Inspiring Journeys

Luxury Small Group Journeys

Australia • New Zealand

2019 / 2020
We believe that the best journeys are personal and intimate. Meet Rosie Belvie at the Tamaki Māori Village. Come on an awe-inspiring journey with me, back in time to ancient Māori lands. Hear stories of my ancestors, passed down through generations and immerse yourself in the beauty and wisdom of our fascinating traditions.

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that **authentic experiences** keep a lifelong **passion** for travel *alive*.

Meet Manuel Pamkal at the Top Didj Experience

Discover a civilisation with a history dating back thousands of years as I share my passion for my culture and teach you traditional 'Rarrk' painting techniques passed down through generations.

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Experience genuine awe as you marvel at mighty Franz Josef Glacier, then travel to stunning Queenstown and transcendent Milford Sound.

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11 days • NZNI ............................................................. 66
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FRONT COVER

Lake Wanaka, New Zealand

Lake Wanaka lies at the heart of the Otago Lakes in the lower South Island of New Zealand. Its name is Māori, a corruption of Oanaka (‘The place of Anaka’, a local tribal chief).
Sustainable and Eco-friendly Travel

Know that you are supporting sustainable tourism and wildlife conservation efforts while you visit pristine protected habitats, relax in five star eco-lodges and support TreadRight’s sustainability projects (see p22). Discover Kakadu while staying in the eco-friendly Wildman Wilderness Lodge, relaxing in the knowledge that they are committed to these same environmentally sensitive tourism principles.

Unique Local Dining Experiences

Meet the locals and indulge in gourmet produce and wine sourced from the region during an intimate dining experience. Delight in the delicious food and wine that embodies the soul of each destination and create flavourful moments to last a lifetime.

Exclusive Cultural Experiences

Enrich your journey with authentic cultural experiences designed to share the ancient narratives of your destination. In New Zealand, you’ll immerse yourself in Māori culture and experience the stories hidden in their ancient customs as you interact with descendants who keep these traditions alive.

To book or for more information, visit inspiringjourneys.com, call 1 866 240 1659, or speak to your travel agent.
Unique Experiences

Every destination holds endless opportunities to create lasting memories through enriching and inspiring experiences. At Inspiring Journeys, we ensure that all trips showcase a wide variety of highlights that are authentic, engaging and off the beaten track.

Our experiences feature real locals who hold genuine connections to each destination as well as breathtakingly unique landscapes. Whether it’s staying in the heart of a pristine national park or having lunch with a family of dairy farmers, each journey will inspire stories to last a lifetime.

“I enjoyed broadening my knowledge and understanding of what the Northern Territory has to offer, including Aboriginal culture. I loved the laid-back style, casual nature and seeing the spectacular scenery. Climbing Ubirr and exploring Katherine Gorge were major highlights.”

– Traveller on Kakadu’s Ancient Secrets

Discover Daintree Rainforest

See the lush Daintree, the world’s oldest living rainforest, from a new perspective during a private guided tour. Your Indigenous guide will highlight medicinal properties of plants and demonstrate traditional bush tucker while sharing the culture and stories of the Kuku Yalanji people.

Inspiring Australia, p26
Immerse yourself in a Welcome to Country Ceremony

Witness a Welcome to Country ceremony performed by Indigenous Australian Elders welcoming visitors to their traditional land. Then local Gariwerd, Djab Wurrung and Jardwadjali people will teach you how to throw a boomerang and gather local bush tucker for sampling.

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Te Waonui Forest Retreat

Escape the city rush and be surrounded by the pristine wilderness of New Zealand’s West Coast, when you stay at Te Waonui Forest Retreat. Nestled near the Franz Josef Glacier, relax in the Franz Josef geothermal hot pools as you take in the natural ambiance and simply unwind.

The Southern Drift, p62
1 Tailored Luxury Holidays
Whether it’s visiting a museum, dining at an exclusive restaurant or discovering hidden gems, we will help you tailor your journey to get the most out of every destination, based on what your trip means to you.

2 Superb Service
From boutique accommodation to luxury coaches and exclusive experiences; all aspects of an Inspiring Journey have been carefully chosen to provide you with superb service.

3 Smaller Groups
With a maximum of only 20 people per journey you will enjoy a more exclusive and intimate experience, including access to unique locations that can’t be reached by larger groups.

4 Immersive Experiences
We offer a range of hands-on and authentic experiences that bring to life the history and culture of each destination, helping you to create a lifetime of memories.

5 Globally Sustainable
Partnering with the TreadRight Foundation (see p22), we place conservation and responsible tourism at the heart of every trip.

6 Our People
Your passionate Journey Director and/or Driver Guide will be with you all the way, always ready to share in-depth local knowledge and take care of all the finer details – so you don’t have to.
At Inspiring Journeys, we want to rekindle your passion for travel through immersive, boutique experiences. We offer a range of journeys from 5 to 22 days to the most idyllic, breathtaking and iconic locations in Australia and New Zealand in a small group of up to 20 travellers, with no children under 12. Best of all our expert Journey Directors and/or Driver Guides will take care of everything else, so you can sit back and be inspired by the journey.

The Four Pillars
Discover • Explore • Immerse • Relax

Our Inspiring Journeys offer the perfect balance of freedom from the stress of holiday planning, with the flexibility to shape your personal journey. Each itinerary is designed to be catered to your tastes by offering a range of authentic and enriching experiences, known as the Four Pillars.

Touches of Luxury

We’ve thought of everything to make your journey as comfortable as possible. Travel in style with fully air-conditioned luxury coaches or 4WD vehicles, and enjoy on-board complimentary drinks and snacks. Our coaches come with reclining seats, footrests, panoramic windows, and an on-board restroom, as well as phone chargers and free WiFi (coverage may vary in remote areas). We also provide free arrival and departure transfers between designated airports and our hotels.

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Discover

With each journey comes an opportunity to discover a destination and a little more about one’s self. Delve into the soul of what makes each place special – the sights, sounds, smells and tastes that set one location apart from another and fixes them in our memory forever. Our Inspiring Journeys scratch beneath the surface, sharing not only iconic destinations, but special places that few have had an opportunity to encounter without the guiding hand of an expert.

Church of the Good Shepherd, New Zealand
Situated on the shores of Lake Tekapo, the Church of the Good Shepherd is nestled amongst the natural beauty of the region. Explore the building’s simple but charming main chamber and be sure to walk around the grounds, taking in the magnificent alpine views.

The Southern Drift, p62

Great Ocean Road, Victoria
Discover the Great Ocean Road, one of the world’s most scenic coastal drives, along the south-west coast of Victoria. Witness breathtaking views of the Twelve Apostles, pristine rainforest, native wildlife, golden beaches and sapphire blue seas.

Victoria’s Hidden Gems, p46

Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), Northern Territory
Witness the iconic sunrise over the 36 mystical domes of the Kata Tjuta formation and watch them glow as they change colour with the surrounding landscape. Hike around the soaring rock domes and learn about the Traditional Owners of this land, the Anangu, who have lived in the region for tens of thousands of years.

Outback Australia: The Colour of Red, p54
Journey Select

Look for this symbol for a selection of experiences that will allow you to personalise your journey. At certain destinations, just choose an experience and your Journey Director will help tailor your itinerary at no extra cost. Want to do more? Look for our optional Tailor Made Touring experiences.

Leaving no stone unturned as you enjoy an epic exploration made possible through our unforgettable range of Inspiring Journeys. Interact and connect with your surrounds, uncovering the hidden gems and insider experiences that any local would be proud to share with their treasured guests. From the edgy designs of Melbourne’s celebrated street art to the soulful splendour of Kakadu valley viewed from a secluded vantage point, embark on an unforgettable exploration of Australia and New Zealand on your terms.

Redwoods Treewalk Rotorua, New Zealand
Set in the majestic Redwoods forest, enjoy an elevated bird’s-eye view of these redwood giants.
Inspiring New Zealand, p70

Lake McKenzie, Queensland
Witness the awe-inspiring beauty of Lake McKenzie and its surrounds. Swim in the exceptional vivid blue waters or take a stroll on the pristine white silica sand that surround the perched lake.
The Uncharted Coast, p34

Melbourne’s shopping arcades
Embark on Melbourne’s most famous boutique shopping experience as you explore the city’s splendid Victoria era arcades, vibrant walkways and bustling lane ways.
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**Immerse**

Immerse yourself in all the fascinating layers of your destination – the ancient and contemporary culture, centuries-old heritage and the stories that make every stop along your journey a memorable one. We bring these places to life, giving you an opportunity to dive straight in and participate in as many activities and experiences as you wish, from sailing on Sydney Harbour to Hangi feasts shared with your gracious Māori hosts. Encounter the people, places and folklore that have shaped each destination along your unforgettable Inspiring Journey.

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**Greenstone Carvings, Hokitika, South Island**

Meet a local greenstone (jade) artisan and enjoy a traditional carving demonstrating, as you learn about the cultural value and complexity of jade craft.

*The Long White Cloud, p58*

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**Indigenous Cultural Experience, Kakadu**

Enjoy an exclusive Aboriginal cultural experience, as you learn about life in the bush and experience firsthand the fine art of rarrk painting. After which you’ll create your very own masterpiece to take home.

*Kakadu’s Ancient Secrets, p50*

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**Sailing, Sydney**

Sail across the Sydney Harbour on board a luxury yacht and take in the city sights including Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and the historic Rocks district.

*Inspiring Australia, p26*
Relax

Take time to relax and reflect on your spectacular surrounds. Inspiring Journeys are designed with flexibility in mind, giving you time to unwind and enjoy the destination at your own pace. Be inspired by the scenic natural beauty that lies ahead. Steal a quiet moment for yourself, indulging in delicious local flavours and relaxing in serene locations, from the spiritual site of Uluru to the healing spa waters of Daylesford.

Wellington, New Zealand
Unwind in the culinary capital of New Zealand. While relaxing, treat your senses to the region’s gourmet delights or perhaps enjoy a literary encounter with New Zealand’s great writers on the famed Wellington Writers’ Walk.

The Endless Shores, p66

Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa, Daylesford
Explore the humble gold rush beginnings and idyllic spa setting of Daylesford, today most famous for its natural mineral springs. Relax in the healing waters of its historic Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa, soaking up the restorative powers that discerning visitors have been enjoying for over a century.

Victoria’s Hidden Gems, p46

Cape Naturaliste, Western Australia
Enjoy a short walk in the Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse precinct and take in the breathtaking panoramic views of the Indian Ocean, Cape Naturaliste, Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park and the beautiful Geographe Bay coastline.

A Journey to the West, p38

Local Dining Experiences
Look for this symbol for our carefully-curated Local Dining Experience. Relax and enjoy regionally-sourced produce and wine with local experts and indulge in fine cuisine in selected restaurants.

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Guiding Your Journey

On an Inspiring Journey, you will be supported by a dedicated and passionate Journey Director and/or Driver Guide, who will be on hand to help make your journey the best it can be. With in-depth knowledge of every destination, an abundance of personal experience and a genuine love for what they do, they can tailor your experiences to suit your tastes.

In Service to You
Available around the clock, your Journey Director will ensure your trip exceeds your highest expectations. Equipped with years of experience, they will take care of all of the logistical details of a smooth-running journey, like hotel check-ins and baggage transfers. It’s all part of their passion to offer you an unforgettable experience, every step of the way.

Local Expert Knowledge
One of the most valuable aspects of your Journey Director’s role is to help you connect with the places you visit through authentic experiences. Connected with the locals, they can suggest restaurants, spas and other activities you’ll love as well as provide you with a wealth of information on each destination’s heritage and traditions.
“Travelling through the Red Centre, rich with traditions and culture, in a small intimate group of travellers, makes the whole experience more personalised and authentic. Each location is absolutely breathtaking and comes with its own unique story, and I love being able to share this with guests who are eager to learn about the ancient narratives of these scared landscapes.”

**Brett Holmes**  
Northern Territory

“I love being able to call Australia home, to me it’s the most spectacular place on Earth. There is so much beauty and culture everywhere and to be able to show guests from all over the world how beautiful the heart of Australia is as my job is a wonderful privilege. Watching a guest really connect with the land and its history in their own way is a definite highlight.”

**Myles Devonshire**  
Northern Territory

“New Zealand is a breathtaking destination that is filled with spectacular scenery and beautiful heritage. A highlight of mine is watching guests discover the wonders of New Zealand at their own pace. Being able to take the time to reflect on the magnificent surrounds, allows guests to truly immerse themselves in the destination.”

**Katie Lupton**  
New Zealand

“Every second, from the moment the 4WD rumbled up to the hotel door to collect me, to our last night on the river cruise dinner, will hold lasting memories for me. The small intimate group made the whole experience so much better. Warren was a superb and knowledgeable person. A great introduction to the Northern Territory.”

– Traveller on Kakadu’s Ancient Secrets

“I really appreciated the enjoyable manner in which information was imparted by Myles. His enthusiasm and sense of fun brought all activities to life which helped influence others. I enjoyed the pace of walks and activities let us enjoy them with no sense of being rushed. Kathleen’s Gallery and galling areas are a great place to visit.”

– Traveller on Outback Australia: The Colour of Red

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Enjoy Your Stay

Relax and unwind in comfort throughout your journey, with each trip featuring the best accommodation available at every destination. On many journeys, you will have the chance to stay somewhere truly remarkable, whether it’s an eco-lodge in the heart of a pristine national park or a boutique hotel in an idyllic country town, these places will charm you with their unique heritage and unparalleled service.
Look for this symbol for the selected accommodation for your Inspiring Journey. Unwind in comfort at the end of each day, secure in the knowledge that you’re enjoying your stay in the best-handpicked accommodation in each destination you’ll visit.

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Many of the meals and award-winning wines, and much of the authentic local produce you’ll enjoy on your Inspiring Journey are included. Look for this symbol indicating which meals are included each day.
Indulge the senses with gourmet food, authentic local produce and award-winning wines. We offer gourmet dining experiences and opportunities to try traditional Indigenous meals. While many meals including buffet breakfasts and a Celebration Dinner are included for each Inspiring Journey, we also provide you with the freedom to dine where you like in selected destinations.

**Gourmet Experiences**

- Katherine Gorge dinner cruise
- Casita Miro
- Hay Shed Hill Winery

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Our Commitment
We are committed to establishing lasting relationships with our guests by exceeding their expectations the first time and every time.

Our Passion
We show pride, energy and determination in all that we do. We are committed to creating exceptional experiences for our guests, employees and Journey Directors.

Our Customers
We put our guests at the heart of everything we do in order to secure their engagement, loyalty and recommendation.

Our Responsibility
Through partnering with the TreadRight Foundation, we strive to enhance and protect the communities we work in and to be a good corporate citizen.
Family Values

Inspiring Journeys is a member of The Travel Corporation (TTC), a 4th generation, family-owned business with over 100 years of travel expertise and passion. With a multi-award-winning portfolio ranging from luxury hotels and boutique river cruises, to independent vacation package companies and a variety of guided travel experiences, TTC offers something for everyone.

We are worldwide experts with 30 travel and tourism brands spanning over 70 countries, managed by 40 sales offices and over 10,000 team members, serving over 2 million customers annually. We pride ourselves on taking a long-term view, with an ethos of attention to detail in all areas of the company.

For more information, visit TTC.com
Inspiring Journeys partners with the TreadRight Foundation to safeguard the planet, wildlife and people in the places we visit for generations to come. Travel is an incredible gift. It has the ability to open our eyes, our hearts and our minds to the unique cultures and spellbinding beauty of the natural world. But with this gift comes a responsibility – to protect the world as we know it.

By partnering with TreadRight, we work together to have a positive impact on the people and communities we visit, to help protect marine and wildlife, and to care for the planet we all call home. For more information visit TreadRight.org and connect on social media: @TreadRight #TreadRight #MakeTravelMatter.

Planet Initiatives
Reducing the environmental impact of our business isn’t just a nice-to-have for us, it’s at the core of what we do. Together with The Travel Corporation, we’ve committed to eliminating all single-use plastics in both our offices and out on the road by 2022. And that’s just the beginning. In 2017 we introduced our e-docs program which allows our guests to receive their travel documents digitally, replacing the need for paper whilst also having a tree planted in their name as part of our plant a tree initiative. All of this, whilst supporting projects striving to keep our oceans and coastlines clean, are just some of the ways we’re committing to safeguarding the future of our planet.

Your Role in Sustainability
Each guest travelling with Inspiring Journeys receives a complementary stainless steel water bottle in our effort to help reduce consumption of one-time use plastic bottles.
Kiwi Conservation Programme

We contribute to the Kiwi Breeding Program in Rotorua to hatch and raise chicks, perform health checks and daily monitoring.

Guests get to have a behind the scenes guided tour including the kiwi encounter where you can see the hatchery and the kiwi breeding program in action.

We’ve hatched 55% of kiwis nationwide

Our hatchery at Rainbow Springs is the largest kiwi conservation hatchery in the world, 76% of all North Island chicks and 55% of chicks hatched nationwide are incubated and hatched at our hatchery and visitors on our “behind the scenes” tours are given a unique insight into the plight of the kiwi and the work that our team do every day to help save kiwi.

Guests can see our work at Rainbow Springs Nature Park on Day 17 of The Long White Cloud, p58, Day 6 of The Endless Shores, p66 and on Day 5 of Inspiring New Zealand, p70.

Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors

Here in Australia, we’ve partnered with Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors, one of the largest and busiest wildlife hospitals in the world!

Their mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and release sick, injured or displaced native wildlife, contributing to research that supports conservation of Australian native fauna.

Thanks to Inspiring Journeys and the TreadRight Foundation, the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital has treated over 2,000 koalas since 2014 providing koalas with a much needed lifeline. As Australia’s busiest koala hospital, the facility is at the forefront of koala research and conservation.

We’ve helped support over 2,000 koalas

Despite being one of Australia’s most iconic animals, the koala is under severe threat in the wild. Habitat destruction, road accidents, dog attacks and life threatening diseases continue to devastate populations.

Through sponsoring the trauma treatment ward at the Wildlife Hospital, the TreadRight Foundation directly helps up to 13 koalas in recovery at any one time.

With this support, the dedicated team of veterinary staff work tirelessly to provide hundreds of koalas each year with a second chance at life in the wild.

Guests can see our work at the Australia Zoo on Day 4 of The Uncharted Coast, p34.

People Initiatives

At TreadRight, we are committed to encouraging the cultures, traditions and arts of the communities we visit to thrive. We seek to enable some of these communities to see true benefit from tourism through economic empowerment. We do this through our support of micro-enterprises, and community based tourism initiatives that builds positive futures for community members and their families.

Iraq Al-Amir Women’s Cooperative

The objective aims to make the women in the area financially independent and to raise their standard of living by increasing their income and preserving local heritage.

For more information, visit TreadRight.org and connect on social media: @TreadRight #TreadRight #MakeTravelMatter
Australia

Top Didj Cultural Experience & Art Gallery, Katherine
Discover a rich passion for culture and explore the works of local Indigenous artists as they tell their story and showcase traditional activities.
Discover a beautiful culture that amazes many travellers.

Delve into a land rich with contrasts and ancient secrets. Experience the wonder of a desert sunrise against a burnt red landscape in the Red Centre, swim amongst vibrant marine life at the Great Barrier Reef or indulge in gourmet food and wine along Victoria’s spectacular coast.

Top Didj identified the need for visitors to share a cultural interaction with the Aboriginal people of Katherine. We are passionate about capturing this rich culture and providing an avenue for local Indigenous artists to tell their story and to showcase traditional activities such as fire lighting, spear and boomerang throwing, painting whilst educating visitors of their culture and way of life.

This experience is designed to allow guests the opportunity to engage with Aboriginal people. We own a beautiful culture which amazes many travellers.

Manuel Pamkal, Top Didj
Embark on an Inspiring Journey through the rainforests and reefs of northern Australia to the spiritual Red Centre and iconic harbour city of Sydney. It will delight your senses as you encounter ancient cultures, indulge in delicious cuisine, and experience natural locations that are simply out of this world.

Palm Cove is 27 kilometres north of the city of Cairns. It is named after the palm trees that line the beach. The reef shelters the inshore waters from the Coral Sea swells creating relatively calm waters between the reef and the beach.
13 DAYS Cairns • Palm Cove • Daintree • Great Barrier Reef • Alice Springs • Kings Canyon • Uluru • Kata Tjuta • Sydney • Blue Mountains • Hunter Valley

Discover
The World Heritage listed Blue Mountains
Iconic Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuta (the Olgas)
Spectacular Sydney Harbour and the famous beaches
The spectacular Great Barrier Reef on a cruise 

Explore
Hike to the top of Kings Canyon
The 36 mystical domes of Kata Tjuta

Immerse
Enjoy an Indigenous experience in the Daintree Rainforest
Sail a yacht on Sydney Harbour
Snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef

Relax
Toast an Uluru sunset with sparkling wine
Taste your way through the Hunter Valley
Day 1: Welcome to Cairns
A warm welcome to the gateway city of Tropical North Queensland – the launch pad for your epic adventure from north to south, through the untamed wilderness of the outback. Upon arrival, you’ll have time to relax before meeting your Journey Director this afternoon for a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés and later dine overlooking the gleaming waters of the Coral Sea.

Alamanda Palm Cove, Cairns, 3 nights

Day 2: Daintree and Indigenous Culture
Explore the symbiotic relationship between the local Kuku Yalanji people and ancient landscapes of the Daintree as you join your Aboriginal guide on an exclusive journey into the rainforest. Spend the morning learning about their fascinating traditions, bush diet and traditional medicines shared amidst the soundtrack of the untamed forest. Learn how to hunt for elusive mud crabs before enjoying lunch under the leafy canopies of mahogany and oak.

Full buffet breakfast, lunch

Day 3: Great Barrier Reef
Go beyond the ‘great’ and into an underwater wonderland – your cruise to discover the magic of the Great Barrier Reef will venture to Agincourt Reef on the Quicksilver wave-piercing catamaran, where you have a unique opportunity to soak up the pristine natural setting before you. Snorkel past indescent coral formations and colourful marine-life – an underwater treasure-trove as far as the eye can see. Relax up on deck surrounded by the vivid blue of the Coral Sea, bask in the golden Australian sunshine and enjoy a tropical lunch on board before returning to Palm Cove.

Full buffet breakfast, lunch

Day 4: Cairns – Alice Springs
Depart the holiday hotspot of Cairns, flying to Alice Springs before returning to Palm Cove. Golden Australian sunshine and enjoy a tropical lunch on board surrounded by the vivid blue of the Coral Sea, bask in the golden Australian sunshine and enjoy a tropical lunch on board before returning to Palm Cove.

Full buffet breakfast, lunch

Day 5: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon
This morning’s journey takes you through the West MacDonnell Ranges and along the 4WD Mereenie Loop Road, passing Tylers Lookout and Gosses Bluff. Take a walk through Angkerle (Standley Chasm), created over millions of years, and continue to your destination, Kings Canyon, where you can stroll along the shady creek bed at the foot of the towering sandstone cliffs of the canyon.

Kings Canyon Resort, Deluxe Spa Rooms

Day 6: Kings Canyon – Uluru
Rise with the birds and embark on the exhilarating 6km Rim Walk at Kings Canyon past the domes of the Lost City. Next stop is Curtin Springs Station. Learn about the legacy of the Severin family and their wrangling heritage and then kick back in true Aussie style at a delicious barbecue lunch. This afternoon, venture to the spiritual midst of Uluru in time to enjoy sparkling wine at a spectacular sunset.

Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights

Day 7: Uluru and Kata Tjuta
Venture to the Uluru – Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre where you’ll learn about the strong connection shared over millennia between the Anangu people and this ancient land. The mystical domes of Kata Tjuta are your next stop. Join your Journey Director for a guided walk deep through the whistling Walpa Gorge; tracing the cultural significance of Kata Tjuta’s ancient rocky domes. Spend the rest of the afternoon at the base of Uluru’s red slopes, embracing the timeless stories of the Anangu whose rock art you’ll have an opportunity to see before visiting the Mutitjulu Waterhole, home to the Anangu’s wanampi, an ancestral water snake. Afterwards, meet the magical stars of the Southern Hemisphere this evening at the sensational Sounds of Silence Dinner.

Day 8: Uluru – Sydney
Witness a mesmerising sunrise over Uluru – perfectly viewed from the dune viewing area. Afterwards, kick back and enjoy laidback Aussie vibes before your flight to Sydney. Consider an optional experience scenic helicopter flight over Uluru and Kata Tjuta, learn the art of Aboriginal dot painting or simply relax with a good book. This afternoon, soulful Uluru gives way to cosmopolitan Sydney.

The Langham, Sydney

“School of the Air was established in Alice Springs in 1951 and has since been established in other remote parts of Australia. School of the Air gave the children living in isolated areas a voice and gave them friends as every day they got to talk to other children along with their teacher. Our visitors get to join in the classroom, seeing the teacher and children interact and learn and our classroom is very different to a city classroom.”

– Merrilyn Spencer, Alice Springs School of the Air
Day 9: Sydney – Blue Mountains
The shimmering hue of the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park beckons from afar as you embark on a day of discovery to explore its extraordinary beauty. Soak up eucalyptus scents and discover such icons as the Three Sisters at Echo Point and spectacular Bridal Veil Falls. Go off the beaten path in the company of your Journey Director to secluded lookouts and peaceful short bushwalks.

$ Fairmont Resort Blue Mountains
10 Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 10: Blue Mountains – Hunter Valley
Explore Australia’s original wine country. A day of guilt-free indulgence awaits as you sample the delectable flavours and award-winning vintages of the Hunter Valley. Enjoy private wine tastings at boutique vineyards and a sumptuous lunch in exquisite surrounds before arriving at your hotel and spending the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

$ Kirkton Park Hotel, Hunter Valley
10 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 11: Hunter Valley – Sydney
The wind in your sails, it’s time to kick-start your afternoon on famous Sydney Harbour. Prime your sea legs and join your sailing crew on board a luxury yacht. Take the helm, work the grinders or simply kick back as you sail past the billowing sails of the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and small secluded coves surrounded by multi-million dollar waterfront homes. An evening at leisure follows your exhilarating day on the water.

$ The Langham, Sydney, 2 nights
10 Full buffet breakfast

Day 12: Sydney Sightseeing
The Eastern Suburbs of Sydney welcome you this morning as you stroll along the coastal walk. No trip to Sydney would be complete without a visit to the iconic Sydney Opera House for a VIP guided tour to learn about this architectural marvel. Afterwards, toast your Inspiring Journey at a Celebration Dinner at chef Peter Gilmore’s iconic Bennelong Restaurant under the sails of the Sydney Opera House.

$ Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 13: Farewell from Sydney
Bid farewell to the Harbour City and new found friends as your epic discovery of Australia’s natural splendour and spiritual soul has come to an end and you are transferred to Sydney Airport for your onward flight.

$ Full buffet breakfast

IJFLY: Cairns to Sydney
Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:
Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2:00pm into Cairns Airport
Day 12 – flights to depart anytime from Sydney Airport
Internal-holiday flights required to be purchased in order to fulfill the itinerary:
Day 4 – Cairns to Alice Springs: QF1949
Day 8 – Ayers Rock to Sydney: JQ661
For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.

At a glance:

TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS
1. Sounds of Silence and Bennelong Sydney Dinners
2. Aboriginal Culture in Cairns and the Red Centre
3. Sail under the Harbour Bridge on famous Sydney Harbour

DINING
12 Full buffet breakfasts
5 Lunches
4 Dinners with wine
2 Local Dining Experiences
1 Celebration Dining Experience
NEW

**The Ultimate Territory Adventure in Style**

Explore Kakadu’s ancient gorges, spectacular wetlands and unique wildlife, and meet the descendants of Aboriginal people who have lived here for 65,000 years. Then fly to the magical Red Centre, experiencing iconic Uluru, the mystical domes of Kata Tjuta, and windswept Walpa Gorge.

One of the most spectacular areas in Australia, the Katherine Gorge winds 12 km with walls climbing more than 70 metres high. The Jawoyn’s ancestors have been reported to have lived in the region up to 45,000 years ago.
**10 Days** Darwin • Mary River • Kakadu National Park • Katherine Gorge • Litchfield National Park • Alice Springs • West MacDonnell Ranges • Kings Canyon • Kata Tjuta • Uluru

Discover
- World Heritage listed Kakadu & Litchfield National Parks
- Uncover the Mary River on a safari cruise
- Iconic Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Explore
- The 36 mystical domes of Kata Tjuta (the Olgas)
- Climb Nourlangie for spectacular views over Kakadu National Park
- Get off road on the Marrakai 4WD track

Immerse
- Learn about rock art at Ubirr and Uluru
- Enjoy an Aboriginal cultural experience
- Hike to the top of Kings Canyon for magnificent views

Relax
- Toast an Uluru sunset with sparkling wine
- Experience a spectacular Red Centre sunrise
- Swim at Gunlom Falls and Wangi Falls

See itinerary next page >
As this Inspiring Journey departs early in the morning, you will need to pre-book accommodation for the previous night at Mantra on the Esplanade, Darwin.

Day 1: Darwin – Mary River

Your epic Top End adventure begins in the tropical northern city of Darwin. Meet your local Journey Director and board your luxury 4WD vehicle. Your brush with Australia’s natural treasures begins in Litchfield National Park. Hear how the local Aboriginal people’s ancestral spirits have shaped the landscape, before embarking on a cross-country journey along the rugged Marrakai Track (seasonally accessible) to the Mary River Wetlands. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers at a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés followed by dinner.

Lunch, dinner with wine

Day 2: Mary River – Kakadu

Wake up with the wildlife and head to Corroboree Billabong, where you’ll take a cruise in the company of a local guide to explore its floodplains and spot the creatures that find sanctuary in its lotus-covered waters. Next, journey into the tropical depths of iconic Kakadu National Park, enjoying a sunset walk at the rock-art galleries of Ubirr. Perched atop Nadab Lookout, watch the sun set over the lush Kakadu floodplains.

Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Jabiru

Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 3: Kakadu – Katherine

Enjoy a leisurely start to your day, or take to the skies on an optional experience early-morning flight over Kakadu before venturing to Nourlangie to admire the ancient Dreamtime art of the Bininj and Mungguy people. Continue cross-country to Gunlom Falls, where a hike to the summit is rewarded with a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear plunge pool. Lunch in the shade of rustling gum-trees before driving on to tonight’s five-star eco-lodge accommodation.

Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, Katherine, 2 nights

Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 4: Katherine Gorge

Meet didgeridoo expert Manuel Pamkal this morning and share in his passion for the rich traditional culture into which he was born. Learn about life in the bush and experience first-hand the fine art of rarrk (cross-hatch) painting. Later, board a dinner cruise on Katherine Gorge and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people, traditional owners of Nitmiluk National Park.

Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 5: Katherine – Darwin

A leisurely start to the day could see you relaxing at the lodge or setting off on a comfortable walk. Later, emerge from the wilderness to journey north along the Stuart Highway on your return to Darwin, stopping to cool off in the cascading waters of Edith Falls and visit the poignant Adelaide River War Cemetery. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure in Darwin.

Mantra on the Esplanade, Darwin

Full buffet breakfast, lunch

Day 6: Darwin – Alice Springs

After a morning flight to Alice Springs meet your Red Centre Journey Director and group of fellow travellers. Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service to see how this facility provides vital medical assistance to outback inhabitants. Nearby, is the School of the Air, a crucial service providing education to children living in remote Australian communities. This evening, join your Alice Springs family hosts for a Local Dining Experience barbecue dinner around a campfire, as the Milky Way lights up the sky.

Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, 2 nights

Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

“Visit Nitmiluk with an open heart and mind. Be open to “feel” the natural beauty, the peace and the gentle presence of the Jawoyn people who have been living on this country for tens of thousands of years. Bring this beautiful state of mind back home and you can rest assured that this experience will have left a mark on your life.”

– Sveva Falletto, Nitmiluk Tours & Cicada Lodge
Day 7: Alice Springs
Visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station, site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs, and learn how it relayed messages between Darwin and Adelaide for 60 years. Then the stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell Ranges take centre stage as you embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap and dramatic Angkerle (Standley Chasm), which was created over millions of years. The deep red sandstone formation contrasts with the lush green ferns and gum trees on the valley floor. Later, back in Alice Springs, you’ll have some free time to relax by the pool or choose to explore more, at your own pace.

Day 8: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon
En route to Kings Canyon you’ll travel along the 4WD Mereenie Loop Road past Tylers Lookout and Gosses Bluff. On arrival, gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on a 6km rim walk past the domed ‘Lost City’ and the luscious ‘Garden of Eden’. Another unique wilderness dining experience, Under a Desert Moon, awaits you this evening. The flickering glow of the fire is the perfect accompaniment to sparkling wine and canapés followed by dinner, prepared from fresh produce and ingredients unique to the Australian outback.

Day 9: Kings Canyon – Uluru
Now you’re bound for Uluru. On your way visit Curtin Springs Station, home to the Severin family since 1956. Kick back in true Aussie-style at a barbecue lunch while hearing from one of the locals about the Severin’s and the logistics of running a million-acre cattle property. Afterwards, enter Uluru–Kata Tjuta National Park, experiencing the magnificence of the 36 red conglomerate rock domes that form Kata Tjuta, and joining your Journey Director for a guided walk through the immense Waipara Gorge. Later, witness the spectacular changing colours as the sun sets over Uluru, then join your Journey Director and fellow travellers for a Celebration Dinner at Ilkari Restaurant.

Day 10: Farewell from Ayers Rock Resort
Experience a majestic sunrise over Kata Tjuta and Uluru from the fantastic Kata Tjuṯa dune viewing platform. From here it’s off to the Uluru–Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre for breakfast and an insight into the history of the local Anangu people. Take a walk around to the base of Uluru, hearing timeless stories, viewing spectacular rock art, and visiting the culturally-significant Mutitjulu Waterhole. In the late morning, when your Inspiring Journey comes to an end, you’ll be transferred to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight.

At a glance:

TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS
1. Swimming at Gunlom Falls
2. Barbecue dinner under the stars in Alice Springs
3. Experience the magic of an Uluru and Kata Tjuta sunrise

DINING
9 Full buffet breakfasts
8 Lunches
4 Dinners with wine
3 Local Dining Experiences
1 Celebration Dinner

From $5575 per person twin share land only

MNCR: Darwin to Uluru (Ayers Rock)
Flights are not included in the holiday price. Flight Information:
Day Prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport
Day 10 – flights to depart after 1:00pm from Ayers Rock Airport
Internal-holiday flights required to be purchased in order to fulfil the itinerary:
Day 6 – Darwin to Alice Springs: QF1937
For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.

For the detailed itinerary and additional departure dates, please visit inspiringjourneys.com/mncr, or speak to your travel agent.
The Uncharted Coast

Indulge yourself in the relaxed lifestyle of the southern Queensland coast. From the understated luxury of Spicers Hidden Vale to the rugged beauty of the world’s largest sand island, you’ll discover the beach culture for which tropical Byron Bay and Noosa are internationally renowned.

Be in awe of the Enchanted Cave, the largest amethyst cave in the world, and also the world’s tallest geode pair, The Crystal Guardians. Be at peace with the largest stone Blessing Buddha in Australia, and the only Kalachakra World Peace Stupa in the southern hemisphere.
Discover Queensland Hinterland with off the beaten track locations
Walk to Carlo Sandblow from Rainbow beach, a famous sunset or sunrise vantage point

Explore
With a walking tour of Brisbane with a local Indigenous guide and expert
Swim in the fresh waters of Lake McKenzie at Fraser Island

Immerse
Enjoy a private Indigenous storytelling under the stars at Spicers Hidden Vale
Learn of Australia Zoo’s wildlife endeavours
Meet camels at Summer Land Camel Farm and learn about the health benefits of camel’s milk from an expert

Relax
On a private boat tour of Gold Coast waterways while enjoying a pre-dinner drink

See itinerary next page >
Day 1: Welcome to Brisbane

On arrival in Brisbane, you’ll be transferred by private car to your hotel in Brisbane’s South Bank. Meet your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés before a stroll to the waterfront restaurant, Stokehouse Q. Take in the river and city views as you dine with your travelling companions.

Emporium Hotel South Bank, Brisbane
$ Dinner with wine

Day 2: Brisbane – Rainbow Beach

After breakfast, you’ll join a local expert on a unique walking tour of Brisbane that will offer you a rare opportunity to learn about Brisbane’s Aboriginal history and its culturally rich street art. Try some Indigenous flavours at morning tea before departing Brisbane for your road trip through the Queensland countryside with time along the way to stop in charming hinterland villages including Montville. You’ll arrive late afternoon in the tiny, idyllic town of Rainbow Beach, known for its colourful sandcliffs.

Rainbow Ocean Palms Resort, Rainbow Beach
$ Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Rainbow Beach – Noosa

Take the ferry to famous Fraser Island and join a 4WD tour of the world’s largest sand island. Walk through towering rainforest at Central Station and swim in the exceptionally pure, vivid blue waters of Lake McKenzie, or stroll on the pristine white silica sand that surrounds the perched lake. Continue your journey to the iconic beachside destination of Noosa. This evening will be free for you to dine at leisure in Hastings Street.

Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas
$ Full buffet breakfast, lunch

Day 4: Noosa – Grandchester

A wildlife extravaganza awaits you today at Australia Zoo, made famous by the late Steve Irwin, the ‘Crocodile Hunter’. Witness the renowned Crocoseum Wildlife Warrior show and enjoy lunch before meeting staff at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital for a private tour of this leading-edge treatment facility. Continue your journey to Spicers Hidden Vale, an historic Australian homestead set on 12,000 acres. This evening, a dinner created from local produce is served at the onsite restaurant.

Spicers Hidden Vale, 2 nights
$ Full buffet breakfast, lunch with wine, dinner with wine

Day 5: Grandchester

After a leisurely breakfast, visit Summer Land Camel Farm, the largest commercial-scale camel dairy operation outside of the Middle East. You’ll have the opportunity to create your own camel-milk skincare product in the onsite laboratory before lunch at the farm. During the afternoon you’re free to do as much or as little as you please. Spicers Hidden Vale offers an abundance of activities including self-guided nature walks and mountain-biking. However, you may consider an optional experience 4WD discovery tour or you can take to the skies on a helicopter excursion. Or simply relax by the pool while taking in the sights and sounds of the Lockyer Valley. This evening, join a local Indigenous storyteller under the stars for an unforgettable dining experience.

Spicers Hidden Vale, 2 nights
$ Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 6: Grandchester – Byron Bay

Your first destination today is Mount Tamborine, known as the ‘Green behind the Gold’. Discover stunning waterfalls and local art, or take an optional experience on the Tamborine
Rainforest Skywalk 30 metres above the valley. If you prefer, you can visit a local winery for a leisurely wine-tasting. This afternoon, cross the border from Queensland into New South Wales and visit Crystal Castle and Shambhala Gardens, where you’ll discover giant crystals, lush sub-tropical gardens and beautiful spaces for contemplation and meditation. This evening is free for you to relax and unwind at your resort.

Elements of Byron Resort & Spa

Full buffet breakfast

Day 7: Byron Bay – Gold Coast

Byron Bay is famous for its ‘vibe’, and is Australia’s easternmost point. This morning there’s time to explore the town at your own pace. You may like to book an optional experience sunrise balloon flight for spectacular views over the lush Green Cauldron region. Before leaving Byron Bay, head to the famous Cape Byron Lighthouse, a stunning vantage point offering panoramic ocean views and the opportunity for spotting whales (June to November). Your destination beckons as you approach the glitz and glamour of Australia’s Gold Coast. Enjoy a pre-dinner drink on a private boat as you cruise along the canals before a sumptuous Celebration Dinner with your Journey Director and newfound friends.

Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, Gold Coast

Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 8: Farewell from Gold Coast

Your journey concludes this morning after breakfast with your transfer to Coolangatta or Brisbane Airport for your onward flight.

Full buffet breakfast

Extend Your Journey

Elysian, Long Island

Escape from the crowds at Elysian, the most secluded island retreat in the Whitsundays, catering to a maximum of 20 guests. In Paradise Bay on the southern point of Long Island, your package includes full board, wine with dinner and all non-motorised water sports.

From $1740* per person twin share 2 nights

*Includes road transfer from Proserpine Airport to Whitsunday Airport, helicopter flight to Long Island and luggage storage. Travellers must purchase the flight from Brisbane to Proserpine. Children 15 years and under are not permitted.

quaia, Hamilton Island

Situated at the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, quaia is nestled in the most pristine and secluded position on the island. Immerse yourself in a relaxed atmosphere where everything has been meticulously considered to relax the mind and yet completely spoil the senses.

From $1310* per person twin share 2 nights

*Includes VIP airport transfers from Hamilton Island Airport. Travellers must purchase the flight from Brisbane to Hamilton Island. Includes breakfast daily. Children 15 years and under are not permitted.

IJSQLD: Brisbane to Gold Coast

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:
Day 1 – Flights to arrive prior to 2:00pm into Brisbane Airport
Day 8 – flights to depart anytime from Coolangatta Airport or Brisbane Airport
For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.

For the detailed itinerary and additional departure dates, please visit inspiringjourneys.com/ijsqld, or speak to your travel agent.
A Journey to the West

From the renowned vineyards of surfing mecca Margaret River to the endearing native quokkas on Rottnest Island and the laid-back, historic cities of Perth and Fremantle, this Inspiring Journey has much to offer the discerning traveller. Beautiful accommodation along the way adds much to your experience.

The Sugarloaf Rock is a gigantic towering granite rock that emerges from the Indian Ocean extremely close to the mainland just off Cape Naturaliste. Its ocean side is battered by treacherous seas and the rock is separated from the coast by just a narrow channel of wild water. This has created a unique environment which is home to much wildlife.
7 DAYS Perth • Penguin Island • Bunker Bay • Busselton • Cape Naturaliste • Margaret River • Rottnest Island • Fremantle

Discover
Magnificent Rottnest Island
The sights of Perth, taking in beautiful Kings Park

Explore
Shoalwater Bay’s wildlife sanctuary
Walk the length of the historic Busselton Jetty

Immerse
Learn about local Indigenous culture and bush tucker at Cape Naturaliste
Take a locally guided walking tour through historic Fremantle

Relax
Enjoy some of Australia’s best wines in Margaret River
Stay in luxury at the InterContinental Perth and beautiful boutique regional accommodation

See itinerary next page >
Day 1: Welcome to Perth
On arrival in the thriving Western Australian capital, take some time to relax or explore independently. You may like to take a stroll to the nearby Swan Bells, a set of 18 bells arrayed in a stunning modernist 82½ metre-high copper and glass campanile. Enjoy canapés and local wines as you get to know your Journey Director and travelling companions at a Welcome Reception this evening at your hotel.  
InterContinental, Perth, 2 nights

Day 2: Perth
After a leisurely breakfast visit Elizabeth Quay, where the city meets the Swan River, and Yagan Square, one of the city’s most popular community, meeting and celebration places. Then explore beautiful Kings Park, the jewel in the city’s crown. The afternoon is free for you to explore the city further at your own pace. Tonight you’ll dine in Perth’s premier historical, cultural and dining precinct, the State Buildings.  
Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Perth – Margaret River
En route to the world-renowned Margaret River wine region today, you’ll discover the white sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters of Penguin Island in the heart of the ruggedly spectacular Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. Cruise Shoalwater Bay’s wildlife sanctuary to see dolphins, penguins, sea lions and a myriad of sea-birds, then journey south to historic Busselton Jetty. Enjoy a walk on the beautifully-restored 150-year-old construction, or ride the small train to the end, 1.8 kilometres from the shore. Check in to your 5-star accommodation set on the turquoise waters of Bunker Bay, and dine at the Other Side of the Moon.

“I hope that every guest who comes along on a tour with us walks away with a better understanding of the local history here in Perth but also what it is like to live here as a local. They will see the amazing lifestyle we have here in Perth but also some of the challenges facing one of the most isolated cities in the world.”

– Ryan Mossny, Two Feet & a Heartbeat
**Day 6: Rottnest Island – Fremantle**

Wake up to the serenity of this natural paradise and enjoy a leisurely start to the day. Later this morning, take a guided coach tour of some of Rottnest’s most spectacular locations, and learn about the island’s diverse flora, fauna and history. This afternoon, cruise back to seaside Fremantle and, after taking some time to relax at your hotel, meet your fellow travellers for a Celebration Dinner.

**Dining**

- Full buffet breakfast
- Celebration Dinner

**Day 7: Farewell from Fremantle**

Join a local expert guide this morning for a walking tour of historic Fremantle, known for its maritime past and Victorian architecture. Gain unique insights into the past, present and future of the port city, and enjoy its wealth of well-preserved and restored architectural buildings, many of which were convict-built during the colonial era. Your Inspiring Journey comes to an end later this morning when you’re transferred by private car to Perth Airport for your onward flight.

**Dining**

- Full buffet breakfast

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**At a glance:**

**TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS**

1. An indulgent degustation lunch with matching wines
2. Overnight stay on Rottnest Island
3. Aboriginal Cultural Experience at Cape Naturaliste

**Dining**

- 6 Full buffet breakfasts
- 3 Dinners with wine
- 1 Local Dining Experience
- 1 Celebration Dinner

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For the detailed itinerary and additional departure dates, please visit inspiredjourneys.com/ijwa, or speak to your travel agent.
A range of unique cultural, gastronomic and accommodation experiences unfold as you explore this beautiful, historic island. Discover Hobart’s Museum of Old and New Art (MONA), spectacular Bruny Island, the Bay of Fires and glorious Wineglass and Coles Bays on this truly unique journey.

Tasmania’s Footsteps and Trails

The Bay of Fires (Indigenous name: larapuna) is a bay on the northeastern coast of Tasmania, extending from Binalong Bay to Eddystone Point. Its name refers to the Aboriginal fires spotted by Captain Tobias Furneaux when he sailed past in 1773, but it could also apply to the brilliant orange lichen that grows on the granite boulders lining the bay.
7 DAYS Launceston • Mount William National Park • Bay of Fires • Freycinet National Park • Coles Bay • Hobart • Bruny Island

Discover
The Bay Of Fires’ magnificent natural landscape
Bruny Island’s wildlife as you cruise from Adventure Bay

Explore
The renowned Museum of Old and New Art (MONA)
The natural beauty of Freycinet National Park

Immerse
Participate in cultural practices that have been passed down for hundreds of generations 🌐
Walk with Indigenous palawa guides in the footsteps of their traditional people 🌐

Relax
Stay in Hobart’s hottest new CBD property MACq 01
Indulge all your senses at the ‘Art Meets Wine’ experience
Relax in a beautiful private resort in Coles Bay

See itinerary next page >
Aboriginal ‘clan’) culture and community history as well as immerse you in the natural, rugged beauty of wukalina and larapuna.

Spend one night in absolute comfort in bespoke palawa-inspired (domed) huts, and one night in the meticulously-renovated Lighthouse Keeper’s Cottage at larapuna/Bay of Fires. You’ll be accompanied by palawa guides in the footsteps of their traditional people on the cultural homelands of wukalina and larapuna (8kms per day at an easy to moderate pace). Hear palawa creation stories and participate in cultural practices that have been passed down through hundreds of generations.

**Day 2 & 3: The wukalina walk**

This is a two-night Aboriginal-owned and operated guided walk through the magnificent natural landscape of the Bay of Fires and Mt. William areas, the cultural homeland of the palawa people. The walk is a genuine cultural experience that will deepen your understanding of palawa (a Tasmanian Aboriginal ‘clan’)

**Day 1: Welcome to Launceston**

On arrival at Launceston Airport you’ll be transferred by private car to your hotel, where you’ll have the opportunity to relax and freshen up before meeting your Journey Director for drinks and canapés at a Welcome Reception.

**Day 2 & 3: Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine**

**Day 4: Bay of Fires – Freycinet**

After breakfast, board your vehicle and follow the coast to Coles Bay and Freycinet National Park. The natural beauty of this region, which comprises a peninsula defined by Schouten Island and a granite mountain range known as The Hazards, is quite simply breathtaking. Trails lead up to a lookout for panoramic views over Wineglass Bay, and you’ll also see the secluded coves of Coles, Honeymoon and Sleepy Bays. Views from Cape Tourville Lighthouse stretch over the clear blue waters of the Tasman Sea. After two nights on the trail, check in early to your secluded waterfront accommodation to unwind and rest before enjoying a sumptuous dinner together.

**Day 5: Freycinet – Hobart**

After a leisurely start this morning, continue to Hobart to the

**Edge of the Bay Resort, Coles Bay**

**Full buffet breakfast, Coles Bay**

**Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine**
renowned Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) for an all-inclusive ‘Art Meets Wine’ experience. Perched on the banks of the River Derwent, MONA is Australia’s largest privately-owned gallery and museum. Showcasing the diverse collection of its Tasmanian owner David Walsh, the museum exhibits everything from ancient Egyptian funerary objects and modernist masterpieces to a machine that mimics the human digestive system. Begin your MONA experience by exploring the maze of subterranean galleries, then make your way to the on-site Source restaurant for a lunch of seasonal local produce and wine from the adjacent Moorilla Estate winery. A behind-the-scenes tour of the vineyard, the second-oldest in Tasmania, follows. You’ll be treated to a tasting of ten different Moorilla wines before taking the MONA ROMA ferry to Hobart’s Constitution Dock, where the legendary Sydney to Hobart yacht race concludes each year. From there it’s just a short walk to your accommodation, the 5-star MACq 01 Hotel. The evening is free for you to explore the historic, yet trendy CBD.

MACq 01 Hotel, Hobart, 2 nights
Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 6: Bruny Island

Enjoy an unforgettable, award-winning cruise experience along Bruny Island’s rugged coastline. Take the ferry across the quiet d’Entrecasteaux Channel to the island, where a morning tea of freshly-baked muffins will be served at a beachside café in Adventure Bay before your cruise departs. Then board your vessel to skirt some of Australia’s highest sea-cliffs, enter deep sea-caves and join in the search for seals, dolphins, sea-birds and even migratory whales. Return to the coast for lunch, and arrive back at your Hobart hotel by sunset, with time to relax before a Celebration Dinner at the Old Wharf Restaurant to toast your journey.

Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Celebration Dinner

“I like wine and I like art, a lot of people do. It’s just that I get paid. And at Moorilla and MONA we’ve taken our passions a bit further than most. We’re more than just a winery and more than just an art museum. The two combined give you an experience like no other. Where else can you sip wine sitting on a sheep whilst floating on a boat down a river to an improbable world of important things?”
– Daniel McMahon, Moorilla

Day 7: Farewell from Hobart

Bid farewell to your newfound friends as your inspiring Tasmanian journey concludes. After breakfast, a private vehicle will transfer you to Hobart Airport for your onward flight.

Full buffet breakfast

From $4665 per person twin share land only

IJTAS: Launceston to Hobart
Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:
Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 3:00pm into Launceston Airport
Day 7 – flights to depart anytime from Hobart Airport
For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.
Delve into the cosmopolitan sophistication and natural beauty of Victoria, journeying past elegant Melbournean arcades, sandstone peaks and the Twelve Apostles that stand imposingly along the spectacular coastline. From trendy cityscapes to quaint villages, scenic coastal drives to white-capped surf, Victoria’s intoxicating charm is revealed on this Inspiring Journey.

**Victoria’s Hidden Gems**

Their original names: What we now call the Twelve Apostles were originally called The Sow and Piglets. The Sow was Mutton Bird Island, which stands at the mouth of Loch Ard Gorge, and her Piglets were the 12 Apostles.
7 DAYS  Melbourne • Daylesford • Dunkeld • The Grampians • Warrnambool • Great Ocean Road • Mornington Peninsula

Discover
The eclectic town of Daylesford, with antique shops, bazaars and cottage industries
The iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground

Explore
Melbourne’s vibrant laneways and arcades
Green Olive Farm at Red Hill on the Mornington Peninsula

Immerse
Visit Creswick Woollen Mills, the last coloured woollen spinning mill in Australia
Call in at the high-tech Eureka Centre in Ballarat
Experience a Welcome to Country ceremony in the Grampians
Browse the Australian National Surfing Museum in Torquay

Relax
Indulge in a relaxing mineral bath at the historic Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa
On a scenic coastal drive along the Great Ocean Road

See itinerary next page >
Day 1: Welcome to Melbourne

Admire the style and spirit of Victoria’s capital. This evening, join your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés before boarding the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant to trundle through the glittering city streets.

Sofitel Melbourne on Collins
Dinner with wine

Day 2: Melbourne – Daylesford

View the city’s impressive skyline over breakfast on the 35th floor restaurant of Sofitel Melbourne on Collins. Return to earth and begin your exploration of Melbourne’s wide avenues, charming arcades and trendy street art in the company of a local expert. Indulge in the Melbournian tradition of morning tea before enjoying lunch at your leisure. We head for the eclectic spa town of Daylesford, then relax in the healing waters of the historic Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa. Tonight enjoy dinner in the award-winning restaurant, The Argus.

Peppers Mineral Springs Hotel, Daylesford
Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Daylesford – Dunkeld

A leisurely start to the day could see you enjoy a stroll through the enchanting Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens. Your first stop today is Lavandula Swiss Italian Farm for morning tea. Drip syrupy lavender honey over freshly baked scones before heading to Creswick Woollen Mills, for an exclusive guided tour. Continue on to the historic town of Clunes, admiring beautifully preserved Victorian architecture. Grab a spot of lunch at one of the cafés or the country pub, the National Hotel. En route to Dunkeld, visit the Eureka Centre, where the original Stockade flag is housed to gain insights into the birth of Australian democracy. Settle in to the picturesque surrounds of the Southern Grampians this evening. Your dinner at the hotel is made with fresh local ingredients and available produce growing in the extensive kitchen garden.

Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld
Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 4: Dunkeld – Warrnambool

After breakfast, you’re invited to join the ground’s gardener for a guided walk through the hotel’s kitchen garden. Then head to Halls Gap and the Brambuk Cultural Centre. Witness a Welcome to Country ceremony and then the local Gariwerd, Djab Wurrung and Jardwadjali people will teach you how to throw a boomerang and gather local bush tucker for sampling. Admire the views over the Grampians Mountain range before heading down the mountain to coastal Warrnambool. This evening, discover the maritime history of the region during a Sound and Light Show at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village.

Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs, Warrnambool
Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine
Day 5: Warrnambool – Lorne

Enjoy a leisurely morning, preparing for one of the world’s most scenic coastal drives later today. Golden beaches stretch endlessly along the route. Wind through lush forests and stop to admire highlights including the Bay of Islands, London Bridge, Loch Ard Gorge and the Twelve Apostles. The crisp sea air provides a refreshing backdrop for a lunch stop in the seaside town of Port Campbell or consider an optional experience helicopter flight over the Twelve Apostles. Stop in quaint Apollo Bay before arriving in the seaside village of Lorne late afternoon.

Cumberland Lorne

Day 6: Lorne – Mornington Peninsula

The last leg of the Great Ocean Road brings us to the surf capital of Torquay, where you’ll learn about Australia’s beloved surf culture before continuing to the Bellarine Peninsula. Indulge in a Local Dining Experience lunch and wine tasting at the award-winning Jack Rabbit Vineyard. Appetites quelled, board a ferry to Queenscliff and Green Olive Farm. This evening at your hotel, enjoy a meal prepared with ingredients sourced from hotel’s kitchen garden and select Mornington Peninsula producers.

Jackalope Hotel, Mornington Peninsula

Day 7: Mornington Peninsula – Farewell from Melbourne

The aroma of coffee beans beckon as you head back to Melbourne after breakfast. As this inspiring journey nears its end, venture into the hallowed grounds of the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Later, enjoy a Celebration Lunch with newfound friends after an epic adventure through the diverse landscapes and lifestyles of Victoria. For now, all that’s left to say is a fond farewell till next time.

Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Lunch

“It’s important to take time for friends and family. Also, it’s important — and interesting — to know the story behind what you’re eating and drinking. Our menu is seasonal and showcases local produce as much as is humanly possible. A lot of our produce is sourced from small artisan growers here on The Bellarine. We take a lot of pride in showcasing our regional ‘goodness’.”

– Kristie Luscott, Jack Rabbit Vineyard

From $4095 per person twin share land only

For the detailed itinerary and additional departure dates, please visit inspiringjourneys.com/ijvic, or speak to your travel agent.
Kakadu’s Ancient Secrets

Venture to Australia’s Top End, through the untamed wilderness and wetlands of Kakadu – an ancient landscape of billabongs, gorges and hidden canyons teeming with spectacular wildlife. Embark on an Inspiring Journey to the haunt of the Lightning Man, Aboriginal clans and the mighty crocs that roam Kakadu’s floodplains.

**5 DAYS** Darwin • Mary River • Kakadu National Park • Katherine Gorge • Litchfield National Park

**Discover**
World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park
Litchfield National Park’s many wonderful waterfalls
Uncover the Mary River on a safari cruise

**Explore**
Climb Nourlangie for spectacular views over Kakadu National Park
Get off road on the Marrakai 4WD track

**Immerse**
Delve into WWII history at Adelaide River War Cemetery
Learn about Aboriginal rock art at Ubirr
Enjoy an exclusive Aboriginal cultural experience

**Relax**
With a swim at Gunlom Falls overlooking Kakadu
Stay in luxury accommodation at Cicada Lodge and Wildman Wilderness Lodge
Take a refreshing dip at Wangi Falls
As this Inspiring Journey departs early morning, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night at Mantra on the Esplanade, Darwin.

Day 1: Darwin – Mary River
Your epic Top End adventure begins in the tropical northern city of Darwin. Meet your local Journey Director and board your luxury 4WD vehicle. Your brush with Australia’s natural treasures begins in Litchfield National Park. Hear how the local Aboriginal people’s ancestral spirits have shaped the landscape, before embarking on a cross-country journey along the rugged Marrakai Track (seasonally accessible) to the Mary River Wetlands. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers at a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés followed by dinner.

Wildman Wilderness Lodge, Mary River
Lunch, dinner with wine

Day 2: Mary River – Kakadu
Wake up with the wildlife of Mary River and head to Corroboree Billabong, where you’ll board a wildlife cruise in the company of a local guide to explore its floodplains and spot the creatures that find sanctuary in its lotus-covered waters. Journey into the tropical depths of the iconic Kakadu National Park next, stopping at Bowali Visitor Centre. Prime your adventurer legs this afternoon for a sunset walk at the rock art galleries of Ubirr. Perched atop Nadab Lookout, watch the sun dip into the lush Kakadu floodplains.

Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Jabiru
Lunch, dinner with wine

Day 3: Kakadu – Katherine
Enjoy a leisurely start to your day or take to the skies on an optional experience early morning scenic flight over Kakadu before venturing to Nourlangie to admire the ancient Dreamtime art of the Bininj and Mungguy people that is said to span 20,000 years. Later, veer off the sealed road and onto a gravel track for a scenic cross-country journey to Gunlom Falls – hike to the top of the falls rewarded with a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear plunge pool. Enjoy lunch in the shade of rustling gum trees before you continue to Nitmiluk National Park, where you’ll stay tonight in a five-star eco-lodge.

Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, Katherine, 2 nights
Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 4: Katherine Gorge
The hypnotic rhythms of the didgeridoo take centre stage this morning as you meet Manuel Pamkal and share in his passion for the rich traditional culture into which he was born. Learn about life in the bush and experience first-hand the fine art of rarrk painting using a special reed brush, after which you’ll create your very own masterpiece to take home. Later, board a special dinner cruise and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people.

Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 5: Katherine – Farewell from Darwin
A leisurely start to the day could see you relaxing at the lodge or embarking on a walk. Later, leave the wilderness behind and journey north along the Stuart Highway, stopping to cool off in the cascading waters of Edith Falls. Next, continue to Adelaide River War Cemetery and pay homage to the heroes who gave their lives in the service and defence of Australia. Bid farewell to this Inspiring Journey as you return to the tropical Northern Territory capital of Darwin.

Full buffet breakfast, lunch

From $3025 per person twin share land only

MNDD: Darwin Return
Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:
Day Prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport
Day 5 – flights to depart after 8.00pm from Darwin Airport
For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.
Outback Contrasts: A Journey to the Centre

Witnessing the rugged splendour of Australia’s Red Centre is a life-changing experience. On this journey, the majesty of Uluru, Kings Canyon and the soaring West MacDonnell Ranges combine with unique dining experiences under the stars and the outback vibe of Alice Springs.

5 DAYS Alice Springs • West MacDonnell Ranges • Kings Canyon • Kata Tjuta • Uluru

Discover
The sprawling West MacDonnell Ranges
Wander through Simpsons Gap
Iconic Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Explore
Fascinating Angkerle (Standley Chasm)
The 36 mystical domes of Kata Tjuta (the Olgas)

Immerse
Hike to the top of Kings Canyon for magnificent views
Learn about Aboriginal rock art at Uluru
Hike through Walpa Gorge

Relax
Unwind in your Deluxe Spa Room at Kings Canyon Resort
Experience a spectacular Red Centre sunrise
Toast an Uluru sunset with sparkling wine
Day 1: Welcome to Alice Springs

Your outback Inspiring Journey begins on arrival in Alice Springs. Meet your Journey Director for a visit to the lifesaving outback institution of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, to see how this facility provides medical assistance to those living in remote Australia. Nearby, visit the School of the Air, a crucial service providing education to children living in remote Australian communities. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and Local Dining Experience barbecue dinner around a campfire with your Alice Spring hosts, as the Milky Way lights up the sky.

Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, 2 nights

Local Dining Experience

Day 2: Alice Springs

This morning visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station, site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs, and learn how it relayed messages between Darwin and Adelaide for 60 years. Then the stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell Ranges take centre stage as you embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap and dramatic Angkerle, which was created over millions of years. The deep red sandstone formation contrasts with the carpet of lush green ferns and gum trees on the valley floor. Later, back in Alice Springs, you’ll have free time to relax by the pool or choose to explore more, at your own pace.

Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 3: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon

En route to Kings Canyon you’ll travel off-road along the 4WD Mereenie Loop Road, passing Tyers Lookout and Gosses Bluff. On arrival, gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on a 6km rim walk, past the domed ‘Lost City’ and the luscious ‘Garden of Eden’. Later, back in Alice Springs, you’ll have free time to relax by the pool or choose to explore more, at your own pace.

Kings Canyon Resort, Deluxe Spa Rooms

Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 4: Kings Canyon – Uluru

Now you’re bound for Uluru. On your way visit Curtin Springs Station, a million-acre property, where you’ll gain insights into the cattle rearing heritage of the Severin family, before kicking back in true Aussie-style at a delicious barbecue lunch. This afternoon enter Uluru–Kata Tjuta National Park, experiencing the magnificence of the 36 red conglomerate domes that form Kata Tjuta, and joining your Journey Director for a walk through Walpa Gorge. Later, witness the spectacular changing colours as the sun sets over Uluru, while sipping sparkling wine. This evening toast your holiday with your fellow travellers at a Celebration Dinner at Ilkari Restaurant.

Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort

Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Celebration Dinner

Day 5: Farewell from Uluru

Experience a majestic sunrise over Kata Tjuta and Uluru from the fantastic Kata Tjuta dune viewing platform. From here it’s off to the Uluru–Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre for breakfast and an insight into the history of the local Anangu people. Take a walk around the base of Uluru, hearing timeless stories, viewing spectacular rock art, and visiting the culturally-significant Mútîñjulu Waterhole. In the late morning, when your Inspiring Journey comes to an end, you’ll be transferred to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight.

Full buffet breakfast

At a glance:

TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS
1. Under a Desert Moon dining experience at Kings Canyon Resort
2. Learn about the traditions and culture of the local Anangu people
3. Experience the magic of Uluru and Kata Tjuta sunrise

DINING
4. Full buffet breakfasts
3. Lunches
1. Dinner with wine
2. Local Dining Experiences
1. Celebration Dinner

Kings Canyon Resort, Deluxe Spa Rooms

Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

From $2550 per person twin share land only

CRAU: Alice Springs to Uluru (Ayers Rock)

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Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Alice Springs Airport
Day 5 – flights to depart after 1.00pm from Ayers Rock Airport
For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.
Outback Australia: The Colour of Red

Journey to the Red Centre of Australia – the sacred landscapes of the Outback and imposing Uluru. Delve into fascinating rituals of the Anangu during your Inspiring Journey through outback Australia and share in their spiritual connection with this ancient land that spans millennia.

5 DAYS  Uluru • Kata Tjuta • Kings Canyon • West MacDonnell Ranges • Alice Springs

Discover
Iconic Uluru (Ayers Rock)
Embark on a 4WD off the Mereenie Loop Road
Wander through Simpsons Gap

Explore
The 36 mystical domes of Kata Tjuta (the Olgas)
Fascinating Angkerle (Standley Chasm)

Immerse
Hike through Walpa Gorge
Learn about Uluru’s sacred sites
Hike to the top of Kings Canyon for magnificent views

Relax
Toast an Uluru sunset with sparkling wine
Experience a spectacular Red Centre sunrise
Unwind in your Deluxe Spa Room at Kings Canyon Resort
Day 1: Welcome to Uluru
Feel the stirring of something bigger than you as you arrive in Ayers Rock Resort, your launch pad to Australia’s fiery heart in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. This afternoon, join your Journey Director and fellow travellers to explore the foundations of life and society of the local Aboriginal people and their ancestors, before travelling to Kata Tjuta for a walk through Walpa Gorge. As the day fades, the outback sun bids a fiery farewell – the perfect backdrop for a Welcome Reception with sparkling wine while overlooking Uluru.

Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort
Dinner with wine

Day 2: Uluru – Kings Canyon
Enjoy the mesmerising arrival of another day overlooking Kata Tjuta and Uluru. Skirting the red cliffs of Uluru, hear ancient tales, see rock art and visit Muji Lulu Waterhole. The next stop is Curtin Springs Station, where you’ll gain insights into the cattle-rearing heritage of the Severin family and enjoy a BBQ lunch before viewing Atila (Mt. Conner). Travelling to Kings Canyon, stop at Kings Creek Station. This evening, under the canopy of a starry southern hemisphere sky, settle back with sparkling wine – the flickering glow of the fire is the perfect accompaniment to Under A Desert Moon dinner.

Kings Canyon Resort, Deluxe Spa Rooms
Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 3: Kings Canyon – Alice Springs
Gaze across the deep chasm of Kings Canyon as you embark on a sunrise 6km rim walk, taking in the domed ‘Lost City’ and the verdant ‘Garden of Eden. If you’d prefer a more relaxed walk, you can opt for a more gentle walk along the Canyon Creek Bed. Afterwards you’re off the beaten track, travelling along the 4WD Mereenie Loop Road past Gosses Bluff and then through the West MacDonnell Ranges to the iconic outback town of Alice Springs.

Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, 2 nights
Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 4: West MacDonnell Ranges
This morning you’ll visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station and learn why it was established in Alice Springs. Now the stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell Ranges take centre stage as you embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap and dramatic Angkerle, which was created over millions of years. The deep red sandstone formation contrasts with the lush green ferns and gum trees on the valley floor. This evening, join your Alice Springs hosts for a Local dining Experience barbecue dinner around a campfire, as the Milky Way lights up the sky.

Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 5: Farewell from Alice Springs
This epic adventure is almost at its end, but not before you visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service to see how this facility provides medical assistance to those living in remote outback Australia. You’ll also visit the School of the Air to learn how children living in the far reaches of the outback receive an education over the air waves. Your Red Centre Inspiring Journey comes to an end later this morning.

Full buffet breakfast

CRUA: Uluru (Ayers Rock) to Alice Springs
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Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12:30pm into Ayers Rock Airport
Day 5 – flights to depart after 12:30pm from Alice Springs Airport
For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.

From $2550 per person twin share land only

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New Zealand

Tamaki Māori Village, Rotorua

Discover rich Māori culture during a thrilling evening of feasting and performance deep within an ancient forest.
We are Tamaki Māori Village, our village is built both in honour our ancestors and in celebration of our beautiful culture. Deep in lush Rotorua forest, our location is not only visually beautiful, but rooted upon sacred Māori grounds. The place our ancestors once roamed is now buzzing with life from all across the globe!

We offer an awe-inspiring journey back in time to ancient Māori lands. We share the story of our ancestors; not only the way they lived, but their spiritual beliefs, stories, artworks, myths and Gods. Both the story’s hidden in their intrinsic carvings, art works and tattoos and the stories passed down through generations.

Rosie Belvie, Tamaki Māori Village

Step into a world unlike any other and be amazed by snow-capped mountains, volcanic fields, crystal-clear fiordlands and pristine lakes. Discover everything the North and South Islands have to offer and delight in New Zealand’s famous wines and gourmet local produce, experience Māori heritage and explore both untamed lands and sophisticated cities.

Share the story of our ancestors: not only the way they lived, but their spiritual beliefs.
The Long White Cloud

Embark on an enchanting expedition through the North and South Islands that provides the perfect balance of relaxation and adventure. Explore extraordinary landscapes and the age-old legends of the Māori as you encounter exhilarating New Zealand as few have seen it before.

The water in Milford Sound is inky black – a combination of darkened fresh water and sea water. During rainfalls the water drains from the surrounding lush forests and washes a tannin which stains the water the colour of strong tea. There’s approximately 6 meters of fresh water that sit on top of the ocean water, which blocks out the light making it uniquely ideal for deep sea life to thrive even in shallow waters.
22 DAYS Christchurch • Franz Josef Glacier • Queenstown • Milford Sound • Dunedin • Wellington • Hawke’s Bay • Rotorua • Auckland • Bay of Islands

Discover
Franz Josef with a Glacier Valley Walk
The buzzing resort town of Queenstown
New Zealand’s vibrant capital Wellington

Explore
Glowworm Caves in Waitomo
Milford Sound with a nature cruise and kayak

Immerse
In traditional Māori Life at Whakarewarewa Living Village
Take a guided walk through the sacred Waipoua Forest
Tour the grounds and castle of the Larnach Family in Dunedin

Relax
Spa treatment in Queenstown
In the beauty of the Bay of Islands
With a soak in Rotorua’s healing waters

See itinerary next page >
Day 1: Welcome to Christchurch
Your New Zealand adventure begins in Christchurch, the Garden City. Spend the afternoon at leisure, before joining your Journey Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception to kick-off your journey of a lifetime.
Hotel Montreal, Christchurch

Day 2: Christchurch – Franz Josef Glacier
 Traverse the Canterbury Plains on board the TranzAlpine train. The gentle chug-chug in extraordinary surroundings gives way to more epic scenery as you board the coach at Arthur’s Pass. Admire the vivid hues of greenstone (jade) on a visit to Hokitika to meet a local artisan for a jewellery carving demonstration. Continue to Franz Josef Glacier. Your eco-friendly accommodation for the next two nights is set in pristine wilderness, with an emphasis on relaxation and rejuvenation. Your only priority – relaxing in Franz Josef’s geothermal hot pools.
Te Waonui Forest Retreat, Franz Josef, 2 nights
Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Franz Josef Glacier
After a relaxed start, you’ll explore the area with a local guide, who’ll explain the history behind Franz Josef Glacier.
Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 4: Franz Josef Glacier – Queenstown
It’s time for adventure as you board a purpose-built fully enclosed river jet boat and journey down the Haast River. After a lunch stop in Makarora and later the historic gold-mining village of Arrowtown, the adventure capital of Queenstown awaits and you’ll have an opportunity to explore it during an orientation tour.
Crown Plaza, Queenstown, 3 nights
Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 5: Queenstown Journey Select
Today, select your choice of sightseeing: consider a day indulging in the region’s vintages on a wine tour. View the Lord of the Rings film locations and scenery of Queenstown and Glenorchy on a scenic tour or spend time in the spa indulging in a relaxing massage.
Full buffet breakfast

Day 6: Queenstown Free Time
Calling all thrill seekers! Today’s the day to earn your adventurer stripes braving some of Queenstown’s most daring activities. This evening, enjoy a memorable Local Dining Experience at one of Queenstown’s fine dining restaurants.
Full buffet breakfast

Day 7: Queenstown – Milford Sound
Venture to Te Anau and then deep within the Fiordland National Park. Drive through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel and emerge into a photographer’s paradise where glaciers and peaks give way to the unexpected beauty of Mirror Lake. You’ll stop to explore the wonder of the Chasm Walk before arriving at Milford Sound Lodge, with its exquisite views of the Cleddau Valley.
Milford Sound Lodge, 2 nights
Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 8: Milford Sound Cruise
Wake up to the startling beauty of Milford Sound. This morning, before boarding the Southern Discoveries vessel for a half day exploration of Milford Sound a nature guide will share their knowledge of the fiordland and the wildlife that call it home. Sail out to the Tasman sea looking for wildlife and an opportunity to go sea kayaking in Harrison Cove.
Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 9: Milford Sound – Dunedin
This morning, embark on a journey from the rainforests of Fiordland National Park through the fertile sheep-dotted pastures of South Otago and Te Anau, known for its beautiful lake. Stop in the country musical town of Gore at lunchtime before arriving in Dunedin, New Zealand’s southernmost city.
Distinction Hotel, Dunedin, 2 nights
Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 10: Dunedin Free Time
This morning, join an exclusive tour of Larnach Castle. Your afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps ride the historic Taieri Gorge Railway or take a wildlife cruise.
Full buffet breakfast

Day 11: Dunedin – Christchurch
Discover the Church of the Good Shepherd before returning to Christchurch for an in-depth sightseeing tour. From 01 October 2019, you’ll travel up the east coast through Oamaru to Christchurch.
Hotel Montreal, Christchurch
Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 12: Christchurch – Wellington
Against the backdrop of snow-capped peaks, you’ll arrive in the whale-watching capital of Kaikoura. Consider an optional experience scenic whale-watching flight. Continue to the picturesque port town of Picton, the launch pad for a serene sailing across the Cook Strait to trendy Wellington.
Sofitel, Wellington, 2 nights
Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 13: Wellington Journey Select
Today, select your choice of sightseeing: you may wish to experience Weta Cave, home of the creative wizards behind The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Take a walking tour around Wellington with a local guide or a guided tour of Te Papa Museum of New Zealand.
Full buffet breakfast

Day 14: Wellington – Hawke’s Bay
Travel through the dairy farming land of Manawatu to Napier in Hawke’s Bay. Enjoy time to relax after the day’s adventures before joining your Journey Director for dinner at your hotel.
Porters Boutique Hotel, Hawke’s Bay, 2 nights
Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 15: Hawke’s Bay
Enjoy a relaxed start before you venture out to explore Napier. Join a local guide for a city tour where you’ll see several types of Art Deco architecture, the style in which Napier was rebuilt after a devastating earthquake in 1931. This evening, enjoy wine-tasting and dinner at one of the region’s renowned wineries.
Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 16: Napier – New Zealand's Journey Select
Today, select your choice of sightseeing: you may wish to experience Greenstone (jade) shopping, the famous Kiwi Bird Park, a Maori Cultural Experience or visit New Plymouth’s Te Whanganui-A-Hei Marine Reserve. Later return to Auckland for your flight home.

“Life as a kayak guide here in Milford Sound is like no other. Every single day can be completely different from the one before. Whether it’s seals following us around on a kayaking trip, or having thousands of waterfalls appear within hours of rainfall – every group I take gets their own unique Milford experience.”
– Stella, Kayak Guide, Southern Discoveries
Day 16: Hawke’s Bay – Rotorua

You’ll travel past Lake Taupo and visit Huka Falls before you arrive in Rotorua, the cultural capital, for a sightseeing tour. Visit Whakarewarewa Living Village for insights into the lives of the Māori community and their special bond with this ancient land. This evening, enjoy a Māori Hangi feast and concert at the Tamaki Māori Marae.

Pullman, Rotorua, 2 nights
Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 17: Rotorua

Your first stop is Rotorua’s natural splendour – revealed in the crystal clear mineral springs and native flora of Rainbow Springs Nature Park. Later, ascending to the Redwoods Treewalk, enjoy an elevated bird’s-eye view of these redwood giants. Your afternoon is at leisure.

Full buffet breakfast

Day 18: Rotorua – Auckland

Begin your day with a dazzling show during an exclusive five-star Eco Glowworm experience. Later in New Zealand’s largest city, Auckland, get your bearings during a city tour, then spend the rest of the day discovering why it’s deemed one of the world’s most liveable cities.

Sofitel, Auckland
Full buffet breakfast

Day 19: Auckland – Bay of Islands

The golden sands of Orewa seem to stretch endlessly heading north to the native forest of Waipoua. Join a local Māori guide and head deep into the forest, immersing yourself in the fascinating legends behind these giant trees. Finally, journey to your waterfront resort in the Bay of Islands.

Copthorne Resort, Bay of Islands, 2 nights
Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 20: Bay of Islands Free Time

Make the most of your extended stay in the Bay of Islands. Why not sail aboard a historic tall ship, enjoy wine tasting around Kerikeri, or discover Russell on a highlights tour of this small township. Your Journey Director can assist you in booking your choice of activity.

Full buffet breakfast

Day 21: Bay of Islands Cruise – Auckland

Set forth through the Bay of Islands Maritime Park, and explore some of the 144 islands in the bay. Return to Auckland for a memorable Celebration Dinner this evening.

Sofitel, Auckland
Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Dinner

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Day 22 – flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport
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Departures from January to March 2019 operate to the 2018/19 itinerary. Please visit our website for details.
Discover New Zealand on this Inspiring Journey through the natural treasures of the South Island. From the still waters of Milford Sound and snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps to the rolling hills of Central Otago, delve into the beauty of landscapes that have remained unchanged for millennia.

The Southern Drift

Milford’s second highest waterfall is the Stirling Falls, a staggering 151m in height — three times the height of Niagara Falls, but the 1,300m mountain behind displaces this incredible height. This is the famous waterfall that Hugh Jackman ‘jumped off’ in the movie Wolverine.

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The magnificent icy landscape of Franz Josef Glacier
Dunedin’s Scottish influence

Explore
Kayak across the waters of magical Milford Sound
Listen to the stories and explore the grounds of Larnach Castle
Vibrant Queenstown, nestled at the foot of the Remarkables

Immerse
With an adventure on the Haast River
Uncover Arrowtown’s gold mining heritage

Relax
Stay in a luxury eco-lodge in Fiordland National Park
Indulge in a spa treatment in Queenstown
With view of mountains and rivers on the TranzAlpine Train
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Your New Zealand adventure begins in Christchurch, the ‘Garden City’. Spend the afternoon at leisure before joining your Journey Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception.
Hotel Montreal, Christchurch

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Te Waonui Forest Retreat, Franz Josef, 2 nights
Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Franz Josef Glacier
Spend the morning relaxing and then explore the area with a local guide, who’ll explain the history behind Franz Josef Glacier. Later, why not take to the air on an optional experience scenic flight over this spectacular glacier?
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Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 7: Queenstown – Milford Sound
Skirting the shores of Lake Wakatipu southwards, venture to Te Anau and then deep into the Fiordland National Park.

“"The best thing about Haast River Safari is being able to explore the back country as the original inventor of the jet boat “Bill Hamilton” intended – to explore New Zealand’s back country experiencing and one of the last frontiers! We want to share with our guests the authenticity of the experiences we offer and really show a connection with New Zealand through meeting locals, interacting with guides and participating in Indigenous experiences.”
– Lisa Glubb, Haast River Safari
Driving through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel, you’ll emerge into a photographer’s paradise where glaciers and peaks give way to the unexpected serenity of Mirror Lake. Stop to explore the wonder of the Chasm Walk before arriving at Milford Sound Lodge, with its exquisite views of the Cleddau Valley.

**Milford Sound Lodge, 2 nights**

**Day 8: Milford Sound Cruise**

Wake up to the startling beauty of your surrounds. Learn more about Fiordland National Park during an informative talk by a specialist Nature Guide and board the Southern Discoveries vessel for a half-day exploration of magnificent Milford Sound. Cruise out to the Tasman Sea looking for wildlife along the way, and take the opportunity to go sea-kayaking in Harrison Cove.

**Day 9: Milford Sound – Dunedin**

Embark on a journey from the rainforests of Fiordland to the rolling hills of Central Otago, travelling through Te Anau, known for its beautiful lake. Stop in the country musical town of Gore at lunchtime, before arriving in Dunedin, New Zealand’s southernmost city.

**Distinction Hotel, Dunedin, 2 nights**

**Day 10: Dunedin**

This morning, join an exclusive tour of Larnach Castle. Your afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps ride the historic Taieri Gorge Railway or take a wildlife cruise.

**Hotel Montreal, Christchurch**

**Day 11: Dunedin – Christchurch**

Discover the shores of Lake Tekapo and the Church of the Good Shepherd before crossing the Canterbury Plains and arriving in Christchurch for an in-depth sightseeing tour. From 01 October 2019, you’ll travel up the east coast through Oamaru to Christchurch. This evening, join your Journey Director for a memorable Celebration Dinner.

**Hotel Montreal, Christchurch**

**Day 12: Farewell from Christchurch**

It’s time to say a fond farewell to your fellow travellers this morning as your Inspiring Journey comes to an end.

**NZSI: Christchurch Return**

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Embrace the Hongi touch of your Māori hosts, whose relationship with this unspoilt land is revealed on this Inspiring Journey. Experience mesmerising natural wonders, from the luminous glowworms of the Footwhistle Cave and the native forests’ redwood giants, to the fantasy-land of The Lord of The Rings’ ‘Shire’.

At the top of Huka falls a series of small waterfalls drop around 8 metres, before the main event: an 11-metre drop that’s sure to impress. Water flows over the falls at a rate of 220,000 litres per second. At this rate it would take just 11 seconds to fill an entire Olympic sized swimming pool!
11 DAYS Wellington • Hawke’s Bay • Taupo • Huka Falls • Rotorua • Auckland • Waipoua Forest • Bay of Islands

**Discover**
Napier’s art deco charm
The magical Glowworm Grotto of the Footwhistle Cave

**Explore**
The native gardens of Rainbow Springs Nature Park
The giant Redwood Trees on a series of 23 suspension bridges

**Immerse**
Enjoy a traditional Māori experience in Rotorua
Take a guided walk through the sacred Waipoua Forest

**Relax**
Cruise the beautiful Bay of Islands
In Rotorua’s healing mineral springs
Wine and Dine at Napier’s top winery

See itinerary next page >
Day 1: Welcome to Wellington

On arrival in the culinary capital of New Zealand you’ll have time to relax. Perhaps enjoy a literary encounter with New Zealand’s great writers on the famed Wellington Writers’ Walk. Meet your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception and dinner this evening at your hotel.

- Sofitel, Wellington, 2 nights
- Dinner with wine

Day 2: Wellington Journey Select

- Today, select your choice of sightseeing, you may wish to experience Weta Cave, home of the creative wizards behind The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Take a walking tour around Wellington with a local guide or join a guide who will reveal the stories behind the exhibitions at Te Papa Museum of New Zealand.
- Full buffet breakfast

Day 3: Wellington – Hawke’s Bay

Travel through the dairy farming land of Manawatu to Napier in Hawke’s Bay. Enjoy time to relax after the day’s adventures before joining your Journey Director for dinner at your hotel.

- Porters Boutique Hotel, Hawke’s Bay, 2 nights
- Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 4: Hawke’s Bay

Join a local guide for a city tour. You’ll see several types of Art Deco architecture, the style in which Napier was rebuilt after a devastating earthquake in 1931. This evening, enjoy wine-tasting and dinner at one of the renowned wineries in Hawke’s Bay.

- Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 5: Hawke’s Bay – Rotorua

You’ll travel past Lake Taupo and visit spectacular Huka Falls before you arrive in Rotorua, the cultural capital, for a sightseeing tour. Visit Whakarewarewa Living Village, where you’ll be introduced to members of the Māori community and learn about their special bond with this ancient land. This evening, indulge in the mouthwatering flavours of a traditional Hangi feast cooked underground using geothermal steam at the Tamaki Māori Marae.

- Pullman, Rotorua, 2 nights
- Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

“We are Tamaki Māori Village, our village is built both in honour of our ancestors and in celebration of our beautiful culture. Deep in lush Rotorua forest, our location is not only visually beautiful, but rooted upon sacred Māori grounds. We offer an ace-inspiring journey back in time to ancient Māori lands. We share the story of our ancestors; not only the way they lived, but their spiritual beliefs, myths and Gods. Both the story’s hidden in their intrinsic carvings, art works and tattoos and the stories passed down through generations.”

- Casey Rameka, Tamaki Māori Village
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**At a glance:**

**TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS**
1. Redwoods Treewalk
2. Dining experience in Napier
3. Caves and Cliffs tour

**DINING**
- 10 Full buffet breakfasts
- 2 Local Dining Experiences
- 3 Dinners with wine
- 1 Celebration Dinner

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**Day 6: Rotorua**

Rotorua’s natural splendour is revealed in the crystal-clear mineral springs and native flora of Rainbow Springs Nature Park. You’re sure to catch a glimpse of the shy, iconic national bird in the park’s nocturnal kiwi enclosure, on a ‘behind the scenes tour’. Next up, ascending to the Redwoods Treewalk, enjoy an elevated view of these redwood giants from a series of 23 suspension bridges linking the majestic trees, a completely unique perspective.

*Full buffet breakfast*

**Day 7: Rotorua – Auckland**

Begin your day by exploring the iridescent Waitomo Caves on an exclusive five-star Eco Glowworm experience with a Local Expert. Admire the magical subterranean world of Footwhistle Cave before you continue your journey to Auckland, the ‘City of Sails’. Get your bearings during a sightseeing city tour, then spend the rest of the day discovering why Auckland is deemed one of the world’s most liveable cities.

*Full buffet breakfast*

**Day 8: Auckland – Bay of Islands**

The golden sands of Orewa seem to stretch endlessly heading north to the native forest of Waipoua. Join a local Māori guide and head deep into the forest of Waipoua, a sanctuary that is home to many native trees including the largest Kauri tree in existence, Tane Mahuta (over 2,000 years old). Finally, journey to your waterfront resort in the Bay of Islands.

*Copthorne Resort, Bay of Islands, 2 nights*

*Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine*

**Day 9: Bay of Islands Free Time**

Make the most of your extended stay in the Bay of Islands with a choice of optional experiences. Why not sail aboard a historic tall ship, enjoy wine tasting around Kerikeri, or discover Russell on a highlights tour of this small township? Your Journey Director can assist you in booking your choice of activity.

*Full buffet breakfast*

**Day 10: Bay of Islands Cruise – Auckland**

This morning cruise through the Bay of Islands Maritime Park and explore some of the 144 islands in the bay. Later, head through the small towns of Northland, over the Harbour Bridge and into Auckland city. This evening toast your inspiring journey at a memorable Celebration Dinner.

*Sofitel, Auckland*

*Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Dinner*

**Day 11: Farewell from Auckland**

Bid a fond farewell to your travel companions this morning as your North Island Inspiring Journey comes to an end.

*Full buffet breakfast*

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NZNI: Wellington to Auckland

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Wellington Airport
Day 11 – flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport

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Departures from January to March 2019 operate to the 2018/19 itinerary. Please visit our website for details.

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Inspiring New Zealand

A tale of two great islands, of epic natural beauty and ancient rituals and traditions – yours to explore on this Inspiring Journey across the length and breadth of New Zealand. Embrace the sophistication of its cities and the soulful expanse of its stunning untamed landscapes.

The largest Redwood in Whakarewarewa is approximately 72 metres tall and 169 centimetres in diameter. In its natural habitat of California, these Redwoods grow as tall as 110 metres and the average lifespan is 600 years. However, they can survive for over 2000 years.
Discover
Stunning Doubtful Sound in the heart of Fiordland National Park 
Beautiful Lake Rotorua
Stunning scenery in “Adventure Capital” Queenstown

Explore
Rainbow Springs Nature Park
Historic goldrush Arrowtown
Queenstown Journey Select experiences

Immerse
Visit Te Papa Museum of New Zealand
Experience Māori culture at the Tamaki Māori Village
Zealandia, the world’s first fully-fenced urban eco-sanctuary

Relax
In cosmopolitan Auckland and Wellington
With Rotorua Journey Select experiences

10 DAYS  Auckland • Rotorua • Wellington • Waiheke Island • Queenstown • Doubtful Sound
Day 1: Welcome to Auckland
Welcome to New Zealand’s invigorating North Island hub. Spend your day at leisure, before joining your Journey Director and fellow travelling companions for a Welcome Reception and dinner.

- Sofitel Auckland, 2 nights
- Dinner with wine

Day 2: Auckland
Soak up Auckland’s intoxicating charm this morning as you embark on a city sightseeing tour. Then travel by ferry to Waiheke Island for a culinary extravaganza of bold reds. Continue your love affair with Waiheke at Casita Miro, savouring delicious Mediterranean flavours. Today’s final stop is at Mudbrick Vineyard where you’ll enjoy spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf.

- Full buffet breakfast, lunch

Day 3: Auckland to Rotorua
Your leisurely discovery of New Zealand’s North Island continues as you follow the Waikato River to the home of Lance and Bridgette O’Sullivan, for a Be My Guest traditional country-style lunch. Visit the Tamaki Māori Village for insights into the local rituals and traditions and then indulge in the mouthwatering flavours of a Hangi Local Dining Experience.

- Pullman, Rotorua, 2 nights
- Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 4: Rotorua Journey Select
Embark on one of the Journey Select sightseeing experiences today to explore the sacred lands and Māori traditions of Rotorua. Indulge in the Polynesian Spa’s healing waters, tread in the footsteps of Bilbo Baggins in the fantasy-land of Hobbiton or take

“My husband Lance, a retired Champion Jockey, and I, along with our 2 daughters, proudly live on one of New Zealand’s iconic dairy farms in the picturesque Hinuera Valley. 10 years ago, we converted the historical Red Barn into a unique venue where today we host many special events. The best thing about what we do is the quality of our warm hospitality and cuisine that the Red Barn has built its reputation on.”

- Bridgett O’Sullivan, The Red Barn
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NZFLY: Auckland to Queenstown
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Day 10 – flights to depart anytime from Queenstown Airport
Internal-holiday flights required to be purchased in order to fulfil the itinerary:
Day 5 – Rotorua to Wellington: NZ8235
Day 7 – Wellington to Queenstown: NZ605
For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.

At a glance:

TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS
1. Wine Tasting on Waiheke Island
2. Food Walking tour in Wellington
3. Cruising Doubtful Sound

DINING
9 Full buffet breakfasts
2 Lunches
4 Dinners with wine
2 Local Dining Experiences
1 Celebration Dinner

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### Australia

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<td>13 Days</td>
<td>Cairns</td>
<td>Sydney</td>
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<td>$7,525</td>
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<td>10 Days</td>
<td>Darwin</td>
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Dates in **Red** denote Definite Departures. Prices are quoted in United States Dollars, include GST and compulsory taxes where applicable.

* Single traveller must pay the single price. Itinerary, departure dates and prices may change from 01/04/20.

† Early Payment Discount is applied at time of booking, provided holiday is paid by the designated date.
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