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NEW ZEALAND TOUR FEB 23 – MAR 14 2026

- Itinerary -



FEB 23	DEPART FROM HOME (Flight is not included)	(Inflight meals)
FEB 24	LOSE A DAY CROSSING THE INTERNATIONAL DATELINE	
FEB 25	ARRIVE AUCKLAND	(/)



Kia Ora and welcome to New Zealand! On arrival to Auckland International Airport, you will be met at the airport by Pacific Destination to go over your documentation and to discuss your requirements. The group will be transferred to the hotel and after check in, the rest of the day is at leisure.

AUCKLAND - an exciting, sporting and cultural city, sprawled on a narrow isthmus, between two harbours. The Waitemata and Manukau Harbours are a main feature of the city, along with numerous volcanic cones such as Mount Eden and Rangitoto Island. The city's many beaches, marinas and parks, make it ideal for outdoor pursuits such as yachting, rugby, cricket or a day at the beach. The Auckland metropolitan area is New Zealand's biggest city, and the population mix of European, Maori, and Pacific Islander, make Auckland the largest Polynesian city in the Wo

Accommodation: 4 nights at the **SKYCITY Hotel Auckland** in a Premium Room including daily breakfast.

FEB 26	AUCKLAND HARBOUR CRUISE & ALL BLACKS EXPERIENCE	(B)
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Today after breakfast and some free time, Meet with your local guide and driver for your All Blacks and Harbour Sailing Experience.

Learn the story, feel the passion and experience the All-Blacks story close and personal. The All-Blacks Experience is a state-of-the-art guided encounter that showcases the All Blacks, and New Zealand's national teams in black, through exceptional innovation and technology. This full sensory and interactive experience allows you to celebrate New Zealand's rugby heritage, achievements and culture. Experience first-hand the excitement and emotion of game day. You will feel awe-inspired by the full force of the Haka as it **All Blacks Experience - Guided Tour** takes place centre stage in a crowded stadium. But this isn't just any Haka – it's a four-metre-high screen experience that draws you in from the first moment. You will be a part of the jaw dropping, knee trembling event that is the Haka! Test out your rugby abilities with the chance to match your kicking, catching, line out and accuracy skills against All Blacks, Black Ferns and others. Experiencing how you stack up in the "hands on" interactive zone will leave you energised and excited. This is not just about the All Blacks. It's a homage to all those that wear the black jersey and represent New Zealand with the dignity, strength and the skill required to be the best of the best.

Auckland Harbour Cruise (afternoon cruise)

Enjoy the unique Auckland landscape from the water on our relaxed harbour sailing experience. Take in Auckland's city highlights; sail under the Harbour Bridge, see volcanic peaks and the iconic city skyline from the best view in town.

Sit back and relax or get involved and help our friendly, knowledgeable crew sail our purpose built 50-foot yachts. Enjoy the afternoon on the water with your choice of fresh coffee, tea or a hot chocolate plus a delicious, sweet treat.

Highlights:

1.5-hour sailing experience on Auckland's Waitematā Harbour, Listen to an informative commentary from our knowledgeable crew about the harbour and its history. View the iconic Auckland city skyline from the water and sail under the Harbour Bridge. Take the opportunity to help our friendly, knowledgeable crew sail our purpose built 50-foot yachts. Enjoy your choice of fresh coffee, tea or a hot chocolate served with a cookie.

FEB 27

AUCKLAND TOUR

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Today after breakfast at the hotel, meet with your driver and local guide at the hotel lobby.

Begin with a scenic drive across the iconic Auckland Harbour Bridge, pausing at Devonport for charming colonial streets and harbor views. Return to the vibrant Waterfront at Viaduct Harbour, capturing photos of gleaming yachts and the skyline. Cruise along Tamaki Drive, soaking in coastal beauty, and stop at Mission Bay for its lively beachfront. Ascend to Savage Point (Savage Memorial at Bastion Point) for panoramic vistas of the city and Hauraki Gulf. Stroll through Parnell Village, Auckland's historic enclave of boutique shops and cafes, then explore the lush Auckland Domain and Gardens, featuring the elegant Wintergardens. Conclude with a drive through the bustling City Centre, passing Queen Street's landmarks, before returning to your accommodation.

Free afternoon at leisure. Lunch and dinner on your own.

FEB 28

BUSH AND BEACH WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

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This morning after breakfast, the group will be picked up for the Bush and Beach - Wilderness Experience.

A 30-minute drive from downtown Auckland brings you to the Arataki Centre, perched high in the Waitakere Ranges, a ridge of hills separating Auckland from its surf fringed west coast. Here the sweeping decks give breath-taking panoramic views from the Tasman Sea to the Pacific Ocean. Your knowledgeable and experienced guide will talk about local history and explain the significance of the magnificent traditional Māori carvings that stand guard there. Your small group eco-tour continues with an easy walk in the lush



rainforest where you hear native birdsong as you walk the easy bush tracks amongst New Zealand's famous kauri trees and giant tree ferns. Because New Zealand has existed for millions of years separate from the rest of the world, it has evolved its own unique flora and fauna. Seventy percent of our native plants are found nowhere else in the world. Head further west and experience the power of the wild and rugged west coast at Piha Beach. Feel the soft, black sand beneath your feet as you stroll along one of the most awe-inspiring beaches the world has to offer.

Includes: Pick up and drop off at inner city accommodation and Afternoon tea.

MAR 01 AUCKLAND – HAMILTON WAITOMO - ROTORUA (B/L)

This morning after breakfast and check out of the hotel, the group will be leaving Auckland to Rotorua with a stop in Hamilton for a Classic Tea experience.

Zealong Tea Estate - Morning Tea

A classic tea luncheon is included at Zeland Tea Estate. The menu includes a Trio of sweet scones, seasonal finger sandwich selection, and includes your choice of Zealong tea.

Continue the journey to Rotorua via Waitomo Caves.



Waitomo Glowworm Caves

Your guided tour will take you through over 250 metres of stunning underground scenery commencing with the impressive Cathedral. Your tour begins at the upper entrance of the cave and proceeds along a low narrow passage to the Tomo, a deep limestone shaft.

Your experienced tour guide will deliver a highly informative commentary about the formations.

Sharing stories, cultural legends and the natural wonders of this living masterpiece and the history of the area. The highlight of your tour is an unrivalled boat trip through the spectacular Glowworm Grotto. Marvel at Mother Nature's light display as you glide silently through the starry wonderland of the Glowworm Grotto. Meander underground along the Waitomo River and gaze in silence at the myriad of glow worm lights that make up the Glowworm Grotto. As you enter this galaxy of tiny living lights, you'll immediately experience a serene ambience and be fascinated and intrigued by tiny glowworms that light your way.

ROTORUA - located on a volcanic plateau, and formerly a spa town, Rotorua is most famous for its geothermal activity. Rotorua is also the main place in New Zealand where aspects of Maori traditions can be seen, from wood carvings, and meeting houses, to a Hangi Dinner and Maori dances. Native and introduced tree species abound locally and combined with several picturesque lakes, Rotorua is a fascinating mix of culture and nature.

On arrival at Rotorua, check-in to your accommodation and the rest of the day is at leisure.

Accommodation: 3 nights at the **Rydges Rotorua** in a Superior Room including daily breakfast.

MAR 02 ROTORUA - MATAMATA – ROTORUA**(B)**

This morning after breakfast, we will be picked up for a tour visiting Hobbiton

Hobbiton Movie Set Tours - Hobbiton Movie Set Tour

Experience the real Middle-earth™ at the Hobbiton Movie Set, where, in the heart of the Waikato region, you can step into the lush pastures of the Shire™, as seen in The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Fall in love with the Alexander family sheep farm, just as acclaimed director Sir Peter Jackson did, as you journey through the rolling green hills on your way to the Movie Set. Your guide will then escort you around the 12-acre set, showing the intricate detailing, pointing out the most famous locations and explaining how the movie magic was made.



You will be fully guided on a walking tour through the Shire, journey past Bag End, explore the inside of our newly completed Hobbit Hole™ on Bagshot Row and into the world-famous Green Dragon™ Inn, where you will be presented with a complimentary, exclusive Hobbit™ Southfarthing™ beverage to conclude your own Middle-earth adventure.

MAR 03 ROTORUA FULL DAY SIGHTSEEING**(B/D)**

Today the group will enjoy a full day tour in Rotorua. City Sightseeing highlights: Lake Rotorua, Redwood Forest and Government Gardens.

National Kiwi Hatchery | National Kiwi Hatchery Guided Tour

Be a part of 'conservation in action' as you take an immersive journey through the world of the kiwi at this state-of-the-art, purpose-built facility at Agrodome in Rotorua. During your 45 min guided tour you'll learn about Kiwi, their native environment and what makes them truly iconic the world over. Delve into darkness and spot foraging Kiwi in the purpose-built nocturnal house and discover the secrets of the Kiwi in dozens of interactive displays. You'll get to talk to Kiwi Keepers as you see kiwi eggs being incubated, understand the Kiwi hatching process and take a peek at newly hatched kiwi chicks.

The National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa is the national leader in kiwi husbandry, egg incubation systems, hatching techniques, and kiwi chick rearing. Connect with Kiwi and make a difference - 100% of your ticket goes back to the kiwi hatching programme.

Te Puia | Te Po combo (Guided experience + Indigenous Evening)



Be guided through New Zealand Māori Arts & Crafts Institute, Rotowhio Pā, Kiwi Conservation Centre and Te Whakarewarewa geothermal valley including Pōhutu geyser with one of our shared tour departures. TE Pō begins with our mouth-watering buffet with locally sourced cuisine and an authentic Māori twist in each dish. Following dinner, you will experience the exhilarating pōhiri (Ceremonial welcome) into our

beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Enjoy the beauty and power of traditional waiata (song), mōteatea (chants), poi and haka. Then travel into the geothermal valley on our e-waka (36-seat electric passenger shuttle) for a hot chocolate upon our naturally heated rock-seating overlooking the dramatically lit Pōhutu Geyser.

MAR 04 ROTORUA – TAUPO - NAPIER (B)

Today after breakfast, check out of the hotel and start our drive to Napier via Taupo.

From Rotorua you travel along the geothermal highway and past the edge of the largest man-made radiate pine forest in the world - the Kaingaroa Forest towards Taupō. Travel past Taupō which sits on the shores of New Zealand's largest lake, Lake Taupō. From Taupō you will travel over the Ahimnawa Ranges to Napier. Napier has the highest concentrations of Striped Classical, Spanish Mission and Art Deco building styles in the world. The commercial centre was completely rebuilt following a catastrophic earthquake in 1931. Napier is also at the centre of one of the largest and most vibrant wine-producing areas in New Zealand.

NAPIER/AHURIRI - the largest city in the Hawke's Bay, whose port handles the province's huge volumes of produce, spreads around the wedge of Bluff Hill, sometimes still referred to as "Scinde Island." Napier was almost completely surrounded by water before the severe 1931 earthquake flattened the city but uplifted vast areas of the surrounding seabed.



Accommodation: 3 nights at **Scenic Hotel Te Pania** in a Superior Room including daily breakfast.

MAR 05 NAPIER GANNET SAFARI & WINE TOUR (B/L)



Today after breakfast, the group will be picked up for a full day of Gannet Safari & wine tour at the Hawke's Bay.

Gannet Safaris | Regular Tours

Watch champion seabirds soar, swoop, dance, and dive right before your eyes into the blue ocean. Experience the tour that takes you overland to Cape Kidnappers and within metres of the magnificent Gannets. Starting at our Te Awanga base, take a 4WD safari through spectacular coastlines, working

farms, native bush and to New Zealand's largest privately owned nature reserve. Come face to face with over 20,000 Gannets in their natural habitat. Enjoy breathtaking views across the plateau and the open horizon over the deep ocean at your feet.

Winemaker's Tour | The Winemaker's Tour



Indulge in the delights of beautiful Hawke's Bay Wine Country on your exclusive tour here in New Zealand. You'll be chauffeured in style—ride in the comfort of a new, air-conditioned luxury vehicle. Explore Hawke's Bay's wineries whilst enjoying an in-depth Culture and winemaking encounter that is perfect for either the novice or more devoted wine enthusiast. The tour is hosted exclusively by Don Bird, who is a third-generation

New Zealand Winemaker with 40 years' experience in the Hawkes Bay wine industry. With Don you'll get to experience the inner workings of award-winning wineries, take a walk through the vineyards, sample grapes off the vine (dependent upon season), or taste straight from the barrel. For lunch, you will be treated to a two-course degustation of fine wines and gourmet food at a multi-award-winning winery restaurant, complete with a wine appreciation tutorial with interactive sensory tasting to open the exciting world of wine appearance, aroma and flavour. Travel through stunning river valleys with Don, wander hillside vineyards and discover the magnificent patchwork quilt of the world-famous Gimblett Gravels as we try some of the most divine wine and food that Hawke's Bay has to offer.

MAR 06 NAPIER TO WELLINGTON (B)

Today after breakfast and check out of the hotel, the group will be picked up and travel from Napier to Wellington on a scenic journey through the North Island's picturesque countryside. Upon arrival in Wellington, explore its top attractions, including the iconic Parliament Buildings (from outside only), the lush Wellington Botanic Garden, and the vibrant waterfront area. Heading up to Mt Victoria for a breathtaking panoramic lookout over the city and the harbour.

Accommodation: 1 night at the **Rydges Wellington** in a Superior Room including breakfast

MAR 07 WELLINGTON TO DUNEDIN (B/D)

This morning after breakfast and check out of the hotel, Private transfer from hotel to Wellington airport. Fly to Dunedin. On arrival at Dunedin airport, meet with your driver and transfer to Larnach Castle.

DUNEDIN/OTEPOTI - often called the "Edinburgh of the South", Dunedin was settled by the Scottish settlers that came to New Zealand. It is a city of spires, of towers, gables and roofs with turrets, and gracious, generally stone, buildings. Dunedin is also home to the Albatross and Penguin colonies plus many species of New Zealand wildlife.



Larnach Castle | Castle & Garden Guided Tour

Entrance included to the Castle, Gardens and Ballroom Cafe with tour guide. Discover New Zealand's only Castle, built 1871 by William Larnach, merchant baron and politician, for his beloved first wife Eliza. It took over 200 workmen three years to build the Castle shell and master European craftsmen spent a further 12

years embellishing the interior. Larnach spared no expense on his dream home, which features the finest materials from around the world.

Speight's Brewery Heritage Centre - Alehouse Dinner Package

Please check in 15 minutes prior to departure. An informative tour through the Speight's Brewery and Heritage Centre. During the Tour, you will see, touch, smell, and taste the ingredients going into making the legendary South Island Speight's beer. Learn the history of beer making, the brewing process, and how to make the traditional wooden beer casks. Today's tour is combined with a delicious 2-course Dinner at the Ale House right next door to the Speight's Brewery. Tour duration is 90 minutes and includes a two-course dinner.

Accommodation: 2 nights at the **Distinction Dunedin Hotel** in a Studio Room including daily breakfast.

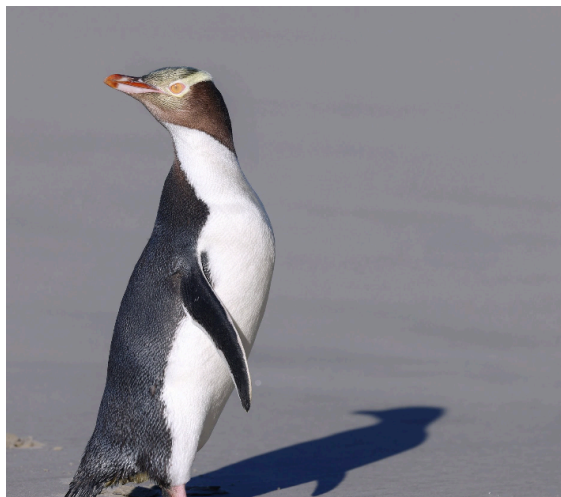
MAR 08

DUNEDIN

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Today we will enjoy a full day tour exploring Dunedin. **Dunedin City Sightseeing:** the Octagon, Otago University, the iconic Railway Station and Baldwin Street.

Otago Peninsula Eco Restoration Alliance | 90 Minute Guided Tour



Today's tour of OPERA (Otago Peninsula Eco Restoration Alliance) previously known as Penguin Place is an experience made possible by the conservation work done to ensure the future of the Yellow-eyed Penguin (one of the rarest and most endangered penguins in the world). Covered trenches and observation huts will keep you hidden so the penguins will not be frightened, and you can observe them going about their daily business in their natural habitat unperturbed by our presence.

The tour begins with an interactive talk educating our guests about the

conservation work being done on the Otago Peninsula and especially about challenges of the Yellow eyed Penguin.

In addition to learning about the Yellow-eyed Penguin, guests have the opportunity to see these majestic birds up close in our rehabilitation center (when birds are in our care).

Royal Albatross Centre | Albatross Classic Tour



A unique, not to be missed chance to visit the world's only mainland breeding colony of magnificent Royal Albatross. Witness the fascinating social and family life of the breeding colony and have the chance to be awed by the soaring three metre (about 10') wingspan of the birds flying above. Visitors enjoy intimate insights into the amazing world of the Royal Albatross. Includes fully guided tour, short film, information on albatross breeding life cycle and colony viewing from our

exclusive observatory.

MAR 09 DUNEDIN – CHRISTCHURCH (B)

This morning after breakfast and check out of the hotel we will transfer by coach to Christchurch via Moeraki, Oamaru, Geraldine and Ashburton.

CHRISTCHURCH/OTAUTAHU - the Garden City, lies on the level plains that initially attracted the closely-knit Church of England settlers that settled the area. The largest of the South Island cities, Christchurch retains something of the English nature of its origins - the willow and oak-lined River Avon and clustered mediaeval stone buildings.

Accommodation: 2 nights at the **Novotel Christchurch- superior room** including daily breakfast.

MAR 10 CHRISTCHURCH (B)

Christchurch City Sightseeing: (covering key Highlights: Canterbury University, Riccarton House and Riccarton Bush, Mona Vale, Hagley Park, Antigua Boat Sheds, Botanical Gardens, Upper Worcester Boulevard, (area of Museum and Art Centres) Victoria Clock Tower, Lyttleton, Sumner, Mount Pleasant, Sign of the Takahe.

Waka on Avon | Waka Paddle



Leaving from 794 Colombo Street opposite Victoria Square this 45-minute waka paddling experience is an amazing cultural journey of the Ōtākaro Avon River by waka. Experience the team and skill building of paddling a hand-crafted waka down the Ōtākaro River Avon and learn about the importance of the waka to the early Māori culture. Enjoy early stories of Canterbury's Ngāi Tahu Iwi and the earliest European settlers, and the positive things they achieved building the city of Christchurch together.

Waka have been paddled on the Ōtākaro Avon River as far back as the 1700 century. Māori sailed to Aotearoa New Zealand on Waka Hourua (double-hull sailing waka). Single-hull waka became an important part of the early transport days of Christchurch city with no roads and nothing but swamp, Māori and early settlers collaborated regularly to transport trading goods and equipment up and down the Ōtākaro Avon River.

MAR 11 CHRISTCHURCH – GREYMOUTH – FRANZ JOSEF (B/L)



This morning, you will be picked up by your driver and transferred to the Christchurch train station.

The Great Journeys of New Zealand - Rail | Tranz Alpine: Christchurch to Greymouth - SCENIC PLUS. Report to Christchurch Train Station 20 minutes prior to departure. Today you will board the TranzAlpine scenic train departing from one coast of New Zealand and arriving at the other. Your train journey is 223.8 kilometres long and takes just four and a half hours.

There are 16 tunnels, and 5 viaducts, the highest being the Staircase standing at 73 metres. From your carriage you'll see the fields of the Canterbury Plains, beautiful gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River. The spectacular Southern Alps and the lushness of Beech rain forest. An open-air viewing carriage allows you to get even closer to the stunning scenery and provides many opportunities to photograph your favourite spots. There's a lot to look forward to before arriving at your destination.

As part of your journey, you will also enjoy the Scenic Plus experience to invigorate all the senses! Feast your eyes on epic scenery while you savour regionally inspired cuisine paired with wine and beer all from the comfort of your luxurious seat – a hosted dining experience like no other. Quite simply, we have done everything we can to ensure you feel at peace as you sink back in your seat and soak up the scenery.

Highlights include:

- ☐ Staff assisted boarding and luggage check in Personalised and dedicated host service bringing the experience to life with local stories and insights.
- ☐ Regionally inspired cuisine paired with local wines to bring authentic flavours of the journey.
- ☐ Choice of complimentary wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages throughout your trip
- ☐ Private outdoor viewing carriage exclusively for Scenic Plus guests Dedicated Scenic Plus carriage with spacious seating and large panoramic windows.

On arrival at Greymouth, meet with your driver and transfer to Franz Josef via Hokitika.

FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER/WAIAU - originally named Victoria, after Queen Victoria of England, geologist Julius Von Haast, renamed it, Franz Josef, after the current Emperor of his homeland, Austria. The Glacier is pale blue/green ice that has retreated and advanced many times over the years. A walk from the carpark to the Glacier terminal

will give you some impressive views and an idea of the immense size of the Glacier itself. The township of Franz Josef is a small town based around the tourist and supply trade.

Accommodation: 2 nights at the **Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier** in a Superior Room - Douglas Wing including daily breakfast.



**MAR 12
(B)**

FRANZ JOSEF

There is a wide range of excursion/activity choices in Franz Josef. Because of this we decided to not include an excursion but to give you a full day free so you can plan your own experience. Perhaps you're an adventurer at heart and you've always wanted to do a Heli-Hike on a glacier, maybe you prefer to just take a helicopter to a glacier, touch the ice and head back or you want to keep your feet on the ground and hike the beautiful rainforest area. You can also stay in town and visit the local spa or relax in a hot tub. The day is yours to explore. If you want additional choices don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Optional Tours (with extra cost)*

1. Franz Josef Glacier Guides | Heli-Hike - Check in 15 minutes prior to departure.

Cost - \$499 per person (price subject to change)

With the combination of an exhilarating helicopter ride, jaw-dropping scenery and a two-and half-hour hike through the most spectacular glacier features, it's no wonder guests often label their Glacier Heli Hike as the highlight of their visit to Aotearoa (New Zealand). Your journey starts and ends at The Helicopter Line Base, situated on the Main Road, Franz Josef. On arrival, the friendly team will check you in and prepare you for the excitement ahead with necessary gear and pre-trip briefings. From here, your guide will take you to the helipad and get you ready to board the helicopter. Adrenaline levels start to spike as you board and are whisked away over the jaw dropping landscape - an opportunity to take in the full panoramic majesty of Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere nestled within the surrounding mountains. Your pilot will land high up on the main ice fall of the glacier, where your guide will help you make the final preparations for your hike. Then you will be ready to explore the pristine features of this incredible icescape. The guides are highly skilled, which means they can find you both the safest and most spectacular route available on the glacier. Because the glacier is so fast moving, its features are constantly changing - you might find yourself sliding through a narrow crevasse or between towering walls of ice, crawling through blue ice tunnels, hanging out in ice caves, or witnessing the glacier calving. You can be sure that you're seeing the glacier in a unique state and no two trips are ever quite the same. Whilst on this adventure, your guide will share with you the story of the Maori Legend, Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. Their knowledge of the glacier, surrounding area and insight on why Franz Josef is so unique; will leave you with a sense of awe. You will come away from your trip not only having experienced this majestic beauty, but a whole new understanding of their special and precious landmark.

Tour duration: Approx 4 hours - 2.5 hours on the ice/glacier.
 Difficulty level: Moderate fitness is required.

2. **Glacier Valley Eco Tours | Franz Josef Nature Tour**
 cost \$99 per person (price subject to change)

Explore the majestic West Coast temperate rainforest as you discover the Franz Josef Glacier valley - one of the lowest-lying and most unusual glaciers in the world. This tour is beautiful in blue skies or magical misty rain and you will feel like you are in Narnia or Lord of the Rings. At your own pace, wander past gorgeous glacial rivers and streams and through beautiful podocarp forests; discover hidden natural treasures such as wild mushrooms and dozens of species of orchids. Relish the sound of the native bird songs and waterfalls; spot a Chamois or a Tahr on the towering snow-capped mountains above while drinking a cup of tea. This eco-tour is suitable for all ages and abilities and is a great family-friendly experience.

Tour includes - Knowledgeable and experienced New Zealand, local guide Hot drinks (tea/coffee/hot chocolate) and biscuits Pick up / drop off at local accommodation Use of raincoats, over-trousers, umbrellas, walking poles, sunscreen, Macpac baby carrier for under 3 years Tramping boots are available upon request

3. **The Helicopter Line - Neve Discoverer**
 Cost - \$299 per person (price subject to change)

The perfect opportunity to get up close to the glaciers and touch snow. You'll be captivated as you lift off and fly up and over the Franz Josef Glacier or Fox Glacier and experience the solitude of a landing in this natural alpine wonderland. (20minutes)

***More optional tours may be offered in the future**

MAR 13 FRANZ JOSEF – WANAKA – QUEENSTOWN (B)

This morning, we head out of Franz Josef and follow an ancient greenstone trail. View the sheer drop of Thunder Creek Falls and the grand sight of Mt Hooker, flanked on three sides by extensive glaciers.

Travel over Haast Pass, marking a change from the rainforest marvel of the wild West Coast to the alpine scenery of the Southern Lakes. From here you will travel further into Central Otago. View Lake Wanaka, where the shoreline is charmingly lined by poplars and willows, followed by the vivid blue waters of Lake Hawea. It is a day of gorgeous lakes, as after Hawea you will gravel over to Cromwell, situated next to the sparkling pristine waters of Lake Dunstan. Stop in at a local orchard for a taste of some of the town's delicious stone fruit then continue your journey to Queenstown, the adventure capital of New Zealand.

QUEENSTOWN/TAHUNA - is the South Island's most popular resort, set alongside the shores of Lake Wakatipu, under the gaze of the Remarkables Ranges. See the contrast

of smooth glacier rounded hills, and jagged mountain summits that reach high above the ancient ice floor. The town is renowned for its jet boating, bungee-jumping, skiing and awe-inspiring scenery. Local story has it, that the gold prospectors of the 19th century pronounced the town as "fit for any Queen", and so she was called Queenstown.

Skyline Queenstown|Gondola – complimentary.

Take a roundtrip Skyline Gondola ride up Bob's Peak where you can enjoy panoramic views of Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu.

Accommodation: 1 night at the Crowne Plaza Queenstown in a Mountain View room including breakfast.

MAR 14 DEPART QUEENSTOWN TO MELBOURNE (B)

This morning after breakfast and check out of the hotel, the group will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. If you are not joining us in Australia your tour ends here but you can add extra nights in Queenstown.

AUSTRALIA TOUR MAR 14 – MAR 30 2026

- Itinerary -



MAR 14 MELBOURNE

G'day and welcome to Australia! Upon your arrival in Melbourne, after collecting luggage, you will be met by your local guide at the arrival hall. Your local guide will assist you with the transfer to the hotel. (Check in after 2 PM)

Accommodation: 4 nights at the **The Savoy Hotel on Little Collins St** in a Savoy Guest Room including daily breakfast and Porterage.

MAR 15 PHILLIP ISLAND - PENGUIN PARADE**(B/D)****Phillip Island Nature Park | Penguins Plus & Koala Conservation**

Depart Melbourne in the afternoon as we journey to Penguin Island to see the penguins as they emerge from the water and make their dangerous dash across the sand to their burrows in the dunes. The premium Penguins Plus viewing platform is a joint venture between Phillip Island Nature Parks and the RACV, and offers our visitors great views of Summerland Beach, along with up-close viewing of the little penguins as

they waddle along the most popular pathway at the Penguin Parade.

Video and Photography is not permitted after sunset at the Penguin Parade or any of the Penguin viewing options.

Beach HQ Restaurant & Bar | 2 Course Dinner

2 course chef selected dinner (mains/ dessert)

One glass of beer (285ml) with each course from a selection of our ales on tap
or

One glass of wine (150ml) with each course from our range of Purple Hens wines
located here on Phillip Island

Tour concludes at Melbourne hotel at approx. 11.30pm

MAR 16 MELBOURNE FOODIE TRAILS**(B/L)**

Victorians come from more than 200 countries, speak 260 languages and dialects, and follow 135 religious' faiths. We begin our trail at the Immigration Museum. Hear the stories of arrivals from all over the world, their challenges, their triumphs and their food. This 4-hour walking tour through the streets of Melbourne will introduce you to some of the many layers of local favourite foods, architecture, and stories of the city. A visit to an Aboriginal owned café completes the circle of your experience as we look at the ingredient's native to Australian cuisine. Rest of the day at leisure.

MAR 17 GREAT OCEAN ROAD (B/L)

You will be collected from your hotel and taken on a Full Day Great Ocean Road Tour.



This is some of the most spectacular and breathtaking coastal scenery found in Australia, a rewarding experience for the camera enthusiasts. Travel over the Westgate Bridge through Geelong to the famous coastal town of Torquay for a short break. This town is famous for Bells Beach where world class surfing championships are held. From Torquay, join the Great Ocean Road boasting spectacular views. Travel through the quaint township of Lorne and make a stop at Kennett River, one of the

best places in Australia to see koalas in the wild. Continue to the seaside resort of Apollo Bay where we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

From here, the road leaves the coast and winds through the ferny slopes of the Otway Mountain Ranges. At Princetown, the Great Ocean Road returns to hug the coastline along the entire length of the Port Campbell National Park.

See the Twelve Apostles - huge stone pillars rising from the surf, remnants of London Bridge, a rocky promontory arch carved out by the continual force of the sea, Loch Ard Gorge - site of the dramatic shipwreck the "Loch Ard" over 100 years ago. The return journey travels through the lovely townships of Colac and Winchelsea.

*Tour highlights in the above itinerary may be in different order due to traffic conditions. The tour concludes upon return to your hotel.

MAR 18 DEPART MELBOURNE TO ADELAIDE (B)

This morning, you will be collected from your hotel for private coach transfer to the airport. Upon arrival in Adelaide, you will be transferred to your hotel for check in, and time is at leisure for the rest of the day.

Accommodation: 3 nights at the **Majestic Roof Garden Hotel** in a Classic Room including daily breakfast and Porterage.

MAR 19 KANGAROO ISLAND (B/L)

Sealink Kangaroo Island - Private Groups ** Driver Commentary en-route **



Inclusions: - Private Transfer from ADL Hotel to Cape Jervis - One way Ferry ex. Cape Jervis to Penneshaw - Kangaroo Island Private Tour - National Park Fee - Seal Bay Guided Walk - 2 course lunch *Beverage NOT Included *

Early this morning departs from your Adelaide hotel for a scenic coach trip to Cape Jervis to connect with SeaLink's ferry for the 45 minute crossing to Kangaroo Island. On arrival on the Island enjoy the scenic drive to the Seal Bay Conservation Park. Here you can walk on the beach amongst a colony of rare and wild Australian sea lions with a National Parks Ranger. Following your walk, enjoy a two-course lunch.

Spend the afternoon at Flinders Chase National Park, renowned as a sanctuary for native Australian animals including kangaroos, wallabies, koalas and echidnas.

The tour of the park will take you to the rugged southern coastline for a walk on Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch. Remarkable Rocks provides great photographic opportunities and stunning sea views. Admirals Arch boardwalk takes you down a rugged cliff face to reveal this spectacular rock archway, a natural nursery and haven for playful Long-nosed Fur Seals that can be seen resting, swimming and playing in the waves or on the rocks. We will end our time on Kangaroo Island at the airport where we will fly back to Adelaide. The tour concludes at our hotel in Adelaide.

MAR 20 BAROSSA VALLEY

(B/L)



This morning after breakfast, you will be collected from the hotel for a full day Barossa Valley Tour. Wine, lunch and chocolate are the delights of a dream day out in the Barossa on this intimate full-day tour. Take time to sample some of the Barossa's finest wines and gourmet food that has made this South Australian wine region an international icon.

Enjoy a photo stop at Mengler Hill Lookout, with fabulous sweeping views across the Valley, before continuing. Visit beautiful Lambert Estate, with panoramic vineyard views, halls of local art, and a sun-drenched balcony in summer or by a giant crackling fire midyear.

Seppeltsfield Wines - Tour & Tasting

Learn about how versatile Grenache grapes are and how our premium wines start in the vineyard. This behind the scenes tour includes the Great Terraced Grenache Vineyard and 1888 Gravity Cellar to learn about the winemaking process. Barossa Chateau sits in one of Australia's most important rose garden, of international significance. Combined with Lyndoch hill, the overall estate covers an impressive 25 acres, and boasts over 22 acres of dedicated rose garden with 5kms of pathway...

MAR 21 DEPART ADELAIDE TO CAIRNS

(B)

This morning after breakfast and check out of the hotel, you will be collected from your hotel for private coach transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairns.

Upon arrival in Cairns airport, meet your coach captain and transfer to the hotel.

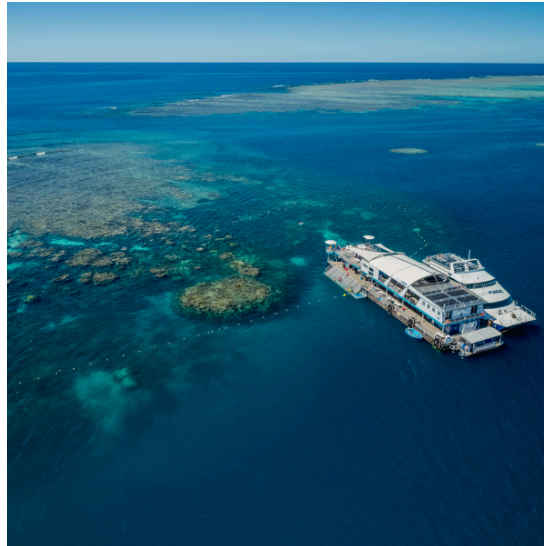
Accommodation: 3 nights at the **Crystalbrook Flynn** in a Urban Room including daily breakfast and Porterage.

MAR 22

GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

(B/L)

Reef Magic Cruise | Full Day Reef Trip Cruise/Cruise



Inclusions : 5 hours at the reef activity platform · Morning and afternoon tea, Buffet lunch (alcohol not included) · All snorkelling equipment (including FREE wet suit or lycra suit) · Spacious sundeck with lounges · Semi-submersible and glass bottom boat tours with interactive commentary · Great Barrier Reef presentation by a Marine Biologist · Complimentary tea/coffee/filtered drinking water · Underwater reef viewing observatory · Infants safety swimming enclosure · Fish feeding with a Marine Biologist ·

Extra activities available at additional cost - scenic flights, intro dives and guided snorkelling safari.

Depart direct from Cairns on a fast, stable catamaran providing a smoother ride and reduced travel time, leaving more of your day to experience the magic of the Great Barrier Reef. Unique to Reef Magic, our fast, modern catamarans are spacious ensuring unmatched comfort & attentive service. The all-weather brand new platform caters for all activity levels. Snorkel in the sheltered coral lagoon, join our Marine Biologist on a Guided Snorkel safari, or go scuba diving (no experience necessary). Not a confident swimmer, then stay dry and view the reef from the semi-submersible reef viewer, glass bottom boat or underwater observatory, or for an additional fee try a SeaTREK Helmet Dive for a scuba-style experience without getting your hair wet. With 5 hours at the reef there is time to do it all. If simply relaxing & soaking up the tropical warmth is more your style then take time out on our spacious sundeck and enjoy an afternoon beverage at the Drift Bar. We look forward to welcoming you aboard!

MAR 23**KURANDA FULL DAY TOUR****(B/L)**

Today after breakfast, meet your guide at the hotel and we will travel together to Freshwater Station to Kuranda.



Kuranda/Queensland Rail | Kuranda Scenic Rail (One Way) | Heritage Class

The original Kuranda Scenic Railway Heritage Class carriages offer the old-world charm of travelling in authentic timber carriages, some of which are up to 100 years old. Experience your scenic journey in the refurbished original red-wooden heritage carriages. Sit back and enjoy the scenery and numerous photographic opportunities as you wind through World Heritage-listed rainforest.

Rainforestation Koala & Wildlife Park/BBQ Lunch.



Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience: Australia's Indigenous culture is one of the oldest surviving cultures in the world and Rainforestation Nature Park recognises the importance of preserving and sharing this unique culture. Our Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience recently won a 2019 Queensland Tourism Award in gold for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Tourism.

Local Indigenous Pamagirri Guides welcome you to join them on a journey to discover the Dreamtime and learn about the fascinating

customs and ancient traditions that are kept alive in the rainforest of Kuranda, in Tropical North Queensland. The Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience takes approximately 1 hour which includes both the Pamagirri Aboriginal Dance Performance held in the Rainforest Amphitheatre and the Dreamtime Walk conducted either before or after the show. Extended Dreamtime Walk activities are available at an extra cost for groups to learn even more about the fascinating history of Australia's Indigenous culture.

Koala & Wildlife Park. The Koala and Wildlife Park allows visitors to experience another facet of Australia and get up close and personal with Australian wildlife. Wander at your leisure through our Wildlife Park where a series of elevated boardwalks provide uninterrupted views of various Australian animals and reptiles. Hand feed the free roaming kangaroos and wallabies in the landscaped gardens, observe the endangered cassowary and Lumholtz's Tree Kangaroo and see Neville and Dennis, the only Tasmanian Devils in Cairns! Sneak a peek at Juliet our sneaky wombat, meet Ned and Kelly the Alpine Dingoes and meet Ricky the cheeky Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo. Enter our reptile house and see a range of pythons and lizards and see the iconic Australian koala. The star attraction of our Wildlife Park is "Jack the Ripper", a 5 metre saltwater crocodile weighing at 650kgs with a reputation of killing 12 of his girlfriends in times gone by. Jack is kept in his own enclosure with an elevated platform perfect for your safe and close-up viewing. On the other side of Jack is our fresh water enclosure where a bank of juvenile crocodiles, turtles and lizards sun themselves and casually swim around. Re-board your coach and transfer to Kuranda Village.

Skyrail | One Way Skyrail Rainforest Cableway



Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, smells and tranquillity of one of the world's most botanically fascinating areas that has remained relatively unchanged for 130 million years. Enjoy a truly unique perspective of this ancient landscape with unsurpassed panoramic views of Barron Gorge and Australia's Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. Glide metres above the pristine jungle canopy between Smithfield (Cairns) and Kuranda, enroute descend to explore the rainforest close up at Red Peak and Barron Falls.

Tour concludes at the hotel.

MAR 24 DEPART CAIRNS TO AYERS ROCK

(B/D)



This morning after breakfast and check out of the hotel, you will be collected from your hotel for private coach transfer to the airport.

Upon arrival in Ayers Rock Airport, meet your coach captain and transfer to your hotel.

* Ayers Rock Resorts check in starts from 3pm; Early check in is subject to availability without Guarantee. If

rooms are not ready upon your arrival, you may store bags at the hotel concierge and join the complimentary experiences the resort has to offer.

Ayers Rock Resort - Sounds of Silence Dinner

Inclusions: - Canapés - Beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks - 3 course bush tucker inspired buffet (vegetarian options available with prior notice) - Tea, coffee and port - Didgeridoo performance - Star talk and stargazing

Entered into the Australian Tourism Hall of Fame, Sounds of Silence offers the best of the Red Centre distilled into four magical hours. Your Sounds of Silence experience begins with canapes and chilled sparkling wine upon a dune top overlooking the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park before you join your table of fellow travellers for an unforgettable outdoor dining experience. Our attentive staff will offer a selection of beverages while the first course is served at your table. As the night sky twinkles to life, you will be welcomed to a buffet style dinner where you will be served your choice from our bush tucker inspired menu incorporating native bush ingredients. Settle back and listen to our resident star talker decode the southern night sky. Locate the Southern Cross, the signs of the zodiac, the Milky Way, as well as planets and galaxies that are visible due to the exceptional clarity of the atmosphere.

Accommodation: 2 nights at the **Desert Gardens Hotel** in a Garden View Room including daily breakfast and Portage.

MAR 25 AYERS ROCK**(B)****Uluru Sunrise & Kata Tjuta Walpa Gorge Tour**

Duration: Approx. 5 hours Early this morning, collect your boxed breakfast from hotel reception. Travel into the National Park before sunrise and take your place at Talinguru Nyakuntjaku (sunrise platform). Watch as the sun rises over the outback and changes the colours of Uluru. Afterwards, travel west to Kata Tjuta and walk through Walpa Gorge, a desert refuge for plants and animals. Stop for some photos at the Dunes Viewing Platform

before returning to the hotel. **Includes:** Uluru National Park Sunrise Tea & Coffee.

AAT Kings/ Day Tours | Uluru Sunset & Base Tour – Kuniya Walk

Duration: Approx. 4~4.5hours. Travel into the National Park and drive around the base of Uluru. Take a walk along the Kuniya Trail to the Mutitjulu Waterhole and visit the Uluru Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre. Afterwards, take your place at the Uluru Sunset Platform. Watch as the sun sets over the outback and changes the colours of Uluru. Inclusions: Sunset Nibbles.

MAR 26 DEPART AYERS ROCK TO SYDNEY**(B)**

This morning after breakfast and check out of the hotel, you will be collected from your hotel for private coach transfer to the airport for the flight to Sydney. Upon arrival in Sydney Airport, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel.

Accommodation: 4 nights at the **Hyatt Regency Sydney** in a City View Room including daily

breakfast and Portage.

MAR 27 SYDNEY SIGHTS**(B/L)**

Today after breakfast, meet your guide and depart for a Half Day City Sightings tour.

Drive through the historic 'Rocks' area where Australia was first founded with its maze of terrace houses, restored warehouses, pubs and restaurants. Drive under the famous 'coat hanger', the Sydney Harbour Bridge and view Sydney's famous architectural masterpiece, the Sydney Opera House. Continue through the commercial

area of the city passing the historical buildings of Macquarie Street - Parliament House, The Mint and Hyde Park Barracks. Alight at Mrs Macquarie's Chair for breath-taking views of the city and harbour. Proceed through cosmopolitan Kings Cross and exclusive garden Suburbs to the Gap on the ocean headland at Watsons Bay. Return to the city via famous Bondi Beach and Paddington, a Victorian suburb of restored terrace houses richly decorated with cast-iron lace.

Captain Cook Cruise – 3 course Harbour View Long Lunch_not** including beverages. The Harbour View Long Lunch Cruise offers an exceptional restaurant experience for you and your friends for up to 3 hours. Featuring à la carte dining and the ever-changing Sydney Harbour views, this is one waterfront restaurant you won't want to miss.

**Tour highlights in the above itinerary may be in a different order due to traffic conditions.



Sydney Opera House | Private Tour:



Step beneath the sails and discover what makes the Opera House so inspiring. Discover insider secrets and stories of the Opera House artists and performances, and step inside the iconic theatres and foyers that bring to life over 1800 performances each year. Explore the building with our knowledgeable guides, learn about how Jørn Utzon's vision came into existence against impossible odds, and capture photographs from rare vantage points, off limits to the general public. The Sydney Opera

House Tour has been reimagined and we're excited to take you on a journey to discover the magic beneath the sails. For the first time ever, watch unforgettable moments from past Concert Hall performances, learning about the history and future of this world-famous hall in an immersive digital experience. The tour concludes at the Opera House which is about a 30 minute walk to the hotel.

Optional Performance at Sydney Opera House

Closer to the tour date, we will offer tickets for performances

MAR 28 FULL DAY AT LEISURE

(B)

Today is a full day at leisure on your own. Here are a few suggestions

Taronga Zoo - A world renowned zoo is an easy ferry ride from our hotel. If you are a fan of the TV show, Secrets of the Zoo Down Under, then a day at the zoo is a great way to spend your free time. This is where Susan will be :-)

<https://taronga.org.au/sydney-zoo>

Bondi Beach - Perhaps you'd like to spend some time at one of the most popular beaches in Australia. At Bondi Beach you can watch surfers ride the waves, take a surfing lesson or just explore the great restaurants and views from the beach.

Royal Botanic Gardens - A 25-30 minute walk from our hotel is "an oasis in the heart of Sydney".
<https://www.botanicgardens.org.au/royal-botanic-garden-sydney>

MAR 29 BLUE MOUNTAINS

(B/L)



Today after breakfast, you will be collected from your hotel and taken on a Full Day Blue Mountains Tour. Today you will travel 100km west of Sydney to the Blue Mountains. Follow the trail of Australia's early explorers as the coach ascends into the Blue Mountains National Park. The Blue Mountains, named for their distinctive blue haze (a result of eucalyptus oil evaporating from millions of gum trees), have long been a popular getaway destination for Sydneysiders.

The mountains are a natural wonderland of untamed bush, spectacular rock formations and native wildlife. This is one of the most spectacular and captivating wilderness parks in the country, and a supreme example of Australia's diversity.

Featherdale Wildlife Park | Admission |

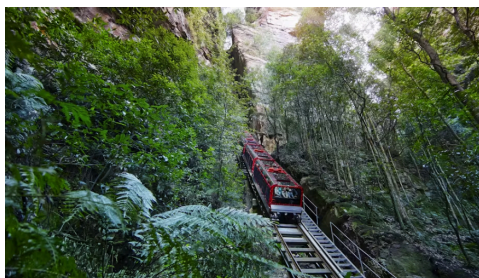
Visit Featherdale Wildlife Park for a memorable and unique experience in a natural and well-established bush setting. Featherdale has one of Australia's largest private collections of Australian animals. View Koalas, kangaroos and wallabies, wombats, fairy penguins and Australian reptiles.

Travel through the historic townships of Blaxland, Springwood, Lawson and Wentworth Falls and view the National Trust township of Leura. Leura is a little town made up of cafes, craft shops, art galleries, tea houses and quaint boutiques. It is situated at the edge of the Blue Mountain National Park and has magnificent views of Mt Solitary. Continue along Cliff Drive to Echo Point to view the world famous "Three Sisters". Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Perched on the edge of the escarpment, Echo Point precinct provides panoramic views of the southern Blue Mountains, Kanangra-Boyd Wilderness and the iconic Three Sisters rock formation from a variety of lookouts.

Scenic World Blue Mountains - Unlimited Discovery Pass

Experience nature and epic views like never before with an Unlimited Discovery Pass. You can enjoy as many rides as you like, at your own pace. Located at the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains, Scenic World is renowned for providing the ultimate Blue Mountains Adventure - from native birds and fresh air, to breathtaking views of the World Heritage-listed region including the Three Sisters, Katoomba Falls & Jamison Valley.

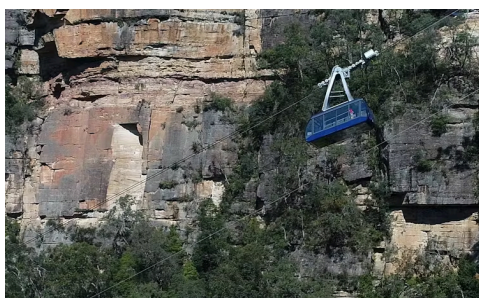
The Unlimited Discovery Pass offers unlimited experience on the Railway, Skyway, Cableway and walkway.



Scenic Railway - Discover the thrill of a 52-degree incline riding the steepest passenger railway in the world, the Scenic Railway. A whole new visitor experience awaits, with glass-roofed red carriages offering expansive views of the rainforest setting and spectacular Jamison Valley.



Scenic Walkway - Discover the tranquillity of ancient rainforest whilst strolling along the 2.4 km Scenic Walkway. The elevated boardwalk immerses you in Jurassic rainforest on the Jamison Valley floor with minimal impact on the environment. Along the way, explore elements of the site's coal mining history including the mine entrance, a replica miners' hut and scale bronze sculpture of a miner and his pit pony.



Scenic Cableway - Discover panoramic views of the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains from the Scenic Cableway. The 545-metre journey gently descends into the Jamison Valley and also returns you to the top of the escarpment. The Cableway's fully enclosed cabin is a unique vantage point for viewing the Three Sisters, Orphan Rock, Mt Solitary and Katoomba Falls.



Scenic Skyway - Glide between cliff tops and gaze at the rainforest canopy through the glass floor of the Scenic Skyway! Suspended 270 metres above ancient ravines, the Skyway provides a unique thrill as breathtaking views are revealed beneath your feet through the electro-glass cabin floor. For the less adventurous, seating and solid flooring is also available. With 360° views, the 720 metre journey provides the best views of Katoomba Falls, the Three Sisters,

and Jamison Valley stretching to the horizon. On your return to Sydney travel through Sydney Olympic Park before returning at your hotel.

**Tour highlights in the above itinerary may be in different order due to traffic conditions. Dinner at own arrangement.

MAR 30

DEPART SYDNEY

(B)

Today after breakfast and check out of the hotel, the group will be picked up to transfer to the airport for the flight back home.

PRICING

TOUR RATES BASED ON MINIMUM 20 ADULT PASSENGERS PER TOUR:

We currently have 35 guests for New Zealand and 27 for Australia.

Prices are not guaranteed until paid in full.

New Zealand

Per Person based on Double Occupancy: \$7,418 per person (\$7,199 + \$219 for Internal Flight).
Single Supplement: \$2,500

New Zealand Group Flight

AIR NEW ZEALAND FLIGHT #681 ON MARCH 7th

Departing Wellington 8:50am

Arriving Dunedin 10:10am

Australia*

Per Person based on Double Occupancy: \$8,861 per person (\$7,249 + \$1,612 for internal flights)
Single Supplement: \$2,500

Australia Group Flights

QANTAS FLIGHT #178 ON MARCH 14th

Departing Queenstown 1:55pm

Arriving Melbourne 3:30 pm

QANTAS FLIGHT #679 ON MARCH 18th

Departing Melbourne 10:25am

Arriving Adelaide 11:20am

QANTAS FLIGHT #2565 ON MARCH 19th

Departing Kangaroo Island 5:35pm

Arriving Adelaide 6:20pm

QANTAS FLIGHT #5880 ON MARCH 21st

Departing Adelaide 7:05am

Arriving Cairns 9:35am

QANTAS FLIGHT #1925 ON MARCH 24th

Departing Cairns 07:45am

Arriving Ayers Rock/Uluru 10:10am

QANTAS FLIGHT #729 ON MARCH 26th

Departing Ayers Rock/Uluru 12:15pm

Arriving Sydney 4:40pm

Baggage Allowance

1 carry-on bag up to 7kg (15lbs)

1 checked bag up to 23kg (50lbs)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENT

Deposit Required Upon Confirmation A \$500 non-refundable per person deposit is required to confirm a reservation for each trip. If you wish to book both the non-refundable deposit is \$750 per person. In order to provide this reduced pricing we must meet the number of minimum guests for each tour. If at any time prior to final payment we fall below the minimum number of guests for either tour prices may be increased. You will be notified immediately of any necessary price increases.

FINAL PAYMENT DUE

October 25, 2025

*For the Australia Tour - If the Formula 1 Grand Prix is in Melbourne during our dates of travel there will be a \$240 per person surcharge for the hotel. We should know if this will be a conflict before airfare becomes available. If there is a conflict we will try to alter our itinerary so we won't have to pay the surcharge.

New Zealand

Feb 25th – Mar 1st, 2026 - SKYCITY Hotel Auckland - Premium Room
 Mar 1st – 4th, 2026 - Rydges Rotorua – Superior Room
 Mar 4th – 6th, 2026 - Scenic Hotel Te Pania - Pacific View Room
 Mar 7th – 8th, 2026 - 1 night Rydges Wellington - Superior Double room
 Mar 7th – 9th, 2026 - Distinction Dunedin Hotel – Studio Room
 Mar 9th – 11th, 2026 - Novotel Christchurch - Superior Room
 Mar 11th – 13th, 2026 - Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier -
 Superior Room - Douglas Wing
 Mar 13th – 14th, 2026 - Crowne Plaza Queenstown in a Mountain View Room

Australia

Mar 14th – 18th, 2026 - The Savoy Hotel on Little Collins - Savoy Guest Room
 Mar 18th – 21st, 2026 - Majestic Roof Garden Hotel - Classic Room
 Mar 21st – 24th, 2026 - Crystalbrook Flynn - Urban Room
 Mar 24th – 26th, 2026 - Desert Gardens Hotel - Garden View Room
 Mar 26th – 30th, 2026 - Hyatt Regency Sydney - City Room

- **All transfers and transportation** is by private, air-conditioned coach. Arrival Transfer for New Zealand Air Flight #1 on Feb 25th which arrives at 7:25 am. The departure transfer in Queenstown is for Qantas flight #178 which departs at 1:55pm. The departure transfer in Sydney is for Air New Zealand flight #104 on March 30th which departs at 11:50am. **If you booked your own flights and your arrival or departure times are similar to ours you are welcome to join us for the transfer. Guests wanting to use our transfers upon arrival will have to make their way to our arrival location. If you booked your own flights and would like to be on our group airport transfer please let me know.** Private transfers available at an additional cost.
- **Tours are with** a commentary driver and/or separate guide where noted.
- **Arrival Meet & Greet guide assistance for the above mentioned flights**

New Zealand:

- Auckland Harbour Cruise Feb 26th
- All Blacks Experience Feb 26th
- Auckland City sightseeing highlights Feb 27th
- Bush and Beach - Wilderness Experience Feb 28th
- Zealong Tea Estate - Morning Tea Mar 1st
- Waitomo Glowworm Caves Mar 1st
- Hobbiton Movie Set Tours/ Hobbiton Movie Set Tour Mar 2nd
- Rotorua City Sightseeing highlights Mar 3rd
- National Kiwi Hatchery - National Kiwi Hatchery Guided Tour Mar 3rd
- Te Puia - Te Po combo (Guided experience + Indigenous Evening) Mar 3rd
- Rotorua - Taupo – Napier Transfer and tour Mar 4th
- Gannet Safari - Regular Tour March 5th
- The Winemaker's Tour - March 5th
- Scenic Drive Napier to Wellington - March 6th
- Larnach Castle - Castle & Garden Guided Dunedin Tour Mar 7th
- Speight's Brewery Heritage Centre - Alehouse Dinner Package Mar 7th
- Dunedin City Sightseeing Mar 8th
- Otago Peninsula Eco Restoration Alliance - 90 Minute Guided Tour Mar 8th
- Royal Albatross Centre - Albatross Classic Tour Mar 8th
- Private transfer to Christchurch via Moeraki, Oamaru, Geraldine and Ashburton Mar 9th
- Christchurch City Sightseeing Mar 10th
- Waka on Avon - Waka Paddle Mar 10th
- Rail|Tranz Alpine: Christchurch to Greymouth - SCENIC PLUS Mar 11th
- Transfer Franz Josef to Queenstown via Wanaka with a stop Mar 13th
- Gondola ride tickets (Skyline Queenstown, no dinner) Mar 13th – complimentary.

Australia:

- Phillip Island Full Day Tour Mar 15th
- Beach HQ Restaurant & Bar - 2 Course Dinner Mar 15th.
- Foodie Trails - Melbourne Foodie Culture Mar 16th
- Great Ocean Road Tour Mar 17th
- Apollo Bay Hotel Menu 2 - 2 Course Set Menu Mar 17th
- Kangaroo Island full day tour Mar 19th
- Barossa Valley full day tour with wine tasting and lunch Mar 20th
- Reef Magic Cruise |Full Day Reef Trip Cruise/Cruise Mar 22nd
- Kuranda full day tour Package C Mar 23rd
- Sounds of Silence Dinner Mar 24th
- Uluru Sunrise & Kata Tjuta Walpa Gorge Tour Mar 25th
- Uluru Sunset & Base Tour – Kuniya Walk Mar 25th
- Sydney sightseeing with Sydney Opera House Tour Mar 27th
- Captain Cook Cruise – 3 course Harbour View Long Lunch Mar 27th
- Blue mountains tour with Featherdale Wildlife Park/ lunch/ Unlimited Discovery Pass Mar 29th

Meals as noted below:

New Zealand:

- **17 x Breakfasts/ 3 x lunches / 2 x dinner**

Australia:

- **16 x Breakfasts/ 8 x lunches / 2 x dinner**
- **Local taxes on** accommodation and sightseeing tours, including 10% Australian GST and 15% New Zealand GST, based on current rates.

Hotels and Inclusions subject to change.

Exclusions in above prices:

- International airfares(unless shown above), departure taxes & fuel surcharges, seat selection
- Additional charges will apply for extra transfers if anyone in the group is arriving or departing on different flights.
- Any future fuel surcharges on land arrangements or additional costs due to COVID rules
- Personal items
- Optional Tours
- Meals unless listed in itinerary.
- Tips & Gratuities
- Early check-in & late check out of rooms (standard check-in time is 2pm and check out 10am)
- Travel Insurance
- Any increases in Local taxes
- Visa/passport handling fees

Gratuities

Gratuities for guides and drivers are not included. However tipping is not customary in either country we will be visiting. That said since we are Americans it may be assumed that we will tip. I would recommend it only be done if you think someone has gone above and beyond for you.

New Zealand

Tipping is not compulsory in New Zealand, however is much appreciated, especially for guides. There are no set amounts or guidelines on tipping in New Zealand so what you feel comfortable with will be just fine. Hotels in New Zealand will not include portage.

Australia

Tipping is also not compulsory in Australia however it is more common to leave a tip when dining. It should be no more than 10% of the total bill. Typically you can just round up your bill. For all other services such as guides, it is appreciated but not expected. Our hotels in Australia will include portage.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT:

I. **DEPOSIT:**

A \$500 per person/per tour **non-refundable deposit** is required to confirm your reservation. \$750 per person if you book both tours. Deposits will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is due no later than October 25, 2025. **All money paid to Goway is 100% nonrefundable**

II. **ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT:**

At times, additional deposits may be required for your arrangements and at times this information may be advised after initial quote or confirmation. If applicable, we will advise you as soon as we are made aware of this by the supplier.

III. **AIR DEPOSITS:** To be determined once airfare becomes available after May 2025.

DEPOSIT PAYMENTS:

All deposits & payments are to be paid by credit card only. Cash or checks will not be accepted.

IV. **FINAL PAYMENT AND DOCUMENT ISSUANCE:**

Final payment and valid passport copies* are due no later than 120 days prior to departure. For payments within 120 days of departure passport documents need to be provided immediately after payment. Normally air tickets and travel documents are sent out 30 days prior to departure.

The above are our normal final payment terms; however certain arrangements may require the balance of payment earlier.

Important: * These are required as per TSA requirements. Tickets cannot be issued without this information.

CANCELLATION:

All payments are non-refundable

INSURANCE:

It is strongly recommended that you purchase cancellation insurance to protect yourself against cancellation due to illness prior to or during travel. In the event a traveller becomes ill during a tour and has not purchased insurance, all hospital and medical expenses are the traveller's responsibility. It is recommended that insurance be purchased within 14 days of deposit. Insurance premiums once paid are 100% non-refundable, as coverage starts immediately. Please contact Susan Wolfson for an individual quote.

PASSPORT & VISA INFORMATION*:

I. **PASSPORTS**

Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from your scheduled return date.

II. **VISAS**

Australia: At this time, the following entry requirements are applicable to this itinerary: ETA (electronic visas) are required to enter Australia. Due to a change in procedures, Goway Travel can no longer issue your ETA. The official site for travellers to apply is as follows:

<https://www.eta.homeaffairs.gov.au/ETAS3/etas>

New Zealand: At this time, an ETA is required to enter New Zealand. Travellers are able to request their ETA via the mobile app or immigration NZ website. At the same time an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) will also be applied and collected. For more information please visit: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/nzeta>. The ETA also applies to passengers in transit and cruise ship passengers.

HEALTH INFORMATION:

- I. **COVID:** Your travel arrangements could still be impacted by COVID. It is your responsibility to keep yourself and members of your travelling party (travel companions) informed of, and meet, all requirements in relation to your trip and any COVID based restrictions. We suggest these are constantly monitored prior to, and until your trip is complete, as they can change at any time, even while travelling overseas. The purchase of travel insurance with Covid coverage is highly recommended.
- II. **Travelling with medicines:** Some countries have restrictions on travelling with medicines (prescriptions and/or nonprescription). It is the traveller's responsibility to check these requirements.

GENERAL:

- I. **FORCE MAJEURE:**
We shall not be liable for any claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses, delays or loss of enjoyment, of any nature or kind whatsoever, resulting from events beyond our or a supplier's reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of God, strikes, lockouts or other labour disputes or disruptions, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, earthquakes, weather conditions, floods or acts or restraints imposed by government authorities
- II. **RESPONSIBILITIES**
Goway Travel Ltd. and/or its agents act only as agents for the client in all matters pertaining to travel. They assume no responsibility nor liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel, carriage, aircraft, motor or other conveyances which may be used, either wholly or in part, in the performance of its duty to the passenger; neither will it be responsible for any act, error, or omission, or any injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any vehicle or through the neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purpose for which tickets or coupons are issued. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort or well-being of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operators. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passengers, conversely refund will be made to the passengers if any saving is effected thereby. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event, during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all tours should conditions warrant, also to decline to accept or retain any passengers as Members of the tours. Goway Travel Ltd or agent can assume no responsibility for lost tickets or coupons.