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## **Australia and New Zealand**

**October 19 - November 1, 2017**

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### **Land Package Price Includes:**

- Ground as indicated in the itinerary
- Airfare from Sydney to Melbourne, Melbourne to Christchurch, and Christchurch to Rotorua
- Hotel Accommodations
- Admission as indicated in Itinerary
- Daily Breakfast, Two Lunches, and Thirteen Dinners
- Tour Escort from Hawaii

**October 19, 2017**                      **Day 1**                      **Thursday**                      **Honolulu/Sydney, Australia**

An afternoon **Hawaiian Airlines flight** will take us from **Honolulu** to **Sydney, Australia**. Because our flight crosses the International Dateline, we will arrive in Sydney tomorrow.

**October 20, 2017**                      **Day 2**                      **Friday**                      **Sydney, Australia**

We will arrive in **Sydney** by mid-evening. We will clear customs and immigration and then proceed to our hotel in the city.

**October 21, 2017**                      **Day 3**                      **Saturday**                      **Sydney (B/D)**

Our tour of the city includes a visit to **The Rocks**, an inner city suburb and historic area of Sydney located close to where Sydney was first settled in 1788. This area is near the **Royal Botanic Gardens** where a stop will be made at **Mrs. Macquarie's Chair**. From this vantage point we can view the **Harbour Bridge**. A bit further out of town is the **GAP** where we can see the entrance to Sydney Harbour. Nearby we will see one of the more famous beaches in Sydney, **Bondi Beach**. Next is a stop at the **Sydney Wildlife World** to see some of Australia's native animals, in particular the Koala Bear. We will then tour the **Sydney Opera House**, a unique structure to say the least. Our day will end at **Paddy's Market** which is a flea market with its inexpensive goods and souvenirs.

**October 22, 2017**                      **Day 4**                      **Sunday**                      **Sydney - Melbourne (B/L/D)**

We are off to visit the **Tobruk Sheep Station**. Here we will see sheep shearing and sheep dogs working the flock. We will have a chance to throw a boomerang and crack a whip. A **barbecue lunch** is prepared for us just as they would if they were working the sheep out on the range. We will see how they make Aussie billy tea and damper on the campfire.

After our visit we will catch a flight to **Melbourne**.

**October 23, 2017**                      **Day 5**                      **Monday**                      **Melbourne (B/D)**

We will start this morning with a visit to the 64 acre **Fitzroy Gardens**. There we will visit **Captain Cook's Cottage** and the **Fitzroy Conservatory**, which are centerpieces of the Fitzroy Gardens. We will also see **St Patrick's and St. Paul's Cathedral, Parliament House, Melbourne Cricket Ground, Old Melbourne Goal, and Flinders Street Station**.

In the afternoon, we are off to **Phillip Island** to see the **Little Penguin Parade** this evening. We will have dinner while we wait for it to become dark enough to see the Little Penguins return from a day of feeding at sea. They will scurry ashore and return to their shoreline burrows where they spend their nights.

**October 24, 2017**    **Day 6**    **Tuesday**    **Melbourne/Christchurch, South Island, New Zealand (B/D)**

An early morning flight will take us on to **Christchurch, New Zealand**. After we arrive and clear customs and immigration, we are off to visit the **International Antarctic Centre**. It is a working campus of organizations whose business is centered on Antarctica. This attraction recreates the atmosphere of

Antarctica and provides visitors with an interactive, fun and exciting experience of the “Great White South”.

**October 25, 2017**                      **Day 7**                      **Wednesday**                      **Christchurch/Fox Glacier (B/D)**

Our day begins as we board the **TranzAlpine train** that will take us from Christchurch to **Arthur’s Pass**. We can enjoy the relaxing ride on the rails as we pass through the Canterbury Plains which are populated by many sheep. At Arthur’s Pass we will board a bus for the rest of the day. Keep an eye out for the Kea, New Zealand’s inquisitive and comical alpine parrot that can be found throughout South Island.

Our next destination is **Hokitika**, a small town on the southwestern coast of South Island. Along the way, the flora and fauna is reminiscent of the Volcano area of Hawaii Island. Here we will visit a **Jade Factory**, known as greenstone in New Zealand.

**October 26, 2017**                      **Day 8**                      **Thursday**                      **Fox Glacier/Queenstown (B/D)**

Our first stop will be to see the **Franz Josef Glacier** with the rainforest at its feet. We then continue south. Along the way we will briefly stop at **Mrs. Jones’s Orchard** in Cromwell where local fresh and dried fruit are sold. You can also try some delicious New Zealand ice cream.

Ahead is a stop at **AJ Hacket Bungy Jump Centre** at the Kawarau Bridge to see some brave souls jump.

Queenstown lies ahead on the shores of Lake Wakatipu and is a year-round resort with skiing at nearby Coronet Peak and the Remarkables mountain range during the winter and a host of activities from fishing to hang gliding to jet boat rides.

At the end of the day we will ride a gondola up to the 2786 foot top of **Bob’s Peak**. From there we will enjoy dinner at a restaurant where Lake Wakatipu can be seen below as well as the Cecil and Walter Peaks in the distance.

**October 27, 2017**                      **Day 9**                      **Friday**                      **Queenstown – Te Anau (B/L/D)**

Our destination today is **Milford Sound**. We will travel through the **Eglinton and Hollyford Valleys** through the **Homer Tunnel**. The drive combines scenery of mountains, lakes, gorges, rainforests and waterfalls. We will be cruising **Milford Sound** where we see the cascading **Bowen and Stirling Falls**, sparkling **Pembroke Glacier and Mitre Peak**. At **Seal Point**, fur seals may be seen. A **buffet lunch** is provided during the cruise.

**October 28, 2017**                      **Day 10**                      **Saturday**                      **Te Anau – Dunedin (B/D)**

It is time to move on for **Dunedin**, New Zealand’s oldest city possessing a unique combination of cultural riches, fine architecture and world-famous wildlife reserves on the Otago Peninsula.

We will visit **Cadbury World**, a chocolate themed attraction and one of just three in the world. From there, we will have a guided tour of **Olveston House**, a large historical home that preserves the wide variety of treasures the Theomin family collected over the years. A stop at the **Otago Museum** allows us to visit their **Discover World Tropical Forest** which brings you face to face with hundreds of beautiful, live exotic butterflies.

Tonight we will enjoy the traditional **Scottish Haggis ceremony**. It is a rousing ceremony of bagpipes, the haggis, whiskey from Dunedin's own distillery, Robbie Burn's famous "address to the Haggis" and the participation of the audience.

**October 29, 2017**                      **Day 11**                      **Sunday**                      **Dunedin – Christchurch (B/D)**

As we head northward along the east coast, we will stop to ponder how the **Moeraki Boulders** came to be. Maori legend has it that the boulders were originally kai-hinaki (food baskets) that washed ashore when a canoe was shipwrecked while searching for precious greenstones.

At Lake Tekapo, we will stop at the **Church of the Good Shepherd** and see the **bronze Collie Sheep Dog statue**. The statue honors the hard working animals who played a vital role in the residents' lives. Weather permitting, we may see **Mount Cook**, the highest peak within New Zealand's Southern Alps.

We will then briefly tour Christchurch's city centre.

**October 30, 2017**                      **Day 12**                      **Monday**                      **Christchurch / Rotorua, North Island (B/D)**

An early flight takes us to North Island where we spend the day at **Te Puia**, the former Maori Arts and Craft Institute, in the geothermal valley of Te Whakarewarewa. In the valley are a multitude of geysers, mud pools and boiling spring waters. There we will visit **Pikirangi**, a replica pre-European Maori Village, and the **Kiwi House** to discover the nocturnal world of the New Zealand Kiwi bird in a specially lit enclosure. During our visit we will also enjoy a **special cultural performance**. We end the day with a visit to the **Agrodome** where we see a Sheep Show, an hour long interactive experience that introduces us to 19 different breeds of sheep.

**October 31, 2017**                      **Day 13**                      **Tuesday**                      **Rotorua – Auckland (B/D)**

We continue our journey north through New Zealand's pine forests, cattle pastures, coal country, and vineyards. Our highlight today will be in **Waitomo** and its **Glow Worm Grotto**. We will have a guided tour of the limestone cave and a boat ride through the darkness where the numerous insects' glow reflects off the water deep underground.

**November 1, 2017**                      **Day 14**                      **Wednesday**                      **Auckland / Honolulu (B/D)**

Our last day in New Zealand has finally arrived. Nicknamed for the yachts lining its cityscape, the "City of Sails" is New Zealand's largest urban area. This includes fantastic views of the beautiful **Waitemata Harbor**, a tour of the **downtown area** and the **America's Cup Village**. You will visit **Viaduct Harbour** and Auckland's famous **Queen Street** before going on through the **Auckland Domain**. The Domain is the city's oldest and one of its largest parks, situated on a 62,000 year old volcano.

At **Parnell Village**, New Zealand's oldest suburb, the historic buildings have been transformed into a trendy shopping area with many boutiques, antique, craft and specialty shops.

Our flight on Hawaiian Air departs just past midnight and will take us directly back to Honolulu. Since we recross the International Dateline we return on the morning of November 1, 2017.