

20 DAY AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND UNCOVERED

DESTINATIONS

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SYDNEY
AUCKLAND



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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Wellington
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Delve into the South Pacific heritage and get a close look at New Zealand's Maori lifestyle and the roots of Australia's Aboriginal groups. Your journey starts in New Zealand. Feel the ever-present heartbeat of Maori culture on this set of islands. Comprised of natural beauty and striking contrasts, live the Kiwi lifestyle for the next 10 days. Say hello to Wellington, the colourful capital city of New Zealand. Take in the gourmet eats, seaside charm, and scenic coastline as you feel the warm ocean breeze of the "Windy City."

DAY 2

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

Jump right into Maori culture as you are greeted with a traditional powhiri, an elaborate ceremony for welcoming guests. Marvel at the carved wakas, sleek canoes of intricate design, to get a glimpse into this captivating society at a Maori culture centre. Get exclusive access to an archaeological site not open to the public during a guided exploration of a waterfront pa (Maori for village). Taste Maori heritage in a Hangi dish and discover the roots of the culture at the Te Papa Museum. Admire the rolling waves as you share conversation, connecting over dinner.

DAY 3

Destination	Wellington 🚗 Nelson
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Surrounded by green slopes and rolling mountains, the Cook Strait will offer a picturesque landscape as you cruise over the stunning waters on your way to the South Island. Visit Nelson, the oldest city on the island. Enjoy an evening at leisure to experience this coastal hub, full of local works and a trending foodie scene. This local art hub highlights works from the area, artisan food markets, and sparkling waters.

DAY 4

Destination	Nelson 🚗 Abel Tasman National Park 🚗 Nelson
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Explore the Nelson Market, a bustling open-air market featuring delicious foods and goods from local artists. Chat with New Zealander artisans as you walk along the spirited stalls and peruse an ever-evolving library of Kiwi crafts. Venture on to Kaiteriteri, a coastal paradise where you'll set sail through the graceful natural beauty of Abel Tasman National Park. Coast over the crystal clear waters as you pass by verdant swathes of reaching trees huddled along the shoreline. A picnic lunch awaits at the Anchorage, a scenic bay set amongst a backdrop of gentle waves and sandy coasts.

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DAY 5

Destination	Nelson 🚗 Cape Foulwind Seal Colony 🚗 Punakaiki
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning meet with a local artist at his studio to learn about New Zealand greenstone carving. Then, venture to Cape Foulwind and find yourself set among dramatic ocean overlooks, towering mountains, and rustling foliage. Watch the dynamic colony of fur seals lounging on the sun-soaked rocks and dipping into the crashing waves. Tonight, dine at your beachfront hotel, a natural haven of craggy peaks and lively waterspouts.

DAY 6

Destination	Punakaiki 🚗 Franz Josef
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, it's your choice! Start the day surrounded by ethereal flora as you meander along Truman Track, a path that weaves through thick rainforest and onto a hidden beach below -OR- soak in a bit of coastal serenity and enjoy a leisurely morning at your hotel. Then, we gather to experience the natural phenomenon of Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks. Feel the spray of the ocean crashing against these unique limestone formations with a flapjack façade. On your way to Franz Josef, New Zealand's glacier country, you'll get to experience Hokitika, better known as a "cool little town." Discover the area's seaside allure by combing the beach in search of New Zealand jade or perhaps you'll explore the shops and eateries in town.

DAY 7

Destination	Franz Josef
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Choose how to start your day because it's your choice! View the Franz Josef Glacier with a local guide, traversing an exclusive trail not open to the public -OR- get a glimpse of kiwis at the West Coast Wildlife Centre, where you'll learn more about conservation and rehabilitation of this national icon. Enjoy free time to relax. Perhaps you will step into the rainforest and soak in the steamy thermal waters of the Franz Josef Glacier Hot Pools.

DAY 8

Destination	Franz Josef 🚗 Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Journey through the thick rainforest and emerge on the "wild" west coast. With cliffs and beaches on your right and the southern snowcapped Alps on your left, there will be no shortage of riveting landscapes to capture your eye. Pause in Wanaka, a slice of tranquility nestled along a mountain-lined lake. Continue to Queenstown, the adventure capital of the world, and settle into your home for the next three nights.

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Destination	Queenstown 🚗 Milford Sound 🚗 Queenstown
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Accommodation	N/A

Take in the Milford Sound, a surreal fjord stretching through the Southern Alps. En route, enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley and cross through an ancient red beech forest. Take in the natural splendour around you as you cruise along the waters of the dramatic Milford Sound. With cliffs rising up to nearly 4,000 feet, you'll see why this is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, return to Queenstown for an evening at leisure. You may choose to return to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps.

DAY 10

Destination	Queenstown
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today is yours! Explore the adventure capital whichever way your heart desires. Perhaps you'll choose an optional tour to Mt. Nicholas Farm, where you'll get a hands-on experience with merino wool. Or you might choose to experience the thrill of a jetboat ride on the Shotover River. Tonight, gather around the table as a welcomed guest when you join a local Kiwi family for a home cooked dinner.

DAY 11

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

Wish New Zealand goodbye and enter Australia, home to expansive Outback and lively waterfront cities. Start your Aussie adventure in Sydney, the country's largest city. Acquaint yourself with the streets on an orientation tour, gathering your bearings and getting a glimpse at the highlights. As the sun sets, admire the city skyline on a dinner cruise through Sydney Harbour and watch the sky transform into a myriad of pinks and oranges over the iconic Sydney Opera House.

DAY 12

Destination	Sydney
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Take a step into the past and explore the historic Rocks neighbourhood, situated along the edge of Sydney Harbour. Continue along to the port Circular Quay before strolling through the winding paths of the Royal Botanical Gardens. Here, you'll delve into Aboriginal culture by learning about native plants and foraging for traditional foods. Go behind the scenes of the Sydney Opera House on an expert-led guided tour of this legendary venue.

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DAY 13

Destination	Sydney
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Make the most of your final day in Sydney with a full day at leisure! You may choose to go on an optional Sydney Foodie Safari or take in a performance at the Sydney Opera House. Included harbour ferry passes will help you get around.

DAY 14

Destination	Sydney ✈ Adelaide 🚗 Hahndorf
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Set off on a short flight to Adelaide, the cosmopolitan hub of South Australia. Indulge in a wine tasting at d'Arenberg Cube, home to eccentric architecture and vibrant surroundings, and discover why the wine maker is referred to as the "Willy Wonka of Wines." Visit Hahndorf, a charming village in the Adelaide Hills and the oldest surviving German settlement in Australia. Get a taste of German cuisine and local flavours at tonight's dinner.

DAY 15

Destination	Hahndorf 🚗 Barossa Valley 🚗 Hahndorf
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Treat your taste buds to a full-day exploration of the Barossa Valley's fine food and wine. Breathe in the calming essence of lavender at Lyndoch Lavender Farm, joining an expert on a guided tour of the estate. Savour a light lunch during a lavender tea party, featuring flavorful bites and lavender sweets. Your vintner voyage continues at the famous Seppeltsfield Winery, one of the oldest in the Barossa Valley.

DAY 16

Destination	Hahndorf 🚗 Adelaide ✈ Uluru
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Your adventure continues to the mesmerizing Uluru (Ayers Rock). After your flight from Adelaide Hills, relish in free time this afternoon before gathering for an unforgettable evening set in the stunning backdrop of this Aboriginal destination. Experience the Sounds of Silence dinner, a gourmet meal overlooking the glowing Uluru. As the sun drops behind the horizon and the Milky Way starts to twinkle, relax as you eat dinner under a bed of stars, overlooking Australia's greatest natural wonder.

DAY 17

Destination	Uluru ✈ Cairns
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Get a close look at the iconic, monstrous red rocks emerging from the earth, sprung up as if beckoned towards the clouds. On a guided tour of Uluru's base and the neighboring Kata Tjuta rock formations, discover the heritage of

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Australia's Aboriginal people. Fly to Cairns and enjoy an evening at leisure, getting to know this gateway to an underwater paradise.

DAY 18

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

Board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to discover the aquatic realm of the Great Barrier Reef. Spend the day however you please, perhaps choosing from a selection of included activities. Maybe you will soak up the sun and sprawl out on the shore of a tiny sand island, located along the outer reef. Or consider tapping into your adventurous side and go snorkelling in the rolling waves, uncovering an active pod of vibrant sea life. You can also meet with a marine biologist during an informative presentation, gaining insight into this protected habitat. Or maybe you'll choose to join an expert on a heritage trail walk along the island.

DAY 19

Destination	Cairns
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy a full day at leisure to relax or explore the tropical city of Cairns. Toast to the end of your journey at a farewell dinner, reflecting on your Outback escapade.

DAY 20

Destination	Cairns
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Your tour of New Zealand and Australia comes to a close today.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

Superior twin share accommodation
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary
Uncover the core of Maori culture in New Zealand
Dive into the unparalleled Outback of Australia
Cruise through the dramatic Milford Sound
Tour the Sydney Opera House to get a glimpse of the action behind the scenes
Join a local Kiwi family for a home cooked dinner in Queenstown
Set sail through the organic splendour of Abel Tasman National Park
31 meals - 19 Breakfasts - 5 Lunches - 7 Dinners

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$250 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1442 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
- 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

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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

A Blaze of Glory on the Shotover River - \$163pp
Mt. Nicholas Farm Experience - \$78pp
A Sydney Foodie Safari - \$195pp
Dinner & Performance at the Sydney Opera House - \$364pp
Taste Your Birth Year - \$99pp
Outer Reef Experience - \$195pp
Mossman Gorge Dreamtime Walk - \$241pp

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares
Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Optional activities
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

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HOTEL LIST

Wellington - Rydges Wellington
Nelson - Rutherford Hotel
Panakaiki - Punakaiki Resort
Franz Josef - Rainforest Retreat
Queenstown - Peppers Beacon
Sydney - Quay West Suites
Hahndorf - The Manna of Hahndorf
Uluru - Desert Gardens
Cairns - Flynn Crystalbrook Collection Hotel

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$1350 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

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.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.