

AUSTRALIA and NE

There's something truly captivating about Australia

...perhaps it is the mystique of the Outback where for centuries the Aborigines have lived, learned and endured a hard but fascinating lifestyle...or the dynamic atmosphere of modern, bustling cities.



23 DAYS: Fly to Cairns, Australia and return from Auckland, New Zealand.

Discover New Zealand

...breathtaking fjords, rolling green hills and charming cities create a world of mesmerizing beauty.

2011 DEPARTURE DATES
23 Days: March 12 October 1
2012 DEPARTURE DATES
23 Days: March 3
Airfare included
PRICES STARTING AT
\$7,709⁰⁰ twin
Additional dates available
Some departures – Itinerary varies

1-2 HOME CITIES to CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA: Today you board your Qantas flight and begin the adventure to Australia and New Zealand. Crossing the International Dateline, you lose a full day.

3 CAIRNS (NORTHERN BEACHES): (3 nights) Your tour begins today in Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, renowned for tropical rainforests, warm weather, friendly people and beautiful beaches. Tonight enjoy a special welcome dinner with your new mates. *Meals included: dinner.*

4 CAIRNS: Today visit the TJAPUKAI ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTER. Enjoy a presentation of traditional Aboriginal dances, learn about the lifestyle and try throwing a boomerang or play a didgeridoo, a traditional instrument. Browse the renowned art gallery and visit the interpretation centre which houses a collection of interesting artifacts. This afternoon search for crocodiles in their natural habitat at HARTLEY'S CROC FARM where you will also have a chance to meet some local koalas. *Meals included: breakfast.*

5 CAIRNS to GREAT BARRIER REEF: Board a high-speed catamaran for an exciting exploration of the GREAT BARRIER REEF. On Green Island explore the reef in many ways, enjoy a glass-bottom boat ride or a stroll on the walking trail to take in the rain forest or relax on the beaches, or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. Optional scuba diving, snorkeling and an outer reef tour are also available. *Meals included: breakfast, lunch.*

6 CAIRNS to MELBOURNE: (2 nights) This morning you are at leisure to explore Cairns. Later, fly to Melbourne, Australia's most stylish city! *Meals included: breakfast, dinner.*

7 MELBOURNE: Today you embark on a TOUR OF MELBOURNE featuring Fitzroy Gardens, the Shrine of Remembrance and Parliament House. Later, travel to PHILLIP ISLAND, a nature reserve and home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins. The Little Penguin is protected on Phillip Island and a staff of rangers works diligently to study and protect them. A highlight is sure to be the adorable LITTLE PENGUIN PARADE during which hundreds of lovable birds waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their burrows in the dunes. You will also visit the INTERPRETATION CENTRE where you will learn about the life of the Little Penguins and their significance to the area. Dinner is included on Phillip Island. *Meals included: breakfast, dinner.*

8 MELBOURNE to CANBERRA: A morning flight to Australia's capital city, Canberra, to enjoy a panoramic city tour visiting the OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE as well as the NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA which interactively celebrates the land, nation and people of the country. The evening is yours to explore the city's shopping district and great eateries. *Meals included: breakfast.*

9 CANBERRA to BLUE MOUNTAINS to SYDNEY: (3 nights) Journey into the majestic BLUE MOUNTAINS just outside of Sydney. Revel in the beauty of this World Heritage Site as you visit the famous THREE SISTER ROCK FORMATION and GOVETT'S LEAP. Later, arrive into the bustling city of Sydney where the evening is yours to explore. *Meals included: breakfast.*

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NAGEL TOURS



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WITH OPTIONAL 3-NIGHT FIJI POST TOUR EXTENSION

HIGHLIGHTS

- 31 meals: 20 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 9 dinners
- Cairns
- Little Penguin Parade
- Queenstown
- Mt. Cook National Park
- Great Barrier Reef
- Canberra
- Milford Sound
- Christchurch
- Melbourne
- Sydney
- Wellington
- Rotorua



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Milford Sound.

- 10 SYDNEY:** This morning you will see KINGS CROSS, the HARBOUR BRIDGE, CHINATOWN, THE ROCKS, CIRCULAR QUAY, the BOTANIC GARDENS and the fashionable suburb of PADDINGTON on a SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF SYDNEY. You will also feel the power of one of the world's most acoustically perfect, architectural designs, the SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE. This evening you will enjoy a dinner CRUISE on beautiful Sydney Harbour during which you will be treated to spectacular views of Sydney's greatest icons – the Harbour Bridge and world-famous Opera House. *Meals included: breakfast, dinner.*
- 11 SYDNEY:** This morning we take you to SYDNEY WILDLIFE WORLD which showcases Australia's fascinating flora and fauna and over 6,000 protected native animals. Walk among the wallabies and birds when you experience the interactive walk-through. Visit the KOALA SANCTUARY where you can see Australia's most famous animal species in its natural habitat. If you want to, you can even pet one! Later, enjoy an educational PRESENTATION ON OPALS – learn how raw opals are processed from the dark mine shafts to artistic creations found in your favourite jewellery store. This evening, enjoy the friendly city at your leisure or join us for an optional tour. *Meals included: breakfast.*
- 12 SYDNEY to CHRISTCHURCH, NZ to QUEENSTOWN:** (3 nights) Leave Australia and travel to New Zealand arriving in the picturesque resort village of Queenstown. Become acquainted with your surroundings during a spectacular dinner at the SKYLINE RESTAURANT, which overlooks the appropriately named 'REMARKABLE MOUNTAINS.' *Meals included: breakfast, dinner.*
- 13 QUEENSTOWN to MILFORD SOUND to QUEENSTOWN:** Travel through beech forest into the rugged grandeur of the HOLLYFORD VALLEY via the HOMER TUNNEL to Milford Sound. Enjoy a CRUISE on the spectacular fjord of Milford Sound, experiencing breathtaking vistas at every turn. Following your cruise return to Queenstown. You may opt to return via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of the Southern Alps. *Meals included: breakfast, lunch.*
- 14 QUEENSTOWN:** A free day with several options to choose from – shop in the charming village, relax and visit with new friends or enjoy an optional 'Safari of the Rings' tour that takes you deep into the majestic landscape of the *Lord of the Rings* movies. *Meals included: breakfast.*
- 15 QUEENSTOWN to MOUNT COOK:** Travel the spectacular countryside to New Zealand's most famous NATIONAL PARK, Mount Cook. Enroute stop at a LOCAL FRUIT STAND to gain an inside look at the produce of New Zealand. Mount Cook is one of the most impressive mountains in the world. You may choose to view the massive glaciers and extensive snow-covered mountain top terrain on an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting) or perhaps enjoy the park during a nature walk. *Meals included: breakfast, dinner.*
- 16 MOUNT COOK to CHRISTCHURCH:** (2 nights) Journey through the rolling CANTERBURY HILLSIDE enroute to Christchurch. Located on the AVON RIVER, this charming city is considered "the most English city outside of England." A SIGHTSEEING TOUR highlights MAGNIFICENT GARDENS, the NEO-GOTHIC CATHEDRAL and the DOWNTOWN PARK DISTRICT. *Meals included: breakfast.*
- 17 CHRISTCHURCH:** Today free time to explore this charming city at your leisure. This evening you are invited to dine and make friends with a NEW ZEALAND FAMILY in their home. This is sure to be an unforgettable evening during which you will learn about the customs of the "Kiwi's" and enjoy a home cooked meal. *Meals included: breakfast, dinner.*
- 18 CHRISTCHURCH to PICTON to WELLINGTON:** (2 nights) Travel up the winding eastern coast to Picton where you will board the famous INTERISLANDER FERRY for one of the most scenic trips the world has to offer. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as you cruise through the MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS and cross the COOK STRAIT, arriving this evening in the capital city of Wellington. Nestled between a sparkling harbour and the rolling hills of the North Island, Wellington was first settled by Polynesians in the 10th century. *Meals included: breakfast, dinner.*
- 19 WELLINGTON:** Today enjoy a SIGHTSEEING TOUR of Wellington viewing the BEEHIVE, NEW ZEALAND'S PARLIAMENT, HISTORIC ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, and the GOVERNMENT BUILDING, the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. Following the tour visit the national museum of New Zealand, TE PAPA TONGAWERA MUSEUM. *Meals included: breakfast.*
- 20 WELLINGTON to NAPIER:** Journey into the region of HAWKE'S BAY arriving in the city of Napier. Rebuilt in the 1930s after a devastating earthquake, Napier boasts some of the greatest art deco architecture in the world. *Meals included: breakfast.*
- 21 NAPIER to ROTORUA:** (2 nights) Enjoy an ART DECO TOUR of this great city. Then travel to Rotorua, known as the geothermal wonderland and cultural capital of New Zealand. The evening is yours to explore this great city. *Meals included: breakfast.*
- 22 ROTORUA:** A full enjoyable day is ahead of you. This morning visit TEPUIA, New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. You'll be truly amazed by the landscape of erupting geysers, bubbling mud pools and other geothermal wonders! Here, the Maori keep their customs alive by teaching the tribal youth the skills of traditional carving, weaving and dancing. Take part in an INTERACTIVE DEMONSTRATION on the art of weaving and the importance of the Maori dress. You will also view the KIWI BIRD and learn what New Zealanders are doing to try to remove them from the endangered species list. Next, a visit to the AGRODOME to see a SHEEP SHEARING DEMONSTRATION and learn how wool, one of New Zealand's premier products, is processed. This afternoon visit a JADE FACTORY to see how the raw product is transformed into a fabulous gemstone. This evening receive a traditional Maori welcome at a Hangi meal followed by a traditional performance of songs, dances and other cultural festivities. *Meals included: breakfast, dinner.*
- 23 ROTORUA to AUCKLAND to HOME CITIES:** Travel to Auckland where your tour ends. Depart for home with pleasant memories of your Australia and New Zealand adventure. *Meals included: breakfast.*

DAY YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- 1, 2 Overnight Flight
- 3 – 5 CAIRNS: Novotel Oasis
- 6, 7 MELBOURNE: Rendezvous Hotel
- 8 CANBERRA: Novotel Hotel
- 9 – 11 SYDNEY: The Menzies or Vibe Hotel
- 12 – 14 QUEENSTOWN: Mercure Resort
- 15 MOUNT COOK REGION: Hermitage Hotel
- 16, 17 CHRISTCHURCH: Chateau on the Park or Rydges
- 18, 19 WELLINGTON: Novotel Capital or Duxton
- 20 NAPIER: Scenic Circle Te Pania
- 21, 22 ROTORUA: Rydges

On some dates alternate hotels may be used

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