

## Australia's Outback to New Zealand's South Island

with optional Post Tour Extension

### Highlights...

Sydney • Sydney Opera House • Cairns • Great Barrier Reef • Alice Springs • Uluru • Melbourne • Queenstown • Milford Sound • Mt. Cook National Park • Christchurch



20 Days • 27 Meals: 17 Breakfasts • 2 Lunches • 8 Dinners

#### Collette experiences

- Overnight in the majestic Mt. Cook National Park.
- Take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House – an architectural wonder.
- Cruise Milford Sound, taking in the natural beauty that surrounds you.

#### Must-see inclusions

- Explore the Great Barrier Reef.
- Discover the origins of the Arrernte Aboriginal people on a "Dreamtime Tour."
- Explore Kata Tjuta and the base of Ayers Rock (Uluru).

#### Culinary inclusions

- Witness Ayers Rock at sunset while you sip champagne.
- Take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- Dine with a Kiwi family in their home.

#### Day 1 – Day 2: Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline (skipping a day ahead) for an adventure discovering the treasures of Australia and New Zealand, including their unparalleled beauty and captivating culture.

#### Day 3: Sydney, Australia - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Sydney, perhaps one of the friendliest metropolis in the world. Tonight join your fellow travelers and toast to the start of your adventure down under during dinner in lively Darling Harbour. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 4: Sydney

See where English colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney, featuring Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, and the fashionable suburb of Darlinghurst. Take an expert-led tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then, have the chance to join a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. In the evening, consider an optional dinner and engaging performance at the famous Opera House. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 5: Sydney

Deepen your exploration of Sydney's many wonders with a day at leisure. Tonight, enjoy scenic vistas of Sydney during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the magnificent skyline and iconic attractions: the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 6: Sydney - Cairns

Fly to Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions – the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO). Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 7: Cairns

Soak up the tropical atmosphere – the morning is yours. Perhaps you will take an optional tour on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, taking you above the rainforest canopy for a bird's-eye view of unspoiled nature. This afternoon, visit Hartley's Crocodile Adventures to see crocodiles on a nature cruise. Head through rainforests on boardwalks to see animals such as wild birds, reptiles, and wallabies. Visit with a koala and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these furry creatures. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 8: Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns

Board a glass-bottom catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to discover the aquatic realm of the Great Barrier Reef. Spend the day however you please, perhaps choosing from a selection of included activities. Maybe you'll soak up the sun on a tiny remote island,\* located along the outer reef. Or, consider snorkeling in the rolling waves, uncovering a pod of vibrant sea life. You can also meet with a marine biologist or join an expert on a heritage trail walk along the island. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

#### Day 9: Cairns - Alice Springs

Experience the vast landscapes and tranquility of the Outback. Your flight takes you to Alice Springs, the perfect place to begin exploring this unique land. Tonight, continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 10: Alice Springs

Access the history and culture of the Arrernte Aboriginal people by enjoying a guided walk on their sacred land, followed by a talk with an Aboriginal guide. Gain insight into their cultural history and discover what makes this place so special. This afternoon, discover a more modern side to Outback living when you visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, a lifeline to thousands across the vast terrain of Central Australia. Later, tour the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill with its excellent views of Alice Springs and the surrounding area. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 11: Alice Springs - Uluru

Traverse the "Red Centre" and head to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock) in the heart of the Australian Outback. This huge monolith and the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta were created through upheaval and erosion. Tour the base of "the Rock," learning about its geology and significance to Aboriginal culture. Witness the changing colors of Uluru at sunset accompanied by a champagne toast. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 12: Uluru - Melbourne**

Fly to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. Set upon the shores of Port Phillip Bay and the Yarra River, the city exudes a lively and cosmopolitan atmosphere. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 13: Melbourne**

Set out on a city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens and Melbourne's bustling "laneways." Then, **it's your choice!** Enjoy free time to explore on your own **-OR-** visit the Melbourne Botanical Gardens and Shrine of Remembrance. With an afternoon to yourself, perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Phillip Island, home to the world's largest colony of Little Penguins, where you'll see hundreds of these birds waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their dune burrows. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 14: Melbourne - Queenstown, New Zealand**

Leave Australia behind and fly to Queenstown, New Zealand. One of New Zealand's most popular towns, Queenstown is nestled against a picturesque bay and snowcapped mountains. Home to ski resorts, hiking trails and an abundance of natural beauty, the city is known as the "Adventure Capital of the World." Settle into your new home for the next 3 nights. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 15: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown**

Soak in the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley as you travel through an ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. Cruise the Milford Sound and see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following the cruise, consider returning to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

**Day 16: Queenstown**

Enjoy a day at leisure. Shop in the bustling village center or enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 17: Queenstown - Mt. Cook National Park**

Set off for the 19th-century settlement of Arrowtown, founded in the gold fever. Follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand's most famous national park – Mt. Cook. Savor some free time in this Alpine paradise. You may choose to take a nature walk or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 18: Mt. Cook National Park - Christchurch**

Depart for Christchurch this morning and pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. A leader in the conservation of New Zealand species, Willowbank offers the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" up close and personal. Later, join a local Kiwi family for a home hosted dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 19: Christchurch**

Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the "Garden City" is recreating itself during a sightseeing tour that highlights the city's magnificent gardens and elegant park district. As the day draws to a close, toast to your adventure down under at a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 20: Christchurch - Tour Ends**

Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with unforgettable memories of the South Pacific. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Experience It! Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Become mesmerized at Ayers Rock, which is called Uluru in the Aboriginal language. This massive sandstone rock formation rises over 1,100 feet high, towering above the surrounding desert – known commonly as the "Outback." Uluru stretches for over 2 miles, which means that all the photos you've seen of Uluru were taken from pretty far away. The best time to visit Ayers Rock is at sunrise or sunset, when the rock seems to take on a distinct red glow. Although the rock itself is the focus of many, the surrounding area shouldn't be overlooked. Uluru is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is home to various endangered creatures and reptiles. In addition to the animals of the park, analysis of cave drawings and archeological findings show that this area has been supporting human life for over 10,000 years.

Your itinerary at a glance

Days 1, 2	Overnight Flight
Days 3 – 5	Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, Sydney
Days 6 – 8	Crystalbrook Bailey, Cairns
Days 9, 10	DoubleTree by Hilton, Alice Springs
Day 11	Desert Gardens, Uluru
Days 12, 13	Mantra on Little Bourke, Melbourne
Days 14 – 16	Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown
Day 17	The Hermitage, Mount Cook
Days 18, 19	Novotel Christchurch Cathedral Square, Christchurch
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

**Collette's Flagship:** Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

Please Note:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed with the exception of visits to wildlife parks.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

\*For your sail to the Low Isles, there will be minimal amenities available on the island. Be sure to bring everything you may need for the day including water and a change of clothes.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Due to early arrival times into some cities, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <http://www.mohap.gov.ae/en/services/Pages/361.aspx> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required.

Due to changes in air schedules while on tour, the order of days in the itinerary may change.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports and visas are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our guests traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

**Visa Requirements:**

US and Canadian citizens: ETA's (Electronic Travel Authority) are required for this tour.

For your Australia ETA: Travel Agents that have access to a CRS system can process your ETA at no charge or they may call the guest's airline no earlier than 30 days prior to departure (credit card is required). If you do not have access to a CRS system, you will be supplied with an ETA form and asked to fax this information back to us 45 days prior to departure. Please send the fax in care of the Australian ETA Coordinator at fax 401-727-4745. Please include the (required) Reservation Number, Passport Number, Nationality, Date of Birth, Gender, Country of Birth, Passport Expiration Date, Family or Last Name (as shown on passport), First and/or Middle Name Given (as shown on your passport) and Issuing Authority.

For travel to New Zealand, your NZeTA must be processed in advance through the New Zealand Immigration online system by visiting <https://nzeta.immigration.govt.nz/> (approximate cost of 12 NZD) or through their mobile app NZeTA (approximate cost of 9 NZD) in addition to Tourism Levy of 35 NZD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

Extend your vacation with...

### Optional 4 Days 3-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$1,399.00 per person, double, land & air inclusive

4 Meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 Dinner

#### Day 20: Christchurch - Nadi, Fiji

Today you will arrive in the beautiful tropical paradise of Fiji. Fijians are warm and friendly, with a welcoming, vibrant South Pacific culture. The expansive sandy beaches and clear ocean waters draw visitors from around the world.

#### Day 21: Fiji

Your day is free to explore everything that your resort has to offer. Relax by the beach and pool, or choose one of the many fun, adventurous activities available to you from the hotel activities desk. Tonight, enjoy a lovely dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 22: Fiji

Enjoy another day of rest and relaxation. The friendly concierge and activities staff will help you get the most out of your time. (B)

#### Day 23: Fiji - Tour Ends

Your time in Fiji comes to an end today. (B)

#### Please Note:

Due to flight schedules, on some departures the optional Fiji extension is 2 nights and is slightly lower priced.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 6 passengers is not met to operate.

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Independently explore this destination! While this extension is not hosted or guided, it is intended to give you freedom and flexibility to explore a destination – or return to a favorite one.

A local representative will accompany you from the airport to the hotel and be available at designated times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Air inclusive rate is valid for guests who have purchased our air package for the full tour. Rate will vary for those who have purchased their own air.

**The overall activity level of this extension is a level 1.** This means you can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

## Important reservation information:

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**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our guests traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

**\*Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not

canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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