

# 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 city's 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 Jamison 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:** Flight to **Cairns**, a great location to explore some of Australia's vast array of flora and fauna situated in the Northern end of Tropical Queensland Australia. It is a sunny garden city where The Great Barrier Reef meets the Wet Tropics Rainforest. No other place in the world offers such diversity so close to each other.



**Day 10:** Gather snorkel and swim gear for the fabulous **Great Barrier Reef**. The Great Barrier Reef stretches for more than 2300 kilometers and is the only living thing on earth that can be seen from outer space! Reefs form where temperatures don't fall below 18 degrees Celsius for long periods, so are usually found between 30 degrees north and south of the equator. Washed by the warm waters of the South-West Pacific Ocean, the perfect environment is created for the world's largest system of coral reefs. Spend the day snorkeling and cruising the Great Barrier Reef.

**Day 11:** The World Heritage Listed area known as the **Daintree Rainforest** is over one hundred and thirty-five million years old. Approximately 430 species of birds live among the trees, including 13 species that are found nowhere else in the world. This contains the highest number of plant and animal species that are rare, or threatened with extinction, anywhere in the world. Today visit the Rainforest. See the well known Estuarine Crocodile. There are quite a few to be seen on the safe boat crocodile cruise that you will take along the Daintree River and Cooper Creek

**Day 12:** Enjoy the city of Cairns. Head to the trendy shops or perhaps you prefer to find a sandy beach to catch rays from the Southern Hemisphere. Dinner included tonight.

**Day 13:** Today is a full day to organize a visit to another local destination.

**Day 14:** Alas, all great things must come to an end. Transfer home today.

## **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- Return airfare – New Zealand and return from Australia
- One way air Auckland – Sydney
- One way air Sydney - Cairns
- All airport transfers
- All coach transfers according to the itinerary
- 11 nights accommodation
- 11 breakfasts daily
- 4 dinners as shown
- Guided Sydney City Tour as per itinerary
- Entrances / Activities
  - 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 Full day cruising and snorkeling the Great Barrier Reef
  - o Full day to Cape Tribulation and Daintree Rainforest
  - o Crocodile Cruise on Daintree River

