

# AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND: Land Down Under

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

**Day 1 & 2:** Depart for New Zealand.

**Day 3:** Arrive **Auckland New Zealand**. New Zealand has over 15,000 kilometers of beautiful and varied coastline, stunning rugged landscapes, gorgeous beaches, spectacular volcanic activity, a temperate climate and fascinating animal and plant life. Today visit Waitomo Caves and tour the **Glowworm Caves** with the magnificent limestone formations and the small glowing insect, the glowworm, no bigger than a mosquito. The tour travels along a long narrow passage to the Tomo, a deep limestone shaft and then through over 250 meters of stunning underground scenery. See the impressive cavern known as the Cathedral which has such amazing acoustics that many world renowned singers and choirs have performed here. Later transfer to Rotorua for a Maori cultural dinner and show.



**Day 4:** Today visit the Agrodome, a 160-hectare working sheep and cattle farm with 1200 sheep and 120 beef cattle. The Agrodome gives visitors a real hands-on, live experience of farming and a total interaction with commercially farmed animals such as sheep, goats, cattle, deer, alpacas and ostriches. Later enjoy the **Adventure Park's Activities**. Partake on your own the Zwoop, the Zoerb, Bungy, Jetboat and Freefall. Dinner included.

**Day 5:** Flight to **Sydney Australia**. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel and do some sightseeing on our own as a group.

**Day 6:** Full day guided city tour which includes visits to the **Rocks, Bondi Beach, Sydney Harbor Bridge, the Opera House and the Botanical Gardens**. Bondi Beach is part of a large moon shaped bay of white sands and breaking surfs. The Rocks is Sydney's oldest preserved colonial district nestled at the foot of Sydney Harbor Bridge. Today it is a vibrant pocket of cafes, restaurants and shops. Sydney Harbor is the jewel in the cities crown flanked by golden beaches and bushland bisected by one of the world's most famous bridges in the world, the Sydney Harbor Bridge. The bridge along with the Opera House is Sydney's pride and joy. Today you will tour the theatre. A short walk around the waters edge from the Opera House is one of the most breathtaking settings you will see anywhere. The Botanical Gardens are set on the side of an undulating piece of land and the Harbor views from up on the hill are superb. This afternoon enjoy a fabulous cruise of the Harbor.



**Day 7:** Travel to the **Blue Mountains**, declared a World Heritage Site in 2000. The region offers bush walking to browsing for antiques in tranquil townships, to enjoying native gardens and to adventuring through limestone caves. See the magnificent and rock formations known as the Three Sisters. Adjacent to the scenic railway is the Scenicender, the steepest aerial cable car in Oz. It will take you on a 545 meter ride into the World Heritage listed rainforest of the Jami-son Valley. Views are breathtaking! Later, dinner and overnight in Blue Mountains.

**Day 8:** Return to Sydney. Spend an afternoon at Bondi Beach or some shopping in this city with its wonderful climate and carefree lifestyle. Stroll Oxford Street and Paddington to see Sydney's funkiest and inspired young designers.

**Day 9:** Travel by train to the major coastal resort town nestled between Sydney and Brisbane on Australia's holiday coast where mountains meet the sea. **Coffs Harbour** offers 3 main beaches providing good conditions for surfers and swimmers as well as weekly markets providing shoppers with an opportunity to purchase handmade local handicrafts and a wide variety of fresh produce and delicious food. Remainder of day to enjoy the beaches and community. Dinner included tonight.



**Day 10:** Enjoy breakfast on the beach followed by a morning of **sea kayaking**. Catch the waves and get up close and personal to marine wildlife such as dolphins, manta rays, turtles, and schooling fish and in season migrating whales. Instructors are highly trained and experienced professionals utilizing fully surveyed and approved equipment and instruction techniques. This afternoon, board the train for **Brisbane**. In 1825, the site that is currently Brisbane was established as a harsh penal colony. Brisbane is regarded as Oz's most beautiful city.

**Day 11:** Transfer to **Steve Irwin's Australian Zoo**. This full day visit is an opportunity to see an abundant collection of koala bears, kangaroos, crocs, alligators, poisonous snakes and various other animals you don't get to see in the Americas such as the Wombat and the Tasmanian Devil. The zoo is dedicated to conservation and preservation of these animal species as well as a fun and exciting venue aimed at educating and entertaining the public. You will see many shows and demonstrations including croc feedings and snake handling. There is even a new kangaroo park where you get to walk about along with the roaming roos and wallabies. You can pet them and feed them with your own hands

**Day 12:** It's a free day to enjoy the beach. Head to the sandy beach to catch you last day of rays from the Southern Hemisphere. Make sure you wear lots of sun screen or your ride home tomorrow could be a long and painful one!

**Day 13:** Transfer to the airport for your flight home to North America.

## **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- Return airfare – Auckland, Return from Brisbane, Australia
- One way air Auckland – Sydney
- Rail / Bus transfer to Coffs Harbour
- Rail / Bus Journey to Brisbane
- All airport and train station transfers
- All coach transfers according to the itinerary
- 10 nights accommodation
- 10 breakfasts daily
- Guided City tour Sydney
- 4 dinners as shown
- Entrances / Activities / Tours
  - o Tour to Waitomo and Rotorua
  - o Entrance to Glowworm Caves
  - o Maori Cultural Dinner show
  - o Agrodome Sheep Show
  - o Entrance to Sydney Opera House for guided tour
  - o Harbour Cruise in Sydney
  - o Day tour to Blue Mountains
  - o Ride on the Scenicender
  - o Half Day Sea Kayaking

