

# Itinerary at a Glance:

- 2 nights in Auckland
- 3 nights in Queenstown
- 2 nights in Dunedin
- 1 night in Fairlie
- 2 nights in Melbourne
- 3 nights in Cairns
- 3 nights in Sydney

# Tour Highlights:

- Picturesque Queenstown
- Milford Sound
- Farm Stay (Fairlie, NZ)
- Green island (Cairns)
- Sydney Opera House
- Harbour Bridge and bridge climb (Sydney)
- Australian Wildlife Park (Sydney)

# Inclusions:

- Round-trip international airfare from Los Angeles with Qantas airlines
- Airfare taxes, fees & fuel surcharges
- All intra-South Pacific flights, ground transportation and transfers
- Accommodations at deluxe and superior first-class hotels
- New Zealand Farm with Lunch (D)
- Full buffet American breakfast daily (B)
- A welcome dinner in Auckland (D)
- A farewell dinner in Sydney (D)
- Sightseeing tours including admission fees as indicated in itinerary
- English-speaking local guides



# **Featured Hotels:**

### AUCKLAND NEW ZEALAND



**CROWNE PLAZA AUCKLAND- Superior room** 128 Albert Street, Auckland, 1010, New Zealand

Click here to visit hotel website

## QUEENSTOWN - NEW ZEALAND



MILLENNIUM QUEENSTOWN 32 Frankton Road, Queenstown, 9300, New Zealand

Click here to visit hotel website

### **DUNEDIN - NEW ZEALAND**



**DISTINCTION CHRISTCHURCH Hotel** 14 Cathedral Square, Christchurch 8011

Click here to visit hotel website

#### MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA



**CLARION SUITES GATEWAY** 1 William Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000, Australia

Click here to visit hotel website



# CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA



**NOVOTEL OASIS RESORT** 122 Lake Street, Cairns, Queensland, 4870, Australia

Click here to visit hotel website

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



VIBE HOTEL SYDNEY 111 Goulburn Street Sydney NSW 2000

Click here to visit hotel website



# <u>Itinerary</u>

## Day 1 - Tu May 5, 2020 -- LOS ANGELES - SOUTH PACIFIC



## Depart USA.

Your fascinating "Down Under" discovery begins today as you board your award-winning Qantas Airways flight. you will depart on flight QF0016 departing at 11.20pm. Flight will make a connection to Brisbanne to reach Auckland (NZ)

# Day 2 - We May 6, 2020 - EN ROUTE TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC



**Enroute.** Cross the International Dateline and "lose" one day en route. You'll "regain" this day when flying from Australia back to the USA at the conclusion of your journey!

## Day 3 - Th May 7, 2020 - AUCKLAND, NZ



Afternoon arrival in the lively harbor city of Auckland on New Zealand's North Island with flight QF0119 arriving at 2pm. You'll be greeted at the airport and escorted to your upscale city-center hotel. Join your tour director for a **welcome drink and a brief orientation walk**. Accommodation at hotel

## Day 4 - Fr May 8, 2020 - AUCKLAND, NZ



On an included **guided tour of "The City of Sails"** drive via Parnell Village to Mission Bay, a delightful seaside suburb and journey along the picturesque waterfront. Travel to Bastion Point for spectacular city and harbor views. You'll also visit the Auckland Museum and learn about the native Maori culture as you view the fascinating exhibits and enjoy a colorful **Maori performance**. The afternoon is at leisure for independent

exploration. This evening your join your fellow travelers for an included **welcome dinner**. Accommodation at the hotel **(B,D)** 



### Day 5 - St May 9, 2020 - AUCKLAND/QUEENSTOWN, NZ



Today fly to Queenstown, a splendid lakeside resort town on New Zealand's stunning South Island, surrounded by the Southern Alps. This afternoon join your tour director for an **orientation walk** of this charming town. Your centrally located hotel is ideally situated near the shore of picturesque Lake Wakatipu. Accommodation in Queenstown **(B)** 

#### Day 6 - Sn May 10, 2020 - MILFORD SOUTH EXCURSION



Milford Sound Excursion. Today's excursion is reputed to be one of the most scenic in the world. Drive along Lake Wakatipu through dense forests and shimmering Lake Te Anau to **Fiordland National Park** and the Homer Tunnel en route to Milford Sound. Here you'll board an unforgettable cruise through towering fjords and majestic waterfalls. Return to Queenstown early this evening for accommodation. **(B)** 

#### Day 7 - Mn May 11, 2020 - QUEENSTOWN - DAY AT LEISURE



At your own pace, enjoy the many exciting activities charming Queenstown offers. You may also visit famous Walter Peak Sheep Station across Lake Wakatipu. we also recommend **queenstown by night** skyline with dinner optional tour. Accommodation at your hotel **(B)** 

#### Day 8 - Tu May 12, 2020 - QUEENSTOWN/ARROWTOWN/DUNEDIN



After breakfast depart Queenstown to nearby Arrowtown, a quaint former gold-mining postbuilt on a rich history. Take some time to admire the well-preserved buildings and walk through the leafy streets while you learn about its history. As you proceed on your journey, stunning countryside vistas unfold as you travel via the Kawarau Gorge to Dunedin, a vibrant town located at the top of the **Otago Peninsula** with an impressive architectural heritage and wealth of diverse attractions. Arrive at your centrally located

hotel. accommodation at your hotel (B)



#### Day 09 - We May 13, 2020 - DUNEDIN



This morning embark on an orientation tour of Dunedin. You'll also enjoy a **guided visit to Olveston House**, an impressive mansion built in the early 20th century, filled with art and period furniture and surrounded by a marvelous garden. In its center, Dunedin assumes the character of a city of Spires; towers, gables, of roofs bristling with turrets and of solid, gracious, generally stone buildings that earn for Dunedin the title of the most Victorian City of New Zealand. The balance of the day is at

leisure to explore at your own pace or join **an optional tour**. Accommodation at the hotel **(B)** 

#### Day 10 - Th May 14, 2020 - DUNEDIN/MT COOK REGION/FAIRLIE, NZ



After breakfast depart Dunedin and drive to the spectacular **Mount Cook region**, gateway to the imposing Southern Alps. Proceed to Fairlie, a thriving farming region in the heart of the sheep grazing pastures of the **Canterbury Plains**. You will spend the day on a working farm where you will visit the winter feed padlocks, a dog demonstration and sheep shearing along with time to meet and pet the animals. your hosts invite you for a **delicious home cooked lunch** and

conversation. This is certain to be one of the highlights of your trip! you will return to Christchurch for accommodation and dinner (B,L,D)

#### Day 11 - Fr May 15, 2020 - NEW ZEALAND - MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA



Following your breakfast, proceed to the airport and board a flight across the Tasman Sea to Australia. Arrive in Melbourne, the stately capital of the State of Victoria noted for its vibrant culture, spacious parks and beautiful gardens. Transfer to your hotel, ideally located in the heart of Melbourne. Accommodation at the hotel **(B)** 



#### Day 12 - St May 16, 2020 - MELBOURNE, AU



Buffet breakfast served at the hotel.

Depart the hotel by coach and commence a tour of the city for 3 hours. Melbourne is home to one of the world's most livable cities with its magnificent gardens, history, character and charm. A fascinating skyline with a mix of modern cutting-edge building designs, heritage architecture and trams criss-crossing

the city offering a leisurely way to appreciate the splendid streetscape. Melbourne has a strong cultural and intellectual heritage with a love of the arts as well as being Australia's sports capital and its venues are legendary.

We recommend an **optional excursion to Phillip Island**, the world's largest reserve of fairy penguins. Here, every evening at dusk, the Fairy Penguins come home from the sea to their burrows in the sand dunes. It is a nightly ritual that will enthrall you as you observe the "parade" from the elevated boardwalk. Accommodation at the hotel **(B)** 

# Day 13 - Sn May 17, 2020 - MELBOURNE/CAIRNS, AU



Today fly northward to tropical Cairns, gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Your centrally located hotel is close to the Esplanade and the ocean. Relax and enjoy your hotel's swimming pool! Accommodation at the hotel **(B)** 

## Day 14 - Mn May 18, 2020 - CAIRNS, AU - GREEN ISLAND EXCURSION



Buffet breakfast served at the hotel. This morning a short walk from your hotel to the marina to board your **cruise to the Green Island**. The Great Adventure vessel departs for Green Island - a large coral cay surrounded by coral reefs and colorful marine life. Today's trip includes return air-conditioned fast

catamaran cruise, morning tea, choice of Glass Bottom Boat coral viewing tour OR use of snorkelling equipment, self-guided eco walk through the

rainforest and use of the island's swimming pool. Refreshments or lunch are available on the island at your own expense. Return to Cairns at approximately 1.00pm. Walk back to your hotel or enjoy a leisurely stroll along the Esplanade. Or if you would prefer to sign up for the **optional upgrade to the Outer Reef**. Accommodation at the hotel **(B)** 



#### Day 15 - Tu May 19, 2020 - CAIRNS AT LEISURE



A day at leisure. You may join an **optional tour** aboard a scenic skyrail to the **aboriginal village of Kuranda**. accommodation at the hotel **(B)** 

#### Day 16 - We MAY 20, 2020 - CAIRNS/SYDNEY



After Breakfast, depart the hotel on private coach transfer to the airport Catch the flight Cairns to Sydney. Transfer to the hotel in

Sydney for Accommodation (B)

#### Day 17 - Th May 21, 2020 - SYDNEY



After breakfast, Depart the hotel by private coach for a **tour** of the city.

Sydney is a thriving harbourside metropolis and Australia's best known city. It was the first site of European settlement on the Australian continent – one vastly different from today's cosmopolitan showcase. Travel to the world famous Bondi Beach and then through historic Paddington with its unique

terrace houses. Returning to the city pass through **Chinatown** and stop at Mrs. Macquarie's Chair and the **Royal Botanic Gardens** for spectacular views of the harbour and the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge. See the historic buildings of Governor Macquarie's time in Macquarie Street, Parliament House, **St. Mary's Cathedral** and the Queen Victoria Building then to the historic Rocks area where Sydney was first settled. In the evening, you could do the **Sunset dinner cruise optional tour**. Accommodation at the hotel **(B)** 



#### Day 18 - Fr May 22, 2020 - SYDNEY - WALK UP BRIDGE



Today, you will do the big climb! Day at leisure or do the Climb The Climb of your life as an optional tour ! Yes, you can **climb the world famous Sydney Harbour Bridge**. Just register for the optional tour when you make the reservation of your trip. Rest of the day at leisure -**Farewell dinner at Nick's seafood restaurant** at Darling Harbour. Accommodation at the hotel **(B,D)** 

### Day 19 - ST, May 23, 2020 - SYDNEY, AU / USA



Today, bid farewell to "Down Under" and board your return flight. Cross the International Dateline and regain the day "lost" in the beginning of the trip. Your magical Australia tour packages end as you arrive in Los Angeles the same day. **(B)** 



# **Optional Tours**

Those optional tours will need to be pre-booked at the same time you are booking your main trip; you will need to provide your selection of optional tours/excursions at the time you are booking this trip with us.

# QUEENSTOWN - SKYLINE WITH DINNER TOUR

Around \$70 PER PERSON



You'll travel by gondola (cable car) to the top of Bob's Peak, overlooking Queenstown. Here, you'll indulge in a lavish buffet dinner at the Skyline Restaurant while savoring the wonderful views of the town, the lake and the surrounding mountains. Meeting point at

# QUEENSTOWN - WALTER PEAK FARM AND CRUISE

Around \$64 PER PERSON



Board the vintage steamship TSS Enslow for an afternoon cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Farm, where you'll enjoy afternoon tea, stroll around the beautiful lakeside gardens, and see farm animals and work demonstrations before steaming back to Queenstown later in the afternoon. Meeting point at the harbor in the city.

# DUNEDIN - OTAGO PENINSULA/LARNACH CASTLE/WILDLIFE CRUISE Around \$95 PER PERSON



Embark on a guided afternoon excursion to the scenic Otago Peninsula. From Dunedin, you'll take the spectacular "High Road," offering amazing views of both the Pacific Ocean and Otago Harbor. When you arrive at Larnach Castle, you'll travel back in time on a guided tour of New Zealand's only castle, built in 1871. Learn the scandalous and tragic history of the Castle and why William Larnach took his own life. See the magnificent carved ceilings, antigues and craftsmanship. You'll have an opportunity to

take photos of the Castle and gardens before continuing to Wellers Rock, where you'll embark on a one-hour wildlife cruise. Witness the diversity and abundance of wildlife on spectacular Taiaroa Head, the world's only mainland nesting place for the Northern Royal Albatross. The region is also home to fur seals, dolphins, sea lions, an array of rarely seen ocean birds and marine mammals in their natural environment. Following the cruise, you'll return to your Dunedin hotel late in the afternoon.



## MELBOURNE - EXCURSION TO PHILLIP ISLAND

#### Around \$120 PER PERSON



Depart your hotel this afternoon and travel to Phillip Island, which boasts the world's largest reserve of fairy penguins. Every evening at sunset, these fairy penguins come home from a long day of fishing at sea to their burrows in the sand dunes. It is a nightly ritual that will enthrall you as you observe this waddling "parade" of 13-inch-tall flightless birds from an elevated boardwalk. After this adorable penguin procession, you'll return to the hotel in the late evening.

## CAIRNS - MICHAELMAS CAY UPGRADE

## Around \$95 PER PERSON



Your smarTours program includes a cruise to Green Island. If you wish, you can upgrade to sail aboard a 32 metre luxury sailing catamaran to picturesque Michaelmas Cay for snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef. This magical reef sand island is home to an abundance of life, from seabirds, turtles and hundreds of species of reef fish. There is also plenty to do while staying dry! Explore the Cay and discover the island bird life or hop into the

semi-submersible and tour the underwater world with a Marine Biologist or just relax on the beach or decks of the luxury catamaran. A delicious hot and cold buffet lunch plus morning and afternoon tea are included. Lunch is included Departs the hotel at 7.45am Returns approximately 5.00pm

### CAIRNS -KURANDA AND SKYRAIL TRAVEL

#### Around \$140 PER PERSON



Kuranda & Skyrail Travel by coach to Rainforestation Nature Park set in a lush tropical environment where you will tour the world heritage rainforest in a 6 wheel drive amphibious army duck seeing fascinating plants and wildlife as you pass by. Learn about aboriginal culture with a traditional dance performance depicting animals, food gathering, and hunting. On the guided Dreamtime Walk you'll try your hand at boomerang throwing, and observe

spear throwing and didgeridoo playing. A short journey to Kuranda village and time to browse this quaint village with its shops, markets and art galleries. Board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway over pristine rainforest just metres above the Rainforest canopy stopping along the way to take a stroll or visit the CSIRO Interpretive Centre. The coach will return you to your hotel. Lunch is available in Kuranda at own expense.



#### **SYDNEY - SUNSET DINNER CRUISE**

#### Around \$80 PER PERSON



This early dinner cruise is a great way to finish your day as the views, food and wine set the perfect atmosphere. Enjoy a 3-course a la carte dinner (set entrée) served with local sparkling and still wine, beer and soft drinks. The beauty of the harbour and it's famous icons will dazzle you whilst you dine aboard one of Sydney's most prestigious cruise ships. A memorable experience! At the end of the cruise you will return to King Street Wharf,

# Darling Harbour.

#### SYDNEY WILDLIFE PARK

## Around \$ 70 PER PERSON

Around \$ 239 PER PERSON



Australian Wildlife Tour Travel across the Sydney Harbour Bridge then head west of the city to visit Featherdale Wildlife Park for a unique wildlife in a natural bush setting. You can enjoy free animal encounters with Australian native wildlife, hand feed kangaroos, wallabies or emu and enjoy a face-to-face encounter and take a photo with one of the friendly koalas. Learn about

wombats, cassowaries, crocodiles as you meander around one of Australia's largest private collections of native animals and bird life.

#### SYDNEY BRIDGE CLIMB



Climb The Climb of your life as an optional tour ! Yes, you can climb the world famous Sydney Harbour Bridge. With your Climb Leader as your guide, step by step you'll ascend the arches of the Bridge and enjoy the iconic views of Sydney. Throughout your Climb Leader will entertain you with stories about the history of the Bridge. Hear about its construction, to its opening in 1932, right through to its place in day to day local celebrations.

Reaching the summit, 134m above sea level, for an uninterrupted panorama of the city and surrounds. Whilst at the top, you'll soak up the world around you while your Climb Leader captures your photo. This is the ultimate Sydney experience.