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Welcome Traveller,

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 travelling 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.

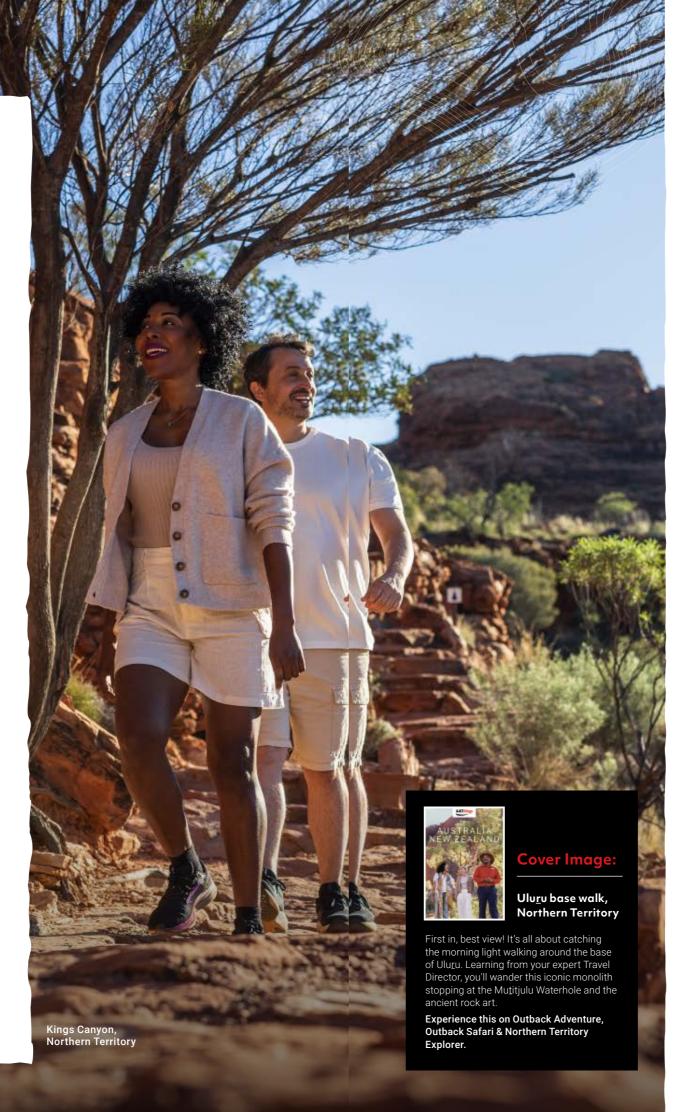
We're also proud to expand our MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences, designed to support local communities and leave a positive impact. In Tasmania, you'll wander through the serene Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden, home to over half the world's known rhododendron species, that dedicated volunteers have lovingly 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 AAT Kings Group | CEO



# Start Exploring

Australia & New Zealand

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New Zealand Uncovered	С	17	ZAAC	74
New Zealand Magic	С	17/14	LCBA/LCCA	76
Contrasts of New Zealand	С	10	IZANB	78
New Zealand Panorama	С	7	RPACA	80
Southern Spirit	SG	13	LCQW	82
Southern Spectacular	С	10	ZCQR	84
Southern Spotlight	С	9	LCQR	86
Northern Spotlight	С	8	LABW/LWBA	88
Iconic North	С	7	ZAAW	90
Jewels of the Bay	С	4	UBOI	91

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

### **RESERVATIONS**

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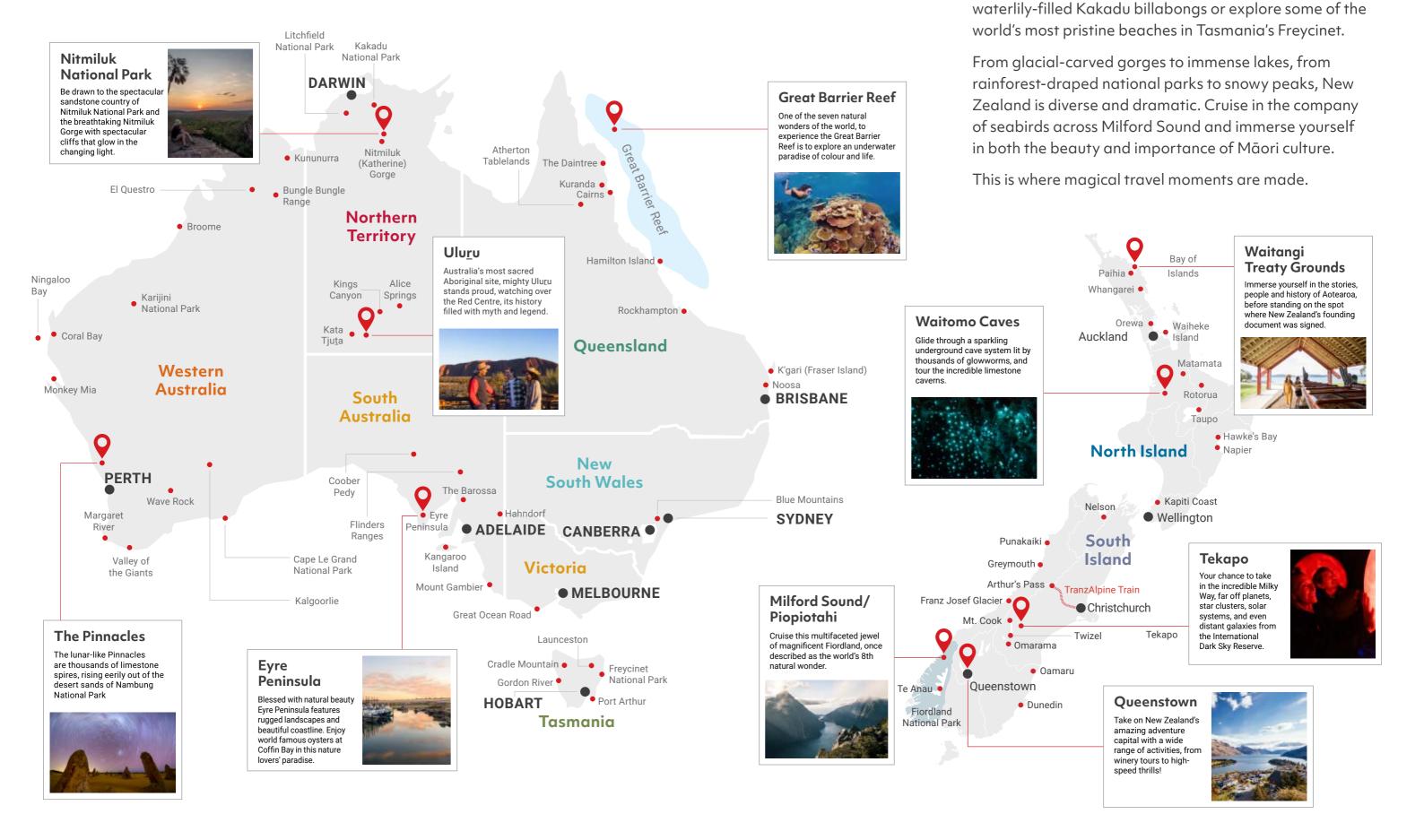
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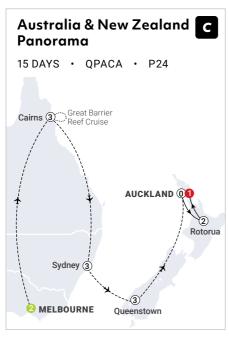
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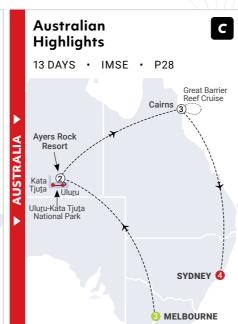
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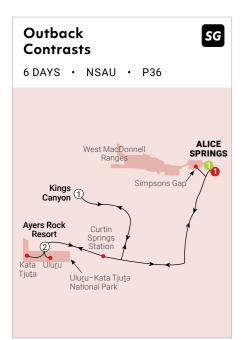
ranges, beaches and islands. So many unforgettable moments await you – watch the sun turn golden across

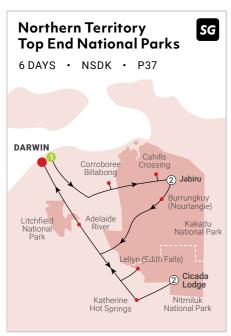
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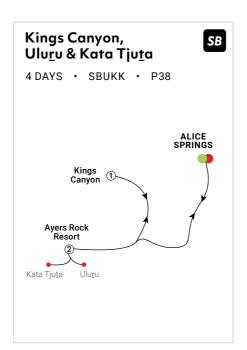


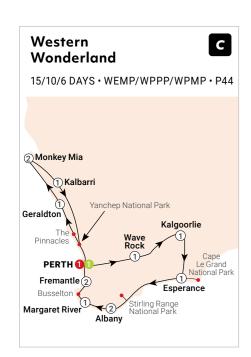


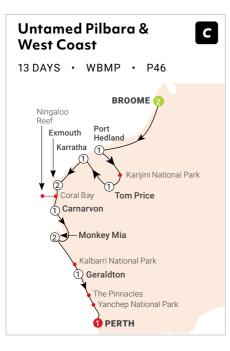


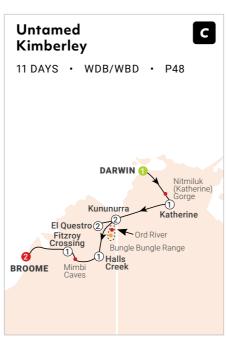






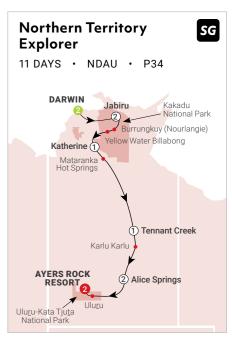








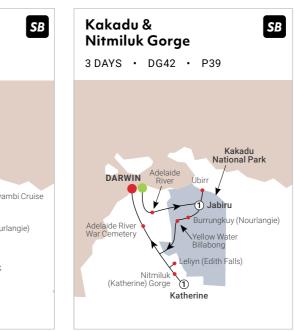






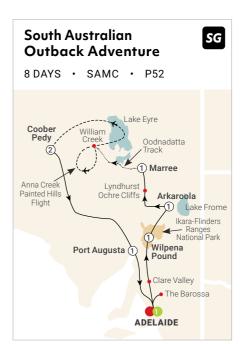
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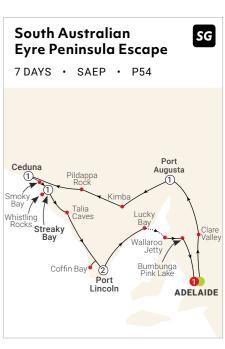
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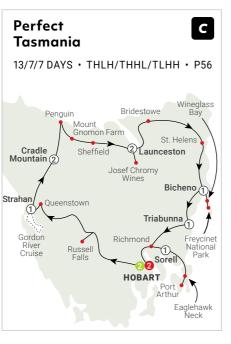




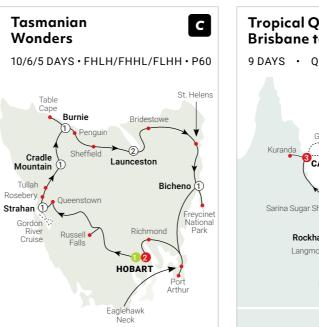


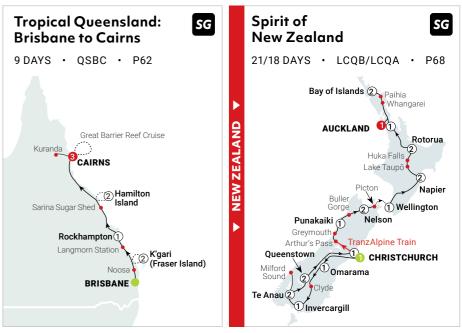






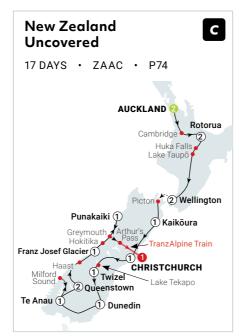




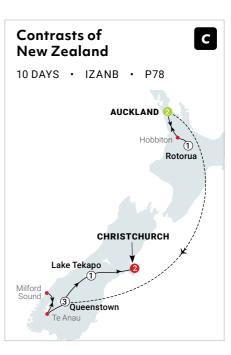




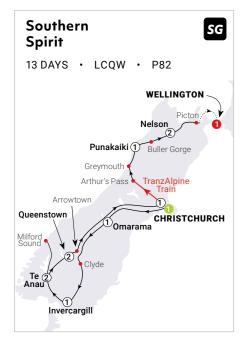


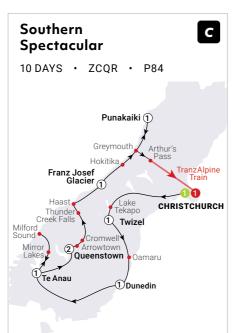


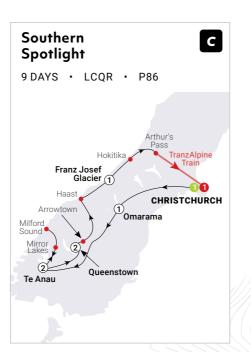


















# 100+ Years of Adventure

# and many more to come

A century ago, the Australian outback was but a twinkle in most travellers' 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 customised. and guides were trained. From humble beginnings, together we travelled to places few had gone before, pioneering new paths across Australia and New Zealand and taking intrepid domestic and international travellers on a wild and wonderful ride.

We've come a long way since then and clocked a few kilometres 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



### 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.



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### Western Australia Travel Director & Driver Guide

"I travelled 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

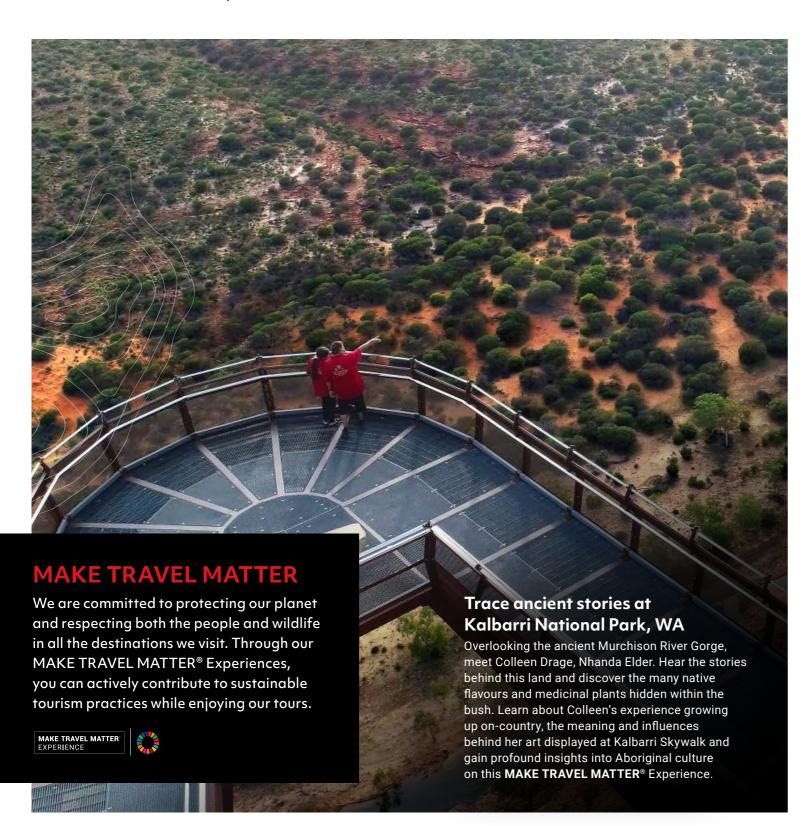
"Kia Ora! It has been such a pleasure showcasing New Zealand to our guests for over twenty years as a Travel Director. I enjoy sharing enriching travel experiences within our exceptionally varied landscapes, immersing our guests in our unique, vibrant Māori culture, and adding exciting adventures along 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."

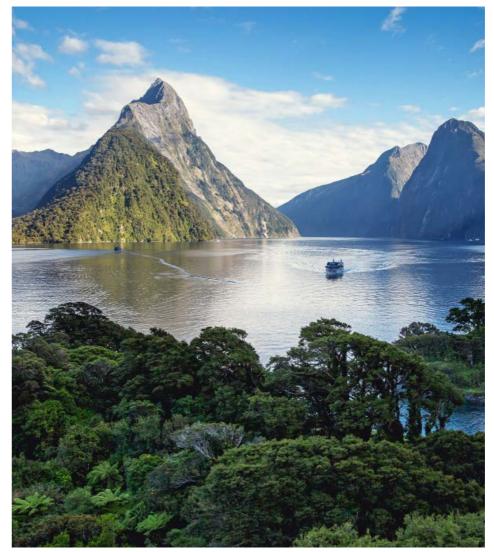
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# Amazing Experiences

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 experiences that offer authentic local connections, stunning natural wonders, flexibility and a positive impact on the people and places you visit.

Here are some of our favourites, but there is so much more to discover.





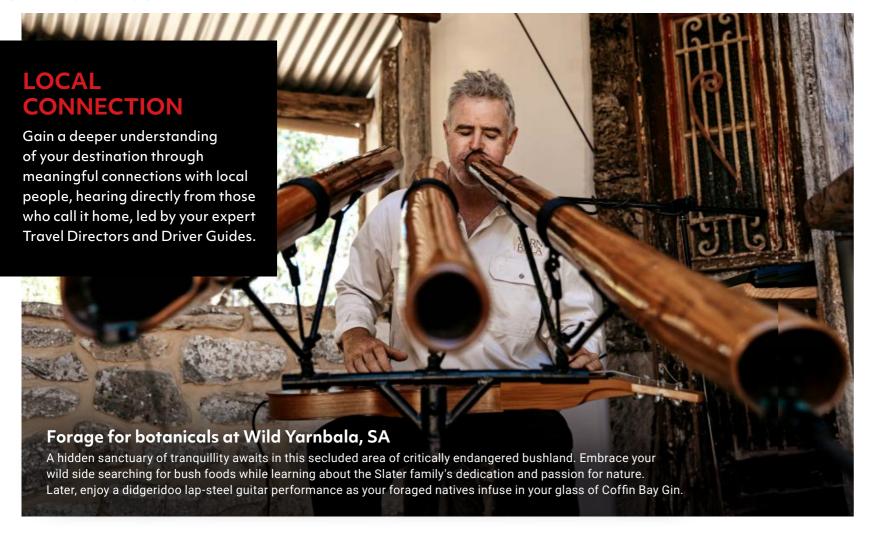
### NATURAL WONDERS

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.





134 metres above the sparkling harbour, 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.



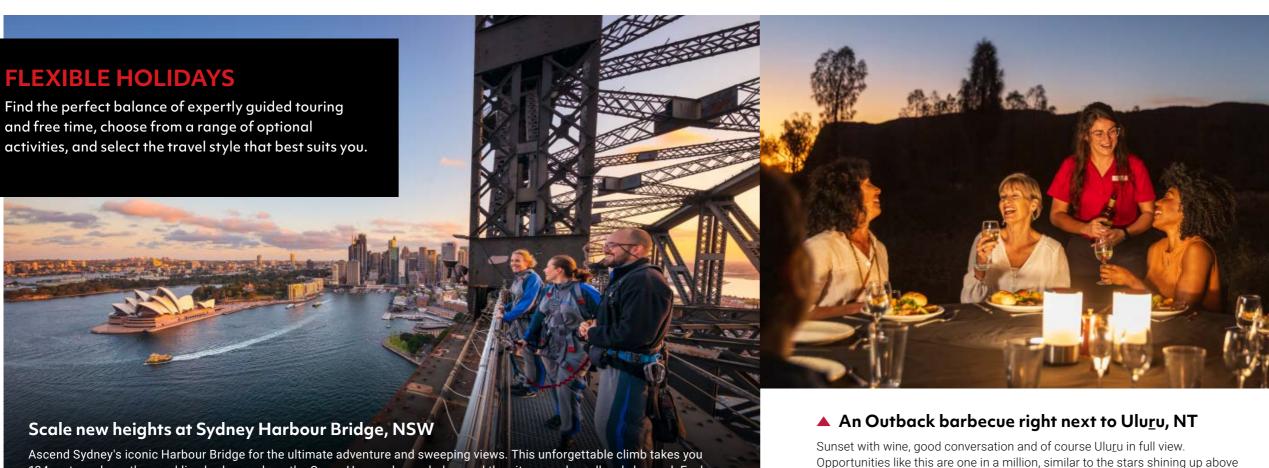
### ▲ Embrace real New Zealand country life, NZ

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.

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.



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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.  $\star\star\star\star\star$ 



@thejenza Kangaroo Island

Fantastic organisation.
Amazing. Perfect. Exciting.

Jennifer A. ★★★★★

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

Maureen F. ★★★★★



### 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 holidays, 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 travelled with AAT Kings before (on our Guided Holidays), let us know at the time of booking.

### **Second Holiday Discount**

When booking two Guided Holidays 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 Holiday 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.











# ravel Your Way

Choose the best adventure to suit your travel style. Whether you want your itinerary, accommodation 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 travellers who want:

- To experience the must-see sights and cultural highlights
- · To be guided by our knowledgeable Travel Directors and Driver Guides
- · 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 accommodation and everything in-between is handled by the experts. Simply relax and delve into the country's culture guided by our knowledgeable Travel Directors and Driver Guides.



### SMALL GROUPS 55

For travellers who want:

- · To delve deeper into the destination and connect authentically with
- · 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 travellers. 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 53

For travellers 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

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.





For travellers 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



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### 4 Melbourne - Ulu<u>r</u>u

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** 

### 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 Salt House. **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 colour. 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** 

### 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** 

### 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** 

### 2 Sydney Free Time

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 lunch infused with native Australian flavours. **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** 

### 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 hanginspired cuisine and a cultural performance. **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** 

### 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 with a celebratory dinner. 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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- Be part of an Interactive All Blacks Experience
- Visit the film set of Hobbiton for a guided tour through the magical world of Middle Earth
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Immerse yourself in Māori culture in Rotorua, with traditional performances, and a highlight dinner
- · Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Visit the National Kiwi Hatchery Tour
- Embark on a cruise in Milford Sound/Piopiotahi to admire towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and untouched fiord scenery
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Astronomy & Stargazing tour at Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve
- Meet the owners at a Be My Guest experience at Hurunui Hills Sheep & Cattle Farm
- Enjoy a wine tasting at boutique Waipara Springs vineyard

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### Dining

21 Breakfasts **B** 5 Lunches **L** 

7 Dinners D

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- · Exclusive visit to Bondi Surf Life Saving Club
- You're welcomed to a Be My Guest lunch at Bondi Beach
- · Cruise around Sydney Harbour and see the famous Sydney
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Get a taste of country life at Real Country
- · Cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw Steamship
- Gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Visit the National

**Included Highlights** 

- · Spot the crocs on Hartley's Crocodile Adventures Wildlife
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Hands-On Tree

- Harbour Bridge

- Country Farm
- Kiwi Hatchery Tour
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- · Guided Tour of Waitomo Caves including Glowworm Cruise

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	<b>Nov</b> 05, 26			

### 14 Breakfasts B 2 Lunches L

Dining

6 Dinners D

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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

Walter Peak High Country Farm, Queenstown

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 Ochre 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,

### Sydney Sightseeing

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### Sydney Free Time

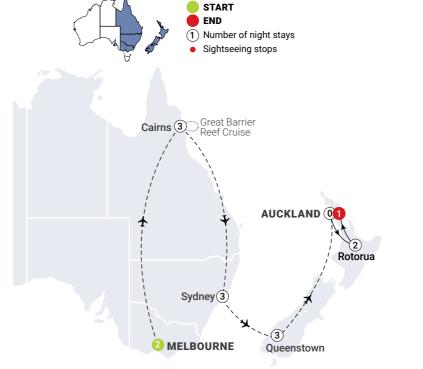
You could spend weeks exploring Sydney. Months even. But you have today, so get set for a wild ride. Your agenda is completely up to you, but we have more than a few ideas. Perhaps a bird's-eye perspective of the city on a Sydney BridgeClimb? Or take a tour to the Blue Mountains to view the famous Three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

### 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. Plus, 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

Peak High Country Farm, where a gourmet barbecue at the Colonel's

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/Piopiotahi, to cruise past sheer cliffs,

white-capped peaks and waterfalls. Or blissing out on an obligatory wine

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

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 hangi-inspired cuisine and a

haka. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot

your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. The

cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house. Witness a powhiri

(traditional welcome), waiata (song), mōteatea (traditional chant) poi and

chocolate, you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. B D

Set your GPS for the Waitomo Caves. While cruising cavernous waterways.

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

Two countries, multiple adventures, an abundance of new friends... Just

culinary treasures. Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity. B D

how do you say goodbye to a journey like this? B

Your visit to the National Kiwi Hatchery is guided by passionate conservationists and will give you fascinating insights into New Zealand's

tour of the Otago region (both own expense). It's a difficult decision. B

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Homestead awaits BD 11 Queenstown Free Time

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1 Rotorua - Auckland

15 Farewell from Auckland

2 Queenstown - Auckland - Rotorua

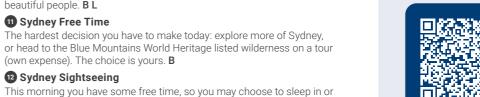
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Earnslaw; the only thing more inspiring than the peaks of the Remarkables



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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

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### Cairns Free Time

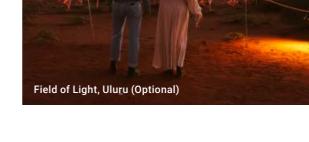
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### Cairns - Sydney

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(1) Number of night stays

Sightseeing stops

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afternoon, with your chance to pad along the sand at Bondi with Sydney's

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as contemporary and classic pieces. Your guided tour will be focused on First Nations and Australian art. Afterwards, enjoy lunch infused with

What an epic journey, with so many destinations explored in less than two

native Australian flavours. Talk about ending on a high. B L

weeks. Now you just have to sort through the photos.  ${\bf B}$ 

beautiful people. B L

Sydney Free Time

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### **4** Great Barrier Reef

Get ready for an experience of a lifetime - board a high-speed catamaran and cruise out to the Great Barrier Reef. You can snorkel and view this natural living wonder up close (equipment provided) or stay dry and explore the stunning reef from the comfort of a semi-submersible craft, just one metre underwater. On board you'll be treated to a buffet lunch before you cruise back to Cairns. **B** L

### **5** Cairns Free Time

Today is a free day to do as you choose. A great option is the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway to Kuranda. Be amazed as you travel over and through World Heritage rainforest, explore quaint Kuranda village and later board the historic Kuranda Scenic Railway for the return journey (own expense). If you'd prefer to spend the day relaxing by your hotel

pool or sitting back at a local café you can do that too! In the evening meet up with your travelling companions for a dining experience at Ochre Restaurant. **B D** 

### Cairne - Sydney

Following a leisurely start to the morning it's time to switch the tropical vibes back to city highlights as you fly to Sydney. Check into your centrally located hotel and spend the rest of the day and evening exploring as you wish. Ask your Travel Director for sightseeing and dinner suggestions. **Hotel: Sofitel Wentworth, 3 nights. B** 

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### 8 Sydney Free Time

The day is a free day to explore at your leisure or book one of our optional activities. There are so many sights and experiences to be had in this city and further afield. You might choose to visit the Three Sisters in the Blue Mountains, for fresh mountain air and stunning scenery. Or get your adrenaline racing with a thrilling climb up (and over) the Sydney Harbour Bridge (both own expense). This evening you can share your stories of your day with your fellow travellers at dinner. B D

### 9 Farewell from Sydney

All good things must come to an end. Fill up on your last breakfast before bidding farewell to your fellow travel companions. **B** 











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3 Dinners D

### Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Melbourne Airport

Day 9: Flights to depart anytime from Sydney Airport

Tour price includes internal-holiday 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.

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# Outback Adventure



### 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 amphitheatre, 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** 

### 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 soulsalving landscapes await at Kata Tjuta, cool relief provided as you walk amid its domes to Walpa Gorge. Enjoy sparkling wine at Kata Tjuta. **B** 

### 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** 

### 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 kilometres – 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** 

### 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 millennia. Find out about the ancient story of the cicada, embodying the spiritual connection between the Jawoyn people on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Traversing across the land in into Kakadu National Park. The Yellow Water billabong cruise is a mesmerising journey through this ancient landscape, quided by knowledgeable locals. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile. B D** 

### 13 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** 

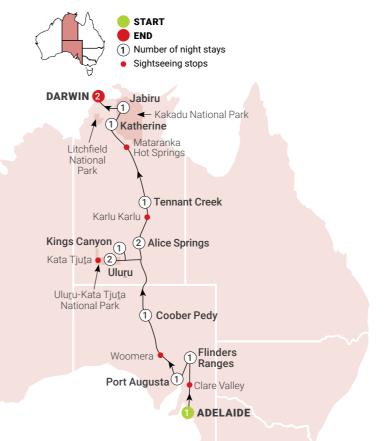
### 1 Darwin Free Time

Today, go your own way. That might mean signing up for optional experiences, like explorations into Litchfield National Park. This pocket of the NT is a staggering union of magnetic termite mounds and waterfalls (swimming is seasonal). Alternatively, 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** 







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### **Included Highlights**

- Savour rich reds at Knappstein Winery in the Clare Valley
- Explore Wilpena Pound, a natural amphitheatre 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 Site
- Get on the water on a Yellow Water Billabong Cruise, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

### **Departure Dates**

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

### Dining

14 Breakfasts B 8 Dinners D

### Flight Information

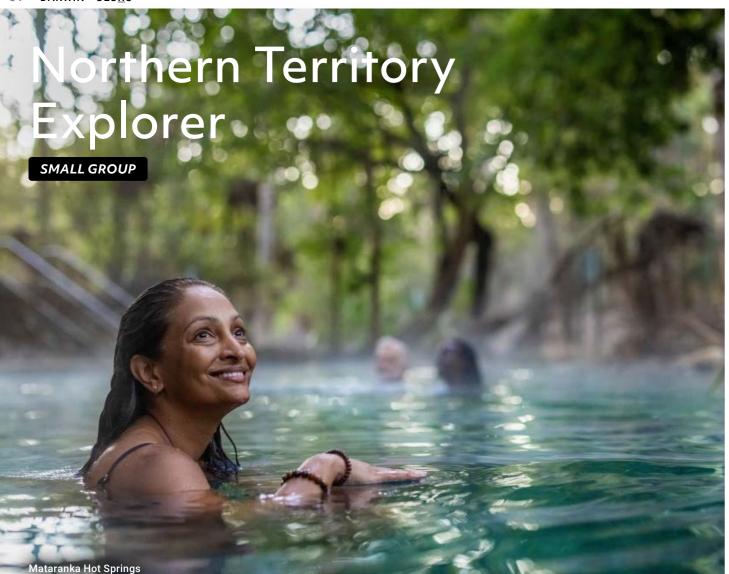
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Day 15: Flights to depart anytime from Darwin Airport

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### Extensions & Add-Ons

- Ask us about pre-booking our exclusive Uluru Barbecue Dinner as an add-on to Day 5. (Code: BBQA)
- Add Bruce Munro's Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light to Day 7. (Code: FOL).
- Add Tiwi Islands Aboriginal Cultural Experience to Day 14. (Code: TFER)

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### 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 colourful 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, Pudakul 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 kilometres. 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

### Tennant Creek - Alice Springs

The Stuart Highway is long (2,700 kilometres), 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** 

### 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

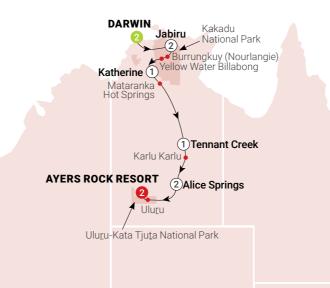
The day is yours to spend as you choose. Perhaps take a refreshing dip in the resort pool, join some of the free resort activities, such as guided garden walks, Indigenous bush food demonstrations, or interactive didgeridoo sessions, or visit the Gallery of Central Australia (GOCA) to admire its impressive 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** 









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### **Included Highlights**

- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Pudukal Indigenous Experience
- Explore Kakadu National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site including the Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Rock Art Sites
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Yellow Water Billabong Cruise in Kakadu National Park
- Explore Nitmiluk National Park , a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge
- Take a dip in Mataranka Thermal Springs
- Discover the Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) Conservation Reserve
- ${\:\raisebox{3.5pt}{\text{\circle*{1.5}}}}$  Visit the School of the Air  ${\:\raisebox{3.5pt}{\text{\circle*{1.5}}}}$  Alice Springs Telegraph Station
- $\bullet \ {\tt Discover} \ {\tt Standley} \ {\tt Chasm} \ \& \ {\tt Simpsons} \ {\tt Gap}$
- Explore Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park
- Witness the magic of an Uluru sunset

### **Departure Dates**

2026-27 Season					
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

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 9. (Code: BBQA)
- Add Bruce Munro's Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light to Day 11.
   (Code: FOL)



### 1 Welcome to Alice Springs

Explore the vibrant culture and rich history of Alice Springs. Your Driver Guide will provide a unique perspective on life in this remote town. Visit 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 cookbooks, and she has served as a guest judge on culinary TV shows. She will share her knowledge of Aboriginal native foods with you followed by a tasting of the many flavours of this region's bush tucker. Hotel: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters.

### 2 Alice Springs - Kings Canyon

Head towards Kings Canyon. Along the way, stop at a charming roadhouse at Erldunda. Continue your journey to Kings Canyon Resort nestled in the heart of Watarrka National Park. As night falls, indulge in the "Under a Desert Moon" dinner, a unique five-course dining experience under the stars. 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

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 for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, 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. 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 worldfamous 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 Hotel: Sails in the Desert, 2 nights. B

### 4 Uluru & Kata Tiuta

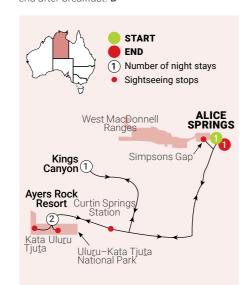
You may choose to sleep in or better still, start your day with the breathtaking Sunrise Field of Light experience by Artist Bruce Munro (own expense). Then, travel to Kata Tjuta for a morning of exploration and awe-inspiring landscapes as you wander through Walpa Gorge. It's time to embark on a tour 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 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 arriving at Alice Springs, you'll divert to the West MacDonnell Ranges to explore the rugged beauty of spectacular Simpsons Gap. This evening relax before a celebratory dinner. Hotel: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters. B D

### 6 Farewell from Alice Springs

Your journey through the Outback comes to an end after breakfast. B





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### **Included Highlights**

- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience -Chef Rayleen Brown shares her extensive knowledge of wild harvest bush tucker
- · 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
- Explore Uluru-Kata Tjuta and Watarrka National Parks
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience -Visit the Wanmarra Community at the Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience
- Explore Simpsons Gap in the spectacular West MacDonnell Ranges
- · Experience an inspiring Uluru sunset

### **Departure Dates**

2026-27 Season					
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

Flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Alice Springs Airport

Flights to depart anytime from Alice Springs Airport

Flights to and from your tour are not included in the

### Extensions & Add-Ons

- Start your tour in Darwin and end in Alice Springs. Visit aatkings.com/nsdu for full details
- · Ask us about pre-booking our exclusive Uluru Barbecue Dinner as an add-on to Day 3. (Code: BBOA)
- · Add Bruce Munro's Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light to day 4 (Code: FOL)



### 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 tantalised with native flavours before you explore Indigenous art. 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. Hotel: Hilton.

### 2 Darwin - Kakadu

Your day begins with the Corroboree Billabong Wetland Cruise, where you'll glide through pristine wetlands, spotting crocodiles and vibrant birdlife. Continue your adventure in Kakadu National Park, full of cascading waterfalls, lush rainforests, expansive wetlands, unique wildlife, and ancient rock art. 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). 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. B

### 4 Kakadu - Nitmiluk National Park

Immerse vourself in Kakadu's history with a tour of Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Rock Art, where your Driver Guide will share captivating stories of this remarkable site. Continue to Katherine. Stop en route at Pine Creek, a town steeped in rich mining history. You can step back in time to the gold rush era of the 19th century. 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. Hotel: Cicada Lodge, 2 nights. B

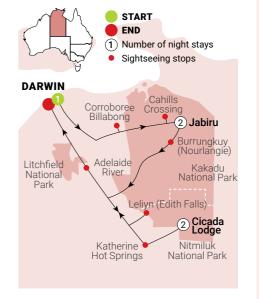
### 5 Nitmiluk Gorge Sunset Dinner Cruise

Start the day with a leisurely breakfast before travelling to the tranguil Katherine Hot Springs for a mid-morning soak amidst lush surroundings. This afternoon, embark on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, an

enthralling Sunset Dinner Cruise along 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. B D

### 6 Farewell from Darwin

On the final day of this remarkable journey, enjoy breakfast before bidding farewell to Cicada Lodge. 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. **B** 



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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 and learn about the Jawoyn people, the owners of the gorge
- · Swim in Leliyn (Edith) Falls, a series of cascading waterfalls and pools

### **Departure Dates**

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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

Flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Darwin Airport

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**

 Start your tour in Darwin and end in Alice Springs. Visit aatkings.com/nsdu for full details.

ALICE SPRINGS RETURN: Uluru base tour • Mutitjulu 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, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

### Alice Springs – Uluru Sacred Sites& Sunset

**Light Towers** 

Travel in comfort from Alice Springs to Uluru. Take in the rugged desert landscapes of the region, passing through the beautiful MacDonnell Ranges. While travelling 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 Mutitjulu 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

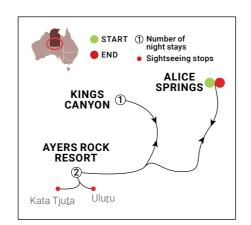
Enjoy panoramic views of the southern side of Kata Tjuta from the dune viewing platform before arriving at Walpa Gorge. Spend time exploring the gorge and the unusual conglomerate rock formations. The 1.3km walking trail through Walpa Gorge follows the natural creek between two of the tallest domes of 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



National Park Pass is included

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 accommodation for tonight.

### ALTERNATIVE STARTING POINT - ULURU

You can start this Short Break in Ulu<u>r</u>u and end in Alice Springs as per above itinerary. Visit **aatkings.com/sbuuk** for full details.



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**DEPARTS** 6.30am (May-Sep)

CONCLUDES
7.30pm approximately

NT Parks Pass is included.

DARWIN RETURN: Kakadu National Park
• Yellow Water Billabong Cruise • Aboriginal
Rock Art & Culture • Warradjan Cultural
Centre • Cultural Cruise with Aboriginal Guide

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

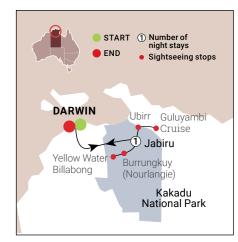
### Darwin - Kakadu National Park

Depart Darwin and travel into Kakadu National Park. Visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre, then join your local guide on an award-winning cruise to experience the dramatic scenery of the Yellow Water Billabong. Keep an eye out for saltwater crocodiles, a diverse array of smaller wildlife, and the colourful range of birdlife for which this region is renowned. Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Kakadu. L

### 2 Guluyambi Cultural Cruise - Depart Darwin

This morning, head off with your Driver Guide to explore the World Heritage area of Ubirr, where you'll explore extensive Aboriginal rock art galleries believed to be 20,000 years old. Climb to the lookout for stunning views over the floodplains, woodlands and dark ribbons of rainforest of the surrounding Nadab wetlands. Then take the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise along the East Alligator River, where an Aboriginal guide will provide insights 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 are able to go ashore in Arnhem Land. Return to Darwin, where your Short Break concludes. L

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





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

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

### Darwin – Jumping Croc Cruise – Kakadu

Cruise on the Adelaide River, home to over 1,600 crocodiles, where you'll see these prehistoric creatures up-close. Later, travel into Kakadu National Park. Stop at the Marrawuddi Art Gallery, and then continue to Ubirr. Climb up through the ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries to the lookout for a spectacular view over Jabiru. Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile. L

### 2 Kakadu – Katherine

Explore the renowned Nourlangie rock art site. Visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre and later join your local guide for a cruise on Yellow Water Billabong, home to saltwater crocodiles. Continue to Katherine, stopping at Leliyn (Edith Falls) along the way. The natural pool at the base of the falls is suitable for swimming (conditions permitting). Hotel: Contour. B L

### 3 Katherine – Depart Darwin

Enjoy a unique breakfast cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge. You'll be at its heart among freshwater crocodiles, birdlife and amazing scenery. Return to Darwin, stopping at the poignant Adelaide River War Cemetery. Your Short Break concludes this evening. **B** 

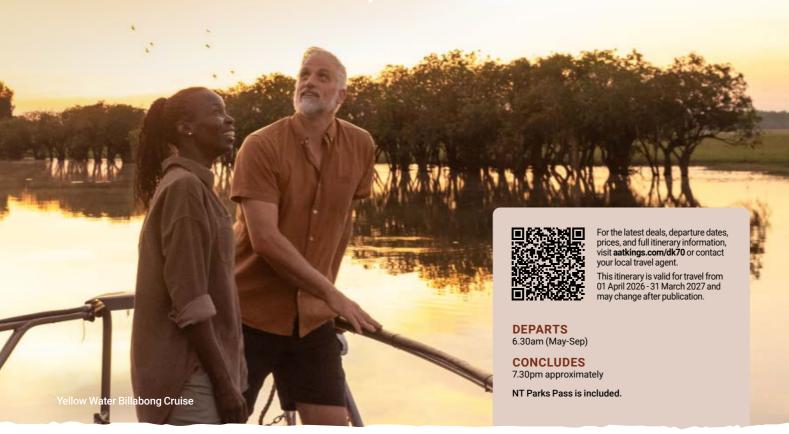
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# Kakadu

### DK70 3 DAYS

# & Arnhem Land Explorer



### 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. accommodations will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

### Darwin - Kakadu National Park

Depart Darwin and travel into Kakadu National Park. Visit the Warradian 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 colourful 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.



# Uluru Sightseeing Passes

### Why not buy a bundle of tours - and save on the cost of individual tours!

Your pass is valid for 3 consecutive days from the start of your first tour and includes the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Pass. This brochure contains each of the tours in these Sightseeing Passes.



### Wiru Pass 2 Day Pass Includes:

Uluru Sacred Sites & Sunset (Y17) + Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light (FOL)

Add on Uluru BBQ (Code: BBQA)



### Piti Pass 2 Day Pass Includes:

Uluru Sacred Sites & Sunset (Y17) + Ulu<u>r</u>u Sunrise & Kata Tju<u>t</u>a (Y14)

Add on Uluru BBQ (Code: BBQA) Add on Kings Canyon (Code: Y19)



### Manta Pass 3 Day Pass Includes:

Uluru Sacred Sites & Sunset (Y17) + Kata Tjuta Sunset (Y8) + Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light (FOL)

Add on Uluru BBQ (Code: BBQA)



This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit a modern-day Aboriginal community. Tiwi locals will provide you with an insight into their rich culture and lifestyle. The tour will reveal scenes seldom seen by many outsiders and will leave you with a lifetime memory. Many cities are blessed with island destinations close by, but only Darwin has the Tiwi Islands

### Bathurst Island

Take a 2½-hour ferry ride from Darwin aboard Tiwi Mantawi. On arrival you'll be met by your local guide for a journey through this progressive, modern day Aboriginal community of Wurrumiyanga

### Visiting sites

Visit the Tiwi Museum with its displays of traditional art and depictions of Tiwi 'dreamtime' stories, and Early Mission Precinct with its unique Tiwi-style Catholic Church.

Take a break for lunch

### Tiwi Artisans

Spend time with some Tiwi ladies while they work on their paintings.

### Smoking Ceremony

Your guides and the ladies also demonstrate their totem dances and perform a smoking ceremony to bless the visitors and explain the meanings behind them.

### Arts & Crafts Centres

Visit the successful Arts & Crafts Centres and see where the artists work. You can purchase artworks, including screen-printed fabrics. directly from the artists at reasonable prices.

### Pukamani Poles

Learn some of the complex rituals with the Pukamani (burial ritual).

If you wish to take home Aboriginal artwork from Tiwi Islands, please ensure you have cash for your purchases from the Museum and local artists, and credit card for the Arts Centre

See back cover for details.

\*Price does not include Uluru-Kata Tiuta National Park Pass. \*\*Price does not include NT Parks 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 Nyakunytjaku, 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 hours approximately after sunrise



### Kings Canyon & Outback Panoramas\*\*

You'll get a sense of the remoteness of outback Australia as you travel to Kings Canyon. Located in the heart of Watarrka National Park, it lies in an ancient landscape that is sacred ground for the Ulpanyali and Lilla people. The rocky climb to the canyon rim reveals views of sandstone walls, grottos, chasms and cliffs. Or, for something more relaxing, set off on a two-kilometre stroll along the creek bed that leads to impressive views of the canyon rim. Includes breakfast at Kings Creek Station.

### **DEPARTS**

4.00am (Oct-Mar) and 4.30am (Apr-Sep) from Ayers Rock Resort

### **RETURNS**

5.00pm (Oct-Mar) and 5.30pm (Apr-Sep) to Ayers Rock Resort



### Uluru Morning Guided Base Walk\*

Watch the first rays of the sun set the Red Centre alight before you accompany your guide on the 10.5 kms walk around the entire base of Uluru. At Kuniya Piti hear the Tjukurpa story of the Mala Men. Continue the Mala Walk, and into Kantju Gorge. The Lungkata Walk leads you to the Mutitjulu Waterhole. Your quide will point out the natural features of the landscape, Aboriginal rock paintings, and relay more traditional stories relating to this special place. Includes light breakfast.

### **DEPARTS**

60 minutes prior to sunrise from Ayers Rock Resort

### **RETURNS**

4½-5½ hours after sunrise



### Uluru Sacred Sites & Sunset\* + BBQ Dinner

Visit the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre. Later, travel around the base of Uluru in comfort as your Driver Guide provides commentary about the numerous sacred sites and features at Uluru. Learn about the native flora, fauna and intriguing culture of the traditional owners, the Anangu. Continue by coach to the Kuniya Walk where your Driver Guide will escort you to the beautiful Mutitiulu Waterhole. Late afternoon, witness the striking colour changes of Uluru at sunset while enjoying sparkling wine. Add on our BBQ Dinner Y17B.

### **DFPARTS**

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

### RFTURNS

Y17 30 minutes or Y17B 21/2 hours approximately after sunset



### Uluru Sunset\* + BBQ Dinner

Travel to the  $Ulu\underline{r}u$  sunset viewing area. Enjoy sparkling wine as the sun sets over the western horizon and the evening sky brings out the many shades of colour for which Uluru is famous. Add on our exclusive BBQ Dinner. Dine on favourites 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. Y11B.

### **DEPARTS**

60 minutes prior to sunset from Ayers Rock Resort

### **RETURNS**

Y11 30 minutes or Y11B 2½ hours approximately after sunset



### **Red Centre & Top End**

### 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.

### **DEPARTS**

1.45pm from Alice Springs (earlier from your hotel)

### **RETURNS**

6.00pm approximately



### Palm Valley Safari by 4WD\*\*

Travel through the West MacDonnell Ranges, stopping for morning tea along the way. Travel down the bed of the Finke River, one of oldest water courses in the world, into Palm Valley. See spectacular rock forms, white sands and an oasis of rock pools and palm trees. Plants such as 'Livistonia Mariae' (cabbage palm) are known world-wide as relic plants and are unique to Central Australia. Visit the spectacular rock formation known as the Amphitheatre. Includes picnic lunch and morning tea.

7.15am (Apr-Sep) from Alice Springs (earlier from your hotel)

### **RETURNS**

6.00pm approximately



### 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 Darwir

### **RETURNS**

7.30pm approximately



### Litchfield National Park Waterfalls\*\*

Established in 1986, Litchfield National Park is a stunning location. You can take in the splendour of thundering waterfalls, rainforest pockets and historic sacred sites. It is a haven for hundreds of native bird species, and the plateau supports a rich range of woodland flora. The traditional custodians of the Park are the Wagait people, many of whom still call the area home. Includes lunch.

### **DEPARTS**

7.30am from Darwin

### **RETURNS**

6.00pm approximately

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### Alice Springs to Ayers Rock Resort

**ARRIVES** 



1.00pm approximately

Departing Alice Springs, take in the rugged desert landscapes, as you pass through the MacDonnell Ranges. Your Driver Guide will provide informative commentary about the natural and geological history of the region, as well as the unique Australian desert flora and fauna. Call in at a roadhouse for a quick break and see Atila (Mt. Conner) before arriving at Ayers Rock Resort



4.00am (Oct-Mar)

### **ARRIVES**

9.00am (Oct-Mar) 9.30am (Apr-Sep) (times approximate)

Departing Ayers Rock Resort, pass through Curtin Springs Station and see Atila (Mt. Conner). Stop for breakfast at Kings Creek Station. Along the way to Kings Canyon your Driver Guide will provide informative commentary about the history of the surrounding region. Keep a look out for wild horses and camels

### Ayers Rock Resort to Alice Springs



Travel through spectacular desert scenery from Avers Rock Resort, Pass through Curtin Springs Station and see Atila (Mt. Conner). Call in at Erldunda, 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

### Kings Canyon to Ayers Rock Resort



### **DEPARTS**

1.00pm (Oct-Mar) 1.30pm (Apr-Sep)

### **ARRIVES** 5.00pm (Oct-Mar) 5.30pm (Apr-Sep) (times approximate)

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Travel through spectacular desert scenery from Kings Canyon. See Atila (Mt. Conner) and pass through Curtin Springs Station. Continue along the Stuart Highway before arriving at Ayers Rock Resort.



### Ayers Rock Resort to Kings Canyon



### **DEPARTS**

4.30am (Apr-Sep)



### 1 Welcome to Perth

Perth may be the Western Australian capital, but it's home to a remarkable amount of green space. Join your Travel Director on a city sights tour and a stroll in Kings Park, whose Botanic Garden is home to over 3,000 floral species. Meet again this evening for dinner with your travelling companions. Hotel: Holiday Inn West Perth. D

### 2 Perth - Wave Rock

Wave Rock deserves its name - the cliff resembles an enormous surf wave above the bush. The rainbow-hued granite swell is a short walk  $% \left\{ 1,2,...,n\right\}$ from another imaginatively named rock formation: Hippo's Yawn. You can climb through the 'neck' to grab a happy snap. Wave Rock locals are a friendly bunch, passionate about the place they call home. But don't take our word for it. Meet Sheenagh, who will show you her farm and talk life on the land, which can be harsh, but also healing, in a way unique to the Aussie outback. Glimpse her collection of vintage cars and hear about the stories behind them. Hotel: Wave Rock Motel, Hyden B D

### 3 Wave Rock - Kalgoorlie

View the wide gold rush era streets and buildings of Kalgoorlie and see the vista over the staggering 'Super Pit' open-cut gold mine. Today's outings continue to gleam as you visit Hannans North Mine; nothing puts life into perspective like standing next to enormous Haul trucks and loaders. Hotel: Rydges. B D

### 4 Kalgoorlie - Esperance

More than 31,000 hectares of sweeping heathlands, rugged coastal peaks and white sandy beaches... it's no wonder Cape Le Grand National Park is voted among the most alluring of its kind in Australia. Arrive at Thistle Cove - listen for the whistle of the Whistling Rock among the sounds of wind and sea – and discover Lucky Bay, a postcard-worthy cove where kangaroos love lounging on the beach. Continue to the scenic Hellfire Bay, where you meet your Aboriginal guide. On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, learn about the cultural history of Wudjari people and the rich nature of this stunning area. Hotel: Comfort Inn Bay of Isles. B D

### 5 Esperance - Albany

Today's journey takes you to Stirling Range National Park, blanketed

with 1,500 species of wildflowers (seasonal), some of which are found nowhere else on Earth. Enjoy perspective from the Bluff Knoll Lookout, one of WA's highest peaks. Hotel: The Dog Rock, 2 nights. B

### 6 Albany Free Time

Nature, history, food and wine... there's not much that Albany can't do. The hardest thing you have to decide is which direction to wander. Perhaps opt for a tour to the last port of call for ANZAC troopships departing Australia in WWI. Maybe explore Torndirrup National Park, where steep cliffs give way to dramatic rock formations and whales are a common sight. Or get a taste for the region on a culinary excursion (all own expense). The choice is yours. B

### Albany - Margaret River

Suspended 40 metres above the forest floor, the Tree Top Walk gives you a bird's-eye view of the soaring tingle trees that stand tall through the Valley of the Giants. The Margaret River region deserves its reputation as one of the country's top grape-growing areas. Hamelin Bay Wines has been producing wines that hero this pocket of the state. The result is delicious drops that span the spectrum from sparkling to shiraz, rosé to reserve chardonnay, which you'll enjoy during a hosted tasting at the cellar door. Hotel: Grande Escape Resort. B D

### 8 Margaret River - Fremantle

The Margaret River is one of the only wine regions in the world where grapes are grown just metres from the sand. Grapevine backdrops follow you all the way to Busselton, home to the longest wooden jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. Tip your cap to those who built this 1.8kilometre structure out into Geographe Bay. The remainder of the day is all yours in Freo. Why not explore the Fremantle Markets, which boasts over 150 stalls? Hotel: Esplanade Fremantle - by Rydges, 2 nights. B

### 9 Fremantle Free Time

Sometimes, the most memorable travel days are those where you lose yourself wandering the foreshore, lingering over lunch or a cool ale. We highly recommend you spend this day of leisure doing just that (Freo's Little Creatures Brewery is legendary). Of course, having a local show you around also has its benefits, with a Fremantle tour revealing

those hidden haunts most visitors pass right on by (own expense). If you're catching the ferry for a Rottnest Island tour, make sure you have your phone ready to capture selfies with the island's smiley quokkas, not to mention the blindingly turquoise water (own expense). B

### Tremantle - Geraldton

Guests depart this morning in Fremantle (Code: WPPP). Guests joining this morning in Fremantle will need to pre-book accommodation for the previous night (Code: WPMP). Yanchep National Park is staggeringly beautiful, a union of bush and wetlands that is as spectacular as it is sacred. The best way to understand its significance to First Nations communities is in the company of an Aboriginal guide. On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, hear about how stories are told and used. Hear didgeridoo playing, and hands-on learning with traditional tools. Two national parks in one day – your next stop is Nambung National Park where you're greeted by an ethereal moonscape. Your Pinnacles tour meanders around this collection of head-scratching limestone formations. This afternoon, Geraldton's moving HMAS Sydney Memorial beckons. Hotel: Ocean Centre. B

### Geraldton - Monkey Mia

Get set for Monkey Mia, located in the heart of the Shark Bay World Heritage region. Keep your sunnies handy at Shell Beach, a powderwhite cove formed from billions of coquina bivalve shells up to 10 metres deep, and Hamelin Pool, the world's best-known colony of stromatolites. Believe it or not, these rock-like formations are alive. Aboriginal communities have lived in Shark Bay for 65,000 years; you'll discover this history when you join proud Nhanda man, Darren 'Capes' Capewell. Hear how stories are told, before a didgeridoo performance - men will be given a lesson, while women accompany them on clapsticks. This experience includes a tasting of bush tucker cooked over a campfire. Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, 2 nights. B D

### 12 Monkey Mia Free Time

This morning watch for the dolphins that swim into shore. Every morning, Monkey Mia's wild dolphins swim close to shore where the National Park Rangers explain the feeding habits of these friendly mammals that they know by name. The rest of the day is at leisure. We wouldn't blame you wandering barefoot along the beach, ordering sundowners as the day disappears in a blaze of glory. B

### 13 Monkey Mia - Kalbarri

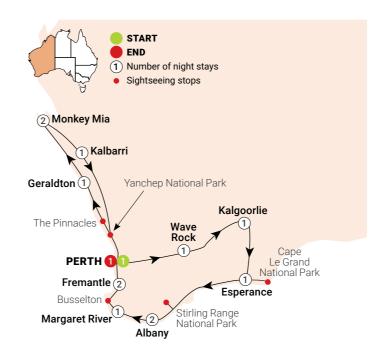
At the Kalbarri Skywalk you'll be welcomed to Country by an Indigenous guide, explaining the stories behind the land on which you stand. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, learn about bushfoods, medicine plants and the traditional uses of local flora. Look around you – there's plenty to eat in the Aussie bush, not to mention traditional medicines to cure what ails you. Hotel: Kalbarri Edge Resort. B

### Malbarri - Perth

Just when you thought WA couldn't get any more colourful, Hutt Lagoon appears on the horizon – one of the state's pink lakes that changes its pink hues depending on the conditions. Arriving back in Perth you have dinner with your new friends and reminisce about the last two weeks. Hotel: Holiday Inn West Perth. B D

### 15 Farewell from Perth

Bid farewell to your fellow travellers when your trip concludes after breakfast. B





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### **Included Highlights**

- Experience the geological wonder of Wave Rock
- Explore the mining town of Kalgoorlie including Hannans
- Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Cape Le Grand National Park
- Discover the spectacular turquoise waters of Esperance
- · Visit Stirling Range National Park
- · Explore the ancient giant tingle forest at Valley of the Giants Tree Top walk
- · Enjoy wine tasting and dinner in the Margaret River region
- See the longest jetty in the Southern Hemisphere at
- Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Yanchep National Park
- · Marvel at The Pinnacles in Nambung National Park
- Discover Shark Bay National Park a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- · Get up close to native wildlife including the dolphins at Monkey Mia
- · Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Kalbarri Skywalk
- · See the vivid colours of Hutt Lagoon

### **Departure Dates**

### WEMP: Perth Return (15 DAYS)

2025-26 Season	2026-27 Season
2025	2026
Oct 12	<b>May</b> 17, 31
	<b>Aug</b> 02, 16, 23, 30
	<b>Sep</b> 06, 13, 20, 27
	Oct 04, 11, 18

### WPPP: Perth to Fremantle (10 DAYS)

2025-26 Season	2026-27 Season
2025	2026
Oct 12	<b>May</b> 17, 31
	<b>Aug</b> 02, 16, 23, 30
	<b>Sep</b> 06, 13, 20, 27
	Oct 04, 11, 18

### WPMP: Fremantle to Perth (6 DAYS)

2025-26 Season	2026-27 Season
2025	2026
Oct 21	May 26
	<b>Jun</b> 09
	<b>Aug</b> 11, 25
	<b>Sep</b> 01, 08, 15, 22, 29
	Oct 06, 13, 20, 27

### Dining (WEMP)

14 Breakfasts B 7 Dinners D

### Flight Information (WEMP)

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Perth Airport Day 15: Flights to depart anytime from Perth Airport

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### Welcome to Broome

Multicultural Broome delivers many surprises, from its eclectic restaurants to its long pearling history – the pristine waters produce some of the most prized pearl oysters in the world, and fortune seekers from around the world descended during the region's 'pearl rush'. Discover Broome's other standout attraction: its sunsets. You have today at leisure. Follow locals to the sand on Cable Beach and salute the end of your first spectacular day in WA with your Travel Director, glass of bubbles in hand. Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort, 2 nights.

### 2 Broome Free Time

Which direction should you choose to venture today? Head north deep into the Kimberley where the Horizontal Falls reveals the power of nature. Get some perspective of the tides here on a scenic flight. Or perhaps veer off to a pearl farm, to witness the precision that goes into growing and harvesting these gems (both own expense). Or simply enjoy Broome's tropical climes, strolling along 22-kilometre Cable Beach, hunting for dinosaur footprints and browsing boutiques. B D

### 3 Broome - Port Hedland

The striking colours of the Pilbara — rich red earth streaked with minerals - set the scene today. In Port Hedland, visit the world's largest bulk export port. Hotel: Hospitality. B D

### 4 Port Hedland - Karijini National Park - Tom Price

Experience a true frontier on a Karijini National Park tour, where deep gorges carve through the landscape, waterfalls cascade from rugged escarpments, and remote turquoise rock pools glisten like hidden gems. The wilderness is wilder, the colours brighter, the air clearer. It took billions of years to create the geological wonders you see: the red layered cliffs, the quiet gorges, the soaring gum trees, and distinctive termite mounds. It covers a staggering 630,000 hectares in the Hamersley Range, making it WA's second largest national park. Hotel: Tom Price Motel. B D

Journey through rugged terrain back towards the coast - destination Karratha. Known for its significant role in the mining and resource industry. Hotel: Ibis Styles. B L D

### 6 Karratha - Exmouth

There are a few (hundred) kilometres of Pilbara region to cover between Karratha and Exmouth on the World Heritage listed Ningaloo Coast. On your hypnotic journey, just imagine all the magical marine creatures you might glimpse when you dive into Ningaloo Reef - Exmouth is the gateway. Hotel: Mantarays Ningaloo Beach, 2 nights. B D

### **2** Exmouth Free Time

Steel yourself for a few 'pinch-me' moments today. You could choose to snorkel (with an ethical operator) over Ningaloo Reef (own expense). Time of year pending, you may have whale sharks and possibly humpback whales in your company. Nothing quite prepares you for the initial moment you glimpse these gentle giants up close. Or, spend your day strolling the sand and cruising with dolphins at sunset. The choice is yours. B

### Exmouth - Carnaryon

You don't need to get your hair wet to experience the sheer wonderment of Ningaloo Reef. A Coral Bay glass-bottom boat cruise gets you within a whisker of turtles, colourful coral and fish. You won't know where to look, although your on-board naturalist will help guide your gaze. From staring at the sea to staring at the stars: your next port of call is the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum. Did you know it played a role in the 1969 moon landing? Just one fascinating fact you'll learn from your passionate guide. Hotel: Hospitality. B D

### Ocarnaryon - Monkey Mia

While stromatolites might sound like something belonging in a cave, these 'living fossils' grow in the water at Hamelin Pool. Rock-like in appearance, they're actually alive, and reveal what life might have been like 3.5-billion years ago. Remarkably, this is the world's most abundant colony of them. It's just one of the natural allures of the state's World Heritage listed Shark Bay, which is also characterised by Shell Beach, formed from billions of coquina bivalve shells. Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, 2 nights. B

### 10 Monkey Mia Free Time

Every morning, Monkey Mia's wild dolphins swim close to shore where the National Park Rangers explain the feeding habits of these friendly mammals that they know by name. After watching the famous dolphins swim into shore (Note: As dolphins are wild their appearance cannot be guaranteed) enjoy a leisurely breakfast overlooking the calm waters of the bay. The rest of the day is free for you to explore or relax. B

### 11 Monkey Mia - Geraldton

Kalbarri National Park is known for many things: its gorges, towering coastal cliffs and rare wildlife that you can witness from the Kalbarri Skywalk. And then there are the wildflowers, which bloom and blanket much of the countryside in spring, transforming it into a floral wonderland. Arriving in Geraldton, pay homage to sailors lost off the WA coast during WWII at the HMAS Sydney Memorial. Hotel: Ocean Centre. B

### Geraldton - Perth

Two final wilderness highs provide a fitting end to this journey of contrasts. Within Nambung National Park, the Pinnacles create a moonscape that appears plucked from a science fiction film, its staggering collection of natural limestone structures jutting into the sky. It's a spiritual place, as is nearby Yanchep National Park. Here, on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, your Aboriginal guide's stories tell the tale of how the land was created. This tour is hands-on, so expect to taste bush tucker and try the didgeridoo. Arriving in Perth you have dinner to swap contact details with your new friends and reminisce about your western adventure. Hotel: Crowne Plaza. B D

### 13 Farewell from Perth

How do you pick a favourite adventure from the last 13 days? You don't have to - let them all shine in equal measure in your memory. B







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### **Included Highlights**

- · Explore the wild frontier of Karijini National Park
- · Journey along the spectacular Ningaloo Coast a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- · View Ningaloo Reef with an onboard naturalist from your glass bottom boat cruise
- · Visit Carnarvon Space Museum
- · Discover Shark Bay National Park a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- · Get up close to native wildlife including the dolphins at Monkey Mia
- · See the ancient gorges and spectacular landscapes from the Kalbarri Skywalk
- Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Yanchep National Park with an Indigenous guide
- · Marvel at the lunar-like landscape surrounding the Pinnacles in Nambung National Park

### **Departure Dates**

### WBMP: Broome to Perth (13 DAYS)

	2026-27 Season
2026	
May	13
Jun	24
Jul	08
Aug	05, 19

### WPMB: Perth to Broome (13 DAYS)

	2026-27 Season
2026	
Jun	02
Jul	07, 21

### Dining (WBMP/WPMB)

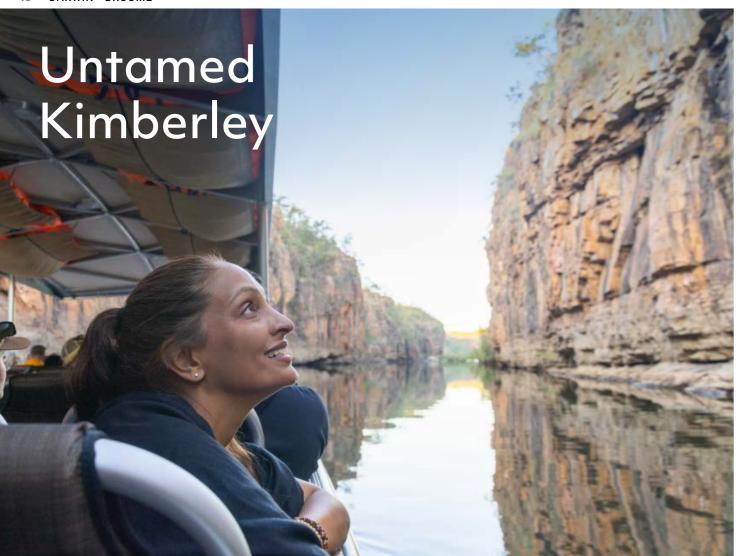
12 Breakfasts B 1 Lunch L

7 Dinners D

### Flight Information (WBMP)

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Broome Airport Day 13: Flights to depart anytime from Perth Airport

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### 1 Welcome to Darwin

Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise

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 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, a **MAKE TRAVÉL 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 colour. 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. 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** 

### Temma Gorge - Halls Creek

In Halls Creek visit the Yarliyil 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 colours 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

Which direction should you choose to venture today? Head north deep into the Kimberley where the Horizontal Falls reveals the power of nature. Get some perspective of the tides here on a scenic flight. Or perhaps veer off to a pearl farm, to witness the precision that goes into growing and harvesting these gems (both own expense). Or simply enjoy Broome's tropical climes, strolling along 22-kilometre Cable Beach, hunting for dinosaur footprints and browsing boutiques. 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









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### **Included Highlights**

- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Learn about the Jawoyn people, owners of Nitmiluk Gorge
- · 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 sugercane, rainwater and yeast.
- · Explore Durack Homestead Museum
- See the award winning Katherine Outback Experience
- Get on the water with hand-picked cruises of Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge and the Ord River
- 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		
May	05, 26	
Jun	16, 30	
Jul	14, 28	
Aug	04, 11, 25	

### WBD: Broome to Darwin (11 DAYS)

2026-27 Season		
2026		
Jun	05, 12, 26	
Jul	17, 24, 31	
Aug	14	
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



As this holiday departs at 7.30am from Sydney, accommodation 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. Highlands, where 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 can explore the grounds or take 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 centre, Koorie Heritage Trust Gallery 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

### 6 Melbourne - Warrnambool

Guests depart this morning in Melbourne (Code: ESBM). Guests joining this morning in Melbourne will need to pre-book accommodation for the previous night (Code: EMKA). The Great Ocean Road is one of the world's most epic journeys, a dramatic 240-kilometre 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. 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 Gunditimara 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. 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

### 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 Hotel 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 welldeserved 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

### Adelaide and Hahndorf

After a city orientation tour, head from Adelaide to Hahndorf, located in the Adelaide Hills, known for its strong German flavours, 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

### 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







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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**

### ESMA: Sydney to Adelaide (11 DAYS)

2026-27 Season		
2026	2027	
<b>Apr</b> 09, 30	<b>Jan</b> 07, 21	
<b>May</b> 14	<b>Feb</b> 04, 18	
Aug 27	Mar 04, 18	
<b>Sep</b> 17		
Oct 15, 29		
<b>Nov</b> 19		
	2026       Apr     09, 30       May     14       Aug     27       Sep     17       Oct     15, 29	

### EMKA: Melbourne to Adelaide (7 DAYS)

202	25-26 Season	2026-27 Season			
2025	5	2026		2027	
Oct	20	Apr	13	Jan	11, 25
Nov	24	May	04, 18	Feb	08, 22
2026		Aug	31	Mar	08, 22
Feb	09, 23	Sep	21		
Mar	23	Oct	19		
		Nov	02, 23		

### ESBM: Sydney to Melbourne (5 DAYS)

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

### Dining (ESMA)

10 Breakfasts B 4 Dinners D 2 Lunches L

### Flight Information (ESMA)

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.

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### 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, MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. 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 amphitheatre 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 favour the South Australian outback when you arrive in Arkaroola, characterised 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. Prepare to be humbled – in the best possible way. Hotel: Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary. B D

### 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 utilised 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

### 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 kilometres, 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

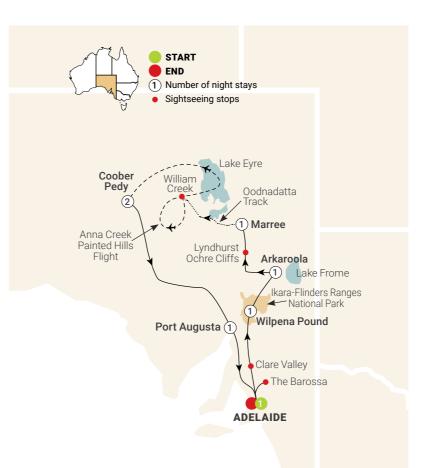
Coober Pedv offers unique attractions, most of which lie underground due to the intense surface heat. Many locals live in subterranean homes, adding to the town's charm. Begin your adventure exploring opal mines and fossicking for treasures. Then, visit the Aboriginal-owned Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park, featuring stunning landscapes famously showcased in films like Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome. Here you'll see part of the iconic 5,300-kilometre 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

### 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 harbour 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





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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 Wilnena Pound
- · Explore the Milky Way at the award-winning International Dark Sky Sanctuary, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
- Explore the abandoned township of Farina population 15 or fewer
- Travel by 4WD along the ancient Ridgetop Track at remote Arkaroola
- Follow the old Ghan Railway 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 -
- · 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	<b>Apr</b> 18
	<b>May</b> 02, 16, 30
	<b>Aug</b> 08
	<b>Sep</b> 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

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**

Want to see more of regional SA?

· Add on South Australian Eyre Peninsula (SAEP) on page 54 or Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island (SAKI) on page 55. Visit aatkings.com./saep or saki for full details

### 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 harbour 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-metre Big Galah, a guirky 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 harbour seeking dolphins and sea lions, then savour ovsters 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 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 colours 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





### **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
- · 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
- · Take a scenic ferry ride across the Spencer Gulf
- · Visit Bumbunga Pink Lake

### **Departure Dates**

2025-26 Season	2026-27 Season
2025	2026
Oct 12, 26	<b>Apr</b> 12, 26
Nov 09	Oct 11, 25
	Nov 08, 29
	2027
	Feb 28

### Dining

6 Breakfasts B 2 Lunches L

2 Dinners D

### Flight Information

Day prior: Flights to arrive anytime into Adelaide

Flights to depart anytime from Adelaide

Airport to Hotel transfers are available to

purchase on request. Flights to and from your tour are not included in



### 1 Adelaide - Kangaroo Island

Your Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island adventure begins today with a city tour before travelling 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 travelling 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 90-minute mill tour, starting inside a unique 9-metre 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 flavours. 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 metres 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

### A 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

### START **END** 1 Number of night stays Sightseeing stops **ADELAIDE** Kangaroo Brewery Kingscote, Kangaroo Island Penneshaw Flinders Chase



### **Included Highlights**

- · Cruise across the Great Australian Bight
- · Discover Historic Cape Willoughby Lighthouse
- Take a tour of the Kangaroo Island
- Try a local brew at Kangaroo Island
- · Explore 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
- · Savour 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
2025	2026
Nov 02	<b>May</b> 10, 24
	<b>Aug</b> 30
	<b>Sep</b> 13, 27
	<b>Nov</b> 01, 15

### Dining

3 Breakfasts B 1 Dinner D 1 Lunch L

### Flight Information

Day prior: Flights to arrive anytime into Adelaide Airport

Flights to depart after 6.00pm from Adelaide 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**

Add on South Australian Outback Adventure on page 52. Visit aatkings.com/samc for full details



### Welcome to Hobart

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

### 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 savour a paddock-to-plate lunch showcasing the region's rich flavours. Then, journey to quirky Sheffield, the famed 'Town of Murals,' before travelling through the scenic Meander Valley en route to Launceston. Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. B L

### 2 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

Guests depart this afternoon in Launceston (Code: THHL). Guests join this afternoon in Launceston (Code: TLHH)

### 8 Launceston - Bicheno

You'll smell Bridestowe Estate well before you arrive - this lavender farm welcomes with soothing aromas, and addictive flavours 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

### 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 (own expense). 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 savour some fine Tassie produce at the renowned farm restaurant! Hotel: Iron Creek Bay Farm. B D

### Port Arthur Historic Site

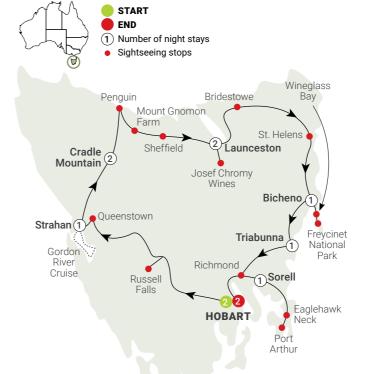
While the World Heritage listed Port Arthur Historic Site has a grim convict history, you wouldn't know it today - the countryside is all rolling green fields and ocean views, best glimpsed on a Port Arthur guided tour with an in-the-know historian. The secrets they can tell... Today you will cruise 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 BD

### 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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### **Included Highlights**

- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Royal Tasmanian **Botanical Gardens**
- · Explore Hobart's iconic Salamanca Market
- · Visit Mount Field National Park including Russell Falls and Lake St Clair
- Relax on a Gordon River Cruise in the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Stunning Cradle Mountain National Park and Dove Lake · Visit Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden, a MAKE TRAVEL
- MATTER® Experience
- Indulge in a Farm to Fork lunch at Mt. Gnomon Farm
- Tasting & Garden tour at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company
- · Take a guided tour of Bridestowe Lavender Estate
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Wineglass Bay Cruise · Welcome to Country on the shores of the Derwent River
- · Relax at at Iron Creek Bay Farm Stay
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Visit the Port Arthur Historic Site, a UNESCO World Heritage site

### **Departure Dates**

### **THLH: Hobart Return (13 DAYS)**

2025-26 Season	2026-27 Season			
2025	2026	2027		
Oct 10	<b>Sep</b> 11	<b>Jan</b> 08		
<b>Nov</b> 21	Oct 09, 30	<b>Feb</b> 19		
Dec *05		Mar 12		
2026				
Jan *09, 30				
<b>Feb</b> 20				
Mar 13				

<sup>\*</sup>These departures are SMALL GROUP tours.

### THHL: Hobart to Launceston (7 DAYS)

2025-26 Season	2026-27 Season			
2025	2026	2027		
Oct 10	<b>Sep</b> 11	Jan 08		
<b>Nov</b> 21	Oct 09, 30	<b>Feb</b> 19		
2026		Mar 12		
<b>Jan</b> 30				
<b>Feb</b> 20				
<b>Mar</b> 13				

### TLHH: Launceston to Hobart (7 DAYS)

2025-26 Season	2026-27 Season			
2025	2026	2027		
<b>Oct</b> 16	<b>Sep</b> 17	Jan 14		
Nov 27	Oct 15	<b>Feb</b> 25		
2026	<b>Nov</b> 05	Mar 18		
<b>Feb</b> 05, 26				
Mar 19				

### Dining (THLH)

12 Breakfasts B 3 Lunches L

7 Dinners D

### Flight Information (THLH)

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Hobart Airport Day 13: Flights to depart anytime from Hobart 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.

### Welcome to Hobart

Hobart, Tasmania's vibrant capital, offers inspiration at every turn. Stroll the harbour precinct, indulge in fresh seafood, explore galleries, or unwind in a tucked-away wine bar. As evening unfolds, gather with fellow travellers 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 flavour 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 tranquillity 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 tranquillity 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. Savour a paddock-to-plate lunch highlighting the region's finest flavours. 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

### 2 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 centre. 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. Guests depart this afternoon in Launceston (Code: TSHHL). Guests join this afternoon in Launceston (Code: TSLHH). B

### 8 Launceston - Bicheno

Before you step foot onto Bridestowe Estate, soothing lavender aromas will greet you. This picturesque farm offers indulgent flavours - 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 savour 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

### 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. 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, flavours, 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 favourite moments with loved ones. Until next time, Tasmania! B







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### **Included Highlights**

- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens
- · Immerse yourself in Hobart's Salamanca Market
- · Mount Field National Park including Russell Falls and Lake
- · Relax on a Gordon River Cruise in the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- · Stunning Cradle Mountain National Park and Dove Lake
- Indulge in a Farm to Fork lunch at Mt. Gnomon Farm
- · Tasting & Garden tour at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company
- Experience Launceston's stunning Cataract Gorge
- Take a guided tour of Bridestowe Lavender Estate
- · 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

### **Departure Dates**

### TSHLH: Hobart Return (13 DAYS)

	2026-27 Season					
2026			2027	7		
Apr	10		Jan	29		
Sep	25					
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### TSHHL: Hobart to Launceston (7 DAYS)

2026-27 Season								
2026					2027	'		
Apr	10				Jan	29		
Sep	25							
Nov	20							

### **TSLHH: Launceston to Hobart (7 DAYS)**

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### Dining (TSHLH)

12 Breakfasts B 7 Dinners D 3 Lunches L

### Flight Information (TSHLH)

**Day 1:** Flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Hobart Airport Day 13: Flights to depart anytime from Hobart Airport



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### **Included Highlights**

- Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience when you visit Devils@Cradle Wildlife Sanctuary
- · Visit Mount Field National Park including Russell Falls and Lake St Clair
- · Relax on a Gordon River Cruise in the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Explore Cradle Mountain National Park and Dove Lake
- · Take in the views at Table Cape Lookout
- · Experience Launceston's Cataract Gorge
- Take a guided tour of Bridestowe Lavender Estate
- Take in the panoramic views at Cape Tourville Lighthouse in the pristine Freycinet National Park
- · Visit the Port Arthur Historic Site, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

### **Departure Dates**

### FHLH: Hobart Return (10 DAYS)

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202	25-26 Season		2026-27	Seaso	on
2025	5	2026	5	2027	7
Oct	22, 25	Apr	01, 22	Jan	02, 13, 20, 23
Nov	05, 12, 15, 26	May	06	Feb	03, 10, 13, 24
Dec	03, 27	Sep	02, 23	Mar	03, 06, 17, 27
2026	5	Oct	03, 14, 21, 24		
Jan	03, 14, 21, 24	Nov	04, 11, 14, 25		
Feb	04, 11, 14, 25	Dec	02, 12, 16, 26		
Mar	04, 07, 18, 28		_		

### FHHL: Hobart to Launceston (6 DAYS)

202	25-26 Season	2026-27 Season				
2025	5	2026	5	2027	7	
Oct	22, 25	Apr	01, 22	Jan	02, 13, 20, 23	
Nov	05, 12, 15, 26	May	06	Feb	03, 10, 13, 24	
Dec	03, 27	Sep	02, 23	Mar	03, 06, 17, 27	
2026	5	Oct	03, 14, 21, 24			
Jan	03, 14, 21, 24	Nov	04, 11, 14, 25			
Feb	04, 11, 14, 25	Dec	02, 12, 16, 26			
Mar	04, 07, 18, 28					

### FLHH: Launceston to Hobart (5 DAYS)

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202	25-26 Season	2026-27 Season				
202	5	2026	5	2027	7	
Oct	27, 30	Apr	02, 06, 27	Jan	07, 18, 25, 28	
Nov	10, 17, 20	May	11	Feb	08, 15, 18	
Dec	01, 08	Sep	07, 28	Mar	01, 08, 11, 22	
2026	5	Oct	08, 19, 26, 29	Apr	01	
Jan	01, 08, 19, 26, 29	Nov	09, 16, 19, 30			
Feb	09, 16, 19	Dec	07, 17, 21, 31			
Mar	02. 09. 12. 23					

### Dining (FHLH)

9 Breakfasts B 2 Lunches L

5 Dinners D

### Flight Information (FHLH)

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Hobart Airport Day 10: Flights to depart anytime from Hobart Airport

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



### Welcome to Hobart

The Tasmanian capital of Hobart may be small in size, but it's big in attractions, as you'll discover this afternoon. Put your destination into perspective from the summit of Mt. Nelson, offering endless vistas over Australia's southernmost city. View the charming Georgian cottages of Battery Point and convict built warehouses along Salamanca Place, the backdrop of epic Saturday markets. Gaze over boats at Constitution Dock this is where yachts finish when competing in the annual Sydney to Hobart race, and take a stroll in the second oldest Botanical Gardens in Australia with its amazing collection of plants from around the world. Tonight, join your Travel Director for dinner, Hotel: Best Western Hobart, D

### 2 Hobart - Strahan

Western Tasmania is like nature amplified, a place where the wilderness rules and people are few and far between. Visiting Mount Field National Park is a humbling experience, not only for the fact it's part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, but also because it's home to some of the tallest eucalypts and flowering plants on Earth. Wander amid these giants to reach Russell Falls – take a deep breath; you're officially on holiday. Records continue to be broken at Lake St. Clair, the deepest freshwater Lake in Australia, before you arrive in Strahan, gateway to World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. Hotel: Strahan Village. B D

### 3 Strahan - Cradle Mountain

The inky waters of the Gordon River – given its colour by amber buttongrass tannins - are as eery as they are beautiful, the mirror-like surface only broken by your chariot out to Sarah Island. It's hard to reconcile the beauty of this part of the state with its grim history as a penal colony; a place where convicts would fell Huon pines for boat building. Thankfully, they didn't get to the 2,000-year-old pine that still stands proud at Heritage Landing. Early settlers didn't mince their words when they called the treacherous entrance to the river's harbour Hells Gates. You'll understand why when you drift past. Cradle Mountain awaits to the north. We're sure you'll be content by the fire perhaps with a glass of wine. Hotel: Cradle Mountain Hotel. B L D

### 4 Cradle Mountain - Burnie

Today your journey reaches new heights - quite literally with a visit to the 1,545-metre Cradle Mountain, your backdrop as you explore Dove Lake on your Cradle Mountain tour, the wild alpine moorlands here are natural magnet for lovers of the wilderness. The spectacular and pristine wilderness of Cradle Mountain is home to the mysterious and secretive Tasmanian Devil. You'll love the next adventure today, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. A Day Keeper tour at Devils@Cradle will lead you through the sanctuary and provide you with a thorough insight into its operation. When joining this tour you will be directly supporting these animals and threatened species conservation. Leave the Central Highlands after an uplifting day and head towards the scenic north-west coast for your overnight stay. Hotel: Beachfront Voyager Motor Inn. B L

### 5 Burnie - Launceston

Table Cape is by far Wynyard's most remarkable natural wonder, at 180 metres high, 'The Cape' - as locals refer to it - offers spectacular views of Tasmania's coastline. As you drive to the top of the remains of a 12-million-year-old volcano you'll reach Table Cape lookout where, on a clear day, you can see mountain ranges over 175 kilometres away. If there's a town with a cuter name than Penguin, we're yet to find it. Locals embrace its appeal – there are penguin sculptures at every turn, including one measuring over 3 metres tall. Your journey along the northwest coast also passes through Ulverstone and Sheffield, The Town of Murals, boasting over 100 large paintings depicting the area's rich history and local characters. All this exploring builds an appetite. Refuel at Ashgrove Tasmanian Farm, where happy cows contribute to award-winning cheeses - everything from cheddar and red Leicester to creamy Tasmanian blue. For lovers of sweeter delights, why not treat yourself to a delicious locally made ice cream (own expense). Hotel: Best Western Plus Launceston, 2 nights. B

### 6 Launceston

There are few places in the world where you can leave the city behind and within minutes be surrounded by nature. Launceston is one. Blink and you're at Cataract Gorge, a yawning chasm carved by ancient rivers. This rare natural phenomenon unites bushland with neat Victorian

### You'll smell Bridestowe before you see it, this enormous lavender farm perfuming the Tasmanian countryside (bloom late Spring to early Summer). The flowers grown here aren't just used in fragrances - they're also infused into ice-cream, teas and jams. It's a tasty entrée to the Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, sculpted into World War One soldiers. Little penguins come out to play in Bicheno; sign up to spot them after dark as they waddle to shore from the water (own expense).

gardens, replete with ferns and exotic plants. Get a different perspective of the green cavern on the scenic chairlift, zipping you over the water to a lofty lookout. We wouldn't blame you for lingering here, or perhaps this afternoon take one of the river cruises on offer (both own expense). The

Hotel: Beachfront at Bicheno. B D

### Bicheno - Hobart

choice is yours.  $\boldsymbol{B}$ 

2 Launceston - Bicheno

The colours at Freycinet National Park are so vivid you'll think someone has taken the glasses off your nose and cleaned them for the first time: The patchwork of ocean blues that lap Coles Bay. The dramatic pink granite cliffs. There's a reason why the peninsula stars on postcards. The other place on postcards is Richmond, its grand 1820s Georgian buildings today home to bijou boutiques, galleries and cafés that appear to be lost in time. Your last stop for the day is to the shores of the Derwent River where local palawa will welcome you to country and show off some local bush tucker. Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B

### Port Arthur Historic Site

The Isle of the Dead, Devil's Kitchen, Blowhole... the attractions at and around Port Arthur nod to the region's notoriously grim history. This is the best-preserved convict site in Australia, and among the most significant convict-era destinations worldwide. The stories these walls could tell. Enjoy dinner tonight at a historic waterfront pub. **B D** 

### 10 Farewell from Hobart

It took early explorers months to circumnavigate Tasmania. You've done it in 10 days. What a wild ride. B







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# Tropical Queensland: Brisbane to Cairns



As this holiday departs at 8.00am from Brisbane, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

### Brisbane - K'gari (Fraser Island) via Noosa

Begin your journey in Brisbane and travel north to the relaxed coastal region of Noosa. Enjoy free time to explore Hastings Street or stroll along the beach before continuing to Hervey Bay. Here, board a ferry to World Heritage-listed K'gari (Fraser Island). The ferry ride across the strait is a highlight, particularly during whale migration when these gentle giants come to the calm, protected waters to calve. Landing on K'gari, expect to see a lot of sand. This is, after all, the world's largest sand island, and the only place in the world where rainforest grows from the sand. Surrounded by ancient rainforest and white-sand shores, check in to your eco resort and settle in for a peaceful evening immersed in nature. Hotel: Kingfisher Bay Resort, 2 nights. D

### 2 K'gari (Fraser Island)

Spend the day exploring the world's largest sand island by 4WD. Visit Lake McKenzie, famous for its clear turquoise water and silica-white sand, and drive along 75 Mile Beach. Wander through rainforest growing directly in the sand and see iconic sights like the Maheno Shipwreck. Learn about K'gari's ecology and Indigenous significance from local guides who call this island home. B L

### 3 K'gari - Rockhampton

Return to the mainland and travel through regional Queensland, stopping at Langmorn Station, a historic cattle property. The Creed family will welcome you with afternoon tea and a tour of the immense (and historic) property - the original family homestead was built in 1873. The family will regale you with stories about life on the land. The theme continues as you cross the Tropic of Capricorn to arrive in Rockhampton, the beef capital of Australia known for its heritage buildings and laid-back Queenslander spirit. Hotel: Empire Apartment. B

### 4 Rockhampton - Hamilton Island

Depart Rockhampton and head north along the Queensland coastline. Stop at the Sarina Sugar Shed for an engaging tour that highlights the history and production of sugarcane in the region - with a chance to sample locally made treats. Continue to Airlie Beach, where you'll board a ferry bound for Hamilton Island. Part of the idvllic Whitsundays, the island offers white-sand beaches, swaying palms, and a relaxed pace. Settle into your resort accommodation and enjoy the tropical surrounds at your leisure. Hotel: Reef View, 2 nights. B L

### 6 Hamilton Island (The Whitsundays)

Wake up in paradise with a full day at your own pace. The Whitsunday Islands need little introduction, 74 tropical drops of land, a beguiling union of powdery beaches and rainforest, all ringed by the Coral Sea. Choose from a range of optional experiences designed to make the most of this island haven. Sail to world-famous Whitehaven Beach, fly over the breathtaking Heart Reef, or explore walking trails and secluded coves. Alternatively, take it slow - relax poolside or enjoy the island's dining and boutique offerings. However you spend the day, the Whitsundays' natural beauty and relaxed island lifestyle are sure to leave a lasting impression. B

### 6 Hamilton Island - Cairns

After breakfast, ferry back to the mainland and travel by coach to Cairns, a place where two World Heritage Sites converge: the Great Barrier Reef meets the Wet Tropics of Queensland. On arrival, you'll be greeted by warm tropical breezes and the laid-back atmosphere of Queensland's far north. Settle into your hotel, ideally located near the Cairns Esplanade. The rest of the day is yours to explore - perhaps stroll the waterfront, visit the nearby Night Markets, or dine at a local seafood restaurant. Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 3 nights. B

### 7 Cairns (Great Barrier Reef Cruise)

Prepare for a day of natural wonder as you cruise to the Great Barrier Reef, one of the world's most iconic marine environments. Travel by highspeed catamaran to a permanently moored pontoon at the outer reef. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, snorkel over colourful coral gardens, view marine life from a semisubmersible or underwater observatory, or simply relax on deck and soak it all in. Expert guides will provide fascinating commentary on the reef's ecology throughout the day.

### 8 Cairns & Surrounds

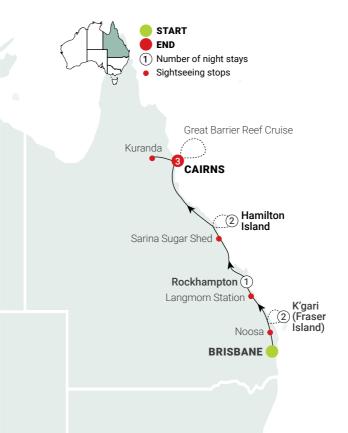
This morning, travel by coach to Kuranda, a picturesque village nestled in the World Heritage-listed rainforest, on the eastern edge of the Atherton

Tablelands. Spend time browsing vibrant markets, visiting local art galleries, or enjoying some free time amid lush surroundings. Glide above the treetops aboard the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, offering a bird's-eye view over and through the rainforest and gushing waterfalls. Return to Cairns in the afternoon with time to relax or explore further. In the evening, celebrate your final night with a special dinner - sharing highlights and memories from your Queensland journey with your fellow travellers. B D

### 9 Farewell from Cairns

Enjoy a final tropical breakfast. You leave with unforgettable memories of island paradises, coral reefs, and rainforest escapes. B







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### **Included Highlights**

- 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 MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience a full day cruise on the iconic Great Barrier Reef
- Explore Kuranda, nestled in the World Heritage-listed
- · Glide through and above the tropical rainforest aboard the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway

### **Departure Dates**

	2026-27 Season						
2026	1			2027			
Jul	26			Jan	31		
Sep	06			Feb	14		
0ct	18			Mar	14		
Nov	15						

### **Dining**

8 Breakfasts B 2 Dinners D 3 Lunches L

### Flight Information

Day prior: Flights to arrive anytime into Brisbane Airport Day 9: Flights to depart anytime from Cairns Airport



CAIRNS RETURN: Aboriginal Cultural Experience • Painting Class • Art Gallery • Mossman Gorge • Walk in 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 coastal adventure of their ancestral fishing grounds. Continue to Mossman Gorge, stroll along trails and elevated boardwalks as your Driver Guide shares stories and insights. Enjoy lunch infused with bush flavours in the Mayi Café overlooking the tropical rainforest's

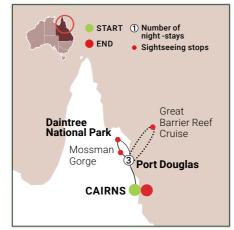
edge. Visit Janbal Gallery for an immersive art experience with renowned Aboriginal artist Brian 'Binna' Swindley. He will guide you through his painting techniques, as you create your own small canvas to take home. **B L** 

### 3 Great Barrier Reef

Explore Agincourt Reef, at the very outer edge of the Barrier Reef. Choose to dive, snorkel, or stay dry and explore the stunning reef from the comfort of a semi-sub, just one metre underwater. Watch the fish feeding from the underwater viewing platform and underwater observatory. A tropical 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** 



### Kuranda Scenic Railway & Skyrail Cableway

Skyrail Rainforest Cableway

Board the Kuranda Scenic Railway. Sit back, relax and take in the spectacular views as you wind your way up to quaint village of Kuranda, with breathtaking views of mountain ranges and tropical rainforest. In Kuranda, explore the village, full of colourful and interesting arts and crafts. Then it's time to board Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for your return journey, gliding silently over and through the World Heritage listed Tropical Rainforest, enjoying beautiful views along the way.

### **DEPARTS**

8.15am from Cairns

### **RETURNS**

6.00pm approximately

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# Cape Tribulation & Daintree

Visit the Mossman Gorge Centre for morning tea before boarding the shuttle to transfer into Mossman Gorge to learn about one of the world's oldest rainforests. Cruise on the Daintree River, home to the estuarine crocodile, where you may spot local wildlife. Time for a tropical lunch and stroll along Cape Tribulation Beach. Stop for a refreshment at the Daintree Ice Cream Company. Wind through the rainforest to the Alexandra Range lookout for views over the Daintree River estuary and Coral Sea.

### **DEPARTS**

6.45am from Cairns

### **RETURNS**

8.30pm approximately

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# A the Great Barrier Reef For the latest deals, departure dates, prices, and full titnerary information, visit actings, com/cell or contact your local travel agent. This timerary is valid for travel from 01 Apr 2026 – 31 Mar 2027 and may change after publication. 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

### 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

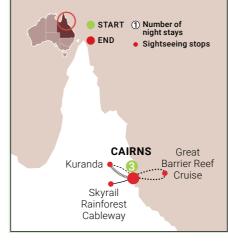
Join us for a Great Barrier Reef cruise, where the Sunlover catamaran docks alongside a floating pontoon, stationed in a natural lagoon fringed with beautiful coral at Moore Reef. Snorkel (equipment provided) in the natural lagoon or stay dry with semisubmersible and glass bottom boat tours. Visit the underwater observatory to discover the world's most impressive natural fish tank and get up close to marine life. Enjoy a tropical buffet lunch onboard before returning to Cairns. **B** L

### 3 Scenic Railway - Kuranda - Skyrail

Board the Kuranda Scenic Railway. Wind through hand-hewn tunnels, across bridges and curves. On arrival in Kuranda there's free time to explore the 'village in the rainforest'. Later, board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for your journey over and through the ancient rainforest, with time at both Red Peak and Barron Falls Stations. **B** 

### A Depart Cairns

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



# Djabugay Aboriginal Experience Waterfall, Wetlands

& Skyrail Rainforest Cableway

Accompanied by a knowledgeable local Driver Guide, delve into the lush palm forest of Cattana Wetlands and discover the Barron Falls with a Djabugay cultural guide. Hear about the spiritual and historical importance of the falls in their heritage. Enjoy lunch at Skybury Coffee Plantation and journey through the Tablelands rich farming area to Emerald Creek Ice Creamery. Conclude your day on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway from Kuranda, soaring over and through the breathtaking World Heritage Listed rainforest.

### **DEPARTS** 8.15am from Cairns

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### **RETURNS** 6.00pm approximately

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### Kuranda, Scenic Railway, Skyrail Cableway & Hartley's Crocodiles

Travel to the tropical rainforest village of Kuranda aboard the Scenic Railway. Spend around one hour to explore this fascinating village of colourful and interesting arts and crafts. Then, journey on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, gliding silently over and through the World Heritage listed rainforest. You will then be transferred to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures. Get up close to Australia's most loved wildlife including koalas, kangaroos and of course crocodiles! Cruise through the ecologically significant Melaleuca wetlands; the domain of the saltwater crocodile.

### **DEPARTS**

7.15am from Cairns

### **RETURNS**

6.00pm approximately

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### 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 travellers this evening for drinks. Hotel: Ibis Christchurch.

### 2 Christchurch - Omarama

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 Omarama, a quintessential country town. Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D

### 3 Omarama - 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/Piopiotahi Day Trip

Your route through Fiordland National Park travels through beech forests, alluvial flats, meadows and mirror like lakes. Cruise on Milford Sound/ Piopiotahi 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, and then continue to Queenstown. Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Queenstown, 2 nights. B

### 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

### Oueenstown - 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

### Ohristchurch - 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

### 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

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

### 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 to learn about jade carving and its cultural meaning. Tonight, enjoy a dinner with hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance, ending at the spectacular Pohutu Geyser. Hotel: Sudima Lake Rotorua, 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

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

### Auckland - Bay of Islands

Guests depart this morning (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

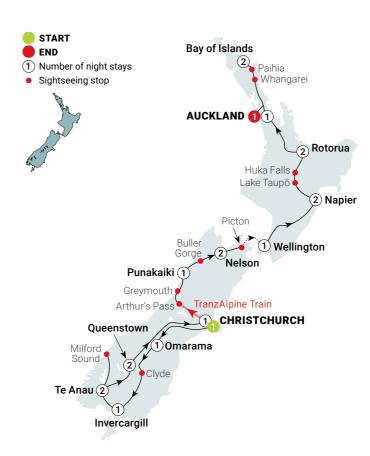
Head off today in whatever direction you please. Perhaps travel up to Cape Reinga/Te Rerenga Wairua via idyllic Ninety Mile Beach. Or glide around the islands on a cruise to the hole in the rock or join a tour of Russell (all own expense). B

### 20 Bay of Islands - Auckland

For a little more northern exposure, head south to Whangarei, the island's most northerly city and a place where you can explore the local Whangarei hasin 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

### 2 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 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/Piopiotahi
- · 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	<b>Jan</b> 21, 28		
Nov 27	<b>Nov</b> 19, 26	<b>Feb</b> 04, 18		
2026	<b>Dec</b> 10, 31	<b>Mar</b> 04, 18		
<b>Jan</b> 29				
<b>Feb</b> 05, 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			
<b>Nov</b> 27	<b>Nov</b> 19, 26	<b>Feb</b> 04, 18			
2026	<b>Dec</b> 10, 31	Mar 04, 18			
<b>Jan</b> 29					
<b>Feb</b> 05, 19					
<b>Mar</b> 19					

\*Our 2025-26 season departures (LCQB & LCQA) are CLASSIC tours.

### 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

Day 21: flights to depart any time from Auckland Airport



### 1 Welcome to Auckland

Welcome to Auckland, self-proclaimed City of Sails. Meet your Driver Guide 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, delve deep into Maori 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 Pohutu Geyser, bubbling mud pools, and beautiful native bush. Finally enjoy a delicious buffet dinner of locally sourced cuisine. Hotel: Sudima Lake Rotorua. B D

### 3 Rotorua - Napier

Visit Whirinaki Forest, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Proud and knowledgeable local Maori 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

### A 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

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. Visit Greytown, known for its well-preserved Victorian architecture, then continue to Wellington for an orientation tour.

Guests join at 3.00pm today in Wellington (Code: LSWC). Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor, B

### 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 Weta Workshop. Hotel: Scenic Marlborough, 2 nights. B

### 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 delivering mail and supplies to residents in Queen Charlotte Sound. (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 this evening at 6.00pm in Christchurch (Code: LSCC). Hotel: Wyndham Garden. B

### Christchurch - Lake Ohau

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 Ohau Lodge, the perfect place to unwind and enjoy a family style dinner. Hotel: Lake Ohau Lodge. B D

### Lake Ohau - Oueenstown

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 your leisure at cult eatery Fergburger, famous for its mouthwatering gourmet burgers

Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Queenstown, 2 nights. B L

### 12 Oueenstown Free Time

Take today at your own pace. Nature lover? Discover some of New Zealand's feathered friends at a wildlife centre (own expense). B

### 13 Queenstown - Milford Sound/Piopiotahi

Journey along the Devil's Staircase, with its climatic 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

### Milford Sound/Piopiotahi - Wānaka

Depart 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 Wanaka, 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/Ka 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 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/Piopiotahi
- · Kayak or travel by tender boat along the shoreline of Milford Sound/Piopiotahi
- 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				
<b>Nov</b> 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					
<b>Nov</b> 04, 11	Mar 17					
<b>Dec</b> 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 any time from Christchurch Airport



### 1 Welcome to Auckland

Your Travel Director will welcome you and your fellow travel companions tonight and will provide a tour briefing. 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. You are welcomed to the grounds with a rousing cultural performance and will enjoy a private guided tour of the grounds. Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands, 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

### Bay of Islands - Auckland

Whangarei is like the country in a tantalising snapshot - a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Explore at your leisure before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. Guests join this afternoon in Auckland (Code: LAAC). 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 dinner of hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you'll view a geothermal wonderland. Hotel: Ibis Rotorua, 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

### Rotorua - Wellington

At Huka Falls, 220,000 litres of water thunder over an 11-metre-high waterfall every second. The road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of mint-blue Lake Taupo. 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 to the Interislander for a cruise across Cook Straight, from the North Island to the South, through a maze of arms and inlets. Hotel: Picton Beachcomber Inn or Picton Yacht Club. B

### 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 centre of New Zealand. Hotel: Ibis Christchurch. B

### 10 Christchurch - Omarama

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, snowcapped 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. Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D

### Omarama - 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 Queenstown, 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 a wildlife centre (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 holiday. Hotel: Ibis Christchurch. B D

### 7 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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change after publication.

### **Included Highlights**

- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Guided tour of 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 Straight on the interisland ferry from Wellington to Picton
- · See Kaikōura Beach to search for marine wildlife
- · Cruise on tranquil Milford Sound/Piopiotahi
- · Cruise Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Earnslaw
- · Gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- · Visit the Church of the Good Shepherd Tekapo
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Indoor Guided Dark Sky & Astronomy Experience in Tekapo
- See Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint
- TranzAlpine Train journey through the Southern Alps

### **Departure Dates**

### LABC: Auckland to Christchurch (17 DAYS)

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2026	5	Sep	05, 19, 26	Mar	06, 13, 20		
Jan	03, 10, 17, 24, 31	Oct	03, 10, 17, 24, 31				
Feb	07, 14, 21, 28	Nov	07, 21, 28				
Mar	07, 14, 21	Dec	05, 12, 19				

### LAAC: Auckland to Christchurch (14 DAYS)

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2025		2026		2027	
Oct 14	, 28	Apr	21	Jan	05, 12, 19, 26
Nov 11		May	26	Feb	02, 09, 16, 23
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Mar 03	3, 10, 17, 24				

### Dining (LABC)

16 Breakfasts B 7 Dinners D

### Flight Information (LABC)

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### Welcome to Auckland

Kaikōura

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 fellow travellers for drinks and dinner.

Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity, 2 nights. 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 Maori culture at Te Pā Tū Māori Experience. Enjoy traditional stories and performance followed by a seasonal three-course dinner. **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 Taupo. 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 Weta 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** 

### 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

### 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** 

### 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

### 1 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

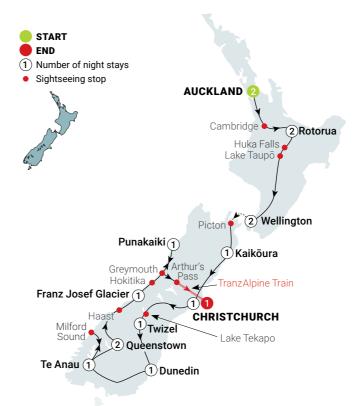
Explore the small but lively Franz Josef/Waiau village before venturing to Hokitika, home of New Zealand's native jade greenstone. Then steel yourself for the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes of Punakaiki, a sliver of South Island geology that is as humbling as it is awe-inspiring. After a spectacular day,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

### 6 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 Weta Workshop. We've got you sorted for lunch at legendary Monteith's Brewery. Then all aboard for 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 holiday? 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  $T\bar{u}$
- 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 Farnslaw 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
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Visit 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**

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### **Dining**

16 Breakfasts B 1 Lunch L

11 Dinners D

### **Flight Information**

Day 1: Flights to arrive by 4.00pm into Auckland Airport
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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.

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# New Zealand Magic Dark Sky Reserve, Lake Tekapo

### 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 travellers for 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 centre 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 flavour-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 a wildlife centre; 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/Piopiotahi 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 dolphins - they're a common sight here. Journey back through Fiordland National Park, 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 - Omarama

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

### Omarama - 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 centre 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

### Wellington - Rotorua

This evening, explore Te Puia's geothermal valley, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a dinner of hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved

meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. Hotel: Ibis Rotorua, 2 nights. B D

### 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

### 4 Auckland - Bay of Islands

Guests depart this morning in Auckland (Code: LCCA). 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 Bay of Islands, 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 Whangarei 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







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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
- · Relish a gourmet BBQ dinner and farm show at Walter Peak High Country Farm
- · Cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak on TSS Farnslaw Steamship
- Embark on a cruise in Milford Sound to 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
- See Kaikōura Beach to search for marine wildlife
- Cruise the Cook Strait from Picton to Wellington
- 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
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua
- Visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, home of New Zealand's founding document, with a local guide

### **Departure Dates**

### LCBA: Christchurch to Auckland (17 DAYS)

2025-26 Season	2026-27 Season				
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### Flight Information (LCBA)

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### 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 harbourside precincts, where galleries and design-driven stores await. You'll have worked up an appetite by the time you meet your 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 Maori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate, you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. **Hotel: Millennium. B D** 

### Ackland - 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, 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** 

### 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 purposebuilt 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

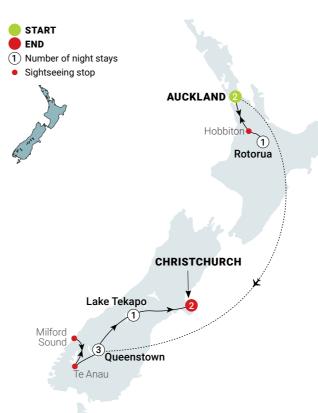
### 9 Christchurch Sightseeing

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 travelled hundreds of kilometres 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** 







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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 Maori 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

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### **Dining**

9 Breakfasts B 5 Dinners D 2 Lunches B

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### 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. 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. Plus, 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 Highlight 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 to 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 (both optional). You are in the adventure capital of New Zealand, after all. B

### 4 Oueenstown - 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 Maori 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 Maori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes hangi-inspired cuisine and 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. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate, you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. B D

### 6 Rotorua - Auckland

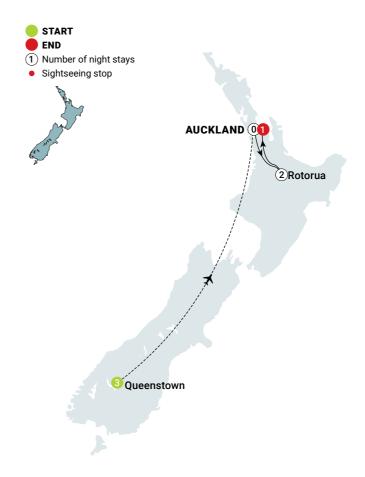
Set your GPS for the Waitomo Caves. While cruising cavernous waterways, your route is cast in a magical light by thousands of glowworms. The next thing that glows on your horizon is Auckland. This evening, share the stories of your New Zealand Panorama tour at a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director 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** 









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- 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
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- Embark on a guided tour of the enchanting Waitomo Caves, where you'll descend into a world of swirling rivers and magical glowworms

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### Dining

6 Breakfasts B 3 Dinners D

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### 1 Welcome to Christchurch

You don't have to arrive in Christchurch early, but we recommend you do – this city has some of New Zealand's most innovative architecture, not to mention its restaurants and bars. Tonight, it's time to meet your Travel Director and travelling companions. **Hotel Ibis Christchurch.** 

### 2 Christchurch - Omarama

Onboard your city sights tour discover Christchurch's innovative Cardboard Cathedral and serene Botanic Gardens, showcasing global plant collections and tranquil riverside views. Leaving the Garden city behind, visit Geraldine, renowned for local cheeses and treats at Barkers Store. Travel along the East Coast through the Waitaki Valley's winding rivers, rolling farmlands, and snow-capped mountains framing Lake Benmore. Conclude your day in Omarama, a quintessential country town. Hotel: Distinction Heritage Gateway. B D

### 3 Omarama - 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 flax mill's role in the local economy during this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Then continue to charming Riverton and onward to serene Te Anau, gateway to Fiordland National Park and the South Island's largest lake. **Hotel: Distinction Luxmore, 2 nights. B D** 

### Milford Sound/Piopiotahi 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. The New Zealand alpine parrot, the Kea are a common sight. **B** 

### 6 Te Anau - Queenstown

Get a taste of good old fashioned southern hospitality as you meet a 'Southern Girl' local farmer. The Real Country Farm Show, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, 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. Visit the historic gold rush village of Arrowtown, where you can wander the movie-set-like streets, lined with trees and character-filled boutiques, then continue to Queenstown. Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Queenstown, 2 nights. B

### Oueenstown Free Time

You have time today to appreciate Queenstown and its surrounds. Enjoy an included 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. Wine aficionado? Sip your way through surrounding vineyards. There's also the option of an afternoon cruise on Lake Wakatipu aboard the historic TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a gourmet barbecue dinner (both own expense). **B** L

### Oueenstown - Christchurch

Visit the Jones Family fruit stall for fresh local stone fruit and then travel over the breathtaking alpine crossing of The Lindis Pass between Otago and the Mackenzie Basin, offering panoramic views of rugged mountain peaks, Mount Cook among them. See the turquoise waters of Lake Tekapo, it's quite the backdrop for the stone-hewn Church of the Good Shepherd. Continue through the aptly named Canterbury Plains to the Garden city of Christchurch, enjoy a city tour of the major landmarks. Hotel: Ibis Christchurch, B

### Ohristchurch - Punakaiki

All aboard the scenic TranzAlpine train bound for Arthur's Pass, through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river valleys. 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

After action-packed days, all you need to do today is sit back and enjoy the drama of the Heritage Highway en route to Nelson. Gaze over Buller Gorge and Kahurangi National Park, a place of wild rivers, high plateaus, alpine herbfields and coastal forests. **Hotel: Rutherford, 2 nights. B** 

### Nelson

The South Island's oldest city, Nelson is also one of the sunniest. Explore nearby Tahunanui Beach, or you may choose to head further afield to the world-famous Abel Tasman National Park. This pocket in the north of the island is a beguiling union of golden beaches framed by sculpted granite cliffs.  ${\bf B}$ 

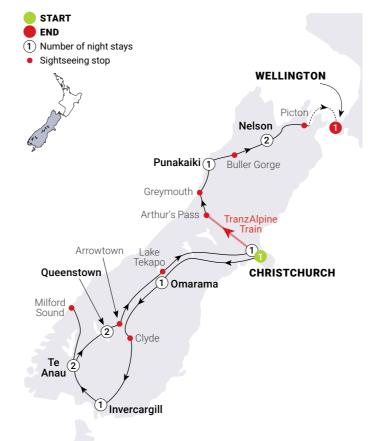
### 12 Nelson - Wellington

All aboard for a cruise through Queen Charlotte Sound, up the Tory Channel and across Cook Strait, from the South Island to the North, navigating a maze of arms and inlets into New Zealand's cool little capital of Wellington. **Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor. B** 

### 13 Farewell from Wellington

Wellington is known for its uber-cool cafés, so grab a coffee before you head out on your city sights tour. After the tour, bid farewell to your NZ crew. You may wish to depart directly, or if you have time, linger in town, discovering Māori culture at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand (entrance fee applies) **B** 







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- · See Franz Josef Glacier from a panoramic viewpoint
- Visit Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks from a scenic viewpoint and stay in an Eco Resort located right on the beach at Punakaiki
- Visit Nelson, gateway to Abel Tasman National Park
- Cruise the Cook Strait from Picton to Wellington
- Experience one of the world's great train journeys aboard the TranzAlpine through the Southern Alps
- · Sample Queenstown's world-famous Fergburger
- View the Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo

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### Dining

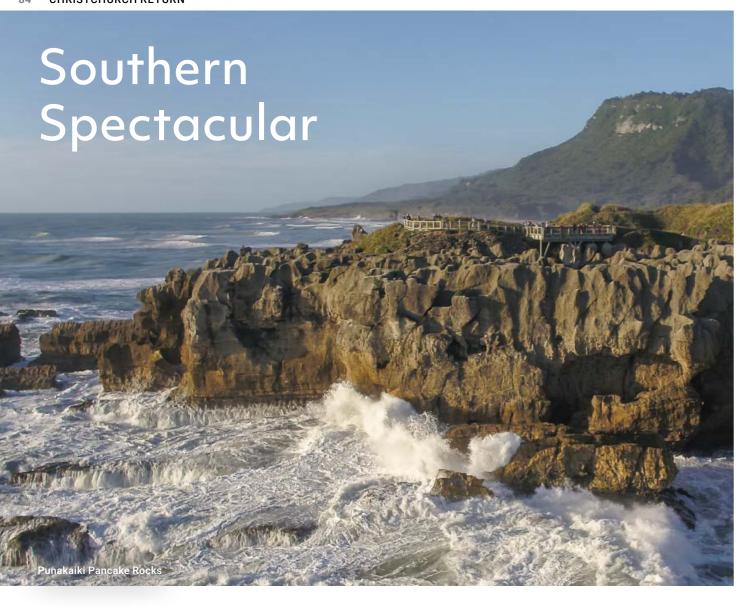
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### Flight Information

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Day 13: Flights to depart after 2.00pm from Wellington Airport

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### 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 guite as pretty as Lake Tekapo, on its banks the stone-hewn Church of the Good Shepherd. Hotel: Distinction Twizel. B D

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 holiday 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** 

### 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 flavour 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

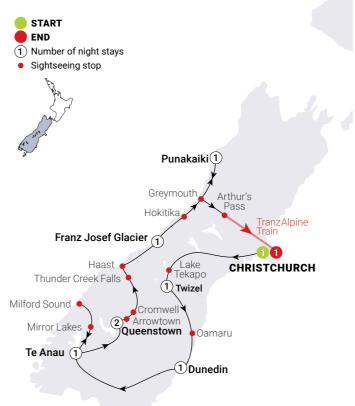
### 9 Punakaiki - Christchurch

Join us at 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 Weta 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  ${\bf L}$   ${\bf D}$ 

### 10 Farewell from Christchurch

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







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### **Included Highlights**

- 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
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### 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 travelling companions for drinks. **Hotel: Ibis Christchurch.** 

### 2 Christchurch - Omarama

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 Omarama - 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 centre designated as a historic precinct, featuring buildings from its gold mining past now transformed into cafes 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/Piopiotahi Day Trip

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### 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 Queenstown, 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 a wildlife centre. **B** 

### 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 flavour-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/Ka Roimata o Hine Hukatere. **Hotel: Scenic Franz Josef Glacier. B D** 

### 8 Franz Josef/Waiau - Christchurch

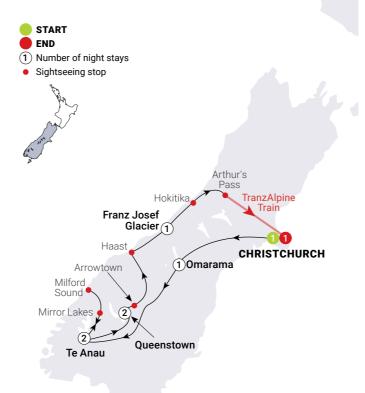
Swap snow for pounamu (native greenstone or jade) in Hokitika. Just when you thought your adventure couldn't get any better, you'll aboard the TranzAlpine train bound for Christchurch, through tunnels and over viaducts with panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, icy rivers, beech forests, gorges and river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









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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 to admire towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and untouched fiord scenery
- 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
- 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

### **Departure Dates**

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### Dining

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### **Flight Information**

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch

Day 9: Flights to depart any time from Christchurch Airport

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### 1 Welcome to Auckland

Auckland is known as the 'City of Sails'. And you'll discover why when exploring its two harbours at your leisure. Pick a waterfront precinct and find a perch to while away the afternoon with a glass of robust red from Waiheke. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travelling companions tonight for a tour briefing and drinks. Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Auckland City Centre.

### 2 Auckland - Bay of Islands

Your journey north to Bay of Islands from Auckland is not short of drama – discover 140 droplets of land ringed by turquoise sea at the top of the country. It's undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical significance: this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, between Captain William Hobson and Māori Chiefs. Your local specialist, likely a descendant of one of the original signatories, will explain the significance of the site, while pointing out the world's largest ceremonial war canoe and a carved meeting house. Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands, 2 nights. B D

### 3 Bay of Islands Free Time

If there's a travel destination that inspires wanderlust, the Bay of Islands is it. And today, you can do just that. Venture 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. (all own expense). **B** 

### Bay of Islands - Auckland

Northern exposure is a thing today, when you journey toward the top of the country to visit Whangarei – NZ's northern-most city, and a place where waterfalls meet beaches, galleries meet museums. It's like the country in a tantalising snapshot – a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Explore at your leisure before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerising commute back to Auckland. Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Auckland City Centre. B

### 5 Auckland - Rotorua

There's no bad day in Auckland – today, yours starts with a city sights tour before you set your GPS for the Waikato River and Waitomo Caves.

This place is radiant – quite literally. While 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, and steam rushes skywards from cracks in the Earth. This evening, explore Te Puia's geothermal valley on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, and learn about Māori history and culture on this guided experience, which includes a dinner of hangi-inspired cuisine and a cultural performance in a finely carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. It ends on a high at the Pohutu Geyser, where, armed with a hot chocolate you'll view one of New Zealand's geothermal wonderlands. Hotel: Ibis Rotorua, 2 nights. B D

### 6 Rotorua Free Time

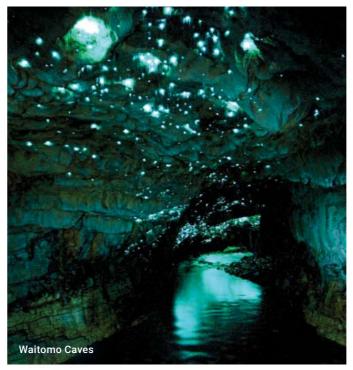
Explore at your own pace today, but with plenty of tips from your Travel Director. Want a bit of down time? We wouldn't blame you for simply blissing out at Wai Araki Hot Springs & Spa. Hobbit fans will want to take advantage of the opportunity to tour the sights featured in The Lord of the Rings movies at Hobbiton. These beautiful landscapes are not only a bucket list tour for Hobbit fans, but a gorgeous countryside getaway (all own expense). B

### Rotorua - Wellington

You'll hear Huka Falls well before you see it — at this natural wonder, a staggering 220,000 litres of water thunder over an 11-metre-high waterfall every second. The road ahead unfolds in a broad panorama of Lake Taupō, its waters so vivid and blue you'll think someone has taken the glasses off your nose and cleaned them for the first time. Traverse the Kapiti Coast to New Zealand's cool little capital, Wellington. Tonight, join your Travel Director for drinks to toast your adventure. Hotel: James Cook Grand Chancellor B

### 8 Farewell from Wellington

Wellington is known for its uber-cool cafés, so grab a coffee before you head out on your city sights tour. After the tour, bid farewell to your NZ crew. You may wish to depart directly, or if you have time, linger in town, discovering Māori culture at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand (entrance fee applies). **B** 











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 MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - Visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, home of New Zealand's founding document, with a local guide

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- Explore The Bay of Islands, a stunning coastal paradise with golden beaches, and lush, green islands dotted across the horizon
- Discover Whangarei, New Zealand's northernmost city, known for its vibrant arts scene and beautiful coastal landscapes
- Embark on a guided tour of Waitomo Caves and descend into a world of swirling rivers and magical glowworms
- A MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Te Pō Indigenous Experience at Te Puia
- Explore the Geothermal Wonders of Rotorua, where bubbling mud pools, and vibrant hot springs create a truly unique landscape
- Marvel at the powerful Huka Falls, where the Waikato River thunders over a dramatic cliff

### **Departure Dates**

### LABW: Auckland to Wellington (8 DAYS)

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### LWBA: Wellington to Auckland (8 DAYS)

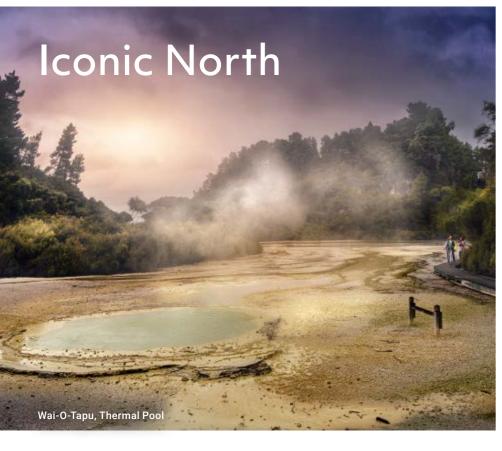
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Mar	04, 11, 18, 25		_		

### **Dining**

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### Flight Information (LABW)

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Auckland Airport
Day 8: Flights to depart after 2.00pm from Wellington Airport



### Welcome to Auckland

New Zealand's largest city is blessed when it comes to water views with its twin harbors. Explore the 'City of Sails' before meeting your fellow NZ holiday travel companions for dinner at The Grill. Hotel: Horizon by SkyCity, 2 nights. D

### 2 Auckland Sightseeing

Those sails on the harbour? 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 harbour 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 holiday. This afternoon, enjoy an exclusive Be My Guest experience at Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland, New Zealand's most colourful 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 Maori 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. Optional Rotorua tours include ziplining through forest canopy or relaxing at Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa. **B** 

### 5 Rotorua - Wellington

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### 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 Tane, 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





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- · 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
- · 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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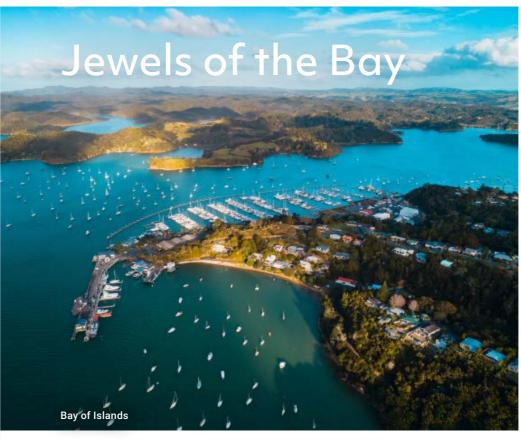
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Flights to depart anytime from Wellington Airport

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Flights to and from your tour are not included in



### Welcome to Auckland

Auckland never fails to turn on the charm, as you'll discover while exploring the city at your leisure before meeting your Travel Director and fellow adventure seekers for a welcome drink tonight. Hotel: Adina Apartment Britomart.

### 2 Auckland - Bay of Islands

Hit the road this morning for a scenic sojourn to the Bay of Islands. This pocket of the country deserves its name - there are more than 140 subtropical islets off the coast here, lined with blissful undeveloped and unpeopled beaches. It's undeniably beautiful, but it also holds a special historical significance; this is where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, between Cantain William Hobson and Māori chiefs officially denoting New Zealand as a member of the Commonwealth. Your guide at the Treaty Grounds, guite possibly a descendant of one of the original signatories, will explain the importance of the site, while pointing out the world's largest ceremonial war canoe and a carved meeting house. These are just some of the Māori artefacts that characterise this part of the north coast. Hotel: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands, 2 nights. B D

### 3 Bay of Islands Free Time

If there's a travel destination that inspires wanderlust, the Bay of Islands is it. Today, trip the light fantastic and head off on an optional experience in whatever direction you please. Perhaps, cruise through the Bay of Islands, glass of New Zealand wine in hand. Or maybe on a mini jaunt around the romantic town of Russell, the country's first permanent European settlement and seaport. Fun fact: the town's streets retain their original names and layout from 1843. Just ask your Travel Director for touring tips - and places to wine and dine in between. Wherever your NZ holiday takes you today, we recommend finding somewhere special to salute the end of the day - this part of the country is known for its for blazing sunsets. **B** 

### Bay of Islands - Auckland

If you've never heard of Whangarei, you're probably not alone. But today. New Zealand's most northerly city is well and truly on your radar. A place where waterfalls meet beaches, galleries meet museums, Whangarei is the country in a tantalizing snapshot - a union of nature and forward-thinking culture. Stroll the picturesque Town Basin - before sinking back into your seat for the mesmerizing commute back to Auckland. B







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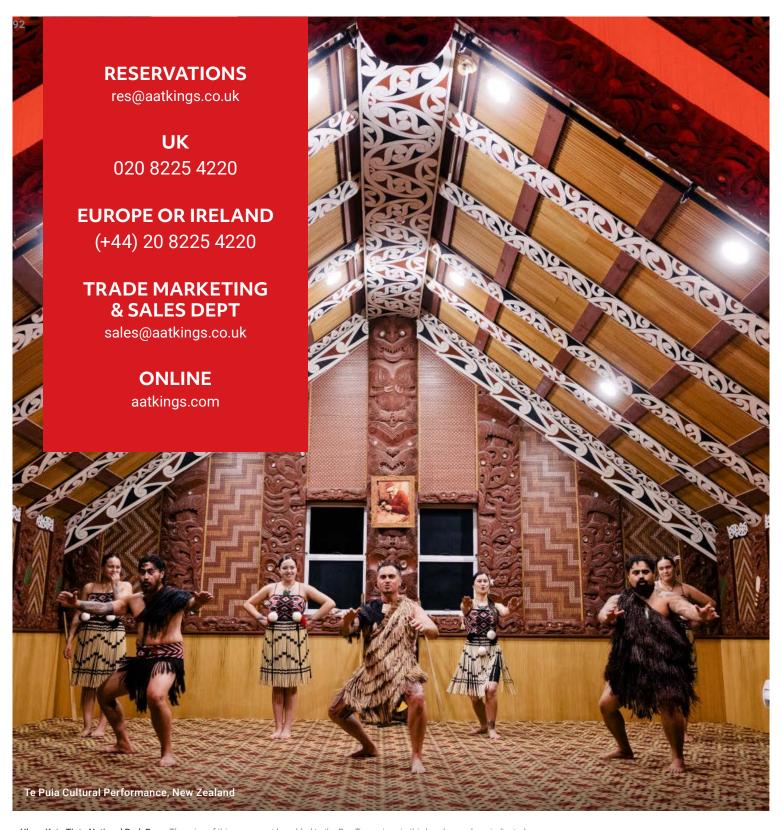
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