

18 DAY FROM THE OUTBACK TO THE GLACIERS

DESTINATIONS

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AUCKLAND
SYDNEY



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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Cairns
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Your tour opens in Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions – the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO). Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds.

DAY 2

Destination	Cairns
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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 arboreal herbivores.

DAY 3

Destination	Cairns 🚢 Great Barrier Reef 🚢 Cairns
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

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 choose to snorkel, 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.

DAY 4

Destination	Cairns ✈ Melbourne
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Fly to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. Set upon the shores of Port Phillip Bay and the Yarra River, the city exudes a lively and cosmopolitan atmosphere.

DAY 5

Destination	Melbourne
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Set out on a city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens, valued for their historic and horticultural significance, and the 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 waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their burrows in the dunes. At the interpretation centre, you have a chance to learn about the lives of the Little Penguins and their significance to the area.

DAY 6

Destination	Melbourne ✈ Alice Springs
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

It’s on to the vast landscapes and tranquility of the Outback. Your flight takes you to Alice Springs, the perfect place to begin exploring this unique land. Tonight, continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment.

DAY 7

Destination	Alice Springs
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Access the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour." A specialist guide shares Aboriginal creation stories and explains everyday life. This afternoon, discover a more modern side to Outback living when you visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, a lifeline to thousands across the vast terrain of Central Australia. Later, tour the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill with its excellent views of Alice Springs and the surrounding area.

DAY 8

Destination	Alice Springs 🚗 Uluru
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Traverse the “Red Centre” as you drive to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock) in the heart of the Australian Outback. This huge monolith and the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta were created through the process of upheaval and erosion. Tour the base of "the Rock," learning about its geology and significance to Aboriginal culture. Prepare for a truly majestic sunset as you witness the changing colours of Uluru accompanied by a champagne toast.

DAY 9

Destination	Uluru ✈ Sydney
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, tour Kata Tjuta before saying farewell to the rugged Outback. Fly to Sydney, an energetic metropolis. Upon arrival in Sydney, enjoy dinner in lively Darling Harbour.

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DAY 10

Destination	Sydney
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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.

DAY 11

Destination	Sydney
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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.

DAY 12

Destination	Sydney ✈ Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Leave Australia behind and fly to Queenstown, New Zealand. One of New Zealand's most popular towns, Queenstown is nestled against a picturesque bay and snowcapped mountains. Home to ski resorts, hiking trails and an abundance of natural beauty, the city is known as the "Adventure Capital of the World." Settle into your new home for 3 nights.

DAY 13

Destination	Queenstown 🚗 Milford Sound 🚗 Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Soak in the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley as you travel through an ancient beech forest to Milford Sound via the Homer Tunnel. During a cruise, you'll 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 the cruise, return to Queenstown. You may choose to return via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps.

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DAY 14

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A


Enjoy a day at leisure. Shop in the bustling village centre or enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River. Consider joining an optional tour through the majestic Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the locations where blockbuster movies have been filmed.

DAY 15

Destination	Queenstown  Mt Cook National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Set off for the beautiful 19th-century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown, a boomtown during the 1860's gold fever. 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. Savour 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 16

Destination	Mt Cook National Park  Christchurch
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Depart for Christchurch this morning and pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. A leader in the conservation of New Zealand species, Willowbank offers the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" up close and personal. Later, join a local Kiwi family for a home hosted dinner.

DAY 17

Destination	Christchurch
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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. The remainder of your day is free to continue exploring Christchurch on your own or perhaps enjoy an optional excursion to the International Antarctic Centre.

DAY 18

Destination	Christchurch
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with many unforgettable memories of your South Pacific journey.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

Superior twin share accommodation
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary
Venture through the natural splendour of New Zealand's Southern Alps
Delve into the colourful world of the Great Barrier Reef
Take a "Dreamtime tour" in the Outback, introducing you to Aboriginal life and culture
Tour Sydney Opera House with an expert guide
Cruise Milford Sound
27 Meals: 17 Breakfasts - 2 lunches - 8 Dinners

Fine Print

EXTENSIONS

Unfortunately, extensions are not permitted for this package and you will be purchasing the outlined itinerary and listed inclusions only. If you wish to arrange additional nights' accommodation pre and/or post tour, you will be required to arrange this at your own expense.

Please note that final documentation, which will include the final hotel list for your chosen package, will be provided no sooner than 21 days prior to your scheduled start date. Please note that we rely on receiving booking confirmation in a timely manner from our local partner, therefore cannot disclose final booking details until documentation has been issued.

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$250 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1183 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests

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- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment.
- You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

Booking On Request:

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners. Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete.
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used.
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable.

OPTIONAL TOURS

Over & Through the Rainforest Canopy - \$156pp
Outer Reef Experience - \$195pp
In The Footsteps of the Little Penguins - \$169pp
Outback Ballooning - \$358pp
A Camel Ride, The Rock and a Sunrise - \$169pp
Dinner & Performance at the Sydney Opera House - \$364pp
Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb - \$351pp
A Sydney Foodie Safari - \$195pp
Gold Seeker (Metal & Movie Discovery Tour) - \$195pp
A Blaze of Glory on the Shotover River - \$163pp
Take a Steamship to Dinner - \$169pp

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EXCLUSIONS	Airfares Personal Expenses Travel Insurance Optional activities Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional
HOTEL LIST	Cairns - Bailey Hotel By Crystalbrook Melbourne - Mantra On Little Bourke Alice Springs - Doubletree By Hilton Alice Springs Uluru - Desert Gardens Sydney - Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Queenstown - Novotel Queenstown Lakeside Mt Cook - The Hermitage Christchurch - Novotel Christchurch Cathedral Square
IMPORTANT INFORMATION	<p>Accommodation The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.</p> <p>Single Supplement A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$2450 subject to availability.</p> <p>Triple Share Not available.</p> <p>Children Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.</p> <p>Tour Documentation Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.</p>

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