

Australian Explorer With Queenstown & Rotorua

Day 1 ARRIVE IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. Welcome to beautiful Sydney, Australia's largest city. The remainder of the day is at your leisure for independent activities.

Day 2 SYDNEY. Enjoy a morning guided sightseeing tour that includes an Opera House and Harbour Bridge photo stop. Visit stunning BONDI BEACH, considered by many to be the most beautiful beach in Sydney. The afternoon is at your leisure. (B)

Day 3 SYDNEY. Enjoy a full day at leisure in this beautiful city. Choose from our selection of optional excursions, including a cruise on Sydney Harbour and a climb to the top of Sydney Harbour Bridge. (B)

Day 4 SYDNEY–CAIRNS–PORT DOUGLAS. Fly to Cairns, "Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef." Continue to Port Douglas, a beachside town surrounded by rainforest and the Coral Sea. Enjoy a 3-night stay in this tropical paradise. (B)

Day 5 PORT DOUGLAS. EXCURSION TO THE OUTER GREAT BARRIER REEF. Today, prepare for the experience of a lifetime when you board a catamaran and CRUISE to the Great Barrier Reef, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Explore this underwater world that is a dazzling kaleidoscope of color and brilliance. Choose to SNORKEL, take a semi-submersible WATERCRAFT TOUR, or attend a presentation by a marine biologist. Return to Port Douglas, where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

Day 6 PORT DOUGLAS. A full day at leisure. You may wish to take a trip into the Daintree Rainforest, the world's oldest living rainforest, and to beautiful Cape Tribulation. Other activities include hiking, relaxing by your resort's pool, or shopping at the unique boutiques and galleries in downtown Port Douglas, where you are sure to find a favorite souvenir. (B)

Day 7 PORT DOUGLAS–CAIRNS–MELBOURNE. Transfer to Cairns for your flight to Melbourne, the cosmopolitan heart of Australia. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B)

Day 8 MELBOURNE. Your morning guided sightseeing tour includes Federation Square, St. Patrick's Park, Queen Victoria Market (when open), Albert Park Lake, the Shrine of Remembrance, and St. Kilda Beach. Your tour ends at the EUREKA SKYDECK for awe-inspiring views of Melbourne from the Southern Hemisphere's highest viewing platform. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B)

Day 9 MELBOURNE. Enjoy a full day at leisure for independent activities. You may want to join an excursion to Phillip Island to watch the world-famous Penguin Parade, travel on the spectacular Ocean Road, or explore the lanes and arcades of the city. (B)

Day 10 MELBOURNE–QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND. Today, fly to the Queenstown. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B)

Day 11 QUEENSTOWN. EXCURSION TO MILFORD SOUND. Enjoy a full-day excursion to Milford Sound. First, travel by motorcoach along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau, gateway to FIORDLAND NATIONAL PARK. View the Mirror Lakes as you pass through Eglinton Valley. From the Homer Tunnel, emerge into Cleddau Valley. Join your Milford Sound CRUISE for an unforgettable experience. Be on the lookout for wildlife such as dolphins and penguins, and enjoy

the breathtaking waterfalls and scenery. Return to Queenstown late this evening. (B)

Day 12 QUEENSTOWN. Enjoy a full day at leisure in the “Adventure Capital of the World.” Perhaps choose an optional jet boat ride, visit a local winery, or tour some of the sites used to film The Lord of the Rings trilogy. (B)

Day 13 QUEENSTOWN–ROTORUA. Fly to Rotorua. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B)

Day 14 ROTORUA. This morning, enjoy guided sightseeing with visits to TE PUIA, RAINBOW SPRINGS NATURE PARK, and AGRODOME where you’ll learn about New Zealand’s sheep industry. This afternoon, explore this geothermal wonderland on your own. This evening, you may choose to join our optional Maori cultural performance and Hangi dinner. (B)

Day 15 ROTORUA–WAITOMO–AUCKLAND. Today, head north for Waitomo, where you will take a boat trip through the WAITOMO GLOWWORM CAVES. Continue on to Auckland where your evening is at leisure. (B,L)

Day 16 AUCKLAND. Your stay in New Zealand ends with breakfast this morning. (B)