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South Pacific Wonders

From £3,049* pp | 13 Days • 20 Meals *Prices are per person for tour only based on 2 people sharing.
Personalise your tour with our range of competitively priced regional flying options.

DREAM BIG DOWN UNDER

Explore two great countries of the Southern Hemisphere – Australia and New Zealand. From the tropical splendour of the Great Barrier Reef on Australia's northeast coast, to the ethereal beauty of glacial fjords on New Zealand's South Island, this journey to the lands "Down Under" brings you the best of both countries at an enjoyable pace. Cruise Sydney Harbour and Milford Sound. Meet Australia's wildlife up close. Discover the wonders of Aboriginal culture. Indulge in regional flavours at a wine tasting and experience Queenstown, the adventure capital of the world.

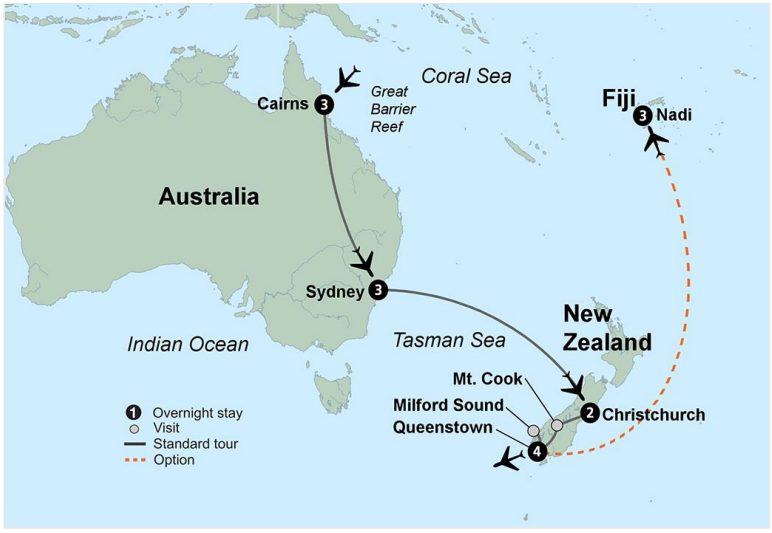






YOUR TOUR – AT A GLANCE

- Come to know Australia's people at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Center.
- Get up close and personal with cuddly koalas and native crocodiles at Hartley's Croc Farm.
- Take a guided tour of the fascinating Sydney Opera House.



Must-See's

- Board a catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef.
- See where the original colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney.

Choice On Tour

- Ascend to the top of the Sydney Tower Eye and then visit the Sea Life Sydney Aquarium. Or, explore the best spots of Sydney Harbour in a high-speed boat.

Culinary

- Take in the sights during a dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- A New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for dinner!
- Visit a local winery to taste some of their famous wines.

YOUR ITINERARY

Please note: tour inclusions and available options may vary based on departure date. Please select a date above for more details.

Day 1 Cairns, Australia - Tour Begins

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.

Dinner High 29° Low 22° 7"
Pacific International Cairns

Day 2 Great Barrier Reef

Board a high speed catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. This is an immense series of 2,800 coral reefs which 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.

Breakfast & Lunch
High 29° Low 22° 7"
Pacific International Cairns

Day 3 Cairns

Come to know the history of Australia's original inhabitants at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Center. Here you'll see traditional dances, learn how to play a didgeridoo or even throw a boomerang. Browse the renowned art gallery and interpretation centre'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 cuddly creatures. Take an exciting cruise on the lagoon and watch for crocodiles before enjoying a delicious Aussie barbecue.

Breakfast & Dinner
High 29° Low 22° 7"
Pacific International Cairns

Day 4 Cairns - Sydney

original English colonists first settled in 1788. Other highlights include Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and the fashionable suburb of Paddington. Discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural sights on a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Next, learn how raw opals are transformed into beautiful works of art at the National Opal Centre. This afternoon the choice is yours! Experience the area at your own pace with a 24 hour hop on hop off Sydney Harbour cruise pass. Hop off to explore places of interest or stay on and relax during a narrated cruise. Or choose to ascend the Sydney Tower Eye for incredible views and explore the renowned Sea Life Sydney Aquarium.

Breakfast High 23° Low 14° 4"
Novotel Rockford Darling Harbour

Day 6 Sydney

Embrace the exciting city of Sydney during a day of independent exploration. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Tonight, say farewell to Australia by 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.

Breakfast & Dinner
High 23° Low 14° 4"
Novotel Rockford Darling Harbour

Day 7 Sydney - Christchurch, New Zealand

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.

Breakfast & Dinner High 17° Low 8° 2" Pavilions Hotel

Day 8 Christchurch

Delight in some leisure time to explore Christchurch on your own. You may wish to visit the informative and interactive International Antarctic Centre to learn about the 7th continent, or simply relax and enjoy what the city has to offer.

demonstration. Continuing to Queenstown, savour the chance to spot the highest peak in the Southern Alps, Mt. Cook, before stopping at a local fruit stand for an inside look at the produce of New Zealand. Arrive in Queenstown and have time to explore before dinner this evening.

Breakfast & Dinner High 16° Low 6° 2" Millennium Hotel Queenstown

Day 10 Queenstown - Arrowtown - Queenstown

Set off for the beautiful turn-of-the-century Gold Rush settlement of Arrowtown. Take time to explore independently and stroll its quaint, historic streets. Next, explore the Central Otago region where many of New Zealand's best wines are grown and produced. During a stop at a local winery, visit their storage cave for a tasting of some of their famous wines.

Breakfast High 16° Low 6° 2"
Millennium Hotel Queenstown

Day 11 Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown

En route to Milford Sound, enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley. You'll travel through ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. During a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound 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.

Breakfast & Lunch High 16° Low 6° 2" Millennium Hotel Queenstown

Day 12 Queenstown

A free day offers a variety of optional activities to enhance your tour. Shop or people-watch in the village; partake in an optional, exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River; or join the optional "Journey through Middle Earth" tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the spots where The Lord of the Rings movies were filmed. This evening, take in the city of Queenstown from above. A breathtaking gondola ride takes you to dinner at the Skyline Restaurant overlooking Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkable

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

Breakfast High 23° Low 14° 4" Novotel Rockford Darling Harbour

Day 5 Sydney

Tour Sydney and discover where the

Breakfast High 17° Low 8° 2" Pavilions Hotel

Day 9 Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region - Queenstown

Traverse the spectacular countryside. Stop at a Canterbury farmyard for the rare opportunity to learn how a New Zealand family farm operates – you may even catch a sheep shearing

Mountains.

Breakfast & Dinner High 16° Low 6° 2" Millennium Hotel Queenstown

Day 13 Queenstown - Tour Ends

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

Breakfast

THINGS TO KNOW

Tour Activity Level



This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestoned streets.

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Electricity

An adaptor (which changes the physical plug) and/or converter (which changes the electric current) are necessary if you plan to use an appliance with voltage different from the standard within the country you are visiting. Please note, if your appliance has dual voltage you may still need an adaptor for the plug. When packing your electronic items for travel, please review the converter electric current level to make sure it is the same or greater than the items you are planning on using. If you plan on utilising or transporting a sleep apnea machine, please remember to pack an extension cord and adapter plug to ensure proper function.

Australia and New Zealand use 230 Volts. Both are Type I plugs.

Elevation

The highest elevation encountered on this tour is 762 metres.

Time Zone

Australia is 10 hours ahead of GMT. New Zealand is 11 hours ahead of GMT. During the months of October through March, New Zealand and part of Australia observe Daylight Savings Time. At this time, Australia will be 11 hours ahead of GMT and New Zealand will be 12 hours ahead of GMT. Dates and times are approximate. Every country observes different calendar schedules for Daylight Savings time, therefore local times will depend on the season in which you are travelling.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Tivua Island Day Cruise - £99

Seize the chance to set sail upon the legendary waters of the South Pacific. Board your sailing ship (the Ra Marama or Fiji One) and let the winds carry you to the coral atoll of Tivua Island, home to 500 acres of coral gardens.
**This excursion is only available with Fiji Extension 3 Nights Land Portion.*

Over and Through the Rainforest Canopy - £85

Glide over and through the lush rainforests of Cairns on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, the world’s longest gondola cableway.

Sofitel Day Room Double Occupancy - £77

Linger in paradise. Most flights from Fiji to LAX depart in the late evening. Check out time at your hotel is 11:00am.
**This excursion is only available with Fiji Extension 3 Nights Land Portion.*

Sofitel Day Room Single Occupancy - £154

Linger in paradise. Most flights from Fiji to LAX depart in the late evening. Check out time at your hotel is 11:00am.
**This excursion is only available with Fiji Extension 3 Nights Land Portion.*

Garden of the Sleeping Giant Island Tour - £58

This popular half-day tour takes you into Nadi's scenic hinterland to the Garden of the Sleeping Giant.
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A Sydney Foodie Safari - £112

Join your expedition leader for a tasty experience and come to know the culinary culture of one of the world’s great food cities.

Antarctica - £35

Did you know that New Zealand is one of the primary departure points for Antarctica? Well, this makes it the perfect place to learn about the 7th continent!

Take a Steamship to Dinner - £93

Step back in time when you board the TSS Earnslaw, the beloved steamship that has been transporting goods and people on Lake Wakatipu since 1912.

Journey Through Middle Earth - £108

Embark on a 4WD adventure into the primeval, mystical landscapes where the powerful "Lord of the Rings" trilogy inspired by J.R.R.

A Blaze of Glory on the Shotover River! - £89

Zoom through the sheer canyons of the Shotover River on this thrilling ride. Shotover Jet boats race along in mere centimeters of the glacial water which flows down from the Southern Alps, providing an exhilarating, but safe and enjoyable ride for all ages.