

Highlights of Australia & New Zealand

22 Day Guided Holiday | Melbourne to Christchurch | IMZB



The Tour

A perfect mix of modern cities and ancient landscapes characterises this epic journey across two nations. The Great Barrier Reef and breathtaking Milford Sound complement a world of ancient Aboriginal tradition in Australia's Red Centre and vivid Māori culture in Rotorua. From tropical Cairns to the towering mountain peaks of the land of The Long White Cloud, you'll be amazed at every turn.

Choose This Trip If You'd Love To:

- Enjoy an exclusive, local outback dinner under the stars
- Journey on the TranzAlpine through the Southern Alps
- Take a private tour of the Sydney Opera House
- Walk through the spectacular Field of Light at Uluru

Highlights

Local Connection

Join a local family for a 'Be My Guest' morning tea and hear tales of the amazing world record-setting motorcycle designed in their garage.

Insider Knowledge

Explore the vibrant, cosmopolitan streets of Melbourne, gaining an indepth perspective on iconic sights and hidden gems.

Cultural Immersion

Visit a traditional Māori marae at Tamaki Māori Village, and enjoy a concert and an authentic earthen 'hangi' dinner.

Sustainable Footprints

Your contribution to National Parks and Wildlife protects Australia's wilderness, including Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.



Itinerary

Day 1 Welcome to Melbourne

Meet your Travel Director this evening at a Welcome Reception and dinner.

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Hotel Melbourne, 3 nights

Included Meals: Dinner with wine

Day 2 Melbourne

Explore Melbourne on a city sights tour this morning, then discover its gracious arcades, eclectic laneways and vibrant street art on a private walking tour.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 3 Melbourne Free Time

Today is free to further explore Melbourne.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 4 Melbourne – Alice Springs

Fly to Alice Springs and visit the School of the Air and the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Join the Falzon family for a home-cooked Be My Guest gourmet barbecue dinner.

Hotel: Mercure Alice Springs Resort

Included Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest Dinner

Day 5 Alice Springs – Uluru

Travel through the West MacDonnell Ranges to Uluru. Sparkling wine is served as you watch the sun set over the world's largest monolith.

Hotel: Desert Gardens Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 6 Uluru & Kata Tjuta

Witness the magical Uluru sunrise, then tour the caves at the base of Uluru. Later, travel over red desert plains to Kata Tjuta, and take a walk through the towering domes of this majestic rock formation. Share a drink with your traveling companions over another glorious sunset.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 7 Uluru - Cairns

Depart the resort in total darkness for the short drive to Bruce Munro's renowned Field of Light. Later, join an Indigenous artist for a fun introduction to Western Desert Art. In the afternoon, fly to Cairns.

Hotel: Shangri-La Hotel, The Marina, Cairns, 3 nights

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 8 Cairns Free Time

Today is free time for you in tropical Cairns

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 9 Great Barrier Reef

Board a high-speed catamaran and cruise to the iconic Great Barrier Reef. You can go snorkeling (equipment provided), or view the coral and tropical fish from the underwater observatory and semi-submersible craft. Enjoy a tropical buffet lunch on board before you return to Cairns. Dine tonight at a restaurant on the waterfront.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with wine

Day 10 Cairns - Sydney

This afternoon you'll fly to Sydney for an evening at leisure.

Hotel: Intercontinental Hotel Sydney, 3 nights

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 11 Sydney

Join a local guide for a tour of the Sydney Opera House before visiting legendary Bondi Beach. Prime your sea legs next as you board a Captain Cook Lunch Cruise.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 12 Sydney Free Time

Enjoy a free day to explore Sydney. Celebrate your last evening in Sydney with your Travel Director at a restaurant right on the waterfront.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine

Day 13 Sydney - Auckland

Fly across the Tasman Sea this morning to the island nation of New Zealand, and meet your Travel Director for dinner at your hotel.

Hotel: Stamford Plaza Auckland, 2 nights
Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine

Day 14 Auckland

A morning city sightseeing tour is followed by free time to relax or explore Auckland.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 15 Auckland - Rotorua

Discover native flora and fauna at Rainbow Springs Nature Park. This evening, enjoy a traditional Māori Hangi Highlight Dinner and a concert at the Tamaki Māori Village.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel, Rotorua
Included Meals: Breakfast, Highlight Dinner

Day 16 Rotorua - Queenstown

There's time this morning to consider an optional experience before boarding your flight to Queenstown.

Hotel: Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, 3 nights
Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 17 Milford Sound

Drive through Fiordland National Park to Milford Sound. Cruise among sheer cliffs, massive waterfalls, glaciers and rainforest before you return to Queenstown in the late afternoon.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 18 Queenstown Free Time

Relax and explore in Queenstown today. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a Highlight Dinner at The Boatshed.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Highlight Dinner

Day 19 Queenstown – Franz Josef

Visit the historic gold-mining village of Arrowtown before indulging in delicious stone fruit at Cromwell and then journey over the Haast Pass and along the coastal road to Franz Josef Glacier

Hotel: Te Waonui Forest Retreat
Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 20 Franz Josef – Christchurch

Stop at Hokitika for a demonstration by a master jade carver. Take an unforgettable journey through the spectacular Southern Alps to Christchurch on the legendary TranzAlpine train.

Hotel: Distinction Christchurch Hotel, 2 nights

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 21 Christchurch

Meet Isabelle and Tim Weston for a By My Guest morning tea at their home, Britten Stables. Formerly horse stables, the couple restored the property and transformed it into the exquisite home it is today. Spend the last evening with your Travel Director at a Farewell Dinner.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest morning tea, Farewell Dinner

Day 22 Farewell from Christchurch

Say farewell when your vacation comes to an end this morning after breakfast.

Included Meals: Breakfast