
South Pacific Wonders



Departure: June 26, 2010

10 Days

16 Meals:

9 Breakfasts

2 Lunches

5 Dinners

Highlights...

Cairns • Great Barrier Reef
Melbourne • Phillip Island • Christchurch
Mount Cook National Park
Queenstown • Milford Sound

Day 1: Sydney – Cairns – July 3, 2010

Your tour begins with a morning flight to Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Upon arrival, visit the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Center. You will see traditional Aboriginal dances, learn about the Aboriginal lifestyle, and even throw a boomerang or play a didgeridoo, a traditional instrument. Browse the renowned art gallery and visit the interpretation center, which houses a collection of interesting artifacts. This afternoon a great experience awaits as you search for crocodiles in their natural habitat during a visit to Hartley's Croc Farm! While visiting you also have the chance to meet some of the local koalas and kangaroos! Then enjoy an exciting cruise in the lagoon looking for crocodiles before enjoying a delicious Aussie barbecue. (D)

Day 2: Great Barrier Reef

Board a high-speed catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. This is an immense series of 2,800 coral reefs which are home to amazingly diverse marine life. From your base on Green Island, you are able to explore the reef in many ways. Enjoy a glass bottom boat ride*, a stroll on the walking trail to take in the rain forest, relax on the beaches, or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. For a more adventurous encounter with the reef, optional scuba diving, snorkeling, and an outer reef tour are also available*. Whichever way you choose, you will see some of the world's most fascinating marine and plant life. (B, L)

Day 3: Cairns – Melbourne

Fly to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne, set around the shores of Port Phillip Bay and boasting a lively and cosmopolitan pulse. (B, D)

Day 4: Melbourne

Today you embark on a tour of Melbourne featuring Fitzroy Gardens, the Shrine of Remembrance and the Parliament House. Later, travel to Phillip Island, a nature reserve and home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins. The Little Penguin is protected on Phillip Island and a staff of rangers works diligently to study and protect them. A

highlight is sure to be the adorable Little Penguin Parade during which hundreds of lovable birds waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their burrows in the dunes. You will also visit the interpretation center where you will learn about the life of the Little Penguins and their significance to the area. Dinner is included on Phillip Island. (B, D)

Day 5: Melbourne - Christchurch, NZ

You leave Australia behind and travel to New Zealand. Journey through the rolling Canterbury hillside arriving into Christchurch, located on the Avon River, this charming city is considered "the most English city outside of England." (B)

Day 6: Christchurch

A sightseeing tour highlights magnificent gardens, the Neo-Gothic Cathedral and the downtown park district. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure. This evening you are invited to dine and make friends with a New Zealand family in their home. **This is sure to be an unforgettable evening during which you will learn about the customs of the "Kiwi's" and enjoy a home cooked meal.** (B, D)

Day 7: Christchurch – Mt. Cook - Queenstown

Traverse the spectacular countryside to New Zealand's most famous national park, Mt. Cook. En route, enjoy a stop at a local fruit stand to gain an inside look at the produce of New Zealand. Mt. Cook is one of the most impressive mountains in the world. You may choose to view the massive glaciers and extensive snow-covered mountain top terrain on an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting), or perhaps enjoy the park during a nature walk. (B)

Day 8: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown

Today you will travel through beech forest into the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley via the Homer Tunnel to Milford Sound. **Enjoy a cruise on the spectacular fjord of Milford Sound, experiencing breathtaking vistas at every turn.** Following your cruise, you will return to Queenstown. You may opt to return via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of the Southern Alps. (B, L)

Day 9: Queenstown

Your day is at leisure. You may choose from several options to enhance your vacation. Shop in the charming village, relax and visit with new friends, or enjoy an optional 'Safari of the Rings' tour that takes you deep into the majestic landscape of the Lord of the Rings movies. Enjoy your farewell dinner at the Skyline Restaurant where you will enjoy spectacular views overlooking Queenstown, the Remarkable Mountains, and Lake Wakatipu. (B, D)

Day 10: Queenstown – Depart for home

(B)

Your Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1, 2	Pacific International Hotel, Cairns Northern Beaches
Day 3, 4	Grand Mercure The Swanston Hotel, Melbourne, Australia
Day 5, 6	Chateau on the Park Hotel, Christchurch, New Zealand
Day 7 - 9	Mercure Resort Hotel, Queenstown, New Zealand

On some dates alternate hotels may be used

Please Note:

Due to changes in air schedules while on tour, the order of days in the itinerary may change.

The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your vacation. These flights need to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Internal flights are included with the air portion of your vacation if you purchase air through Collette Vacations.

Previous clients have indicated that a small gift from your area is appropriate and appreciated the night of your home hosted dinner in New Zealand

Due to early arrival times in some cities, rooms may not always be ready for immediate check-in.

Taxes/fees to be paid in local currencies upon exiting New Zealand are approximately \$30 NZD (approx. \$20 USD).

*If you purchase the outer reef option in the Great Barrier Reef, the glass bottom boat ride will be replaced by a semi-submersible boat on the outer reef pontoon.

Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed with the exception of visits to wildlife parks.

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