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# EXOTIC AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

2024/25



**15**  
Nights  
**16**  
Days



- **Melbourne**
- **Cairns**
- **Sydney**
- **Christchurch**
- **Franz Josef**
- **Wanaka**
- **Queenstown**
- **Rotorua**
- **Auckland**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

- A complete, all-inclusive tour of Australia and New Zealand with maximum quality sightseeing!
- Stay at comfortable and conveniently located hotels
- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotels except on Day 01
- Local Veg/Non veg lunches - as per the itinerary
- Local or Indian Veg/Non Veg dinners - as per the itinerary
- Stay 3 nights in Melbourne
- Guided City Tour of Melbourne
- Visit Phillip Island and enjoy the famous 'Penguin Parade'
- Full-day Excursion to the Great Ocean Road
- Entrance to the world famous Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) - Subject to availability
- Stay 2 nights in Cairns
- Visit Kuranda - a village nestled in the Australian Rainforest
- Enjoy the Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience
- Excursion to Green Island - a beautiful coral cay on Australia's Great Barrier Reef.
- Stay 3 nights in Sydney
- Guided tour of the famous Sydney Opera House
- Visit the famous Sydney Tower, the tallest tower in the Southern hemisphere
- Lunch at the revolving restaurant atop Sydney Tower
- Guided City Tour of Sydney.
- Enjoy an Indian dinner on board the Showboat Cruise
- Excursion to Blue Mountain
- Visit Sydney Zoo
- Visit the Scenic World with Skyway, Cableway and Railway
- Stay 1 night in Christchurch
- Orientation Tour of Christchurch
- Ride the TranzAlpine Express Train from Christchurch to Arthur's Pass
- Stay 1 night at Franz Josef/Fox Glacier
- Stay 3 nights in Queenstown
- Visit Lake Wanaka en route to Queenstown
- Visit the Puzzling World in Wanaka
- Experience the Gondola ride at Bob's Peak
- Enjoy a local lunch with breathtaking views from atop Bob's Peak
- Full-day excursion to Milford Sound with lunch on board the cruise
- Visit Te Anau and pass through Eglinton Valley en route to Milford Sound
- Stay 1 night in Rotorua
- Witness the Agrodome Farm Show in Rotorua
- Visit the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve and see the Geysers
- Visit the Waitomo Glowworm Caves to marvel at Mother Nature's light display
- Stay 1 night in Auckland
- Orientation Tour of Auckland
- Visit Sky Tower
- Services of an experienced and professional tour manager throughout



Penguin Parade – Phillip Island

## DAY 01

### Arrive Australia - Melbourne - Guided City Tour - Sporting and Cultural capital of Australia

Today, begin your beautiful journey of Australia and New Zealand with Airtours Holidays. Arrive at Melbourne Airport where you will be met by your Tour Manager at the arrival area after clearing immigration and customs. Kindly make your own arrangement if you are unable to meet the Tour Manager at the designated time. Later proceed for a guided city tour of Melbourne. See the famous and beautiful Royal Botanical Gardens, Town Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, National Tennis Center, the 1956 Olympic Venue, the Shrine of Remembrance, Bourke Street Mall, and some beautifully restored Victorian houses. Later, check into the hotel. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Melbourne (D)

### Guided Tour of Melbourne Cricket Ground - Excursion to Phillip Island

After a buffet breakfast, proceed for a guided tour of Melbourne Cricket Ground, which is regarded as one of the finest cricket grounds in Australia. Enjoy an Indian lunch. Later, drive to Phillip Island, home to Australia's most popular wildlife attraction - the Penguin Parade. Dozens of fairy penguins shuffling up from the sea at dusk on their way to the underground burrows is a natural phenomenon. Later, enjoy a **local dinner**. Drive back to Melbourne.

Overnight in Melbourne (B, L, LD)

## DAY 03

### Excursion to Great Ocean Road - Australia's Most Spectacular Coastal Drive

After a buffet breakfast, get ready to spend the entire day on the Great Ocean Road. Enjoy the spectacular views of golden surf beaches, sheer

cliff faces, and magnificent Eucalyptus trees. En route enjoy a **local lunch**. The Great Ocean Road hugs the coastline along the entire length of Port Campbell National Park. Considered to be one of the most beautiful drives in Australia, the coastline presents twisted shapes of amazing rock formations, especially the famous 'Twelve Apostles' - huge stone pillars rising from the surf, carved out by the continual force of the sea. Later, visit the London Bridge. Drive back to Melbourne. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Melbourne (B,LL,D)

## DAY 04

### Fly to Cairns - Visit Kuranda – A village in the Australian Rainforest

After a boxed/buffet breakfast, check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairns. (**Flight cost is not included**). On arrival, proceed to Kuranda – a village in the Australian Rainforest. Enjoy a **local lunch**. Proceed to the Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience. Here you will learn about the culture and the traditions of the Aboriginal people. Later, experience the Skyrail – a unique rainforest experience taking you on an unforgettable journey through Australia's world heritage listed Tropical Rainforest. Check into hotel. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Cairns. (B, LL, D)

## DAY 05

### Full-day Excursion to Great Barrier Reef - Green Island

After a buffet breakfast, proceed to board the cruise liner to the Green Island – a Marine National Park with unique rainforests, surrounded by white sandy beaches and magnificent coral reefs. Green Island is a true coral atoll and is one of the most picturesque island resorts on the Queensland coast. The scenic beauty of the region attracts many visitors. View the spectacular reef from the glass-bottom and semi-submersible boat. Enjoy a **local lunch** on board the cruise. Explore Green Island National Park or just relax on the sandy beach. After spending the day at the reef you return with a lifetime of experiences. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Cairns (B, LL, D)

## DAY 06

### Fly to Sydney – the beautiful city on the banks of the River Darling

After a boxed/buffet breakfast, check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Sydney. (**Flight cost is not included**). On arrival check-in to the hotel. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Sydney. (B,D)

Melbourne Cricket Ground





Sydney Opera House

**DAY 07** Sydney - Guided tour of the Sydney Opera House - Sydney Tower with Lunch - Guided City Tour - Dinner on board the Showboat Cruise

After a buffet breakfast, proceed on an exciting guided tour of the Sydney Opera House. Later, visit the famous Sydney Tower, the tallest tower in the Southern hemisphere. Enjoy a buffet **local lunch** at the revolving restaurant atop the Sydney Tower. Later, proceed on a guided city tour of Sydney. Tonight, get set for the time of your life on board the Showboat Cruise. Enjoy a three-course Indian dinner, followed by a spectacular cabaret show, with a cavalcade of glamorous Australian and International artistes to entertain you.

Overnight in Sydney. (B,LL,D)

**Excursion to Blue Mountain - Sydney Zoo** **DAY 08**

After a buffet breakfast, proceed to visit the Sydney Zoo. Enjoy an Indian lunch. Later enjoy the Blue Mountain tour. The UNESCO World Heritage listed Blue Mountains are a popular destination for idyllic day trips away from the urban hustle. At the Scenic World, enjoy the world's steepest railway, the iconic Skyway views, the Southern hemisphere's steepest aerial cablecar, kilometres of elevated rainforest boardwalks and mountains of fun. **Tonight enjoy a local dinner.**

Overnight in Sydney. (B,L,LD)

**DAY 09** Arrive New Zealand - Christchurch - The Garden City - Orientation Tour

After a boxed/buffet breakfast, transfer to the airport to board your flight to Christchurch. **(Flight cost is not included)**. Proceed on an orientation tour of Christchurch. Later, drive to the restaurant. Check in to the hotel. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Christchurch. (B, D)

**Ride the TranzAlpine Express - Christchurch to Arthur's Pass - The Most Scenic Route in New Zealand** **DAY 10**

After a boxed/buffet breakfast, check out and board the TranzAlpine Express from Christchurch to Arthur's Pass. The TranzAlpine train travels through the 'Great Divide' and the indomitable spine of mountains that partitions New Zealand's South Island. Drive to Greymouth. Enjoy an Indian lunch en route to Franz Josef. **Tonight enjoy an local dinner.**

Overnight in Franz Josef. (B,L,LD)

**DAY 11** Franz Josef - Visit Puzzling World at Wanaka - Onto Queenstown - New Zealand's Adventure Capital

After a buffet breakfast, check out and drive to Wanaka via The Haast Pass. En route, visit the Puzzling World at Wanaka. With a mix of bizarre buildings, rooms of illusion and the world famous Great Maze, this attraction is designed to challenge minds of all ages with its themes of wonder and trickery. Enjoy a **local lunch**. Later, drive to Queenstown. **Enjoy an Indian dinner at night.**

Overnight in Queenstown (B,LL,D)



Cruise on the Milford Sound

## DAY 12

### Excursion to the most spectacular cruise to the Milford Sound

After a buffet breakfast, travel via Te Anau through the awe-inspiring Homer Tunnel and the stunning glacier-carved Eglinton Valley to arrive at Milford Sound. Enjoy the unforgettable Milford Sound cruise, which sails right up to the mouth of the Tasman Sea (weather permitting). Enjoy a local lunch on board the cruise. Experience the untouched paradise of Milford Sound and explore the natural wonders and history surrounding the deep fjord. Later drive back to Queenstown. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

**Overnight in Queenstown. (B,LL,D)**

### Orientation Tour of Arrowtown - Gondola Ride to Bob's Peak

## DAY 13

After a buffet breakfast, depart for a city tour of Arrowtown. Arrowtown is a historic gold mining town in the Otago region of the South Island of New Zealand. Later, see AJ Hackett Kawarau Bungy Centre, the home of bungy jumping. Home of the world's first and most famous of leaps, this 43 metre Bungy Jump is still the most popular Bungy site attracting thousands of thrill-seekers every year. Later, experience a Gondola ride, taking you 480m up over Lake Wakatipu to the top of Bob's Peak. Enjoy spectacular views of Coronet Peak, The Remarkables, Walter and Cecil Peak, and, of course, Queenstown. Enjoy a buffet **local lunch** at Bob's Peak with spectacular views of the lake and the city. Late in the evening enjoy some free time for souvenir shopping. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

**Overnight in Queenstown. (B,LL,D)**

## DAY 14

### Queenstown - Waitomo - Visit the Waitomo Glowworm Caves - Onto Rotorua

After a boxed/buffet breakfast, proceed to the airport for your flight to Auckland. **(Flight cost is not included).** On arrival at Auckland, transfer to Waitomo. En route enjoy a **packed lunch**. Visit the Waitomo Glowworm Caves through the lush Waikato region. Beneath the surface of this ancient limestone region is a series of vast cave systems decorated with stalactites, stalagmites and glowworms. Marvel at Mother Nature's light display. An ancient world 30 million years in the making with its history, features and legends. Stunning, delicate cave formations and a boat ride through the starry wonderland of Arachnocampa Luminosa, thousands of magical glowworms, unique to New Zealand. Later, proceed to Rotorua. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

**Overnight in Rotorua (B,PL,D)**

### Rotorua - Agrodome Farm Show - Whakarewarewa - Te Puia Thermal Reserve - Onto Auckland

## DAY 15

After a buffet breakfast, check out and proceed to Agrodome, the heart of a real 350-acre working New Zealand farm. Witness a live sheep shearing demonstration and the remarkable farm dogs as they demonstrate their ability to respond to commands and keep those sheep in line. Your visit includes access to the Farmyard Nursery, home to the smallest, cutest animals at the Agrodome. Enjoy a local lunch. Later, visit the geothermal valley of Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve and wander around the bubbling mud, see the famous Pohutu geyser and the Kiwi Conservation Centre. Experience the Haka Cultural performance in the beautifully carved meeting house with traditional welcome (pohiri), song (waiata), poi and haka. Also take a tour through the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute. Later drive to Auckland. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner**

**Overnight in Auckland. (B,LL,D)**

## DAY 16

### Auckland - Orientation Tour - Sky Tower - Farewell!

After a buffet breakfast, check out and proceed on an orientation tour. Later visit the Sky Tower. Standing prominently in Auckland City, the iconic Sky Tower provides a great introduction to the city with panoramic 360 degree views up to 80km in every direction. Transfer to the airport for your flight back home. Return home with wonderful memories of your Australia and New Zealand Tour. **(B)**

(Abbreviation - B: Breakfast, L: Indian Lunch, LL: Local Lunch, PL: Packed Lunch, D: Indian Dinner, LD: Local Dinner)



## WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

### SIGHTSEEING AND EXCURSIONS

#### AUSTRALIA

- Melbourne** :
- : Guided City Tour
  - : Full-day Excursion to the Great Ocean Road
  - : Visit Phillip Island and enjoy the 'Penguin Parade'
  - : Entrance to the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) - Subject to availability
- Cairns** :
- : Visit Kuranda - a village nestled in the Australian Rainforest
  - : Enjoy the Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience
  - : Excursion to Green Island
- Sydney** :
- : Guided City Tour
  - : Guided tour of the famous Sydney Opera House
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  - : Excursion to Blue Mountain
  - : Visit Sydney Zoo
  - : Visit the Scenic World with Skyway, Cableway and Railway

#### NEW ZEALAND

- Christchurch** :
- : Orientation tour of Christchurch
- Franz Josef** :
- : Ride the famous TranzAlpine Express from Christchurch to Arthur's Pass
- Wanaka** :
- : Visit Puzzling World
- Queenstown** :
- : Orientation tour of Arrowtown
  - : Milford Sound Cruise with lunch
  - : Ride the Gondola to Bob's Peak
- Rotorua** :
- : Visit Te Puia Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve
  - : Visit the Waitomo Glowworm Caves
  - : Agrodome Farm Show
- Auckland** :
- : Orientation tour of Auckland

### HOTELS

- 03 nights at Hotel Novotel Preston or similar in Melbourne
- 02 nights at Hotel Cairns Harbourside or similar in Cairns
- 03 nights at Hotel Holiday Inn Parramatta or similar in Sydney
- 01 night at Hotel Quality Elms or similar in Christchurch
- 01 night at Hotel Scenic Franz Josef or similar in Franz Josef/Fox Glacier
- 03 nights at Hotel Holiday Inn Frankton or similar in Queenstown
- 01 night at Hotel Millennium or similar in Rotorua
- 01 night at Hotel Holiday Inn Express & Suites or similar in Auckland

### MEALS - AS SPECIFIED IN THE ITINERARY

- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotel except on Day 01
- Local/Western/Continental Veg/Non veg lunches
- Indian/Local/Western/Continental Veg/Non Veg dinners

### TIPS, PORTERAGE & WATER

- 2 bottles (500 ml) mineral water per person per day
- Tips to drivers and guides
- Porterage of one bag (20 kgs) per person at hotels

### TRANSFERS

- All transfers and extensive excursions with entrance fees (as specified in the itinerary) by deluxe air-conditioned coach

### TOUR MANAGER

- Services of a professional and experienced tour manager or a local representative throughout your tour.

## OVERSEAS TRAVEL INSURANCE

- It's very important to find out before you leave whether or not your medical insurance will cover you overseas. Your regular U.S. health insurance may not cover doctors' and hospital visits in other countries. **We recommend clients take overseas travel insurance to cover any eventuality while on tour.**

## TOUR COST 2024/25

### Land Cost (15 Nights 16 Days)

- Per Person on Twin Share : USD 4,999
- Single Room Supplement : USD 1,460

### Note:

- As a 3rd person in a triple room, most hotels use rollaway beds and room size may be the same as the double bed. There will be no reduction for triple sharing.
- Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case two different people are sharing a room and one of them cancels the tour.

## DEPARTURE DATES 2024/25

- 2024 - October:** 14    **November:** 11    **December:** 09
- 2025 - January:** 09    **February:** 10, 27    **March:** 17

### Note:

- Tour starts in Melbourne, Australia on the above-mentioned dates
- There could be possibility of flight departure on the previous evening.
- On certain departure dates the itinerary may be operated in reverse order. However, all services and inclusions will remain the same.

## WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- **COST OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TICKETS**
- **COST OF INTERNAL AIR TICKETS**
- **Cost of deviation:** In case any clients wish to deviate from the group departure dates mentioned in the brochure i.e. either travel before the departure date of your tour or would like to come back on a later date after the tour ends, there will be an additional charge that will be applicable which will be advised to you by our sales team. The same is subject to availability of seats & class for the given dates & ticket validity. Kindly also note, the deviation request is to be made at the time of booking.
- **Cost of Transfer:** In case clients are arriving or departing at a time that is different from the group arrival/departure time, which will be conveyed to the clients while booking the tour, there will be an additional cost of transfer. The group arrival and departure timings will vary from tour to tour.
- **Cost of visas to travel on the tour.**
- Medical/ Travel insurance.
- Any expenses of personal nature such as laundry, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menu provided by us, mini bar, telephone calls, pay channels, cruise shore excursion and any type of beverages in cruise etc. Anything not specified under inclusions.
- Meals other than what is mentioned in your itinerary
- Cost of excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees and local guides availed of by the passengers, other than that mentioned in 'What your tour price includes'
- Departure taxes except where included.

## VISAS REQUIRED TO TRAVEL ON YOUR TOUR

### Australia

- USA Citizens : ETA Required
- Indian Passport with Green Card : Tourist Visa Required

### New Zealand

- USA Citizens : ETA Required
- Indian Passport with Green Card : Tourist Visa Required

- **Cost of the above mentioned ETAs/Visas are not included in your Tour Price**

## BOOKING TERMS & CANCELLATION POLICY

All services such as Airline seats/Hotels accommodation/ground transportation for group tours are pre-blocked well in advance. We are liable to pay penalties to all our suppliers/vendors if these services are released within the below mentioned time frame. If circumstances make you cancel the tour, the cancellation must be intimate to us in writing. Such cancellation will attract the following cancellation charges:

### Booking Terms & Cancellation Policy

Non-Refundable deposit to book your tour	US\$ 1000 Per Person
Full payment to be made	75 Days prior to Departure date
Cancellation of Tour due to border closure in Origin or Destination, 60 days prior to Departure date	Administrative Fees US\$ 100 Per Person
60 Days to 45 Days	50% of Total Tour cost Per Person
44 Days to 30 Days	75% of Total Tour cost Per Person
29 Days till Tour date	100% of Total Tour cost Per Person

**Mandatory travel requirements:** Keeping in view the safety of all travellers and as per the requirement of various countries, only people who have completed both the vaccinations at least 14 days before the travel date will be allowed on the tour.

**Cancellation due to Border Closures:** In case we are unable to operate a tour due to Border Closure, Airtours Holidays LLC will refund the deposit amount after deducting the administrative fees of USD 100 per person. In the event that the entire tour cost has been paid by you and we in turn have paid our overseas tour operators, after which the tour gets cancelled due to Border Closure, then it is possible that we are not able to get the amount back, then we will try and get the refund or a credit note for a later travel date. Any loss due to the exchange rate will affect the refund amount.

The company reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to the departure, without assigning any reason. All monies paid by you will be fully refunded in USD only, and no compensation will be payable. In case of cruises, 100% of the cruise cost paid will be forfeited in case of any cancellations irrespective of time of cancellation. The company cannot assume responsibility for any fees relating to the issuance and / or cancellation of air tickets or other arrangements not done through the company. Single Room Supplement Charges will be applicable in case any of the client cancels the booking of sharing the room together.

## IMPORTANT POINTS TO BE NOTED

- Only fully vaccinated persons are eligible to travel on this tour over and above the prevailing covid protocols outlined by the respective countries
- Passengers taking early morning flights will be provided with boxed breakfast.
- All tours will be operated subject to a minimum of 25 full paying passengers traveling together. In case there are less than 25 full paying passengers the clients will be given an option of travelling on another departure date.
- Keeping in view the Luggage compartment of coach & Internal Flight regulations, we strongly recommend you to carry only medium size Bag of 20 kg and 1 carryon bag of 5 kg per person.
- The dates and granting of Visas is at the sole discretion of the concerned consulate. Air Tours Holidays is not responsible for granting of visas and are only a facilitator in the visa application process and any situation arising out of delay in granting visa by the consulate/embassy.
- In case you are not able to continue the tour due to loss of passport, theft, illness, or any other life-event beyond our control, Air Tours is not liable to give any refund on unutilized services.
- Please note that in case any clients loses their passport, the cost of getting a new passport and necessary charges to revise the arrangement to return home will be borne by client, and there will be no refund for any unutilized services.
- Air Tours shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any delay in flights or change in Schedule by the airline and any situations arising out of the same. Any damages caused to the hotel rooms/coach during your stay, shall be payable by the passengers. Air Tours will not be liable for the same.
- Air Tours shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any damages, loss, injury, accident, death, delay, breakdown or irregularity which may occur in carrying out of the tour arrangement.
- Air Tours will not be liable in any loss of baggage by the Airline. However, we will provide assistance in tracing any lost baggage.
- Air Tours reserves the right to charge any additional expenses due to delay or changes in train, plane, bus, ship or other services, weather conditions, strikes, war, quarantine and any other cause whatsoever and all such losses or expenses must be borne by the passengers.
- Air Tours reserves the right to amend, alter, vary or withdraw any particular departure, excursion advertised or substitute a hotel of similar class if deemed advisable or necessary.
- There will be no refund on unutilized services or partly utilized services.
- For the convenience of our passengers, Air Tours will sometimes amend the itinerary; however all the other services will remain the same.
- If clients prefer to have meals on their own there will be no refund.
- All hotels may not have Tea or Coffee machines in the room.
- It is strictly not allowed to eat, drink or smoke inside the Coach.
- Coaches may not have any Wi-Fi facilities or USB phone charging options on board.
- Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case two different people are sharing a room and one of them cancels the tour.
- The Tour Cost is a combination of all the arrangements and hence cannot be calculated on an individual service basis. Tour cost is one component and not calculated individually.
- Standard check-in at hotels is 1400-1500 hours and check out is 1100-1200 hours.
- Updating of mileage is subject to Airlines terms & conditions in group fare.
- We request the airlines for your preferred seats however this is as per their policy and at their discretion.
- Please refer to the booking form for detailed cancellation policy and 'Terms and Conditions'.