

"Land Down Under Adventure" Visiting Australia & New Zealand

February 15-March 1, 2016

\$7989.00 per person including airfare from Chicago For reservations & information call: WTVP (309) 677-4747 or Eskin Tours (800) 315-9179







Exclusive Tour Features

- Round trip motor coach transportation from Peoria to O'Hare Airport
- > Air transportation from Chicago to Auckland and return from Sydney on regularly scheduled flights
- Air transportation within New Zealand and Australia
- ➤ 14 nights of First Class hotel accommodations
- > Full breakfast daily
- Welcome Dinner at Orbit Revolving Restaurant in Auckland
- Visit to the Glowworms Caves in Waitomo
- Experience a Hobbiton Movie Set Tour
- Visit Rainbow Springs Nature Park
- Visit to the Agrodome Sheep Show
- Visit to the Maori Arts & Crafts Institute and Rotorua Museum of Arts & History
- Maori Dinner & Concert in Rotorua
- Dinner at Stratosfare Restaurant in Queenstown
- Sightseeing tour to Milford Sound including a cruise and lunch
- City tour of Christchurch including a Skyline Gondola Ride
- ➤ Home-Hosted dinner in Christchurch with a local family
- Full-day tour to Daintree & Mossman Gorge
- > Full-day excursion to Michaelmas Cay to explore the Great Barrier Reef with lunch
- Dinner at Dundee Restaurant in Cairns
- City tour of Sydney
- Visit to the Sydney Opera House
- Coffee Cruise on Sydney Harbor
- Full-day tour to Blue Mountains and Featherdale Wildlife Park with lunch
- Dinner at Cyren Restaurant in Sydney
- Extensive sightseeing as outlined, including all entrance fees and narrated by a guide
- Luggage handling of one suitcase per person at all hotels
- > All current airline fuel surcharges, subject to change.

Not included: Air taxes of \$225.00 per person, tips to guides/drivers, beverages with included lunches or dinners, and trip cancellation insurance package. Each passenger must obtain an entry to Australia visa online (\$20 current fee). Instructions will be provided with the final invoices.



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"Day by Day Itinerary"

Monday, February 15 - Peoria / Chicago en Route

Depart Peoria by motor coach for O'Hare Airport. Depart Chicago for San Francisco where you'll connect to your Air New Zealand flight to Auckland, New Zealand. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board. (D, B)

Tuesday, February 16 - Cross International Dateline

Wednesday, February 17 - Arrive Auckland, New Zealand

Arrive mid-day in Auckland, the "City of Sails". Upon arrival, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel for immediate check-in. Afterwards, relax until the welcome dinner. Combining stylish décor, delicious à la carte menu and stunning views of Auckland City, **Orbit Revolving Restaurant** provides an amazing experience and food to match. It is situated at the top of the Sky Tower, 570 feet off the ground, and the dining room rotates 360 degrees once every hour. (D)

Thursday, February 18 - Auckland / Waitomo / Rotorua

After leaving the motorway south of Auckland, the Waikato River will accompany you for much of your journey through green countryside. Places of interest along the way include the wine growing area of Te Kauwhata and the coal mining town of Huntly. Your first stop will be at the Waitomo caves, where huge limestone caverns are filled with stalactites and glow worms. Your next stop will be Matamata for a Hobbiton Movie Set tour. Already famous for its thoroughbred industry and dairy farming heritage, Matamata is now known the world over as the setting for **The Lord of the Rings** movies. Your final destination today is Rotorua, which sits directly on the Pacific Ring of Fire where continental plates collide. Explore the geothermal areas and discover the unique culture of the Maoris, the indigenous people of New Zealand. **(B)**

Friday, February 19 - Rotorua (Rainbow Springs, Agrodome & Maori Experience)

Enjoy a Kiwi Encounter at Rainbow Springs, a sheep shearing and dog show at the Agrodome Farm Experience, and visit Te Puia, the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute. Te Puia is home to the internationally renowned Pohutu geyser, the National carving and weaving schools and the world famous Whakarewarewa guides. Discover the great stories of the Rotorua region and learn about the rich culture, volatile landscape and legendary figures that have shaped this fascinating region.

In the evening, meet the People of the Land at Mitai Maori Village. This experience includes the world famous Fairy Spring, the Maori war canoe (waka) paddle-by, Maori song and dance (haka), traditionally cooked Hangi meal, glow worm tour and an evening bush walk and talk about Maori medicines. **(B&D)**

Saturday, February 20 - Rotorua / Queenstown

Fly to the lovely resort city of Queenstown, the "Jewel of the South Island". The alpine resort of Queenstown is exciting and fantastically attractive. At arrival in Queenstown you will be transferred to your hotel. In the evening, you'll take a scenic gondola ride for quick and easy access to Queenstown's most spectacular views. Located at the top of the iconic Skyline Gondola, **Stratosfare Restaurant and Bar** is the perfect place to enjoy a sumptuous dinner while enjoying the spectacular views over Lake Wakatipu. **(B&D)**

Sunday, February 21 - Queenstown / Milford Sound Excursion

Depart Queenstown for Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland National Park. Getting there is half the fun as your journey continues along the spectacular Milford Highway. At the Homer Tunnel, you might even see the cheeky kea, the only mountain parrots in the world. Upon arrival at Milford Sound you will discover the fjord during a full-length cruise that offers spectacular viewing and endless photo opportunities of waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife. A **Buffet Lunch** is included onboard, and your vessel is designed with large windows, spacious decks and comfortable lounges. Return to Queenstown in the evening. **(B&L)**

Monday, February 22 - Queenstown

Enjoy a day at leisure or join an optional activity if you wish. (B)

Tuesday, February 23 - Queenstown / Christchurch

Leave Queenstown and head to Christchurch via Lake Tekapo. This lake has a milky turquoise color that is caused by fine suspended particles from polished glacier rocks. After the lake, you will drive the Mackenzie region, named after the legendary Scottish shepherds who once lived in this region. Arrive at Christchurch, the South Island's largest city and gateway to the South Island. Bordered by hills and the Pacific Ocean, it is situated on the edge of the Canterbury Plains that stretch to the Southern Alps. Check in at the hotel. Enjoy a **Home-Hosted Dinner** this evening with a local family and learn about the New Zealander way of life while sampling typical local dishes. **(B&D)**

Wednesday, February 24 - Christchurch / Australia - Brisbane / Cairns

This morning you will take a city sightseeing tour which includes a Skyline Gondola ride far above the city, as your 4-person cabin lifts you gently up to 1500 ft. above sea level. Stunning panoramas extend over Pegasus Bay and the Pacific Ocean and across the Canterbury Plains to the Southern Alps. Bid farewell to New Zealand as you board your flight to Cairns via Brisbane. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. **(B)**

Thursday, February 25 - Cairns

This morning you'll ride aboard the original **Kuranda Scenic Railway** which will take you to the town of Kuranda. Experience the Old World charm of travelling in authentic timber carriages, gently meandering past breathtaking scenery, while enjoying a spectacular journey comprising unsurpassed views of dense

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rainforest. The visit to Rainforestation Nature Park is a rewarding, informative and entertaining "hands-on" educational experience. Join your **Pamagirri** guide on a **Dreamtime Walk** and learn how to throw a boomerang; play the didgeridoo and watch a spear throwing demonstration. Then enjoy a traditional Aboriginal dance performance in the rainforest amphitheater. Take the **Skyrail Rainforest Cableway**, which is a unique rainforest experience taking you on an unforgettable journey over Australia's World Heritage-listed Tropical Rainforest and deep into the forest. You are then transferred to your hotel to enjoy some leisure time for shopping in this lovely town. **Dinner is included this evening at Dundee's Restaurant**, one of Cairn's most picturesque dining experiences. **(B&D)**

Friday, February 26 - Cairns (Great Barrier Reef)

Set sail aboard the 110 ft. luxury sailing catamaran, **Ocean Spirit**, to Michaelmas Cay for a day to remember. Today's experience includes a wide range of activities that will allow people of all ages to fully experience Michaelmas Cay's unique reef environment. The Cay, with its calm, shallow waters, is ideal for first-timers, and both experienced and novice snorkelers can enjoy the myriad of corals and colorful fish. Then cruise on a semi-sub. Seated just 3-1/2 ft. below the waterline, you'll get a diver's view of the reef without getting wet! With the large viewing windows, the expert crew provides an informative commentary on the corals and marine life swimming before your eyes as you learn about the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef in this interactive tour. **(B&L)**

Saturday, February 27 - Cairns / Sydney

Today you fly to Sydney, a vibrant city catering to all your desires whether you seek exhilaration, exploration or relaxation. Discover Sydney's unique blend of dining, shopping and recreation options in one of the world's most attractive cities. **(B)**

Sunday, February 28 - Sydney

Enjoy today's tour capturing the history of Sydney, stunning architecture, spectacular harbor views and the world famous Bondi Beach. Pass through the historical Rocks area and Circular Quay as you learn about the history and significance of the area. View the Opera House and the Harbor Bridge from Mrs. Macquarie's Chair, a chair specially designed for the Governor's wife to look out over the harbor. Travel through Chinatown, Darling Harbor, and the nightlife district of Kings Cross. Travel via Watson Bay and stop at "The Gap" for fantastic views and photo opportunities before arriving at world-famous Bondi Beach. Visit inside the worlds' most recognizable sails at the **Sydney Opera House**. Enjoy a tour with **Blue Line Cruises Limited**. This one-hour sightseeing cruise will take you by the Harbor's major attractions. Dinner is included this evening at **Cyren at Harbourside**. **(B&D)**

Monday, February 29 - Sydney (Blue Mountain & Wild Life Park)

Enjoy a full-day Blue Mountains Tour. Situated just 40 minutes from Sydney and en route to the Blue Mountains, **Featherdale Wildlife Park** is Sydney's ultimate interactive wildlife experience. Get up close to koalas, kangaroos and wallabies and discover a fascinating family of more than 2,200 animals, birds and reptiles—including a 12 ft. Saltwater Crocodile. Meet them all in a natural bush setting spread across 7 level acres. Travel through the western suburbs of Sydney into the rugged beauty of the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains National Park. Enjoy a light lunch before you experience the natural wonderland of untamed bush, spectacular rock formations and native wildlife. See magnificent steep valleys, canyons and the famous cliff formation "The Three Sisters". The views reach to the horizon, waterfalls plummet to the valleys below and there are numerous lookouts and other places where you feel one with nature. Explore the townships of Leura and Katoomba with its range of boutiques, art and antique galleries and cafes. Return to Sydney passing Homebush, the site of the Sydney 2000 Olympics. **(B&L)**

Tuesday, March 1 - Sydney / Auckland / Los Angeles / Chicago

Depart Sydney via Auckland to Los Angeles, arriving the same morning by re-crossing the International Dateline. After clearing Customs, you board your flight back to Chicago, arriving in the afternoon with unforgettable memories of a great journey to the "Land Down Under".



TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Deposits are accepted by checks only.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and air fares in effect 5/20/2015. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency in air tariff, in hotel, or transportation rates, notification will be mailed to tour members in writing with the final invoice.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE: You have the opportunity to purchase an insurance policy to cover you should you have to cancel for a medical reason. In the event you elect not to purchase the trip cancellation insurance, penalties will be implemented according to the terms below.

CANCELLATION: \$100.00 per person penalty if written notification is received 95 days or more prior to departure. 94-60 the deposit amount is forfeited. If cancellation is received 59 days or less prior to departure 100% penalty will apply. **INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE TRAVEL:** One piece of checked luggage is allowed on the tour. Its combined total measurement (length+width+height) cannot exceed 62 inches and 50 lbs. You are also allowed one carry-on per person which must be able to fit under the seat in front of you with a measurement of 45 inches. This tour is based on specially negotiated airfare and may not qualify for frequent flyer miles.

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