Itinerary

From the Outback to the Glaciers
Jan 20, 2020 - Feb 9, 2020

Days 1 - 2: Depart from Home
Cross the International Dateline (skipping a day ahead) for an adventure discovering the treasures of Australia and New Zealand, including their unparalleled beauty and captivating culture.

Day 3: Cairns, Australia - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world’s most spectacular natural attractions – the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO World Heritage site). Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds.

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Day 4: Cairns
The morning is yours to explore the town at your own pace or simply relax and soak up the tropical atmosphere. Perhaps you will take an optional tour on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable experience that takes you above the rainforest canopy for a bird’s-eye view of unspoiled natural beauty. This afternoon, visit Hartley’s Croc Farm for a chance to get up-close with crocodiles in their natural habitat. Boardwalks take you on a path of adventure through rainforests and woodlands to see animals such as wild birds, reptiles and wallabies. You may meet some of the local koalas and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these cuddly creatures.

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Day 5: Great Barrier Reef
Board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef. Choose how you want to spend your day in paradise by making your time on the reef as educational or as laid back as you like. Perhaps you will relax and independently explore the pristine shores of this tiny sand island located on the outer reef. Or maybe you are a bit more adventurous and will go snorkeling, revealing a wealth of vibrant sea life. You also have the opportunity to meet with a marine biologist during an informative presentation. Or you may opt to join an expert for a beach and heritage trail walk along the island.

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**Days 1 – 2:** Depart from Home
Cross the Internati...

**Day 1:** San Francisco

**Hotel**
San Francisco
City Center Hotel

**Culinary**
Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**
High 70°
Low 50°
Rain 16”

**Day 2:** San Francisco

**Hotel**
San Francisco
City Center Hotel

**Culinary**
Breakfast

**Weather**
High 79°
Low 56°
Rain 1*

**Day 3:** Cairns, Australia – Tour Begins

**Hotel**
Bailey Hotel By Crystalbrook
Cairns

**Culinary**
Breakfast & Lunch

**Weather**
High 88°
Low 74°
Rain 16”

**Day 4:** Cairns, Australia

**Hotel**
Bailey Hotel By Crystalbrook
Cairns

**Culinary**
Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**
High 88°
Low 74°
Rain 16”

**Day 5:** Cairns, Australia

**Hotel**
Bailey Hotel By Crystalbrook
Cairns

**Culinary**
Breakfast

**Weather**
High 79°
Low 56°
Rain 1*

**Day 6:** Cairns - Melbourne

**Hotel**
Rendezvous Grand Hotel Melbourne
Melbourne

**Culinary**
Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**
High 79°
Low 56°
Rain 1*

**Day 7:** Melbourne

**Hotel**
Rendezvous Grand Hotel Melbourne
Melbourne

**Culinary**
Breakfast

**Weather**
High 79°
Low 56°
Rain 1*

**Day 8:** Melbourne - Alice Springs

**Hotel**
Doubletree By Hilton Alice Springs
Alice Springs

**Culinary**
Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**
High 97°
Low 72°

**Day 9:** Alice Springs

**Hotel**
Doubletree By Hilton Alice Springs
Alice Springs

**Culinary**
Breakfast

**Weather**
High 97°
Low 72°

**Day 10:** Alice Springs - Uluru

**Hotel**
Desert Gardens
Ayers Rock

**Culinary**
Breakfast

**Weather**
High 93°
Low 67°
Rain 1*

**Day 11:** Uluru - Sydney

**Hotel**
Desert Gardens
Ayers Rock

**Culinary**
Breakfast

**Weather**
High 93°
Low 67°
Rain 1*

**Weather**

Rain 1”

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Day 12: Sydney

See where the original English colonists first settled in 1788 during a city tour of Sydney. Highlights of your tour include Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and the fashionable suburb of Darlinghurst. Discover one of the world’s most fascinating architectural sights as you take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then you're in for a unique experience as you learn firsthand about opals during a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. Later this evening, you may choose to take in an optional dinner and performance at the famous Opera House.

Hotel
The Tank Stream
Sydney

Culinary
Breakfast & Dinner

Weather
High 79°
Low 65°
Rain 4°

Day 13: Sydney

Deepen your exploration of Sydney's many wonders with a day at leisure. Tonight, say your farewell to Australia by chatting with new friends and taking in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas the harbour has to offer including Sydney's magnificent skyline and iconic attractions: the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge.

Hotel
The Tank Stream
Sydney

Culinary
Breakfast & Dinner

Weather
High 79°
Low 65°
Rain 4°

Day 14: Sydney - Christchurch, New Zealand

Leave Australia behind and fly to the historic city of Christchurch, New Zealand. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the “Garden City” is recreating itself during a sightseeing tour that highlights the city’s magnificent gardens and elegant park district.

Hotel
Pavilions Hotel
Christchurch

Culinary
Breakfast

Weather
High 69°
Low 54°
Rain 1°

Day 15: Christchurch - Franz Josef Glacier

Take in marvelous snowcapped peaks, rugged mountains, and beautiful river gorges as you cross the Southern Alps. You may choose to take the TranzAlpine train (optional) for a truly inspiring train ride through this glorious scenery. Arrive in the Franz Josef Glacier Region, which offers travelers a rare opportunity to experience a living glacial landscape in a temperate environment.

Hotel
Scenic Franz Josef Glacier Hotel
Franz Josef

Culinary
Breakfast

Weather
High 66°
Low 52°
Rain 6°

Day 16: Franz Josef - Queenstown

Before departing Franz Josef, if the dynamic New Zealand weather cooperates, you may opt to see this beautiful glacier region from a bird’s-eye view during a flightseeing tour. En route to Queenstown, watch as the amazing landscape unfolds before your eyes as you pass through the rainforest, bordered by the Southern Alps and the twisting coastline. Cross jade green glacial rivers, view thundering waterfalls and enjoy dramatic changes in scenery. After crossing the Haast Pass, arrive in Queenstown, one of New Zealand’s prettiest towns. Enjoy dinner overlooking Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkable Mountains.

Hotel
Novotel Queenstown Lakeside
Queenstown

Culinary
Breakfast & Dinner

Weather
High 70°
Low 50°
Rain 2°

Day 17: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown
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Day 4: Sydney
Set out on a city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens, valued for their historic and horticultural significance, and the Royal Botanic Gardens. You also have the opportunity to meet with a marine biologist during an informative presentation. Or you may opt to choose how you want to spend your day in paradise by making your time on the reef as educational or as laid back as you choose.

Day 5: Great Barrier Reef
Your tour opens in Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions – the Great Barrier Reef. Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. Your tour includes a full day aboard a dive vessel, where you will see soft corals, sponge gardens, and hundreds of colorful tropical fish. You also have the opportunity to meet with a marine biologist during an informative presentation.

Day 6: Great Barrier Reef
Enjoy a full day of leisure at the Great Barrier Reef. Some of the options available include a glass bottom boat tour, snorkeling, or a guided beach walk.

Day 7: Great Barrier Reef
Enhance your free day with a variety of optional activities. Shop in the charming village center or enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River. Perhaps you will join the optional "Gold Seeker – Metal and Movie Discovery" tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the locales where The Lord of the Rings movies were filmed. Or…just relax!

Day 8: Melbourne – Alice Springs
Set off for the beautiful 19th-century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown, a boomtown during the 1860s gold fever. Next, sample the freshness of the Central Otago region with a stop at a local fruit stand. Follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand’s most famous national park, Mt. Cook. Savor some free time in this Alpine paradise. You may choose to take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting) or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps.

Day 9: Alice Springs
This morning, tour Kata Tjuta before saying farewell to the quiet of the rugged Outback. Fly to Sydney, an energetic bustling "laneways" of Melbourne. Later you may participate in an optional tour to Phillip Island, a renowned nature reserve and home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins; protected and studied by rangers, hundreds of thousands of penguins parade ashore each night.

Day 10: Sydney
Learn about the history of Sydney Harbor and its harbor front. Then board the Sydney Opera House for a special behind-the-scenes tour to the Whispering Gallery, followed by a "Figtree" concert at the iconic Opera House with a special adress from your Travel Director. Tonight we recommend you enjoy a relaxed dinner at a local Sydney restaurant.

Day 11: Sydney
You also have the opportunity to meet with a marine biologist during an informative presentation. Or you may opt to choose how you want to spend your day in paradise by making your time on the reef as educational or as laid back as you choose.

Day 12: Sydney
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Day 13: Sydney
As you return to Christchurch this morning, pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. A leader in conservation of New Zealand species, Willowbank offers the chance to view New Zealand’s “Big 5” up close and personal.

Day 14: Christchurch
After a transfer to the airport, board your flight to Christchurch, New Zealand. On arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel for your final night in New Zealand. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 15: Christchurch – Franz Josef Glacier
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Day 16: Christchurch – Queenstown
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Day 17: Christchurch – Auckland
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Day 18: Queenstown
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Day 19: Queenstown – Mt. Cook
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Day 20: Mt. Cook – Christchurch
As you return to Christchurch this morning, pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. A leader in conservation of New Zealand species, Willowbank offers the chance to view New Zealand’s “Big 5” up close and personal.

Day 21: Christchurch – Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful vacation.