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The Divine Down Under Discovery

A Bucket List Adventure to New Zealand and Australia



Crikey! If you've always wanted a complete tour of Down Under, with no red stone left uncovered, this is it. Doubling the fun with sightseeing in **Australia and New Zealand,** this exciting vacation covers New Zealand's North and South Islands as well as Australia's vibrant cities, golden beaches, and mystical Red Center. **From Rotorua's boiling mud pools to Waitomo's Glowworm Caves,** you'll kick off your tour with the hottest--and coolest--sights of New Zealand. Aptly named "The Remarkables," the South Island's mountain range sets the tone for the incredible sights you'll see throughout the **land of the kiwi--and the home of the kangaroo.** As you hop from **Melbourne to Uluru (Ayers Rock) to Cairns to Sydney,** you'll marvel at the architectural masterpieces of Australia's renowned cities, the natural wonders of **the Great Barrier Reef,** and a special highlight of this encompassing journey--a boomerang-throwing barbecue under the starlit Outback sky.

September 24, 2025 – October 15, 2025

DAY ONE & TWO: Travels - Wednesday, September 24 & Thursday, September 25

Depart from MSP and start your travels to Auckland, New Zealand. A day will be lost over the international dateline.



DAY THREE: Auckland - Friday, September 26

A Māori Welcome. Welcome to Aotearoa, Māori for **"land of the long white cloud."** Your room will be available for immediate check-in. *[D]*

DAY FOUR: Auckland - Saturday, September

The City of Sails. Start your day with a visit to **the All Blacks Experience** followed by **a sightseeing tour of Auckland**. Immerse yourself into the legacy, culture and people who have made the All Blacks rugby team an important part of the history of New Zealand. Hear about past and present legends of the game and enjoy hands-on interactions. You'll quickly understand how deeply this team and sport are intertwined with the heart and heritage of the country. Later see bustling Queen Street, the city's oldest park, Auckland Domain, and historic Parnell Village. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. [B]





DAY FIVE: Auckland & Rotorua - Sunday, September 28

Depart Auckland and travel through the green pastoral region of Waikato to the **Famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves.** Your visit to Waitomo Glowworm Caves starts with a guided tour through the limestone chambers and passages of the cavern. Next, discover an ancient world of 30 million years as you glide silently through the starry wonderland of the Glowworm Grotto. The glowworm (Arachnocampa Luminosa) is unique to New Zealand visiting the Waitomo Glowworm Caves an absolute must-do.



Continue over the **Mamaku Ranges** to Rotorua. Enjoy a **Hangi dinner** this evening. Journey back to a time of proud warriors and ancient **Māori** traditions. Tour the village and learn about Māori traditions and customs followed by a delicious Hangi dinner (roasted meats and vegetables cooked underground with hot stones). You'll be entertained by master storytellers and singers, and you might even be asked to **join in a Haka, the traditional war dance.** [*B*, *D*]

DAY SIX: Rotorua - Monday, September 29

Earthly Wonders. This morning, enjoy a special visit to the **National Kiwi Hatchery.** Only about 5% of all Kiwi birds hatched in the wild survive to adulthood making them endangered. At The National Kiwi Hatchery, you'll see conservation in action. You'll see each stage a kiwi chick goes through before being released into the national parks.

Then, visit the **Agrodome** to learn more about one of the country's major industriessheep! Continue to **Te Puia**, **Rotorua's most prominent thermal area**. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Options in Rotorua **include floatplane for flightseeing of this beautiful region**, join a New Zealand family for dinner in their home, or indulge yourself in the relaxing hot springs, sumptuous spa treatments, and massage therapies at the







DAY SEVEN: Mount Cook - Tuesday, September 30

Night Lights. Fly to Christchurch then travel south to magnificent **Mount Cook.** Discover unparalleled natural majesty as Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest peak, graces the Southern Alps with its breathtaking alpine grandeur. Mount Cook **offers some of the darkest skies in the world – perfect for viewing the southern night sky.** *[B, D]*





DAY EIGHT: Mount Cook, Queenstown - Wednesday, October

Alpine Adventures. Start the day with a visit to the **Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre** for unique insight into the history and culture of this region. Then, time to explore on your own. Continue to **Queenstown, the "Adventure Capital of the World".** Enhance your free time in Queenstown with one of the many spectacular scenic walks around the lake or perhaps an optional scenic flight that lands on nearby **Tasman Glacier.** *[B]*

DAY NINE: Queenstown, Excursion to Milford Sound -Thursday, October 2

Fjords, Forest & Falls. Today, travel into scenic **Fjordland National Park**. Boasting some of the most breathtaking scenery in the world, this region of New Zealand has been named as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and was famously described by author, Rudyard Kipling, as the **"eighth wonder of the world."** Cruise on the fiord with sheer rock walls rising thousands of feet from the water's great depths. Experience dense rainforest, towering mountains, glaciers, and waterfalls. Have your cameras ready for marine life such as playful dolphins, seals, and penguins. It will be a day to remember as you experience New Zealand's wild side at its absolute best! Late evening return to Queenstown. *[B, L]*







DAY TEN: Queenstown - Friday, October 3

Vineyards & Views. A full day at leisure for your own discoveries. Enjoy an optional visit to **a local vineyard**, or maybe take **a thrilling jet boat ride** on the Dart River. This evening, **take a scenic gondola ride to the top of Bob's Peak** where you'll enjoy a delicious dinner and breathtaking views of Queenstown, **Lake Wakatipu**, and the Remarkable Mountains. Make sure to have your camera ready for fantastic photo opportunities. *[B, D]*

DAY ELEVEN: Queenstown, Melbourne - Saturday, October 4

Onto Australia! Board your flight across the **Tasman Sea** to Melbourne. Enjoy three nights in the city often referred to as Australia's cultural capital. Melbourne is a blend of world-class restaurants, museums, shopping, and interesting hidden laneways. *[B]*



DAY TWELVE: Melbourne - Sunday, October 5

G'day Melbourne! Today's sightseeing tour includes landmarks such as **Parliament House and the Shrine of Remembrance,** a tribute to Australia's war heroes. Visit beautiful **Fitzroy Gardens,** then drive past the **Royal Botanic Gardens.** You'll soon discover the different architectural influences of this city as you see the **Victorian Arts Centre** and other buildings of significance. Following lunch at a local restaurant, travel to the top of the **Melbourne Skydeck.** The southern hemisphere's highest observation deck. The city comes to you when you take it all in from nearly 1,000 feet high. Enjoy views of Melbourne from the observation deck. You will be fascinated!

Tonight's optional excursion is a visit to see the world-famous **Penguin Parade on Phillip Island.** Experience the magic of little penguins returning home at sunset to one of the largest penguin colonies in Australia. Watch as these beloved fairy penguins waddle from the ocean to their burrows in the sand around you. You'll get up close and personal from the special Penguins Plus grandstand. [*B*, *L*]



DAY THIRTEEN: Melbourne - Monday, October 6

Cosmopolitan Cool. Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore this multicultural and cosmopolitan city. Maybe you will choose to take a trip out of town to sample award-winning wines in the **Yarra Valley** or drive along the spectacular **Great Ocean Road to see the "Twelve Apostles."** Maybe you'd prefer relaxing by the pool today.

This evening, enjoy your free time in Melbourne by dining at a local restaurant to immerse yourself in Melbourne's passionate food and wine scene, or walk along **Chapel and Brunswick Streets, famous for great shopping.** Maybe you would prefer to get tickets to a show at one of Melbourne's excellent theaters. *[B]*





DAY FOURTEEN: Melbourne, Alice Springs - Tuesday, October 7

Into the Outback. Today, fly to the Outback where sightseeing includes a visit to the **Royal Flying Doctor Service** and the **Old Telegraph Station**. The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) was established in 1928 to bring much needed medical care to the residents of the remote Outback. Learn the history of Reverend John Flynn, the founder, and hear the heroic tales of the birth and growth of the RFDS. Through the interactive displays you can experience what it's like to fly with an RFDS pilot and the issues they have faced from dirt runways, inadequate maps, and more.

Tonight, a unique **Outback Barbecue** features typical campfire fare and aweinspiring Outback ambiance. This fun filled evening of entertainment and outback cuisine is in store for you this evening. **Huddle around a cozy campfire, learn about bush damper cooking, enjoy music, local storytelling, and a boomerang demonstration.** Sink your teeth into a mouth-watering meal of prime Australian beef and wet your whistle with a cold drink. There's even time for some **stargazing the Southern Sky** to finish off this memorable evening. [*B*, *D*]

DAY FIFTEEN: Alice Springs, Uluru (Ayers Rock) - Wednesday, October 8

Rock Stars. Travel by coach to **Uluru.** Upon arrival, visit a popular lookout to enjoy views of the magnificent **Kata Tjuta (the Olgas)**, a geological spectacle of some 36 brilliant domes. There is time to take photos before visiting the **"Sunset Strip"** for a drink and to witness the changing hues of light painting the rock.

Experience a spectacular way to end the day at Uluru. **This fascinating icon stands 1,141 feet (348 meters) high**, however, most of its mass is below ground level. You'll be overwhelmed by its incredible size and presence. As the sun sinks over the horizon and the evening sky brings out the many shades of color for which Uluru is famous, you'll enjoy sparkling wine and nibbles and say goodbye to another wonderful day. *[B]*







DAY SIXTEEN: Uluru, Cairns - Thursday, October 9

Sunrise & Wheels Up. Your Outback adventure continues with free time this morning. Later, fly to Cairns, **"Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef," one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.** Before we fly out, you may wish to try the extraordinary experience of an optional **camel ride to watch the sunrise at Uluru.** For an even more amazing view of Uluru, perhaps take an optional **aircraft ride to see this scenic region.** *[B]*



DAY SEVENTEEN: Cairns, Excursion to the Outer Great Barrier Reef - Friday, October 10

Below the Surface. Prepare for the experience of a lifetime when you board a catamaran and cruise to the **Outer Great Barrier Reef**, **one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.** Explore this underwater world that is a brilliant coral and sea life. Return to Cairns late this afternoon.

The only living structure on Earth that can be seen from space, the Great Barrier Reef is a masterpiece of Mother Nature. Comprising of over 3,000 individual reefs and spanning over 135,135 miles (350,000 square kilometres), your day at the Reef will be one to remember. After your scenic catamaran cruise, the day is yours to explore the Reef how you like. Choose to snorkel amid a dazzling array of fish and coral, take a semi-submersible watercraft tour, attend an informative presentation by a marine biologist, or just relax and enjoy the serenity of your surroundings. Your evening is at leisure. [*B*, *L*]









DAY EIGHTEEN: Cairns - Saturday, October 11

Ticket to Paradise. A full day at leisure. Some options include a truly amazing experience to **Kuranda via the old scenic rail route.** See magnificent scenery from the comfort of a restored, historic mountain train. For the return journey, you may choose to take the **Skyrail Rainforest Cableway;** or maybe spend the day in the magical Daintree Rainforest thought to be the **planet's oldest surviving tropical rainforest.** *[B]*

DAY NINETEEN: Cairns, Sydney - Sunday, October 12

Koalas, Crocs & Roos, Oh My! This morning, enjoy a special visit to the Koala Gardens. See Australia's famous animals this morning with a visit to the Koala Gardens. See kangaroos, wombats, quokkas, wallabies, gliders and of course the famous salt-water crocodiles. You'll also have a chance to see koalas doing what they do best – eating, sleeping, and looking adorable. Before your visit ends, you'll have a photo taken with a koala – the perfect souvenir! Later, fly to **Sydney, Australia's largest city.** Sydney is home to first-class restaurants, grand shopping arcades, and top tourist attractions such as the **Sydney Opera House and the Taronga Zoo.** *[B]*

DAY TWENTY: Sydney - Monday, October 13

Sights & Bites. Explore one of the world's most beautiful cities. Visit the **Sydney Opera House** and travel to **Mrs Macquarie's Chair** in the city's botanic gardens for a great photo opportunity and sweeping views of the harbor, Opera House, and **Harbour Bridge**. Next, visit world-famous **Bondi beach** for an insider's tour of Bondi Surf Bathers' Life Saving Club with one of the lifesavers. Enjoy lunch at the historic North Bondi Returned Servicemen's Leagues Club. Learn about the history of this place and the courageous "Rats of Tobruk" that stopped the Nazis in North Africa during WWII. You'll enjoy delicious food while looking out at amazing waterfront views.

Afterward, **a cruise on Sydney Harbour** Highlights some of the city's best views. **The Sydney Opera House is one of the most well-known buildings in the world** and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The building was designed by Jorn Utzon, a Danish architect, and was finally completed in 1973, after sixteen years of construction, at a cost of over \$100 million dollars. You'll enjoy **a private guided tour** of the Opera House and see its interiors and theaters. Hear untold stories, be awed by the acoustics, and learn the history and future of this amazing hall beneath the sails. *[B, L]*













DAY TWENTY-ONE: Sydney - Tuesday, October 14

Spectacular Sydney!! Enjoy a full day at leisure for your own discoveries. You may choose to take an optional **excursion to the Blue Mountains** for a wilderness experience or to the **Hunter Valley**, one of Australia's leading wine-growing regions. You can even **climb to the top of Sydney's Harbour Bridge**. This evening, enjoy a special farewell dinner at a restaurant overlooking Sydney Harbour with our group. *[B,*

DJ DAY TWENTY-TWO: Travels Home - Wednesday, October 15

Your tour has come to end. Hope you had the best trip! See you next time. [B]



Your trip Down Under includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport transfers
- 20 Nights Accommodations
- 19 Breakfast Meals, 4 Lunches, 6 Dinners
- Excursions as outlined in itinerary
- All applicable taxes and gratuities
- Travel Protection included

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**Travel insurance included, unless you decline.

Deposit: \$2000 to reserve trip

Note: \$1800 of the deposit is fully refundable until the final payment

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