

KIWIS & KOALAS

ITINERARY NIGHTS: Sydney (3), Cairns (3), Christchurch (1), Queenstown (2), Rotorua (1), Auckland (1)

HIGHLIGHTS: Sydney City Tour • Sydney Harbor Luncheon Cruise • Opera House Tour • Koala and Wildlife Sanctuary • Outer Great Barrier Reef • Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park • Milford Sound Tour • Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve • Maori Arts and Crafts Institute • Rainbow Springs • Hangi Dinner • Limestone Cave Tour • Auckland Tour



DAYS 1-2 Fly to Australia, crossing the International Date Line.

DAY 3 SYDNEY G'ud day! Welcome to the Olympic city of Sydney. Upon arrival you will be met and assisted with your hotel transfer. This afternoon is free until your **Welcome Dinner** at the Waterfront Restaurant.

DAY 4 SYDNEY Enjoy a **City Highlights Tour**. Visit the historic Rocks area, birthplace of the nation, where you can observe examples of early architecture. Next comes a guided tour of the famous **Sydney Opera House**. Continue to Mrs. Macquarie's Chair for splendid views of this magnificent harbour. Then travel past Kings Cross, Double Bay to Watson's Bay and Bondi Beach. This afternoon enjoy a **luncheon cruise** on magnificent Sydney Harbour, with views of the Opera House, Harbour Bridge and many waterfront million dollar mansions.

DAY 5 SYDNEY Travel by coach west of Sydney, and follow the trail of Australia's early explorers as you climb the Blue Mountains. The Blue Mountains National Park is abundant in rare wildlife, flora and fauna. Discover the "Grand Canyon" of giant rock formations, geological history,

deep tree studded valleys and cascading waterfalls. Savor a delicious barbecue lunch at the Gledswood Homestead. Then visit

Sydney's leading **Koala and Wildlife Sanctuary** to see Australia's unique animals living and breeding in a natural bush environment.

DAY 6 CAIRNS Fly to Cairns in Tropical North Queensland. A local representative will transfer you to your hotel.

DAY 7 CAIRNS Board the Quicksilver, a high-speed catamaran. Your destination is the unique wilderness of the **Outer Great Barrier Reef**. A Marine Biologist will conduct informative lectures on marine life during the day. It is an area of extraordinary beauty, an amazing underwater world filled with color and variety. View the exotic reef, abounding with a myriad of colorful tropical fish, and be amazed by the magnificent coral formations.

DAY 8 CAIRNS Transfer to Freshwater Station to board the scenic **Kuranda Rail** and journey through breathtaking scenery before arriving at picturesque Kuranda Station, a unique mountain village. This afternoon board **Skyrail**, an enclosed cable car which takes you skimming across the rain forest canopy taking in awesome views of the Coral Sea and Green Island. Visit the **Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park** and enter a magical, mystical world. The entire

park is dedicated to preserving and presenting authentic Aboriginal culture with the aid of modern technology. Enjoy three theatres, a museum, an art gallery and a traditional Aboriginal camp, all combined to give you a meaningful glimpse of the Tjapukai Aboriginal people's rich and ancient culture.

DAY 9 CHRISTCHURCH This morning transfer to Cairns airport to board your flight to Christchurch, New Zealand. On arrival you will be met by a local representative who will assist you with your transfer to your hotel and provide a brief orientation tour of "The Garden City."

DAY 10 QUEENSTOWN Full day tour by coach traveling south across the Canterbury Plains and through Fairlie and Burkes Pass. See the quaint Church of the Good Shepherd at Lake Tekapo. Cross the MacKenzie Basin for views of the Southern Alps including Mt. Cook, New Zealand's highest mountain (12,349 ft.). Descend through Lindis Pass and continue through the central Otago countryside and past Lake Dunstan and through the Kawarau Gorge into Queenstown.

DAY 11 QUEENSTOWN Full day tour around Lake Wakatipu and through Te Anau and Fiordland National Park. The scenery is stunning with high mountains and deep valleys carved out by Ice Age glaciers. This afternoon cruise down Milford Sound past Mitre Peak to the open sea. Seals and dolphins are often seen. A buffet lunch will be served aboard. Mid afternoon return to Queenstown via Cledeau Gorge, Homer Tunnel and the lovely Eglinton Valley.



DAY 12 ROTORUA After arriving in Rotorua you will take a guided tour of **Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve** and the **Maori Arts and Crafts Institute**, where young Maori are being taught traditional carving and weaving skills. Also see the trout and rare kiwis in **Rainbow Springs** and the popular Agrodome sheep show. In the evening enjoy a **hangi dinner** and concert of Maori song and dance.

DAY 13 AUCKLAND Full day tour traveling over the bush clad Mamaku Ranges and through the picturesque Waikato Valley for a **Guided Tour of the famous Limestone caves** including the Glowworm Grotto. In the afternoon drive on via Hamilton and Ngaruawahia to Auckland.

DAY 14 DEPART An afternoon sightseeing **Tour of Auckland** features views from Mt. Eden, the Domain, Parnell Village and the Rose Gardens, the Harbour Bridge and the Waterfront Drive, and Kelly Tarlton's Underwater World and Antarctic Encounter. Evening transfer to the airport for your flight home, carrying with you astounding impressions from your "days down under."



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