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# South Pacific Wonders

including New Zealand's North Island

**18 DAYS** From ~~\$6,299~~ **\$5,999 pp\*** Save up to **\$300**

## About This Tour

See what life is like “Down Under” on this incredible journey along the coast of Australia and through New Zealand's North and South Islands. Cruise Sydney Harbour and Milford Sound. Discover the wonders of Aboriginal culture. Visit Auckland and gain insight into Polynesian culture. Experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration. Visit the Agrodome and observe a sheep shearing demonstration. Experience Queenstown, the “Adventure Capital of the World.” Cruise Lake Wakatipu and enjoy a lakeside BBQ. From the tropical splendour of Australia's Great Barrier Reef to the ethereal beauty of New Zealand's glacial fjords, enjoy the best of the South Pacific.





## Your Tour Includes

- 6 Handpicked Accommodations
- 28 Meals
- 2 Choice on Tour Options

## Included Highlights

- Auckland
- Rotorua
- Christchurch
- Queenstown

### Your Tour at a Glance

<b>Stay</b>	18 Days
	17 Nights
<b>Meals</b>	28 Meals
	15 Breakfasts
	3 Lunches
	10 Dinners
<b>Activity</b>	2
	<a href="#">What's This?</a>
<b>Travel Style</b>	Classic
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### Customize Your Tour

**Post Tour Fiji 3 nights \$780.00 pp**  
 Land Portion [View Post Tour](#)

**Optional Excursions Starting at \$208.00**

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## Itinerary

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### Day 1: Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline, skipping a day ahead, and begin your adventure of a lifetime.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
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### Day 2: Auckland, New Zealand - Tour Begins

Arrive in one of the world's most inspiring and sought-after destinations due to its clean air, stunning scenery, and friendly culture - New Zealand. Arrive in Auckland, the "City of Sails." Auckland has the highest Polynesian population in the world, imbuing its chic atmosphere with the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands. Meet your travel companions at this evening's welcome dinner.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
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JW Marriott Auckland	Dinner
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### Day 3: Auckland - Rotorua

Get to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, vibrant Queen Street and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Next, travel to the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua. Known as the Maori capital of New Zealand, over one-third of Rotorua's population has Maori roots dating back over 1,000 years. Tonight, experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration and learn about the warm-hearted Maoris as well as their lives before European colonists arrived in

Aotearoa (New Zealand) and since. This immersive experience features authentic Maori entertainment such as the poi dance and the famous “Haka” war challenge.

**Hotel**

Millennium Hotel  
Rotorua

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

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**Day 4: Rotorua**

This morning you visit Te Puia, New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Witness a landscape of erupting geysers, bubbling mud pools and other geothermal wonders. The National Carving School and National Weaving School are located here, passing on age-old customs by teaching the tribal youth these traditional skills. Take part in an interactive demonstration on the art of weaving. You will also view the Kiwi bird and learn what is being done in an effort to remove the Kiwi from the endangered species list. Then, visit the Agrodome for a fun sheep shearing demonstration and learn about the importance of agriculture to the nation. After dinner, relax or explore this lovely city on your own.

**Hotel**

Millennium Hotel  
Rotorua

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

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**Day 5: Rotorua - Christchurch**

A short flight brings you to the historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the city known as “the Garden City” is recreating itself.

**Hotel**

Distinction  
Christchurch Hotel

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

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## Day 6: Christchurch

Start your morning with a city tour of Christchurch. Pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. A leader in the conservation of New Zealand species, Willowbank offers the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" - the Kiwi, the Kea, the Tuatara, the Kaka, and the Takahe - up close and personal.

### Hotel

Distinction  
Christchurch Hotel

### Culinary

Breakfast

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## Day 7: Christchurch - Queenstown

Depart Christchurch and make your way south to Queenstown. Known as the "Adventure Capital of the World," Queenstown is nestled against a picturesque bay and snowcapped mountains. Arrive in Queenstown in the afternoon and have time to explore independently before dinner.

### Hotel

Millennium Hotel  
Queenstown

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

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## Day 8: Queenstown

Cruise Lake Wakatipu on board the TSS Earnslaw, an iconic coal-fired steamship and head to Walter Peak High Country Farm, an operating sheep farm. En route, see Walter Peak, Cecil Peak, and The Remarkables mountain range. During your visit, you'll get a tour of the farm and have the opportunity to see the sheep dogs in action during a herding demonstration. Enjoy a BBQ lunch before cruising back. Enjoy free time to explore the town before enjoying dinner.

### Hotel

Millennium Hotel  
Queenstown

### Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch  
& Dinner

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## Day 9: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown

Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley as you travel through an ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. Cruise the Milford Sound and see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, you may choose to return to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps.

### Hotel

Millennium Hotel  
Queenstown

### Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

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## Day 10: Queenstown

A free day offers a variety of optional activities to enhance your tour. Shop or people-watch in the village; partake in an optional tour taking you through the majestic Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the locations where blockbuster movies have been filmed. Later, it's your choice! Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park -OR- take a gondola to the top of Bob's Peak for stunning panoramic views of the area. Gather for a "farewell to New Zealand" dinner.

### Hotel

Millennium Hotel  
Queenstown

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

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## Day 11: Queenstown - Cairns, Australia

Fly to Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions and a World Heritage site - the Great Barrier Reef. Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds.

### Hotel

### Culinary

Bailey Hotel by      Breakfast  
Crystalbrook

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## Day 12: Cairns

Come to know the history of Australia's original inhabitants at the Rainforestation Nature Park where an Indigenous Pamagirri guide will show you through some of their oldest customs and traditions. Then, visit Hartley's Crocodile Adventures to see crocodiles on a nature cruise. Head through rainforests on boardwalks to see animals such as birds, reptiles, and wallabies. Visit with a koala and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these furry creatures. End your visit at Hartley's with a dinner of local favorites.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Bailey Hotel by Crystalbrook	Breakfast & Dinner

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## Day 13: Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns

Board a high-speed catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. Explore the reef from your base on Green Island. Enjoy a glass-bottom boat ride, stroll the island's walking trails, relax on the beach, snorkel or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. For a more adventurous encounter with the reef, an optional outer reef tour is also available.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Bailey Hotel by Crystalbrook	Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner

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## Day 14: Cairns - Sydney

The morning is yours. Enjoy your last few hours in Cairns by relaxing and taking in the tropical atmosphere and surrounding neighbourhood. Then, this afternoon, fly to the bustling city of Sydney.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Novotel Sydney Darling Square	Breakfast

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## **Day 15: Sydney**

See where English colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney, featuring Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, and the fashionable suburb of Darlinghurst. Take an expert-led tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then, have the chance to join a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. In the evening, consider an optional dinner and engaging performance at the Sydney Opera House.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Novotel Sydney Darling Square	Breakfast

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## **Day 16: Sydney**

Embrace the exciting city of Sydney during a day of independent exploration. Tonight, say farewell to Australia while on a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas of the harbour, showcasing Sydney's magnificent skyline, the iconic Sydney Opera House, and the Harbour Bridge.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Novotel Sydney Darling Square	Breakfast & Dinner

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## **Day 17: Sydney - Tour Ends**

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure.

**Culinary**



**Hotel**

Breakfast

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