

Departures between 01/01/18 to 31/03/18 operate as per the 2017/18 brochure. Itinerary, departure dates & prices may change from 01/10/19. Please enquire for details.

Day 1 – Arrive Cairns

Your leisurely vacation starts in Far North Queensland in tropical Cairns. This evening meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and privately hosted dinner at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. **D**

Hotel: Pacific Hotel Cairns, 3 nights

Day 2 – Great Barrier Reef

This morning board a sleek high speed catamaran and cruise out to the natural wonder of the Great Barrier Reef. You can snorkel and view this natural living wonder up close (equipment provided) or stay dry and explore the stunning reef from the comfort of a semi-submersible craft. Enjoy a tropical buffet lunch before you return to Cairns. **BL**

Day 3 – Cairns at Leisure

Today is all yours to relax or explore. Maybe take an optional experience to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures to encounter an array of wildlife including koalas, tropical birds and reptiles, or travel to the Daintree rainforest. **B**

Day 4 – Cairns / Uluru

Today, fly from Cairns to Ayers Rock. This afternoon enjoy a leisurely drive through the desert plains to Kata Tjuta (the Olgas). Admire the view of the domes of Kata Tjuta while you take in the outback sunset with sparkling wine. **B**

Hotel: Desert Gardens Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights

Day 5 – Uluru

View the magical Uluru (Ayers Rock) sunrise. Afterwards, gain insight into the traditional owners of the land, the Anangu, as you tour the base of Uluru. This evening relax with canapés and sparkling wine as you watch an Uluru sunset. Afterwards, enjoy our award-winning Uluru Barbecue Dinner. After dinner, gaze at the southern night sky with a local expert. **BD**

Day 6 – Uluru / Sydney

Join a local Aboriginal artist for introduction to Western Desert Art. Your Anangu artist will explain their totems, then help you complete your own painting to take home as a memento. This afternoon you will fly to Sydney. Your evening is free to explore. Your Travel Director can point you in the direction of some restaurants nearby your hotel. **B**

Hotel: Hyatt Regency (Darling Harbour View Room), Sydney, 3 nights

Day 7 – Sydney

A day of sightseeing around this stunning harbor city awaits. Join a guided tour of the iconic Sydney Opera House to take a sneak peek behind the scenes before discovering Sydney's Eastern Suburbs and putting your feet in the sand on famous Bondi Beach. Later, take to the water for a Captain Cook Lunch Cruise. Enjoy a fresh seasonal menu while you sail around the glistening harbor. You'll pass magnificent waterfront homes, beaches and parklands and all the main harbor attractions. Then spend the rest of the day seeing the sights of your choice. This evening, why not experience a performance under the iconic sails of the Sydney Opera House. **BL**

Day 8 – Sydney 'Free Time'

The day is yours to explore this wonderful city. Why not take an optional experience to the spectacular Blue Mountains. See the Three Sisters rock formation and visit Featherdale Wildlife Park. If you've always wanted to climb Sydney Harbour Bridge, take a thrilling 'BridgeClimb'. This evening, join your Travel Director for dinner on the waterfront. **BD**

Day 9 – Sydney / Auckland

Say goodbye to Australia as we fly to the city of Auckland in New Zealand. This evening enjoy dinner at your hotel. **BD**

Hotel: Stamford Plaza, Auckland

Day 10 – Auckland / Rotorua

Travel to the Waitomo Caves to see a galaxy of twinkling glowworms. This evening experience the heart-pounding wero (challenge) from a Maori warrior during a Powhiri, a ceremonial Maori welcome. Journey into the village for an insight into life in New Zealand prior to the arrival of European settlers. At your dinner, feast on succulent meats and vegetables cooked in a hangi, the traditional Maori method of cooking in the earth. **BD**

Hotel: Millennium, Rotorua, 2 nights

Day 11 – Rotorua Sightseeing

A Maori Specialist will accompany you around the Whakarewarewa Living Thermal Village. See New Zealand's biggest geyser, bubbling mud pools and thermal springs. Your next stop is Rainbow Springs Nature Park for a tour where you may even spot a kiwi! Then visit the Agrodome Sheep Show, the multi-award-winning stage show, for a taste of farm life. **B**

Day 12 – Rotorua / Queenstown

This morning you'll fly to Queenstown. On arrival explore the historic gold mining village of

Arrowtown before an orientation of Queenstown and surrounds. See Lake Wakatipu, the Remarkables Mountain Range and the home of the Bungy Jump at Kawarau Bridge. **B**

Hotel: Millennium, Queenstown, 3 nights

Day 13 – Queenstown 'Free Time'

A free day to do as you choose in New Zealand's adventure capital. Why not take an optional experience through the rainforest of World Heritage Fiordland National Park for an unforgettable cruise on Milford Sound? **B**

Day 14 – Queenstown 'Free Time'

Today you may like to relax or consider taking another of our optional experiences. You could ride the Shotover Jet boat, take a 4WD minibus excursion through Skippers Canyon, or explore Queenstown on your own. This evening join your Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner at The Boatshed. Set in the restored historic New Zealand Railways Shipping Office and relocated to its lakefront setting in 1936, The Boatshed, with its spectacular views of Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables mountain range, is the perfect venue for your exclusive dinner with wine. **BD**

Day 15 – Depart Queenstown

Say farewell to your fellow travelers when your vacation comes to an end this morning after breakfast. **B**