



# Grand Tour of Australia & New Zealand with The Zoomer Travel Club

22 days

From the Great Barrier Reef and the rugged Australian Outback to New Zealand's sheep-dotted plains and cliff-lined fjords, the South Pacific features a lineup of dramatic landscapes. In between outdoor adventures, you'll discover sophisticated, multicultural cities and an irresistible, carpe diem spirit.



## Your tour package includes

- 19 nights in handpicked hotels
- 19 breakfasts
- 1 lunch
- 6 dinners with beer or wine
- 1 wine tasting
- Guided sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

## Included highlights

- Uluru
- Great Barrier Reef
- Sydney Opera House
- Glowworm Caves
- Milford Sound
- Kiwi home-hosted dinner

## Tour pace

You will walk for about 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and gravel paths, with few hills.

## Group size

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## Overnight Flight → 2 nights

### Day 1: Travel day

Cross the International Date Line in flight and “lose” a day.

### Day 2: Travel day

Your flight continues to Australia.

## Melbourne → 3 nights

### Day 3: Arrival in Melbourne

*Included meals: dinner*

Welcome to Melbourne! Gather with your Tour Director and fellow travellers at tonight’s welcome dinner.

### Day 4: Sightseeing tour of Melbourne

*Included meals: breakfast*

Take a guided tour to discover the city’s beautiful 19th-century architecture, historic landmarks, and sprawling parks.

- Explore Carlton Gardens, home of the Royal Exhibition Building and the Melbourne Museum
  - Visit St. Patrick’s Cathedral and the Shrine of Remembrance
  - Pass the Yarra River, the Sports and Arts Precinct—site of the Australian Open—and stroll through Queen Victoria Market
- Enjoy a free afternoon in Melbourne or add an excursion.
- + Phillip Island Penguin Parade

### Day 5: Brighton Beach boxes & Chapel Street

*Included meals: breakfast*

Visit the iconic Brighton Beach boxes with your Tour Director and enjoy time to photograph the colourful boat sheds that line the beach. Then, take a guided walk down trendy Chapel Street followed by free time to shop and eat lunch.

## Alice Springs → 1 night

### Day 6: Flight to Alice Springs

*Included meals: breakfast*

Fly to Alice Springs in the Northern Territory to learn about many institutions that date back to the country’s colonial days.

- Stop at Anzac Hill and take in sweeping views of the town and countryside

- Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, School of Air, and the old Alice Springs Telegraph Station

## Uluru Region → 1 night

### Day 7: Sunset at Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free morning in Alice Springs or add an excursion.

Then, journey through the desert to Uluru to explore the park on a guided tour.

- View Kata Tjuta, the weathered rock domes also known as the Olgas
  - Watch the sun set over Uluru
- + Australian Hot Air Balloon Ride

## Great Barrier Reef Region → 3 nights

### Day 8: Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

*Included meals: breakfast*

Return to Uluru, the monolith that’s been worshipped by indigenous Aboriginal tribes for 22,000 years. Then, fly to Cairns, a coastal city in the state of Queensland.

### Day 9: The Great Barrier Reef

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Enjoy a full day at the Great Barrier Reef, the world’s largest coral reef system.

- Head to Cairns Marina to board a boat out into the Coral Sea
- View the coral’s colours from the underwater observatory, glass-bottom boat or semi-submarine—or hop in the water with a snorkel

### Day 10: Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park

*Included meals: breakfast*

At the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park, meet your guide who will accompany you through the park.

- Learn how to make and play a didgeridoo, how to throw a spear, and watch performances that celebrate the culture of the rainforest’s indigenous people
- Take a scenic ride on the historic Kuranda Train before a leisurely lunch break

- Spend free time exploring the Kuranda Village, discovering treasures at the markets, visiting an Aboriginal art gallery, or hopping on a river cruise
- Ride the Skyrail cable car, soaring high over the canopy of the forest

## Sydney → 3 nights

### Day 11: Flight to Sydney

*Included meals: breakfast*

Fly to Sydney this morning, then enjoy a free day in the city or add an excursion.

- + Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise

### Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Sydney

*Included meals: breakfast*

Take a guided tour of one of the world’s most pleasant cities.

- Pass Darling Harbour and the Royal Botanic Gardens
- Stop at Mrs. Macquarie’s Chair to take in views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge
- See the Rocks neighbourhood, National Opal Collection, Bondi Beach, and Gap in Watsons Bay
- Step inside the UNESCO-listed Sydney Opera House with a local guide

### Day 13: Free day in Sydney

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Enjoy a full free day in Sydney or add an excursion.

- + Featherdale Wildlife Park

## Fiordland National Park Region → 2 nights

### Day 14: Flight to the Fiordland National Park Region

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Say goodbye to Australia and fly to Queenstown, New Zealand. Upon arrival, transfer to the town of Te Anau to take in some of the region’s most captivating landscapes.

### Day 15: Lake Te Anau cruise, Glowworm Caves & Milford Sound cruise

*Included meals: breakfast*

Depart early this morning to see the spectacular scenery in Fiordland National Park.

- Cruise across Lake Te Anau to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves
  - Walk along subterranean boardwalks inside the caves to view glowworms
  - Pass through beautiful beech forests and by glittering mirror lakes
  - Climb to the Homer Saddle and drive through Homer Tunnel
  - Sip on a glass of wine as you cruise around Milford Sound, in view of Mitre Peak
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## Queenstown → 2 nights

### Day 16: Sightseeing tour of Queenstown & Bob's Peak

*Included meals: breakfast*

Pass through some of New Zealand's most captivating landscapes as you make your way to Queenstown. Then, explore Queenstown with your Tour Director.

Tonight, take the Skyline Queenstown Gondola 1,500 feet up to Bob's Peak, which offers panoramic views of the landscape below. At the top, watch the sun set as you admire the Remarkables, Walter Peak, and Lake Wakatipu in the distance.

### Day 17: Sightseeing tour of Arrowtown

*Included meals: breakfast*

Visit Arrowtown, a gold rush settlement, with your Tour Director this morning.

Enjoy free time in Queenstown or add an excursion.

+ Walter Peak: Lake Cruise & Dinner

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## Rotorua → 2 nights

### Day 18: Flight to Rotorua

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Fly to Rotorua, in the heart of the North Island's Maori country. This evening, enjoy a traditional *hāngi* feast with your group.

### Day 19: Rotorua Region

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Spend the day exploring the highlights of the Rotorua region.

- With a local guide leading the way, learn about the region's indigenous birds at the Kiwi Wildlife Park
- Visit the village of Whakarewarewa, which is home to thermal springs and bubbling hot pools
- Join a local Whakarewarewa guide to learn about the lifestyle and traditions of the Maori people, who live in harmony with nature in the village

- Visit Rotorua's Government Gardens, a public park and site of great historical importance to the local Maori people

Tonight, join a local Kiwi family for a home-hosted dinner of regional specialties.

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## Auckland → 2 nights

### Day 20: Transfer to Auckland & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast*

Drive from Rotorua to Auckland this morning. Then, get to know Auckland, "The City of Sails," with your Tour Director in the lead.

- Take an elevator to the top of the 1,076-foot-high Sky Tower
- Stop at the city's harbour and take a short walk to the Auckland Harbour Bridge

### Day 21: Waiheke Island

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Board a ferry and settle in for a scenic cruise across the Auckland Harbour to Waiheke Island.

- Learn about the history of the island, the native flora and fauna, and tales of the region from a local guide
- Visit a local boutique vineyard for a wine tasting before continuing to a bustling olive oil mill

Later, celebrate your trip with your group at tonight's farewell dinner.

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## Flight Home

### Day 22: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.ca/KUN](http://goaheadtours.ca/KUN) | 1-800-754-5066

## Day 4: Phillip Island Penguin Parade

\$209CAD/\$219CAD\* (7.5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Every night, the tiny penguins of Phillip Island waddle ashore in an adorable parade. On this excursion, you'll journey to Summerland Beach to see the penguins come home after a long day of fishing. They're returning to feed their babies, and you'll watch as the penguins arrive for dinner on the beach. Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent. Travelers should wear seasonally appropriate clothing as this excursion takes place entirely outdoors. Because of the penguins' sensitive vision, photography of the parade is not permitted. We recommend bringing snacks or purchasing food at the cafe as you'll arrive back at the hotel late this evening.

Board the steam-powered TSS Earnslaw in Queenstown for a cruise across Lake Wakatipu. Your destination is Walter Peak, one of New Zealand's most famous sheep and cattle stations. There, you'll enjoy a barbecue dinner and watch a sheep-shearing demonstration and sheepdog show before heading back to Queenstown. Please note: A weatherproof jacket and comfortable shoes are recommended.

## Day 7: Australian Hot Air Balloon Ride

\$275CAD/\$285CAD\* (4 hours, departs in the morning)

Sail through the morning sky high above the Atherton Tablelands on this breathtaking excursion. This area is known for its beautiful mix of lush rainforests, thundering waterfalls, and sprawling savannas. As you rise into the sky, you may spot local wildlife grazing below, including kangaroos and wallabies. Your balloon ride lasts 30 minutes. Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent.

## Day 11: Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise

\$195CAD/\$205CAD\* (2.5 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)

Take a dinner cruise through Sydney Harbour, basking in views of the city's famous bridge, opera house and twinkling cityscape at night. The MV Sydney 2000, one of Sydney's most prestigious cruise ships, features multiple decks and live entertainment. Your dinner will be served on the Sky Deck, offering 360-degree views of the city.

## Day 13: Featherdale Wildlife Park

\$115CAD/\$125CAD\* (4 hours, departs in the morning)

Make your way to the Featherdale Wildlife Park, a sanctuary that's dedicated to protecting and conserving the more than 1,700 Australian native animals that call the park home. Here, you'll sip morning tea and learn about the park's commitment to environmental education. Meet a local guide who will talk with your group and show you a joey, or baby kangaroo. Then, continue on to another area of the park to view its protected koalas up close before enjoying free time to explore the park at your leisure. Please note: If fewer than 10 customers reserve the excursion, the Tour Director will not join, and bus transfers and animal encounters will be shared with other park visitors outside of your group.

## Day 17: Walter Peak: Lake Cruise & Dinner

\$165CAD/\$175CAD\* (4 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.ca/terms](http://goaheadtours.ca/terms)