Anau. **Hotel: Luxmore. B D**

13 Te Anau – Queenstown

Your route through Fiordland National Park is an intoxicating union of beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and mirror-like lakes. All roads lead to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, where a string of waterfalls create a misty curtain across sheer escarpments. Venture out into the Fjord on a sightseeing cruise, where dolphins and seals are a common sight. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B**

14 Queenstown Free Time

Take Queenstown at your own pace today. Feel the wind in your hair on a high octane jet boat ride, perhaps. But make sure you're back in time to glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet BBQ Highlight Dinner and farm show. **B HD**

15 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiiau

Leaving Lake Wakatipu behind, Arrowtown and Lake Dunstan appear on the horizon. Then there's Lakes Hawea and Wanaka, with its Instagrammable shoreline of poplars and willows. Over the Haast Pass, the pretty town of Franz Josef/Waiiau awaits. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

16 Franz Josef/Waiiau – Christchurch

Swap snow for pounamu (native greenstone or jade) in Hokitika. Just when you thought your adventure couldn't get any better, you'll aboard the TranzAlpine train bound for Christchurch, through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views. **Hotel: Wyndham Garden. B FD**

17 Farewell from Christchurch

Two islands, glaciers, lakes, thermal springs and a parade of wildlife... We hope you find the words to describe this epic adventure. **B**

17 DAYS • 19 Included Experiences

LABC: Auckland to Christchurch

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Oct 14	Jan 06, 13, 20 , 27	Jan 04, 11 , 18, 25
Nov 04 , 11	Feb 03, 10 , 17 , 24	Feb 01, 08 , 15, 22
Dec 02 , 09	Mar 02, 09 , 16, 23	Mar 01, 08 , 15, 22
	Apr 13, 20, 25	
	Jun 22	
	Jul 20	
	Sep 07, 21 , 28	
	Oct 05, 12 , 19, 26	
	Nov 02, 09 , 23, 30	
	Dec 07, 14, 21	

17 DAYS • 19 Included Experiences

LCBA: Christchurch to Auckland

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Oct 02 , 23	Jan 01 , 08, 15, 22, 29	Jan 06, 13 , 20, 27
Nov 20	Feb 05 , 12, 19, 26	Feb 03, 10 , 17, 24
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Dining

- 16 Full buffet breakfasts **B**
- 2 Highlight Dinners **HD**
- 5 Dinners **D**
- 1 Farewell Dinner **FD**

Flight Information

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 Day 17 – flights to depart any time from Christchurch Airport
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New Zealand Marvel

Highlights

✂ Flexible Vacations

From helicopter jaunts to jet-boat rides, winery expeditions and Hobbiton tours, your Travel Director is ready to organize optional experiences across Rotorua and Queenstown.

📍 Iconic Sites

Waterfalls, ancient escarpments and dolphins await in Fiordland National Park's Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. This World Heritage Site is as humbling as it is immense.

🌿 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Dark Sky Project is committed to preserving our night skies by connecting manuhiri (visitors) to the relevance of the night sky via scientific and cultural experiences.

🏔 Natural Wonders

From snow-tipped mountains to a wild and dramatic coastline and turquoise alpine lakes, the Southern Lakes region is one of NZ's most diverse and distinctive wilderness areas.



1 Welcome to Christchurch

There are plenty of reasons to arrive in New Zealand's 'Garden City' early, among them the astonishing transformation that has reinvigorated streets since the devastating 2010/11 earthquakes. Meet your Travel Director and traveling companions for a Welcome Reception tonight. **Hotel: Ibis.**

2 Christchurch – Franz Josef/Waiau

Jump aboard the TranzAlpine train bound for Christchurch, with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, gorges and river valleys. Visit the small town of Hokitika, the heritage and cultural center of the West Coast well-known for its jade. Around the corner is the town of Franz Josef, gateway to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. Get some perspective on an optional flight. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

3 Franz Josef/Waiau – Queenstown

Over the Haast Pass, alpine scenery of the Southern Lakes spreads before you. First up there's lovely Lake Wanaka, with its Instagrammable shoreline of poplars and willows. Then Lake Hawea – the color of an Ice Mint – and Lake Dunstan, where you'll pause to refuel on flavor-packed stone fruits. As tempting as it is to linger in Arrowtown's movie-set-like streets, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables await in Queenstown. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B**

4 Queenstown Free Time

Today, choose your own adventure – there are plenty to be had. Feel the wind in your hair on a high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps. Or discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at a wildlife center. Wine aficionado? Sip your way through surrounding vineyards. Wherever you wander, make sure you're back in time to glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue BBQ Highlight Dinner and farm show, and a little late-night dancing. **B HD**

5 Queenstown – Te Anau

Your route from the Mirror Lakes through the Cleddau Valley is the entrée to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi, a cavernous wonderland where waterfalls thunder from ancient escarpments into inky water where dolphins play. You'll likely spot them on your Milford Sound/Piopiotahi cruise. It's all part of World

Heritage listed Fiordland National Park, an intoxicating union of beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and gin-clear rivers, carving up the countryside. This is your backdrop all the way to Te Anau. **Hotel: Luxmore. B D**

6 Te Anau – Dunedin

Swap the forested slopes of Fiordland for the rolling green hills of the Edinburgh of the South. Welcome to Dunedin, a beguiling union of both Māori and Scottish heritage. While away the afternoon in atmospheric art-lined alleys or sipping a lager or two in Speight's Brewery (a national institution). **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

7 Dunedin – Oamaru

If you didn't get a taste for Dunedin's Scottish heritage yesterday, you surely will today. Explore grand Larnach Castle at your leisure – this is, after all, the only one of its kind in the country – then wander the manicured grounds of Otago University or the city's main George Street for an additional reminder of the city's ties to Europe. If you've ever wanted to see New Zealand's oldest public gardens, today you're in luck with a visit to Oamaru, known for its stately tree-lined streets and limestone buildings. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

8 Oamaru – Christchurch

Your outlook this morning is the Canterbury Plains. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. Back on earth, it's time to become reacquainted with Christchurch, your in-the-know guide pointing out the city's miraculous transformation. **Hotel: Ibis. B D**

9 Christchurch – Picton

Forget powdery white sand – once you've seen the dramatic black Kaikōura cove, you'll be spoilt for all future beach-bashing. Bonus points if you spot a sea lion or sperm whale frolicking offshore. Your onward route skirts the pink-tinged crystallisation ponds of the Lake Grassmere Salt Works, before arriving in the pretty seaside fishing village of Picton. **Hotel: Picton Yacht Club. B D**



Te Puia Cultural Performance

10 Picton – Wellington

Cruising through Queen Charlotte Sound, up the Tory Channel and across Cook Strait is a journey as scenic as it is serene. Today's chariot, the Interislander, transports you from the South Island to the North, navigating a maze of arms and inlets into Wellington. Bring your stamina to explore Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. Ask your Travel Director for tips on where to sip wine and coffee tonight – this city is known for its uber-cool cafés, restaurants and bars. **Hotel: Travelodge. B**

11 Wellington – Rotorua

The road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of Lake Taupō, the largest of its kind in the country. It's a landscape almost as otherworldly as Rotorua, where mud pops and jettisons from bubbling geysers, and steam rushes skywards from cracks in the Earth. This evening, explore Te Puia's geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a dinner of hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands.. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B HD**

12 Rotorua Free Time

Sometimes, the best adventures are those that you have when you least expect them. Like wandering into Rotorua's Polynesian Spa and falling into a few hours of bliss while soaking in steamy thermal springs. And then there's Hobbiton. These beautiful landscapes are not only a bucket list tour for Hobbit fans, but a gorgeous countryside getaway. **B**

13 Rotorua – Auckland

Before you reach your final destination, get set to glow through the Waitomo Caves. While cruising cavernous limestone waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, appears on the horizon, dazzling with not one, but two harbors. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express. B FD**

14 Farewell from Auckland

The 'City of Sails' flutters as if waving goodbye as you make your way home. **B**

14 DAYS • 18 Included Experiences

LCCA: Christchurch to Auckland

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LAAC: Auckland to Christchurch

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Dining

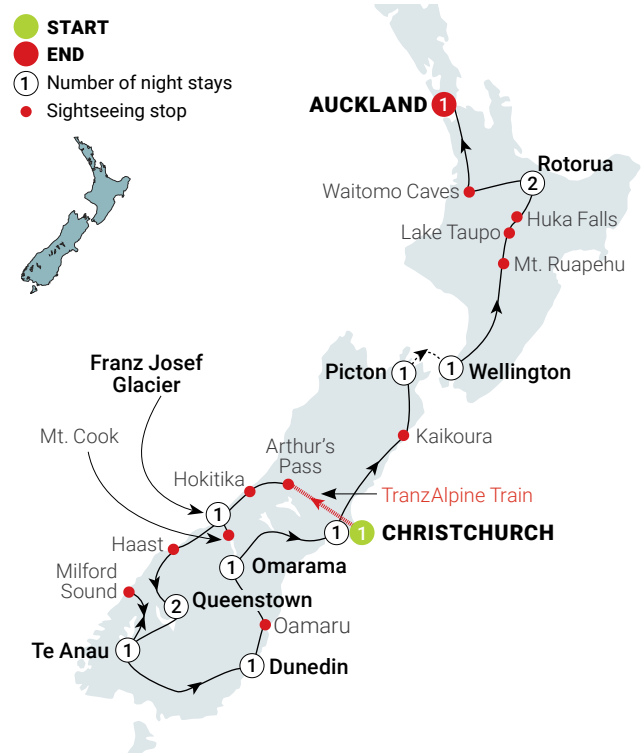
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Southern Spotlight

Highlights

✂ Flexible Vacations

Queenstown is home to more than 150 bars and restaurants. If you don't know where to look, ask your Travel Director for recommendations. Enjoy downtime at your own pace.

📍 Iconic Sites

The TranzAlpine train ride has been described as one of the most scenic cross-country jaunts in the world. But don't take our word for it...

🌱 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Dark Sky Project is committed to preserving our night skies by connecting manuiri (visitors) to the relevance of the night sky via scientific and cultural experiences.

🏔 Natural Wonders

The West Coast, or 'the Coast' as locals call it, is an untamed natural wilderness of rivers and rainforests, glaciers and geological treasures.



1 Welcome to Christchurch

Since its 2010/11 earthquakes, Christchurch has reinvented itself in more ways than one. Discover how if you choose to step back in time aboard the Christchurch Tram, linking some of the city's most legendary attractions. It's time tonight to meet your traveling companions for a Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Wyndham Garden.**

2 Christchurch – Oamaru

On your city tour view the mind-bending Transitional Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Turanga, the gold-clad central library. From here, your outlook is the Canterbury Plains: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, the quaint Church of the Good Shepherd, snow-capped mountains and atmospheric towns. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate guides, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. **Hotel: Heritage Gateway. B D**

3 Oamaru – Dunedin

If you've ever wanted to see New Zealand's oldest public gardens, today you're in luck. Oamaru, with its stately tree-lined streets and limestone buildings, stands proud before you journey further south toward the Edinburgh of the South: Dunedin. It's easy to while away the afternoon in the city's atmospheric art-lined alleys. Or venture further afield to discover the wildlife that thrives in this pretty pocket of the country – fur seals and penguins among them. Thirsty? Visit Speight's Brewery, a New Zealand institution. **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

4 Dunedin – Te Anau

Dunedin's Scottish ancestry is everywhere you look, from the manicured grounds of Otago University to the city's main George Street. Rolling green hills dotted with doe-eyed sheep are replaced by soaring mountains as you weave your way into Fiordland National Park and the South Island's biggest lake and the town of Te Anau. Soak up the serenity – it doesn't get any better than this. **Hotel: Luxmore. B D**

5 Te Anau – Queenstown

From the moment you step outside today, nature rules. Your route through Fiordland National Park is an intoxicating union of beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and mirror-like lakes. Gin-clear rivers carve the countryside, with all roads leading to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. Cruising this World Heritage listed expanse will give you goosebumps, a string of waterfalls creating a misty curtain across sheer escarpments. Look out for dolphins – they're a common sight here. **Hotel: Cophorne Hotel & Resort, 2 nights. B**

6 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace. Like things fast and furious? Feel the wind in your hair on a high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps. There's a reason why Queenstown is known as the adventure capital of the country. Nature lover? Discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at a wildlife center. Wherever you wander, make sure you're back in time to glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue Highlight Dinner and farm show. **B HD**

7 Queenstown – Franz Josef/Waiau

Try and keep count of today's lakes. Leaving Lake Wakatipu behind, Arrowtown appears on the horizon. We know you'll want to linger in the movie-set-like streets, lined with trees and character-filled boutiques. But Lake Dunstan awaits, as do its orchards. Pause to refuel on flavor-packed stone fruit. Then there's Lake Hawea followed by Lake Wanaka, with its Instagrammable shoreline of poplars and willows. Over the Haast Pass to the town of Franz Josef, where, this afternoon you may choose to fly over Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

8 Franz Josef/Waiau – Christchurch

Swap snow for pounamu (native greenstone or jade) in Hokitika. Just when you thought your adventure couldn't get any better, you'll aboard the TranzAlpine train bound for Christchurch, through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river valleys. **Hotel: Wyndham Garden. B FD**



Queenstown

9 Farewell from Christchurch

New Zealand's South Island never fails to wow. We hope you find the words to describe this epic New Zealand tour to your family back home. **B**

9 DAYS • 10 Included Experiences

LCQR: Christchurch Return

Departure Dates

2023	2024	2025
Oct 22	Jan 14, 21, 28	Jan 12, 19 , 26
Nov 12, 19	Feb 04, 11, 18, 25	Feb 02, 09, 16 , 23
Dec 10, 17	Mar 03, 10, 17 , 24, 31	Mar 02, 09, 16 , 23, 30
	Apr 21, 28	
	Jun 02, 30	
	Jul 28	
	Sep 15, 29	
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	Dec 01, 08 , 15, 22, 29	

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Definite Departures highlighted in red.

For prices, latest deals and year-round offers including past guest offers, group booking discounts for 9+ guests, multi-trip savings and additional definite departure dates visit aatkings.com/lcqr or [lrqc](http://aatkings.com/lrqc), or contact your local travel agent. A limited number of single rooms are also available.

Dining

- 8 Full buffet breakfasts B
- 3 Dinners D
- 1 Highlight Dinner HD
- 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport
 Day 9 – flights to depart any time from Christchurch Airport
Flights are not included in the vacation price.



Milford Sound/Piopiota Cruise



Short Breaks

Personalize Your Experience

Short Breaks are designed to let you travel on your own by including the best day tours in the region combined with your choice of up to three standards of accommodations. They give you the opportunity to learn from our expert Driver Guides, to discover the destinations and to meet new like-minded travelers each day.





Add a Short Break to your Guided Vacation

With so much to see and do in this extraordinary part of the world, we make it easy for you to customize your vacation. Add on one of our Short Breaks to your Guided Vacation to delve deeper into a place or region or make the most of your time Down Under and combine any of our itineraries for the ultimate two-country vacation experience.

What's included on a Short Break?

- All accommodations, with your choice of up to 3 standards of quality, depending on your budget and needs
- Selected meals
- Seamless transfers between every spot on your itinerary
- Money-can't-buy exclusives, dependant on your itinerary
- Travel in purpose-built air-conditioned coaches, with reclining seats and WiFi where available
- All National Park Entrance Fees
- The services of highly experienced Driver Guides
- Cultural activities in your destinations
- Community engagement activities

Uluru & Kata Tjuta Highlights

U2L

2 DAYS

Uluru base walk

ULURU RETURN : Uluru Sunset • Mutitjulu Waterhole • Aboriginal Rock Art • Uluru Sunrise • Kata Tjuta • Walpa Gorge

1 Arrive Uluru – Sacred Sites & Sunset

On arrival at Ayers Rock Airport you'll be transferred to the resort (flights to arrive prior to 1.30pm). This afternoon, visit the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre. Later, travel around the base of Uluru in comfort as your Driver Guide provides commentary about the numerous sacred sites and features to be found at Uluru. Learn about the native flora, fauna and intriguing culture of the traditional owners, the Anangu, and discover an array of fascinating sites. Continue by coach to the Kuniya Walk where your Driver Guide will escort you to the beautiful Mutitjulu Waterhole. In the late afternoon witness the striking color changes of Uluru at sunset

while enjoying sparkling wine. **Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge (B), Desert Gardens (R) or Sails in the Desert (S), Ayers Rock Resort.**

+ Uluru BBQ Dinner +BBQA

After sunset, why not add on our exclusive BBQ Dinner. Please enquire for details.

2 Uluru Sunrise – Kata Tjuta – Depart Uluru

Rise early to watch the first rays of the sun set Uluru and the Red Centre alight. Make your way to the viewing platform to see many kilometers into the distance, providing an ideal photo opportunity. Later, travel to the mystical domes of Kata Tjuta and continue to the base of Walpa Gorge. Spend time exploring the gorge and the unusual conglomerate rock formations. The

DEPARTS

2.30pm (Apr-Oct) and 3.00pm (Nov-Mar)

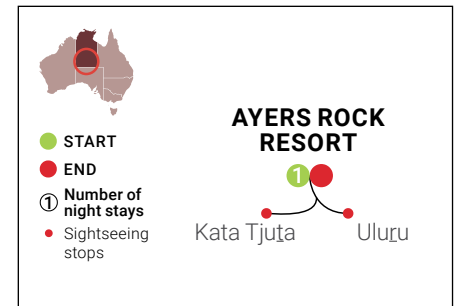
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10.30am (Oct-Mar) and 11.00am (Apr-Sep)

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walking trail through it follows the natural creek bed between two of the tallest domes of Kata Tjuta. This morning you'll be transferred to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight.



Uluru & Kata Tjuta Experience

U3L1

3 DAYS

Kata Tjuta viewing platform

ULURU RETURN : Kata Tjuta Sunset • Uluru Sunrise • Walpa Gorge • Mutitjulu Waterhole • Aboriginal Rock Art • Uluru Sunset • Field of Light

1 Arrive Uluru – Kata Tjuta Sunset

On arrival at Ayers Rock Airport you'll be transferred to the resort (flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm). This afternoon, enjoy a leisurely drive out to Kata Tjuta. Witness a magnificent outback sunset there while enjoying sparkling wine. **Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge (B), Desert Gardens (R) or Sails in the Desert (S), Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights.**

2 Uluru Sunrise – Sacred Sites & Sunset

Rise early to witness a magical Uluru sunrise, then travel to the stunning red-rock domes of Kata Tjuta and spend time exploring Walpa Gorge. This afternoon, visit the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre to learn more about the Western Desert region, then

tour the sacred sites around the base of Uluru with a local Driver Guide, learning about the customs of the traditional owners. Walk the sacred Mutitjulu Waterhole, and view ancient Aboriginal rock art. Later, watch as the sun sets over Uluru, bringing out the myriad shades of color for which the world's largest monolith is renowned.

+ Uluru BBQ Dinner +BBQA

After sunset, why not add on our exclusive BBQ Dinner. Please enquire for details.

3 Field of Light – Depart Uluru

Experience acclaimed artist Bruce Munro's Field of Light, a once-in-a-lifetime event in Uluru. Under cover of darkness, wander through 50,000 magical hand-crafted frosted glass spheres of light, in colors of ochre, deep violet,

DEPARTS

90 minutes prior to sunset

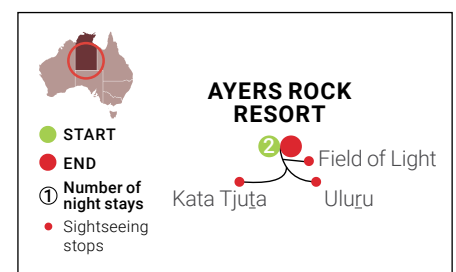
CONCLUDES

30 minutes after sunrise

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blue and gentle white. Then make your way to the dune top, where you'll be served tea, coffee or hot chocolate. Watch in awe as the sun pops up in the distance behind Uluru, flooding the landscape, including Kata Tjuta behind you, with light. Transfer to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight (flights to depart after 9.30am).



Kata Tjuta

Uluru & Kings Canyon

A4A

4 DAYS

Uluru base

DEPARTS

7.00am (Apr-Mar)

CONCLUDES

6.30pm (Oct-Mar) and 7.00pm (Apr-Sep)

National Park Pass is included.

For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/A4A**ALICE SPRINGS RETURN : Kata Tjuta Sunset • Uluru Sunrise • Walpa Gorge • Uluru Sunset • Uluru BBQ Dinner • Kings Canyon**

As this Short Break departs at 7.00am, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Alice Springs – Uluru – Kata Tjuta Sunset
Depart Alice Springs for Ayers Rock Resort. Witness an outback sunset at Kata Tjuta while enjoying sparkling wine. **Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge (B), Desert Gardens (R) or Sails in the Desert (S), Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights.**

2 Uluru Sunrise – Kata Tjuta – Uluru Sacred Sites, Sunset & BBQ
Watch the sun rise at Uluru, and then travel to Kata Tjuta to explore Walpa Gorge. Join your

guide for a drive around the base of Uluru. Witness sunset over Uluru and then join us at our exclusive venue for a barbecue. **D**

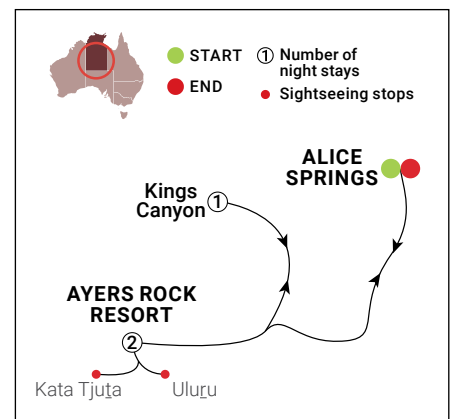
3 Uluru – Kings Canyon

Depart Ayers Rock Resort for Kings Canyon. The rocky climb to the canyon rim reveals views over Watarrka National Park. Or, enjoy a more leisurely walk along the boulder strewn canyon creek bed. **Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort (B, R, S) B.**

4 Kings Canyon – Depart Alice Springs

After time at leisure, travel to Alice Springs, where your Short Break concludes.

As this Short Break concludes after 7.00pm, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for tonight.



Uluru

& Kata Tjuta

A2L

2 DAYS

Kata Tjuta

DEPARTS

7.00am (Oct-Mar) and 7.30am (Apr-Sep)

CONCLUDES

7.00pm (Oct-Mar) and 7.30pm (Apr-Sep)

National Park Pass is included.

For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/A2L**ALICE SPRINGS RETURN : Aboriginal Rock Art • Uluru Sunset • Uluru Sunrise • Kata Tjuta • Walpa Gorge**

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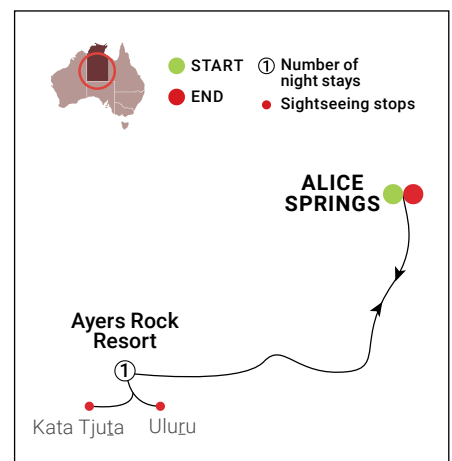
1 Alice Springs – Uluru Sacred Sites & Sunset

Depart Alice Springs through the rugged desert landscape before arriving at Ayers Rock Resort. Visit the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre and then travel around the base of Uluru. Learn about flora, fauna, and visit an array of sacred sites. At Mutitjulu Waterhole, you'll explore several caves and view Aboriginal rock paintings. Late afternoon, relax with sparkling wine as you witness the striking color changes of Uluru at sunset. **Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge (B), Desert Gardens (R) or Sails in the Desert (S), Ayers Rock Resort.**

2 Uluru Sunrise – Kata Tjuta – Depart Alice Springs

Experience the two major landmarks in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Start with an amazing sunrise at the Uluru sunrise viewing area. Afterwards, on the 45 kms drive to Kata Tjuta, enjoy panoramic views of its southern side from a viewing platform, as your Driver Guide provides you with an historical overview of the National Park. The walk through the sheer walls of Walpa Gorge at Kata Tjuta won't disappoint as you're led into a world of rare plant species and lush evergreen scrubs. This afternoon, you'll travel to Alice Springs, where your Short Break concludes.

As this Short Break concludes after 7.00pm, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for tonight.



Kakadu & East Alligator River

DK40

2 DAYS

Guluyambi Cultural Tour

DEPARTS

6.30am (May-Nov)

CONCLUDES

7.30pm approximately

National Parks Pass is included.

For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/DK40

DARWIN RETURN : Kakadu National Park • Yellow Water Billabong Cruise • Aboriginal Rock Art & Culture • Warradjan Cultural Centre • Cultural Cruise with Aboriginal Guide

As this Short Break departs at 6.30am, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Darwin – Kakadu National Park

Depart Darwin and travel into Kakadu National Park. Visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre, then join your local guide on an award-winning cruise to experience the dramatic scenery of the Yellow Water Billabong. Keep an eye out for saltwater crocodiles, a diverse array of smaller wildlife, and the colorful range of birdlife for which this region is renowned. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Kakadu. L**

2 Guluyambi Cultural Cruise – Depart Darwin

This morning, head off with your Driver Guide to explore the World Heritage area of Ubirr, where you'll explore extensive Aboriginal rock art galleries believed to be 20,000 years old. Climb to the lookout for stunning views over the floodplains, woodlands and dark ribbons of rainforest of the surrounding Nadab wetlands. Then take the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise along the East Alligator River, where an Aboriginal guide will provide insights into their culture, including local mythology, the river's abundant food chain, as well as bush survival skills. With special permission of the local people, you are able to go ashore in Arnhem Land. Return to Darwin, where your Short Break concludes. **L**

As this Short Break concludes at 7.30pm, you may like to pre-book accommodations for tonight.

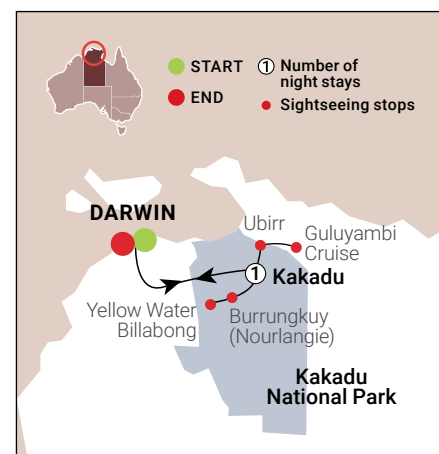
+ Add-on

Tiwi Islands Aboriginal Cultural Tour

3 Darwin – Tiwi Islands – Depart Darwin

Take the 2½ hour ferry to Bathurst Island. You'll be met by your local guide for a journey through the progressive, modern day Aboriginal community of Wurrumiyanga. Visit the Museum and Early Mission Precinct. Spend time with some Tiwi ladies, while they work on their weaving and painting. They will demonstrate their totem dances and perform a smoking ceremony to bless the visitors. You'll sample billy tea and damper before lunch. Visit the Arts & Crafts Centres, where you can purchase art and crafts at reasonable prices. Transfer to your ferry departing the island at 3.15pm for Darwin, where your Short Break concludes. **L**

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Kakadu & Arnhem Land Explorer

DK70

3 DAYS

Arnhem Land

DEPARTS

6.30am (May-Sep)

CONCLUDES

7.30pm approximately

National Parks Pass is included.

For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/DK70

DARWIN RETURN : Kakadu National Park • Aboriginal Rock Art • Yellow Water Billabong Cruise • Arnhem Land by 4WD • Cultural Cruise with Aboriginal Guide

As this Short Break departs at 6.30am, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Darwin – Kakadu National Park

Depart Darwin and travel into Kakadu National Park. Visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre to view the informative displays. Join your local guide for a cruise on Yellow Water Billabong. Search for saltwater crocodiles and the colorful range of birdlife for which this region is renowned. After lunch, stop at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie), where your Driver Guide will lead you on a walk to view the rock art galleries. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, 2 nights. L**

2 Arnhem Land 4WD Adventure

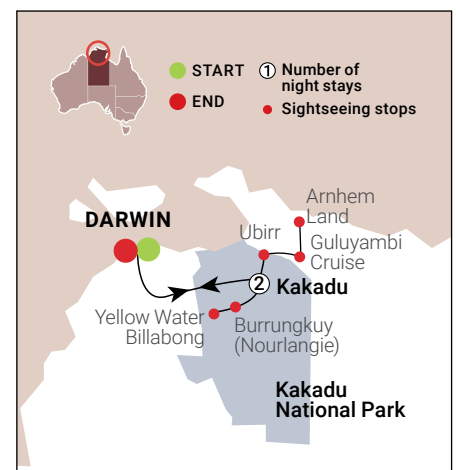
This morning travel by 4WD vehicle into Western Arnhem Land and the Mikinj Valley. The scenery includes forests, sandstone outcrops, escarpments, floodplains and billabongs. You'll visit places inaccessible to most, including ancient rock art sites. Learn about traditional land ownership, bush skills, hunting, food gathering and bush tucker preparation. Most tours are accompanied by an Aboriginal guide. L

3 Kakadu – Guluyambi Cultural Cruise – Depart Darwin

Join your Driver Guide to explore the World Heritage area of Ubirr, where you'll climb up through the ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries, believed to be 20,000 years old, to

the lookout for the view over the surrounding wetlands. Later, board the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise along the East Alligator River. An Aboriginal guide will provide an insight into their culture, including local mythology, the river's abundant food chain, as well as bush survival skills. With special permission of the local people you'll be able to go ashore in Arnhem Land, before heading back downstream. Visit Marrawuddi Art Gallery before returning to Darwin, where your Short Break concludes. L

As this Short Break concludes at 7.30pm, you may like to pre-book accommodations for tonight.



Kakadu, & Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge

DG42

3 DAYS

Ubirr Rock Art

DEPARTS

7.25am (May-Oct)

CONCLUDES

6.00pm approximately

National Parks Pass is included.

For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/DG42

DARWIN RETURN : Jumping Crocodile Cruise • Kakadu National Park • Aboriginal Rock Art • Katherine Gorge Cruise • Edith Falls • Yellow Water Billabong Cruise

As this Short Break departs at 7.25am, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Darwin – Jumping Crocodile Cruise – Kakadu

Cruise on the Adelaide River, home to over 1,600 crocodiles, where you'll see these prehistoric creatures up-close. Later, travel into Kakadu National Park, home to a myriad of animals and hundreds of bird species. Stop at the Marrawuddi Art Gallery, and then continue to Ubirr. Climb up through the ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries to the lookout for a spectacular view over Kakadu. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile. L**

2 Kakadu – Katherine

This morning you'll be mesmerized as you explore the renowned Burringkuy (Nourlangie) rock art site, which had provided shelter to Aboriginal people for millennia. Visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre for an insight into the local Bininj culture. Later, join your local guide for a cruise on Yellow Water Billabong, Kakadu's most famous wetland and home to saltwater crocodiles and dozens of species of colorful birdlife. Continue to Katherine, the third largest town in the Northern Territory, stopping at Leliyn (Edith Falls) along the way. The paperbark and pandanus fringed natural pool at the base of the falls is suitable for swimming throughout most of the year (conditions permitting). **Hotel: Contour. L**

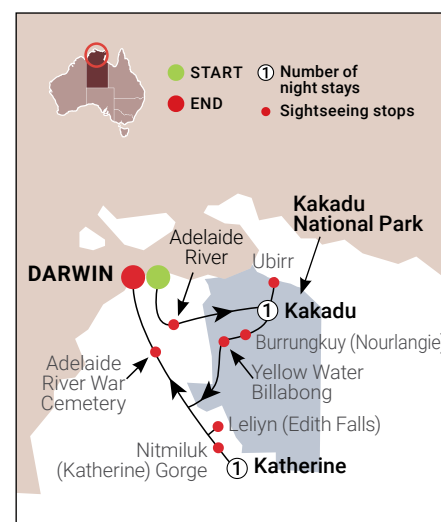
+ Kakadu Scenic Flight +SKF30

Today, experience Kakadu from the air for a true sense of this wondrous landscape. **Please enquire for details.**

3 Katherine – Depart Darwin

Enjoy a morning cruise through Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, a stunning network of thirteen gorges carved from billion-year-old sandstone. You'll be at its heart among freshwater crocodiles, wonderful birdlife and amazing scenery. Later, view the displays at the Nitmiluk Visitor Centre, where you may purchase artefacts handmade by the Jawoyn people. Return to Darwin, stopping at historic gold mining town of Pine Creek and the poignant Adelaide River War Cemetery. Your Short Break concludes this evening.

As this Short Break concludes at 6.00pm, you may like to pre-book accommodations for tonight.



Tropical Top End

DG45

4 DAYS

Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge Cruise

DEPARTS

7.25am (May-Sep)

CONCLUDES

6.00pm approximately

National Parks Pass is included.

For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/DG45

DARWIN RETURN : Crocodile spotting • Ubirr & Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Rock Art • Yellow Water Billabong cruise • Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge cruise • Swim at Litchfield waterfalls

As this Short Break departs at 7.25am, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Darwin – Jumping Crocodile Cruise – Kakadu National Park

Cruise on the Adelaide River, home to over 1,600 crocodiles, on the Jumping Crocodile Cruise, and then travel into Kakadu National Park. View ancient Aboriginal rock art and take a guided walk to the top of Ubirr for magnificent views over the surrounding wetlands. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile. L**

2 Kakadu – Katherine

Explore Aboriginal rock art at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie), then continue to Warradjan Cultural Centre before taking a cruise on the magnificent Yellow Water Billabong to observe saltwater crocodiles and prolific wildlife. Travel via Pine Creek to Katherine. **Hotel: Contour. L**

+ Kakadu Scenic Flight +SKF30

Today, experience Kakadu from the air for a true sense this wondrous landscape. **Please enquire for details.**

3 Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge – Darwin

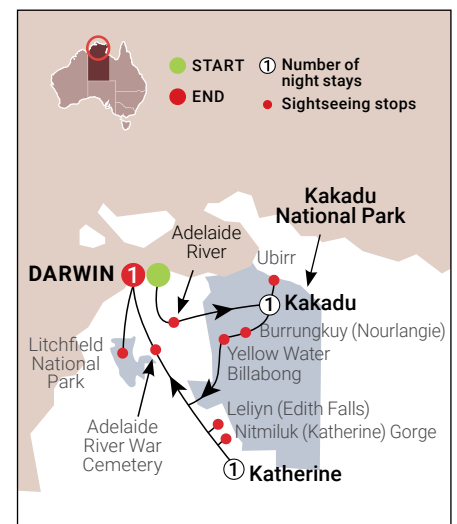
Cruise through Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, watching for crocodiles basking in the sun. It is a stunning network of thirteen gorges carved from billion year old sandstone that are home to rapids and fall flowing from the Nitmiluk

River. Gain cultural insights at Nitmiluk Visitor Centre before traveling to Edith Falls, whose paperbark and pandanus-fringed natural pool at the base of the falls is safe for swimming most of the year (conditions permitting). Stop at Adelaide River War Cemetery en route to Darwin. **Hotel: Travelodge Resort.**

4 Darwin – Litchfield – Depart Darwin

In Litchfield National Park today your first stop is the site of hundreds of Magnetic Termite mounds. The work of local termites, they make for a fun photo. Next is Florence Falls, where you can take a scenic bush and monsoon vine forest walk. After a swim in its pristine plunge pool, travel on to Tolmer Falls for a stunning view of the water cascading down to the deep waterhole below. Wangi Falls, with its large crystal-clear pool, is another relaxing spot for a swim. At Howard Springs Nature Park, you'll have the opportunity to feed the barramundi and turtles. Return to Darwin, where your Short Break concludes. **L**

As this Short Break concludes at 6.00pm, you may like to pre-book accommodations for tonight.



Territory Tracks

YRD7

7 DAYS

The Ghan

DEPARTS

2.30pm (Apr-Oct) and 3.00pm (Mar)

CONCLUDES

Morning of Day 7

National Park Pass is included.

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ULURU → DARWIN : Journey on The Ghan • Uluru Sunset & Sunrise • Kata Tjuta • Walpa Gorge • Uluru Base Tour • Kakadu National Park • Yellow Water Billabong Cruise • Cultural Cruise with Aboriginal Guide

1 Arrive Uluru – Sacred Sites & Sunset

On arrival at Ayers Rock Airport you will be transferred to the resort (flights to arrive prior to 1.30pm). At the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre see locally-made arts and crafts. Drive around the base of awesome Uluru. At Mutitjulu Waterhole view Aboriginal rock art, as your Driver Guide explains Uluru's history and native flora and fauna. Travel to the sunset viewing area to enjoy sparkling wine while watching the effect of the setting sun on the color of Uluru. **Hotel: Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock Resort.**

+ Uluru BBQ Dinner +BBQA

After sunset, why not add on our exclusive BBQ Dinner. Please enquire for details.

2 Uluru Sunrise – Kata Tjuta – Alice Springs

Rise early to travel to the Uluru Sunrise Viewing Area. Watch the first rays of the sun light up the desert while you enjoy a warming cup of tea or coffee. Afterwards travel to the mystical 36 domes of Kata Tjuta. On the way, enjoy panoramic views of its southern side from the Dune Viewing Platform, before arriving at Walpa Gorge. Spend time exploring the gorge and the unusual conglomerate rock formations. The walking trail follows a natural creek bed. This afternoon, depart for Alice Springs. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters.**

3 Alice Springs – The Ghan

Enjoy a free day in Alice Springs. Late this afternoon make your own way to Alice Springs Railway Station to board The Ghan. Enjoy a drink in the Outback Explorer Lounge followed by dinner in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant before your overnight journey to the Top End. **Rail: Gold Service, The Ghan. D**

4 The Ghan – Darwin

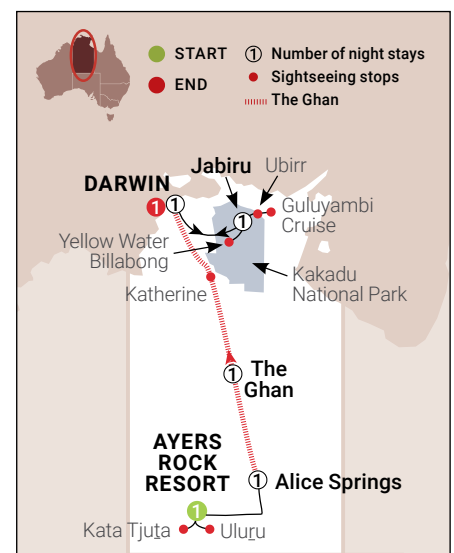
Welcome to Katherine. Enjoy breakfast before leaving the train for a day of cultural delights, where endless options await. A late lunch awaits back on board. Then kick back and savor the last few hours of this epic journey. Roll into Darwin Train Station at 5.30pm then ease back into 'life on the land'. You'll be transferred to your hotel, and later perhaps explore the harbor, the bars and restaurants of this laid-back tropical city. **Hotel: Travelodge Resort, Darwin. B L**

5 Darwin – Kakadu National Park

Depart Darwin and travel deep into Kakadu National Park. Cruise on Yellow Water Billabong to see prolific wildlife, including saltwater Crocodiles. Visit Warradjan Cultural Centre before a guided walk to view Aboriginal rock art at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie). **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile. L**

6 Kakadu National Park – Darwin

Join your Driver Guide to explore Ubirr rock art site and gaze over the Nadab floodplain. Next is the Gulyambi Cruise on the East



Alligator River. An Aboriginal guide will provide insight into their culture, the river's abundant food chain, and bush survival skills. With special permission of the local people, you can go ashore in Arnhem Land. **Hotel: Travelodge Resort, Darwin.**

7 Depart Darwin

Your short break concludes this morning. Make your own way to Darwin Airport for your onward flight (flights anytime).

Cairns & the Great Barrier Reef

CC11

4 DAYS

Great Barrier Reef

DEPARTS

Year-round

CONCLUDES

Morning of day 4

For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/CC11

CAIRNS RETURN : Great Barrier Reef • Skyrail Rainforest Cableway • Kuranda Scenic Rail • Kuranda Heritage Markets • World Heritage Rainforest

1 Arrive Cairns

On arrival at Cairns Airport, make your own way to your hotel (flights anytime). The rest of the day is at leisure. **Hotel: Flynn, 3 nights.**

2 Great Barrier Reef

Join us for a unique outer Great Barrier Reef cruise, where the Sunlover catamaran docks alongside a floating pontoon, stationed in a natural lagoon fringed with beautiful coral at Moore Reef. Snorkel (equipment provided) in the natural lagoon or stay dry with semi-submersible and glass bottom boat tours. Visit the underwater observatory to discover the world's most impressive natural fish tank

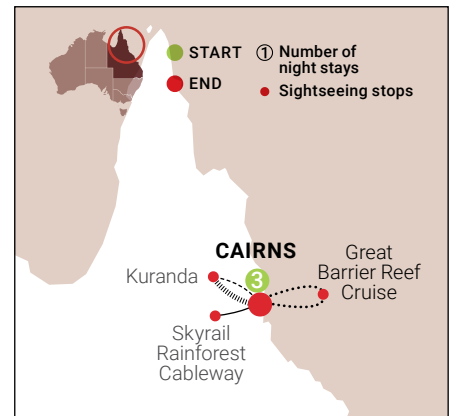
and get up close to marine life. Enjoy a tropical buffet lunch on the water before returning to Cairns early evening. **B L**

3 Scenic Rail – Kuranda – Skyrail

Board the Kuranda Scenic Railway at Feshwater Station for a historic journey. Wind through hand-hewn tunnels, across bridges and curves. On arrival in Kuranda there's free time to explore the 'village in the rainforest'. Later, board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for your journey over and through the ancient rainforest, showcasing spectacular views, with time at both Red Peak and Barron Falls Stations for education and interpretation. **B**

4 Depart Cairns

Your Short Break concludes this morning after breakfast. Make your own way to Cairns Airport (flights anytime). **B**



Tropical Reef & Rainforest

PD11

4 DAYS

Dreamtime Gorge Walk

DEPARTS

Year-round

CONCLUDES

Morning of day 4

For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/PD11

CAIRNS RETURN : Aboriginal Cultural Experience • Painting Class • Traditional Smoking Ceremony • Art Gallery • Mossman Gorge • Walk in Daintree Rainforest • Great Barrier Reef Cruise

1 Cairns – Port Douglas

On arrival at Cairns Airport, make your own way to your hotel in Port Douglas (flights anytime). The rest of the day is at leisure. **Hotel: Oaks Resort, 3 nights.**

2 Aboriginal Art and Culture

Visit the Janbal Gallery for an art class with Aboriginal artist Brian 'Binna' Swindley. Learn ancient Dreamtime stories, local history and how these are shared through their art. Create your own unique artwork to take home with you. Travel to Mossman Gorge Cultural Centre where you will be welcomed to the land with a traditional Aboriginal smoking ceremony,

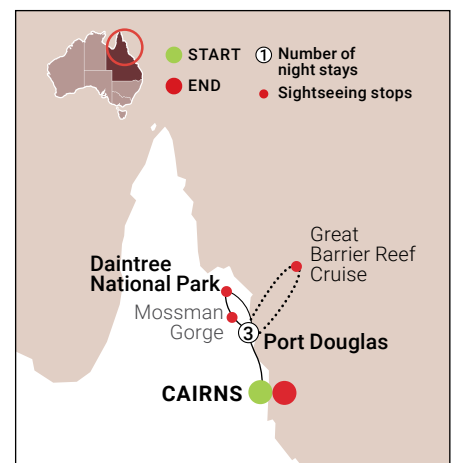
journey with your Aboriginal guide for an interpretive walk. Learn about the local Kuku Yalanji people's special relationship with the land here. **B L**

3 Great Barrier Reef

Quicksilver's Silversonic catamaran will take you to Agincourt Reef. The ribbon reef systems provide unsurpassed coral formations, colorful marine life and spectacular underwater visibility. Explore the reef from the comfort of a semi-submersible, discover in the underwater observatory, watch the fascinating fish feeding presentation or snorkel in the beautiful coral gardens. A tropical buffet lunch is served before you return to Port Douglas. **B L**

4 Port Douglas – Depart Cairns

Your Short Break concludes this morning after breakfast. Make your own way to Cairns Airport (flights anytime). **B**



Day Tours

Full or Half day Sightseeing Tours

Enjoy Bucket List highlights on our selection of curated Day Tours, and allow our Driver Guides to enrich your experience with local knowledge and immersive stories. Day Tours are the perfect add-ons to Short Breaks or Guided Vacations, or equally ideal for independent travelers. All you need to do is sit back, relax, and leave the driving to us.

What's included on a Day Tour?

- Travel in purpose-built air-conditioned coaches with reclining seats and WiFi where available
- The services of a highly experienced Driver Guide
- Cultural activities in your destinations
- Community engagement activities



Uluru Sightseeing *Passes*

Experience all the wonders of the Red Centre by purchasing one of our convenient and comprehensive passes and save on the cost of individual tours.

Your pass is valid for 3 consecutive days from the start of your first tour and includes the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Pass.

Active

If staying active and immersing yourself in the natural environment are an important part of your vacation experience, our Active Pass is for you. Our Three Day Active Pass includes a 6.5 miles fascinating guided walk around the base of Uluru and a 3.4 miles spectacular Valley of the Winds walk, so we suggest a moderate level of fitness.



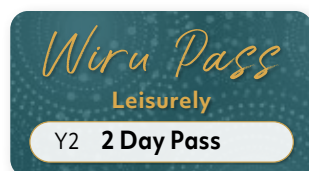
3 Day Pass Includes:

Kata Tjuta Sunset (Y8) +
Kata Tjuta Sunrise & Valley of the Winds (Y50) +
Uluru Sunset (Y11) +
Uluru Morning Guided Base Walk (Y40)

Add on Uluru BBQ (Code: BBQA)
Add on Kings Canyon (Code: Y19)

Leisurely

If you prefer a little more comfort, combined with gentle walks while taking in the natural surrounds, we suggest our Leisurely Passes. Our luxury air-conditioned coach will take you from point to point and our Driver Guide will then walk you into the culturally significant areas. A low level of fitness is suitable.



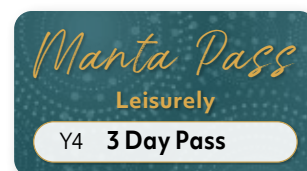
2 Day Pass Includes:

Uluru Sacred Sites & Sunset (Y17) +
Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light (FOL)
Add on Uluru BBQ (Code: BBQA)



2 Day Pass Includes:

Uluru Sacred Sites & Sunset (Y17) +
Uluru Sunrise & Kata Tjuta (Y14)
Add on Uluru BBQ (Code: BBQA)
Add on Kings Canyon (Code: Y19)



3 Day Pass Includes:

Uluru Sacred Sites & Sunset (Y17) +
Kata Tjuta Sunset (Y8) +
Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light (FOL)
Add on Uluru BBQ (Code: BBQA)



Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light

Internationally acclaimed artist Bruce Munro is noted for his immersive site-specific installations that employ light to evoke emotional response, often in an outdoor context and on a monumental scale. His Field of Light, inspired by a trip to Uluru over 30 years ago, is installed in a remote desert area within sight of majestic Uluru. It is his largest installation to date, with Munro and his team installing more than 50,000 slender stems crowned with radiant frosted glass spheres. It is truly a magical sight to behold.

DEPARTS

105 minutes prior to sunrise
from Ayers Rock Resort

RETURNS

30 minutes after sunrise

National Park Entry Ticket is not required.

For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/FOL



Tiwi Islands Aboriginal Cultural Tour

After a 2½ hour cruise, you'll be led by a local guide through the community of Wurrumiyanga. Enjoy billy tea and damper with your lunch. Sit down with Tiwi ladies as they weave and paint, perform totem dances, and bless visitors with a smoking ceremony. At the museum view art and displays of Tiwi 'dreamtime' stories. Explore the Early Mission Precinct with its unique Tiwi-style Catholic Church. Visit the Tiwi Arts & Crafts Centre where you can buy art at island prices.

DEPARTS

7.30am check-in for 8.00am departure
from Cullen Bay Ferry Terminal

RETURNS

Depart Bathurst Island at 3.15pm to arrive in Darwin at 5.45pm approximately

For latest pricing, days of departure & itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/TFER

Red Centre & Top End

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Uluru Sunrise & Kata Tjuta*

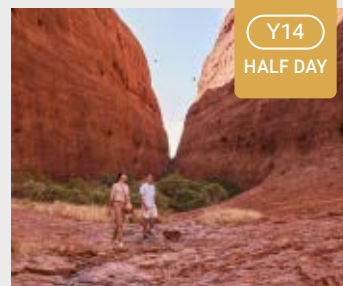
The early rise is well worth it as you experience the two major landmarks in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Start with an amazing sunrise at Talinguru Nyakunytjaku, the Uluru sunrise viewing area. Afterwards, on the 45 kms drive to Kata Tjuta your Driver Guide will provide you with an historical overview of the National Park. The walk through the sheer walls of Walpa Gorge won't disappoint as you're led into a world of rare plant species and lush evergreen scrubs. Fitness level is Grade 3, moderate.

DEPARTS

90 minutes prior to sunrise from Ayers Rock Resort

RETURNS

4 hrs approximately after sunrise



Uluru Aboriginal Art & Cultural Experience*

Experience the oldest culture on earth with an Anangu (Aboriginal) guide and interpreter. Learn how the Anangu live in this extraordinary environment and connected with the land, as your guide shares traditional stories passed down from elders and interprets rock art. Discover more on the Mala Walk and see important Aboriginal landmarks on a drive around the base of Uluru. While learning the art of dot painting, you'll create your own story to take home.

DEPARTS

7.30am (Nov-Mar) and
8.30am (Apr-Oct) from Ayers Rock Resort

RETURNS

12 noon (Nov-Mar) and 1.00pm (Apr-Oct)
(times approximate)



Uluru Sunset* + BBQ Dinner

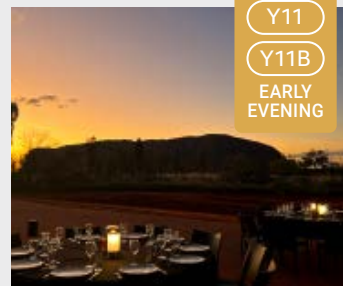
Travel to the Uluru sunset viewing area. Enjoy sparkling wine as the sun sets over the western horizon and the evening sky brings out the many shades of color for which Uluru is famous. Add on our exclusive BBQ Dinner **Y11B**. Dine on favorites from the grill, a selection of fresh salads, a tasty dessert and Australian wine. Top off the evening with a talk about the spectacular night sky.

DEPARTS

60 minutes prior to sunset from
Ayers Rock Resort

RETURNS

Y11 30 minutes or Y11B 2½ hours
approximately after sunset



Ayers Rock to Alice Springs

Travel through spectacular desert scenery from Ayers Rock Resort. Pass through Curtin Springs Station and see Atila (Mt. Conner). Call in at Eralunda, a roadhouse located at the junction of the Stuart and Lasseter Highways, where you can purchase afternoon tea. Continue along the Stuart Highway before arriving in Alice Springs.

DEPARTS

12.30pm (Oct-Mar)
1.00pm (Apr-Sep)

RETURNS

7.00pm (Oct-Mar) and 7.30pm (Apr-Sep)
(times approximate)



A Town like Alice

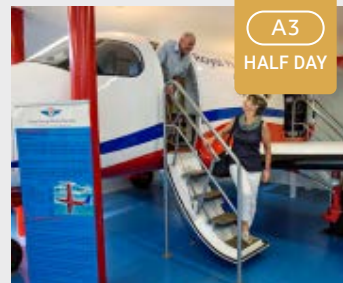
Tour the sights of 'The Alice' including the School of the Air and the historic Telegraph Station, which marks the original site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs. Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, where you'll see how medical aid reaches those who live in the remote outback. Call in at the Alice Springs Reptile Centre and end the day with a panoramic view of Alice Springs and the MacDonnell Ranges from the top of Anzac Hill. Add on a visit to Alice Springs Desert Park **A3D**.

DEPARTS

1.45pm from Alice Springs (earlier from your hotel)

RETURNS

6.00pm approximately



Kakadu National Park Explorer

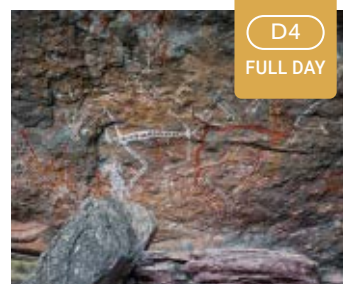
World Heritage listed and the largest National Park in Australia, Kakadu is one of the most diverse landscapes you'll ever experience, and you'll be amazed at the population of wildlife in the water, on the land and in the air. See some of the most amazing terrain Australia has to offer on your way to and inside Kakadu. Marvel at the concentration of rock art sites that illustrate Aboriginal culture, some dating 50,000 years. **Includes lunch. National Parks Pass is included.**

DEPARTS

6.30am from Darwin

RETURNS

7.30pm approximately



Sydney, Melbourne & Cairns

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Blue Mountains Your Way

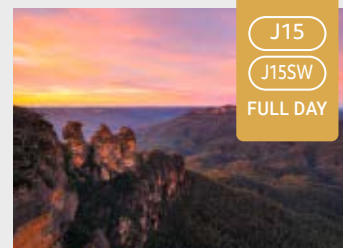
Discover the vast wonders of the Blue Mountains. Enjoy a leisurely walk through Leura village and then witness the magnificent Three Sisters rock formation up close at Echo Point. From there, embark on your personalized exploration of this remarkable region, creating your own unique adventure. Add on the Scenic World Unlimited Discovery Pass. Glide on the world's steepest passenger railway, soar above the valley on the Skyway, and stroll along tranquil trails **J15SW**. For an additional Add-on experience visit aatkings.com/J15.

DEPARTS

8.00am from Sydney

RETURNS

5.30pm approximately



Great Ocean Road & the Twelve Apostles

First stop is the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery for billy tea and ANZAC biscuits. Drive through the Memorial Arch, start of the Great Ocean Road. Time for a photo stop at the seaside town of Lorne before visiting Apollo Bay for lunch (own expense). The rugged splendour of the Twelve Apostles incredible limestone rock formations is breathtaking. Hear the amazing shipwreck story of survival of the Loch Ard and visit its famous gorge. Stop in Port Campbell and then view the remnants of Loch Ard Gorge before returning to Melbourne.

DEPARTS

7.30am from Melbourne

RETURNS

7.30pm approximately



Phillip Island: Penguins, Koalas & Wildlife

Start your day tour to Phillip Island with a visit to the Koala Reserve. Join a Park Ranger and explore the tree top boardwalks to see the koalas up close in their natural habitat. At the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre learn about the initiatives in place to ensure the wildlife and vulnerable geology of Phillip Island remains protected. View the Nobbies, one of the largest fur seal colonies in Australia. As the sun goes down, head to the beach for the main attraction – the little penguins waddling up the sand to their dune burrow homes returning from their daily fishing excursion.

DEPARTS

1.00pm from Melbourne

RETURNS

10.30pm (Apr-Sep) and 11.30pm (Oct-Mar)
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Cape Tribulation, Daintree & Mossman Gorge

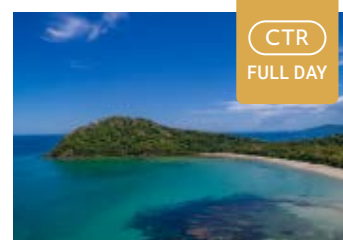
Travel to Mossman Gorge and learn about the secrets of one of the world's oldest rainforests. Cruise on the Daintree River, home to estuarine crocodiles, where you'll spot local wildlife and unique plants. After a tropical lunch in the rainforest, stroll along Cape Tribulation Beach. Stop for an afternoon refreshment at the Daintree Ice Cream Company. Wind through the rainforest to the Alexandra Range lookout and enjoy views over the Daintree River estuary and beyond to the Coral Sea.

DEPARTS

6.45am from Cairns

RETURNS

7.00pm approximately



Kuranda, Scenic Railway & Skyrail

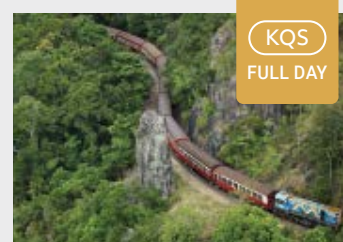
Board the Kuranda Scenic Railway at Freshwater Station for a historical rail journey, enjoying breathtaking views across the cane fields to tropical rainforest. In Kuranda it's time to explore this fascinating village. The Heritage Markets are full of arts and crafts. Later, board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for your journey over and through World Heritage protected rainforest. This 90-minute experience showcases spectacular views, with time at both Red Peak and Barron Falls Stations for education and interpretation.

DEPARTS

7.00am from Cairns

RETURNS

4.00pm approximately



Booking Conditions

Full Booking Conditions can be found at aatkings.com/booking-conditions and form the legal agreement between us and you as our guest.

Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Pass: The price of this pass must be added to the Day Tour prices in this brochure, where indicated. Children 17 years and under are free of charge. It is valid for 3 consecutive days. When taking multiple Day Tours over 3 consecutive days in the National Park you only need to pay the fee once.

Northern Territory Parks Pass (separate from Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Pass): From 01 November 2023, the NEW Parks Pass must be purchased in addition to your Day Tour, where indicated. Visit: <https://www.aatkings.com/park-passes> for further information.

These are additional compulsory government charges and are subject to change without notice. You must carry your pass with you every time you enter the National Parks or you will be required to purchase another.

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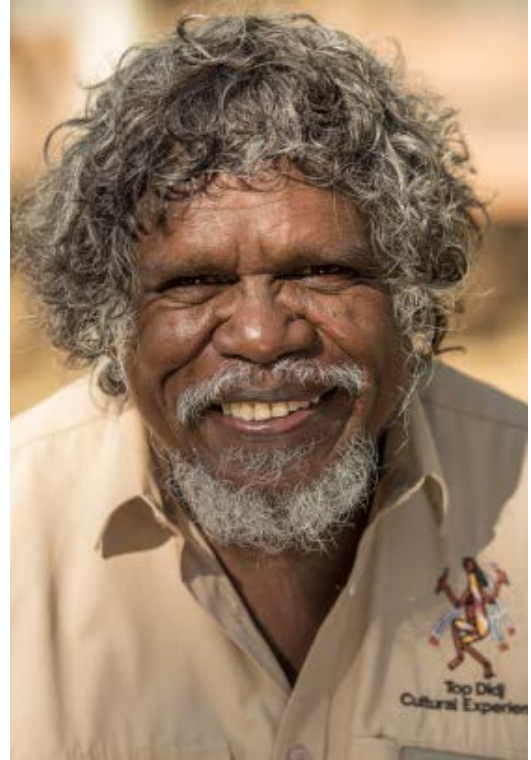
Delight the senses with exclusive culinary experiences and allow your expert guide to show you the iconic sights that promise moments of awe and wonder.

Your small group journey will be expertly curated with no detail forgotten, ensuring your adventure is seamless, stress free and timed to perfection.

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The immersive, vast beauty of Australia and New Zealand awaits.

You'll witness the many hues of an outback sunset blend into ochre natural wonders, hear ancient languages spoken and see stories written in the sand. Indulge in native flavors and relax in dwellings nestled within the heart of your destination.

This is where your *journey* begins.

START EXPLORING



Arrowtown

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Salamanca Market, Tasmania

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Traverse the dramatic contrasts of the North and South Islands, as you discover the extraordinary natural landscapes and rich ancient heritage.

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13 days • IJFLY

Explore Australia's highlights on a journey from the Tropical North, to its spiritual heart and on to sparkling Sydney.

Northern Territory Dreaming 16
11 days • MNCR

The wild majesty of the Top End and the dramatic landscapes of Australia's Red Centre combine on this unforgettable journey.

Outback Contrasts 18
6 days • CRAA

Witness the rugged landscape of the Red Centre and the ancient cultures that have cared for this land for generations.

Kakadu's Ancient Secrets 20
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Be awe-struck by Australia's Top End, where you'll discover untamed waterfalls, vast wetlands and ancient cultures.

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Delve into the untouched landscapes of Maria Island and the Bay of Fires. Head deep into the Tasmanian wilderness and soak up panoramic views of one of the world's most beautiful beaches.



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-  **IMMERSE**
yourself in new experiences
-  **INDULGE**
your senses
-  **EXPLORE**
boundless landscapes
-  **RELAX**
and recharge

Flavours of South Australia 24
5 days • SATA

Embark on a culinary discovery through the Barossa, Adelaide Hills and McLaren Vale wine regions.

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7 days • IJWA

Unique Rottnest Island, renowned wine region Margaret River and an enriching Cape Naturaliste Aboriginal cultural experience await you.



Cover story:
Māori Cultural Experience

Celebrate the abundant harvest of the season, and explore concepts, rituals, and stories of ancient Māori warfare and peace in a feast of culture and cuisine.

Immerse yourself in Māori culture on The Long White Cloud, pg 12.

THE INSPIRING JOURNEYS EXPERIENCE



Visit Shottesbrook Winery on Flavours of South Australia, pg 18.

**MEET
WINEMAKER,**

Hamish

Hamish Maguire is Shottesbrooke Vineyard's General Manager and Chief Winemaker, and it is his mission to build upon the legacy of his stepfather, the vineyard's founder. It continues to produce high-quality wines from both its estate-owned and managed vineyards in McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills. Hamish is thrilled that the vineyard's high-tech winery achieved certification as a Sustainable Wine Grape Grower of Australia in 2023.



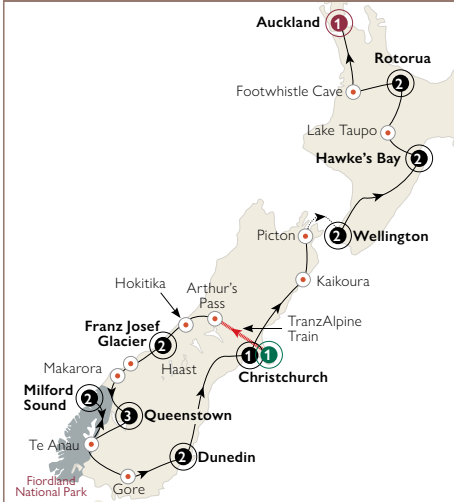
Visit Mrs. Jones' orchard fruit stall in Cromwell on The Long White Cloud, pg 22

**MEET
ORCHARD OWNER,**

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones Fruit Stall is a refreshing stop on any itinerary; expect stone fruit ice cream made on-site and heartwarming stories. On a few acres, where the family had fruit trees, Mrs. Jones said to her husband that she would sell excess fruit on the side of road and read books all day. However, there was little time for reading, as her small business flourished. Now over 40 years later, they still offer Kiwi fruits to our guests.

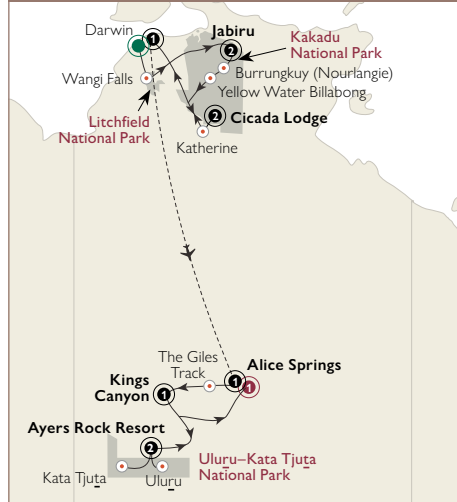
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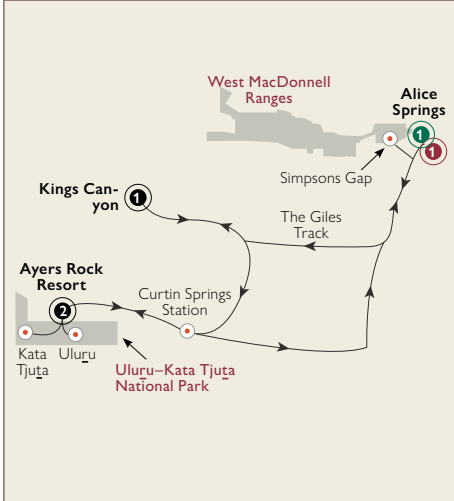
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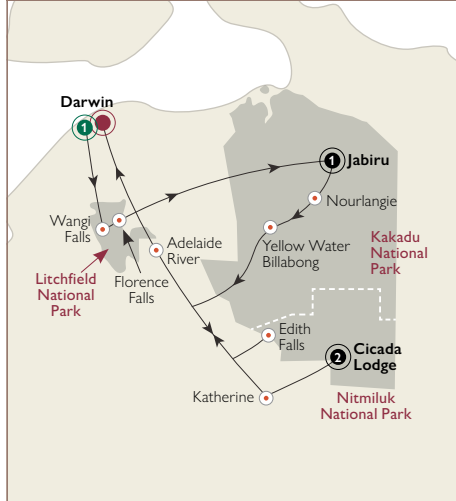
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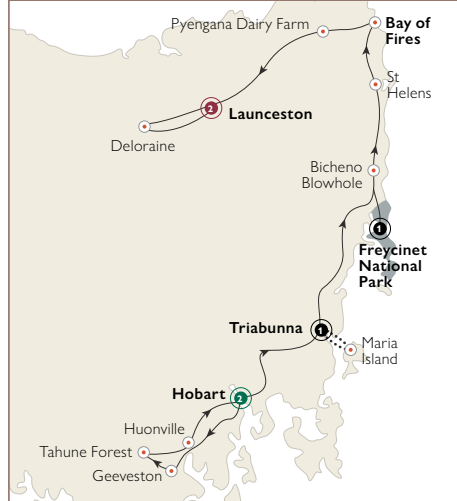
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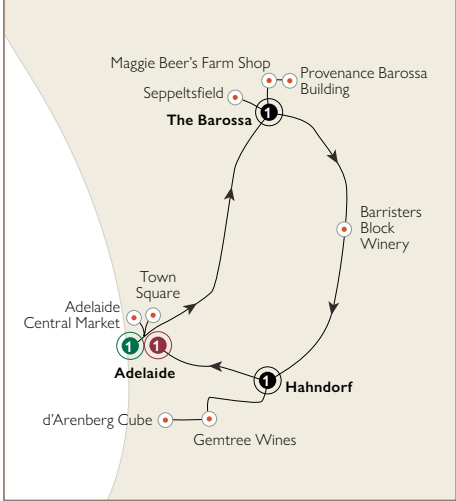
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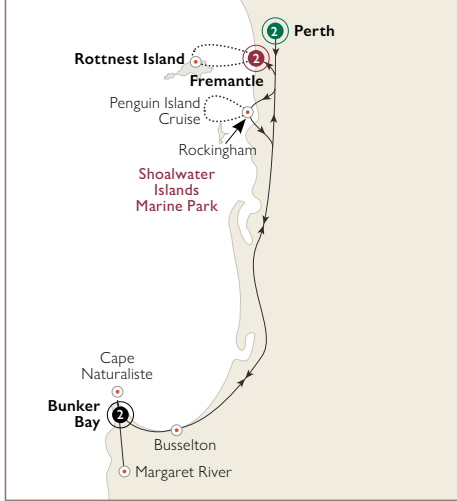
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LIFE ENRICHING MOMENTS



Learn the fine art of 'rarrk' painting on Kakadu's Ancient Secrets, pg 20.

Immerse

YOURSELF IN NEW EXPERIENCES

Dive in deep and absorb every small detail of your destination. Embrace the opportunity to connect with descendants of ancient cultures. Go behind the scenes to experience life like a true local. Immerse yourself in the sights, smells, sounds, and folklore that make every stop on your journey a memorable one.

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Dine at the Currant Shed on Flavours of South Australia, pg 24.

Indulge

YOUR SENSES

Meet the growers and producers while indulging in the local delicacies of unique communities. Savor award-winning wines, sample Aboriginal inspired cuisine and embark on a culinary journey as you unwind in spectacular surrounds.

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Ascending to the breathtaking Redwoods Treewalk on The Long White Cloud pg 12.

Explore

BOUNDLESS LANDSCAPES

Embrace your adventurous spirit and embark on an epic exploration. Visit the wondrous places you've dreamt of, discover hidden gems and insider experiences that may become the highlight of your tour. Walk, cycle, swim, see wildlife – or simply just soak up the awe-inspiring scenery.

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Stay at Freycinet Lodge on Tastes of Tasmania, pg 22.

Relax

AND RECHARGE

Sit back and relax knowing that your experience will be seamless from the very moment you start planning your journey with us. With every detail taken care of, you can be certain that the curated encounters, scenic destinations and carefully chosen hotels are exactly what you needed.

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"The cost of this trip does not justify
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Vivian G

"Too many to mention, but the hours
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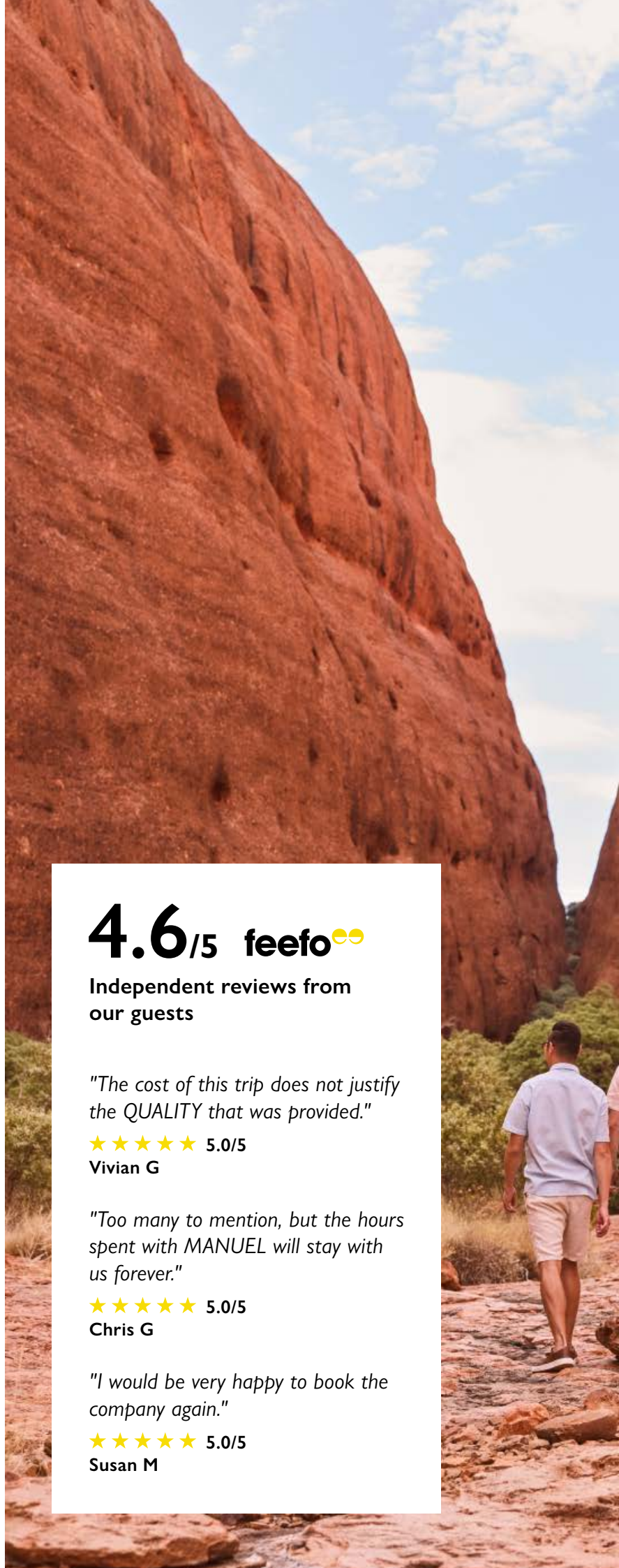
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Chris G

"I would be very happy to book the
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Susan M





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Small Groups

With an average of 16 guests, your intimate, small group journey will grant you access to exclusive experiences and lodgings which are out of reach for larger groups.

Only Outstanding Experiences

Crafted by our experts, each highlight has been carefully selected and seamlessly planned to deepen your connection with this mesmerising land.

Your Journey Director

Inspired by a passion for your destination, Journey Directors are brimming with knowledge, stories and expertise. Their captivating insights will give you a fascinating window into every part of your journey, allowing you to understand your chosen destination in depth.

Luxury Vehicles

With vehicles designed for the contrasting landscapes and luxury coaches with complimentary refreshments for longer journeys, simply sit back, relax and enjoy the view.

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From the charm of heritage listed lodgings with tales, myths and legends waiting to be discovered, to riverside mountain view chalets, know that your premium stay will be in the true heart of your destination.

Included Gourmet Dining

From award-winning restaurants that will enrich your palate to distinctive flavors from the native bushland, your unforgettable dining will be perfectly paired with local wines and an experience that inspires all the senses.

Walpa Gorge,
Northern Territory

THE LONG WHITE CLOUD

CHRISTCHURCH | QUEENSTOWN | FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER/KĀ ROIMATA O HINE
HUKATERE | MILFORD SOUND/PIOPIOTAHĪ | WELLINGTON | ROTORUA | AUCKLAND

19
DAYS



Redwoods Treewalk

IMMERSE

Embrace the traditional Māori greeting at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, and immerse yourself in Jurassic rainforest.

INDULGE

Enjoy an unforgettable dining experience at Craggy Range Winery in Hawke's Bay, a region blessed with fertile soils.

EXPLORE

Discover the luminous shimmer of the Footwhistle Cave. Lose yourself in giant redwoods, and view Milford Sound on show.

RELAX

Wake up to the wonder of fiordland on your Milford Mariner cruise, and take a deep breath and unwind at Te Waonui Forest Retreat.


Traverse New Zealand's North and South Islands, from the hot pools of Franz Josef/Waiau, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Dunedin, to the brave depths of Queenstown, the adventure capital. Explore extraordinary landscapes and ancient heritage, as you encounter New Zealand as few have seen it before.

Day 1: Welcome to Christchurch

Board a private transfer to your hotel. Tonight, meet your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception with local wines and canapés.

HOTEL Hotel Montreal

Day 2: Christchurch – TranzAlpine – Franz Josef/Waiau

 Travel through the Southern Alps aboard TranzAlpine train. From Arthur's Pass, visit the small town of Hokitika. Continue to Franz Josef/Waiau, where you'll spend two nights in an eco-friendly retreat nestled in the wilderness.

HOTEL Te Waonui Forest Retreat, 2 nights


MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Franz Josef/Waiau (Relaxed Start)

 This morning, explore Franz Josef/Waiau, where a local guide explains the history behind the imposing Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukaterere.

MEALS Breakfast


Day 4: Franz Josef/Waiau – Arrowtown – Queenstown

 Discover the Haast River this morning as you journey its length in a fully enclosed river jet boat. Stop at Makarora, then explore the heritage gold-settlement of Arrowtown, before an orientation of breathtaking Queenstown.

HOTEL Hotel St. Moritz, 3 nights


MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 5: Queenstown at Leisure

 Enjoy Queenstown your way! Perhaps join a wine tour and taste some of Central Otago's world-renowned Pinot Noir.


MEALS Breakfast

Day 6: Queenstown at Leisure

 Make the most of your extended stay in Queenstown. Perhaps take a peaceful cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard New Zealand's oldest steamship, the TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station. Tonight, enjoy a Local Dining Experience in one of Queenstown's most exclusive restaurants.

MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience


Day 7: Queenstown – Te Anau – Milford Sound/Piopiotahi

 Travel south along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau, where you'll stop for lunch at a local farm, and then through World Heritage Fiordland National Park. Tonight, you will stay aboard the iconic Milford Mariner.

HOTEL Milford Mariner

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 8: Milford Sound/Piopiotahi - Invercargill

 Leave Fiordland National Park and journey to Invercargill. A city obsessed with motoring history, there are tributes to speed legends across town, from Burt Munro to Bill Richardson and his shed full of classic vehicles. Enjoy a tour of the largest private collection of its type in the world.

HOTEL The Langlands, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast

Day 9: Invercargill (Stewart Island)

Board a ferry at Bluff and cruise to the pristine Stewart Island. Later, join a leisurely cruise around Paterson Inlet and see diverse flora and birdlife.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 10: Invercargill – Dunedin

🍷 Enjoy a relaxed start before departing for Dunedin. On a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** visit **Dunedin Craft Distillers**, who produce botanical spirits from surplus bread and bakery products that would otherwise go to landfill. Venture just next door for a special Chocolate tasting journey at **OCHO Chocolate**.

HOTEL Hotel Distinction Dunedin

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 11: Dunedin – Christchurch

Travel up the east coast through Oamaru and Timaru to Christchurch.

HOTEL Hotel Montreal

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 12: Christchurch – Kaikōura – Wellington

Guests depart this morning in Christchurch (Code: NZSI). Travel along the Pacific coast to Kaikōura. Continue to the seaside village of Picton and later, cross the Cook Strait to Wellington. **Guests join this afternoon in Wellington (Code: NZNI).**

HOTEL QT Wellington, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 13: Wellington at Leisure

Today see Wellington your way. Perhaps visit the urban eco-sanctuary of Zealandia/Te Māra a Tāne, or Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand.

MEALS Breakfast

Day 14: Wellington – Hawke’s Bay

🍷 Travel through the dairy farming land of Manawatu to Napier. Enjoy a **Local Dining Experience** at **Craggy Range** winery.

HOTEL Porters Boutique Hotel, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 15: Napier (Relaxed Start)

🕒 Join a local guide for a vintage car tour through Napier and surrounding areas. You'll learn about the earthquake that destroyed the city in 1931.

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 16: Hawke’s Bay – Rotorua

🕒 Continue to Rotorua, where this afternoon, armed with a packed lunch, you'll join a local guide for a cultural walking eco-tour to discover the Jurassic Whirinaki Forest, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**.

HOTEL Pullman Rotorua, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 17: Rotorua – Redwoods Treewalk

🕒 Ascend the breathtaking Redwoods Treewalk for an elevated bird's eye view of the 120-year old redwood giants. At the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa, passionate conservationists reveal how they are saving the kiwi population, one incubated egg at a time. Tonight, visit **Te Pā Tū Māori Experience**. Tū Te Rā is a celebration of the abundant harvest of this season, and explores concepts, rituals, and stories of ancient Māori warfare and peace in a feast of culture and cuisine. Enjoy a seasonal canapé and complementary chef choice aperitif, and a seasonal three-course dinner.

MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 18: Rotorua – Caveworld Waitomo – Auckland

🕒 Make your way to the famous Caveworld Waitomo for an exclusive 5-star Eco Glowworm experience in Footwhistle Cave. Later, travel to Auckland. This evening, toast your tour at a Celebration Dinner.

HOTEL QT Auckland

MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 19: Farewell from Auckland

Your epic New Zealand journey comes to an end this morning and you are transferred to Auckland Airport for your onward flight.

MEALS Breakfast

NZIJ: Christchurch to Auckland (19 Days)

DEPARTURES

2023		2024		2025	
Oct	09	Jan	01, 08, 29	Jan	06, 27
Nov	06	Feb	05	Feb	03
		Mar	04	Mar	03
		Oct	07		
		Nov	04		

NZSI: Christchurch Return (12 Days)

DEPARTURES

2023		2024		2025	
Oct	09	Jan	01, 08, 29	Jan	06, 27
Nov	06	Feb	05	Feb	03
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		Nov	04		

NZNI: Wellington to Auckland (8 Days)

DEPARTURES

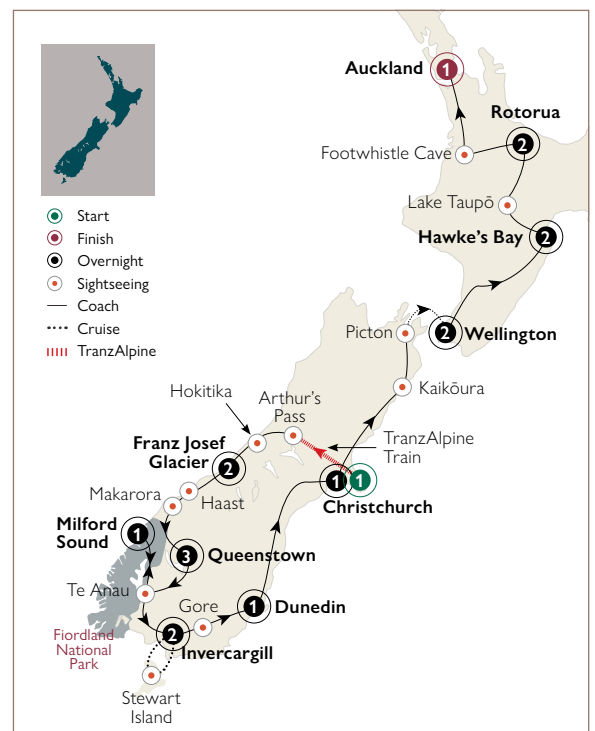
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Oct	20	Jan	12, 19	Jan	17
Nov	17	Feb	09, 16	Feb	07, 14
		Mar	15	Mar	14
		Oct	18		
		Nov	15		

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INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 13+ Unforgettable experiences
- 33 included meals
- 18 Nights premium accommodations



INSPIRING AUSTRALIA

CAIRNS | PALM COVE | DAINTREE RAINFOREST | GREAT BARRIER REEF |
ULURU | KATA TJUTA | MELBOURNE | SYDNEY | HUNTER VALLEY

13
DAYS

Uluru

IMMERSE

Delve into Aboriginal culture in the Daintree Rainforest, and on a walk at the base of Uluru.

INDULGE

Dine at the Sounds of Silence in Uluru, join a winery masterclass in Victoria's Yarra Valley, and devour Australian cuisine at Bennelong inside the Sydney Opera House.

EXPLORE

Wander through the domes of Kata Tjuta, snorkel the Great Barrier Reef and cruise on Sydney Harbour.

RELAX

Enjoy serenity at The Langham's star-dappled ceiling pool and stay in the heart of the Tropics at the Reef House Palm Cove.

Venture on a journey through Australia's most iconic sights. Experience the ancient Gondwana Rainforests of Northern Australia, majestic Uluru in the spiritual Red Centre, get set to explore Melbourne, and the iconic harbour city of Sydney.

Day 1: Welcome to Cairns – Palm Cove

Welcome to Tropical Far North Queensland. This afternoon meet your Journey Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception at Reef House Restaurant nestled under Melaleuca trees, overlooking the stunning crystal clear water of the Coral Sea.

HOTEL The Reef House Palm Cove, 3 nights

MEALS Dinner with wine

Day 2: Daintree Rainforest

Join your Aboriginal guide on an exclusive experience to discover the ancient Daintree Rainforest and gain an insight into the deep relationship the local Kuku Yalanji people have with their land. Learn about cultural traditions, taste bush foods and sample traditional medicine of the Aboriginal people.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 3: Cairns Included Choice

Today you can explore tropical Cairns in your own style with an Included Choice option. Either board a Quicksilver wave piercing catamaran and cruise to the outer edge of the Great Barrier Reef. The professional crew will take you to an underwater world that is a dazzling kaleidoscope of colour and brilliance. Or if breathtaking rainforest speaks to you, your day begins on the Scenic Railway. Winding your way up to the quaint village of Kuranda. There's time to explore the 'village in the Rainforest', including the Heritage Markets, before returning on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway.

MEALS Breakfast, (lunch Great Barrier Reef cruise only)

Day 4: Cairns – Uluru & Kata Tjuta

Today we fly from Cairns to the heart of the Red Centre, Uluru. This afternoon you're off to the domes of Kata Tjuta, where you'll join your Journey Director for a guided walk through Walpa Gorge. Later enjoy nibbles and sparkling wine while you watch Uluru change colour as the sun sets below the horizon.

HOTEL Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast

Day 5: Uluru

- 🕒 Rise early to experience the Bruce Munro's renowned Field of Light, where 50,000 glass spheres in colours of ochre, deep violet, blue and gentle white, have been installed within sight of Uluru. Wander through the paths and then, from the dune-top, watch as the dawn creeps across the desert plain and lights up the Red Centre. After breakfast you will have the opportunity to take a walk around part of the base of Uluru and hear timeless stories, see rock art, and visit Muṅṅitjulu Waterhole. This evening enjoy a Local Dining Experience under the sparkling outback sky at the award-winning Sounds of Silence Dinner.

MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 6: Uluru – Melbourne

Start the day with an unforgettable experience as you watch the sun rise over Uluru. After this, fly to the vibrant city of Melbourne where you will be treated to a delicious welcome dinner at one of the city's local restaurants.

HOTEL InterContinental, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 7: Melbourne

Today indulge your senses in the Yarra Valley with a chocolate tasting and winery masterclass followed by lunch at Dominique Portet, and a G&T tasting at Four Pillars Gin Distillery.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch with wine

Day 8: Melbourne - Sydney

The morning is yours. Why not explore Melbourne's world-famous laneways or treat yourself to some shopping at the local stylish boutique stores? Explore all the sites Melbourne has to offer with a city orientation tour, then enjoy lunch at Big Esso by Mabu Mabu, where you will fill your belly with delicious native Australian bush flavors before jetting off to Sydney.

HOTEL The Langham

MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 9: Sydney – Hunter Valley

Enjoy a Sydney sightseeing tour including a visit to Mrs. Macquarie's Chair for panoramic views over the Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Midmorning offers you an Included Choice activity so you can see more of the Harbour City. Escape to a world long ago, before colonial settlement and be touched by the most ancient human culture on earth. Join an Aboriginal guide for a 90-minute leisurely walkabout through the Rocks District, hear dreamtime stories passed down from Elders and discover how Aboriginal people existed by the harbour. For a different pace, say 'cheers' to your local guide from Dave's Tours on a historic walking tour of some of Sydney's oldest pubs. Tread in the footsteps of the convicts, larrikin gangs & locals of the past as you share a drink in four of Sydney's oldest pubs. Between watering holes, your guide will take you through the alleys & cobbled streets of the Rocks as they share the gossip, shouts, and stories of Australia's first European settlement. This afternoon, depart Sydney for the Hunter Valley wine region.

HOTEL voco Kirkton Park, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 10: Hunter Valley

Spend the day exploring the amazing Hunter Valley Wine Region. It includes good food, great wine and beautiful scenery. Indulge in exclusive private wine tastings at boutique vineyards and sit down to an exceptional tasting lunch. There will be time to explore a cheese shop, chocolatier, and more before spending the evening at leisure. You may like to relax on your balcony with a good book and bottle of wine or treat yourself to one of the dining options.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch with wine

Day 11: Hunter Valley – Sydney

Return to Sydney in time to cruise magical Sydney Harbour. Cruise around the glistening harbour while you savor a delicious lunch with a strong focus on local produce and wines. Relax on the spacious deck as you sail past the harbour's iconic sights like the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and small secluded coves surrounded by multi-million-dollar waterfront homes. This evening is free for you to explore and discover one of Sydney's local restaurants.

HOTEL The Langham, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, lunch with wine

Day 12: Sydney at Leisure

Wake up to free day in the harbour city of Sydney. There are so many sights to experience. You may choose to climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge, take the ferry to Manly Beach, or explore some of the lesser-known interesting pockets of Sydney to see how the locals live. Late afternoon, join a VIP guided tour of the Sydney Opera House before a Celebration Dinner at Peter Gilmore's iconic Bennelong restaurant under the famous 'sails', the perfect location to celebrate this inspiring journey.

MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 13: Farewell from Sydney

Bid farewell to the Harbour City as you are transferred to Sydney Airport for your onward flight.

MEALS Breakfast

DEPARTURES

2023		2024		2025	
Nov	07	Jan	09	Jan	07, 28
		Feb	27	Feb	25
		Apr	02		
		Jul	02		
		Oct	01		
		Nov	05		

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INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 17+ Unforgettable experiences
- 22 included meals
- 12 Nights premium accommodations

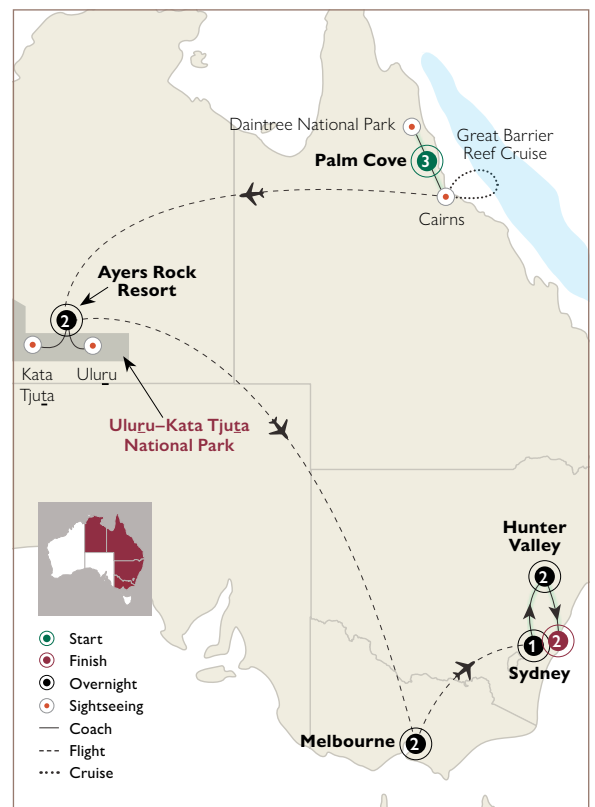
NOTES

IJFLY: CAIRNS TO SYDNEY

- Flights are not included in vacation price.
- Private vehicle return airport to hotel transfers are included in vacation price.
- Flight Information:
Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2.00pm into Cairns Airport
Day 13 – flights to depart anytime from Sydney Airport

Internal-vacation flights: Please note that prices include land and internal-vacation airfares, which AAT Kings will book in order to fulfil the vacation itinerary:

- Day 4 – Cairns to Ayers Rock
- Day 6 – Ayers Rock to Melbourne
- Day 8 – Melbourne to Sydney



NORTHERN TERRITORY DREAMING

DARWIN | KAKADU NATIONAL PARK | NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE | LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK | ALICE SPRINGS | WEST MACDONNELL RANGES | KINGS CANYON | KATA TJUṬA | ULURU

11
DAYS



Field of Light

Be immersed into the very heartland of Australia and experience its most sacred landscapes, bountiful National Parks and thundering waterfalls. Discover the Top End's striking landscape then journey to the magical Red Centre, seeing iconic Uluru, the mystical domes of Kata Tjuṭa, and windswept Walpa Gorge.

As this journey departs from Hilton Darwin at 7.30am, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

Day 1: Darwin – Litchfield – Kakadu

Meet your Journey Director and board your luxury vehicle to begin your journey of discovery in the Top End. Travel across the Finiss River to Litchfield National Park. Visit tumbling Florence Falls and also enjoy a swim to cool off at Wangi Falls. Get ready for a cross-country journey to

the magnificent Kakadu National Park. Keep your eyes peeled for crocodiles as you cross the South Alligator River, and Brolgas, Magpie Geese and Jabiru as you traverse the long grasses of the marshes and wetlands. Meet your fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception this evening.

HOTEL Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru, 2 nights

MEALS Dinner with wine

Day 2: Kakadu National Park

- 🕒 Join your Journey Director on a walk at Kakadu's stunning Ubirr rock art site. You'll see ancient rock art and discover remarkable views over the surrounding wetlands and escarpments from the fantastic vantage point, Nadab lookout. After lunch, on the Yellow Water Billabong cruise you will see a myriad of different bird species, spot estuarine crocodiles and enjoy the stunning billabong and floodplains system.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 3: Kakadu – Nitmiluk National Park

- 🕒 This morning you'll visit Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) to see its fascinating Aboriginal rock art. You'll also hear first-hand from your Journey Director a detailed interpretation of the art and the rich Aboriginal culture as you explore the various outdoor 'galleries' with art that dates back some 20,000 years. You will continue driving through the ancient lands of Kakadu National Park through to the town of Katherine and further on to Nitmiluk National Park. Indulge in five-star luxury at Cicada Lodge, a stunning architect designed eco-lodge surrounded by nature, where each room has a private balcony that opens to the glories of Nitmiluk National Park. Cool off from the heat of the day while enjoy a swim in the pool as the sunsets before a beautiful dinner.

HOTEL Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 4: Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge

- 🕒 Today immerse yourself as you meet prominent local Manual Pamkal who will welcome you with a traditional tune on the didgeridoo. Manual was born and raised immersed in his rich traditional culture. He'll share stories of growing up in the bush and teach you the fine art of rarrk painting using a special brush from a reed called Julk. Call up the inner artist within you and paint your own masterpiece to take home! This evening indulge in a special sunset dinner cruise along Katherine River. You'll marvel at the gorges while you spot wildlife and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people. Enjoy the peaceful ambiance during the candle-lit three course dinner cooked on board your boat.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

🕒 IMMERSE

Learn the fine art of 'rarrk' painting and discover the ancient Aboriginal art galleries of Kakadu National Park.

🍷 INDULGE

Unwind on an indulgent Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge dinner cruise and dine at the award-winning Cicada Lodge.

🗺️ EXPLORE

Enter Walpa Gorge, an ancient temple crafted by nature, and keep an eye out for crocodiles on the Yellow Water Billabong.

🌸 RELAX

Unwind at Kings Canyon Resort, and stay in the heart of Nitmiluk at eco-friendly Cicada Lodge.

Day 5: Katherine – Darwin

🚗 Travel north along the Stuart Highway **stopping at the gorgeous Edith Falls on the way for a relaxing dip** and some lunch. Continue to Adelaide River War Cemetery. During WWII, Adelaide River was the headquarters to a large military base and a large cemetery was created especially for those who gave their lives in the service and defence of their country.

HOTEL Hilton, Darwin
MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 6: Darwin – Alice Springs

🚗 After a morning flight to Alice Springs your Central Australia Journey Director will share their take on what life is like in such an isolated Australian town like Alice Springs. Immerse yourself in the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station precinct and learn about the overland telegraph line as you discover its historic buildings. **Explore the West MacDonnell Ranges on a walk through the dramatic Simpsons Gap.** Relish spectacular views across Alice Springs from Anzac Hill before some free time to explore the town or relax by your resort pool. Join your fellow guests at the Tali restaurant for Dinner.

HOTEL Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters
MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 7: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon

🍷 Now we're off the beaten track exploring along the 4WD Giles Track crossing dry river beds and outback landscapes to Kings Canyon Resort. The flickering glow of this evening's fire under the canopy of a starry southern hemisphere sky is the perfect accompaniment to your **Under a Desert Moon highlight dinner.** This degustation dinner with matching wines is the perfect indulgent end to the day.

HOTEL Kings Canyon Resort
MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 8: Kings Canyon – Uluru

👁️ Gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on a sunrise 6km rim walk past the domed 'Lost City' and down into the luscious 'Garden of Eden'. Immerse yourself while visiting the Wanmarra Community with local Aboriginal people and **learn about the Luritja and Pertame people's spiritual connection to the land at the Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience.** Discover bush food and bush medicine used for spirituality and healing. Wandering across desert landscapes leaving Kings Canyon behind and arriving for lunch at Curtin Springs Station, a vast farming property. Feel the stirring of something bigger than you as you arrive in Ayers Rock Resort, your launchpad to Australia's fiery heart in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Travelling to Uluru as the day fades, the outback sun bids a fiery farewell. This is the perfect backdrop for sparkling sundowners while overlooking Uluru.

HOTEL Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 9: Uluru & Kata Tjuta

👁️ Enjoy a relaxed start to the day before exploring, and learning about the spiritual connection the local Anangu caretakers have with the land. **Skirt the red walls of Uluru, hear ancient tales and see rock art, and then visit Mutitjulu Waterhole.** Relax by the resort pool or take to the skies to see Uluru from above before a visit to Kata Tjuta for a walk through Walpa Gorge.

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 10: Field of Light – Uluru – Alice Springs

👁️ **Observe the shifting lights of Bruce Munro's impressive Field of Light art installation** as the desert awakens and the sunrise lights up across Uluru. Traverse the vast outback to Alice Springs. This evening, immerse yourself against the backdrop of the outback at our open-air bush BBQ Celebration Dinner. Located off the beaten track in the heart of the East MacDonnell Ranges, you'll enjoy drinks as a bush balladeer sings classic Australian songs and shares stories of outback living, under the Southern Hemisphere's Milky Way.

HOTEL Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters
MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 11: Farewell from Alice Springs

Relax at breakfast this morning as your epic journey comes to an end.

MEALS Breakfast

DEPARTURES

2024

May	09, 23	Aug	01, 15, 29
Jun	06, 20	Sep	12, 26
Jul	04, 18		

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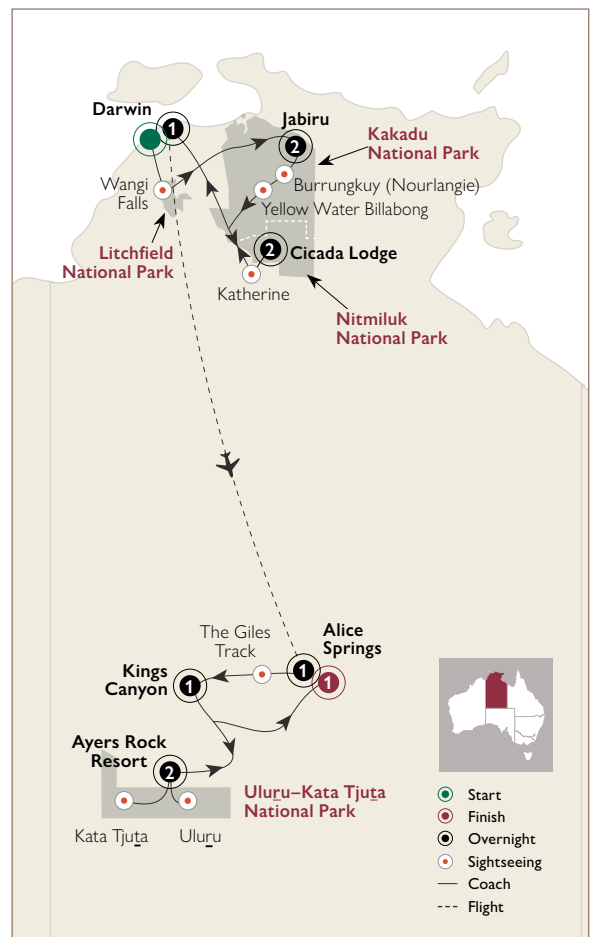
INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 21+ Unforgettable experiences
- 23 included meals
- 10 Nights premium accommodations

NOTES

MNCR: DARWIN TO ALICE SPRINGS

- Flights are not included in vacation price.
- Private vehicle return airport to hotel transfers in Darwin are included in the vacation price.
- Flight Information:
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Day 11 – flights to depart anytime from Alice Springs Airport
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Day 6 – Darwin to Alice Springs



OUTBACK CONTRASTS

ALICE SPRINGS | WEST MACDONNELL RANGES | KINGS CANYON |
KATA TJUTA | ULURU

06
DAYS

IMMERSE

Experience true outback life as you enjoy lunch on Peter Severin's million acre property in the heart of the Red Centre.

INDULGE

Bask in the glow of the campfire as you indulge in a five course degustation with matching wines at Kings Canyon Resort.

EXPLORE

Enter Walpa Gorge, an ancient temple crafted by nature, and discover the scenic wonders of the West MacDonnell Ranges.

RELAX

Nestled in the rugged bush, unwind in your room at Kings Canyon Resort, with a private balcony overlooking a beautiful rock escarpment.



Old Quarry

Witness the rugged landscape of the Red Centre and marvel at the ancient cultures that have cared for this land for generations. Experience the majesty of Uluru, Kings Canyon and view rock art dating back thousands of years, witness striking landscapes and be immersed in the stories of the Dreamtime.

Day 1: Welcome to Alice Springs

Meet your Journey Director who will share their take on what life is like in such an isolated town as Alice Springs. Visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station and hear how the north and south of Australia were connected by a single wire. Then **the stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell take centre stage**, as you embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap, and later view Alice Springs and surrounds from the top of Anzac Hill. This evening join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception at Tali Restaurant.

HOTEL Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters

MEALS Dinner with wine



Day 2: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon

We head off along the 4WD Giles Track, crossing dry riverbeds and outback landscapes, to Kings Canyon Resort. The flickering glow of this evening's fire, dancing under the canopy of a starry Southern Hemisphere sky, is the perfect accompaniment to your **Local Dining Experience 'Under a Desert Moon'**. This degustation menu with matching wines is the perfect end to the day. Sit back and listen to the sounds of the outback come alive at night in the company of new friends.

HOTEL Kings Canyon Resort

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 3: Kings Canyon – Uluru

-  Gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on the spellbinding 6km sunrise Rim Walk, past the sandstone domes of the 'Lost City' and down the stairs to the lush 'Garden of Eden'. Or you can opt for a gentler stroll along the canyon creek bed, treading in the footsteps of the Luritja people who once found sanctuary amidst the Itara trees at the canyon's base.
-  Then we head off towards Uluru, **visiting the local Wanmarra Community to learn about the Luritja and Pertame people's spiritual connection to the land at the Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience.** Discover bush food and bush medicine used for spirituality and healing. Now you'll wander across desert landscapes arriving at Curtin Springs Station, a vast farming property, for lunch.
-  Feel the stirring of something bigger than you as you **arrive at Ayers Rock Resort, your launchpad to Australia's spiritual heart in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.** As the day fades, the outback sun bids a fiery farewell. Uluru towers over the Northern Territory's remote landscape, the perfect back drop for this evening's sparkling sundowners.

HOTEL Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, lunch





Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience

Day 4: Uluru & Kata Tjuta

-  Enjoy a relaxed start to the day before exploring, and **learning about the spiritual connection the local Anangu caretakers have with the land.** Skirt the red walls of Uluru, hear ancient tales and see rock art, then visit Mutitjulu Waterhole. Relax by the resort pool or take to the skies to see Uluru from above before an afternoon visit to Kata Tjuta for a walk through Walpa Gorge. This evening enjoy dinner at Ilkari Restaurant.

MEALS Breakfast, Dinner with wine

Day 5: Field of Light – Uluru – Alice Springs

-  Observe the shifting lights of Bruce Munro's impressive Field of Light art installation as the desert awakens and the sunrise lights up across Uluru. Traverse the vast outback to the hidden gem, Rainbow Valley, a significant site to the southern Arrernte people, before arriving in Alice Springs. Enjoy free time to wander around the town. The Todd Street Mall has cafés and many Aboriginal art galleries to explore.
-  **Immerse yourself this afternoon and evening against the backdrop of the outback at our open-air bush BBQ Celebration Dinner.** Located off the beaten track in the heart of the East MacDonnell Ranges, you'll enjoy drinks as a bush balladeer sings classic Australian songs and shares stories of outback living. Indulge in a dinner of local produce as the Milky Way lights up the sky.

HOTEL Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters
MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 6: Farewell from Alice Springs

Relax this morning as your journey comes to an end. You might choose to take an optional hot air balloon ride to experience the scenic landscapes of the outback before your journey is completed.

MEALS Breakfast

DEPARTURES

2024

Apr	16, 30	Aug	06, 20
May	14, 28	Sep	03, 17
Jun	11, 25	Oct	01, 08
Jul	09, 23		

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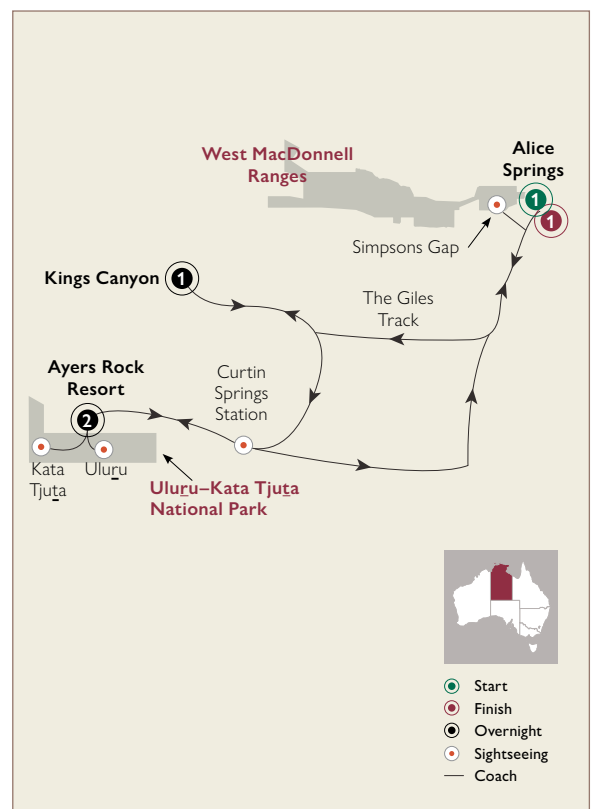
INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 10+ Unforgettable experiences
- 11 included meals
- 5 Nights premium accommodations

NOTES

CRAA: ALICE SPRINGS RETURN

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- Flight Information:
 Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12.00pm into Alice Springs Airport
 Day 6 – flights to depart anytime from Alice Springs Airport



KAKADU'S ANCIENT SECRETS

DARWIN | KAKADU NATIONAL PARK | NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE | LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

05
DAYS

IMMERSE

Visit the Adelaide River War Cemetery and learn of its moving history, and discover the ancient rock art gallery at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie).

INDULGE

Unwind on an indulgent Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge dinner cruise, and dine at the award-winning Cicada Lodge, where the Chef's menu is crafted daily.

EXPLORE

Climb Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) for spectacular views over Kakadu, spot crocodiles and other wildlife on Yellow Water Billabong.

RELAX

Stay in the heart of Nitmiluk National Park at the eco-friendly Cicada Lodge, where you can enjoy sunset drinks and canapés poolside looking out to the native bushland.

Top Didj Cultural Experience

Explore Kakadu, an ancient landscape of billabongs, gorges and hidden canyons teeming with spectacular wildlife. Admire rock art and hear stories of the Dreamtime. Embark on a journey to the haunt of the Lightning Man, Aboriginal clans and the crocodiles that roam Kakadu's floodplains.

As this journey departs from Hilton Darwin at 7.30am, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

Day 1: Darwin – Litchfield – Kakadu

This morning meet your Journey Director and board your luxury vehicle to begin your journey of discovery in the Top End. Travel across the Finnis River to Litchfield National Park. You'll visit tumbling Florence Falls and also **enjoy a swim to cool off at Wangi Falls, surrounded by tropical monsoon rainforest** and hear about its importance in Aboriginal culture. Get ready for a cross-country journey into magnificent Kakadu National Park. Keep your eyes peeled for crocodiles as you cross the South Alligator River, and brolgas, magpie geese and jabiru as you traverse the long grasses of the marshes and wetlands. Kakadu really is a diverse UNESCO world heritage site. This afternoon check into the Crocodile Hotel in Jabiru. Wander through the on-site Aboriginal Art Gallery before getting to know your fellow travellers over a Welcome Reception.

HOTEL Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru, 2 nights

MEALS Lunch, dinner with wine

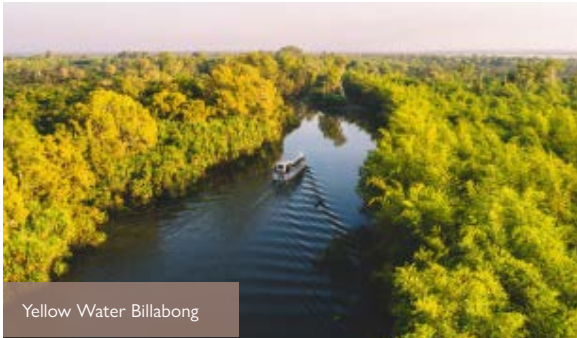
Day 2: Kakadu National Park

This morning there's a chance to take to the air on an optional scenic flight over Kakadu - one of the best ways to experience the enormity

of this wonderful national park, as well as the diversity from waterfalls and billabongs to flood plains and wildlife. Join your Journey Director on a walk at Kakadu's stunning Ubirr rock art site. You'll see ancient rock art and discover remarkable views over the surrounding wetlands and escarpments from the fantastic vantage point, Nadab lookout. After lunch on the Yellow Waters Billabong cruise you will see a myriad of different bird species, spot estuarine crocodiles and enjoy the stunning billabong and floodplains system. Returning to your hotel you will have the chance to relax with a refreshing dip in the hotel's shaded pool before dinner.



MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine



Day 3: Kakadu – Nitmiluk National Park

This morning there's a chance to take to the air on an optional scenic flight over Kakadu; one of the best ways to experience the enormity of this wonderful National Park, as well as the diversity from waterfalls and billabongs to flood plains and wildlife. Later, visit **Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) to admire the ancient Dreamtime art of the Bininj and Mungguy people.** Hear from your Journey Director a detailed interpretation of the art and the rich Aboriginal culture as you explore the various outdoor 'galleries' with art that dates some 20,000 years. Continue driving through the ancient lands of Kakadu National Park to the town of Katherine and further on to Nitmiluk National Park. **Indulge in five-star luxury at Cicada Lodge, a stunning eco-lodge surrounded by nature,** where each room has a private balcony that opens to the National Park. Cool off in the pool after the heat of the day, and then experience a glorious sunset.



HOTEL Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 4: Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge

Today meet prominent local Manuel Pamkal who will welcome you with a traditional performance on the didgeridoo. Manuel was born and raised immersed in his rich traditional Dalabon culture. He'll share with you stories of growing up in the bush and teach you the fine art of rarrk (cross hatch) painting using a special brush from a reed called Julk. Call on the artist within you and paint your own masterpiece to take home! This evening, **relax on a Local Dining Experience cruise along Katherine River.** Marvel at the gorges while you spot wildlife such as freshwater crocodile and barramundi, and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people. Enjoy the peaceful ambiance during the candle-lit three course dinner onboard your boat.



MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 5: Farewell from Darwin

Enjoy a leisurely start to your day or get up early to experience the National Park completely immersed in the mystical morning light. Travel north along the Stuart Highway stopping at Edith Falls along the way for a relaxing dip. Continue to Adelaide River War Cemetery. During WWII, Adelaide River was the headquarters to a large military base and a cemetery was created especially for those who gave their lives in the service and defence of their country. Your Inspiring Journey concludes on arrival in Darwin.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch

DEPARTURES

2024

May	09, 16, 23	Aug	01, 15, 29
Jun	06, 20	Sep	05, 12, 19, 26
Jul	04, 18, 25		

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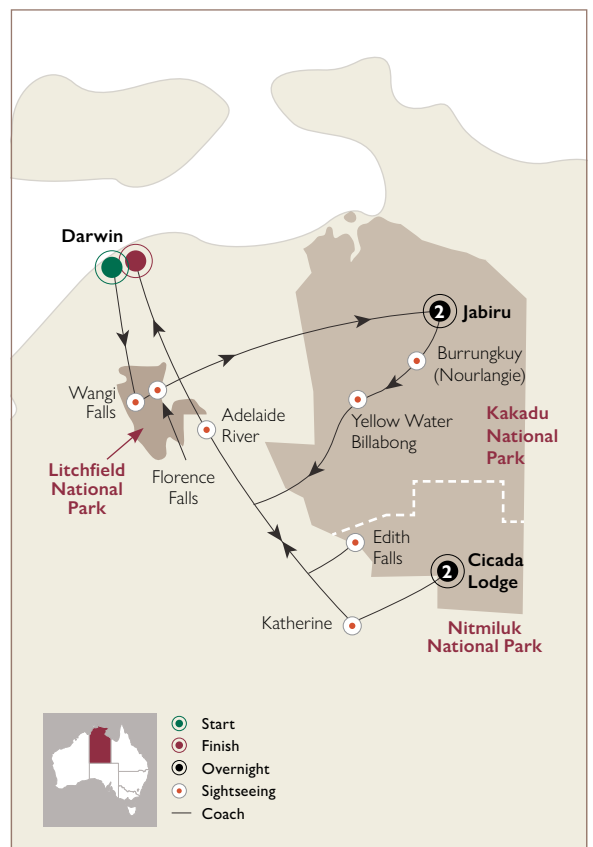
INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 11+ Unforgettable experiences
- 12 included meals
- 4 Nights premium accommodations

NOTES

MNDD: DARWIN RETURN

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- Flight Information:
Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport
Day 5 – flights to depart after 8.00pm from Darwin Airport



TASTES OF TASMANIA

HOBART | TRIABUNNA | MARIA ISLAND | FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK | ST HELENS | BAY OF FIRES | LAUNCESTON

07
DAYS



Agrarian Kitchen Eatery

Meet the producers of some of Australia's best food and wine and delve into the untouched landscapes of Maria Island and the Bay of Fires. Head deep into the Tasmanian wilderness and soak up panoramic views of one of the world's most beautiful beaches.

As this journey departs from the Crowne Plaza Hotel Hobart at 8.00am, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

IMMERSE

Immerse yourself in the weird and wonderful world of Mona. Meet the stallholders and soak up the atmosphere of Salamanca Market.

INDULGE

Sample natural Tasmanian ingredients and homemade preserves at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Co. Indulge in a paddock to plate feast of fresh local produce at the Agrarian Kitchen.

EXPLORE

Wander around the oldest Trout hatchery in the southern hemisphere. Soak up panoramic views of one of the world's most beautiful beaches, Wineglass Bay.

RELAX

Unwind at the modern Hotel Verge in the heart of Launceston, and stay 2 nights in a national park at tranquil Coles Bay on the east coast.

Day 1: Welcome to Hobart

Welcome to Australia's island state, home to the Tassie Devil and the world's cleanest air! This morning you'll meet your Journey Director and fellow travellers before taking a walking tour of the historic Hobart docks, Salamanca Place. Connect with the local artists as you explore the many galleries and shops hidden in the old sandstone warehouses. **Take in the sights, smells and sounds of the vibrant Salamanca Market** as you wander past hundreds of stalls overflowing with local produce, crafts, jewellery, freshly baked goods and artisanal cider. Working up a hunger, our next stop is lunch on the docks overlooking the majestic Derwent River. Enjoy a three-course dining experience which will give you a scrumptious taste of what's to come and prepare you for your afternoon **visit to Australia's Museum of Old and New Art (Mona)**, located within the grounds of stunning Moorilla Winery. Take a self-guided tour and immerse yourself in what is described by its owner as a "subversive adult Disneyland" before enjoying a relaxing ferry ride back to Hobart for a free evening at leisure.

HOTEL Crowne Plaza, 2 nights

MEALS Lunch with wine

Day 2: Derwent Valley

Every Sunday morning Farm Gate Market transforms an inner-city street into a bustling farmers' market. Situated just a block from your hotel, you'll have the chance to **meet the makers and growers as you wander through an ever-changing array of fresh, local produce** that Tasmania has become renowned for. Later, head up into the Derwent Valley, a major hop growing region where you'll see Oast Houses used for drying hops for beer making, scattered throughout this picturesque valley. Here you'll meet owners Rod and Severine who will show you around their veggie garden, housed in an old asylum's exercise yard, before enjoying a delicious three-course paddock to plate dining experience at their restaurant, the Agrarian Kitchen. Bellies full, **take a wander around the historic Salmon Ponds which also once housed the oldest trout hatchery in the Southern Hemisphere.** Finish off your visit to the Derwent Valley with a cider tasting before returning to Hobart for a free evening to explore at leisure.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch with wine

Day 3: Hobart – Freycinet National Park

🍷 Travel to the working port of Triabunna just in time to **catch the ferry to Maria Island**. Rich in Aboriginal and European history, abundant in wildlife, and boasting spectacular views and remarkable geological features, this entire island is a National Park. Explore the convict-built Darlington township, take a walk to the Fossil or Painted Cliffs, or simply relax and recharge by the waterside with your packed lunch full of local goodies. You'll be in good company with an abundance of wombats, kangaroos, wallabies, possums and even Tasmanian devils who all call the island home. This evening, **enjoy a glass of wine on the balcony of your lodge situated on the shores of the national park as you watch the sun set**, followed by a scrumptious BBQ dinner.

HOTEL Freycinet Lodge, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 4: Freycinet National Park

🍷 Today your adventure includes a **Pennicott Lunch Cruise from Coles Bay to picturesque Wineglass Bay**. The bay boasts magnificent views of clear emerald waters surrounded by pink granite peaks. Spot friendly seals, hidden sea caves, beautiful waterfalls and diverse birdlife. Enjoy a ploughman-style lunch of smoked meats, salad and cheeses served alongside locally baked bread, a sweet treat, and all the wine and beer you desire. Back on land explore more of the magnificent Freycinet National Park, where you may choose to **hike the 90-minute round-trip up to the lookout to experience a panoramic aerial view of Wineglass Bay**. For those seeking a slightly slower pace, take a guided walk to the lookout at Cape Tourville that affords you spectacular views across the ocean and rugged rocky outcrops. Later, you can **take a leisurely walk along the beach or a swim at Honeymoon Bay before an evening at leisure at the lodge**.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch with wine

Day 5: Freycinet National Park – Launceston

🍷 This morning after a light breakfast, journey north **travelling through the quaint fishing villages of Bicheno and St. Helens** before arriving at the glorious Bay of Fires, famous for its crystal-clear waters, secluded, white sandy beaches and orange lichen-covered granite boulders. Explore the Big Lagoon before heading to the southern end, where you'll discover the Gulch at picturesque Binalong Bay. Here you can **sit on the rocks and watch the world pass you by as you indulge in some of the best freshly shucked oysters that Tassie has to offer**. From here you'll leave the east coast and head west, **stopping off at Pyengana Dairy Farm Gate to see the cheese makers at work**. Take a tour of the property before enjoying a tasting of the local produce as well as a gourmet lunch platter. En route to Launceston, the capital of the north, you'll stop at the Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, 25 sculpted statues depicting local soldiers who lost their lives in World War One. In Launceston, your Journey Director will take you on a circuit of this vibrant hub, known for its food and wine, culture and nature, before checking into your hotel and enjoying a night at leisure.

HOTEL Verge, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 6: Launceston & Surrounds

🍷 Today enjoy a full day paddock, plate and pantry tour, where you will be immersed in all the very best produce that this region has to offer. Visit the home of hazelnuts and try some saucy treats at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company in historic Evandale. It's then onto 41 Degrees South Salmon Farm where you'll **taste what is arguably the best hot smoked salmon in Tasmania** before stopping at Deloraine for a wander and a bite to eat. This afternoon tour the Western Tiers Distillery and learn how the pristine water sourced from the Highland Lakes and botanicals found from the majestic mountain ranges close by, make this the perfect spot to produce spirits. **Relax and taste some of their fine poitin (Irish spirit), vodkas and gins**. Back at your hotel, you'll enjoy a Celebration Dinner with your Journey Director and fellow travellers.

MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 7: Farewell from Launceston

This morning your Tasmanian journey concludes, and you are transferred to Launceston Airport for your onward flight.

MEALS Breakfast

DEPARTURES

2023		2024		2025	
Nov	11	Feb	03	Jan	11
		Mar	09	Feb	08
		Oct	12	Mar	08
		Nov	09		

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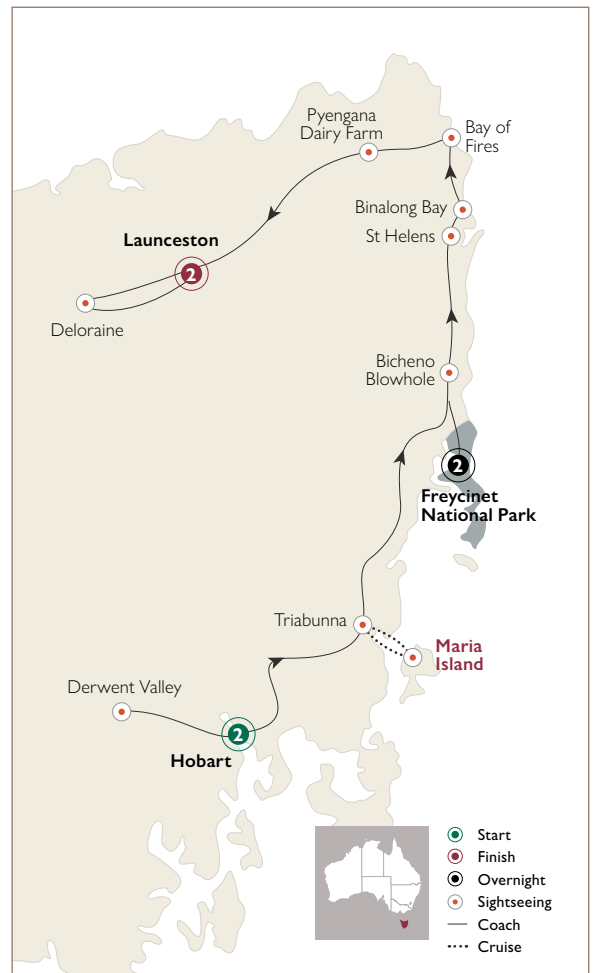
INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 8+ Unforgettable experiences
- 14 included meals
- 6 Nights premium accommodations

NOTES

IJTHBL: HOBART TO LAUNCESTON

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 Day 7 – flights to depart anytime from Launceston Airport



FLAVOURS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE | THE BAROSSA | ADELAIDE HILLS | HAHNDORF | MCLAREN VALE

05
DAYS



D'Arenberg Cube

IMMERSE

The d'Arenberg Cube was inspired by the complexities of wine making. Each level has been designed to entice and excite the senses.

INDULGE

Soak up the smells, sights, and flavors of Adelaide Central Market, and Indulge in your love of art at the Salvador Dali exhibition.

EXPLORE

Take your time as you wander through the JamFactory at Seppeltsfield while watching the many artists at work.

RELAX

Indulge in a leisurely lunch overlooking the vineyards enjoying a feast that connects you to the region, showcasing local sustainable produce at The Currant Shed.

We invite you to embark on a journey full of local flavors, showcasing the best of the Barossa, Adelaide Hills and McLaren Vale wine regions.

Day 1: Welcome to Adelaide

Be welcomed into your modern, boutique style Hotel Indigo Adelaide Markets. It's time to unwind and meet your fellow travellers with a glass of local sparkling wine in hand. Next, **your foodie adventure begins at Adelaide Central Market where you'll meet your expert hosts, who'll introduce you to the passionate market stall owners.** You will taste signature dishes throughout the market, enjoying a four-course roaming Welcome Reception with local wine. It is serious fun for those with a passion for great food, and who enjoy meeting the people who grow and supply it to our tables.

HOTEL Hotel Indigo Adelaide Markets

MEALS Dinner with wine

Day 2: Adelaide – The Barossa

This morning, enjoy a relaxing breakfast before leaving the city for a taste of the country. On arrival, you'll visit Provenance Barossa, home to Penfolds Cellar Door, Barossa Distilling Company, Ember Pizzas and Stein's Taphouse to name but a few. Here you'll have time to wander and to taste the local fare. Next stop is the quaint township of Tanunda. Enjoy a walk and a bite to eat before checking into your accommodations this afternoon. Later, head off to Seppeltsfield Winery for a walk around the JamFactory followed by a behind the scenes look through the estate's treasure trove of historical buildings including the underground blending cellar. Finish up the tour with a delicious tasting of 5 of their famous wines. Tonight, **enjoy a dinner amongst the vines where you will connect to the region through seasonal plates showcasing local, sustainable produce.**

HOTEL Novotel

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: The Barossa – Adelaide Hills

Your day begins with breakfast overlooking the glorious Jacob's Creek vineyards, then **add some Maggie Beer's flair to your cooking**, in the very studio where Maggie and Simon filmed the Cook and the Chef, at a private demonstration. Sample the many products at her farm shop. Leaving the Barossa behind, **head through the picturesque Adelaide Hills to Barristers Block**; a small and friendly family run winery. Here you'll enjoy a wine tasting at their cellar door followed by a leisurely lunch of homemade pizzas and shared local platters. It's then onto historic Hahndorf. Settled by 19th-century Lutheran migrants, it's known for its original German-style architecture and artisanal food. To learn more, **visit the Hahndorf Academy, home to the German Migration Museum**. On arrival, check into your boutique style accommodations for an afternoon and evening at leisure. It will be hard to resist a stroll down the colourful main street where you'll find the Australian Opal Company, the Alpaca Shop or the Hahndorf Leathersmith and Bush Gallery. Tonight, why not head out to taste some true German fare washed down with an ice cold beer?

HOTEL The Manna by Haus
MEALS Breakfast, lunch with wine

Day 4: Adelaide Hills – McLaren Vale – Adelaide

After breakfast, our journey takes us to the rich landscape of McLaren Vale, home to the quirky d'Arenberg Cube. This building was inspired by the complexities and puzzles of winemaking. Each of the five levels has been carefully designed to entice and excite the senses. Here, you'll be taken on a journey like no other before arriving at the top floor for a tasting and 360-degree views of the vineyards. There will also be an opportunity for those interested to see the Salvador Dali exhibition. Afterwards, **take a tour and tasting at Shottesbrooke before enjoying a delicious lunch with wine at the iconic Currant Shed**. This is our last stop for the day before heading back to Adelaide this afternoon for an evening that's all yours to explore or relax at leisure.

HOTEL Hotel Indigo Adelaide Markets
MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience



Shottesbrooke

Day 5: Farewell from Adelaide

Your morning is at leisure until you'll venture out one last time for a celebratory farewell lunch at a stunning local restaurant. On saying goodbye to your newfound friends, you will be transferred by private vehicle to the airport for your onward flight..

MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Lunch

DEPARTURES

2024		2025	
Mar	01	Feb	28
Apr	26		
Oct	04		
Oct	25		

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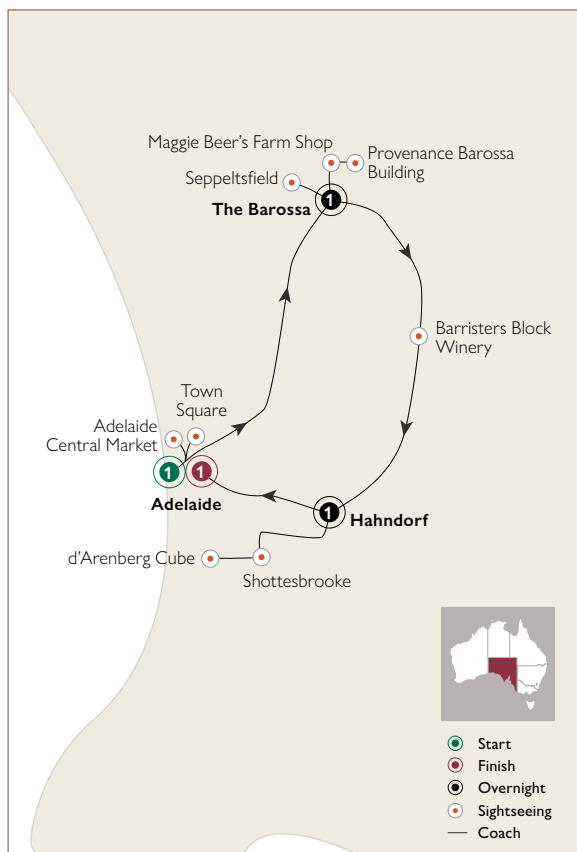
INCLUSIONS

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- 14+ Unforgettable experiences
- 9 included meals
- 4 Nights premium accommodations

NOTES

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- Flight Information:
 Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2.00pm into Adelaide Airport
 Day 5 – flights to depart after 5.00pm (Domestic) or after 6.00pm (International) from Adelaide Airport



A JOURNEY TO THE WEST

PERTH | PENGUIN ISLAND | BUNKER BAY | BUSSELTON | CAPE NATURALISTE |
MARGARET RIVER | ROTTNEST ISLAND | FREMANTLE

07
DAYS



Cape Cultural Tour

IMMERSE

Discover the land of Cape Naturaliste through the eyes of a First Nations custodian and learn about the history of Busselton Jetty.

INDULGE

Discover wine-making philosophy and enjoy VIP tastings at some of Australia's best wineries in Margaret River, including the award-winning Hayshed Hill.

EXPLORE

Discover Shoalwater Bay's glorious marine life and meet the colony of the world's smallest penguins, and encounter the adorable quokka.

RELAX

Enjoy the luxurious comfort of the 5-star Pullman Bunker Bay and unwind in the 1850s landmark Esplanade Hotel, located in the heart of Fremantle.

Relax as you enjoy VIP tastings at the Margaret River region's most picturesque vineyards and indulge in exclusive dining experiences celebrating local produce. Hear stories of Aboriginal culture at stunning Cape Naturaliste before discovering marine and bird life at Shoalwater Bay and the idyllic Rottneest Island.

Day 1: Welcome to Perth

On arrival in Perth spend time on your own to relax or explore the surroundings. This evening meet your Journey Director and new traveling companions at your hotel for a Welcome Reception with local Western Australian wine and beers along with local produce canapés.

HOTEL DoubleTree Perth Waterfront, 2 nights

MEALS Welcome Reception

Day 2: Perth

This morning enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before you head out for a city sites tour. Your Journey Director will show you the best city sites including Elizabeth Quay, Yagan Square and you will have time to **explore Kings Park with its sweeping city views and some of the 3,000 species of the State's unique flora.** This afternoon is free for you to relax or explore more of Perth's sites. Tonight, you will **enjoy a dinner overlooking the picturesque Swan River.**

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Perth – Penguin Island – Busselton – Bunker Bay

Today you head to the world renowned winery region of Margaret River. Leaving cosmopolitan Perth behind your first stop is Penguin Island. With its white sandy beaches and surrounded by crystal clear waters, Penguin Island lays in the heart of the ruggedly spectacular Shoalwater Islands Marine Park.



Here you will **board your boat to cruise through Shoalwater Bay's wildlife Sanctuary to see dolphins, sea lions, penguins and sea birds.** After your

cruise you continue south to explore the historic Busselton Jetty that has been standing for more than 150 years. There is the chance to explore the jetty on foot or take the Jetty Train along this 1.84km timber piled jetty that is the longest in the southern hemisphere. Nestled on the white sandy beaches your accommodations for the night is the 5 Star Pullman Bunker Bay. Tonight, you will enjoy dinner at the Other Side of the Moon restaurant where you will dine on an array of fresh locally sourced seasonal produce with local wines.

HOTEL Pullman Bunker Bay Resort, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 4: Margaret River & Cape Naturaliste

Your day begins with a 'Welcome to Country' as part of your First Nations experience at Cape Naturaliste. Your local guide will escort you on a short walk around Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse precinct where they interpret the land through the eyes of an Aboriginal custodian followed by an artefact interpretation and didgeridoo experience. From Cape Naturaliste you'll drive through the vineyard lined roads to your Margaret River winery experience.

You will arrive at a rolling vineyard where you will enjoy a highlight degustation lunch with a focus on local produce that is paired with matching wines. After you have indulged in your long lunch you will explore more of the region and there is time to explore the quaint town of Margaret River before returning to your hotel.

MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 5: Bunker Bay – Fremantle

This morning why not relax with a morning stroll along the beautiful white sandy beach and turquoise waters of Bunker Bay. Then enjoy a leisurely breakfast with views out to the sparkling ocean before relaxing by the pool. Leaving wine country behind you will be hugging the coastline north as you continue along Australia's exquisite southwest coast to Fremantle. This afternoon

you will join a local guide on a walking tour to explore some hidden gems and the historic streets of Fremantle.

HOTEL Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast

Day 6: Rottnest Island

Board your boat and escape across the open ocean to Rottnest Island, an island paradise lovingly referred to by the sun-worshipping locals as 'Rotto'. Feel the sand between your toes and keep a keen eye out for the happiest little animal on earth, the Quokka. Join a 'Local Specialist' on a guided Discovery Rottnest bus tour covering the length of the island's most spectacular locations. Delve into the island's history and culture, its pristine marine and land environments and the diverse flora and fauna. Enjoy lunch before exploring more of the beaches. This afternoon, you'll leave the pristine shoreline and cruise back to seaside Fremantle where tonight you'll join your fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner. What better way to toast to a mesmerising journey with Local Western Australian wines matched with the seasonal farm to table menu.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Celebration Dinner



Quokka, Rottnest Island

Day 7: Farewell from Fremantle

Relax this morning as your journey comes to an end. You might choose to take in the intriguing Fremantle Markets before your Inspiring Journey completed. You will be transferred by private car to Perth airport for your onward travel.

MEALS Breakfast

DEPARTURES

2023	2024
Nov 12	Sep 29
	Oct 27
	Nov 10

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INCLUSIONS

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NOTES

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Day 7 – flights to depart anytime from Perth Airport

