



New Zealand and Australia Sampler

Discover the best of what both New Zealand and Australia have to offer. Bare witness to ancient natural wonders in New Zealand as you journey through this modern-day middle earth. Then, head Down Under and tour Australia's iconic sights and energetic cities. Stay active while enjoying a variety of authentic and adventurous activities mixed with ample relaxation, all while retreating to the comfort and hospitality of some of the most luxurious accommodations as you Discover New Zealand and Australia.



Day By Day

Day 1 – USA to Auckland

Today you will begin your customized itinerary.

Day 2 – Cross the International Date Line

Cross the International Date Line, an imaginary line on the surface of the Earth that runs from the North to the South Pole - and defines one calendar day from the next. Crossing the International Date Line adds one day (24 hours) traveling west, and subtracts one day (24 hours) traveling east.

Day 3 – Welcome to Auckland, New Zealand

On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation.

Auckland, 'City of Sails', located between two stunning harbors, enjoys a mild year-round climate Auckland is the country's most visited region and largest urban area, offering exciting activities and great shopping.

The city lies across a 7-mile wide volcanic isthmus separating two harbors. The Waitemata to the east opens into the Hauraki Gulf, and to the Pacific Ocean. The Manukau Harbour to the west offers many estuaries and surf beaches and opens to the Tasman Sea.

Day 4 – Auckland to Rotorua via Waitomo Caves

Depart Auckland on board the Great Sight's motor coach for your ride south to Hamilton.

Travel through the rich Waikato area, famous for its dairy farms, kiwi fruit orchards, thoroughbred horses...and the Waitomo Caves! You will enter subterranean limestone caverns to view the Glow Worm Grotto. Surely one of the wonders of the world. Then you'll continue over the bush clad Mamaku Ranges to Rotorua.

Day 5 – Cultural Touring and Hangi Concert

Depart from your Rotorua city accommodation for this small group tour of Rotorua's most natural and popular geothermal parks - Wai O Tapu and Waimangu Volcanic Valley. The two parks offer a variety of thermal activity; at Wai-o-tapu the colourful hot springs are the key features along with the famous Lady Know geyser. At Waimangu Volcanic valley the guide will explain the Mt Tarawera eruption which blew open this now spectacular, bush covered, geothermal park. The local naturalist guide will explain the volcanic processes of Rotorua and New Zealand, while you have the opportunity to view the volcanoes, geysers, New Zealand's largest boiling mud pool, and hot springs.

Gain an appreciation of New Zealand's Maori culture with visits to settlement sites and living villages. Learn about Maori customs, traditions, history and protocols new and old, with a guided visit to Te Puia, Rotorua's premier cultural centre. In the evening, experience the warmth of the Maori people during an evening of ceremonial rituals, powerful cultural performance, storytelling & hangi feasting.

Share in the Powhiri - an ancient ceremony of welcome before you are invited into the Pre-European Maori village nestled within the native Tawa forest. Enter the living village, as it comes alive with the sights, sounds and activity of days gone by, including facial tattooing, weaving, carving and demonstrations on how food was cooked and preserved many years ago. See, touch, take time and talk to the people as you wander through the village - you may even be invited to take part in stick games and warrior training. Witness the earth being scraped carefully away from the hangi pit by your selected Chiefs, to reveal baskets laden with your sumptuous feast, which has been cooked beneath the ground on hot stones.

At the heart of the Village, enter the ancestral Meeting House, and relax as the family entertain you with a powerful Cultural performance, including action songs, poi, stick games and the famous 'haka' - Maori War Dance.

Day 6 – Rotorua to Queenstown (Via Christchurch)

You will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Queenstown. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Nestled beside the deep blue waters of Lake Wakatipu, at the foot of the Remarkables Mountain Range, Queenstown is a year round resort, where you can be as active as you want, or just leisurely enjoy the magnificent scenery.

Day 7 – Milford Sound Tour

An early start as you leave your hotel and coach through some of the most beautiful countryside in New Zealand. On arrival at Milford Sound, board the vessel for a leisurely cruise along the sound to the Tasman Sea. The vessel stops at various points and plenty of time is available to view waterfalls, rainforests, mountains and seals. You may even see dolphins frolic alongside the boat. A buffet lunch is included during the cruise.

Day 8 – Dart River Jet Boating

Transfer from Queenstown by coach to Glenorchy and the mouth of the Dart River. Here we board the 18 foot specially prepared jet boat and thread our way through a maze of channels between river flats in only inches of water. Snow capped mountains surround you as you view the World Heritage Grandeur, and waterfalls cascade into the lush bush clad valleys - a magical, untouched place.

Your guide shares his knowledge and explains all about the area, then pulls into a bank so that you may explore the area by foot. This optional 30-45 minute guided walk takes you into the native forests at an area called Paradise in the spectacular Rees valley. You will then be collected by the 4 x 4 coach to take you back to Glenorchy, before transferring back to Queenstown. Trip duration is 6 hours. Your tour today will include a souvenir picture pack, which is a mini album from your day.

Day 9 – Coach from Queenstown to Christchurch

Travel from Queenstown to Mount Cook via the Lindis Pass and then down the Southern Alps to the Canterbury Plains and Christchurch. Lunch is included en route.

Christchurch is the South Island's largest city, beautifully encapsulates the best of what New Zealand has to offer. This is a vibrant city of exciting festivals, art galleries, theaters and great shopping. Award-winning attractions are available within the city and the surrounding countryside. Find out what variety really means; explore our unspoiled corner of the globe, where wilderness, adventure and sophisticated urban living can be found in perfect balance.

Day 10 – Akaroa Tour

On this amazing tour, visit the extinct volcanoes of Banks Peninsula and view the beautiful harbors & green farmland. Make photo stops at scenic places and enjoy morning & afternoon teas and a cheese tasting at the Barry's Bay Cheese Factory. Once at Akaroa, included in your tour is a nature and harbor cruise on the Canterbury Cat. This cruise explores the volcanic harbor and sightings may be made of the world's smallest dolphin - the Hector's Dolphin, NZ Fur Seals and numerous seabirds.

If time allows, stroll through the village and along the waterfront, taking in the quaint French charm which is unique to Akaroa. Lunch is included today, and the return to Christchurch is around 5.30pm.

Day 11 – Christchurch to Sydney

You will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Sydney. Upon arrival you will be met and taken to your hotel.

Sunny, sexy, sophisticated – Sydney basks as the shining star of the southern hemisphere. The stunning Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge are the pride and joy, but there's much more to offer.

Sydney's sparkling harbor is the jewel in the city's crown. It's flanked by golden beaches and bush land, and is bisected by one of the most famous bridges in the world. Islands sprinkle its waters, and it's crisscrossed by all manner of craft, from water taxis and yachts to tour boats and ferries.

Day 12 – Sydney City Tour

Travel over the Sydney Harbour Bridge, stopping at Milson's Point for a great photo opportunity of the Sydney Opera House. Visit Middle Harbour before a stop is made at Manly beach with time for afternoon tea (own expense). Travel Sydney's northern coast line and see beautiful white sandy beaches.

Day 13 – At leisure, Sydney

This day is at your leisure. Explore the surrounding area on your own or on one of our additional day excursions.

Day 14 – Sydney to USA

You will be transferred to the airport for your departure flights.

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