



Aussie Travel

presents

New Zealand & Australia



5th March to 4th April, 2007

31 DAY FULLY ESCORTED TOUR

Escorted by Maxine & Eugene Cherwonka



5 March
DEPART CANADA

Depart Edmonton, Calgary or Ottawa on Air Canada, before joining Air New Zealand in LA for your non-stop flight to Auckland.

6 March
EN ROUTE

Day lost over date line.

7 March
ARRIVE AUCKLAND

Arrive Auckland and transfer to your hotel by private coach.

This afternoon admission is included to the Sky Tower for extensive views of the city and surrounds. Following this you will enjoy some free time at your leisure.

Overnight: Sky City Hotel

8 March
AUCKLAND TO ROTORUA (B, L)

Journey to Waitomo Caves & Grotto, where you will enjoy a guided visit of the Glowworm Caves including a boat ride through the underground river system.

Continue south to Rotorua, the capital of Maori culture.

Overnight: Rydges Rotorua

9 March
ROTORUA (B, D)

This morning, commence a Rotorua Sightseeing & Orientation Tour. Visit the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve & Maori Arts & Crafts Centre for a guided tour of the Maori Pa (Village site) & the institute where young Maoris are taught the intricacies of traditional carving. Also, we will visit the Agridome.

Later you will be guests at a Maori Marae, where you will come face to face with their unique culture, experiencing the chilling wero (challenge) and hongi (welcome), before entering and gathering at the opening of the "hangi" (feast pit) to enjoy traditional Maori cuisine.

Overnight: Rydges Rotorua

10 March
ROTORUA TO TE ANAU (B)

This afternoon, fly from Rotorua to Queenstown, and transfer to Te Anau.

Overnight: Te Anau Villas

11 March
TE ANAU TO MILFORD SOUND (B, L)

Transfer by private coach to Milford Sound via Lake Te Anau & the beech forests & alpine scenery of the Fiordland National Park.

At Milford Sound board a launch for a cruise on Milford Sound out to the Tasman Sea. Milford Sound is a fiord, which was created during an ice age and knifes out to sea with native forests and sheer cliffs rising from the waterway to heights of several thousand feet.

On board the cruise a Buffet Lunch is served. After your cruise, commence your return transfer to Queenstown via Te Anau by private coach.

Overnight: Aurum Hotel

12 March
QUEENSTOWN (B)

Free day in Queenstown to enjoy one to the many sightseeing options available.

Overnight: Aurum Hotel

13 March
QUEENSTOWN TO CHRISTCHURCH (B)

Travel from Queenstown to Christchurch via Mount Cook by private coach. Follow the Kawarau River to Cromwell and travel over the Lindis Pass to Omarama. Enjoy magnificent views of the rugged Southern Alps and the surrounding glacial terrain.

At Mount Cook, you will have the opportunity to purchase an optional Scenic Ski Plane flights for flightseeing over Mount Cook & the Tasman Glacier.

Travelling on from Mount Cook, follow the Tasman River to the shores of Lake Pukaki before turning eastward to Lake Tekapo. Beyond the plains of the Mackenzie Country, the road rises over Burke's Pass before descending to the sheep country around Fairlie and Geraldine, then on to the city of Christchurch.

Overnight: Rydges Christchurch Hotel

14 March
CHRISTCHURCH (B)

This morning, discover why Christchurch is known as the 'Garden City' on your sightseeing tour. Travel via the Summit Road and enjoy spectacular views all the way to the Sign of the Takahē, an historic roadhouse. There are magnificent views of the Canterbury Plains, Southern Alps and the city of Christchurch.

Overnight: Rydges Christchurch Hotel

15 March
CHRISTCHURCH TO MELBOURNE (B)

Transfer to Christchurch International Airport and board our flight to Melbourne.

Transfer by private coach to your Hotel. This afternoon at leisure.

Overnight: Travelodge Southbank

16 March
MELBOURNE (B)

This morning we take a half-day sightseeing tour of Melbourne. Discover Melbourne's eclectic architecture and the Victorian Arts Centre. Continue through the fashionable Toorak Village and Fitzroy Gardens before inspecting *Cook's Cottage*.

In the afternoon enjoy an excursion to Phillip Island, just two hours from Melbourne, to see the home of the largest colony of fairy penguins in existence. This natural reserve provides a home for shy koalas, as well as seals, mutton birds, native pelicans, and gulls, all of which will be seen in their natural habitat. As dusk falls, you will enjoy the famous "penguin parade".

Overnight: Travelodge Southbank

17 March
MELBOURNE (B)

Enjoy a full day tour of the Great Ocean Road, where you will view some of the world's most impressive coastline. Ranging from golden sand beaches to the stark brutality of wave torn cliffs backed by mountain ranges reaching skywards from the sea.

The power and the majesty of nature reigns supreme in this awe inspiring sea and landscape. Every kilometre of the Great Ocean Road offers spectacular views. After a stop at picturesque Apollo Bay, see huge stone monoliths of the Twelve Apostles, the Island Arch and the Razorback – grand architecture carved by the sea.

Overnight: Travelodge Southbank

18 March
MELBOURNE (B, D)

Full day at Leisure in Melbourne .

Tonight, board the Colonial Tramcar for a unique dining experience. This beautifully restored 1927 tram cruises the scenic streets of Melbourne as dinner is served. Enjoy fine cuisine and drink the very best of Australian wines. The atmosphere is cozy, the service friendly and the décor as inviting as the colonial period it reflects.

Overnight: Travelodge Southbank

19 March
MELBOURNE TO CANBERRA (B)

This morning we head north on the Hume highway into "Kelly" country, where Australia's most famous bushranger and outlaw had many brushes with the Law. See the goldrush architecture of the Tanswells Hotel, Post Office Carriage and Burke Museums.

Further north at Yass we join the Barton Highway to Canberra, Australia's Capital.

Overnight: Hotel Olims

20 March
CANBERRA TO SYDNEY (B, L)

This morning we take a tour of Canberra. View the Australian War Memorial, Lake Burley Griffin, the National Library, the High Court of Australia and Parliament House.

Then we visit a working Sheep Station, where you will enjoy a BBQ lunch and genuine billy tea followed by a sheep shearing and boomerang throwing demonstration. In the afternoon we travel Federal Highway past Lake George and descend into Sydney.

Overnight: Travelodge Wentworth Avenue

21 March
SYDNEY (B)

After breakfast we take a tour of Sydney. Visit the Rocks, Mrs Macquarie's Chair, exclusive Double Bay and Rose Bay. View the Pacific Ocean from the Gap and world famous Bondi Beach. Return to the city through historic Paddington with its maze of quaint terrace houses.

Following lunch, relax on the deck of your catamaran as you cruise Sydney Harbour past the exclusive Eastern suburbs. Cruise to spectacular Middle Harbour, a must see for all visitors.

Cruise the upper reaches of Sydney Harbour and view the magnificent waterfront homes and parklands. See the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge from the water.

Overnight: Travelodge Wentworth Avenue

22 March
SYDNEY (B)

Full day at Leisure in Sydney.

Overnight: Travelodge Wentworth Avenue

23 March
SYDNEY TO COFFS HARBOUR (B)

Depart Sydney, over the Harbour Bridge, past the Brisbane Waters and Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park to the scenic coastline of New South Wales. Our drive takes us over the Hawkesbury River, through the timber country surrounding Taree to Port MacQuarie, Kempsey and on to Coffs Harbour.

Overnight: Country Comfort Coffs Harbour

24 March
COFFS HARBOUR TO THE GOLD COAST (B)

Travel north via Grafton and Ballina to Byron Bay, a laid-back town on New South Wales' northern coast. Then further north to the Queensland border and the Gold Coast.

The Gold Coast combines a superb variety of man-made and natural attractions and the ultimate in resort sophistication.

Overnight: Vibe Hotel Surfers Paradise

25 March
GOLD COAST (B)

Full day at Leisure. Maybe visit a theme park (Seaworld, Movieworld or Dreamworld) or play a round of golf, visit the beach or do some shopping.

Overnight: Vibe Hotel Surfers Paradise

26 March
GOLD COAST (B)

Full day at Leisure on the Gold Coast for sightseeing or just relaxing.

Overnight: Vibe Hotel Surfers Paradise

27 March
GOLD COAST TO HERVEY BAY (B)

Travel to Hervey Bay via the magnificent Sunshine Coast.

See the ancient jagged peaks of the Glass House Mountains on our way to Australia Zoo for a real wildlife experience. Made famous by its owner, 'Crocodile Hunter' Steve Irwin, Australia Zoo houses over 500 animals and gives you the opportunity to see wild caught crocodiles in action during the crocodile show.

Overnight: Urangan Motor Inn

28 March
HERVEY BAY TO ROCKHAMPTON (B)

We continue our journey north via Bundaberg, through Gladstone and on to Rockhampton, straddling the Tropic of Capricorn and the Fitzroy River.

Overnight: Rockhampton Plaza Hotel

29 March
ROCKHAMPTON TO HAMILTON ISLAND (B, L)

Depart early today travelling north on the coastal Bruce Highway via Mackay, and Proserpine to Shute Harbour. Take the ferry from Shute Harbour to Hamilton Island.

Overnight: Hamilton Island Palm Terrace

30 March
HAMILTON ISLAND (B)

Full day at Leisure on Hamilton Island.

Hamilton Island has plenty of things to do; cruises to the Great Barrier Reef, waterskiing, windsurfing, sailing, tennis, whale watching, scuba diving, snorkelling and scenic flights. If your taste runs more to the relaxed, the resort has 6 swimming pools, one of which has a cocktail bar in the middle, or you can idly wander to, or between, the 16 restaurants, cafes and takeaway food outlets. Wandering sound like too much work? Then hire a golf buggy to get from A to B! For the nature lovers, over 80% of Hamilton Island is natural tropical bushland, and there are 7 bushwalking trails. Also on the island is a Fauna Park, containing kangaroos, emus, wombats, koalas, crocodiles and more.

Overnight: Hamilton Island Palm Terrace

31 March
HAMILTON ISLAND TO CAIRNS (B)

Transferred back by ferry to Shute Harbour on the mainland to rejoin your charter coach. Travel north via Bowen, Townsville, Ingham, Tully and Innisfail to tropical Cairns.

Queensland's most northerly city, Cairns is the tourism gateway to the Far North – to the Barrier Reef and the vast wilderness of the Cape York Peninsula. It is a tropical city with tree-lined streets, excellent shopping and good restaurants.

The city is surrounded by lush sub-tropical rainforests, and to the north and south are miles of white sandy beaches and turquoise oceans filled with technicolour fish. Rainforests spread to the sea and coral cays and tropical islands dot the coastline.

Overnight: Hotel Cairns

1 April
CAIRNS (B)

Join your coach this morning and transfer to Freshwater Station. At Freshwater Station, board the Kuranda Scenic Railway. Sit back and enjoy the spectacular views as you journey through 15 hand cut tunnels and past spectacular waterfalls.

You will then board Skyrail and be amazed as you glide silently above the rainforest canopy on the world's most beautiful rainforest experience. A short distance from Skyrail Terminal is the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. You have ample time to explore all the attractions of Tjapukai – movie theatres, stage shows, craft demonstrations, the Aboriginal village and of course, the famous Tjapukai Dance Troupe.

Overnight: Hotel Cairns

2 April
CAIRNS (B, L)

Transfer from your hotel to Cairns Marlin marina to board your Reef Magic vessel. Travel to a 2 storey platform featuring an underwater Observatory, upper sundeck, sheltered seating, freshwater showers, and deck area. The Great Barrier Reef offers some of the best snorkelling and diving anywhere in the world.

Overnight: Hotel Cairns

3 April
CAIRNS (B)

Full day at Leisure in Cairns.

Overnight: Hotel Cairns

4 April
CAIRNS TO CANADA (B)

Transfer to Cairns Airport and board your Air New Zealand flight home.

WELCOME HOME !!!



Tour Price Per Person

\$6795 CDN

based on twin share from Edmonton
from Ottawa add \$350 pp

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highly recommended. Comprehensive rates are as follows:

Age 0-60	Age 61-65	Age 66-70	Age 71-76	Age 77 +
\$393	\$466	\$543	\$746	\$1011

NOT INCLUDED

Insurance, passport fees, meals other than listed, laundry, telephone
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