



AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

2026-2027



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Welcome

Journey with proud palawa woman Trish along the Derwent River's ancient shores. Here, experience an immersive Welcome to Country with a traditional smoking ceremony and learn about the bush tucker growing in this area – cultural knowledge that has been passed on for generations.



We offer our respect and gratitude to the First Nations, Torres Strait Islander and Māori custodians who have nurtured the land and its cultures for so many millennia, and who are now some of our most trusted partners in introducing you to these wonderful parts of the world.

Wild, wide and wonderful, Australia and New Zealand continually excite and inspire. It doesn't matter how many mountains you've climbed or remote island shores you've visited, there's always something new to discover with us.



Welcome Traveler,

Throughout my travels, some of my fondest memories have been swapping stories with fellow adventurers. A highlight, dining under the stars close to Uluru together with great company and conversation. These moments – iconic landscapes, shared experiences – are what makes traveling with us unforgettable.

This year, alongside our Classic Tours, we're excited to introduce our new Small Group Tours, offering an intimate setting for you to connect with your surroundings and each other. One standout experience is our overnight cruise on the Milford Mariner, where you'll wake up in the heart of New Zealand's spectacular Milford Sound. With up close views of cascading waterfalls and the opportunity to discover this pristine fiord by tender boat or kayak while guided by a specialist nature guide – it's a journey few ever experience. These experiences go beyond sightseeing; we'll connect you with people and places.

We're also proud to expand our **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences, designed to support local communities and leave a positive impact. In Tasmania, you'll wander through the serene Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden, home to over half the world's known rhododendron species, that dedicated volunteers have lovingly shaped into a botanical wildlife haven. You may even spot the garden's resident platypuses!

With over 100 years of experience, we're proud to offer expertly crafted tours featuring our premium coaches, friendly and knowledgeable Travel Directors and Driver Guides, and a variety of inclusions and flexibility to suit your style.

Escape the ordinary and discover the extraordinary with AAT Kings.

Sincerely,

Ben Hall

Ben Hall
AAT Kings Group | CEO

Kings Canyon,
Northern Territory



Cover Image:

Uluru base walk,
Northern Territory

First in, best view! It's all about catching the morning light walking around the base of Uluru. Learning from your expert Travel Director, you'll wander this iconic monolith stopping at the Mutitjulu Waterhole and the ancient rock art.

Experience this on Outback Adventure, Outback Safari & Northern Territory Explorer.

Start Exploring

Australia & New Zealand 20-27

| Tour | Type | Days | Code | Pg |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|-------|----|
| Highlights of Australia & New Zealand | C | 22 | IMZB | 22 |
| Contrasts of Australia & New Zealand | C | 18 | QCANA | 24 |
| Australia & New Zealand Panorama | C | 15 | QPACA | 26 |

Australia 28-69

| Tour | Type | Days | Code | Pg |
|---|------|------|------------------|----|
| Australian Highlights | C | 13 | IMSE | 30 |
| Contrasts of Australia | C | 9 | ACANA | 32 |
| Outback Adventure | C | 15 | NAAD | 34 |
| Northern Territory Explorer | SG | 11 | NDAU | 36 |
| Outback Contrasts | SG | 6 | NSAU | 38 |
| Northern Territory Top End National Parks | SG | 6 | NSDK | 40 |
| Kings Canyon, Uluru & Kata Tjuta | SB | 4 | SBUKK | 42 |
| Uluru, Kata Tjuta & Kings Canyon | SB | 4 | SBUUK | 43 |
| Kakadu & Arnhem Land Explorer | SB | 3 | DK70 | 44 |
| Kakadu & Nitmiluk Gorge | SB | 3 | DG42 | 45 |
| Red Centre Day Tours | DT | | Y14, Y17/Y17B | 46 |
| Red Centre Day Tours | DT | | Y11/Y11B, Y6, A3 | 46 |
| Top End Day Tours | DT | | D4, D7, D11, D2 | 47 |
| Cairns Day Tours | DT | | CTR, KQS | 47 |
| Untamed Kimberley | C | 11 | WDB/WBD | 48 |
| Tastes of Southern Australia | C | 11 | ESMA | 50 |
| Great Ocean Road & Kangaroo Island | C | 7 | EMKA | 52 |
| South Australian Outback Adventure | SG | 8 | SAMC | 54 |
| Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island | SG | 4 | SAKI | 56 |
| South Australian Eyre Peninsula Escape | SG | 7 | SAEP | 57 |
| Perfect Tasmania | C | 13 | THLH | 58 |
| Ultimate Tasmania | SG | 13 | TSHLH | 60 |
| Tassie's Parks & Nature | C | 7 | THHL | 62 |
| Tasmania's Wild Wonders | SG | 7 | TSHHL | 64 |
| Tropical Queensland: Brisbane to Cairns | SG | 9 | QSBC | 66 |
| Cairns & the Great Barrier Reef | SB | 4 | CC11 | 68 |
| Tropical Reef & Rainforest | SB | 4 | PD11 | 69 |

New Zealand 70-91

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| Spirit of New Zealand | SG | 21/18 | LCQB/LCQA | 72 |
| Untamed New Zealand | SG | 17/12/9 | LSAC/LSWC/LSCC | 74 |
| New Zealand Uncovered | C | 17 | ZAAC | 76 |
| Kia Ora New Zealand | C | 17/14 | LABC/LAAC | 78 |
| New Zealand Magic | C | 17/14 | LCBA/LCCA | 80 |
| Contrasts of New Zealand | C | 10 | IZANB | 82 |
| New Zealand Panorama | C | 7 | RPACA | 84 |
| Iconic North | C | 7 | ZAAB | 86 |
| Southern Spectacular | C | 10 | ZCQR | 88 |
| Southern Spotlight | C | 9 | LCQR | 90 |

Type: C - Classic • SG - Small Group • SB - Short Breaks • DT - Day Tours
See page 19 where the Travel Styles are detailed.

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Explore Australia & New Zealand


The vibrant color and irresistible spirit of Australia can be found everywhere, across its vast plains and mountain ranges, beaches and islands. So many unforgettable moments await you – watch the sun turn golden across waterlily-filled Kakadu billabongs or explore some of the world’s most pristine beaches in Tasmania’s Freycinet.

From glacial-carved gorges to immense lakes, from rainforest-draped national parks to snowy peaks, New Zealand is diverse and dramatic. Cruise in the company of seabirds across Milford Sound and immerse yourself in both the beauty and importance of Māori culture.

This is where magical travel moments are made.


Nitmiluk National Park

Be drawn to the spectacular sandstone country of Nitmiluk National Park and the breathtaking Nitmiluk Gorge with spectacular cliffs that glow in the changing light.




Great Barrier Reef

One of the seven natural wonders of the world, to experience the Great Barrier Reef is to explore an underwater paradise of color and life.



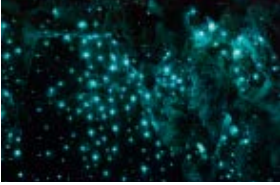
Uluru

Australia's most sacred Aboriginal site, mighty Uluru stands proud, watching over the Red Centre, its history filled with myth and legend.




Waitomo Caves

Glide through a sparkling underground cave system lit by thousands of glowworms, and tour the incredible limestone caverns.




Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Immerse yourself in the stories, people and history of Aotearoa, before standing on the spot where New Zealand's founding document was signed.




Tekapo

Your chance to take in the incredible Milky Way, far off planets, star clusters, solar systems, and even distant galaxies from the International Dark Sky Reserve.




Queenstown

Take on New Zealand's amazing adventure capital with a wide range of activities, from winery tours to high-speed thrills!




Milford Sound/ Piopiotahi

Cruise this multifaceted jewel of magnificent Fiordland, once described as the world's 8th natural wonder.




The Pinnacles

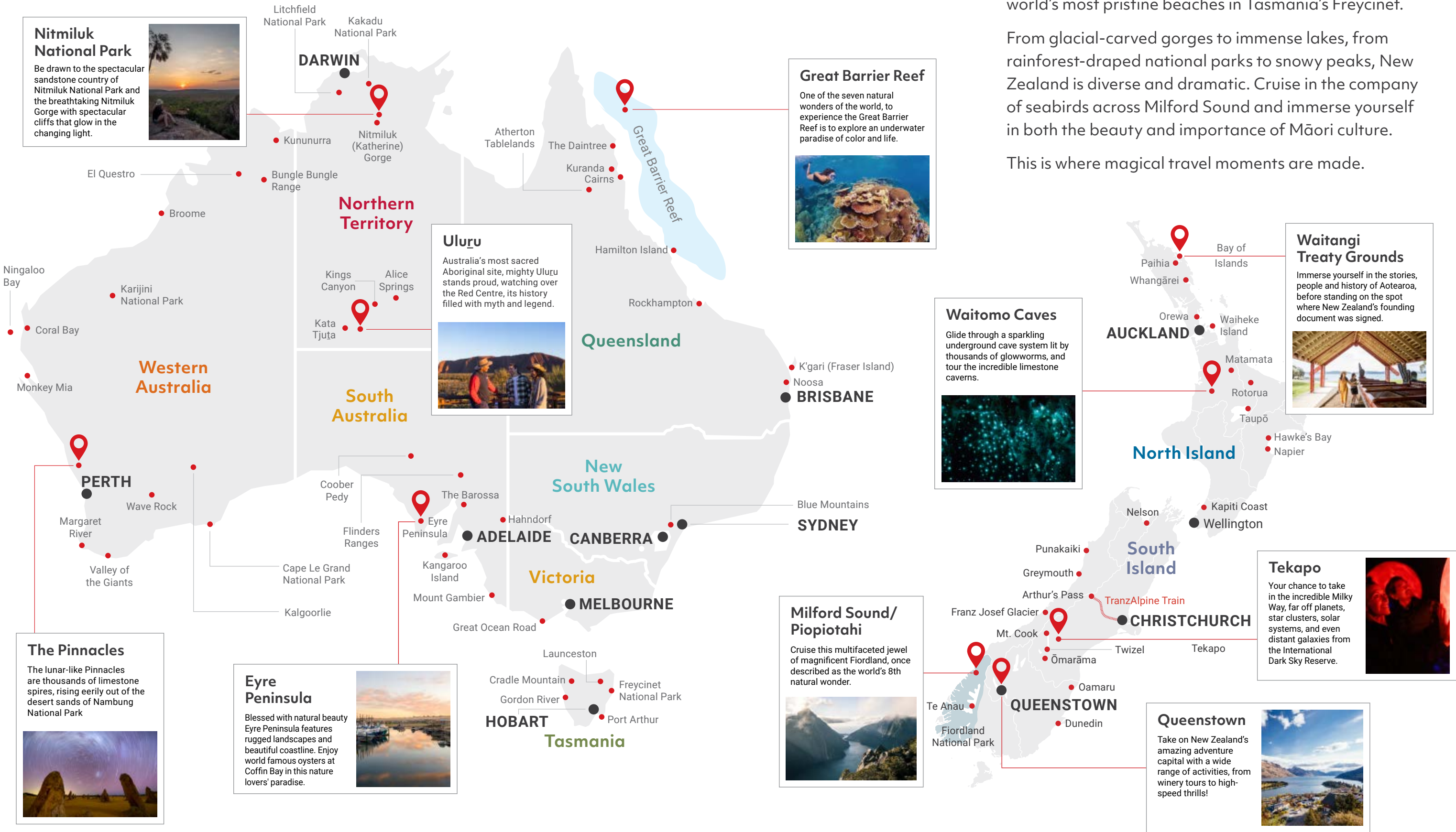
The lunar-like Pinnacles are thousands of limestone spires, rising eerily out of the desert sands of Nambung National Park



Eyre Peninsula

Blessed with natural beauty Eyre Peninsula features rugged landscapes and beautiful coastline. Enjoy world famous oysters at Coffin Bay in this nature lovers' paradise.





The map displays Australia and New Zealand with various travel highlights. In Australia, the Northern Territory is highlighted in red, Queensland in green, Western Australia in orange, South Australia in yellow, New South Wales in light blue, Victoria in dark blue, and Tasmania in green. Key locations marked include Darwin, Kununurra, Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, El Questro, Broome, Ningaloo Bay, Coral Bay, Monkey Mia, Perth, Margaret River, Wave Rock, Valley of the Giants, Cooper Pedy, Flinders Ranges, Cape Le Grand National Park, Kalgoorlie, Adelaide, The Barossa, Hahndorf, Kangaroo Island, Mount Gambier, Great Ocean Road, Launceston, Hobart, Cradle Mountain, Gordon River, Port Arthur, Freycinet National Park, Sydney, Brisbane, K'gari (Fraser Island), Noosa, Rockhampton, Hamilton Island, Kuranda Cairns, The Daintree, Atherton Tablelands, Kakadu National Park, Litchfield National Park, and Broome. In New Zealand, the North Island is highlighted in blue and the South Island in dark blue. Key locations marked include Auckland, Paihia, Whangārei, Orewa, Waiheke Island, Matamata, Rotorua, Taupō, Hawke's Bay, Napier, Kapiti Coast, Nelson, Wellington, Christchurch, Punakaiki, Greymouth, Arthur's Pass, Franz Josef Glacier, Mt. Cook, Twizel, Tekapo, Oamaru, Queenstown, Te Anau, and Dunedin. The TranzAlpine Train route is shown connecting Christchurch and Queenstown.

Highlights of Australia & New Zealand **C**

22 DAYS • IMZB • P22

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Contrasts of Australia & New Zealand **C**

18 DAYS • QCANA • P24

CHRISTCHURCH

Australia & New Zealand Panorama **C**

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DARWIN

Outback Contrasts **SG**

6 DAYS • NSAU • P38

ALICE SPRINGS

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6 DAYS • NSDK • P40

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3 DAYS • DK70 • P44

DARWIN

Kakadu & Nitmiluk Gorge **SB**

3 DAYS • DG42 • P45

DARWIN

Untamed Kimberley **C**

11 DAYS • WDB/WBD • P48

BROOME

Tastes of Southern Australia **C**

11 DAYS • ESMA • P50

ADELAIDE

Great Ocean Road & Kangaroo Island **C**

7 DAYS • EMKA • P52

ADELAIDE

South Australian Outback Adventure **SG**

8 DAYS • SAMC • P54

ADELAIDE

Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island **SG**

4 DAYS • SAKI • P56

ADELAIDE

South Australian
Eyre Peninsula Escape

7 DAYS • SAEP • P57

Perfect
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Contrasts of
New Zealand

10 DAYS • IZANB • P82

New Zealand
Panorama

7 DAYS • RPACA • P84

Iconic
North

7 DAYS • ZAAW • P86

Southern
Spectacular

10 DAYS • ZCQR • P88

Southern
Spotlight

9 DAYS • LCQR • P90

100+ Years of Adventure and many more to come

A century ago, the Australian outback was but a twinkle in most travelers' eyes. But thanks to visionaries like the Pyke family and Bill King, how we explore the Land Down Under was about to change in unimaginable ways. Over the coming decades, maps were unfolded, desert cruisers and coaches were customized, and guides were trained. From humble beginnings, together we traveled to places few had gone before, pioneering new paths across Australia and New Zealand and taking intrepid domestic and international travelers on a wild and wonderful ride.

We've come a long way since then and clocked a few kilometers in the process. But some things will never change. Like our spirit for adventure, our oh-so-knowledgeable and passionate Travel Directors and Driver Guides, and the life-changing experiences we offer – the kind that only 100 years of exploring affords.

Join us on a fully immersive off-the-beaten-track adventure!

"Keep doing what you're doing, but try and do it better" – Bill King

"What a brilliant trip. Delma was a wonderful travel director. Full of knowledge, fun and friendly. A must do... Awesome."

Gabrielle M – Feefo ★★★★★ "

1920s

AAT Kings can be traced back to George Page's modest transport service from Melbourne to Brighton.

1930s

The Pike family introduced Sydney to Katoomba.

1960s

Bill King decided there was a real future with off-the-beaten-track journeys – Bill purchased two Land Rovers, an ex-army international ambulance and a Denning Bus and launched Bill King's Northern Safaris.

1970s

Bill designed and built his own 18 passenger vehicles and called them Desert Cruisers. AAT Coachlines had commenced operations in the Northern Territory.

1980s

AAT Coachlines purchased Bill King's Northern Safaris and operated as Bill King's Australian Adventure Tours.

1984

AAT Kings brand formed.

1997

AAT Kings joined The Travel Corporation Family of Brands.

1999

AAT Kings began operations in New Zealand.

2010

Small group immersive Inspiring Journeys brand was born.

2018

Down Under Tours joined the AAT Kings Group.

2019

SEIT Outback Australia joined the AAT Kings Group.

Our People

You'll be guided by the best. Our dedicated individuals truly love what they do; sharing these beautiful locations, telling the tales of icons, and helping you spot the hidden gems you may unknowingly walk right past. Experienced Drivers, Travel Directors and Driver Guides will go above and beyond at every step with the full support of a 24/7 team behind the scenes – ensuring your adventure is seamless. Our people are our heroes, and we know they'll become yours too.



Delma

WA, NT, SA, VIC, and QLD Travel Director & Driver Guide

"I traveled to Uluru by myself, and ended up working as a Travel Director, after a few years I was awarded a Smile Award and an Outstanding Achievement Award due to the great feedback I received from guests.

Every guest shapes who I am today, hearing their stories has such an impact on me, it's so special. I want to be a part of that, to ensure they have the most amazing time."



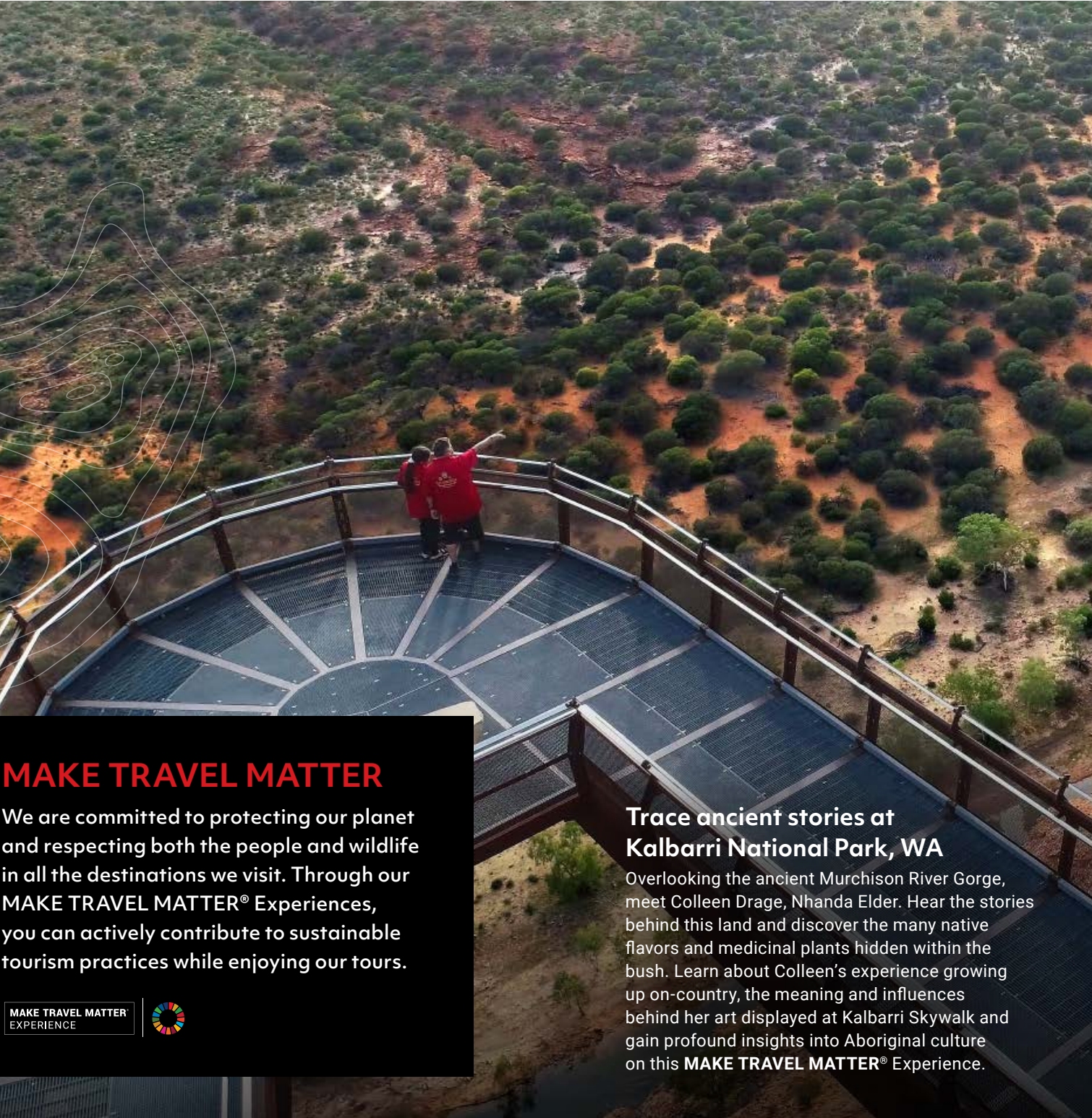
Marty

New Zealand Travel Director

"Kia Ora! It has been such a pleasure showcasing New Zealand to our guests for over twenty years as a Travel Director. I enjoy sharing enriching travel experiences within our exceptionally varied landscapes, immersing our guests in our unique, vibrant Māori culture, and adding exciting adventures along the way. I love being a part of their journey of discovery and providing the very best New Zealand has to offer, with new friendships and amazing shared experiences."

Amazing Experiences

For more than a century, guests have entrusted us to help them explore almost every corner of this wild and wonderful country. And over the years, we've met a few characters along the way. These enduring friendships between our amazing people and the locals we visit help us craft memorable moments that offer authentic **local connections**, stunning **natural wonders**, flexibility and a positive impact on the people and places you visit via our **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences. Here are some of our favorites, but there is so much more to discover.



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER
We are committed to protecting our planet and respecting both the people and wildlife in all the destinations we visit. Through our **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences, you can actively contribute to sustainable tourism practices while enjoying our tours.

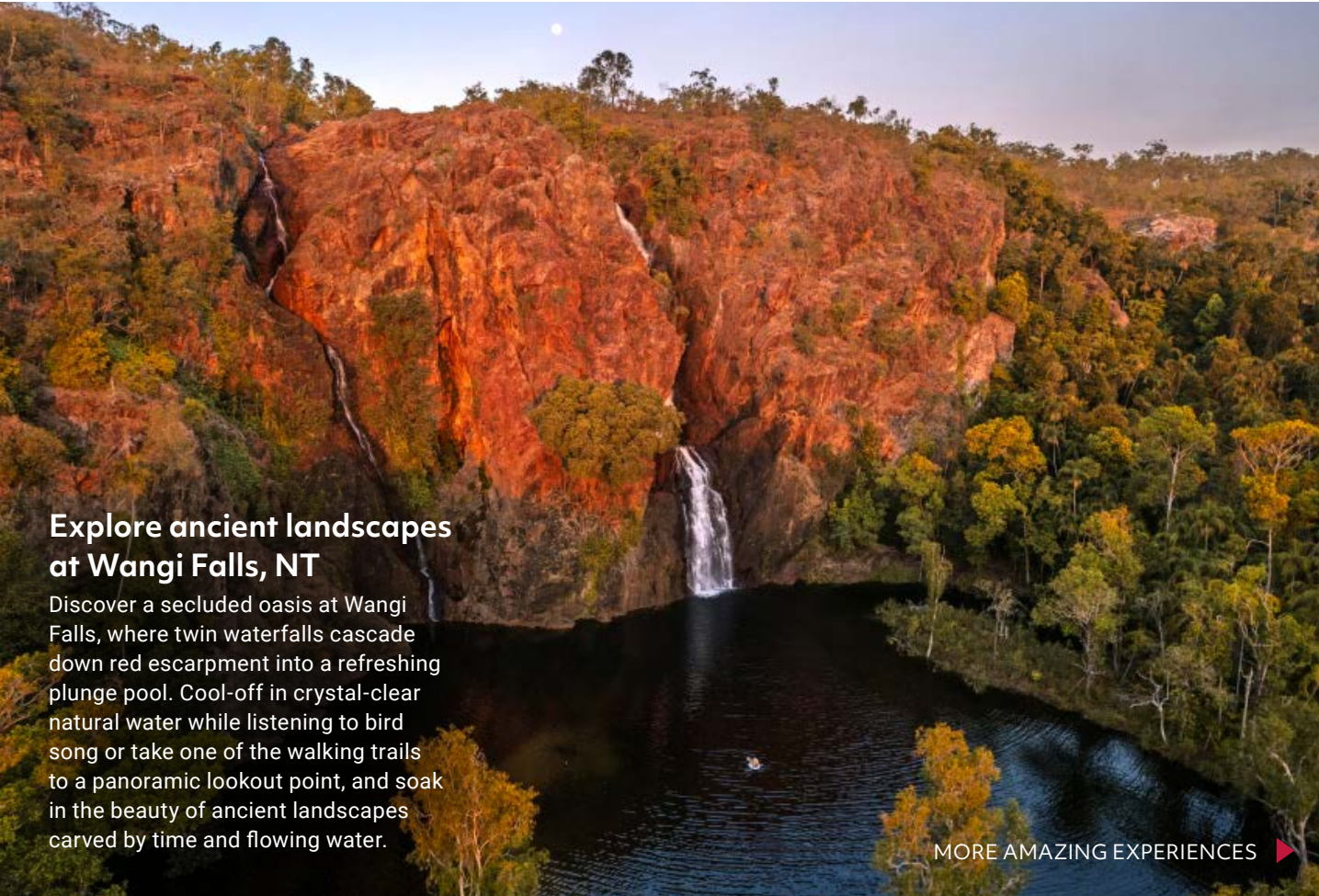


Trace ancient stories at Kalbarri National Park, WA
Overlooking the ancient Murchison River Gorge, meet Colleen Drage, Nhanda Elder. Hear the stories behind this land and discover the many native flavors and medicinal plants hidden within the bush. Learn about Colleen's experience growing up on-country, the meaning and influences behind her art displayed at Kalbarri Skywalk and gain profound insights into Aboriginal culture on this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience.



NATURAL WONDERS
Wide and wonderful, discover breathtaking iconic landscapes and the unique wildlife these regions are famous for – capture every remarkable moment in detail.

◀ **Spend the night in Milford Sound, NZ**
Drift beneath towering peaks and waterfalls on an unforgettable Milford Mariner overnight cruise. During the day explore the shoreline by kayak or tender boat in the company of onboard naturalist guides. Then as dusk falls see a brilliant cosmic display of stars and awaken the next morning to the serenity of rainforest and rising mist.



Explore ancient landscapes at Wangi Falls, NT
Discover a secluded oasis at Wangi Falls, where twin waterfalls cascade down red escarpment into a refreshing plunge pool. Cool-off in crystal-clear natural water while listening to bird song or take one of the walking trails to a panoramic lookout point, and soak in the beauty of ancient landscapes carved by time and flowing water.

MORE AMAZING EXPERIENCES ▶

LOCAL CONNECTION

Gain a deeper understanding of your destination through meaningful connections with local people, hearing directly from those who call it home, led by your expert Travel Director.



Forage for botanicals at Wild Yarnbala, SA

A hidden sanctuary of tranquillity awaits in this secluded area of critically endangered bushland. Embrace your wild side searching for bush foods while learning about the Slater family's dedication and passion for nature. Later, enjoy a didgeridoo lap-steel guitar performance as your foraged natives infuse in your glass of Coffin Bay Gin.

FLEXIBLE VACATIONS

Find the perfect balance of expertly guided touring and free time, choose from a range of optional activities, and select the travel style that best suits you.



Scale new heights at Sydney Harbour Bridge, NSW

Ascend Sydney's iconic Harbour Bridge for the ultimate adventure and sweeping views. This unforgettable climb takes you 134 meters above the sparkling harbor, where the Opera House gleams below and the city sprawls endlessly beyond. Feel the wind in your hair as you gain a new perspective atop an architectural marvel, creating memories that will last a lifetime.



▲ Embrace real New Zealand country life, NZ

Experience authentic New Zealand farm life at Real Country, where local farmers showcase traditional agricultural practices with genuine southern hospitality. Watch fascinating demonstrations of horse communication techniques and witness skilled working sheep dogs in action during mustering displays. This immersive rural encounter offers visitors a genuine taste of Kiwi countryside culture, combining agricultural education with warm hospitality and hands-on countryside experiences.



▲ An Outback barbecue right next to Uluru, NT

Sunset with wine, good conversation and of course Uluru in full view. Opportunities like this are one in a million, similar to the stars shining up above as you enjoy an Outback barbecue in a casual atmosphere. As Uluru's shadow fades away leaving only a dark silhouette, you'll discover the Milky Way, and the constellations of the desert night sky.

4.8/5

feefo

independent &
transparent
satisfaction rating

“Worth every cent and more!

I loved everything about my trip! I was traveling solo and was apprehensive. However, from the time we all first met as a group until the end of the trip, it was pure excitement with new friends! Our tour director, Chanthavee, and coach driver, Dave, were excellent hosts and are treasures of AATKings! Definitely coming back because of the service from these guys!

Nesa M. ★★★★★ ”



“Bucket list trip. Fantastic organization. Amazing. Perfect. Exciting.

Jennifer A. ★★★★★ ”

“Everything from start to finish was well planned and executed perfectly.

Maureen F. ★★★★★ ”



The TreadRight Foundation was established more than 15 years ago and since then has supported over 65 sustainable tourism projects worldwide. Their mission is clear; to have a positive impact on:

PEOPLE SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES & CULTURES **PLANET** SUSTAINABILITY & CONSERVATION **WILDLIFE** PROTECTION & AWARENESS



Through our not-for-profit TreadRight Foundation, of which AAT Kings is a founding member, and our sustainability strategy, How We Tread Right, we're addressing the impact of our operations and trips. We're committed to reaching net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across our value chain by 2050 from a 2019 baseline year, with a primary focus on decarbonization. To achieve this, we have launched a four-point Climate Action Plan as well as a Carbon Fund dedicated to financing initiatives to reduce the carbon emissions of our business. You can read more about our plans to Measure, Reduce, Restore and Evolve at impact.ttc.com.

Global Tour Rewards

At AAT Kings, we're proud of our tours, helping guests discover Australia and New Zealand for more than 100 years. We're even prouder to be part of a much bigger family of brands, The Travel Corporation (TTC), which includes some of the world's most prestigious travel brands. The collection is diverse, but we all share standards of excellence and common goals: to offer outstanding service and experiences, whichever corner of the planet our guests choose to roam.

The loyalty of our past guests means everything to us. That's why everyone who travels with us is automatically enrolled in our **Global Tour Rewards** program, with access to exclusive past guest savings and offers on AAT Kings guided vacations, as well as tours from TTC's family of brands (Trafalgar, Luxury Gold, Insight Vacations, Brendan Vacations, Costsaver, and Contiki). Use your benefits on more than 1,000 tours around the globe designed for every taste, place, and pace.

5% off with Global Tour Rewards*

If you've traveled with AAT Kings before (on our Guided Vacations), let us know at the time of booking.

Second Vacation Discount

When booking two Guided Vacations 7 days or more, at the same time you'll automatically have access to a **2.5% discount*** to the tour with the lowest price. Plus, when you book a Guided Vacation you'll get up to **10% off Day Tours*** to complement your trip.

*Visit aatkings.com/special-offers for full terms and conditions.



Discover ways you can save by contacting your travel agent, our experts, or by visiting our website.



Travel Your Way

Choose the best adventure to suit your travel style. Whether you want your itinerary, accommodations and exclusive experiences all expertly arranged behind the scenes, just require the essentials with insider tips provided, or prefer the flexibility to go your own way, we have the perfect tour for you.



CLASSIC GROUPS **C**

- For travelers who want:
- To experience the must-see sights and cultural highlights
 - To be guided by knowledgeable Travel Directors
 - A seamless travel experience where everything is taken care of by the experts

This is what AAT Kings is renowned and loved for – the perfect balance between discovering the icons and lesser-known destinations, while your accommodations and everything in-between is handled by the experts. Simply relax and delve into the country's culture guided by our knowledgeable Travel Directors.



SMALL GROUPS **SG**

- For travelers who want:
- To delve deeper into the destination and connect authentically with the locals
 - Carefully curated itineraries and expert guidance so you'll get the most out of each destination

Discover intimate adventures where you'll dive deeper into destinations and meet like-minded travelers. Access off-the-beaten-path locations and immersive cultural experiences out of reach of larger groups. These expertly crafted tours deliver exceptional value while connecting you to each destination's authentic character and hidden gems.



SHORT BREAKS **SB**

- For travelers who want:
- To see Australia, but don't have weeks to spare
 - A seamless travel experience to take in as much as possible in a short space of time

When you have a week or less to dive into thundering waterfalls or dine under a carpet of stars at Uluru, this travel style is for you. Your journey packs cultural connections, insider knowledge, and wondrous sights into a fully curated, blissfully efficient, bite-sized package.



DAY TOURS **DT**

- For travelers who:
- Have a few hours and want life-changing experiences packed in

A century ago, AAT Kings became an Australian pioneer in day tripping, taking adventurous explorers where few others had gone before. We know this space well, and our Driver Guides have every connection to make your day of adventure as meaningful as possible.



Australia & New Zealand

Immerse yourself in authentic experiences.

Australia and New Zealand offer unforgettable landscapes, vibrant cultures, and rich history - and with us, you'll discover it all through the insights of our expert Travel Directors and Driver Guides. They'll share the stories behind the scenery, like how half the population of Coober Pedy in South Australia live underground to escape the desert heat or how New Zealand is the only place where you can find the world's smallest dolphins. Their local knowledge enriches your journey, creating memories that last a lifetime.



Highlights of Australia & New Zealand



Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light (Optional)

1 Welcome to Melbourne

Settle into your hotel on the banks of the Yarra River and meet your Travel Director at the South Wharf riverside for dinner at a popular restaurant in the area. It's a great opportunity to get to know everyone in a unique setting. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 3 nights. D**

2 Melbourne Sightseeing

Join your Travel Director for a city sights tour that includes a private walk through Melbourne's famous hidden laneways. Later, consider an optional experience to Phillip Island to see the nightly ritual of the Penguin Parade. Or simply relax and watch the world go by. **B**

3 Melbourne Free Time

Today, you may wish to sign up to discover the Great Ocean Road, a stretch of coastline that deserves its reputation as one of the most scenic touring routes in the world. **B**

4 Melbourne - Uluru

The rusty red landscapes of Uluru beckon as you depart for Ayers Rock Resort, Your backdrop this afternoon is the world's largest rock monolith. Capture Uluru as the last of the day disappears, glass of bubbles in hand (of course). Then discuss with your Travel Director the option to elevate your evening with the exclusive Uluru Barbecue Dinner (own expense). **Hotel: Desert Gardens, 2 nights. B**

5 Uluru and Kata Tjuta

The only reason to get out of bed before dawn? For a magical Uluru sunrise. It's a spiritual place, with stories of the Anangu, caretakers of this remote arid landscape revealed while you tour the base a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. This is the countryside that First Nations artists immortalize in their paintings – try your hand at creating one during an intro to Western Desert Art, another **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. The red desert follows you to Kata Tjuta, where nature humbles as you walk through the towering domes of this ancient rock formation. Cheers to the end of another amazing day with sunset drinks at Kata Tjuta. **B**

6 Uluru - Cairns

On your last day in Uluru you have the opportunity to glimpse the kaleidoscopic Field of Light art installation of artist Bruce Munro (own

expense). Later, head to your next stop in tropical Cairns. **Hotel: Hilton, 3 nights. B**

7 Cairns Free Time

Cruising with crocs, a scenic railway ride into World Heritage listed rainforest, a wander along the Cairns Esplanade? Today the choice is yours. Celebrate the end of an incredible day at dinner at a waterfront restaurant. **B D**

8 Great Barrier Reef

The world's largest living organism, the Great Barrier Reef, never fails to dazzle. Set out on a catamaran to explore a kaleidoscope of color. Strap on a snorkel or visit an underwater observatory and semi-submersible craft to take in the menagerie without getting your hair wet. **B L**

9 Cairns - Sydney

Touch down in Australia's largest city, and spend time at leisure in the buzzing metropolis of Sydney. You decide how best to enjoy this bustling city of delights. **Hotel: InterContinental, 4 nights. B**

10 Sydney sightseeing

Bring your stamina: today is one of innumerable highlights. Go on a tour of the Sydney Opera House, discovering its architectural and performance secrets. Then see the city from the water on a Sydney Harbour Highlight Lunch Cruise. One icon to another: The world's most famous beach beckons this afternoon. **B L**

11 Sydney Free Time

The hardest decision you have to make today: explore more of Sydney, or head to the Blue Mountains World Heritage listed wilderness on a tour (own expense). The choice is yours. **B**

12 Sydney Sightseeing

Late morning, stroll through the Royal Botanic Garden to the Art Gallery of NSW for a guided tour. The art gallery houses some spectacular First Nations art as well as contemporary and classic pieces. Afterwards, enjoy a Be My Guest lunch infused with native Australian flavors. **B L**

13 Sydney - Auckland

All you have to do today is sit back and enjoy the view as you cross the Tasman to embark on your next adventure. **Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity, 2 nights. B D**

14 Auckland Sightseeing

After a relaxed start, set your sights firmly on New Zealand's national game: rugby. The interactive All Blacks Experience explores an introduction to the game as a part of New Zealand culture. Afterwards get the lay of the land on a city sightseeing tour including Bastion Point and views of Mission Bay. **B**

15 Auckland - Rotorua

Get ready for a much-anticipated trip to the Hobbiton Movie Set. This evening, embark upon the Te Pō experience at Te Puia. Learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a cultural performance and hāngī-inspired cuisine. **Hotel: Millennium. B D**

16 Rotorua - Auckland - Queenstown

Visit the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa, where you'll learn about the work being done to save this rare native bird, on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. The feel-good vibes will follow you all the way to Queenstown. **Hotel: Millennium, 3 nights. B**

17 Milford Sound/Piopiotahi Cruise

Sheer cliffs, thundering waterfalls, glaciers and rainforest – if there's a destination more inspiring than Milford Sound/Piopiotahi in Fiordland National Park, we're yet to find it. After a cruise here, we're sure you'll agree. **B L**

18 Queenstown Free Time

Today is all yours. Regroup for dinner at the historic Postmasters Cottage located in picturesque Arrowtown. **B D**

19 Queenstown - Lake Tekapo

Visit the Jones Family fruit stall for fresh local stone fruit. Discover some of the rarest cars in NZ motorsports history during your visit to the Highlands Museum. Arriving at Lake Tekapo, you're far from anywhere. Which practically guarantees dazzling stargazing in the UNESCO Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve. **Hotel: Peppers Bluewater Resort. B D**

20 Lake Tekapo - Christchurch

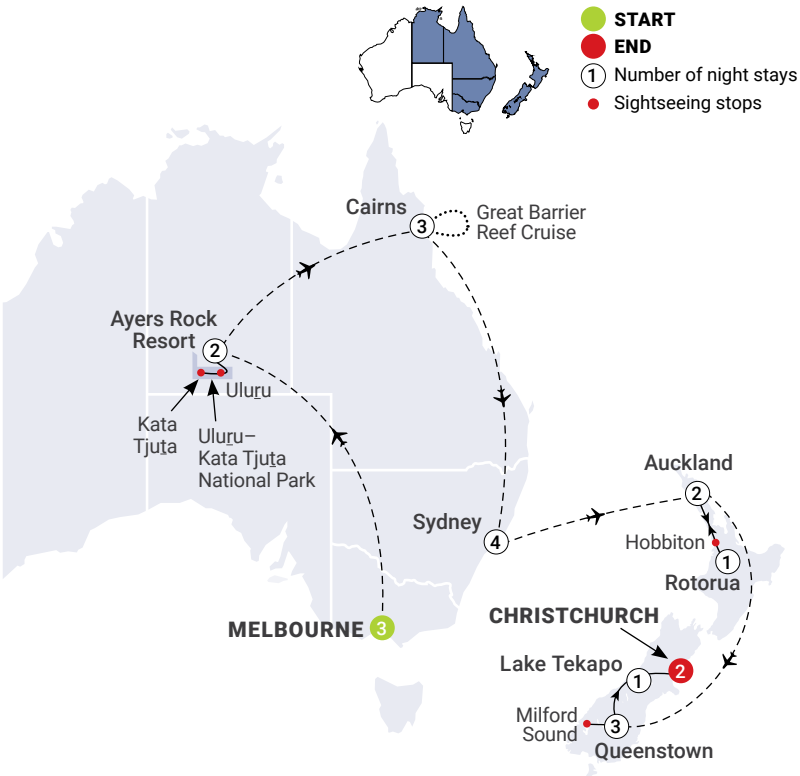
Head north through South Canterbury to Christchurch. **Hotel: Distinction Christchurch, 2 nights. B**

21 Christchurch

Travel to Hurunui Hills, a hill-country farm in North Canterbury. Enjoy warm Kiwi hospitality from the Bamford Family. Soak up the stunning scenery, meet the farm animals, and discover what it is like to live off the land on this unique By My Guest experience. Then visit a local vineyard, Waipara Springs Winery, where it's time to relax over a platter-style lunch and wine tasting among the vines. A big day leads to a big evening, joining your Travel Director for a celebratory dinner featuring produce from the Canterbury region. **B L D**

22 Farewell from Christchurch

How did three weeks disappear like that? Re-live all the memorable moments on your way home. **B**



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Dining

21 Breakfasts **B** 7 Dinners **D**
5 Lunches **L**

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Contrasts of Australia & New Zealand



Dark Sky Reserve, Lake Tekapo

1 Welcome to Melbourne
Settle into your hotel on the banks of the Yarra River and meet your Travel Director for dinner at a popular location. It's a great opportunity to get to know everyone in a unique setting. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. D**

2 Melbourne
Get out and see the sights today on a guided walk with your Travel Director discovering the little lanes, arcades, and café society of stylish Melbourne. Discover more of Melbourne over a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience tour and walk at Koorie Heritage Trust Gallery. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own; enjoy an optional experience to Phillip Island to see the nightly ritual of the Penguin Parade (own expense). Or simply relax and watch the world go by. **B**

3 Melbourne - Cairns
Things start to heat up in Cairns, the heart of Tropical North Queensland. Jump aboard a cruise at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures to discover some of the wildlife that calls this part of the state home, koalas, wallabies and crocs among them, before helping protect their habitats by planting trees as part of our Rainforest Restoration project - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Talk about a feel-good day. **Hotel: Hilton, 3 nights. B**

4 Great Barrier Reef
The Great Barrier Reef deserves its World Heritage listing – it's one of the most biodiverse marine environments on the planet, home to thousands of species of fish and corals, as well as six of the world's seven sea turtles. Strap on a snorkel and dive in, or keep your hair dry and take in the drama from an underwater observatory and semi-submersible craft. Enjoy a buffet lunch on onboard before returning to Cairns. **B L**

5 Cairns Free Time
Today is one of decisions: explore the Cairns Esplanade, or head up into the hills on an optional experience Scenic Railway journey to Kuranda. You're surrounded by some of the world's oldest rainforest as you return to base via the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway (own expense). If that's not humbling enough, tonight's dinner at a waterfront restaurant uses native ingredients that the world's oldest civilization has consumed for a millennia. **B D**

6 Cairns - Sydney
The view over the harbor as you come into land certainly sparkles. The rest of your day is free for you to acquaint yourself with this magical city. Ask your Travel Director for suggestions. **Hotel: Sofitel Wentworth, 3 nights. B**

7 Sydney Sightseeing
Begin your day with a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, exploring its architectural wonders. Visit Bondi for a behind-the-scenes tour at the Bondi Surf Life Saving Club. Enjoy a Be My Guest lunch at the Bondi RSL Club with beach views. In the afternoon, embark on a Sydney Harbour sightseeing cruise, taking in views of the Harbour Bridge and Opera House. This day promises exclusive access, local cuisine, and unforgettable vistas. **B L**

8 Sydney Free Time
You could spend weeks exploring Sydney. Months even. But you have today, so get set for a wild ride. Your agenda is completely up to you, but we have more than a few ideas. Perhaps a bird's-eye perspective of the city on a Sydney BridgeClimb? Or a visit to the Three Sisters in the Blue Mountains? (both own expense). This evening, celebrate your time in Sydney at dinner with your travel companions. **B D**

9 Sydney - Auckland
Battle of the harbors: Sydney has one, but Auckland has two. Small wonder it's known as the 'City of Sails'. **Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity, 2 nights. B D**

10 Auckland
After a relaxed start, set your sights firmly on New Zealand's national game: rugby. The interactive All Blacks Experience explores an introduction to the game as a part of New Zealand culture. Afterwards get the lay of the land on a city sightseeing tour including Bastion Point. **B**

11 Auckland - Rotorua
Experience the real Middle-earth at the Hobbiton Movie Set where you can step into the lush pastures of the Shire, as seen in The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. You will be fully guided around the 12-acre

set, including an interior Hobbit Hole experience. Continue to Rotorua, where tonight you will visit Te Puia's geothermal Valley. Learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes hāngī-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance. View the Pōhutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Millennium. B D**

12 Rotorua - Auckland - Queenstown
Your destination this morning in Rotorua is the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa, where you'll join a local guide for a tour. Learn about the work being done to save this rare native bird, get up close and see kiwi eggs being incubated, the hatching process, and even newly hatched kiwi chicks at this national leader in kiwi husbandry - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Later fly south to adventure capital Queenstown. **Hotel: Millennium, 3 nights. B**

13 Milford Sound/Piopiotahi Cruise
Sheer cliffs, thundering waterfalls, glaciers and rainforest – if there's a destination more inspiring than Milford Sound in Fiordland National Park, we're yet to find it. After a cruise here (fur seals and Kea birds), we're sure you'll agree. **B L**

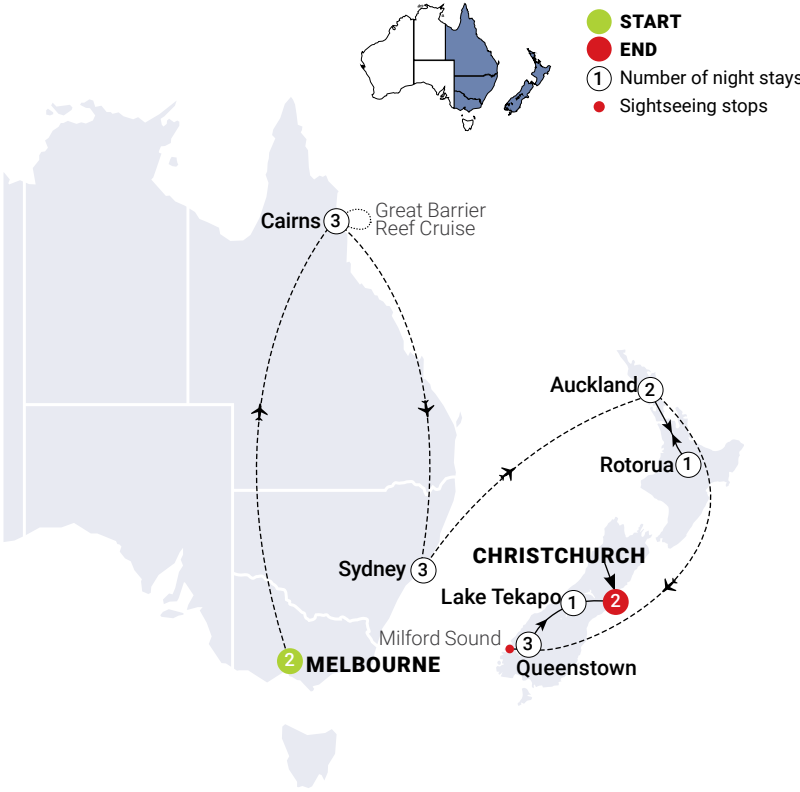
14 Queenstown Free Time
Sleep in, find a rooftop wine bar for lunch, take a stroll around the lake... wherever you wander, meet your fellow travelers for dinner at 1860s Postmasters Cottage. **B D**

15 Queenstown - Lake Tekapo
Visit iconic the iconic Jones Family fruit stall for fresh stonefruit. Discover some of the rarest cars in NZ motorsports history during your visit to the Highlands Museum. Arriving at Lake Tekapo take a moment at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Tonight enjoy a dazzling night sky on your stargazing tour of Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve. **Hotel: Peppers Bluewater Resort. B D**

16 Lake Tekapo - Christchurch
Get an early start to watch the sun rise over the lake or sleep in before heading to Christchurch, where community spirit is strong; not only has the city rebuilt since the devastating 2010/11 earthquakes, but it's thriving, with architectural innovations like the world's first church built of cardboard. **Hotel: Distinction Christchurch, 2 nights. B**

17 Christchurch & Surrounds
Travel north through rolling countryside to Hurunui Hills, a hill country farm in North Canterbury. Enjoy warm Kiwi hospitality with the Bamford Family, who have been farming at Hurunui since 1884 with six generations focused on producing premium Merino sheep, wool and Angus cattle. Soak up stunning scenery, meet the farm animals and discover what it is like to live off the land on this unique By My Guest experience. Continue to a local vineyard, Waipara Springs Winery, where it's time to relax with a wine tasting and platter-style lunch among the vines. A big day leads to a big evening joining your Travel Director and travel mates for a celebratory dinner featuring produce from the Canterbury region. **B L D**

18 Farewell from Christchurch
It's hard to say goodbye; so say Haere rā instead. **B**



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- Spot the crocs on Hartley's Crocodile Adventures Wildlife River Cruise
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17 Breakfasts B 8 Dinners D
4 Lunches L

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Australia & New Zealand Panorama



Walter Peak High Country Farm, Queenstown

1 Welcome to Melbourne

Settle into your hotel on the banks of the Yarra River and meet your Travel Director for dinner at a popular restaurant in the area. It's a great opportunity to get to know everyone in a unique setting. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. D**

2 Melbourne Sightseeing & Free Time

Get out and see the sights today on a guided walk with your Travel Director discovering the little lanes, arcades, and café society of stylish Melbourne. Discover more of Melbourne over a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience tour and walk at Koorie Heritage Trust Gallery. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own; enjoy an optional experience to Phillip Island to see the nightly ritual of the Penguin Parade (own expense). Or simply relax and watch the world go by. **B**

3 Melbourne - Cairns

Go from city to tropics today as you fly north to Cairns, Queensland. On arrival join a private wildlife boat cruise at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures. There will be time to help regenerate the rainforest particular to the Wangetti Valley in which Hartley's is located, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Feel free to join in as much or as little as you wish with this tree planting project and be a part of keeping the World Heritage listed Wet Tropics alive. **Hotel: Hilton, 3 nights. B**

4 Great Barrier Reef

Did you know that the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef is home to 1,500 species of fish, 215 different birds, 3,000 molluscs, six of the world's seven marine turtle species, and 30 species of dolphins and whales are residents? Get ready for an experience of a lifetime when you board a high-speed catamaran and cruise to the outer edge of the Great Barrier Reef. Strap on a snorkel and mask to view this marine menagerie up close and personal. Enjoy a buffet lunch onboard before returning to Cairns. **B L**

5 Cairns Free Time

If you're in the habit of getting up early now, you may wish to begin your day with a horizon-bending hot-air-balloon ride over the Atherton Tablelands. Prefer to stay grounded? Sign up for a guided walk through the Daintree Rainforest, or surround yourself with nature riding the Scenic

Railway to Kuranda returning on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway (all own expense). Tonight, join your companions for dinner, with native ingredients highlighted at a waterfront restaurant. **B D**

6 Cairns - Sydney

Fly from Cairns to Sydney. The rest of the day is yours to do as you wish. You could walk to the Art Gallery of NSW or to Mrs. Macquarie's Chair for a panoramic views of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Ask your Travel Director for evening dining suggestions. **Hotel: Sofitel Wentworth, 3 nights. B**

7 Sydney Sightseeing

Begin your day with a guided tour of the iconic Sydney Opera House, exploring its architectural wonders and legendary performances. Next, visit Bondi for a behind-the-scenes look at the Bondi Surf Life Saving Club, uncovering its rich history and vibrant culture. Enjoy a Be My Guest lunch at the Bondi RSL Club with stunning beach views. In the afternoon, embark on a Sydney Harbour sightseeing cruise, taking in breathtaking views of the Harbour Bridge and Opera House. This day promises exclusive access, local cuisine, and unforgettable vistas. **B L**

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9 Sydney - Queenstown

New Zealand's adventure capital, Queenstown, awaits. Explore the alpine village and stunning Lake Wakatipu, then enjoy walkable bars and restaurants. Ask your Travel Director for tips. **Hotel: Millennium, 3 nights. B**

10 Queenstown Sightseeing

Get a taste of country life combined with good old fashioned southern hospitality as you meet a 'Southerner' local female farmer at Real Country. On this experience get a feel for life on the farm as you have

demonstrations of Horse communication and Working sheep dog mustering. Try your hand at a Stock whip cracking lesson, and feed and interact with the friendly farm animals. For every guest on this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture. Then you'll think you've stepped back in time when you arrive in the former gold-mining village of Arrowtown. Come dusk, cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the TSS Earnslaw; the only thing more inspiring than the peaks of the Remarkables that surround is the festive atmosphere welcoming you to Walter Peak High Country Farm, where a gourmet barbecue at the Colonel's Homestead awaits. **B D**

11 Queenstown Free Time

You could spend a long time in and around Queenstown. But on your free day, we highly recommend either venturing into the end-of-the-Earth wilderness that is Milford Sound, to cruise past sheer cliffs, white-capped peaks and waterfalls. Or blissing out on an obligatory wine tour of the Otago region (both own expense). It's a difficult decision. **B**

12 Queenstown - Auckland - Rotorua

After touching down in Auckland, you'll board your coach for the drive to Rotorua, the cultural capital, where you will immerse yourself in Māori history and culture. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B**

13 Rotorua Sightseeing

Your visit to the National Kiwi Hatchery is guided by passionate conservationists and will give you fascinating insights into New Zealand's national bird on this rewarding **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Rotorua's landscapes are reminiscent of a sci-fi movie set where mud pops from bubbling geysers and steam rushes skywards. See it first-hand at Whakarewarewa, the world's only living Māori village where people live on a daily basis, using natural geothermal resources to cook, bathe and heat their homes as they have for centuries. This evening, embark on the Te Pō experience at Te Puia. Learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes hāngi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house. Witness a pōwhiri (traditional welcome), waiata (song), mōteatea (traditional chant) poi and haka. View the Pōhutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **B D**

14 Rotorua - Auckland

Set your GPS for the Waitomo Caves. While cruising cavernous waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. The next thing that glows on your horizon is Auckland. This evening, share the stories of your Australia and New Zealand Panorama tour at dinner with your Travel Director and companions at The Grill, celebrating Aotearoa's culinary treasures. **Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity. B D**

15 Farewell from Auckland

Two countries, multiple adventures, an abundance of new friends... Just how do you say goodbye to a journey like this? **B**





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2 Lunches **L**

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Australia

Adventure awaits around every corner.

Australia is a land like no other - vast, vibrant, and filled with unforgettable firsts.

From the vibrant coral gardens of the Great Barrier Reef to the ancient red heart of Uluru, this diverse continent offers endless adventures. Bustling cities like Sydney and Melbourne pulse with world-class dining, while the rugged Outback whispers stories of timeless landscapes and rich culture. Australia's unique wildlife, friendly locals, and immersive experiences ensure that your journey here will leave you longing to return.

Australian Highlights



Great Barrier Reef

1 Welcome to Melbourne

Settle into your hotel on the banks of the Yarra River and meet your Travel Director at the South Wharf riverside for dinner at a popular restaurant in the area. It's a great opportunity to get to know everyone in a unique setting. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 3 nights. D**

2 Melbourne Sightseeing and Free Time

Join your Travel Director for a city sights tour that includes a private walk through Melbourne's famous hidden laneways. You'll discover the city's eclectic little lanes, arcades, café society and fascinating street art. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own, enjoy an optional experience to the Penguin Parade (own expense) or simply relax and watch the world go by. **B**

3 Melbourne Free Time

If you're still getting your Melbourne bearings, linger in town to explore boutiques, galleries, and eclectic suburbs. Or, perhaps exploring the city on foot with a History and Donuts Walking Tour is more your thing. But if it's time to venture further afield, you might want to sign up to discover the Great Ocean Road, a stretch of coastline that deserves its reputation as one of the most scenic touring routes in the world. **B**

4 Melbourne - Uluru

The rusty red landscapes of Uluru beckon as you leave Melbourne for Ayers Rock Resort, your backdrop this afternoon is the world's largest rock monolith. Follow your guide to the perfect perch to capture Uluru as the last of the day disappears, glass of bubbles in hand (of course). **Hotel: Desert Gardens, 2 nights. B**

5 Uluru and Kata Tjuta

The only reason to get out of bed before dawn? For a magical Uluru sunrise. It's a spiritual place, with stories of the Anangu, caretakers of this remote arid landscape revealed while you tour the base on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Later, an Anangu artist will explain just what makes it so spiritual over an introduction to Western Desert art, introducing totems and symbols important to the region and represented in paintings and installations, another **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. The red desert follows you to Kata Tjuta, where nature

humbles as you walk through the towering domes of this ancient rock formation. Cheers to the end of another amazing day with sunset drinks at Kata Tjuta. **B**

6 Uluru - Cairns

The only reason to get up before dawn on your last day in Uluru is to glimpse the kaleidoscopic Field of Light art installation of artist Bruce Munro on an Optional Experience. 50,000 glowing spindles of light blanketing the desert. Clamber to the top of a sand dune to marvel in the morning unfolding over this very special part of the world (own expense). Later, head to your next stop in tropical Cairns. **Hotel: Hilton, 3 nights. B**

7 Cairns Free Time

Cruising with crocs, a scenic railway ride into World Heritage listed rainforest, a wander along the Cairns Esplanade? Today the choice is yours. Celebrate the end of an incredible day with dinner at a waterfront restaurant for regional seafood plucked straight from the ocean, highlighting fresh and local ingredients. **B D**

8 Great Barrier Reef

The world's largest living organism, the Great Barrier Reef, never fails to dazzle. Set out on a catamaran to explore a kaleidoscope of color. Strap on a snorkel or visit an underwater observatory and semi-submersible craft to take in the menagerie without getting your hair wet. A tropical buffet lunch is served onboard before you return to Cairns. **B L**

9 Cairns - Sydney

Touch down in Australia's largest city, and spend time at leisure in the buzzing metropolis of Sydney. Take a stroll along the iconic harbor, visit one of the city's many bars, pubs, or restaurants, or simply while away the day at the beach. You decide how best to enjoy this bustling city of delights. **Hotel: InterContinental, 4 nights. B**

10 Sydney

Bring your stamina: today is one of innumerable highlights. Go on a tour of the Sydney Opera House, discovering its architectural and performance secrets. If these sails could talk. Then see the city from the water on a Sydney Harbour Lunch Cruise, enjoying a menu focusing on local food and

wine. One icon to another: The world's most famous beach beckons this afternoon, with your chance to pad along the sand at Bondi with Sydney's beautiful people. **B L**

11 Sydney Free Time

The hardest decision you have to make today: explore more of Sydney, or head to the Blue Mountains World Heritage listed wilderness on a tour (own expense). The choice is yours. **B**

12 Sydney Sightseeing

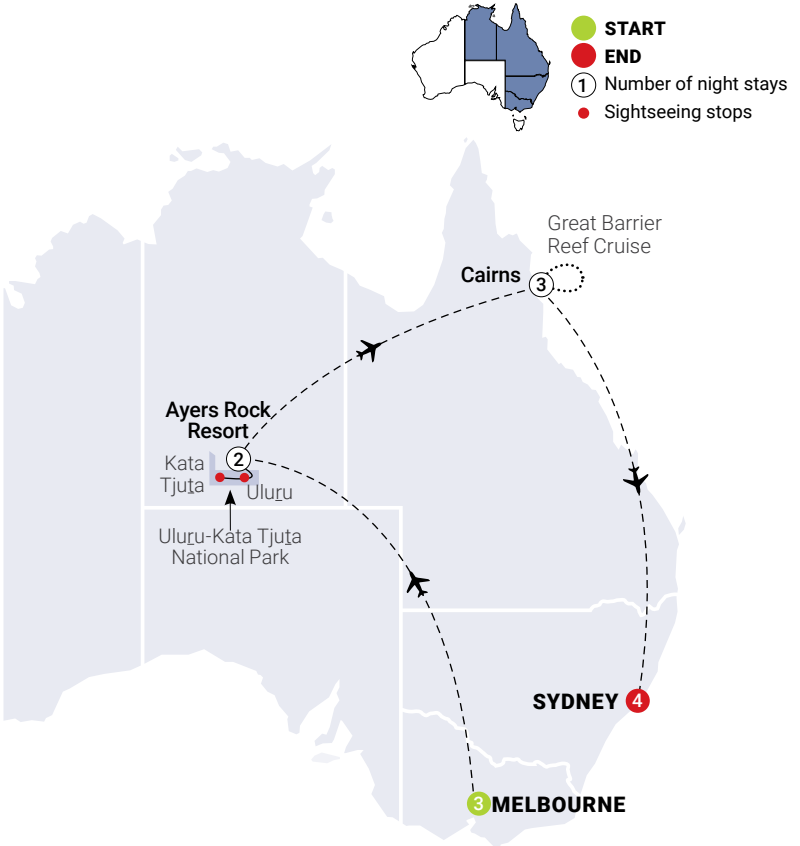
This morning you have some free time, so you may choose to sleep in or take an early morning walk around Circular Quay to enjoy last views of the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Late morning, stroll through the Royal Botanic Garden to the Art Gallery of NSW for a guided tour and lunch. The art gallery houses some spectacular First Nations art as well as contemporary and classic pieces. Your guided tour will be focused on First Nations and Australian art. Afterwards, enjoy a Be My Guest lunch infused with native Australian flavors. Talk about ending on a high. **B L**

13 Farewell from Sydney

What an epic journey, with so many destinations explored in less than two weeks. Now you just have to sort through the photos. **B**



Field of Light, Uluru (Optional)



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- Cruise out to the Great Barrier Reef - a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Join a private guided tour of the Sydney Opera House
- Welcome to a Be My Guest lunch at the Art Gallery of NSW
- Cruise around Sydney Harbour and see the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Stroll along the promenade at Sydney's Bondi Beach
- Learn about Indigenous art on a guided tour and Be My Guest lunch at the Art Gallery of New South Wales

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| 2026 | Jun 21 | Mar 07, 14, 21 |
| Jan 11, 18, 25 | Aug 23 | |
| Feb 08, 15 | Sep 06, 20 | |
| Mar 01, 15 | Oct 04, 25 | |
| | Nov 01, 08, 15, 22 | |
| | Dec 06, 20 | |

Dining

12 Breakfasts **B** 2 Dinners **D**
3 Lunches **L**

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Melbourne Airport
Day 13: Flights to depart anytime from Sydney Airport

Tour price includes internal-vacation airfares. Airport to Hotel transfers are included for 2025-26 season departures. For added flexibility, these are available to purchase for 2026-27 season departures.

Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

Outback Adventure



Uluru sunrise

- 1

Welcome to Adelaide
Adelaide attracts foodies, historians, and art aficionados in equal measure. Meet your Travel Director for a drink before exploring the city's highlights on a guided tour including meeting a local gourmand at the legendary Central Market. Tonight is yours to enjoy! **Hotel: Crowne Plaza.**
- 2

Adelaide - Flinders Ranges
One of Australia's oldest wine regions, the Clare Valley is all rounded hills, rippling vines and native forest. It's the postcard-perfect setting for historic Knappstein Enterprise Winery, producing sweet-scented rieslings and mineral-rich reds. Next, enjoy a visit to artist Jeff Morgan's gallery in Hawker, gateway to the Flinders Ranges. The best is yet to come, as you arrive at Wilpena Pound Resort in the shadows of a staggering natural amphitheater, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Wilpena Pound Resort. B D**
- 3

Flinders Ranges - Port Augusta
The river red gums that envelop Hills Homestead will leave you lost for words. You get here on a leisurely walk along Wilpena Creek and continue to Wangarra Hill Lookout for views over the pound's peaks and curves. The drama is echoed as you travel to Pichi Richi Pass and the historic town of Quorn, where with a Local Guide, you'll hear the importance of this town in the ANZAC's Gallipoli Campaign, before easing into Port Augusta. **Hotel: Majestic Oasis Apartments. B D**
- 4

Port Augusta - Coober Pedy
The main attraction in Woomera is a former rocket-testing site, today stocked with disused rockets and missiles. Speaking of space, you'll think you've landed on the moon as you travel through sunbaked country to Coober Pedy, known as 'the opal capital of the world'. Things get deep as you travel underground to visit the town's head scratching subterranean facilities. **Hotel: Desert Cave. B**
- 5

Coober Pedy - Uluru
Emerge from your cave and cross the border into the Northern Territory. Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park has World Heritage status for a reason; under the gaze of the world's mightiest monolith, toast the end of the day with a glass of bubbles and a camera full of sunset photos. **Hotel: Desert Gardens, 2 nights. B**

- 6

Uluru Sunrise - Kata Tjuta
Pre-dawn wake-up calls are worth it when you get to enjoy a Red Centre sunrise. Marvel at the majesty of Uluru as you circumnavigate its base or join a guided walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole. This landscape takes you back to the beginning of time, a sacred place among the Anangu. More soul-salving landscapes await at Kata Tjuta, cool relief provided as you walk amid its domes to Walpa Gorge. Enjoy sparkling wine at Kata Tjuta. **B**
- 7

Uluru - Kings Canyon
Sleep in, or you might choose to rise early for Artist Bruce Munro's Field of Light (own expense) and another special sunrise over Uluru. Next chance to stretch your legs is at Kings Creek Station, the largest exporter of wild camels in Australia. All your senses will be activated at Kings Canyon, 440-million years in the making. **Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort. B D**
- 8

Kings Canyon - Alice Springs
Things are bigger in the NT outback, from the cattle stations to the MacDonnell Ranges, which stretch like a caterpillar toward Alice Springs. Alice Springs makes Australian history for her 1872 Telegraph Station, one of 11 along the Overland Telegraph Line between Adelaide and Darwin. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B**
- 9

Alice Springs Sightseeing
Aboriginal culture is strong in Alice Springs, as you'll fast find on a tour of the Alice Springs Desert Park. Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, its base a museum that goes behind the scenes of the life-saving health services delivered to people in remote realms. One of the benefits of being this far-flung is the lack of light pollution. And at Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre, this equates to epic stargazing. Your Be My Guest BBQ dinner here with the Falzon family is enlightening and uplifting - think stories of self-sufficient living and astronomy. **B D**
- 10

Alice Springs - Tennant Creek
1.3 million square kilometers – that's the eye-watering distance the School of Air's lessons are broadcast across daily. If touring during the school term, you may be lucky enough to observe live educational sessions featuring children who otherwise may not have access to public education. Approximately an hour south of Tennant Creek is Karlu Karlu, the Devils

Marbles. These boulders have formed over millions of years and continue to crack and change over time. **Hotel: Bluestone Motor Inn. B D**

- 11

Tennant Creek - Katherine
Since the 1930s, the Daly Waters Historic Pub has been dishing up schnitzels, barramundi burgers and hearty steaks. The walls are lined with treasures that passers-by leave behind. 'Land of the Never Never' awaits at Mataranka. Visit a replica of the Elsey Homestead, used in 1982 Aussie drama We of the Never Never. Or wander palm-lined walkways to take a dip in the region's thermal springs. **Hotel: Contour. B D**
- 12

Katherine - Kakadu
The Jawoyn have called Nitmiluk Gorge home for a millennia. Find out about the ancient story of the cicada, embodying the spiritual connection between the Jawoyn people and their land on a cruise through the gorge. Continue into Kakadu National Park. The Yellow Water Billabong Cruise is a mesmerizing journey through this ancient landscape, guided by knowledgeable locals. Both cruises are **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile. B D**
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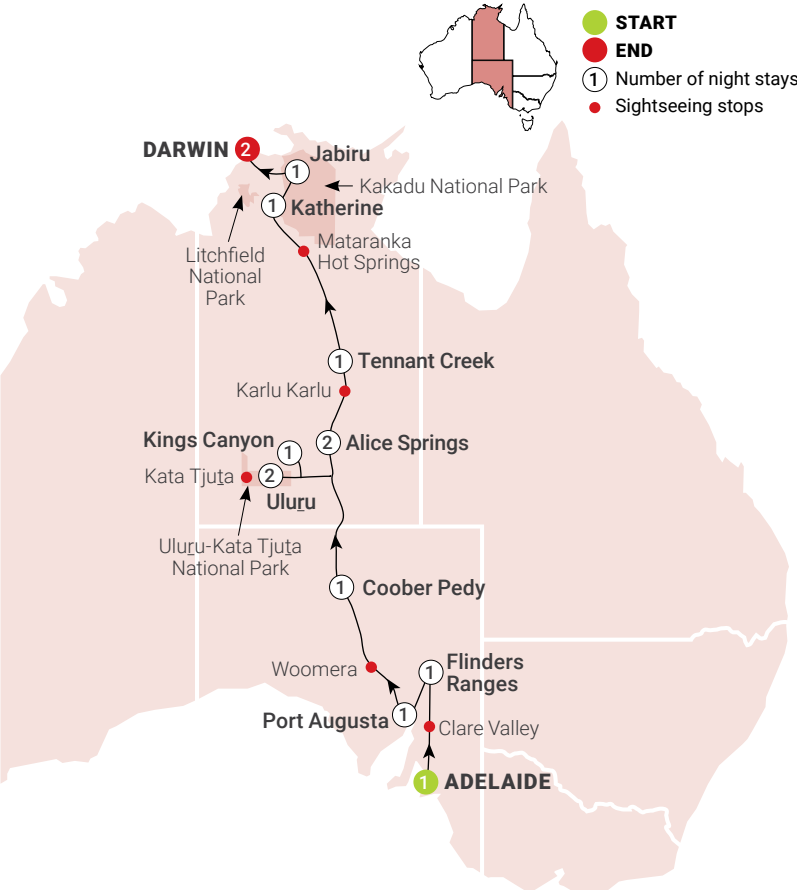
Kakadu - Darwin
Decisions, decisions: a morning flight over Kakadu (own expense), or a sleep in. We vote for the former before you venture toward Ubirr and its ancient Aboriginal rock art. The night is yours in steamy Darwin, where the characters are as large as the shadows cast at sunset. **Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, 2 nights. B**
- 14

Darwin Free Time
Today, go your own way. That might mean signing up for optional experiences, like explorations into Litchfield National Park. It is filled with stunning waterfalls and waterholes that are surrounded by monsoonal vine forests (swimming is seasonal). Or, head north to the Tiwi Islands, where you take a deep dive into Indigenous history and art with First Nations guides (both own expense). Whichever route you go, we'll see you at dinner. **B D**
- 15

Farewell from Darwin
Time to bid adieu and head home to sort through all those photos. Even better are the memories; two weeks of wild outback adventures. **B**



Knappstein Enterprise Winery



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Included Highlights

- You're welcome for tastings to one of Australia's oldest wine regions, the picturesque Clare Valley
- Explore Wilpena Pound, a natural amphitheater in the ancient Flinders Ranges National Park
- You'll be taken on a guided tour of historic Quorn
- Uncover the fascinating history of the remote township of Woomera
- Explore Coober Pedy – both above and below ground
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, a UNESCO Heritage World Heritage site, and witness unforgettable sunset and sunrise
- Enjoy sparkling wine while witnessing the sunset at Kata Tjuta.
- Walk and stay in Kings Canyon, part of the immense Watarrka National Park
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Enjoy a Be My Guest dinner with the Falzon Family at Earth Sanctuary
- Discover Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) Conservation Reserve
- Take a dip in Mataranka Thermal Springs
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Hear about the Jawoyn people, owners of Nitmiluk Gorge
- Explore Kakadu National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site including Ubirr Rock Art
- Get on the water on a Yellow Water Billabong Cruise, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience

Departure Dates

| 2026-27 Season | | | |
|----------------|----|----------------|--------|
| 2026 | | 2026 continued | |
| Apr | 07 | Jul | 07, 14 |
| Jun | 09 | Aug | 11 |

Dining

14 Breakfasts **B** 8 Dinners **D**

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Adelaide Airport
Day 15: Flights to depart anytime from Darwin Airport

Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request. Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

Extensions & Add-Ons

- Ask us about pre-booking our exclusive Uluru Barbecue Dinner as an add-on to Day 5. **(Code: BBQA)**

Northern Territory Explorer

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Mataranka Hot Springs

1 Welcome to Darwin

Get to know the steamy NT capital at your own pace – you'll fast find that the characters here are almost as colorful as the sunsets. You'll enjoy the latter over drinks and dinner with your Driver Guide and fellow adventure-seekers. A tasty entrée to your 11-day odyssey. **Hotel: Vibe Darwin Waterfront, 2 nights. D**

2 Darwin Sightseeing & Free Time

Today is about getting your Darwin bearings on a city tour revealing the events that have shaped the city over the decades, from wars to natural disasters. You'll be a Darwin expert after visiting attractions like East Point Military Reserve and the MAGNT (Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory). The afternoon is at your leisure. If you're at a loss for ideas, we can point you in the direction of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Facility, perhaps, or the Mindil Beach Sunset Market, loaded with 200+ stalls. Grab a bite and watch the day end with your feet in the sand. **B**

3 Darwin - Kakadu

Aboriginal culture is strong in this part of Australia, and its kept alive by Traditional Landowners on this morning's tour. 100% Aboriginal owned and operated family business, Pudukul offers cultural and nature-based cultural experiences from the Adelaide River Flood Plains on Aboriginal owned land Limilngan-Wulna. On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, dive deep into First Nations heritage, highlighting art, music and bush tucker. Your next deep dive is into the heart of Kakadu, a World Heritage listed national park that is one of Australia's most important living ecosystems. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, 2 nights. B**

4 Kakadu National Park

Kakadu is vast, spanning almost 20,000 square kilometers. The best way to gain appreciation for just how immense it really is from the air on a highly recommended morning flight (own expense). Now that you have your bearings, take to the land to discover ancient Aboriginal rock art and cruise the wildlife-packed, **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, Yellow Water Billabong to search for enormous saltwater crocs – your eagle-eyed local cruise guide knows where to look. **B**

5 Kakadu - Katherine

From one glorious national park to another... today's backdrop is the escarpments of Nitmiluk National Park, carved out over millions of years. Cruising through Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge is a humbling experience even before you know the region's history. Hear the ancient story of the cicada, embodying the spiritual connection between the Jawoyn people and their land, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Knotts Crossing Resort. B**

6 Katherine - Tennant Creek

If the Elsey Homestead looks familiar, that's because it starred in the 1982 Aussie drama We of the Never Never. Today it's better known for its Mataranka thermal hot springs. Pop on your swimsuit and have a soothing soak, the magical setting surrounded by palms. The only thing more refreshing is a cold beverage at the Daly Waters Pub, self-declared as Australia's 'original outback pub'. You can imagine the kind of swagger the locals bring. Visitors are encouraged to leave their mark as well; a memento, perhaps, something of their own. **Hotel: Bluestone Motor Inn B D**

7 Tennant Creek - Alice Springs

The Stuart Highway is long (2,700 kilometers), very straight and very flat. Which makes the appearance of Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) on the horizon all the more dramatic. These granite boulders pock the countryside. But they're not just a pretty sight – they're a sacred place for the Aboriginal community reflecting cultural beliefs and serving as a sacred site for ceremonies and storytelling. Get the lay of the land atop Alice Springs' Anzac Hill. From this vantage, the East and West MacDonnell Ranges appear to stretch to the horizon. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B**

8 Alice Springs Sightseeing

Begin your day with a relaxed breakfast at your hotel before heading out to explore. Your first stop is the Alice Springs School of the Air, where you'll learn about this unique educational service for children in remote areas. Next, visit the Alice Springs Telegraph Station, a fascinating historical site that marks the town's origins as a vital communication hub in the 19th century. After some free time for lunch, venture into the stunning West

MacDonnell Ranges. Discover the striking beauty of Standley Chasm, with its towering red rock walls, and enjoy the peaceful charm of Simpsons Gap, a haven for wildlife and ancient rock formations. **B**

9 Alice Springs - Uluru

From the moment you leave Alice Springs, the journey to Uluru immerses you in the stunning landscapes and spiritual essence of Aboriginal culture. Upon arrival, set out on a guided Uluru Base Tour, where you'll be captivated by ancient stories of its creation and the significance of the world's largest monolith. Early evening, experience the magic of Uluru at sunset, when the fading rays paint the desert in ever-changing hues. Sip sparkling wine with light refreshments, and let the breathtaking view leave you in awe. For an unforgettable finish, choose to extend your evening under a canopy of stars with an exclusive Barbecue Dinner, the only one of its kind in the heart of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park (own expense). **Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge, 2 nights. B**

10 Uluru Free Time

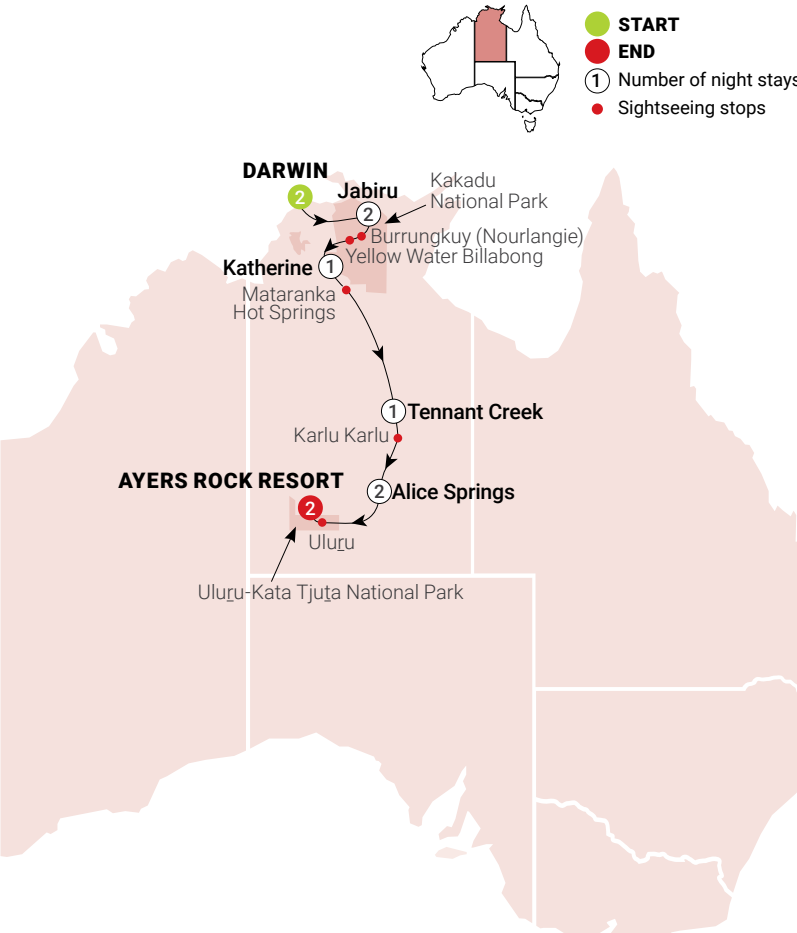
The day is yours to spend as you choose. Perhaps take a refreshing dip in the resort pool, join some of the free resort activities, such as guided garden walks, Indigenous bush food demonstrations, or interactive didgeridoo sessions, or visit the Gallery of Central Australia (GOCA) to admire its impressive collection of Indigenous art and learn about the rich cultural heritage of the region. For a truly unforgettable perspective, consider an optional scenic fixed-wing flight or a helicopter flight over Uluru (both own expense). Whether you opt for relaxation or adventure, cap off the day by sharing your stories and memories during dinner this evening. **B D**

11 Farewell from Uluru

Another reason to rise early: to catch the Field of Light art installation by artist Bruce Munro that blankets the desert floor (own expense). Your spirit will glow just as brightly as you bid farewell to this epic Northern Territory tour. **B**



Yellow Water Billabong Cruise



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Included Highlights

- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience – Join a Pudukul Aboriginal Cultural Tour to engage with local Aboriginal people, the environment and wildlife
- Explore Kakadu National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site including the Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Rock Art Sites
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience – Cruise on Yellow Water Billabong in Kakadu National Park
- Explore Nitmiluk National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- On a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience – Discover a maze of waterways on a cruise through Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge and learn about the Jawoyn people, the owners of the gorge
- Take a dip in Mataranka Thermal Springs
- See the Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) Conservation Reserve
- Visit the School of the Air & Alice Springs Telegraph Station
- Discover Standley Chasm & Simpsons Gap
- Explore Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and witness the magic of an Uluru sunset

Departure Dates

| 2026-27 Season | | | |
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| 2026 | | 2026 continued | |
| Apr | 15 | Jul | 01, 15, 22, 29 |
| May | 06, 27 | Aug | 12 |
| Jun | 03, 17, 24 | | |

Dining

10 Breakfasts B 3 Dinners D

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Darwin Airport

Day 11: Flights to depart anytime from Ayers Rock Airport

Darwin Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request. Departure transfers from Ayers Rock Resort to Airport are included.

Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

Outback Contrasts

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Kings Canyon

1 Welcome to Alice Springs

Explore the vibrant culture and rich history of Alice Springs with a tailored itinerary that promises unforgettable experiences. Begin by meeting your insightful Driver Guide, who will provide a unique perspective on life in this remote town. Discover the history of the region at the iconic Overland Telegraph Station, then delve into the world of Indigenous culture with an exclusive **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience led by Rayleen Brown. Rayleen's recipes have been featured in many Australian cookbooks, and she has served as a guest judge on renowned culinary TV shows. She will share her knowledge of Aboriginal native foods with you, followed, of course, by a tasting of the many flavors of this region's bush tucker. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters.**

2 Alice Springs - Kings Canyon

Begin your adventure from Alice Springs, heading towards the majestic Kings Canyon. Along the way, stop at a charming roadhouse at Erlunda, known as the "Centre of the Centre," where the Stuart and Lasseter Highways meet. Continue your journey to Kings Canyon Resort, nestled in the heart of Watarrka National Park. This resort offers modern amenities, including a pool, restaurant, and comfortable deluxe lodge rooms. As night falls, indulge in the "Under a Desert Moon" dinner, a unique five-course dining experience under the stars, featuring locally sourced produce and fine Australian wines. This unforgettable evening is the perfect end to a day of exploration and discovery in the Red Centre. **Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort. B D**

3 Kings Canyon - Uluru

Gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on a 6km sunrise Rim Walk, past the sandstone domes of the 'Lost City' and down the stairs to the lush 'Garden of Eden'. Or you can opt for a gentler stroll along the canyon creek bed, treading in the footsteps of the Luritja people who once found sanctuary amidst the Itara trees at the canyon's base. Then head off towards Uluru, visiting the local Wanmarra Community to learn about the Luritja and Pertame people's spiritual connection to the land, at the Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience. Discover bush food and medicine used for spirituality and healing. Now you'll journey across desert landscapes to Curtin Springs Station, a vast

farming property. Feel the stirring of something bigger than you as you arrive at the world-famous Uluru. Uncover the foundations of Anangu culture and the important creation stories of how Uluru was formed, as you spend time wandering through the Cultural Centre before arriving at the resort. Ask us about pre-booking our exclusive Uluru Barbecue dinner for tonight (own expense). **Hotel: Sails in the Desert, 2 nights. B**

4 Uluru & Kata Tjuta

You may choose to sleep in or better still, start your day with the breathtaking Sunrise Field of Light experience by Artist Bruce Munro (own expense). Then, venture to Kata Tjuta for a morning of exploration and awe-inspiring landscapes as you wander through Walpa Gorge. Enjoy some free time for lunch before embarking on a tour at the base of Uluru, delving into the rich cultural significance of this sacred site. Cap off your day with sunset drinks, soaking in the vibrant colors of the Outback and the changing hues of Uluru as the sun sets. **B**

5 Uluru - Alice Springs

Travel through the vast Australian Outback, passing desert landscape, spotting camels, cattle and Atila (Mt. Conner), before turning the corner at ERLunda. Pause for a break at Stuart Wells, an authentic Outback roadhouse. Before arriving at Alice Springs, you'll divert to the West MacDonnell Ranges to explore the rugged beauty of spectacular Simpsons Gap. Upon arrival at your Alice Springs hotel, relax before a celebratory dinner. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters. B D**

6 Farewell from Alice Springs

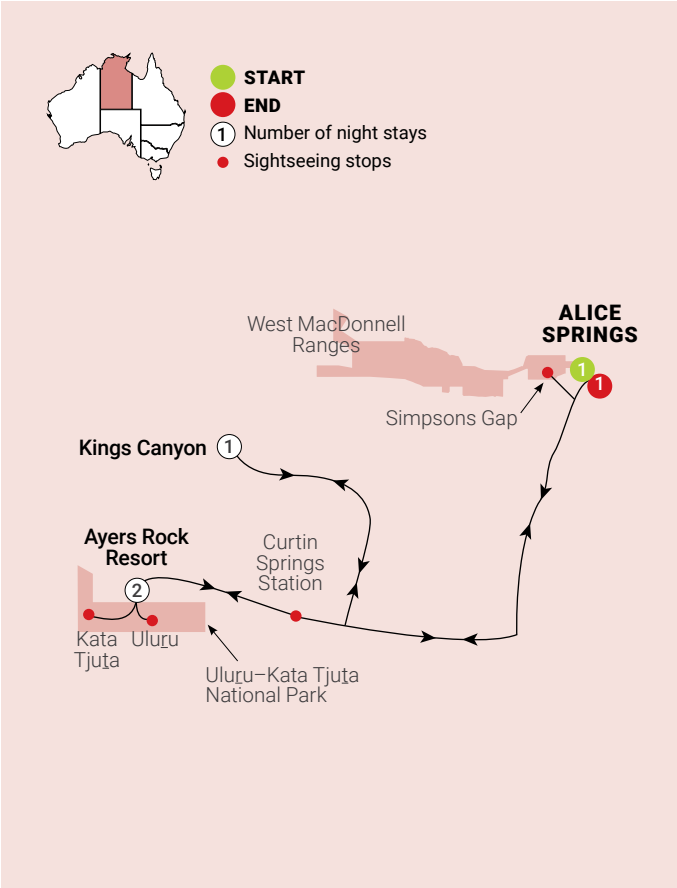
This morning you may choose to take a hot air balloon ride (own expense) to experience the scenic landscapes of the Outback before your journey comes to an end. **B**



Rayleen Brown's exclusive MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience



Uluru Sunset



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Included Highlights

- Discover its history on a visit to the Alice Springs Overland Telegraph Station
- Chef Rayleen Brown shares her extensive knowledge of wild harvest bush tucker on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience
- Indulge in a degustation menu with paired wines in the open air at Kings Canyon
- Gain insight into Central Australia's indigenous traditions, art, and culture
- Visit Uluru-Kata Tjuta, and Watarrka National Parks
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Visit the Wanmarra Community at the Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience
- Visit Kata Tjuta and walk between two of its tallest domes through Walpa Gorge
- Explore Simpsons Gap in the spectacular West MacDonnell Ranges
- Tour the base of Uluru and witness an inspiring Uluru sunset

Departure Dates

| 2026-27 Season | | | |
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| 2026 | | 2026 continued | |
| Apr | 14, 28 | Aug | 04, 18 |
| May | 12, 26 | Sep | 01, 15, 29 |
| Jun | 09, 23 | Oct | 06 |
| Jul | 07, 21 | | |

Dining

5 Breakfasts B 2 Dinners D

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Alice Springs Airport
Day 6: Flights to depart anytime from Alice Springs Airport

Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

Extensions & Add-Ons

- Start your tour in Darwin. Visit aatkings.com/nsdu for full details.

Northern Territory Top End National Parks

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Katherine Hot Springs

1 Welcome to Darwin

Touch down in Darwin and immerse yourself in the essence of Australia's Northern Territory at Aboriginal Bush Traders, where your taste buds will be tantalized with native flavors before you explore Indigenous art - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Wondering what to do in Darwin? Trace the city's history through iconic landmarks like Parliament House, Government House, and the beautifully restored historical administration building on a short walking tour. **Hotel: Hilton.**

2 Darwin - Kakadu

Departing Darwin, your day begins with the tranquil beauty of the Corroboree Billabong Wetland Cruise, where you'll glide through pristine wetlands, spotting crocodiles and vibrant birdlife. Continue your adventure in Kakadu National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site spanning 20,000 square kilometers, full of cascading waterfalls, lush rainforests, expansive wetlands, unique wildlife, and ancient rock art. This area is renowned for its cultural significance. Discover the Indigenous stories at the Murrawaddi Art Gallery, admiring remarkable artworks that convey tales of tradition and spirituality. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, 2 nights. B**

3 Kakadu National Park

Another day of adventure in the heart of Kakadu National Park! Searching for the ultimate Kakadu tours experience? Begin your morning with a Kakadu scenic flight soaring above ancient landscapes and countless waterways as the sun rises (own expense). Enjoy some time at leisure for lunch. This afternoon, get ready to be inspired on the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise. Glide along the East Alligator River, encountering unique wildlife and gaining fascinating insights into traditional customs and practices from local Aboriginal guides - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **B**

4 Kakadu - Nitmiluk National Park

Immerse yourself in Kakadu's history with a tour of Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Rock Art, where your Driver Guide will share captivating stories of this remarkable site. As you bid farewell to this natural wonder, embark on a journey to the charming town of Katherine. Along the way, you'll have a stop at Pine Creek, a town steeped in rich mining history. Here, you can step back in time to the gold rush era of the 19th century,

exploring heritage bush buildings and mining sites, remnants of a bygone era. As the sun sets, find solace in the luxurious comfort of Cicada Lodge in Nitmiluk National Park, where your lodge is nestled amidst the whispers of the bush of the Northern Territory. **Hotel: Cicada Lodge, 2 nights. B**

5 Nitmiluk Gorge Sunset Dinner Cruise

Start the day with a leisurely breakfast before traveling to the tranquil Katherine Hot Springs for a mid-morning soak amidst lush surroundings. Indulge in the soothing thermal waters. Afterwards, enjoy free time for lunch in Katherine. As the afternoon unfolds, embark on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, an enthralling Sunset Dinner Cruise along majestic Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, marvelling at towering cliffs and ancient rock formations that bear witness to a millennia of natural history. After a day filled with blissful moments and unforgettable experiences, retire again to the sanctuary of Cicada Lodge, where the comforts of home await amidst the rugged beauty of Nitmiluk National Park. **B D**

6 Farewell from Darwin

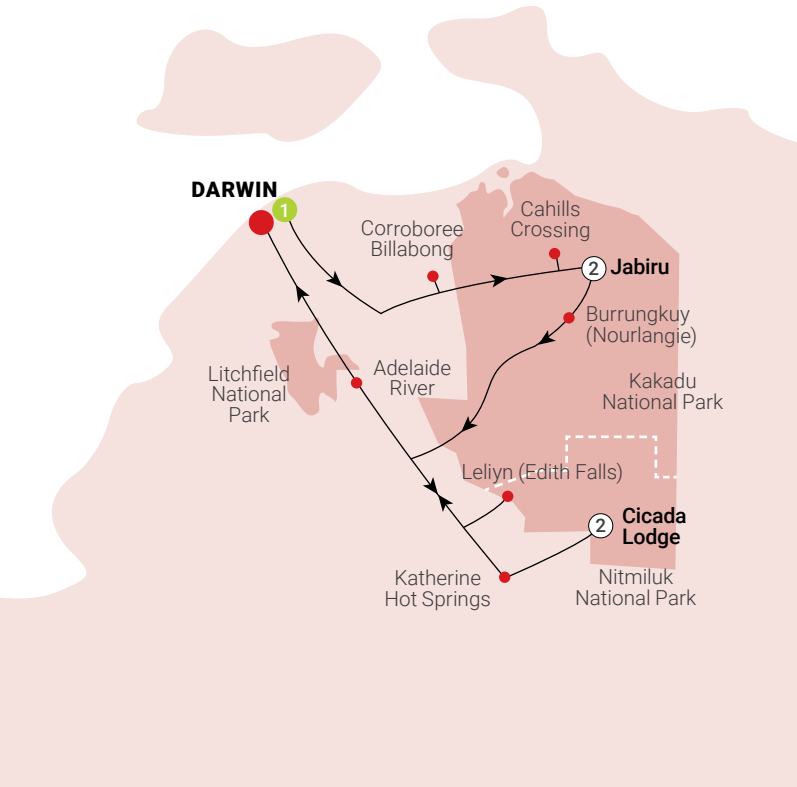
On the final day of this remarkable journey, enjoy breakfast before bidding farewell to Cicada Lodge and setting out for one last adventure. Travel to a different corner of Nitmiluk National Park, where the enchanting Leliyn (Edith) Falls beckon. With the opportunity for a refreshing swim (seasonal) immerse yourself in the cool waters, surrounded by the cascading waterfalls of this natural oasis. As the day progresses, travel up the Stuart Highway to Darwin, where your tour ends. Reflecting on the memories made amidst the stunning landscapes and cultural treasures of the Top End of the Northern Territory, cherish the moments you have experienced on this extraordinary journey. **B**



Nourlangie Rock Art, Kakadu



Sunset Dinner Cruise on Nitmiluk Gorge



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Included Highlights

- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience – Visit Aboriginal Bush Traders for ethically sourced and sustainable products
- Glide through pristine waters on the Corroboree Billabong Wetland Cruise
- Explore Kakadu National Park and hear about its Ecology, Culture, and History
- Visit Murrawaddi Arts & Culture, showcasing authentic Aboriginal Art
- View some of the world's oldest and most impressive rock art at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie)
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience – Learn from experienced Aboriginal guides on the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise
- Take a refreshing dip in the Katherine Hot Springs in Nitmiluk National Park
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience – Discover a maze of waterways on a cruise through Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge
- Swim in Leliyn (Edith) Falls, a series of cascading waterfalls and pools

Departure Dates

| 2026-27 Season | | | |
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| 2026 | | 2026 continued | |
| May | 06, 13, 20 | Aug | 12, 26 |
| Jun | 03, 17 | Sep | 02, 09, 16, 23 |
| Jul | 01, 15, 22, 29 | | |

Dining

5 Breakfasts **B**

1 Dinner **D**

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Darwin Airport
Day 6: Flights to depart after 8.00pm from Darwin Airport

Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request.
Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

Extensions & Add-Ons

- End your tour in Alice Springs.
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Kings Canyon, Uluru & Kata Tjuta

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4 DAYS



Light Towers



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DEPARTS

7.00am Tuesdays

CONCLUDES

6.00pm approximately

National Parks Pass is included.

ALICE SPRINGS RETURN : Uluru base tour • Muṯitjulu Waterhole • Aboriginal Rock Art • Uluru Sunset • Kata Tjuta • Walpa Gorge • Kings Canyon • Light Towers

As this Short Break departs at 7.00am from Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Alice Springs - Uluru Sacred Sites & Sunset

Travel in comfort from Alice Springs to Uluru. Take in the rugged desert landscapes of the region, passing through the beautiful MacDonnell Ranges. While traveling through this remote country, your Driver Guide will provide informative and entertaining commentary. Learn about the natural and geological history of the region, as well as the unique Australian desert flora and fauna. Stop at a Roadhouse for a quick break and then see Atila (Mt Conner) in the distance as you travel through Curtin Springs Station before arriving at Ayers Rock Resort, to explore Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Visit the Cultural Centre where you'll have time to explore the galleries and may be lucky enough to see local Aboriginal Artists at work. Travel to the base of Uluru where your local guide will share the Aboriginal Tjukurpa (creation) stories that breathe life into this giant formation. Feel the spirit of the land as your guide takes you on a walk to Muṯitjulu Waterhole, interpreting the meaning of the ancient Rock Art and sacred sites you'll see along the way. Later, travel to the Uluru Sunset Viewing Area where you can relax with a sparkling wine or two while you view the famous Uluru sunset. **Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge, 2 nights.**

2 Kata Tjuta

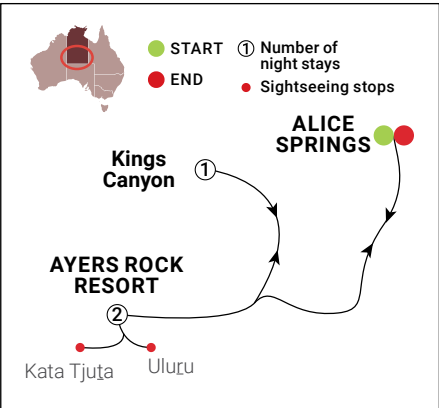
Enjoy panoramic views of the southern side of Kata Tjuta from the dune viewing platform before arriving at Walpa Gorge. Spend time exploring the gorge and the unusual conglomerate rock formations. The 1.3km walking trail through Walpa Gorge follows the natural creek between two of the tallest domes of Kata Tjuta. Return to Ayers Rock Resort in time for lunch on your own. The afternoon is free for you to relax. **B**

3 Uluru - Kings Canyon

This morning you might choose to have a slow start to the day or to book the Sunrise Field of Light tour (own expense). Travel through spectacular desert scenery from Ayers Rock Resort. Pass through Curtin Springs Station and view Atila (Mt. Conner). On the way to Kings Canyon your Driver Guide will provide informative commentary about the history of the surrounding cattle stations. Keep a look out for wild horses and camels. You'll arrive at Kings Canyon Resort in time to relax before viewing a spectacular sunset. In the peak travel months drinks are available to purchase at the sunset viewing area. After dinner you'll experience the Light Towers by Artist Bruce Munro. **Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort. B**

4 Kings Canyon - Alice Springs

Make the rocky climb to the rim of the canyon for marvellous views of Watarrka National Park at sunrise. The circuit walk takes approximately



3 hours to complete and is rocky and steep in parts. It is recommended for those with a very good level of fitness. Or, you may wish to take an easier, shorter walk to explore the boulder strewn canyon floor. Later, board your coach for Alice Springs. Stop at Erldunda, a Roadhouse located at the junction of the Stuart and Lasseter Highways, before arriving in Alice Springs where your Short Break concludes. **B**

As this Short Break concludes at 6.00pm, you may like to pre-book accommodations for tonight.

Uluru, Kata Tjuta & Kings Canyon

SBUUK
4 DAYS



Kings Canyon Rim Walk



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DEPARTS

2.30pm (Apr-Oct), 3.00pm (Nov-Mar)

CONCLUDES

6.00pm approximately

National Parks Pass is included.

ULURU TO ALICE SPRINGS : Uluru base tour • Muṯitjulu Waterhole • Aboriginal Rock Art • Uluru Sunset • Kata Tjuta • Walpa Gorge • Kings Canyon • Light Towers

1 Arrive Uluru - Sacred Sites & Sunset

Enter Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park for an afternoon of discovery. Visit the Cultural Centre where you'll have time to explore the galleries, and you may be lucky enough to see local Aboriginal Artists at work. Travel to the base of Uluru, where you'll be amazed as your local guide shares the Aboriginal Tjukurpa (creation) stories that breathe life into this giant formation. Feel the spirit of the land as your guide takes you on a walk to Muṯitjulu Waterhole, interpreting the meaning of the ancient Rock Art and sacred sites you'll see along the way. With plenty of time, travel to the Uluru Sunset Viewing Area where you can relax with a sparkling wine or two while you enjoy a famous Uluru sunset. Witness the incredible changing colors as the sun sets below the horizon. You'll arrive back at Ayers Rock Resort 30 minutes after sunset. **Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge, 2 nights**

2 Kata Tjuta

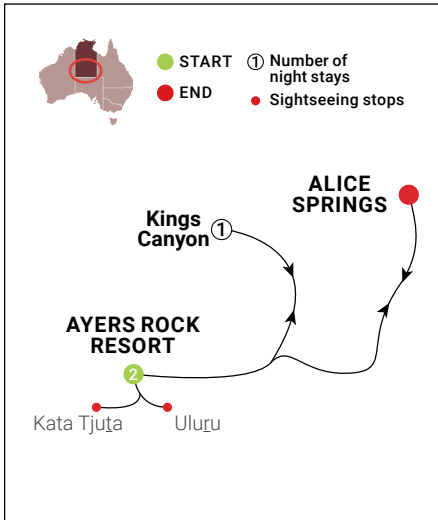
This morning travel to the spectacular Kata Tjuta. On the way, enjoy panoramic views of the southern side of Kata Tjuta at a dune viewing platform before arriving at Walpa Gorge. Spend some time exploring the gorge and the unusual conglomerate rock formations. The 1.3km walking trail through Walpa Gorge follows the natural creek between two of the tallest domes of Kata Tjuta. Return to Ayers Rock Resort where the afternoon is free for you to relax or you might choose to add an optional experience like a scenic helicopter flight, Sounds of Silence Dinner or Wintjiri Wiru (all own expense). **B**

3 Uluru - Kings Canyon

This morning you may wish to have a slow start to the day or to book the Sunrise Field of Light tour (own expense). Travel through spectacular desert scenery from Ayers Rock Resort. Pass through Curtin Springs Station and view Atila (Mt. Conner). On the way to Kings Canyon your Driver Guide will provide informative commentary about the history of the surrounding cattle stations. Keep a look out for wild horses and camels. You'll arrive at Kings Canyon Resort in time to relax before viewing a spectacular sunset. In the peak travel months drinks are available to purchase at the sunset viewing area. After dinner you'll experience the Light Towers by Artist Bruce Munro. **Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort. B**

4 Kings Canyon - Alice Springs

Rise early to make the rocky climb to the rim of the canyon for marvellous views of Watarrka National Park at sunrise. Follow the rim of the canyon stopping to look down into the canyon gorge at look-out points. Time permitting, you may choose to descend into the green oasis of the 'Garden of Eden'. The circuit walk takes approximately 3 hours to complete and is rocky and steep in parts. It is recommended for those with a very high level of fitness. Alternatively, you may wish to take an easier, shorter walk to explore the boulder strewn canyon floor. You will board your coach to travel to Alice Springs. Along the way stop at Erldunda, a classic Northern Territory Roadhouse located at the junction of the Stuart Highway and Lasseter

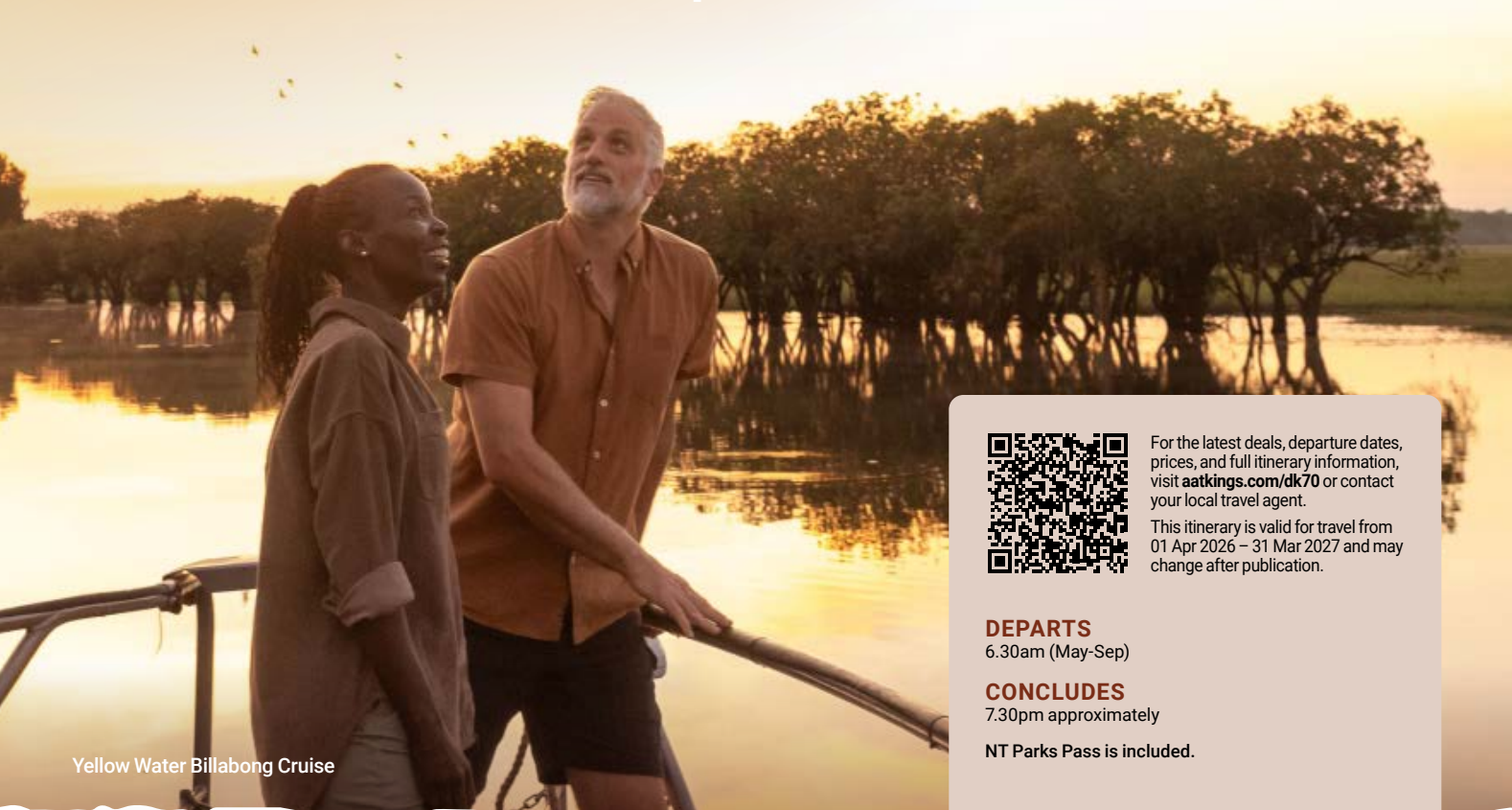


Highway. Travel along the Stuart Highway before arriving in Alice Springs. **B**

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Kakadu & Arnhem Land Explorer

DK70
3 DAYS



Yellow Water Billabong Cruise



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DEPARTS
6.30am (May-Sep)

CONCLUDES
7.30pm approximately

NT Parks Pass is included.

DARWIN RETURN : Kakadu National Park • Aboriginal Rock Art • Yellow Water Billabong Cruise • Arnhem Land by 4WD • Cultural Cruise with Aboriginal Guide

As this Short Break departs at 6.30am from Darwin, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Darwin – Kakadu National Park
Depart Darwin and travel into Kakadu National Park. Visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre to view the informative displays. Join your local guide for a cruise on Yellow Water Billabong, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience Search for saltwater crocodiles and the colorful range of birdlife for which this region is renowned. After lunch, stop at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie), where your Driver Guide will lead you on a walk to view the rock art galleries. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, 2 nights. L**

+ Kakadu Scenic Flight +SKF50
Today, experience Kakadu from the air for a true sense of this wondrous landscape. **Please enquire for details.**

2 Arnhem Land 4WD Adventure
Travel by 4WD vehicle into Western Arnhem Land and the Mikinj Valley. The scenery includes forests, sandstone outcrops, escarpments, floodplains and billabongs. You'll visit places inaccessible to most, including ancient rock art sites. Learn about traditional land ownership, bush skills, food gathering and bush tucker. Most tours are accompanied by an Aboriginal guide. **L**

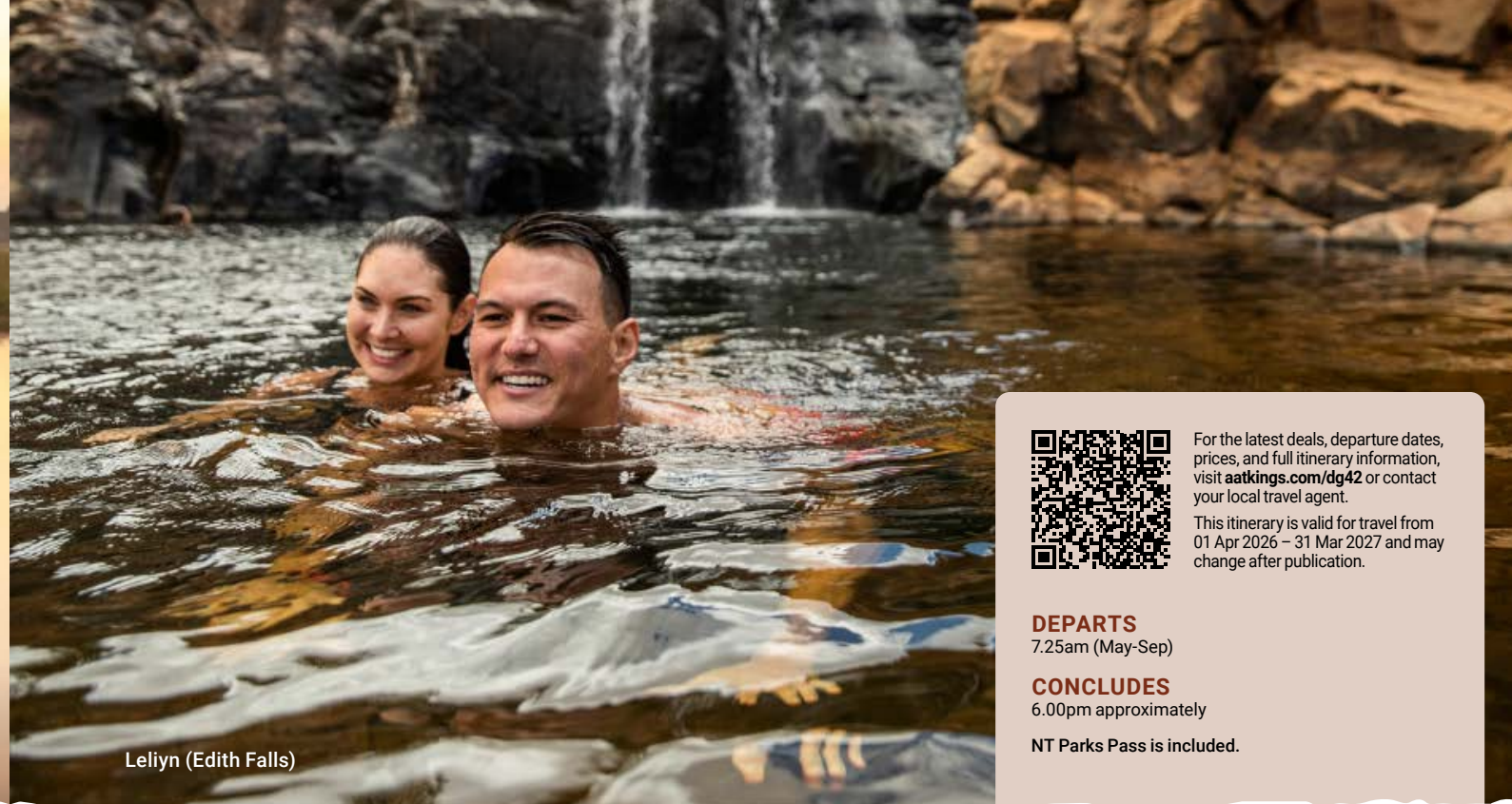
3 Kakadu – Guluyambi Cultural Cruise – Depart Darwin
Join your Driver Guide to explore the World Heritage area of Ubirr, where you'll climb up through the ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries, believed to be 20,000 years old, to the lookout for the view over the surrounding wetlands. Later, board the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise along the East Alligator River, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. An Aboriginal guide will provide an insight into their culture, including local mythology, the river's abundant food chain, as well as bush survival skills. With special permission of the local people you'll be able to go ashore in Arnhem Land, before heading back downstream. Visit Marrawuddi Art Gallery before returning to Darwin, where your Short Break concludes. **L**

As this Short Break concludes at 7.30pm, you may like to pre-book accommodations for tonight.



Kakadu & Nitmiluk Gorge

DG42
3 DAYS



Leliyn (Edith Falls)



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DEPARTS
7.25am (May-Sep)

CONCLUDES
6.00pm approximately

NT Parks Pass is included.

DARWIN RETURN : Jumping Crocodile Cruise • Kakadu National Park • Aboriginal Rock Art • Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise • Leliyn (Edith Falls) • Yellow Water Billabong Cruise

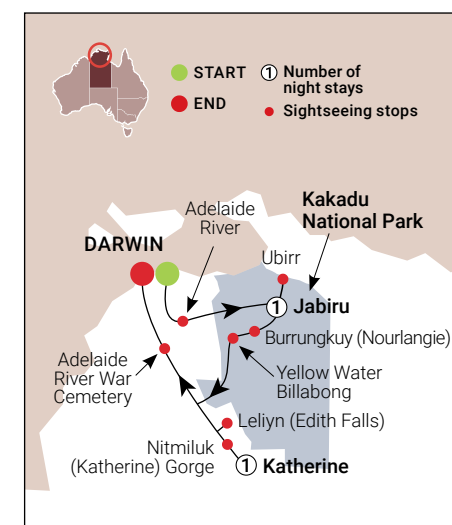
As this Short Break departs at 7.25am from Darwin, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Darwin – Jumping Crocodile Cruise – Kakadu
Cruise on the Adelaide River, home to over 1,600 crocodiles, on the Jumping Crocodile cruise. See these prehistoric creatures up-close, as they launch themselves out of the water. Then travel into Kakadu National Park. The combination of mangrove fringed coastal areas, expansive flood plains, lowland hills, and open woodland and forest habitats, make Kakadu one of the most diverse landscapes you'll ever experience. It's home to a myriad of animals, hundreds of bird species and thousands of different insects and plants. Enjoy lunch in Kakadu National Park before a stop at the Marrawuddi Art Gallery. Continue to Ubirr, where you'll climb up through the ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries, believed to be 20,000 years old, to the lookout for a spectacular view over the surrounding wetlands. There is the opportunity for a 30-minute scenic flight (own expense). **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile. L**

2 Kakadu – Katherine
You'll be mesmerized as you wander around the Nourlangie Rock art site. It has provided shelter to the indigenous people for many thousands of years, and while taking shelter, the rock evolved into a canvas that illustrates the traditional owner's very deep spiritual culture. With your

Driver Guide, you'll have the opportunity to see many different forms of Aboriginal rock art paintings. The Bininj people are the traditional custodians of Kakadu and now you'll visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre where you will be introduced to their way of life. Later, join your local guide for a cruise on Yellow Water Billabong, Kakadu's most famous wetland. The picturesque yellow waters are home to thousands of saltwater crocodiles and up to 60 species of colorful birdlife. This afternoon we travel to Katherine, the third largest town in the Northern Territory, stopping at Leliyn (Edith Falls) along the way. The paperbark and pandanus fringed natural pool at the base of the falls is suitable for swimming throughout most of the year (conditions permitting). **Hotel: Contour. B L**

3 Katherine – Depart Darwin
Enjoy a morning cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge. One of the most visited sites in Australia's Top End, it is a stunning network of thirteen gorges carved from billion-year-old sandstone that are home to many rapids and falls, flowing from the Katherine River. The cruise will put you at the heart of Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge among freshwater crocodiles, wonderful birdlife, and some of the most amazing scenery the Northern Territory has to offer. Afterwards look through the Nitmiluk Visitor Centre. The Display Centre and Heritage Museum features large scale models illustrating the flora, fauna, and rock formations of the park. If you would like to purchase your own memory of Nitmiluk, the center has a range of souvenirs and



artefacts handmade by the Jawoyn people. Next stop Pine Creek an historic gold mining town, then a stop at the Adelaide River War Cemetery, the resting place for many of those killed in the World War II air raids on Darwin, before returning to Darwin, where your short break concludes. **B**

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Add on a day to include a tour to Litchfield National Park or Tiwi Islands. Visit aatkings.com/D11 or tfer.

Red Centre

*Price does not include Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Pass. See back cover for details.

Uluru Sunrise & Kata Tjuta*

The early rise is well worth it as you experience the two major landmarks in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Start with an amazing sunrise at Talinguru Nyakunytyjaku, the Uluru sunrise viewing area. Afterwards, on the 45 kms drive to Kata Tjuta your Driver Guide will provide you with an historical overview of the National Park. The walk through the sheer walls of Walpa Gorge won't disappoint as you're led into a world of rare plant species and lush evergreen scrubs.

DEPARTS
90 minutes prior to sunrise from Ayers Rock Resort

RETURNS
4 hrs approximately after sunrise



Y14
HALF DAY

Uluru Sacred Sites & Sunset* + BBQ Dinner

Visit Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre and then travel around the base of Uluru. Learn about flora, fauna and cultural traditions of traditional owners, the Anangu, and visit an array of sacred sites. At the Mutitjulu Waterhole, you'll explore a number of caves and view Aboriginal rock paintings as your Guide interprets their meaning and significance. Later, travel to the Uluru sunset viewing area and relax with sparkling wine, beer or soft drink as the setting sun changes the color of Uluru. Add on our exclusive BBQ Dinner **Y17B**. See below.

DEPARTS
2.30pm (Apr-Oct) and 3.00pm (Nov-Mar)
from Ayers Rock Resort

RETURNS
Y17 30 minutes or
Y17B 2½ hours approximately after sunset



Y17
Y17B
HALF DAY

Uluru Sunset* + BBQ Dinner

Travel to the Uluru sunset viewing area. Enjoy sparkling wine as the sun sets over the western horizon and the evening sky brings out the many shades of color for which Uluru is famous. Add on our exclusive BBQ Dinner **Y11B**. Enjoy sparkling wine on arrival and dine on favorites from the grill, a selection of fresh salads, a tasty dessert and Australian wine. Top off the evening with a talk about the spectacular night sky.

DEPARTS
60 minutes prior to sunset
from Ayers Rock Resort

RETURNS
Y11 30 minutes or
Y11B 2½ hours approximately after sunset



Y11
Y11B
EARLY EVENING

Ayers Rock Resort to Alice Springs

Travel through spectacular desert scenery from Ayers Rock Resort. Pass through Curtin Springs Station and see Atila (Mt. Conner). Call in at Eildunda, a roadhouse located at the junction of the Stuart and Lasseter Highways, where you can purchase afternoon tea. Continue along the Stuart Highway before arriving in Alice Springs.

DEPARTS
12.30pm (Oct-Mar) and 1.00pm (Apr-Sep)

ARRIVES
6.30pm (Oct-Mar) and 7.00pm (Apr-Sep)
(times approximate)



Y6
TRANSFER

A Town like Alice

Tour the sights of 'The Alice' including the School of the Air and the historic Telegraph Station, which marks the original site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs. Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, where you'll see how medical aid reaches those who live in the remote outback. Call in at the Alice Springs Reptile Centre and end the day with a panoramic view of Alice Springs and the MacDonnell Ranges from the top of Anzac Hill. Add on a visit to Alice Springs Desert Park **A3D**.

DEPARTS
1.45pm from Alice Springs (earlier from your hotel)

RETURNS
6.00pm approximately



A3
HALF DAY



Top End & Cairns

**Price does not include NT Parks Pass. See back cover for details.

Kakadu National Park Explorer

World Heritage listed and the largest National Park in Australia, Kakadu is one of the most diverse landscapes you'll ever experience, and you'll be amazed at the population of wildlife in the water, on the land and in the air. See some of the most amazing terrain Australia has to offer on your way to and inside Kakadu. Marvel at the concentration of rock art sites that illustrate Aboriginal culture, some dating 50,000 years. **Includes lunch.**
NT Parks Pass is included.

DEPARTS
6.30am from Darwin

RETURNS
7.30pm approximately



D4
FULL DAY

Jumping Crocs & Nature Adventure

Join us on the Adelaide River, home to over 1600 crocodiles, for the Jumping Crocodiles tour. Cruise the river and thrill as these awesome creatures launch themselves out of the water. The cruise will enable you to see these prehistoric creatures at close range. Afterwards, continue to Howard Springs Nature Park, a great place to enjoy wildlife including turtles, barramundi, and freshwater fish species.

DEPARTS
1.30pm from Darwin

RETURNS
6.30pm approximately



D7
HALF DAY

Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise & Edith Falls**

Stop at the Adelaide River War Cemetery. Continue to Edith Falls for a swim in the waterhole beneath the falls (conditions permitting). Cruise through Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge with a chance to see freshwater crocodiles. The cruise of the first two gorges takes us past sheer rock walls and requires a short walk to reach the second gorge. Return to Darwin through Katherine, and via Pine Creek for a comfort stop. **Includes lunch.**

DEPARTS
6.30am from Darwin

RETURNS
8.30pm approximately



D11
FULL DAY

Darwin City Sights

Visit the Darwin Aviation Museum to view the impressive collection of 19 aircraft on display, including the iconic B-52 Bomber, on loan from the United States Air Force. Continue to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, a treasure trove of artistic, cultural and scientific collections. It houses the largest permanent display of Aboriginal art in Australia. Afterwards, visit the lush Botanic Gardens, where you'll discover a diverse array of plant life. Conclude your tour at the Royal Flying Doctor Service Darwin Facility, gaining insight into the vital role of this iconic institution in providing medical assistance to remote communities across the Northern Territory.

DEPARTS
8.30am from Darwin

RETURNS
12.30pm approximately



D2
HALF DAY

Cape Tribulation, Daintree & Mossman Gorge

Travel to Mossman Gorge and learn about the secrets of one of the world's oldest rainforests. Cruise on the Daintree River, home to estuarine crocodiles, where you'll spot local wildlife and unique plants. After a tropical lunch in the rainforest, stroll along Cape Tribulation Beach. Stop for an afternoon refreshment at the Daintree Ice Cream Company. Wind through the rainforest to the Alexandra Lookout and enjoy views over the Daintree River estuary and beyond to the Coral Sea.

DEPARTS
6.45am from Cairns

RETURNS
6.30pm approximately



CTR
FULL DAY

Kuranda, Scenic Railway & Skyrail

Board the Kuranda Scenic Railway at Freshwater Station for a historical rail journey, enjoying breathtaking views across the cane fields to tropical rainforest. In Kuranda it's time to explore this fascinating village. The Heritage Markets are full of arts and crafts. Later, board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for your journey over and through World Heritage protected rainforest. This 90-minute experience showcases spectacular views, with time at both Red Peak and Barron Falls Stations for education and interpretation.

DEPARTS
From 7.15am from Cairns

RETURNS
4.00pm approximately



KQS
FULL DAY



Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise

1 Welcome to Darwin

The balmy Darwin climate sets the pace for your city tour: relaxed. Things don't happen in a hurry here. Even the fiery sunsets seem to linger. You'll catch one later, but first an orientation tour. Discover the city's architecture and learn about the events that have shaped life, from Cyclone Tracy to WWII when the Northern Territory capital was bombed. Now it's time to watch the day disappear and meet your fellow adventure seekers for dinner. **Hotel: Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront. D**

2 Darwin - Katherine

Your southern sojourn begins with yet more insights into the region's historic events, expanding on yesterday's lesson about WWII and its impact on the region. The Adelaide River was not only the headquarters of a large military base, but its banks now house a cemetery, the final resting place of those who lost their lives in defence of the country. Nature takes over at Nitmiluk National Park on Jawoyn land on this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. The history and culture of the Traditional Landowners comes into full focus as you set off on a cruise through dramatic Nitmiluk Gorge. Remarkably, this is one of 13 gorges carved through the national park, and at every bend in the river, the sun casts its soaring sandstone cliffs a different color. There's no time to catch your breath – you're off to the Katherine Outback Experience, where you'll be entertained with songs and stories. It's not a show or a tour, but an immersive adventure. One that is real, raw, and funny at times. **Hotel: Contour. B**

3 Katherine - Kununurra

Say goodbye to the NT and hello to WA, your introduction to the state the unexpected delights of Kununurra. It's in the middle of nowhere, and only exists because of the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. Before it was a twinkle on the map, farming pioneers came here to establish vast cattle stations. The life of one family is chronicled at the Durack Homestead Museum, which you'll visit before enjoying yet another sunset, this time cruising the Ord River. Some experiences burn into your memory. **Hotel: Kununurra Country Club Resort, 2 nights. B**

4 Kununurra

Today is one of decisions: A scenic flight over (or 4WD tour of) the dramatic Purnululu National Park, home to the Bungle Bungles (own expense). Or a wander with your Travel Director through Mirima National Park, while hearing about how the landscapes were formed. **B**

5 Kununurra - Emma Gorge

It's not every day that you get to go behind the scenes of a rum distillery with the family that owns it. Discover how Hoochery Distillery makes its lip-smacking, award-winning rums and whiskys. Try a tasting paddle to get your heart started (own expense) and then sit down to morning tea. Get a taste of the Gibb River Road before arriving at El Questro Wilderness Park. Your safari-style tents for the night are surrounded by an oasis of pandanus palms. **Hotel: Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities, 2 nights. B D**

6 El Questro Wilderness Park

The best way to wake up? With the sun streaming through your tent, wildlife all around. Travel to Wyndham this morning, the most northerly township in Western Australia. Discover this small outback town and surrounding landforms and wetlands. When it's time to cool down, take a dip in the resort pool or a dip in a waterhole within Emma Gorge. Be back on your patio in time for sundowners. **B D**

7 Emma Gorge - Halls Creek

When you arrive in Halls Creek you'll visit the Yarliyl Art Gallery, an Aboriginal owned enterprise which has more than 100 artist members who practice art in a wide range of styles and mediums. Equally important to Aboriginal communities is the Great Sandy Desert, on the edge of which is Halls Creek. This place is small in population, but big in personality. **Hotel: Kimberley. B**

8 Halls Creek - Fitzroy Crossing

The Kimberley boasts a geological history that is nothing short of spectacular. On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, explore the Mimbi Caves with an Indigenous guide to observe the delicate limestone formations, brilliantly vivid colors and crystal-clear freshwater pools that remain from the Devonian Great Barrier Reef that

formed over 350 million years ago. Discover ancient rock paintings before hearing the Gooniyandi Dreaming story, while enjoying billy tea and damper. Travel through the Kimberley towards the remote township of Fitzroy Crossing. **Hotel: Fitzroy River Lodge. B L D**

9 Fitzroy Crossing - Broome

Among the most multicultural cities in Australia, Broome became a base for fortune-seekers the world over during its 'pearl rush'. The pristine waters here grow great oysters, and the resulting pearls are prized by lovers of all things that gleam. A city tour will give you your bearings. Then it's time to settle in for Broome's other attraction: its sunsets. Follow locals to the sand or find a perch in a beachside bar to salute the end of another spectacular day in WA. **Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort, 2 nights. B**

10 Broome Free Time

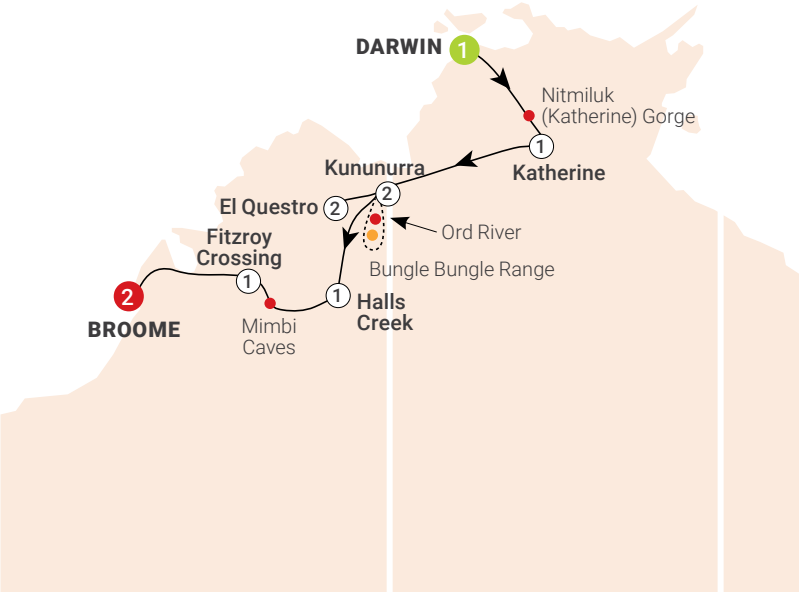
A day of decisions. Head north to feel the full force of nature on a scenic flight over the magical Horizontal Falls (own expense). Or simply enjoy Broome's tropical climes, strolling along 22-kilometer Cable Beach, and browsing the pearl boutiques in town. It's hard to resist a purchase; even harder when you go straight to the source at a pearl farm, to see how they're harvested (own expense). This evening, join your Travel Director for dinner. **B D**

11 Farewell from Broome

Eleven days, countless memories, a bunch of new friends... you'll leave Broome with your travel wanderlust ignited. **B**



El Questro Wilderness Park



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Included Highlights

- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Learn about the Jawoyn people, owners of Nitmiluk Gorge
- Get on the water with hand-picked cruises of Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge and the Ord River
- Discover stories of Indigenous culture and art at a Kimberley Indigenous Arts Centre
- Visit Hoochery Distillery and view their hand-made rum, made from Australian sugarcane, rainwater and yeast
- Explore Durack Homestead Museum
- See the award winning Katherine Outback Experience
- Explore Kununurra and the region's untamed landscapes
- Enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience at Mimbi Caves with a local Indigenous guide
- Immerse yourself in Broome's tropical climes

Departure Dates

WDB: Darwin to Broome (11 DAYS)

| 2026-27 Season | | | 2026 continued | | |
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| 2026 | | | 2026 | | |
| May | 05, 26 | | Jul | 14, 28 | |
| Jun | 16, 30 | | Aug | 04, 11, 25 | |

WBD: Broome to Darwin (11 DAYS)

| 2026-27 Season | | | 2026 continued | | |
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| 2026 | | | 2026 | | |
| Jun | 05, 12, 26 | | Aug | 14 | |
| Jul | 17, 24, 31 | | Sep | 04 | |

Dining (WDB/WBD)

10 Breakfasts **B** 5 Dinners **D**
1 Lunch **L**

Flight Information (WDB)

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 1.30pm into Darwin Airport
Day 11: Flights to depart anytime from Broome Airport
Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request.
Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

Extensions & Add-Ons

- End your tour in Perth. See Untamed Kimberley & West Coast. Visit aatkings.com/wdbp for full details.

Tastes of Southern Australia



Seal Bay Conservation Park

As this tour departs at 7.30am from Sydney, accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Sydney - Canberra

As hard as it is to say goodbye to Sydney, it's just as easy to say hello to the Southern Highlands. South of the 'Harbour City', the rustic countryside of Berrima awaits – fun fact: this is the oldest Georgian village in Australia. Further on, you're welcomed to Gold Creek Station by sheep farmer Craig Starr for a Be My Guest BBQ lunch and tales about life on the land. Onward to the country's cool little capital, home to Parliament House, where you may choose to do a self-guided tour. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. L**

2 Canberra - Wangaratta

Get some Canberra perspective from the summit of Mt. Ainslie. You won't be able to see the Murray River, but you'll soon cross it en route to Beechworth, Victoria's best-preserved gold rush town. Get the lowdown on Beechworth over a chat with the publican of the historic local pub and enjoy afternoon tea in the oldest hotel in town. Then you'll be set and on your way to explore honey and gold shops, galleries and museums at your leisure. **Hotel: Quality. B**

3 Wangaratta - Melbourne

Meandering south toward historic Glenrowan, you're well and truly in Ned Kelly country – this is where the infamous bushranger and his gang were finally captured in 1880. We'll tell you all the tales, then a few more about Melbourne, the home of Aussie rules football, some of the country's best arts institutions, and a swag of stellar restaurants, cafés and bars. Once you have your bearings, immerse yourself in a guided galleries tour of our First Peoples arts and cultural center, Koorie Heritage Trust Gallery on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, then head off to explore before an evening at leisure. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. B**

4 Melbourne Free Time

You're on your own today. Well, not really, because your Travel Director is at your service to help arrange optional experiences. Perhaps enjoy a strong coffee in one of Melbourne's atmospheric laneways. Adrenaline junkie? Linger in the city, gaining bird's-eye views from the Melbourne

Skydeck at the Eureka Tower. Animal lover? Venture to Phillip Island to see hundreds of little penguins pad along the sand (both own expense). **B**

5 Melbourne - Warrnambool

The Great Ocean Road is one of the world's most epic journeys, a dramatic 240-kilometer union of limestone stacks (Twelve Apostles, we're looking at you), untouched coastal coves and sleepy towns, like Lorne and Apollo Bay. It's hard to know where to point your camera on a Great Ocean Road tour. We recommend having it poised to snap shots of the Loch Ard Gorge, the site of a famous shipwreck, and London Bridge rock formations. The latter sandstone arch once resembled its namesake bridge; even after its collapse, it's still an impressive natural wonder. It doesn't get any better than this. **Hotel: Lady Bay Resort. B D**

6 Warrnambool - Naracoorte

On the shores of Tae Rak (Lake Condah), explore the World Heritage listed Budj Bim Cultural Landscape. The lake spans 1,700 hectares of significant wetlands and stony rises right next to the historic lava flows of Budj Bim National Park. On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, learn how the Gunditjmara people worked with natural resources on a short walk of the lake, Australia's oldest aquaculture system. More volcanic history awaits across the South Australian border in Mt. Gambier, home to the crater-filling Blue Lake. Because it's very blue. And it's a lake. By now you'll be pretty thirsty, so it's a good thing the Coonawarra wine region is just around the corner. After a few sips, you may find yourself getting deep – literally. Naracoorte's Alexandra Cave is a maze of delicate, needle-like stalactites and massive twisting columns. **Hotel: William MacIntosh Motor Lodge. B D**

7 Naracoorte - Kangaroo Island

The Fleurieu Peninsula is a natural adventure playground, all rolling hills, rugged clifftops and sandy beaches. Seaside Victor Harbor turns on the charms – take a horse drawn tram ride out to Granite Island (own expense) or take a wander along the pier – before your ferry blasts its horn. All aboard for Kangaroo Island, home to native wildlife like sea lions, koalas and diverse bird species. Your destination is Kingscote. **Hotel: Ozone, Kangaroo Island, 2 nights. B D**

8 Kangaroo Island Sightseeing

It's time for an island adventure: first stops are Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch, home to an immense colony of raucous fur seals. The wildlife greets you at Seal Bay Conservation Park, where enormous sea lions barrel down the sand to the water. Here, on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience you'll visit one of the country's most important sea lion breeding grounds. Aside from smelling divine, eucalyptus oil is like the Holy Grail of healing – there's not much it can't cure. Drop in to South Australia's only eucalyptus distillery to tour the estate, spot resident kangaroos, discover KI's history and dive into oil production. A well-deserved tasting of craft beer awaits at a boutique brewery, the only one on the island. How does a Golden Ale sound? **B L**

9 Kangaroo Island - Adelaide

This morning, tour Kangaroo Island and discover the history of wool production on a fully guided tour of one of Australia's only vertical mills. Then, it's a visit to South Australia's oldest operational lighthouse before leaving the island and arriving in the South Australian capital, known for its well-preserved churches and well-admired cuisine. Did you know that Adelaide City boasts more restaurants per capita than any other city in Australia? **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. B**

10 Adelaide and Hahndorf

After a city orientation tour, head from Adelaide to Hahndorf, located in the Adelaide Hills, known for its strong German flavors, most evident in the smallgoods outlets, bakeries, pubs, and cafés that line the bustling main street. Back in Adelaide, the afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure - we have a few recommendations, including a visit to the epic Adelaide Central Market, where you can try green ant gin with cheese, among so many other delicacies (own expense). **B D**

11 Farewell from Adelaide

By day 11, you will have a suitcase full of gin, wine and cheese; a camera full of dreamy images; and more memories than you can count. **B**



Parliament House



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Included Highlights

- Get a taste for farm life at Gold Creek Station
- Take a self-guided tour of Parliament House
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Immerse yourself in Indigenous culture at Koorie Heritage Trust
- View the Twelve Apostles as you journey along the spectacular Great Ocean Road
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Explore Budj Bim Cultural Landscape
- Coonawarra is famous for its bold red wines and you're invited for a tasting
- View the Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch in the Flinders Chase National Park
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Visit Seal Bay Conservation Park
- Try a local beer at Kangaroo Island Brewery
- Visit Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery for a guided tour
- Explore the historic German Village Hahndorf

Departure Dates

| 2025-26 Season | 2026-27 Season | |
|----------------|----------------|------------|
| 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
| Oct 16 | Apr 09, 30 | Jan 07, 21 |
| Nov 20 | May 14 | Feb 04, 18 |
| 2026 | Aug 27 | Mar 04, 18 |
| Feb 05, 19 | Sep 17 | |
| Mar 19 | Oct 15, 29 | |
| | Nov 19 | |

Dining

10 Breakfasts **B** 4 Dinners **D**
2 Lunches **L**

Flight Information

Day prior: Flights to arrive anytime into Sydney Airport
Day 11: Flights to depart anytime from Adelaide Airport
Airport to Hotel transfers are included for 2025-26 season departures. For added flexibility, these are available to purchase for 2026-27 season departures.
Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

Extensions & Add-Ons

- An Optional post-tour full day excursion to the Barossa can be booked at the time with your Travel Director.
- Note – If you are choosing this optional excursion, you must book Adelaide post-tour accommodations and have flights departing after 7pm (domestic) or 8pm (international) on the day of tour.

The Twelve Apostles, Great Ocean Road

- Start your tour in Sydney. See Tastes of Southern Australia (Code: ESMA) on page 50.

South Australian Outback Adventure

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Lake Eyre Scenic Flight

1 Welcome to Adelaide

The South Australian capital often flies under the radar - locals like it that way, happy keeping their buzzing dining precincts, glorious gardens, and on-your-doorstep wineries to themselves. But the secret is well and truly out, and over the course of the afternoon you'll discover just how diverse Adelaide really is. Touring the city after your welcome drink, you'll cover every interest base: sports (Adelaide Oval), horticulture (the Botanic Garden), culture (the Art Gallery of South Australia), and food (Adelaide Central Market). Tonight, why not wander up to the foodie hub of North Terrace? The city offers plenty of eateries in which to while away your evening. **Hotel: HotelMOTEL.**

2 Adelaide - Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park

You don't have to travel far from Adelaide to be surrounded by vines. In fact, just 1.5 hours north lies the Clare Valley, and therein one of Australia's most awarded wineries. Knappstein Enterprise Winery's roots reach back to 1878, which yields extremely tasty drops, as you'll discover at the cellar door before lunch in the Clare Valley's atmospheric central town. It's the best way to ease into the wide-open, otherworldly spaces of the Flinders Ranges - your commute is a short journey by coach, but it transports you to seemingly Martian landscapes, some 800 million years in the making and home to the Adnyamathanha people for tens of thousands of years. The First Nations community owns and manages your base for the night, Wilpena Pound Resort, and they'll welcome you with spirit and soul. **Hotel: Wilpena Pound Resort. B D**

3 Wilpena Pound - Arkaroola

The cliffs and craters and ravishing red rocks of the Flinders Ranges shine brightly in the morning sun, your outlook particularly pretty from Wangara Lookout. From this vantage, you'll enjoy expansive views over the natural amphitheater that is Wilpena Pound. It's an awe-inspiring way to start the day, before your journey carves north through dramatic gorges. Keep your eyes peeled for endangered yellow-footed rock wallabies - only 2,250 remain in Australia, and most call this part of the country home. You'll begin to understand why they favor the South Australian outback when you arrive in Arkaroola, characterized by ancient granite mountains and golden spinifex-covered hillsides and providing a vantage over Lake Frome

and the desert beyond. But the real stars here are those overhead, as you'll discover on an astronomy tour that brings the dazzling night sky into full focus - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Prepare to be humbled - in the best possible way. **Hotel: Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary. B D**

4 Arkaroola - Marree

What was happening in Arkaroola 1.6 billion years ago? Your local guide will help decode the region's mind-boggling geological history as you navigate the steep slopes and hair-raising ascents of the Ridgetop Track. Plants here are found nowhere else on the planet, and gorges are so vast that they seem to cleave off the edge of the earth. A patina follows your journey northwest to the Ochre Cliffs outside Lyndhurst, where an artist's smudge of fiery hues paints the countryside all the way to the horizon. It's as sacred as it is spectacular, with the Aboriginal community having utilized the rich clay soil in ceremonies for centuries. You can see why this part of Australia was attractive to the 1800s settlers of nearby Farina - but you'll also learn why they departed, leaving an eerie ghost town on the outskirts of Marree, where you'll lay your swimming head for the night. **Hotel: Marree. B L D**

5 Marree - Coober Pedy

Much of the South Australian outback towns exist because of the old Ghan Railway, click-clacking from Adelaide to Darwin. Plenty of history will be revealed on your morning's journey along the Oodnadatta Track, perhaps only outshone by the natural drama of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre. Australia's largest inland lake is - most of the time - a shimmering saltpan covering hundreds of square kilometers, yet is occasionally transformed by desert downpours into a thriving oasis. You'll have the chance to glimpse it from the air, your bird's-eye view unfolding beneath you like a work of art. Speaking of art - your included scenic flight will also pass over the Anna Creek Painted Hills, a rocky outcrop that literally pops out of the flat desert, creating silhouettes resembling cartoon characters. Touch down to explore the otherworldly countryside before jetting on to your destination for the next two nights, Coober Pedy, brimming with compelling quirks and subterranean adventures. **Hotel: Desert Cave, 2 nights. B**

6 Coober Pedy Sightseeing

Coober Pedy offers unique attractions, most of which lie underground due to the intense surface heat. Many locals live in subterranean homes, adding to the town's charm. Begin your adventure exploring opal mines and fossicking for treasures. Then, visit the Aboriginal-owned Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park, featuring stunning landscapes famously showcased in films like Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome. Here you'll see part of the iconic 5,300-kilometer Dog Fence before heading to Coober Pedy Opal Fields Golf Club, where sandy fairways and an oil-soaked green make for an extraordinary golfing experience. End your day at Big Winch 360°, a captivating 'circlevision' show that immerses you in the region's history and beauty. Coober Pedy is as vast as the outback and as unforgettable as its people. **B**

7 Coober Pedy - Port Augusta

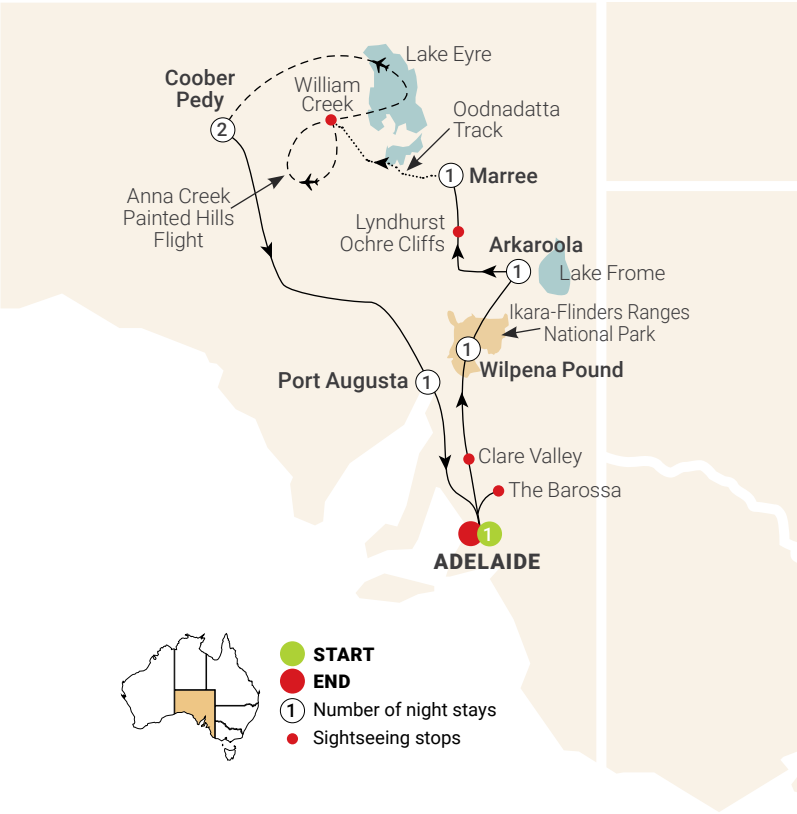
It's hard to imagine landscapes more dramatic than those you'll have experienced so far. But the bar is officially raised by those at Lake Hart, another vast saltpan that sparked a community in the 1930s. Today, it's all but deserted, the isolation reminding you that Mother Nature always rules. The vastness of the South Australian outback here was no doubt one of the reasons why it - specifically Woomera - was chosen to become the world's largest military land base. Established by the British in 1947, the countryside here has been a testing base for atomic bombs, ballistic missiles and satellite boosters. It's a piece of Australian history few know of, but that you will leave appreciating, as you head toward your evening's repose in the natural harbor of Port Augusta. **Hotel: Majestic Oasis Apartments. B**

8 Port Augusta - The Barossa - Depart Adelaide

The Barossa needs no introduction - your journey today will take in one of Australia's oldest wine regions, and local makers know a thing or two about creating memorable vintages. Lambert Estate reveals some of the finest regional drops, your lunchtime tipples complemented by glorious views over the vines. Cheers to that! You'll arrive in plenty of time for your Adelaide flight, your heart, mind and spirit filled with the natural and human wonders of a region that exudes superlatives. **B L**



Big Winch 360°, Coober Pedy



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Included Highlights

- Welcome for tastings to one of Australia's oldest wine regions, the picturesque Clare Valley
- Immerse yourself in the Flinders Ranges at stunning Wilpena Pound
- Explore the Milky Way at the award-winning International Dark Sky Sanctuary, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience
- Explore the abandoned township of Farina
- Travel by 4WD along the ancient Ridgetop Track at remote Arkaroola
- Follow the old Ghan Railway corridor along the Oodnadatta Track
- Take to the skies with a scenic flight of Anna Creek Painted Hills and Lake Eyre
- Try your hand at opal mining at Coober Pedy
- View the Dingo Fence - it's longer than the Great Wall of China
- Visit the Kanku-Conservation Park featuring majestic arid scenery and diverse wildlife
- Discover one of the famous South Australian salt lakes - Lake Hart
- Explore the township of Woomera and learn about its fascinating past
- Taste some wine in the iconic Barossa

Departure Dates

| 2025-26 Season | 2026-27 Season |
|----------------|----------------|
| 2025 | 2026 |
| Oct 04, 11, 18 | Apr 18 |
| | May 02, 16, 30 |
| | Aug 08 |
| | Sep 05, 19 |
| | Oct 03, 17 |

Dining

7 Breakfasts **B** 3 Dinners **D**
2 Lunches **L**

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 11.00am into Adelaide Airport
Day 8: Flights to depart after 5.00pm from Adelaide Airport

For departures from 01 April 2026, Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request.
Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

Extensions & Add-Ons

• To see more of South Australia add on Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island (Code: SAKI) on page 56 or South Australian Eyre Peninsula (Code: SAEP) on page 57.

Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island

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Seal Bay Conservation Park

1 Adelaide - Kangaroo Island

Your Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island adventure begins today with a city tour before traveling through the Fleurieu Peninsula, a beautiful region known for its stunning coastline, picturesque towns, and rich cultural heritage. At Cape Jervis, it's all aboard as you cruise south across the Great Australian Bight bound for Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island's second largest town. On arrival why not take a walk along the Kangaroo Island Sculpture Trail, delve into the island's history at the Maritime and Folk Museum or just relax with a dip at the beach. The choice is yours! This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel with your traveling companions.

Hotel: Seafront Kangaroo Island. D

2 Kangaroo Island Sightseeing

After breakfast, head to windswept Cape Willoughby Conservation Park to explore South Australia's oldest lighthouse. Visit the museum, then stroll around the site for stunning coastal views. Next, dive into Kangaroo Island Wool's past with a 45-minute mill tour, starting inside a unique 9-meter Igloo Dome cinema. Learn how early settlers and today's farmers shaped the island's wool industry and heritage. End your day at Kangaroo Island Brewery with owner Mike, who brews with rainwater from the roof of his shed. Enjoy craft beer, wine or cider while swapping stories with your friendly host.

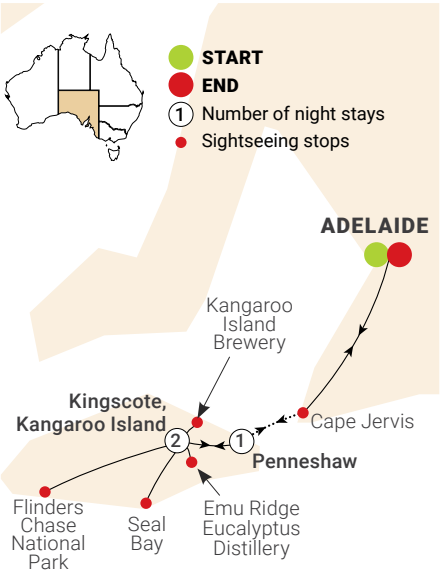
Hotel: Ozone Kangaroo Island, 2 nights. B

3 Kangaroo Island

Today delivers wild landscapes, curious creatures, and indulgent flavors. Begin at Remarkable Rocks, ancient granite giants perched dramatically above the ocean. At Admirals Arch, watch noisy New Zealand fur seals crowd every crag. Then, visit Seal Bay a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, where sea lions tumble into waves just meters away on the beach. Refuel at Vivonne Bay Bistro with a two-course lunch before sampling honey and creamy ice-cream from rare Ligurian bees at Island Beehive. End the day sipping local wines at Islander Estate Vineyard, where passion and place pour into every glass. **B L**

4 Kangaroo Island - Farewell from Adelaide

Before you leave the island, follow your nose to Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery. If Australia was an aroma, this would be it. Here you'll take a guided tour and learn about the distillation process and how eucalyptus oil is extracted from the native Kangaroo Island Narrow Leaf Mallee. Visit the farmgate shop and pick up essential oils, body creams, sweets, honey and soaps, and taste some of the island's best cider. Then bliss out knowing that anything you eat or use not only tastes and smells great but also has therapeutic properties. Back on the mainland, travel through the picturesque Fleurieu Peninsula with its rolling vineyards, pristine beaches, and charming towns. Returning to the city, bags a few kilos heavier thanks to all that honey, wine and eucalyptus, it's time to bid farewell to Adelaide and Australia's second largest (but perhaps most beguiling) island. Your tour concludes at 3.30pm back in Remarkable Adelaide. **B**



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Included Highlights

- Cruise across the Backstairs Passage
- Discover historic Cape Willoughby Lighthouse
- Take a tour of the Kangaroo Island Wool Mill
- Enjoy a local beer at Kangaroo Island Brewery
- Spectacular Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch in the Flinders Chase National Park
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - join a local specialist guide for a walk among a colony of rare sea lions at the Seal Bay Conservation Park
- Learn about the remarkable Ligurian bees at the Island Beehive
- Savor a selection of wines at Islander Estate Winery
- Discover natural healing properties at Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery

Departure Dates

| 2025-26 Season | 2026-27 Season |
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| 2025 | 2026 |
| Nov 02 | May 10, 24 |
| | Aug 30 |
| | Sep 13, 27 |
| | Nov 01, 15 |

Dining

3 Breakfasts B 1 Dinner D
1 Lunch L

Flight Information

Day prior: Flights to arrive anytime into Adelaide Airport

Day 4: Flights to depart after 6.00pm from Adelaide Airport

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Extensions & Add-Ons

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South Australian Eyre Peninsula Escape

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Murphy's Haystacks

1 Adelaide - Port Augusta

The best way to experience a region is through its food and wine - and we'll help you do just that from day one. Just 90 minutes after leaving Adelaide, you're in the heart of Clare Valley, one of South Australia's premier wine regions. One of its top wineries beckons: gather at Knappstein Wines, whose riesling (and other drops) will make you weak at the knees. Tonight, Port Augusta is your base, its broad harbor reaching into the Spencer Gulf. What a start to your Eyre Peninsula tour. Join your Travel Director and companions for dinner. **Hotel: Majestic Oasis Apartments. D**

2 Port Augusta - Ceduna

Kimba may be small in population, but it's bursting with attractions. Marvel at the towering eight-meter Big Galah, a quirky icon of the Eyre Peninsula. Admire silo murals by visionary artists along the captivating art trail. Then, take in Pildappa Rock's pink ripples - a colossal, wave-shaped granite outcrop formed 1.5 billion years ago, sweeping gracefully across pindan soil. **Hotel: Ceduna Foreshore Hotel Motel. B**

3 Ceduna - Streaky Bay

Ceduna may warrant weeks, but with one day, pace yourself. Cruise Smoky Bay's harbor seeking dolphins and sea lions, then savor oysters and wine in a working shed. This afternoon, explore dramatic cliffs near Streaky Bay. Cap your adventure with a relaxing evening - Eyre Peninsula's coastal magic distilled into a single, unforgettable day. **Hotel: Streaky Bay Hotel-Motel. B L**

4 Streaky Bay - Port Lincoln

This stretch of South Australia's coast is truly pristine. Begin your morning exploring the Cape Bauer Loop Scenic Drive, where The Whistling Rocks and Blowholes await, along with sweeping views over Hally's Beach. Nature steals the show at Murphy's Haystacks - ancient boulders rising from the earth - and at the honeycombed granite formations of Talia Caves. Later, stretch your legs on a section of the Elliston Coastal Trail at Little Bay. Arrive in Port Lincoln, your base for the next two nights. **Hotel: Port Lincoln, 2 nights. B**

5 Port Lincoln & Coffin Bay

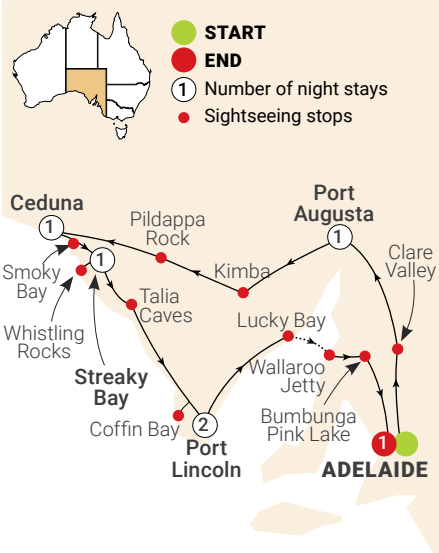
Start your day in Coffin Bay, immersing yourself in nature on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience Wild Yarnbala tour through off-grid orchards and gardens. Sample bush tucker, try water divining, then relax to the sounds of didgeridoo and lap steel guitar while sipping orchard-infused gin. Don waterproof waders to explore an oyster farm, taste fresh molluscs, and enjoy a seafood platter overlooking scenic Coffin Bay. Join a guided tour to discover Port Lincoln before returning to your waterfront hotel for the night. **B L**

6 Port Lincoln - Adelaide

Today's your silo art showdown: Kimba or Tumby Bay, with its mural by Martin Ron. Cruise from Lucky Bay Jetty to Wallaroo, then witness the surreal Bumbunga Pink Lake - its colors shifting with salinity from soft pastels to vivid lipstick. Gather with your Travel Director and companions for dinner. **Hotel: HotelMOTEL. B D**

7 Farewell from Adelaide

Short and sweet, we hope your journey inspired extended South Australian wanderlust. **B**



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Included Highlights

- Enjoy a wine tasting in picturesque Clare Valley
- Visit the unique rock formations of Pildappa (Wave) Rock
- Experience some of South Australia's best Silo artwork
- Visit Point Labatt Conservation Park, home to the endangered Australian sea lion
- Visit the unusual Murphy's Haystacks rock formations
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience on a Wild Yarnbala Tour
- Explore the remote Great Australian Bight from both land and sea
- Wade out into the calm waters of Coffin Bay and learn how to shuck your own oysters
- Take a scenic ferry ride across the Spencer Gulf
- Visit Bumbunga Pink Lake

Departure Dates

| 2025-26 Season | 2026-27 Season |
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| 2025 | 2026 |
| Oct 12, 26 | Apr 12, 26 |
| Nov 09 | Oct 11, 25 |
| | Nov 08, 29 |
| | 2027 |
| | Feb 28 |

Dining

6 Breakfasts B 2 Dinners D
2 Lunches L

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 8.00am into Adelaide Airport
(We strongly recommend you pre-book accommodations for the previous night)

Day 7: Flights to depart anytime from Adelaide Airport

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Extensions & Add-Ons

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1 Welcome to Hobart

You don't have to venture far from your hotel to find inspiration in Hobart, whether you're exploring the harbor or easing into one of the city's applauded galleries and wine bars. Save room for dinner, enjoyed in the company of your Travel Director and fellow adventure-seekers. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. D**

2 City Sights and Salamanca Market

Your morning excursions delve deep into many of the things that make Hobart great: from the Mt. Nelson Lookout, offering dizzying views over the city and Derwent River; to historic Battery Point and the Cascade Brewery. End the tour at the leafy Botanical Gardens spotlighting endemic plants, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. From alpaca throws to woodwork, gin to garden-fresh vegetables, Salamanca Market is like creative Tasmania in a bustling snapshot. Grab yourself a coffee before navigating more than 300 stalls, wedged alongside the Salamanca precinct's historic sandstone warehouses. **B**

3 Hobart - Strahan

Waterfalls, lakes and ancient moonscapes – today is a journey of contrasts. Not to mention soul revival. Exhale amid the forest enveloping Russell Falls in Mt. Field National Park. Forget your worries at Lake St. Clair, the deepest natural lake in Australia. Sigh as you skirt the World Heritage-protected Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. Then revel in the serenity of Strahan. You're overlooking Macquarie Harbour, seven times the size of Sydney Harbour. **Hotel: Strahan Village. B D**

4 Strahan - Cradle Mountain

No day that involves a cruise is a bad day. Even better if it's the deep, dark waters of the far-flung Tassie's Gordon River. Soak up the silence of this untouched wilderness area on your Gordon River cruise en route to Sarah Island, the state's oldest convict settlement. Today, the island's haunting ruins have been reclaimed by nature, enveloped by forest and twisting vines. Your commute toward immense Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park sees you travel through tiny mining towns scattered amongst the mountainous wild terrain. Rest up – Cradle Mountain awaits. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain, 2 nights. B L D**

5 Cradle Mountain Sightseeing

Spend the day in Cradle Mountain. At the heart of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, Cradle Mountain is all moss-covered ancient rainforests and deep river gorges, snow-tipped peaks, wild alpine moorlands and glacial lakes – case in point Dove Lake, where you may spot Bennetts wallabies, echidnas and pademelons. Pause at Waldheim Chalet, once the home of Gustav and Kate Weindorfer, the duo pivotal in the park's formation. **B**

6 Cradle Mountain - Launceston

Tasmania boasts stunning award-winning orchards and floral sanctuaries, and today, you'll explore two of its finest. First, visit The Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Stroll through 11 hectares of blissful woodland, where over half the world's 1,000 rhododendron species thrive, alongside ornate structures, tranquil lakes, and perhaps even a platypus or two! Next, Mount Gnomon Farm, where farmer Guy Robertson passionately cultivates his orchard and crafts cider. Sip and savor a paddock-to-plate lunch showcasing the region's rich flavors. Then, journey to quirky Sheffield, the famed 'Town of Murals,' before traveling through the scenic Meander Valley en route to Launceston. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. B L**

7 Launceston Sightseeing

It's no secret that Tassie produces some of the best food in Australia – with its clean air, water and verdant soil. This morning, sample some oh-so-tasty sauces, jams, mustards and relishes at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company and learn about edibles that are grown here. By the time you reach Josef Chromy Vineyard, you'll have worked up a thirst. We've got you covered with a glass of one of the state's finest cool-climate wines. Next, prepare for goosebumps with a visit to Cataract Gorge, a lush expanse of bushland and Victorian gardens within walking distance of the CBD. This afternoon is yours to explore at leisure to discover Launceston, the city of gastronomy and get a real taste of Tasmania. **B**

8 Launceston - Bicheno

You'll smell Bridestowe Estate well before you arrive – this lavender farm welcomes with soothing aromas, and addictive flavors in the form

of lavender ice-cream. Moving moments await at Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, a series of trees carved with sculptures as a homage to fallen WWI soldiers. It's a poignant reminder just how lucky we are to have Tasmania's scene-stealing landscapes to gaze over. Be sure to head out tonight to catch a glimpse of the little penguins that call Bicheno home. **Hotel: Diamond Island Beach Resort. B D**

9 Freycinet National Park & Wineglass Bay

There's a reason this part of Tasmania takes home top honours for its beaches – they were made for postcards. The brilliant blue ocean follows you through Cape Tourville's virgin eucalypt forests, with dramatic coastline as far as the eye can see. Soak in the beauty of the breathtaking Freycinet Peninsula on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience that contributes to the preservation of its wildlife. You'll cruise past granite mountains, towering pink cliffs of the Hazards range, beaches fringed by dense bush, as you graze on a tasty Ploughman's lunch while taking in the serenity of stunning Wineglass Bay. **Hotel: Eastcoaster Tasmania. B L D**

10 Triabunna - Sorell

This morning, head south to the shores of the Derwent River where local palawa will welcome you to country and show off some local bush tucker. Next stop is the historic township of Richmond; explore the convict-built gaol and bridge or browse the quaint boutique shops. Whilst here, visit Old Hobart Town, a unique, multi-award-winning model village depicting life in Hobart as it was in the 1820s. Your base tonight is secluded Iron Creek Bay Farm, enveloped by 70 hectares of orchards growing cherries, apricots, apples and grapes. You're invited to pick fruits during your stay, whether on your own or during a guided tour. Most importantly, tonight, relax, enjoy the sunset and savor some fine Tassie produce at the renowned farm restaurant! **Hotel: Iron Creek Bay Farm. B D**

11 Port Arthur Historic Site

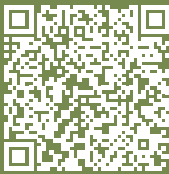
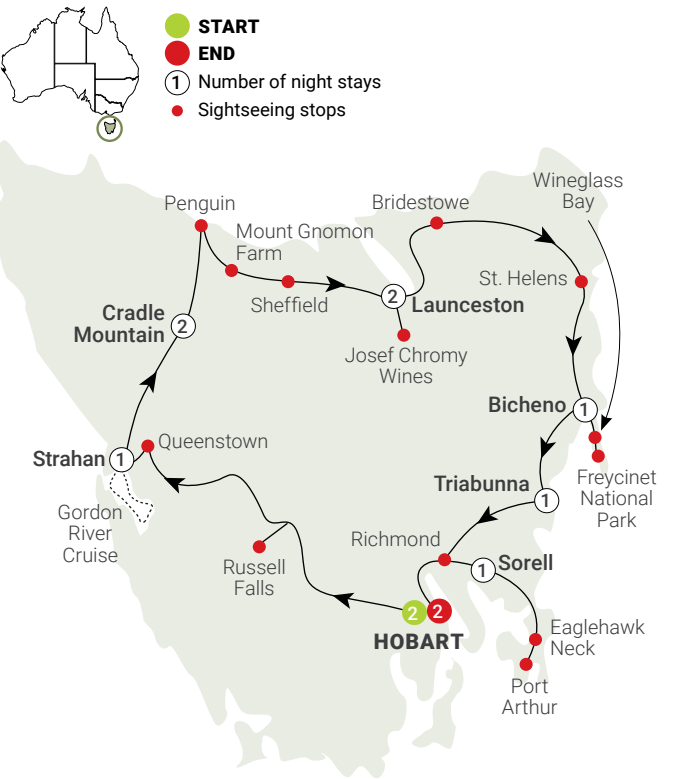
While the World Heritage listed Port Arthur Historic Site has a grim convict history, you wouldn't know it today – the countryside is all rolling green fields and ocean views, best glimpsed on a Port Arthur guided tour with an in-the-know historian - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. The secrets they can tell... Today you will cruise around the Isle of the Dead, glimpse rugged sea cliffs from Pirate's Bay Lookout, and marvel at Tasman's Arch, Devil's Kitchen and the Blowhole. Tonight is at your leisure in Hobart – we can recommend any number of stellar restaurants and wine bars. There's no shortage in Tasmania's cool little capital. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. B**

12 Hobart Free Time

There's something about Tasmania's capital that encourages life in the slow lane. You'll quickly fall into step today, yours to spend as you will. Celebrate Tasmania with your Travel mates at dinner at a popular Hobart restaurant. **B D**

13 Farewell from Hobart

If you can still count all the delicious things you have eaten and drunk, and all the epic things you have seen and done, two weeks down the track, we commend you. Now's the time to re-live them with friends and family back at home. **B**



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- Visit a famous Tamar Valley winery
- Experience Launceston's stunning Cataract Gorge
- Take a guided tour of Bridestowe Lavender Farm
- Take to the seas on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Wineglass Bay Cruise
- Welcome to Country on the shores of the Derwent River
- Visit Old Hobart Town, a unique multi-award-winning model village
- Stay on Iron Creek Bay Farm, a modern Aussie farm surrounded by orchards and farm animals
- A **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Visit the Port Arthur Historic Site, a UNESCO World Heritage site

Departure Dates

| 2025-26 Season | | 2026-27 Season | |
|----------------|---------|----------------|--------|
| 2025 | | 2026 | 2027 |
| Oct | 10 | Sep | 11 |
| Nov | 21 | Oct | 09, 30 |
| Dec | 05* | | |
| 2026 | | | |
| Jan | 09*, 30 | | |
| Feb | 20 | | |
| Mar | 13 | | |

*These departures are **SMALL GROUP** tours.

Dining

12 Breakfasts **B** 7 Dinners **D**
3 Lunches **L**

Flight Information

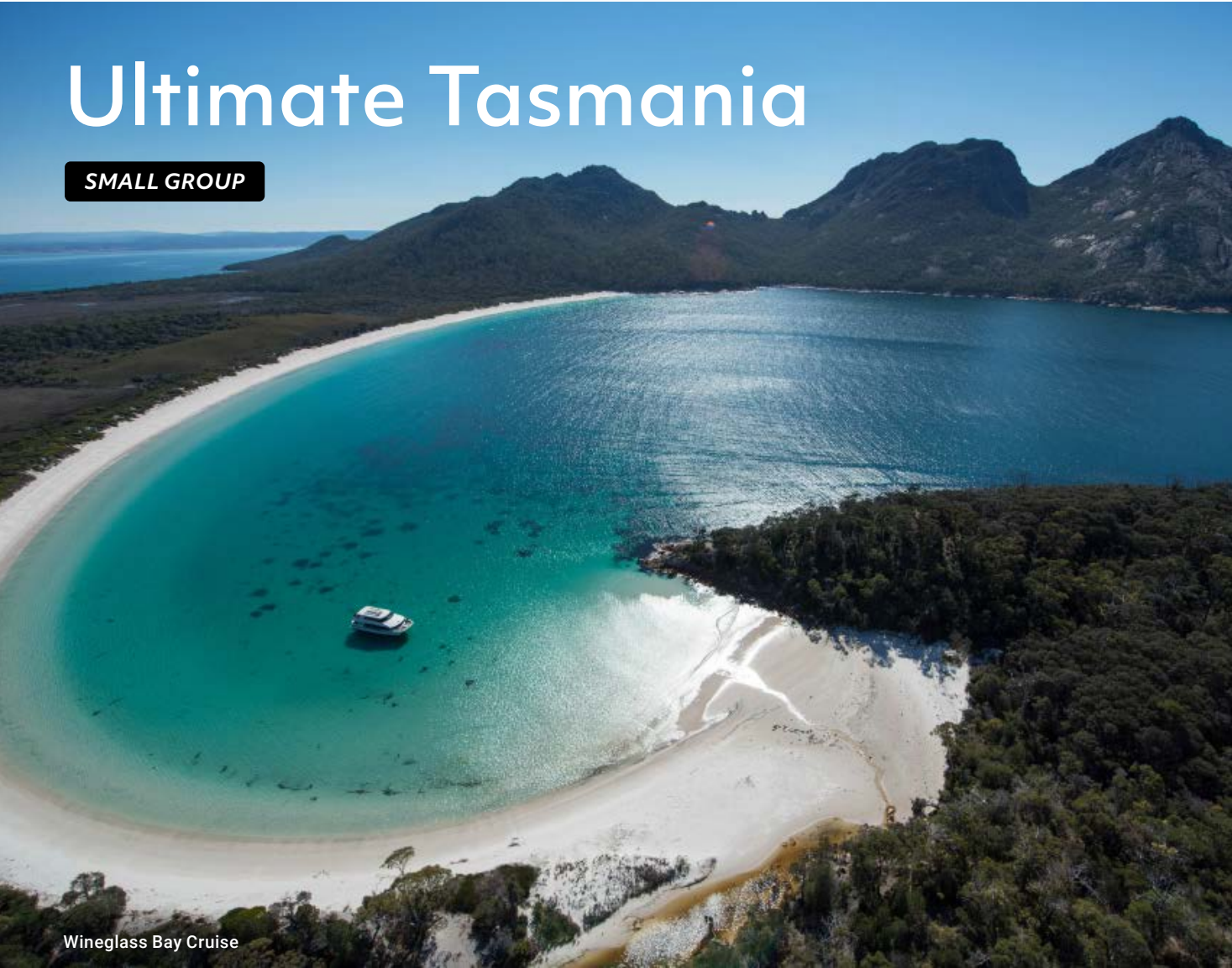
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Ultimate Tasmania

SMALL GROUP



Wineglass Bay Cruise

1 Welcome to Hobart

Hobart, Tasmania's vibrant capital, offers inspiration at every turn. Stroll the harbor precinct, indulge in fresh seafood, explore galleries, or unwind in a tucked-away wine bar. As evening unfolds, gather with fellow travelers for dinner celebrating Tasmania's finest local produce - a perfect way to begin your adventure. Hobart promises an unforgettable start to your journey, rich in flavor and discovery. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. D**

2 City Sights and Salamanca Market

Begin your morning exploring Hobart's highlights, starting at Mt. Nelson Lookout with sweeping views of the city and Derwent River. See the iconic Cascade Brewery before continuing to historic Battery Point, full of colonial charm. Conclude the tour at the Botanical Gardens, showcasing Tasmania's native flora in a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Then, dive into Salamanca Market, a snapshot of Tasmania's creativity, featuring artisan goods, fresh produce, and handcrafted treasures. **B**

3 Hobart - Strahan

Today's journey is a stunning contrast of landscapes, offering tranquility and awe-inspiring beauty. Breathe deeply in the lush forest of Mt. Field National Park, where Russell Falls' cascading tiers create a misty, dreamlike setting. Find peace at Lake St. Clair, Australia's deepest natural lake. Travel through the World Heritage-listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park before arriving in Strahan. Take in the vast expanse of Macquarie Harbour - an incredible seven times larger than Sydney Harbour. **Hotel: Strahan Village. B D**

4 Strahan - Cradle Mountain

A cruise day is always a great day, especially when you drift across the glassy waters of Tasmania's secluded Gordon River, surrounded by ancient, towering rainforests. Glide through this untouched wilderness, soaking up the tranquility as you journey toward Sarah Island, Tasmania's oldest convict settlement. Once a place of hardship, its haunting ruins have now been overtaken by nature, draped in forest and winding vines. Later, continue your adventure toward the vast Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park. Take time to unwind – tomorrow, Cradle Mountain's breathtaking landscapes await. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain, 2 nights. B L D**

5 Cradle Mountain Sightseeing

Immerse yourself in the breathtaking wilderness of Cradle Mountain, a jewel of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. Snow-capped peaks, mossy rainforests, and glacial lakes define this stunning landscape. Visit Dove Lake, where Bennetts wallabies, echidnas, and pademelons roam freely. Stop by Waldheim Chalet, once home to Gustav and Kate Weindorfer, whose dedication helped preserve this wonder. This afternoon, choose your adventure - hike scenic trails, meet a Tasmanian Devil (own expense), or unwind by the fire at your hotel. **B**

6 Cradle Mountain - Launceston

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast before departing the Central Highlands for Tasmania's stunning north-west coast, where fertile volcanic soil nurtures over 100 varieties of potatoes, accounting for nearly a third of Australia's total potato production. Arrive in the quaint township of Penguin and visit Mount Gnomon Farm, where farmer Guy Robertson passionately cultivates his orchard and crafts cider. Savor a paddock-to-plate lunch highlighting the region's finest flavors. Later, continue to Sheffield, the renowned 'Town of Murals,' then journey through the picturesque Meander Valley, arriving in Launceston. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. B L**

7 Launceston Sightseeing

Start your day at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company, sampling an array of sauces, jams, mustards, and relishes while discovering the region's fresh, homegrown ingredients. Then, explore the natural beauty of Cataract Gorge, a blend of rugged bushland and elegant Victorian gardens within walking distance of the city center. The afternoon is yours - visit the Beaconsfield Mine, uncover marine life at Seahorse World, cruise the Tamar Valley (all own expense), or stay local and enjoy Launceston's heritage architecture. **B**

8 Launceston - Bicheno

Before you step foot onto Bridestowe Estate, soothing lavender aromas will greet you. This picturesque farm offers indulgent flavors - from lavender-infused ice cream to golden honey harvested by half a million bees thriving among vibrant floral fields. Next, visit the Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, a tribute to fallen WWI soldiers, where intricate sculptures

bring history to life. It's a humbling reminder of the freedom we cherish. As night falls, don't miss spotting little penguins in Bicheno, watching them waddle ashore in their natural coastal habitat - an unforgettable experience. **Hotel: Diamond Island Beach Resort. B D**

9 Freycinet National Park & Wineglass Bay

It's no wonder Tasmania's east coast is renowned for its postcard-perfect beaches. The deep blue ocean guides you through Cape Tourville's untouched eucalypt forests, revealing dramatic coastal views stretching to the horizon. Immerse yourself in the beauty of Freycinet Peninsula on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, supporting local wildlife conservation. Glide past rugged granite peaks, the pink cliffs of the Hazards range, and secluded beaches. Take in the serenity of Wineglass Bay and savor a Ploughman's lunch on board, perfectly paired with the spectacular scenery. **Hotel: Eastcoaster Tasmania. B L D**

10 Triabunna - Sorell

Begin your day on the tranquil shores of the Derwent River, where local palawa will warmly welcome you to country, sharing traditions and native bush tucker. Then, step back in time in Richmond, home to Australia's oldest convict-built gaol and bridge. Consider a visit to Old Hobart Town, an award-winning model village recreating 1820s Hobart (own expense). Tonight, retreat to Iron Creek Bay Estate, surrounded by 70 hectares of orchards bursting with cherries, apricots, apples, and grapes. Wander the grounds, pick some fruit and say hi to some of the resident geese, alpacas, and sheep, before unwinding with a sunset and locally inspired feast at the farm's celebrated restaurant. **Hotel: Iron Creek Bay Farm. B D**

11 Port Arthur Historic Site

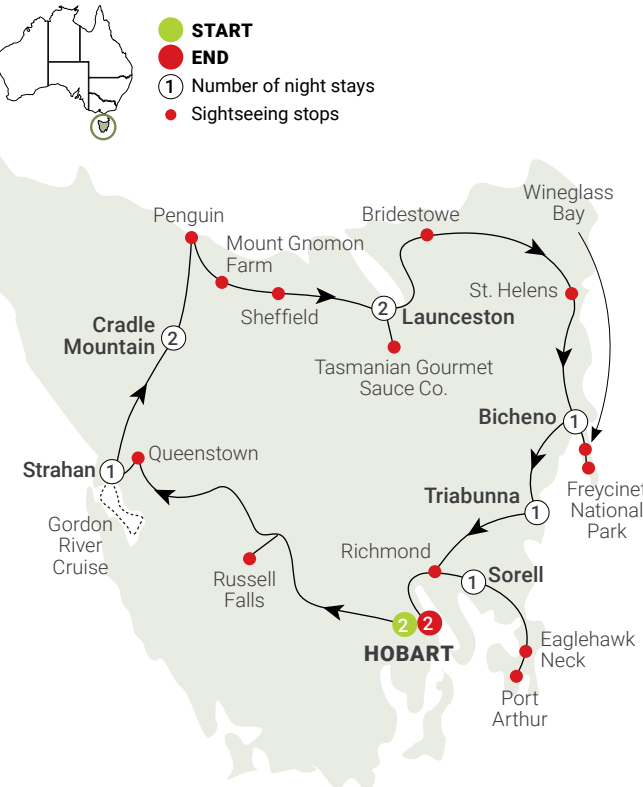
Though the World Heritage listed Port Arthur Historic Site holds a sombre past, it's now surrounded by rolling green fields and breathtaking water views. Discover its fascinating history on a guided tour as expert storytellers unveil its secrets - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Cruise around the Isle of the Dead, take in sea cliffs from Pirate's Bay Lookout, and marvel at natural wonders like Tasman's Arch, Devil's Kitchen, and the Blowhole. This evening, enjoy Hobart at your leisure. Tasmania's cool capital offers plenty to make your night truly special. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. B**

12 Hobart Free Time

Tasmania's capital invites you to slow down and soak in its charm. Whether it's the serene waterfront, vibrant art-filled streets, or majestic mountain backdrop, you'll ease into Hobart's relaxed rhythm. Perhaps cruise to Bruny Island to see playful fur seals and towering sea cliffs or take to the skies over the wild Southwest or explore the Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery (both own expense), or simply unwind. This evening, gather with your travel mates for dinner at one of Hobart's standout waterfront restaurants. **B D**

13 Farewell from Hobart

Two weeks of incredible sights, flavors, and adventures - if you can still count them all, you've truly made the most of your journey. Now, it's time to take those unforgettable memories home, sharing laughter, stories, and favorite moments with loved ones. Until next time, Tasmania! **B**



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- Take a guided tour of Bridestowe Lavendar Farm
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Cruise on Wineglass Bay
- Immerse yourself in ancient history with a welcome to country ceremony and bush tucker walk
- Stay on Iron Creek Bay Farm, a modern Aussie farm surrounded by orchards and farm animals
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Explore Port Arthur Historic Site

Departure Dates

| 2026-27 Season | |
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| 2026 | 2027 |
| Apr 10 | Jan 29 |
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| Nov 20 | |

Dining

12 Breakfasts **B** 7 Dinners **D**
3 Lunches **L**

Flight Information

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Tassie's Parks & Nature



Gordon River Cruise

1 Welcome to Hobart

The Tasmanian capital packs a lot of punch into such a small perimeter, from restaurants that garner global praise to moody wine bars, eye-opening galleries, waterside walks and character-filled historic precincts. Explore at your leisure before meeting the adventurous souls over dinner. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. D**

2 City Sights and Salamanca Market

Your morning excursions delve deep into many of the things that make Hobart great: from the Mt. Nelson Lookout, offering dizzying views over the city and Derwent River; to historic Battery Point and the Cascade Brewery. End the tour at the leafy Botanical Gardens spotlighting endemic plants, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. From alpaca throws to woodwork, gin to garden-fresh vegetables, Salamanca Market is like creative Tasmania in a bustling snapshot. Grab yourself a coffee before navigating more than 300 stalls, wedged alongside the Salamanca precinct’s historic sandstone warehouses. **B**

3 Hobart - Strahan

The West Coast of Tassie is wild – in the best possible way. The air seems cleaner, the lakes cooler, the colors brighter, the waterfalls larger... as you’ll discover when the mist envelops you at tiered Russell Falls. This is part of Mt. Field National Park, the state’s most diverse nature reserve. Speaking of breaking records, Lake St. Clair is the deepest of its kind in Australia, carved by ice during glaciations over the last two million years. Pausing here puts life into perspective. Skirt the World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park, before arriving in Strahan. Small in population but big in personality, the town overlooks the immense Macquarie Harbour. Did you know it’s seven times the size of Sydney Harbour? **Hotel: Strahan Village. B D**

4 Strahan - Cradle Mountain

No day that involves a cruise is a bad day. Even better if it’s the deep, dark waters of the far-flung Tassie’s Gordon River. Soak up the silence of this untouched wilderness area on your Gordon River cruise en route to Sarah Island, the state’s oldest convict settlement. Today, the island’s haunting ruins have been reclaimed by nature, enveloped by forest and

twisting vines. Your commute toward immense Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park sees you travel through tiny mining towns scattered amongst the mountainous wild terrain. Rest up – Cradle Mountain awaits. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain, 2 nights. B L D**

5 Cradle Mountain

Cradle Mountain owes much of its protected status to early settlers Gustav and Kate Weindorfer, who were pivotal in championing the conservation of the area. Their efforts are remembered at Waldheim Chalet, their former home, set among myrtles and King Billy pines that gradually give way to moss covered ancient rainforests and deep river gorges, snow-tipped peaks and wild alpine moorlands. This is the heart of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, carved by glacial waterways like Dove Lake. You can see why Bennetts wallabies, echidnas, wombats and pademelons live here – you, too, will find it hard to tear yourself away. If you’re a night person, consider enlisting to spot Tassie’s nocturnal animals, at a devil sanctuary (own expense). **B**

6 Cradle Mountain - Launceston

Begin your day with a visit to The Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Wander through 11 hectares of stunning gardens, ornate structures, and tranquil lakes, where over half the world’s 1,000 rhododendron species flourish. Dedicated volunteers have lovingly shaped this botanical haven, and if you’re lucky, you might spot a platypus! Next, travel east along the coast to Penguin, a town as charming as its name suggests. Then, at Mount Gnomon Farm, farmer Guy Robertson invites you to sample brews crafted from apples grown in his heritage orchard. Savor a paddock-to-plate lunch, rich in local flavors. Finally, continue to quirky Sheffield, the famed ‘Town of Murals,’ before winding your way through the scenic Meander Valley to Launceston. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor. B L**

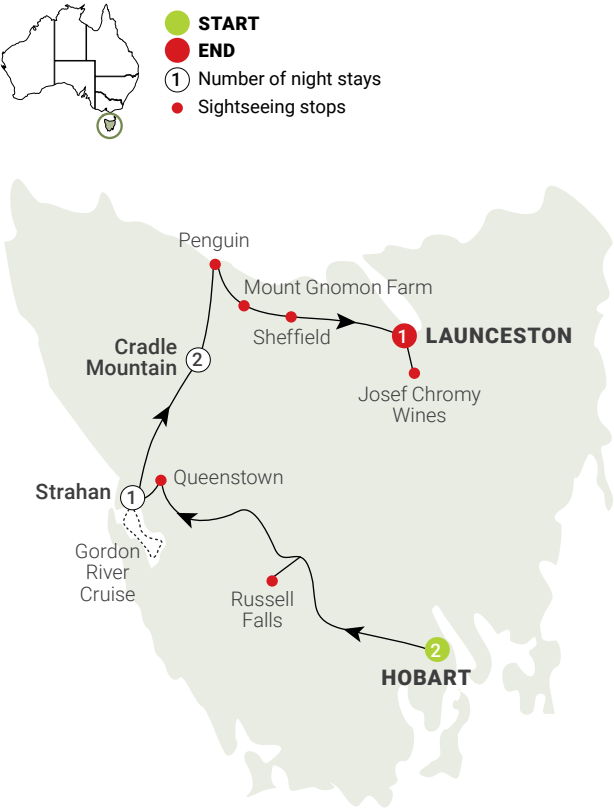
7 Farewell from Launceston

It’s no secret that Tasmania is renowned for producing some of the finest food in Australia, thanks to its clean air, pure water, and fertile soil. Begin your day at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company, where you can sample delectable sauces, jams, mustards, and relishes.

While indulging, take the opportunity to learn about the local produce and the unique ingredients grown right here in Tassie. By the time you arrive at Josef Chromy Vineyard, you’ll be ready to quench your thirst with a glass of Tasmania’s exceptional cool-climate wine, crafted to perfection. Next, prepare to be awe-inspired by Cataract Gorge. This stunning natural attraction boasts a lush blend of bushland and meticulously maintained Victorian gardens, all conveniently located within walking distance of the Launceston CBD. Don’t miss the chance to ride the longest single-span chairlift in the world, offering incredible views of the gorge below (own expense). This afternoon, immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Launceston, known as the city of gastronomy, where culinary delights await. If your journey doesn’t end here, we highly recommend extending your adventure with one of our carefully curated optional tours to explore even more of Tasmania’s treasures! **B**



Josef Chromy Wines



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| Mar | 13 | | |

Dining

6 Breakfasts **B** 3 Dinners **D**
2 Lunches **L**

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Extensions & Add-Ons

- Start & end your tour in Hobart. See Perfect Tasmania (Code: THLH) on page 58.



Mt Gnomon Farm

1 Welcome to Hobart

Hobart may be small, but it delivers big on charm - globally acclaimed restaurants, cozy wine bars, vibrant galleries, scenic waterfronts, and rich history. Explore at your own pace, then gather with fellow travelers over dinner, setting the stage for an unforgettable Tasmanian adventure. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. D**

2 City Sights and Salamanca Market

Start your day uncovering Hobart's best sights. Take in panoramic views from Mt. Nelson Lookout, then stop at the historic Cascade Brewery before visiting Battery Point, steeped in colonial charm. Continue to the Botanical Gardens, where Tasmania's native flora shines in a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Next, immerse yourself in the energy of Salamanca Market, a vibrant showcase of local creativity. Browse artisan goods, fresh produce, and handcrafted treasures as you wander through 300 bustling stalls, all set against the backdrop of historic sandstone warehouses. Don't forget to grab a coffee and soak in the atmosphere. **B**

3 Hobart - Strahan

Today's journey unveils breathtaking contrasts, offering moments of serenity and awe-inspiring beauty. Stroll through the lush rainforest of Mt. Field National Park, where the cascading tiers of Russell Falls create an ethereal, misty scene. Find tranquility at the glassy waters of Lake St. Clair, Australia's deepest natural lake, reflecting the rugged wilderness beyond. Traverse the World Heritage-listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park, a spectacular expanse of untamed nature, before arriving in Strahan, a peaceful coastal town on Tasmania's wild West Coast. Here, marvel at the vast Macquarie Harbour, a stunning waterway seven times the size of Sydney Harbour, brimming with history and natural splendor. **Hotel: Strahan Village. B D**

4 Strahan - Cradle Mountain

A cruise day is always a highlight, especially when gliding across the serene waters of Gordon River, surrounded by ancient, towering rainforests. Drift through this untouched wilderness, embracing the tranquility as you arrive at Sarah Island, Tasmania's oldest convict settlement. Once a place of hardship, its haunting ruins are now enveloped

by lush greenery and winding vines. Later, journey toward the majestic Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park, passing through remote mining towns set amid rugged, mountainous terrain. Take a moment to unwind - tomorrow, the breathtaking landscapes of Cradle Mountain will be yours to explore. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain, 2 nights. B L D**

5 Cradle Mountain

Step into the breathtaking wilderness of Cradle Mountain, a crown jewel of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. Towering snow-capped peaks, ancient rainforests draped in moss, and calm glacial lakes create a stunning natural backdrop. At Dove Lake, watch as Bennetts wallabies, echidnas, and pademelons roam freely across the rugged terrain. Visit Waldheim Chalet, once home to Gustav and Kate Weindorfer, whose passion helped protect this remarkable landscape. This afternoon, the choice is yours - explore scenic hiking trails, meet a Tasmanian Devil (own expense), or cozy up by the fire at your hotel, soaking in the serenity of Tasmania's untamed wilderness. Let the adventures unfold! **B**

6 Cradle Mountain - Launceston

Begin your day with a leisurely breakfast before setting off from the Central Highlands to Tasmania's breathtaking north-west coast, where fertile volcanic soil supports over 100 varieties of potatoes, contributing to nearly a third of Australia's total production. Arrive in the charming town of Penguin and visit Mount Gnomon Farm, where passionate farmer Guy Robertson cultivates orchards and crafts exquisite cider. Indulge in a paddock-to-plate lunch, celebrating the region's finest produce. Later, journey to Sheffield, the famed 'Town of Murals', before winding through the scenic Meander Valley and arriving in Launceston, your home for the next two nights, ready for new discoveries. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor. B L**

7 Farewell from Launceston

Tasmania's world-class food scene reflects its pristine air, pure water, and fertile soil. Start your day at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company, sampling an enticing selection of sauces, jams, mustards, and relishes while learning about the region's fresh, homegrown ingredients. Then, explore the natural beauty of Cataract Gorge, a breathtaking blend of rugged bushland and Victorian gardens, all within walking distance of

Launceston's city center. Though your tour concludes this afternoon, why not extend your adventure? Take an optional tour of the historic Beaconsfield Mine, discover the marine life at Seahorse World, or embark on a Tamar Valley River cruise (own expense). Prefer to stay local? Dive into Launceston's stunning heritage architecture, soaking up the city's unique charm. However you choose to spend your final moments in Tasmania, it's the perfect way to wrap up an unforgettable journey. **B**



Cataract Gorge



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Included Highlights

- Enjoy the best of Tasmania's west coast wilderness, towns and regional areas in a week
- Explore 3 pristine National Parks - Mt. Field, Franklin-Gordon Rivers, & Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Parks
- Explore Hobart's iconic Salamanca Market
- Visit Mount Field National Park including Russell Falls and Lake St Clair
- Meet a 5th generation Tassie farmer and enjoy the organic produce grown on his property
- Try some local produce at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company
- Experience the spectacular nature landscapes including waterfalls, mountains, lakes and pristine waterways
- Visit Cataract Gorge on the outskirts of Launceston

Departure Dates

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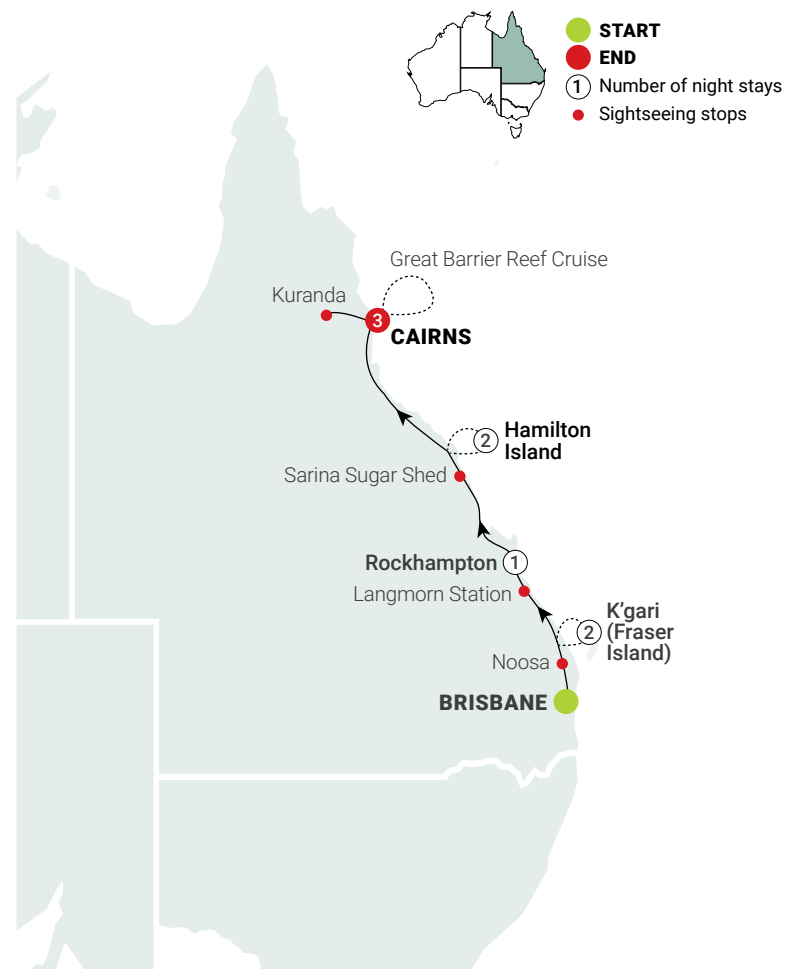


Great Barrier Reef snorkelling

A scenic view of Hamilton Island at sunset. In the foreground, the nose of a red kayak is visible, with a blue paddle resting on it. Two other kayakers are visible in the middle ground, paddling on the water. The background features a forested hill and a bright sunset over the ocean, with the sun low on the horizon and its reflection on the water. The text "Hamilton Island" is overlaid in the bottom left corner.

Hamilton Island

Kuranda Markets



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- Discover the World Heritage-listed K'gari (Fraser Island)
- Enjoy a full day exploring K'gari by 4WD
- Marvel at Lake McKenzie's stunning turquoise water and silica-white sand
- Discover K'gari iconic sites such as 75 Mile Beach and Maheno Shipwreck
- Delve into the outback spirit and visit a historic cattle station
- Cross the Tropic of Capricorn
- Visit the Sarina Sugar Shed
- Discover the idyllic Whitsunday Islands and enjoy a relaxing stay on Hamilton Island
- Explore tropical Cairns
- Enjoy a full day cruise on the iconic Great Barrier Reef - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience
- Explore Kuranda, nestled in the World Heritage-listed rainforest
- Glide above the tropical rainforest aboard the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway

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Cairns & the Great Barrier Reef

CC11
4 DAYS

Skyrail Rainforest Cableway



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DEPARTS
Year-round

CONCLUDES
Morning of day 4

Tropical Reef & Rainforest

PD11
4 DAYS

Walk in Daintree Rainforest



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DEPARTS
Year-round

CONCLUDES
Morning of day 4

CAIRNS RETURN : Great Barrier Reef • Skyrail Rainforest Cableway • Kuranda Scenic Railway • Kuranda Heritage Markets • World Heritage Rainforest

1 Arrive Cairns

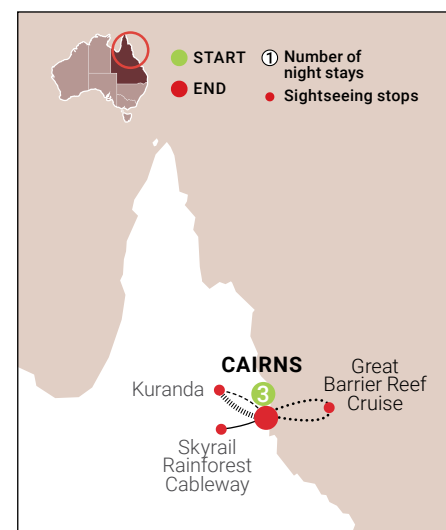
On arrival at Cairns Airport, make your own way to your hotel (flights anytime). The rest of the day is at leisure. **Hotel: Flynn, 3 nights.**

2 Great Barrier Reef

Join us for a unique outer Great Barrier Reef cruise, where the catamaran docks alongside a floating pontoon, stationed in a natural lagoon fringed with beautiful coral at Moore Reef. With a wide range of inclusive activities, you can explore and delight in the wonders of this extraordinary natural wonder. Moore Reef offers crystal-clear waters, vibrant coral gardens, abundant marine life, and friendly resident turtles and Māori wrasse, creating the ultimate destination to experience the magnificence of the outer reef. Choose your preferred way to discover the reef, whether snorkeling (equipment provided) in the natural lagoon or stay dry with the semi-submersible and glass bottom boat tours. Explore the fascinating underwater world at the underwater observatory, where you can marvel at the most impressive natural fish tank and engage with marine life during our captivating fish feeding presentation. Enjoy fun-filled moments in the enclosed ocean pool or experience the thrill of swirling down the 30-meter spiral waterslide into the tropical ocean. Enjoy a tropical-inspired buffet lunch on the water before returning to Cairns late afternoon. **B L**

3 Scenic Railway – Kuranda – Skyrail

Enjoy the journey from Cairns to Freshwater Train Station on board a luxury coach. Along the way our expert local guides will tell you the stories of Kuranda's fascinating history before leaving you to explore on your own. On board the famous railway, enjoy the scenic journey to Kuranda, with breathtaking views of the mountain ranges, tropical rainforest and across the rocky Barron Gorge and waterfalls. Along the way listen to the stories of the early pioneers who labored to build the rail line in the 1800s. Upon arrival in Kuranda, it's time to explore this fascinating village at your own leisure. The Kuranda Heritage Markets are full of colorful and interesting arts and crafts. You might also like to visit Birdworld, the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, or Kuranda Koala Gardens (all own expense), so make sure to use the coupon on your boarding pass for discounted entry. Described as the World's most beautiful rainforest experience, you'll be amazed as you journey over and through World Heritage Listed Rainforest on the cableway. This iconic rainforest experience includes time at both Red Peak and Barron Falls stations, both with lookouts offering spectacular views across the Barron Falls waterfall. Complimentary guided boardwalk tours are offered throughout the day at Red Peak Station. Meet your local guide at the cableway's Smithfield Terminal and relax on your coach transfer back to Cairns. **B**



4 Depart Cairns

Your Short Break concludes this morning after breakfast. Make your own way to Cairns Airport (flights anytime). **B**

CAIRNS RETURN : Aboriginal Cultural Experience • Painting Class • Traditional Smoking Ceremony • Art Gallery • Mossman Gorge • Daintree Rainforest • Great Barrier Reef Cruise

1 Cairns – Port Douglas

On arrival at Cairns Airport, make your own way to your hotel in Port Douglas (flights anytime). The rest of the day is at leisure. **Hotel: Oaks Resort, 3 nights.**

2 Aboriginal Art and Culture

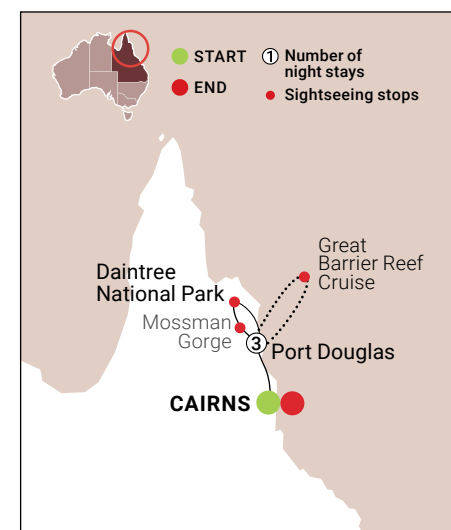
Join a Kubirri Warra clan member on an authentic coastal adventure across the beach, mudflats, and mangroves of their ancestral fishing grounds. Learn about traditional bush medicines and foods and try your hand at throwing a traditional fishing spear! Continue to Mossman Gorge, stroll along trails and elevated boardwalks through the World Heritage Listed rainforest as your Driver Guide shares stories and insights. Learn about the local Kuku Yalanji people's special relationship with the land here. Return to the Mossman Gorge Centre for a tasty lunch infused with local bush flavors at the Mayi Café. Afterwards, visit Janbal Gallery for an art class with Aboriginal artist Brian 'Binna' Swindley. Here, learn ancient Dreamtime stories, local history and how these are shared through their art. Create your own unique souvenir to take home with you in the form of a canvas you paint with the guidance of Binna, to tell your own story with techniques you will learn. **B L**

3 Great Barrier Reef

Explore Agincourt Reef, at the very edge of Australia's Continental Shelf, an underwater world that is dazzling kaleidoscope of color and brilliance. Choose to dive, snorkel, or stay dry and explore the stunning reef from the comfort of a semi-sub, just one meter underwater. Watch the fish feeding from Quicksilver's unique underwater viewing platform and underwater observatory. Entering the dramatic beauty of the Great Barrier Reef is an extraordinary experience. It's a day that engages all your senses, lifts your spirit and takes you into another realm. Sharing the wonder of the world's largest living entity, realizing its breathtaking color and majesty, seeing nature at its most perfect is an awakening and, quite simply, the memory of a lifetime. A tropical buffet lunch is served before you return to Port Douglas. **B L**

4 Port Douglas – Depart Cairns

Your Short Break concludes this morning after breakfast. Make your own way to Cairns Airport (flights anytime). **B**



New Zealand

A land of striking contrasts.



The islands of New Zealand offer some of the country's most memorable destinations, each with untold amounts of outdoor adventure to be had. From the magical glowworm caves that sparkle like underground galaxies to rolling hills with fairy tale charm straight from a storybook, this enchanting nation captivates every visitor. Whether you're hiking dramatic fiords, exploring bubbling geothermal pools, or wandering through hobbit-hole landscapes.

New Zealand delivers breathtaking scenery and unforgettable experiences that create memories to last a lifetime.

Spirit of New Zealand

SMALL GROUP



Interactive All Blacks Experience

1 Welcome to Christchurch

Community spirit is strong in Christchurch, as you'll discover exploring its streets at your leisure. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers this evening for drinks. **Hotel: Ibis Christchurch.**

2 Christchurch - Ōmarāma

Tour Christchurch's highlights then travel across the Canterbury Plains to Geraldine, a quaint rural town famous for its local cheeses and produce, which you can sample at the historic Barkers Store. Next, travel down the East Coast to the Waitaki Valley, and continue to Ōmarāma, a quintessential country town. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**

3 Ōmarāma - Invercargill

Visit the gold-mining town of Clyde with historic buildings turned quaint cafes, then head to Invercargill, where motor legends come to life. Enjoy a guided tour and dinner at Transport World, home to a remarkable collection of rare, classic, and nostalgic vehicles. **Hotel: Kelvin. B D**

4 Invercargill - Te Anau

Journey through Southland's rolling farmland to Templeton Flax Mill for a guided tour with curator Nathan Templeton. Learn about the mill's role in the local economy during this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Continue to charming Riverton and onward to Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland National Park and the South Island's largest lake. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore, 2 nights. B D**

5 Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi Day Trip

Your route through Fiordland National Park travels through beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and mirror like lakes. Cruise on Milford Sound/ Piopiotaahi for awe-inspiring scenery with towering cliffs, tumbling waterfalls and abundant wildlife. **B**

6 Te Anau - Queenstown

The Real Country Farm Show, offers an authentic taste of what rural New Zealand is like. For every guest, we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Visit the historic gold rush village of Arrowtown, where you can wander the tree-lined streets, then continue to Queenstown. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Queenstown, 2 nights. B**

7 Queenstown Free Time

You have time today to appreciate Queenstown and its surrounds. Enjoy a lunch at your leisure at cult eatery Fergburger, famous for its mouthwatering gourmet burgers and vibrant atmosphere. You may like to sign up for an Optional Experience or two. **B L**

8 Queenstown - Christchurch

Stop at the Jones Family fruit stall for fresh local stone fruit then travel over the breathtaking alpine crossing of the Lindis Pass offering panoramic views of rugged Mountain peaks, Aoraki/Mount Cook among them. Visit Tekapo, on the shores of Lake Tekapo, it's quite the backdrop for the stone-hewn Church of the Good Shepherd. Continue through the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. **Hotel: Ibis Christchurch. B**

9 Christchurch - Punakaiki

All aboard the scenic TranzAlpine train bound for Arthur's Pass. Visit Greymouth, known for its rich mining history, and prepare yourself for Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks and blowholes; they owe their existence to the thundering surf that will lull you to sleep at your coastal eco retreat tonight. **Hotel: Scenic Punakaiki. B D**

10 Punakaiki - Nelson

Ease along the Heritage Highway toward Nelson. Press your nose against the glass as your coach weaves through Buller Gorge and Kahurangi National Park. **Hotel: The Rutherford, 2 nights. B**

11 Nelson Free Time

Lace up your hiking shoes and head off on a bushwalk, or cruise through Abel Tasman National Park (own expense). This pocket at the top of the island inspires calm, its golden beaches framed by sculpted granite cliffs. **B**

12 Nelson - Wellington

All aboard for a cruise through Queen Charlotte Sound to Wellington. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

13 Wellington - Napier

Tour Wellington's highlights before traveling to Napier. Beautifully preserved 1930s architecture is Napier's special point of difference. **Hotel: Scenic Te Pania, 2 nights. B**

14 Napier Sightseeing

Join us on a Deco Tour, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, for an insight into how Napier City became the Art Deco capital of the world. This comprehensive tour takes you on an historic timeline, sharing stories and showcasing the transformation and how Napier City and its people were resilient after the infamous 1931 Hawke's Bay Earthquake, rebuilding the city they love into a fabulous and stylish 'time warp' Art Deco! **B**

15 Napier - Rotorua

Today, visit the mighty Huka Falls before continuing to Rotorua, famed for its bubbling mud pools, geysers, and rich Māori culture. Visit a traditional Pounamu workshop on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, to learn about jade carving and its cultural meaning. Tonight, delve deep into Māori culture at Te Puia with at the Te Pō Indigenous Experience, witness a passionate cultural performance, view the spectacular Pōhutu Geyser, and enjoy a dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Sudima, 2 nights. B D**

16 Rotorua Free Time

Today is one of decisions. Bliss out at Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa; take the Hobbiton Movie Set Tour or board a scenic flight for a bird's-eye view (all own expense). **B**

17 Rotorua - Auckland

Today your sights are firmly set on New Zealand's national game: rugby. The interactive All Blacks Experience explores an introduction to the game as a part of New Zealand culture. **Hotel: Adina Apartment Britomart. B**

18 Auckland - Bay of Islands

Guests depart this morning in Auckland (Code: LCQA). The Bay of Islands is undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical significance: this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840. Your local specialist at your Treaty Grounds tour, perhaps a descendent of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands, 2 nights. B D**

19 Bay of Islands Free Time

Head off today in whatever direction you please. Perhaps travel up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or glide around the islands on a cruise to the hole in the rock or join a tour of Russell (all own expense). **B**

20 Bay of Islands - Auckland

For a little more northern exposure, head south to Whangārei, the island's most northerly city and a place where you can explore the local Whangārei basin, where the riverside attractions include galleries & museums. Explore at your leisure before the commute back to Auckland for dinner and drinks. **Hotel: Adina Apartment Hotel Britomart. B D**

21 Farewell from Auckland

Over three weeks, we hope you've packed your address book with the names of new friends and your camera with photos. But at the end of the day, it's the memories that will fuel your flight home. **B**



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Included Highlights

- Privately Guided Tour and Dinner at Transport World in Invercargill
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Visit the Templeton Flax Mill for a glimpse into the country's industrial heritage
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Real Country Farm Experience
- Visit historic Arrowtown
- Cruise on Milford Sound/Piopiotaahi
- Sample Queenstown's world-famous Fergburger
- View Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks from a scenic viewpoint
- Cruise the Cook Strait
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided Art Deco Walking tour in Napier
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Discover the significance and craft of Pounamu (Jade) carving
- Interactive All Blacks Experience Auckland
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds tour and cultural performance
- Explore the beautiful Bay of Islands
- View the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo

Departure Dates

LCQB: Christchurch to Auckland (21 DAYS)

| 2025-26 Season* | 2026-27 Season | |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|
| 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
| Oct 02 | Oct 01 | Jan 21, 28 |
| Nov 27 | Nov 19, 26 | Feb 04, 18 |
| 2026 | Dec 10, 31 | Mar 04, 18 |
| Jan 29 | | |
| Feb 19 | | |
| Mar 19 | | |

LCQA: Christchurch to Auckland (18 DAYS)

| 2025-26 Season* | 2026-27 Season | |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|
| 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
| Oct 02 | Oct 01 | Jan 21, 28 |
| Nov 27 | Nov 19, 26 | Feb 04, 18 |
| 2026 | Dec 10, 31 | Mar 04, 18 |
| Jan 29 | | |
| Feb 19 | | |
| Mar 19 | | |

*Our 2025-26 season departures (LCQB & LCQA) are **CLASSIC** tours and operate to a different itinerary.

Dining (LCQB)

20 Breakfasts **B** 7 Dinners **D**
1 Lunch **L**

Flight Information (LCQB)

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport
Day 21: flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport

For departures from 01 April 2026, Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request.
Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.



1 Welcome to Auckland

Welcome to Auckland, self-proclaimed City of Sails. Meet your Travel Director this afternoon for a city sights tour including historic Parnell, Auckland Museum and the surrounding Domain, Wynyard Quarter and Viaduct Harbour. Later enjoy dinner with drinks, and raise a toast to your journey ahead. **Hotel: Mercure Auckland Queen Street. D**

2 Auckland - Rotorua

Travel to Rotorua, geothermal wonderland. Tonight at a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, delve deep into Māori culture and traditions at Te Puia with the Te Pō Indigenous Experience. You are welcomed with an exhilarating cultural performance then enter the geothermal valley by waka to view the powerful Pōhutu Geyser, bubbling mud pools, and beautiful native bush. Finally enjoy a delicious buffet dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine. **Hotel: Sudima Lake Rotorua. B D**

3 Rotorua - Napier

Visit Whirinaki Forest, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Proud and knowledgeable local Māori guides lead you on an intimate, interactive experience, sharing tribal stories, and history of the Ngati Manawa people. Enjoy a packed picnic lunch infused with traditional cuisine – “Forest to Fork”. Relax with whakatauki, (forest bathing) and hot kawakawa tea to end. Continue on to Napier. **Hotel: Swiss Belhotel, 2 nights. B L**

4 Napier

Napier’s striking Art Deco architecture is a direct result of the devastating 1931 Hawke’s Bay earthquake. Today, Napier is regarded as one of the world’s best-preserved Art Deco cities. Join us on a private walking tour of the Art Deco quarter, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **B**

5 Napier - Wairarapa

Travel south through to the boutique wine region and International Dark Sky Reserve, Wairarapa. Visit the iconic Tui Brewery in the town of Mangatainoka. Later visit boutique winery Urlar. Meet hosts, Tess and Brian to hear the Urlar story and enjoy a tasting of local wines made onsite. Enjoy country fare with a seasonal platter overlooking the lake at the vineyard. **Hotel: Copthorne Solway Park. B D**

6 Wairarapa - Wellington

Visit Greytown Honey, a family business producing the very highest quality Mānuka honey. Join Karly, a fifth-generation beekeeper who has beehives on untouched native bush sites and special farmland throughout the Wairarapa region, on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Visit Greytown, known for its well-preserved Victorian architecture, then continue to Wellington for an orientation tour. **Guests join at 3pm today in Wellington (Code: LSWC). Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

7 Wellington - Blenheim

This morning cruise the Cook Strait into tranquil Queen Charlotte Sound from the North Island to the South. Travel to Blenheim, known for its sun-soaked vineyards. This afternoon visit Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, with its extraordinary collection of World War I and II aircraft and memorabilia, brought to life through the stunning craftsmanship of Wētā Workshop. **Hotel: Scenic Marlborough, 2 nights. B**

8 Blenheim Free Time

Explore Marlborough at your own pace. Choose from a wine tour of the local vineyards, or jump onboard the iconic Mail Boat cruise (both own expense). **B**

9 Blenheim - Christchurch

There aren’t many beaches more dramatic than Kaikōura. Bonus points if you spot a sea lion or sperm whale frolicking offshore. Continue to Christchurch, the garden city. **Guests join at 6.00pm today in Christchurch (Code: LSCC). Hotel: Wyndham Garden. B**

10 Christchurch - Lake Ōhau

Begin your day exploring Christchurch’s city sights before journeying to the brilliant bright blue waters of Lake Tekapo. Visit the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd before being welcomed to the stunning lakeside home of Angie and Stan Taylor for afternoon tea. Retired Farmers, baker Angie is the undisputed Pavlova Queen. Conclude your day at the charming Lake Ōhau Lodge, the perfect place to unwind and enjoy a family style dinner. **Hotel: Lake Ōhau Lodge. B D**

11 Lake Ōhau - Queenstown

Travel through Lindis Pass to Cromwell. Visit the Jones Family fruit stall for fresh produce, then explore Highlands Museum, a paradise for car enthusiasts and novices alike. Continue your journey to Arrowtown, before reaching scenic Queenstown. Enjoy lunch at cult eatery Fergburger, famous for its mouthwatering gourmet burgers. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Queenstown, 2 nights. B L**

12 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace. Nature lover? Discover some of New Zealand’s feathered friends at Kiwi Park (own expense). **B**

13 Queenstown - Milford Sound

Journey along the Devil’s Staircase, with its dramatic landscapes leading you to the charming town of Te Anau. Continue your adventure through the World Heritage-listed Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound. Spend the night aboard the iconic Milford Mariner and wake up in one of the most beautiful places on earth. The cruise style is relaxed, allowing plenty of time to view the fiord’s spectacular vistas and diverse wildlife. Hear from the specialist nature guide on board and explore the shoreline by kayak or tender. **Cruise: Milford Mariner. B D**

14 Milford Sound - Wānaka

Depart the serene beauty of Fiordland National Park and journey to the picturesque country town of Wānaka, on the shores of Lake Wānaka. This idyllic town offers a perfect blend of natural splendour and leisurely pursuits. **Hotel: Wānaka. B**

15 Wānaka - Fox Glacier Township

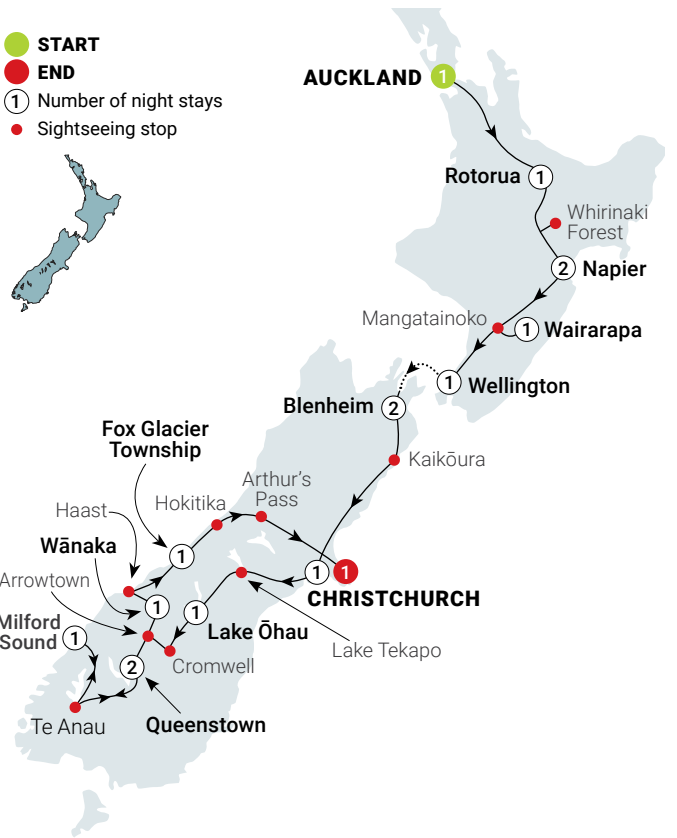
Begin your journey with a scenic drive from Wānaka, passing the pristine waters of Lake Hawea and the picturesque settlement of Makarora. Continue over the Haast Pass, where the historic town of Fox Glacier awaits. Get some perspective on an optional scenic flight over Fox and Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere – if the weather behaves, you may even get a glacier landing (own expense). **Hotel: Heartland Fox Glacier. B**

16 Fox Glacier Township - Christchurch

Today’s drive north winds past lush rainforests and rugged coastlines to Hokitika, famous for its greenstone and arty, laid-back vibe. From there, the road heads inland through the Southern Alps. As you climb toward Arthur’s Pass, the scenery shifts dramatically. Rainforest gives way to soaring peaks, rocky gorges, and sweeping tussock plains. Keep an eye out for cheeky kea (the world’s only alpine parrot) along the way! Once over the pass, the landscape softens again as you roll toward the bright lights of Christchurch. Tonight, enjoy dinner with your Travel Director, a fitting end to your New Zealand adventure. **Hotel: Wyndham Garden. B D**

17 Farewell from Christchurch

It’s time to say farewell and head home, sorting through snapshots of an unforgettable journey. But the best souvenirs? The lasting memories of being immersed in untamed nature and cultural experiences. **B**



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Included Highlights

- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Immerse yourself in Māori culture at Te Puia in Rotorua, where you’ll discover traditional performances
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - An intimate, interactive experience, sharing tribal stories, and history of the Ngati Manawa people at Jurassic Whirinaki Forest
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided Walking Tour of Art Deco Capital Napier
- Wine tasting and sharing platter at boutique Wairarapa Vineyard Urlar
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Meet with 5th generation Beekeeper Karly at Greytown Honey
- Explore Knights of the Sky & Dangerous Skies Exhibitions at Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre
- Join Pavlova Queen Angie at her home at Lake Tekapo
- Visit Highlands Motorsport Park Museum, Cromwell
- Enjoy lunch at world-famous Fergburger in Queenstown
- Cruise overnight on majestic Milford Sound/Piopiota
- Kayak or travel by tender boat along the shoreline of Milford Sound/Piopiota
- View Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint

Departure Dates

LSAC: Auckland to Christchurch (17 DAYS)

| 2026-27 Season | | |
|----------------|------------|--|
| 2026 | 2027 | |
| Oct 13, 27 | Jan 26 | |
| Nov 03, 24 | Feb 09, 16 | |
| | Mar 09, 30 | |

LSWC: Wellington to Christchurch (12 DAYS)

| 2026-27 Season | | |
|----------------|------------|--|
| 2026 | 2027 | |
| Oct 18 | Jan 31 | |
| Nov 01, 08, 29 | Feb 14, 21 | |
| | Mar 14 | |
| | Apr 04 | |

LSCC: Christchurch Return (9 DAYS)

| 2026-27 Season | | |
|----------------|----------------|--|
| 2026 | 2027 | |
| Oct 21 | Feb 03, 17, 24 | |
| Nov 04, 11 | Mar 17 | |
| Dec 02 | Apr 07 | |

Dining (LSAC)

16 Breakfasts **B** 6 Dinners **D**
2 Lunches **L**

Flight Information (LSAC)

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Auckland Airport
Day 17: Flights to depart anytime from Christchurch Airport

Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request.
Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

New Zealand Uncovered



Kaikōura

1 Welcome to Auckland

Auckland is the kind of place you could lose yourself in for a couple of weeks. Arrive at your leisure and explore new waterfront precincts, or just ready yourself to meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers for drinks and dinner. **Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity, 2 nights. B D**

2 Auckland Sightseeing & Free Time

A little bit of leisure, a little bit of culture – today is one of those days. Peek behind the scenes of maritime racing history on the New Zealand Maritime Museum’s America’s Cup Tour. Your Travel Director then takes you around the city, pausing at Bastion Point for epic photo opportunities. **B**

3 Auckland - Rotorua

Enjoy an exclusive Be My Guest experience at Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland. Visit after the venue has closed to the public to see hot springs, geysers and bubbling mud pools with a local specialist and enjoy a mocktail and canapes at the Champagne pool. Tonight, dive deep into Māori culture at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience. Enjoy traditional stories and performance followed by a seasonal three-course dinner - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B D**

4 Rotorua Free Time

Today, choose your own adventure. Try the thermal waters of Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa or perhaps you’d prefer to tour nearby lakes in an amphibious WWII-era Duck. The decision is yours. **B**

5 Rotorua - Wellington

Say goodbye to Rotorua and hello to the raging rapids of Huka Falls, where 220,000 litres of water barrel over this massive waterfall every second. Your outlook then unfolds into the dreamy landscape of Lake Taupō. Traverse the volcanic Central Plateau to NZ’s cool little capital of Wellington. **Hotel: Rydges, 2 nights. B D**

6 Wellington Sightseeing & Free Time

Your day in Wellington should – must – begin with a coffee. The city is known for its ubercool cafés, head out on city sights tour to take in highlights such as its iconic cable car, parliament, and Mt. Victoria. Your tour ends at Te Papa, the national Museum of New Zealand, where you

may choose to visit the groundbreaking exhibitions on offer (entrance fee applies). Later you may decide on an optional tour. Lord of the Rings fans will rejoice with a special tour and visit to Wētā Workshop. Or choose to visit Zealandia’s ecosanctuary restoring 225 hectares of forest. Tonight, there are so many restaurants and bars to choose from. Ask us for recommendations or explore at your leisure. **B**

7 Wellington - Kaikōura

This morning cruise the Cook Strait into tranquil Queen Charlotte Sound and continue to Kaikōura, a marine life haven. On arrival be treated to a biodiversity talk from Sabrina Luecht, founder of Kaikōura Wildlife Centre Trust, and learn about the work the trust is doing towards Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, at this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Tonight, dine at Hiku, which celebrates what Kaikōura is all about - kai moana and dramatic sea and mountain scapes. **Hotel: Sudima Kaikōura. B D**

8 Kaikōura - Christchurch

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning or sign up for one of several local wildlife experiences available. Sign up for a scenic flight for a bird’s-eye view, get up close to dolphins by boat or kayak (both own expense), or sample tasty crayfish at waterside fish-and-chip shops. Follow the coast and Canterbury Plains to Christchurch, home to innovative architecture, art institutions and restaurants. **Hotel: Distinction Christchurch. B**

9 Christchurch - Twizel

From its cardboard-crafted Cathedral to its gold-clad central library, Christchurch has well and truly rebuilt itself since the 2010/11 earthquakes. But South Island locals still cherish a simple life, as you’ll discover over a Be My Guest afternoon tea with retired farmers Angie and Stan Taylor at their home Morelea on the edge of Lake Tekapo. **Hotel: Distinction Twizel. B D**

10 Twizel - Dunedin

Oamaru has a rich history and proud heritage, enriched by passionate and perhaps quirky locals. Explore the shops, galleries and traditional crafts within some of the Southern Hemisphere’s most complete Victorian streetscapes, before landing in Dunedin. **Hotel: Scenic Southern Cross. B D**

11 Dunedin - Te Anau

From sheep farms to rugged mountains, today is one of contrasts. Venture into Fiordland National Park toward the South Island’s largest lake and the lakeside town of Te Anau. You’ll experience the thrill of jet boating on scenic Lake Manapouri, home to Pomona Island, where native birds are under threat - and this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience is helping to protect them through a community-based conservation project. **Hotel: Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas. B D**

12 Te Anau - Queenstown

Your journey towards Milford Sound/Piopiotahi traverses native rainforest, alluvial flats and meadows, with mirrored lakes, thundering waterfalls, dramatic rocky ranges and millennia-old valleys. Your Milford Sound/ Piopiotahi boat tour, cruising through this wild expanse, provides enough drama for an entire travel year – you still have the streets of Queenstown to explore. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B**

13 Queenstown Free Time

Adrenaline-junkies may wish to get some perspective on a tour of the gorges of Skippers Canyon. Gourmand at heart? Perhaps a Central Otago wine tour? (Both own expense). Your day ends on a dreamy TSS Earnslaw cruise across Lake Wakatipu, landing at Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner at the Colonel’s Homestead. **B D**

14 Queenstown - Franz Josef/Waiau

From Arrowtown’s tree-lined avenues (where you’ve been visiting a bygone time) to Central Otago’s gleaming lakes, nature rules. Alpine scenery tiers into rainforest along the West Coast. Welcome to the town of Franz Josef/ Waiau, home to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere, which is ideally explored on an optional helicopter flight – you may be able to land and walk across the ice-fall. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

15 Franz Josef/Waiau - Punakaiki

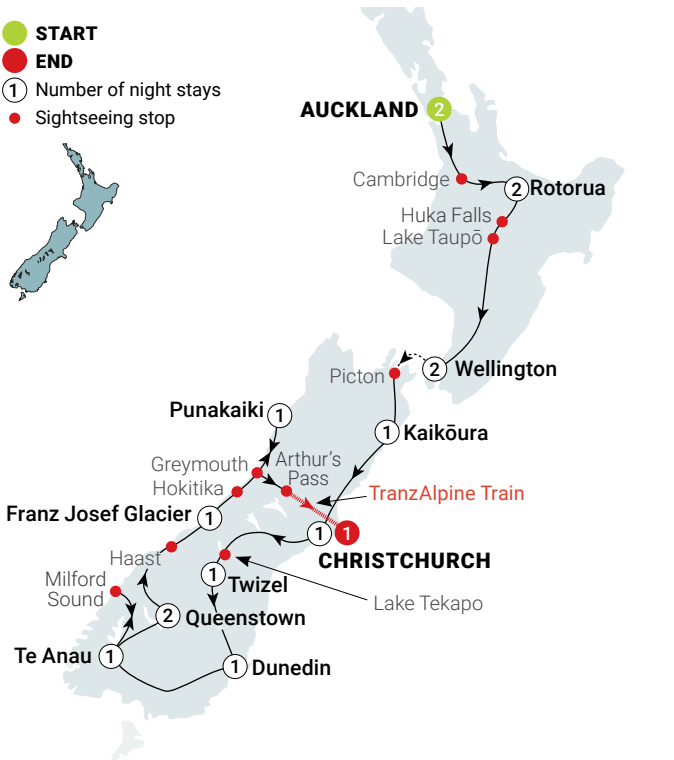
Explore the small but lively Franz Josef/Waiau village before venturing to Hokitika, home of New Zealand’s native jade greenstone. Then steel yourself for the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes of Punakaiki, a sliver of South Island geology that is as humbling as it is awe-inspiring. After a spectacular day, spend the night at an eco-friendly, waterfront resort. **Hotel: Scenic Punakaiki. B D**

16 Punakaiki - Christchurch

Venture into the Ponaumu Pathway. Embark on a unique self-guided journey, as you make your way through this extraordinary storytelling experience born from a collaboration with the Wētā Workshop. We’ve got you sorted for lunch at legendary Monteith’s Brewery. Then all aboard the scenic TranzAlpine train from Arthurs Pass to Christchurch, through tunnels and over viaducts, with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river valleys. **Hotel: Distinction Christchurch. B L D**

17 Farewell from Christchurch

How many travel highs can you pack into a vacation? This itinerary has certainly pushed the boundaries. Now all you have to do is go home and sort through all those photos. **B**



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Included Highlights

- Exclusive after hours guided tour of the Americas Cup exhibition at the New Zealand Maritime Museum
- Be My Guest: Exclusive after hours tour at Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided Indigenous Experience at Te Pā Tū
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua
- See Huka Falls from a panoramic viewpoint
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Kaikōura Wildlife Centre Trust
- Be My Guest afternoon tea with Pavlova Queen Angie at Lake Tekapo
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Pomona Island in Fiordland National Park
- Cruise on tranquil Milford Sound/Piopiotahi
- Cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw Steamship
- Gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- See Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint
- Visit Pancake Rocks and stay at an Eco Resort located right on the beach
- Explore the Pounamu Pathway for an immersive storytelling experience
- Experience one of the world's great train journeys aboard the TranzAlpine through the Southern Alps

Departure Dates

| 2025-26 Season | 2026-27 Season | |
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| 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
| Oct 07, 21 | Apr 07, 21 | Jan 05, 19, 26 |
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| Jan 06, 13, 20, 27 | Dec 01, 08, 15, 29 | |
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| Mar 03, 10, 17, 24 | | |

Dining

16 Breakfasts **B** 11 Dinners **D**
1 Lunch **L**

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Auckland Airport
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Te Puia Cultural Performance

1 Welcome to Auckland

Your Travel Director will welcome you and your fellow travel companions tonight and will provide a tour briefing and drinks. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Auckland City Centre.**

2 Auckland - Bay of Islands

Say goodbye to the 'City of Sails' as you journey north to the Bay of Islands – 140 islands ringed by turquoise sea. It's undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical significance; this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840. Your guide, perhaps a descendant of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance of the site, while pointing out the world's largest ceremonial canoe and a carved meeting house - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B D**

3 Bay of Islands Free Time

Today, head off in whatever direction you please. Perhaps travel up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach or enjoy a scenic cruise among the 144 islands including lunch and a visit to the iconic hole in the rock. Or join a tour of Russell and learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands. **B**

4 Bay of Islands - Auckland

Whangārei is like the country in a tantalizing snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Explore at your leisure before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerizing commute back to Auckland. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Auckland City Centre. B**

5 Auckland - Rotorua

After viewing the city sights, set your GPS for the Waitomo Caves. Cruising cavernous waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. It's a landscape almost as otherworldly as Rotorua, where mud pops and jettisons from bubbling geysers. Explore Te Puia's geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a cultural performance, a view of the spectacular Pōhutu Geyser, and a dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Ibis, 2 nights. B D**

6 Rotorua Free Time

Explore at your own pace today. Want a bit of down time? Bliss out at Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa. Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of today's opportunity to visit the sights featured in The Lord of the Rings movies at Hobbiton (all own expense). **B**

7 Rotorua - Wellington

At Huka Falls, 220,000 litres of water thunder over an 11-meter-high waterfall every second. The road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of mint-blue Lake Taupō. Traverse the Kapiti Coast to New Zealand's cool little capital, Wellington, where there are so many restaurants and bars to choose from, you'll need a guidebook. Wait, you have an in-the-know Travel Director to talk to. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

8 Wellington - Picton

Wellington is known for its uber-cool cafés, grab yourself a coffee to fuel you through your city sights tour. Onwards for a cruise across the Cook Strait, from the North Island to the South, through a maze of arms and inlets. **Hotel: Picton Beachcomber Inn. B**

9 Picton - Christchurch

There aren't many beaches more dramatic than the sands of Kaikōura. Bonus points if you spot a seal or sperm whale frolicking offshore, Kaikōura is the marine wildlife center of New Zealand. **Hotel: Ibis. B**

10 Christchurch - Ōmarāma

On your city tour view the mind-bending Transitional Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Turanga, the gold-clad central library. From here, your outlook is the Canterbury Plains: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, snow-capped mountains and atmospheric towns. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience in Tekapo, hosted by passionate local specialists, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**

11 Ōmarāma - Te Anau

Visit former gold mining town Clyde featuring preserved heritage buildings and picturesque setting. Then, visit Gore, New Zealand's Country Music capital, before heading towards Fiordland National Park and scenic Te Anau. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore, 2 nights. B D**

12 Milford Sound/Piopiotahi

Today's highlight: a journey through Fiordland National Park's beech forests, meadows, and lakes to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. Board a cruise for breathtaking scenery, towering cliffs, waterfalls, and abundant wildlife. **B**

13 Te Anau - Queenstown

Travel the aptly named Devil's Staircase around Lake Wakatipu. Visit the historic village of Arrowtown, then continue to Queenstown, the adventure capital of New Zealand. Tonight, glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner and farm show. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B D**

14 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace in Queenstown. Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps. There's a reason why Queenstown is known as the "Adventure Capital of the World". Nature lover? Discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at Kiwi Park (all own expense). **B**

15 Queenstown - Franz Josef/Waiau

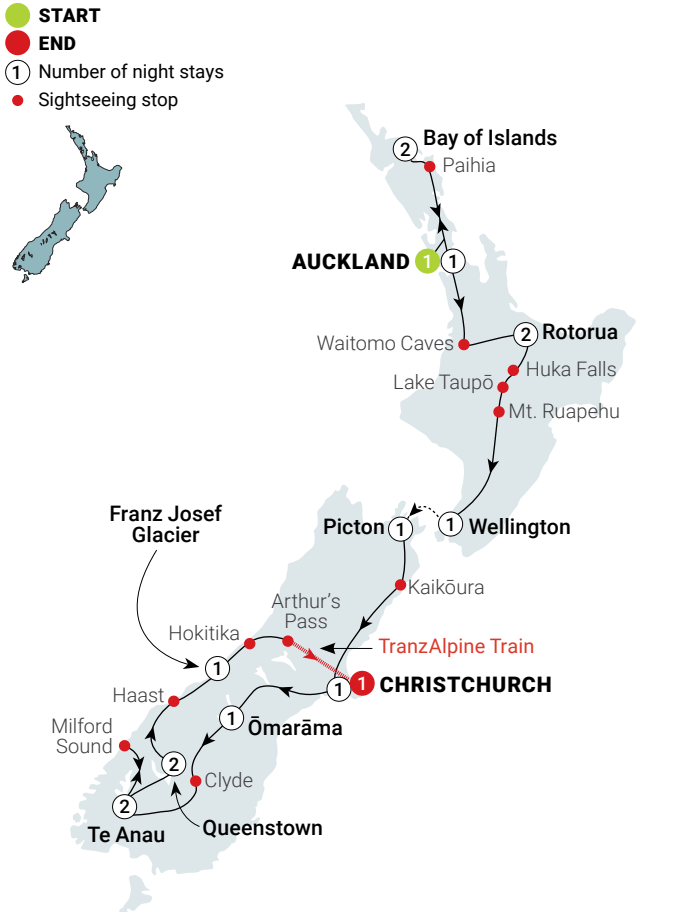
Leaving Lake Wakatipu behind, journey past shimmering Lake Hawea and through Haast Pass with its powerful waterfalls and dramatic mountain backdrops to the pretty town of Franz Josef/Waiau. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

16 Franz Josef/Waiau - Christchurch

Swap snow for pounamu (native greenstone or jade) in Hokitika: the pounamu found here is the stuff jewellery dreams are made of. Just when you thought your adventure couldn't get any better, you'll board the TranzAlpine train bound for Christchurch, through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views. Tonight enjoy dinner and drinks to toast your vacation. **Hotel: Ibis. B D**

17 Farewell from Christchurch

Two islands, glaciers, lakes, thermal springs and a parade of wildlife... We hope you find the words to describe this epic adventure. **B**



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Included Highlights

- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided tour and Cultural Performance at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds
- Explore The Bay of Islands
- Guided Tour of Waitomo Caves including Glowworm Cruise
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- See Huka Falls from a panoramic viewpoint
- Cruise the Cook Strait from Wellington to Picton
- Spot marine wildlife from Kaikōura Beach
- Cruise on tranquil Milford Sound/Piopiotahi
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw Steamship
- Relish a gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- Visit the Church of the Good Shepherd in Tekapo
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Guided indoor Dark Sky & Astronomy Experience in Tekapo
- See Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint
- Journey on the TranzAlpine Train through the Southern Alps

Departure Dates

LABC: Auckland to Christchurch (17 DAYS)

| 2025-26 Season^ | 2026-27 Season | |
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| Mar 07, 14, 21 | Dec 12 | |

LAAC: Auckland to Christchurch (14 DAYS)

| 2025-26 Season^ | 2026-27 Season | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
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Dining (LABC)

16 Breakfasts B

7 Dinners D

Flight Information (LABC)

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New Zealand Magic



TSS Earnslaw nearing dock at Walter Peak

1 Welcome to Christchurch

On arrival in the ‘Garden City’ you’ll have time at leisure to explore or relax. Tonight, meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a tour briefing and drinks. **Hotel: Ibis Christchurch.**

2 Christchurch - Franz Josef/Waiau

All aboard the TranzAlpine train, whisking you through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks. From Arthur’s Pass, visit the small town of Hokitika, the heritage and cultural center of the West Coast well-known for its jade. Things are about to get cool again as you arrive in the town of Franz Josef/Waiau, gateway to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere, a white-out of snow and ice. Get some perspective on an optional helicopter flight over this natural wonder. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

3 Franz Josef/Waiau - Queenstown

Over the Haast Pass, the alpine scenery of the Southern Lakes spreads before you; Lake Hawea; and Lake Dunstan, where you’ll pause to refuel on flavor-packed stone fruit. We know you’ll want to linger in Arrowtown’s movie-set-like streets, but Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables await in Queenstown. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Queenstown, 2 nights. B**

4 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace. Feel the wind in your hair on a high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps; discover some of New Zealand’s feathered friends at Kiwi Park; or sip your way through surrounding vineyards. Then glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner. **B D**

5 Queenstown - Te Anau

Your route from the Mirror Lakes through the Cleddau Valley is the entrée to your Milford Sound/Piopiotahti tour. Cruising this World Heritage listed expanse will give you goosebumps, a string of waterfalls creating a misty curtain across sheer escarpments. Look out for fur seals – they’re a common sight here. Journey back through Fiordland National Park is an intoxicating union of beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and gin-clear rivers, carving up the countryside en route to Te Anau. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore. B D**

6 Te Anau - Dunedin

While away your Dunedin afternoon in atmospheric art-lined alleys or sipping a lager or two in Speight’s Brewery (a national institution), or visit grand Larnach Castle. You could venture further afield to discover the wildlife that thrives in this pretty pocket of the country. **Hotel: Scenic Dunedin City. B**

7 Dunedin - Ōmarāma

Visit Oamaru, known for its stately tree-lined streets and limestone buildings. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D**

8 Ōmarāma - Christchurch

Your outlook this morning is the Canterbury Plains: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, snow-capped mountains and atmospheric towns. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate local specialists, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You’ll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. Back on earth, it’s time to become reacquainted with Christchurch, your in-the-know Travel Director pointing out the city’s miraculous transformation over the last decade. You’ll view the mind-bending Transitional Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Turanga, the gold-clad central library. **Hotel: Ibis Christchurch. B**

9 Christchurch - Picton

There aren’t many beaches more dramatic than the sands of Kaikōura. Bonus points if you spot a seal or sperm whale frolicking offshore, Kaikōura is the marine wildlife center of New Zealand. **Hotel: Picton Beachcomber Inn or Picton Yacht Club. B**

10 Picton - Wellington

Swap wheels for water for a cruise from the South Island to the North into New Zealand’s cool little capital of Wellington. On arrival, enjoy a city sights tour. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B**

11 Wellington - Rotorua

This evening, explore Te Puia’s geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house Te Aronui a Rua, views of

the Pōhutu Geyser, one of New Zealand’s geothermal wonderlands, and a dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine. **Hotel: Ibis Rotorua, 2 nights. B D**

12 Rotorua Free Time

Explore at your own pace: Bliss out at Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa. And then there’s Hobbiton. These beautiful landscapes are not only a bucket list tour for Hobbit fans, but a gorgeous countryside getaway. **B**

13 Rotorua - Auckland

Waitomo Caves is radiant – quite literally. While cruising waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. The next thing that glows on your horizon is Auckland, New Zealand’s largest city. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Auckland City Centre. B**

14 Auckland - Bay of Islands

The Bay of Islands is undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical significance: this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B D**

15 Bay of Islands Free Time

Head off in whatever direction you please. Perhaps travel up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua, the very top of New Zealand, via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Cruise to the iconic hole in the rock, or visit Russell and learn more about the settling of the Bay of Islands (own expense). **B**

16 Bay of Islands - Auckland

New Zealand’s most northerly city is on your radar. Explore Whangārei at your leisure before you return to Auckland. Tonight enjoy dinner and drinks to toast your adventure. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Auckland City Centre. B D**

17 Farewell from Auckland

It’s hard to say goodbye. But you have a camera full of photos to categorise before you get home. **B**



Milford Sound Cruise



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Included Highlights

- Experience one of the world’s great train journeys aboard the TranzAlpine through the Southern Alps
- See Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere from a panoramic viewpoint
- Visit historic Arrowtown
- Cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw Steamship
- Relish a gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- Embark on a cruise in Milford Sound and admire towering cliffs, and cascading waterfalls in Fiordland National Park
- View the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Join an indoor Astronomy & Stargazing tour at Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve
- Spot marine wildlife from Kaikōura Beach
- Embark on a guided tour of the enchanting Waitomo Caves, where you’ll descend into a world of swirling rivers and magical glowworms
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- Visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, home of New Zealand’s founding document, with a local guide - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience

Departure Dates

LCBA: Christchurch to Auckland (17 DAYS)

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LCCA: Christchurch to Auckland (14 DAYS)

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Dining (LCBA)

16 Breakfasts B 7 Dinners D

Flight Information (LCBA)

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Contrasts of New Zealand



Hobbiton

1 Welcome to Auckland

New Zealand's largest city is also one of its prettiest, as you'll discover exploring at your leisure. Arrive early to linger in its hip harborside precincts, where galleries and design-driven stores await. You'll have worked up an appetite by the time you meet your Travel Director and fellow travel companions for dinner at The Grill. Start your Auckland tour on a high, we say. **Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity, 2 nights. D**

2 Auckland Sightseeing & Free Time

After a relaxed start, set your sights firmly on New Zealand's national game: rugby. The interactive All Blacks Experience explores an introduction to the game as a part of New Zealand culture. Afterwards get the lay of the land on a city sightseeing tour including views of Mission Bay, stop at Bastion Point and the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial to New Zealand's first Labour Prime Minister. Admire the sunken pool and landscaped gardens as you're treated to sweeping views of Waitemata Harbour and the North Shore. **B**

3 Auckland - Rotorua

Get ready for a much-anticipated trip to the Hobbiton Movie Set. Upon arrival, set off on a guided tour through the 12-acre set. You'll have plenty of time for photo opportunities on the interactive hobbit hole and the Mill. After a stop for lunch (own expense) continue to Rotorua. This evening, embark on the Te Pō experience at Te Puia. Learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house Te Aronui a Rua, a view of the Pōhutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands, and a dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine. **Hotel: Millennium. B D**

4 Rotorua - Auckland - Queenstown

Your visit to the National Kiwi Hatchery is guided by passionate conservationists who will give you fascinating insights into New Zealand's national bird on this rewarding **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. The feel-good vibes that will follow you all the way to Queenstown, the self-proclaimed adventure capital of New Zealand. It makes perfect sense – there are ski fields, white-water river and bridges strapped with bungy cords wherever you turn. And then there's the dining scene; Queenstown

is home to some of the country's most awarded restaurants. Whether you're in the mood for bulging burgers or lakeside tapas, ask us for recommendations on this leg of your Queenstown New Zealand tour.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel, 3 nights. B

5 Milford Sound/Piopiotahi Cruise

Bring your stamina and sense of adventure – things get a little wild today. Nature rules as you skirt Queenstown's gleaming Lake Wakatipu, and traverse the Devil's Staircase to Te Anau, the alpine gateway to UNESCO World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park. Once you've paused to admire the drama at Mirror Lakes, Knobs Flat, Hollyford Valley lookout and Cleddau Valley, you'll begin to understand why Rudyard Kipling called this the 'Eighth Wonder of the World'. You haven't even seen Bowen Falls or Milford Sound/Piopiotahi yet... Onboard your nature cruise, enjoy commentary from your eagle-eyed Naturalist guide, who not only narrates on the immense geological history of the Fiord, but will point out fur seals and dolphins should they choose to come out to play. The cruise includes a delicious picnic lunch. **B L**

6 Queenstown Free Time

Today, take Queenstown at your own pace. Like things fast and furious? Feel the wind in your hair on a high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps. Prefer to be able to talk (and drink wine) while you cruise? Glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a guided farm tour, including morning or afternoon tea, in a dreamy alpine setting (all own expense). Wherever you wander, be sure to save space for tonight's dinner at Postmasters Café, a historic Arrowtown cottage replete with picket fence and Instagrammable gardens. **B D**

7 Queenstown - Lake Tekapo

Whether pinot noir grapes or cherries, things grow well in the fertile Central Otago region of the South Island. Get a taste for the area's plump stone fruit at the stall of a local orchard. Is it Michael Schumacher's Benetton F1 car or the \$4.2-million Aston Martin Vulcan that draws crowds to the Highlands Motorsport Museum? Discover some of the rarest cars in NZ motorsports history during your visit. Mountain drama is your backdrop en route to Lake Tekapo, with water so turquoise it looks like a Renaissance

painting. This part of the country is ravishing and remote; the lack of light pollution means dazzling Southern Hemisphere stargazing at UNESCO World Heritage listed Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve. It may be a late night, but tonight's star gazing experience at a purpose-built observation crater with expert astronomy guides is bound to be a highlight. If there was ever a NZ experience that put life in perspective, this is it. **Hotel: Peppers Bluewater Resort. B D**

8 Lake Tekapo - Christchurch

The Canterbury region of the east coast is a rustic union of grassy plains, mirror-like lakes and snow-capped mountains, the kind of landscape that you might see on postcards. Arrive in the beautiful English city of Christchurch for a guided tour. The city is not only rebuilding itself after the devastating 2010/11 earthquakes, but is changing the way architects think about design. Case in point the mind-bending Transitional Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Turanga, the gold-clad central library. **Hotel: Distinction Christchurch, 2 nights. B**

9 Christchurch Sightseeing

Travel north through rolling countryside to Hurunui Hills, a hill country farm in North Canterbury. Enjoy warm Kiwi hospitality with the Bamford Family, who have been farming at Hurunui since 1884 with six generations focused on producing premium Merino sheep, wool and Angus cattle. Soak up stunning scenery while enjoying morning tea, meet the farm animals & discover what it is like to live off the land on this unique By My Guest experience. Continue to a local vineyard, Waipara Springs Winery, where it's time to relax and enjoy wine tasting and a platter-style lunch among the vines. A big day leads to a big evening joining your Travel Director and travel mates for a celebratory dinner featuring produce from the Canterbury region. **B L D**

10 Farewell from Christchurch

You've traveled hundreds of kilometers across two islands, likely taken thousands of photos, and made countless memories and new friends. The only thing left to do is plan your next trip to New Zealand. **B**



All Blacks Experience



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Included Highlights

- Immerse yourself in the interactive All Blacks Rugby Experience
- Step into the magical world of Middle earth with a visit to Hobbiton, exploring the iconic hobbit holes and lush landscapes from The Hobbit films
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Immerse yourself in Māori culture at Te Puia, where you'll discover traditional performances and storytelling, along with a highlight dinner
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - See a kiwi bird at The Kiwi Hatchery with your visit contributing to the breeding program of the endangered National Bird
- Embark on a cruise in Milford Sound to admire towering cliffs, and cascading waterfalls in Fiordland National Park
- Visit Transport World, home to rare valuable vehicles for a guided tour & dinner
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Join an Astronomy & Stargazing tour at Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve
- Discover Hurunui Hills, a high-country sheep farm for a warm, authentic rural experience, where you meet the owners and enjoy a delightful morning tea
- Visit a family-owned vineyard for winetasting and a platter lunch among the vines

Departure Dates

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Dining

9 Breakfasts **B** 5 Dinners **D**
2 Lunches **L**

Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Auckland Airport
Day 10: Flights to depart anytime from Christchurch Airport

Tour price includes internal-vacation airfare.
Airport to Hotel transfers are included for 2025-26 season departures. For added flexibility, these are available to purchase for 2026-27 season departures.

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New Zealand Panorama



1 Welcome to Queenstown

Queenstown deserves its destination crown. And after private transfers on arrival, you'll have plenty of time to explore at leisure. Later, meet your Travel Director for a welcome briefing and drinks. Hit us up for dining recommendations. **Hotel: Millennium, 3 nights.**

2 Queenstown & Surrounds

Get a taste of country life combined with good old fashioned southern hospitality as you meet a Southerner local farmer at Real Country. Have demonstrations of Horse communication and Working sheep dog mustering. Try your hand at a Stock whip cracking lesson, and feed and interact with the friendly farm animals, as part of this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. For every guest we donate funds to The Fairlight Foundation, Advancing Women in Agriculture. Then you'll think you've stepped back in time when you arrive in the former gold-mining village of Arrowtown. Come dusk, cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the TSS Earnslaw; the only thing more inspiring than the peaks of the Remarkables that surround is the festive atmosphere welcoming you to Walter Peak High Country Farm, where a gourmet barbecue dinner at the Colonel's Homestead awaits. **B D**

3 Queenstown Free Time

You clearly need more than one day to appreciate Queenstown and its surrounds. And when we say surrounds, we mean Milford Sound/ Piopiotahi. Today sign up for an optional tour to Milford Sound/ Piopiotahi. Travel through World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park for exceptional views as you pass through dense rainforest and pass by towering mountains. On arrival at Milford Sound/Piopiotahi embark on a cruise to experience the eighth wonder of the World. Don't be surprised if you see fur seals and local mountain parrots (the Kea), they are common here, playing in the wake of waterfalls. If you like things fast-paced, opt for wine tasting or jet-boating (all own expense). You are in the adventure capital of New Zealand, after all. **B**

4 Queenstown - Auckland - Rotorua

Touching down in Auckland, you'll board your coach for the drive to Rotorua, the cultural capital, where you can immerse yourself in Māori history and culture. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B**

5 Rotorua Sightseeing

Your visit to the National Kiwi Hatchery is guided by passionate conservationists and will give you fascinating insights into New Zealand's national bird on this rewarding **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Rotorua's landscapes are reminiscent of a sci-fi movie set where mud pops from bubbling geysers and steam rushes skywards. See it first-hand on your visit to Whakarewarewa, the world's only living Māori village where people live on a daily basis, using natural geothermal resources to cook, bathe and heat their homes as they have for centuries. This evening, embark on the Te Pō experience at Te Puia. Learn about Learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house Te Aronui a Rua. Witness a pōwhiri (traditional welcome), waiata (song), mōteatea (traditional chant) poi and haka. View the Pōhutu Geyser, one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands, and finish with a dinner of hāngī-inspired cuisine - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **B D**

6 Rotorua - Auckland

Set your GPS for the Waitomo Caves. While cruising cavernous waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. The next thing that glows on your horizon is Auckland. This evening, share the stories of your New Zealand Panorama tour at dinner with your Travel Director and companions at The Grill, celebrating Aotearoa's culinary treasures. **Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity. B D**

7 Farewell from Auckland

Short, sweet, and packed with highlights – how else to describe this wonderful week? **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stop



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Included Highlights

- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Discover the charm of rural life at Real Country, featuring sheep shearing, and a chance to have a go at whip cracking
- Cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw Steamship
- Relish a gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - See a kiwi bird at The Kiwi Hatchery with your visit contributing to the breeding program of the endangered National Bird
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Immerse yourself in Māori culture at Te Puia, where you'll discover traditional performances and storytelling, along with a highlight dinner
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua with a guided tour through the only living Māori village in the world, Whakarewarewa
- Embark on a guided tour of the enchanting Waitomo Caves, where you'll descend into a world of swirling rivers and magical glowworms

Departure Dates

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Dining

6 Breakfasts **B** 3 Dinners **D**

Flight Information

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Iconic North



Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland

1 Welcome to Auckland

New Zealand's largest city is blessed when it comes to water views – on one side of the isthmus is Manukau Harbour; on the other, Waitemata. Exploring pretty precincts at your leisure, gazing out over a flurry of yachts, you'll begin to understand why Auckland is fondly known as the 'City of Sails'. Come evening, meet your fellow NZ vacation travel companions for dinner at The Grill, and share stories of your day-one wanderings.

Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity, 2 nights. D

2 Auckland Sightseeing

Those sails on the harbor? They come from a long and fascinating history of boat-building and sailing, as you'll discover on an America's Cup tour at the New Zealand Maritime Museum. The water is your backdrop as you skirt the harbor toward dreamy Mission Bay and Bastion Point. There's nothing like an epic view to set your soul soaring. **B**

3 Auckland - Rotorua

Leave Auckland behind and journey to Rotorua, a true hot spot on your NZ vacation. This afternoon, enjoy an exclusive Be My Guest experience at Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland, New Zealand's most colorful and diverse geothermal valley. Visit after hours for a private tour to see The Devils Bath and bubbling mud pools with fascinating insights from an expert guide and enjoy a mocktail and canapés at the aptly named champagne pool. Tonight, dive deep into Māori culture at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience, an important hub keeping tradition, art and music alive. Oh, and exciting Māori cuisine. Enjoy forest kai horotai (seasonal canapés) and chef choice aperitif, followed by a three-course dinner. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B D**

4 Rotorua

Today, choose your own adventure. We have plenty of ideas for the paths you might follow. Optional Rotorua tour sightseeing experiences include relieving NZ vacation-weary limbs in the thermal waters of Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa. Or perhaps you'd prefer to zip across Rotorua's three lakes in an amphibious WWII-era Duck (both own expense). The decision is yours. **B**

5 Rotorua - Wellington

You'll hear Huka Falls well before you see it – 220,000 litres of water thunder over an 11-meter high waterfall every second. The road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of Lake Taupō then the Kapiti Coast to New Zealand's cool little capital, Wellington. **Hotel: Rydges, 2 nights. B D**

6 Wellington

Your day in Wellington should – must – begin with a coffee. The city is known for its uber-cool cafés and with coffee in hand you will head out on a city sights tour to take in highlights such as its iconic cable car, parliament and Mt. Victoria. This afternoon is yours to discover Wellington. Your city tour ends at Te Papa Museum of New Zealand, so perhaps make a visit (entrance fee applies). Or tour the first urban completely fenced ecosanctuary of Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne, where the biodiversity of 225 hectares of forest is being restored or explore Lord of the Rings territory (own expense). **B**

7 Farewell from Wellington

It's been a week of epic sights and adventures in the North Island. All good things must come to an end, but there's time to enjoy one last breakfast with your travel companions. **B**



Te Pā Tū Māori Experience



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Included Highlights

- You're granted an exclusive after hours guided tour of the Americas Cup exhibition at the New Zealand Maritime Museum
- Join a private after-hours tour of the geothermal park Wai-O-Tapu
- A **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Enjoy a guided Indigenous Experience at Te Pā Tū
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua, where bubbling mud pools, and vibrant hot springs create a truly unique landscape
- See Huka Falls from a panoramic viewpoint
- Visit New Zealand's capital city's stunning waterfront

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Dining

6 Breakfasts **B**

3 Dinners **D**

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Southern Spectacular



Punakaiki Pancake Rocks

1 Welcome to Christchurch

At once forward-thinking and fun, Christchurch is the kind of city you could lose yourself in for a week – or more. You have this afternoon, so make the most of it. Time to meet your fellow adventure-seekers over a couple of wines. **Hotel: Distinction Christchurch.**

2 Christchurch - Twizel

If you didn't get your Christchurch bearings yesterday, you certainly will on today's city tour, taking in the record-breaking Cardboard Cathedral – who knew you could build a church from cardboard? The buildings of the city fade into a patchwork of farms as you ease across the Canterbury Plains towards Lake Takapo. Here, retired farmers Angie and Stan Taylor welcome you to their home with a slap-up Be My Guest afternoon tea and tales about life on the land. And this land is truly dramatic, backdropped by powdery mountains and cut with turquoise lakes, none quite as pretty as Lake Tekapo, on its banks the stone-hewn Church of the Good Shepherd. **Hotel: Distinction Twizel. B D**

3 Twizel - Dunedin

Oamaru has a rich history and proud heritage, enriched by passionate and perhaps quirky locals. Explore the shops, galleries and traditional crafts within some of the Southern Hemisphere's most complete Victorian streetscapes. You're en route to Dunedin, replete with rolling green meadows and a grand stone castle. It kind of feels like you've been transported to Scotland – small wonder it's known as the 'Edinburgh of the South'. Afternoon at your leisure, we recommend a visit to Speight's Brewery – a New Zealand institution. And pretty much everything in between. There's always that castle to explore... Larnach may not have the history of Scotland's grand estates, but it's just as pretty in our humble opinion. A NZ vacation must. **Hotel: Scenic Southern Cross. B D**

4 Dunedin - Te Anau

Leave Dunedin's pastoral sheep-farming countryside behind as you venture into World Heritage listed Fiordland National Park, a place of yawning gorges and gem-like glaciers, and azure lakes so large they have their own islands. Case in point Pomona Island, where a charitable trust of passionate volunteers works to restore flora and fauna on this

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with your help. Take a thrilling jet boat ride down the Waiau River to Lake Manapouri and if that's not enough water for one day, you may choose to cruise to the iconic Glowworm Caves (own expense). Can we tempt you? **Hotel: Distinction Te Anau and Villas. B D**

5 Te Anau - Queenstown

Nature rules again today, from the moment you depart Te Anau and begin your journey deep into the heart of Fiordland National Park. Think native rainforests, beech forests, alluvial flats and meadows; Mirror Lakes perfectly reflecting mountain scenery; and precipitous lookouts holding guard over alpine rivers. And this is just the entrée. The main course is your Milford Sound/Piopiotahi tour, where you cruise in the company of fur seals that bask on the rocks, and gaze at misty escarpments so sheer they appear to cleave off the edge of the Earth. You're in the company of a naturalist who knows every nook and cranny of this mighty cavern and will point out flora and fauna you would have never spotted on your own. **Hotel: Millennium, 2 nights. B**

6 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace. Like things fast and furious? Feel the wind in your hair on a high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps. Prefer wine to get your heart started? See why Central Otago makes some of the world's most raved about cool-climate pinots on a cellar door tour. Wherever your daily wanderings take you, reunite with your companions come dusk to glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw, your barbecue Highlight Dinner served on the grounds of Walter Peak High Country Farm. **B D**

7 Queenstown - Franz Josef/Waiau

In the shadow of the Remarkables, Queenstown is pretty spectacular. But it has some stiff good-looks competition from neighbouring Arrowtown, with its movie-set tree-lined avenues and 19th-century buildings that once housed gold-rush fortune-seekers. Things grow well in this verdant countryside, from cherries to pinot grapes and all manner of stone fruit. Prepare for a flavor explosion at a roadside stall run by the interminable Mrs Jones, a local institution. The next explosion

is a visual one as you arrive in the town of Franz Josef/Waiau, home to Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere. Get some perspective of this immense ice fall on a scenic helicopter flight – you may even get to land on it (own expense). **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

8 Franz Josef/Waiau - Punakaiki

Explore the small but lively Franz Josef/Waiau village before venturing to Hokitika, home of New Zealand's native jade greenstone. Then soak in the natural surroundings as you head to Punakaiki to view the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes, where waves thunder through cracks in the Earth. This is the soundtrack that lulls you to sleep at tonight's eco-resort. **Hotel: Scenic Punakaiki. B D**

9 Punakaiki - Christchurch

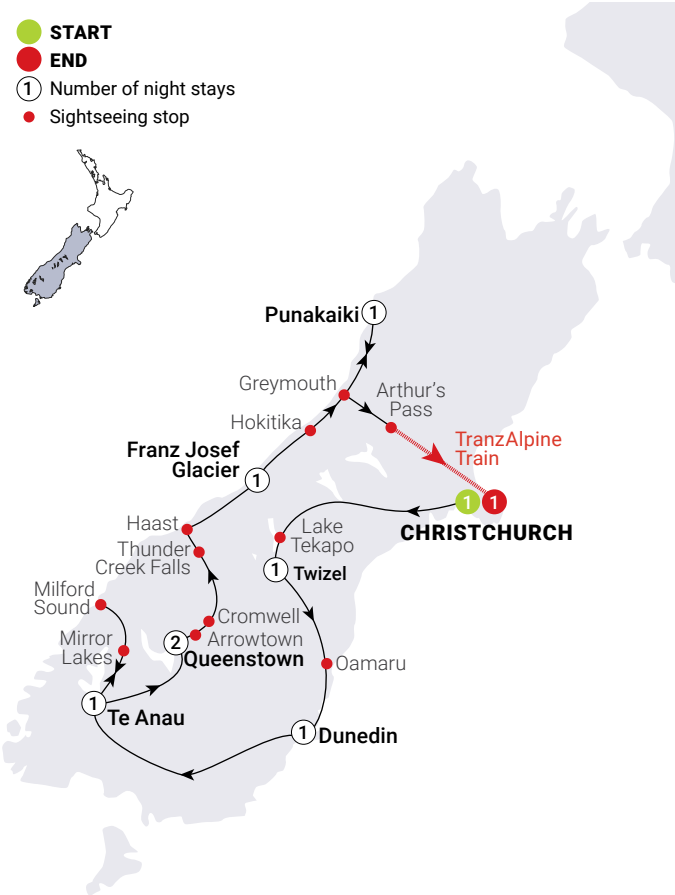
Embark on a unique self-guided journey at the Pounamu Pathway, as you make your way through this extraordinary storytelling experience born from a collaboration with the Wētā Workshop. We've got you sorted for lunch at legendary Monteith's Brewery. All aboard for the scenic TranzAlpine train back to Christchurch from Arthur's Pass, through tunnels and over viaducts, with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river valleys. **Hotel: Distinction Christchurch. B L D**

10 Farewell from Christchurch

Wait, the last 10 days flew by. Return home with new friends, and even more memories. **B**



Lake Tekapo Be My Guest afternoon tea



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- Enjoy a Be My Guest afternoon tea at the home of the Pavlova Queen at Lake Tekapo
- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Embark on a thrilling jet boat ride where your participation contributes to a local conservation project
- Embark on a cruise in Milford Sound to admire towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and untouched fiord scenery in Fiordland National Park
- Cruise Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw Steamship
- Relish a gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- See Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint
- Visit Pancake Rocks and stay at an Eco Resort located on the beach at Punakaiki
- Tour Pounamu Pathway, a cultural journey celebrating New Zealand's treasured greenstone and its deep spiritual significance to Māori
- Experience one of the world's great train journeys aboard the TranzAlpine through the Southern Alps
- View the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo

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Dining

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Southern Spotlight



Walter Peak

1 Welcome to Christchurch

Since its 2010/11 earthquakes, Christchurch has reinvented itself in more ways than one. It's time tonight to meet your Travel Director and traveling companions for drinks. **Hotel: Ibis**

2 Christchurch - Ōmarāma

Onboard your city tour view the mind-bending Transitional Cathedral, made largely of cardboard, and Turanga, the gold-clad central library. From here, your outlook is the Canterbury Plains: the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, the quaint Church of the Good Shepherd, snow-capped mountains and atmospheric towns. Your Indoor Dark Sky Astronomy Experience at Tekapo, hosted by passionate local specialists, will forever change the way you see the night sky. You'll see for yourself it may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the busiest skies in the universe. **Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway, B D**

3 Ōmarāma - Te Anau

Your visit to Clyde will have your camera clicking non-stop. This charming historic town may be small, but it's full of character, with its town center designated as a historic precinct, featuring buildings from its gold mining past now transformed into cafés and shops. Next, head to Gore, the Country Music capital of New Zealand, before continuing toward Fiordland National Park and stunning Te Anau, nestled on the shores of the South Island's largest lake. Immerse yourself in the serenity - this is as good as it gets. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore, 2 nights. B D**

4 Milford Sound Day Trip

From the moment you step outside today, nature rules. Your route through Fiordland National Park is an intoxicating union of beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and mirror-like lakes. Gin-clear rivers carve the countryside, with all roads leading to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. Venture out into the pristine fiord on an included sightseeing cruise for awe-inspiring scenery with towering cliffs, tumbling waterfalls and abundant wildlife. **B**

5 Te Anau - Queenstown

Follow state Highway 6, winding along the edge of Lake Wakatipu, the Devil's Staircase from Kingston to Queenstown is a breathtaking stretch

of road with a combination of lake and Mountain views. Visit the historic gold rush village of Arrowtown, where you can wander the streets, lined with trees and character-filled boutiques, then continue to Queenstown for your two-night stay in the adventure capital of New Zealand. Tonight, glide across Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner and farm show. **Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort, 2 nights. B D**

6 Queenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace; you won't be lost for things to do in Queenstown. Like adventure? Feel the wind in your hair on the high-octane jet boat ride, perhaps. There's a reason why Queenstown is known as the "Adventure Capital of the World". Nature lover? Discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at Kiwi Park. **B**

7 Queenstown - Franz Josef/Waiau

Try and keep count of today's lakes. Leaving Lake Wakatipu behind. But Lake Dunstan awaits, as do its orchards. Pause to refuel on flavor-packed stone fruit. Then there's Lake Hawea. Over the Haast Pass to the town of Franz Josef/Waiau, where, this afternoon you may choose to fly over Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukaterē. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D**

8 Franz Josef/Waiau - Christchurch

Swap snow for pounamu (native greenstone or jade) in Hokitika. Just when you thought your adventure couldn't get any better, you'll aboard the TranzAlpine train bound for Christchurch, through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river valleys. Join your Travel Director tonight for drinks and dinner to celebrate your week touring New Zealand's South Island. **Hotel: Ibis. B D**

9 Farewell from Christchurch

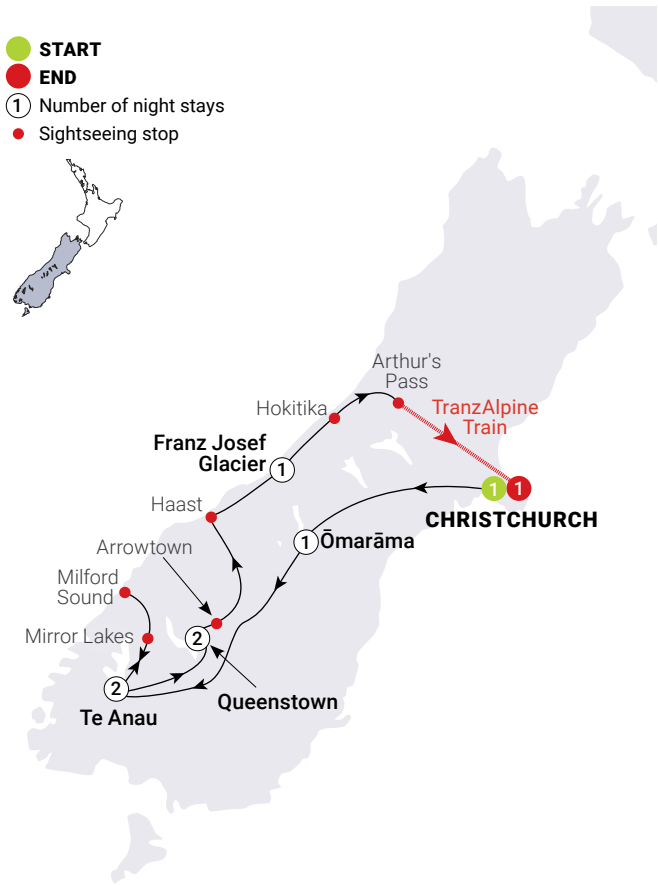
New Zealand's South Island never fails to wow. We hope you find the words to describe this epic New Zealand tour to your family back home. **B**



Franz Josef Glacier (Optional flight)



TranzAlpine



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Included Highlights

- **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience - Witness the universe at Tekapo's Dark Sky Project, where stargazing meets astronomical insights
- Embark on a cruise in Milford Sound and admire towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and untouched fiord scenery
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Te Puia Cultural Performance, New Zealand

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