

An aerial photograph of Sydney, Australia, featuring the Sydney Opera House in the foreground and the city skyline in the background. The Opera House is illuminated with warm lights, and the city buildings are silhouetted against a soft, hazy sky. The water of the harbor is visible, reflecting the lights.

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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 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.

### DAY 2

Destination	Cairns
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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.

### DAY 3

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

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.

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### DAY 4

Destination Cairns ✈ Sydney

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

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

### DAY 5

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 Sydney Opera House.

### DAY 6

Destination Sydney

Meals included Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

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.

### DAY 7

Destination Sydney ✈ Christchurch

Meals included Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation N/A

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Fly to the historic city of Christchurch, New Zealand. 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.

### DAY 8

Destination	Christchurch 🚗 Mt Cook Region
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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.

### DAY 9

Destination	Mt Cook Region 🚗 Arrowtown 🚗 Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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.

### DAY 10

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

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.

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### DAY 11

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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.

### DAY 12

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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.

### DAY 13

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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

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## TOUR ITINERARY

### Inclusions

#### WHATS INCLUDED

Superior twin share accommodation  
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary  
Discover the wonders of Aboriginal culture  
Cruise Sydney Harbour and Milford Sound  
Experience Queenstown, the adventure capital of the world  
Indulge in regional flavours during lunch at a family-run merino sheep farm  
21 Meals: 12 Breakfasts - 3 Lunches - 6 Dinners

### Fine Print

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