

# 16 DAY SOUTH PACIFIC WONDERS INCLUDING NEW ZEALAND'S NORTH ISLAND

## DESTINATIONS

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SYDNEY  
AUCKLAND



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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.

## 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

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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 ✈ Auckland
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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

### DAY 8

Destination	Auckland 🚗 Rotorua
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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

### DAY 9

Destination	Rotorua
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning you visit Te Puia, New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Witness a landscape of erupting geysers, bubbling mud pools and other geothermal wonders. The National Carving School and National Weaving School are located here, passing on age-old customs by teaching the tribal youth these traditional skills. Take part in an interactive demonstration on the art of weaving. You will also view the Kiwi bird and learn what is being

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done in an effort to remove the Kiwi from the endangered species list. Next, meet the skilled carvers who work with pounamu – New Zealand greenstone – at a local jade factory. Then, visit the Agrodome for a fun sheep shearing demonstration and learn about the importance of agriculture to the nation. Tonight, relax or explore this lovely city on your own.

### DAY 10

Destination	Rotorua 🚗 Christchurch
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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

### DAY 11

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 12

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 13

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 14

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 15

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 16

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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### Inclusions

#### WHATS INCLUDED

Superior twin share accommodation  
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary  
Cruise Sydney Harbour and Milford Sound  
Discover the wonders of Aboriginal culture  
Visit Auckland and gain insight into Polynesian culture  
Experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration  
Visit the Agrodome and observe a sheep shearing demonstration

### 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 \$1088 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

##### **Booking On Request:**

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple

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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.

### 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.

### OPTIONAL TOURS

Outer Great Barrier Reef - \$208pp  
Dinner & Performance at the Sydney Opera House - \$364pp  
A Sydney Foodie Safari - \$195 pp  
Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb - \$351pp  
Gold Seeker (Metal & Movie Discovery Tour) - \$195pp  
A Blaze of Glory on the Shotover River - \$163pp

### EXCLUSIONS

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

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### HOTEL LIST

Cairns - Flynn Crystalbrook Collection Hotel  
Sydney - Novotel Sydney Darling Square  
Auckland -Rydges Auckland  
Rotorua - Millennium Hotel Rotorua  
Christchurch - Pavillions Hotel  
Mt Cook - Mackenzie Country Hotel  
Queenstown - Millennium Hotel Queenstown

### 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 \$1900 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.