



FROM THE OUTBACK TO THE GLACIERS: AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Melbourne :: Alice Springs
Ayers Rock :: Cairns :: Great Barrier Reef
Sydney Opera House :: Franz Josef Glacier
Queenstown :: Milford Sound
Mt. Cook National Park

DAY 1 DEPARTURE Today you board your overnight flight to Australia and New Zealand.

DAY 2 TRAVEL DAY Traveling, you lose a full day.

DAY 3 MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA Your tour begins in Melbourne.

DAY 4 MELBOURNE Begin with a tour of Melbourne. Later, you may participate in an optional tour to Phillip Island, arriving at the fascinating home of the world's largest colony of little penguins. Dinner is included on Phillip Island when you purchase this option.

DAY 5 MELBOURNE - ALICE SPRINGS Fly to Alice Springs, in the heart of Central Australia and the Outback. Your tour includes the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill. Tonight, enjoy a memorable dinner in the bush complete with entertainment under the stars.

DAY 6 ALICE SPRINGS Discover the culture of the Aboriginal people. Your specialist guide, along with members of the Walpiri tribe, will share their stories and show you the everyday activities of the Aboriginals.

DAY 7 ALICE SPRINGS - AYERS ROCK Drive to Ayers Rock in the heart of the Australian Outback. Enjoy this huge monolith and the sandstone domes of the Olgas. As the sun sets, watch as Ayers Rock magically changes color.

Melbourne skyline at twilight, reflecting in the Yarra River.

NOTE: This tour requires a moderate level of mobility. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestone streets.

DAY 8 AYERS ROCK - CAIRNS Tour the Olgas and learn of their significance to Aboriginal culture. Then, off to Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. One of the world's most spectacular natural attractions, the reef is a haven for sea life, as well as turtles and birds.

DAY 9 GREAT BARRIER REEF Board a catamaran for an exciting excursion on the Great Barrier Reef. Enjoy a trip on a glass bottom boat where beautifully colored fish swim beneath you. Choose a stroll on the walking trail to take in the rain forest and the beaches, or watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier.

DAY 10 CAIRNS - SYDNEY Explore the rain forest canopy this morning on an optional skyrail tour; make a few stops on the ascent to experience the beauty of this World Heritage site. Depart for Sydney this afternoon. The evening is yours to explore.

DAY 11 SYDNEY Your tour today includes the Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, the suburb of Paddington, and a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House. Your discovery of Sydney continues with time to pursue your own interests.

DAY 12: SYDNEY Visit Koala Park which will give a chance to learn about the native wildlife. Walk amongst wallabies, indigenous birds, kangaroos, dingoes and koalas. Next, journey to the National Opal Collection where you will enjoy a fascinating opal presentation. This evening, dine while cruising the Sydney harbour.

DAY 13 SYDNEY - CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND Board your flight to New Zealand. You arrive in Christchurch. A sightseeing tour highlights the city's magnificent gardens, elegant park district and the historic Neo-Gothic Cathedral. Tonight you dine with a Kiwi family in their home, who will share their culture and traditions with you.

DAY 14 CHRISTCHURCH - FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER Traveling across New Zealand's spectacular Southern Alps, you will marvel at the snow-capped peaks and beautiful river gorges. Enjoy an optional ride aboard the Tranz-Alpine Express for a scenic trip through the Southern Alps. End your day in the Franz Josef Glacier Region which offers travelers an opportunity to experience a glacial landscape, in a temperate environment.

DAY 15 FRANZ JOSEF - QUEENSTOWN Choose an optional flightseeing tour (weather permitting) over New Zealand's beautiful glacier region. Before departing Franz Josef, visit the West Coast Wildlife Centre. Journey to Queenstown. An amazing landscape unfolds as you pass through the rain forest, surrounded by the Southern Alps and twisting coastline. After crossing the Haast Pass you arrive in Queenstown, nestled beside Lake Wakatipu. Dine at the Skyline Restaurant where you will enjoy spectacular views.

DAY 16 QUEENSTOWN - MILFORD SOUND Travel through beech forest into the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley via the Homer Tunnel to Milford Sound, where you will enjoy a fascinating cruise. Choose to return to Queenstown via a short optional flight for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps.

DAY 17 QUEENSTOWN Enjoy your day at leisure. Shop in the charming village of Queenstown or enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River.

DAY 18 QUEENSTOWN - MT. COOK Enjoy a visit to Arrowtown, a boomtown during the 1800's gold rush. Next, enjoy a tour at one of New Zealand's famous wineries. Crossing the Kawarau River, you see Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand's most famous national park, Mt. Cook, with ample time to enjoy this Alpine paradise. Choose a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting), or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps.

DAY 19 MT. COOK - CHRISTCHURCH Drive through magnificent landscapes as you return to Christchurch. Visit a working farm and view a demonstration by a skilled New Zealand sheep herding dog, followed by a sheep shearing demonstration. Tonight, step back in time as you dine at a restored mansion and learn about the history of the first settlers of Christchurch. Breakfast and dinner included.

DAY 20 CHRISTCHURCH Your tour ends today in Christchurch.

Departure	OCT. 11
Tour Length	20 Days
Single	\$10,199
Double	\$8,249

CALL FOR DETAILS on deposit and final payment deadlines.

INCLUDES: Airfaire from Winnipeg,
25 Meals: 15 Breakfasts,
2 Lunches, 8 Dinners

