

# Down Under Discovery

20 Day Tour from Auckland to Sydney

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## Vacation Overview

Crikey! If you've always wanted a complete tour of Down Under, with no red stone left uncovered, this is it. Doubling the fun with sightseeing in Australia and New Zealand, this exciting vacation covers New Zealand's North and South Islands as well as Australia's vibrant cities, golden beaches, and mystical Red Center. From Rotorua's boiling mud pools to Waitomo's Glowworm Caves, you'll kick off your tour with the hottest—and coolest—sights of New Zealand. Aptly named "The Remarkables," the South Island's mountain range sets the tone for the incredible sights you'll see throughout the land of the kiwi—and the home of the kangaroo. As you hop from Melbourne to Uluru to Cairns to Sydney, you'll savor the architectural masterpieces of Australia's renowned cities, the natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef, and everyone's favorite highlight of this encompassing journey—a boomerang-throwing barbecue under the starlit Outback sky.





- ① = Overnights
- = Start City
- = End City

## Itinerary

### Day 1 **ARRIVE IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND**

Welcome to Auckland! Hotel check-in available upon arrival. A pre-night is not required for early check-in. Schedule flights to arrive by 4:30 pm in time for a welcome meeting and dinner.

 Dinner

### Day 2 **AUCKLAND**

AUCKLAND Guided sightseeing includes Queen Street, Auckland Domain (Auckland's oldest park), and historic Parnell Village. Free time the remainder of the day.



 Breakfast

### Day 3 **AUCKLAND–WAITOMO–ROTORUA**

Scenic drive through the pastoral region of Waikato en route to Waitomo.

WAITOMO Sightseeing with Local Guide at the Waitomo Glowworm Caves includes a boat trip through the Glowworm Grotto. Scenic drive through the Mamaku mountains en route to Rotorua.

ROTORUA Traditional Hangi dinner (roasted meats and vegetables cooked underground with hot stones), followed by an authentic Māori (indigenous Polynesian people) cultural performance with singing, dancing, and storytelling.

 Breakfast  Dinner

### Day 4 **ROTORUA**

ROTORUA Sightseeing includes a visit to Rainbow Springs to see native wildlife including time at the special Kiwi Encounter, a visit to the Agrodome sheep farm, and to Te Puia, home to Rotorua's famous geysers, boiling mud pools, and silica terraces. The remainder of the day is free.

 Breakfast

### Day 5 **ROTORUA–CHRISTCHURCH–MOUNT COOK**

Fly to Christchurch.

CHRISTCHURCH Scenic drive to Mount Cook National Park (a UNESCO World Heritage area).

MOUNT COOK Free time this afternoon and evening.

ENHANCE YOUR FREE TIME in Mount Cook National Park with a helicopter flightseeing tour over the Tasman Glacier, New Zealand's longest glacier. This and many more options throughout your tour are available with MyGlobus. Get local maps and tips for free time on your GlobusGO mobile app.

 Breakfast  Dinner

### Day 6 **MOUNT COOK–QUEENSTOWN**

MOUNT COOK Visit to the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Center. Free time this morning before driving to Queenstown.

QUEENSTOWN Free time this evening.

 Breakfast

### Day 7 **QUEENSTOWN. EXCURSION TO MILFORD SOUND**

MILFORD SOUND Full-day sightseeing in Fiordland National Park (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) includes a scenic cruise in Milford Sound with the chance to see marine wildlife, waterfalls, glaciers, and rainforests. Late evening return to Queenstown. Please note that the excursion to Milford Sound may happen on Day 8 depending on weather and road conditions today.

 Breakfast  Lunch

### Day 8 **QUEENSTOWN**

QUEENSTOWN Free day before a scenic gondola ride to the top of Bob's Peak includes dinner with amazing views of Coronet Peak, The Remarkable Mountains, Lake Wakatipu, and Queenstown.

 Breakfast  Dinner

### Day 9 **QUEENSTOWN–MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**


Fly to Melbourne.

MELBOURNE Free time the remainder of the day.

 Breakfast

### Day 10 **MELBOURNE**

MELBOURNE Morning sightseeing includes Federation Square, Parliament House, the Shrine of Remembrance, Queen Victoria Market, and beautiful Fitzroy Gardens. A ride on the Melbourne Star Observation Wheel includes a sparkling drink, appetizers, and views of Melbourne and the bay. Free time the remainder of the day.

 Breakfast  Lunch

### Day 11 **MELBOURNE**

MELBOURNE Free day.

ENHANCE YOUR FREE TIME in Melbourne with a scenic day trip to see the spectacular Great Ocean Road and the 12 Apostles. This and many more options throughout your tour are available with MyGlobus. Get local maps and tips for free time on your GlobusGO mobile app.

 Breakfast

### Day 12 **MELBOURNE–ALICE SPRINGS**

Fly to Alice Springs.

ALICE SPRINGS Guided sightseeing includes the School of the Air and the Old Telegraph Station. Outback barbecue and campfire this evening includes music, stargazing, and a boomerang demonstration.

 Breakfast  Dinner

### Day 13 **ALICE SPRINGS–ULURU (AYERS ROCK)**

ALICE SPRINGS Drive to Uluru (Ayers Rock) (a UNESCO World Heritage Site).

ULURU View the unique formation of Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), followed by a sunset drink at Uluru.

 Breakfast

### Day 14 **ULURU–CAIRNS**

ULURU Guided tour of the base of Uluru. Fly to Cairns, “Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.”

 Breakfast

### Day 15 **CAIRNS. EXCURSION TO THE OUTER GREAT BARRIER REEF**

OUTER GREAT BARRIER REEF Scenic catamaran cruise to the Outer Great Barrier Reef (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) includes the option of snorkeling, a glass-bottom-boat tour, an underwater observatory, and watching a fish feeding.

CAIRNS Free time this evening.

 Breakfast  Lunch

### Day 16 **CAIRNS**

CAIRNS Free day.

 Breakfast

### Day 17 **CAIRNS–SYDNEY**

CAIRNS Visit to the Koala Gardens includes having your photo taken with a koala.


Fly to Sydney.

SYDNEY Free time remainder of the day.

 Breakfast



**Day 18 SYDNEY**

SYDNEY Sightseeing includes a tour of the Sydney Opera House (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) with a Local Guide. See the financial district, Mrs Macquarie's Chair, the botanic gardens, and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Visit to world-famous Bondi Beach includes a guided tour of Bondi Surf Bathers' Life Saving Club with one of the lifesavers, and lunch at the historic North Bondi Returned Servicemen's Leagues Club. Later, a scenic cruise on Sydney Harbour. Free time this evening.

 Breakfast  Lunch

**Day 19 SYDNEY**

SYDNEY Free day before a farewell dinner at a waterfront restaurant.

 Breakfast  Dinner

**Day 20 SYDNEY**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast