

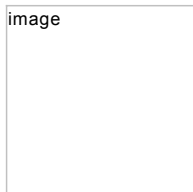


Itinerary

South Pacific Wonders including New Zealand's North Island

Oct 15, 2020 - Oct 30, 2020

Pre Night: Flynn Crystalbrook Collection Hotel



Would you like to begin your vacation with an additional Hotel in Cairns?

Day 1: Cairns, Australia - Tour Begins



Your tour opens in Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions and a World Heritage site - 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.

Hotel

Flynn Crystalbrook Collection Hotel
Cairns

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 29°
Low 21°
Rain 1"

Day 2: Cairns



Come to know the history of Australia's original inhabitants at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Centre. Here you'll see traditional dances, learn how to play a didgeridoo or even throw a boomerang. Browse the renowned art gallery and interpretation center's artefact collection. At Hartley's Croc Farm, get up-close with crocodiles in their natural habitat! Boardwalks take you on a path of adventure through rainforests and woodlands, home to birds, reptiles and wallabies. You may meet some of the local koalas and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these arboreal herbivores. Take an exciting cruise on the lagoon and watch for crocodiles before enjoying a delicious Aussie barbecue.

Hotel

Flynn Crystalbrook Collection Hotel
Cairns

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 29°
Low 21°
Rain 1"

Day 3: Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns



Board a high speed catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. This immense series of 2,800 coral reefs are home to amazingly diverse marine life. Explore the reef from your base on Green Island. Enjoy a glass bottom boat ride, stroll the island walking trails, relax on the beaches, snorkel or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. For a more adventurous encounter with the reef, an outer reef tour is also available. Whichever way you choose, you'll see some of the world's most fascinating marine and plant life.

Hotel

Flynn Crystalbrook Collection Hotel
Cairns

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 29°
Low 21°
Rain 1"

Day 4: Cairns - Sydney



This morning, create your own adventure or simply relax and take in the tropical atmosphere. Later today, fly to the bustling city of Sydney.

Hotel

Novotel Sydney Darling Square
Sydney

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 22°
Low 13°
Rain 3"

Day 5: 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 Sydney Opera House.

Hotel

Novotel Sydney Darling Square
Sydney

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 22°
Low 13°
Rain 3"

Day 6: Sydney



Embrace the exciting city of Sydney during a day of independent exploration. Tonight, say farewell to Australia whilst chatting with new friends and taking in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas of the harbour showcasing Sydney's magnificent skyline, the iconic Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge.

Hotel

Novotel Sydney Darling Square
Sydney

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 22°
Low 13°
Rain 3"

Day 7: Sydney - Auckland, New Zealand



Fly to one of the world's most inspiring and sought after destinations due to its clean air, stunning scenery, and friendly culture – New Zealand. Arrive in Auckland, the "City of Sails." Auckland has the highest Polynesian population in the world, imbuing its chic atmosphere with the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands. The evening is yours to explore New Zealand's largest city.

Hotel

Rydges Auckland
Auckland

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 17°
Low 11°
Rain 3"

Day 8: Auckland - Rotorua



Get to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, vibrant Queen Street and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Next, travel to the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua. Known as the Maori capital of New Zealand, over one-third of Rotorua's population has Maori roots dating back over 1,000 years. Tonight, experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration and learn about the warm-hearted Maoris as well as their lives before European colonists arrived in Aotearoa (New Zealand) and since. Enjoy an immersive experience featuring authentic Maori entertainment such as the poi dance and the famous "Haka" war challenge.

Hotel

Millennium Hotel Rotorua
Rotorua

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 17°
Low 6°

Day 9: Rotorua



This morning you visit Te Puia, New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Witness a landscape of erupting geysers, bubbling mud pools and other geothermal wonders. The National Carving School and National Weaving School are located here, passing on age-old customs by teaching the tribal youth these traditional skills. Take part in an interactive demonstration on the art of weaving. You will also view the Kiwi bird and learn what is being done in an effort to remove the Kiwi from the endangered species list. Next, meet the skilled carvers who work with pounamu – New Zealand greenstone – at a local jade factory. Then, visit the Agrodome for a fun sheep shearing demonstration and learn about the importance of agriculture to the nation. Tonight, relax or explore this lovely city on your own.

Hotel

Millennium Hotel Rotorua
Rotorua

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 17°
Low 6°
Rain 5"

Day 10: Rotorua - Christchurch



A short flight brings you to the historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the city known as "the Garden City" is recreating itself. Make yourself right at home this evening when a New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for dinner. This is sure to be an unforgettable experience. Make new friends, learn about the customs of the "Kiwis," and enjoy a home-cooked meal.

Hotel

Pavilions Hotel
Christchurch

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 16°
Low 7°
Rain 2"

Day 11: Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region



Journey through New Zealand's unspoiled wilderness and arrive in the Mt. Cook region, where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks. This is where famed New Zealand mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary honed his skills before conquering Everest. You may choose to take a nature walk or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps.

Hotel

Mackenzie Country Hotel
Twizel

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 16°
Low 3°

Day 12: Mt. Cook Region - Arrowtown - Queenstown



Traverse the spectacular countryside as you set off for the beautiful turn-of-the-century Gold Rush settlement of Arrowtown. Take time to stroll its quaint, historic streets. Arrive in Queenstown and have time to explore independently.

Hotel

Millennium Hotel Queenstown
Queenstown

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 16°
Low 5°
Rain 3"

Day 13: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown



En route to Milford Sound, enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley as you travel through an ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. During a breathtakingly beautiful cruise you will see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4,000 feet on either side, the scenery will take your breath away. Following your cruise, you return to Queenstown. You may choose to return via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps.

Hotel

Millennium Hotel Queenstown
Queenstown

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 16°
Low 5°
Rain 3"

Day 14: Queenstown



A free day offers a variety of optional activities to enhance your tour. Shop or people-watch in the village; partake in an optional jet boat ride on the Shotover River; or join an optional tour taking you through the majestic Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the locations where blockbuster movies have been filmed.

Hotel
Millennium Hotel Queenstown
Queenstown

Culinary
Breakfast

Weather
High 16°
Low 5°
Rain 3"

Day 15: Queenstown



Enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Remarkables, Cecil Peak, Bob's Cove and Mt. Earnslaw as you cruise across spectacular Lake Wakatipu to Mt. Nicholas High Country Farm. During an exclusive, behind-the-scenes visit to this authentic family-run merino sheep farm, you will follow the journey of merino wool from mustering sheep through the creation of modern wool garments. Enjoy a freshly prepared farmer's lunch before sailing back to Queenstown. Later this afternoon, it's your choice! You may go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park -OR- take a gondola to the top of Bob's Peak for stunning panoramic views of the region. Gather for a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers.

Hotel
Millennium Hotel Queenstown
Queenstown

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 16°
Low 5°
Rain 3"

Day 16: Queenstown - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure.

Post Night: Millennium Hotel Queenstown



This welcoming Queenstown hotel captures the essence of a truly unique region and is perfect for either an international conference venue or as a restful haven from the rigours of Queenstown's many outdoor adventure pursuits. The Millenium Hotel Queenstown is only minutes from Queenstown's central shopping, entertainment and outdoor activities such as bungee jumping, white water rafting and jet boating.