



# Inspiring Journeys

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Luxury Small Group Journeys



2019 / 2020

Australia • New Zealand



We believe that the  
best journeys are  
*personal* and  
*intimate,*

☪ Meet Rosie Belvie at the  
Tamaki Māori Village

Come on an awe-inspiring journey with me, back in time to ancient Māori lands. Hear stories of my ancestors, passed down through generations and immerse yourself in the beauty and wisdom of our fascinating traditions.

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New Zealand, p56

that  
*authentic*  
experiences

keep a lifelong  
*passion*  
for travel *alive*.

© Meet Manuel Pamkal  
at the Top Didj Experience

Discover a civilisation  
with a history dating back  
thousands of years as I  
share my passion for my  
culture and teach you  
traditional 'Rarrk' painting  
techniques passed down  
through generations.

Read more in  
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## AUSTRALIA

### Inspiring Australia 13 days • IJFLY..... 26

Delight your senses on a journey from the Tropical North, to Australia's spiritual heart and on to sparkling Sydney.

### **NEW** The Ultimate Territory Adventure in Style 10 days • MNCR..... 30

The wild majesty of the Top End and the dramatic landscapes of Australia Red Centre combine on this unforgettable journey.

### **NEW** The Uncharted Coast 8 days • IJSQLD..... 34

This idyllic journey takes you to pristine Fraser Island and the iconic coastal destinations of Byron Bay and Noosa.

### **NEW** A Journey to the West 7 days • IJWA..... 38

Intriguing Rottneest Island, laid-back Margaret River and the welcoming cities of Perth and Fremantle await you in the West.

### **NEW** Tasmania's Footsteps and Trails 7 days • IJTAS..... 42

Explore the secrets of this small, majestic island as it emerges as a major destination for the discriminating traveller. Learn about Tasmanian Indigenous culture with an immersive walking experience.

### Victoria's Hidden Gems 7 days • IJVIC..... 46

Discover the secrets of Victoria's rural charm on this well-paced eclectic sojourn.

### Kakadu's Ancient Secrets 5 days • MNDD..... 50

Swim at Gunlom Falls, see Ubirr rock art, cruise ancient waterways, spot wildlife, and enjoy first class cuisine.

### Outback Contrasts: A Journey to the Centre 5 days • CRAU..... 52

Experience the mystery and drama of Kata Tjuṯa and Uluru amid the stunning landscapes of the Red Centre.

### Outback Australia: The Colour Of Red 5 days • CRUA..... 54

Explore the highlights and hidden treasures of the Red Centre and first class dining experiences along the way.

## NEW ZEALAND

### The Long White Cloud 22 days • NZIJ..... 58

Spanning both islands, this iconic itinerary has it all, from the TranzAlpine Train to Franz Josef Glacier to Rotorua and the Bay of Islands, this journey has it all.

### The Southern Drift 12 days • NZSI..... 62

Experience genuine awe as you marvel at mighty Franz Josef Glacier, then travel to stunning Queenstown and transcendent Milford Sound.

### The Endless Shores 11 days • NZNI..... 66

Experience Auckland, Wellington, the Hawke's Bay region and the dazzling white beaches of the Bay of Islands.

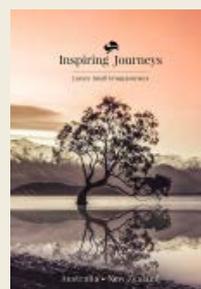
### Inspiring New Zealand 10 days • NZFLY..... 70

This epic New Zealand journey spans both islands revealing cosmopolitan cities, majestic snow-capped mountains, pristine coastlines, as you indulge your taste buds along the way.

## KEY

 Accommodation	 Dining
 Cultural Experience	 Journey Select
 Local Dining Experience	 Ways to Travel
 Tailor Made Touring	

## FRONT COVER



### Lake Wanaka, New Zealand

Lake Wanaka lies at the heart of the Otago Lakes in the lower South Island of New Zealand. Its name is Māori, a corruption of Oanaka ('The place of Anaka', a local tribal chief).



## Sustainable and Eco-friendly Travel

Know that you are supporting sustainable tourism and wildlife conservation efforts while you visit pristine protected habitats, relax in five star eco-lodges and support TreadRight's sustainability projects (see p22). Discover Kakadu while staying in the eco-friendly Wildman Wilderness Lodge, relaxing in the knowledge that they are committed to these same environmentally sensitive tourism principles.

# Highlights



## Exclusive Cultural Experiences

Enrich your journey with authentic cultural experiences designed to share the ancient narratives of your destination. In New Zealand, you'll immerse yourself in Māori culture and experience the stories hidden in their ancient customs as you interact with descendants who keep these traditions alive.



## Unique Local Dining Experiences

Meet the locals and indulge in gourmet produce and wine sourced from the region during an intimate dining experience. Delight in the delicious food and wine that embodies the soul of each destination and create flavourful moments to last a lifetime.

# Unique Experiences

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Every destination holds endless opportunities to create lasting memories through enriching and inspiring experiences. At Inspiring Journeys, we ensure that all trips showcase a wide variety of highlights that are authentic, engaging and off the beaten track.

Our experiences feature real locals who hold genuine connections to each destination as well as breathtakingly unique landscapes. Whether it's staying in the heart of a pristine national park or having lunch with a family of dairy farmers, each journey will inspire stories to last a lifetime.

*"I enjoyed broadening my knowledge and understanding of what the Northern Territory has to offer, including Aboriginal culture. I loved the laid-back style, casual nature and seeing the spectacular scenery. Climbing Ubirr and exploring Katherine Gorge were major highlights."*

– Traveller on Kakadu's Ancient Secrets



## 📍 Discover Daintree Rainforest

See the lush Daintree, the world's oldest living rainforest, from a new perspective during a private guided tour. Your Indigenous guide will highlight medicinal properties of plants and demonstrate traditional bush tucker while sharing the culture and stories of the Kuku Yalanji people.

Inspiring Australia, p26



## 🌀 Immerse yourself in a Welcome to Country Ceremony

Witness a Welcome to Country ceremony performed by Indigenous Australian Elders welcoming visitors to their traditional land. Then local Gariwerd, Djab Wurrung and Jardwadjali people will teach you how to throw a boomerang and gather local bush tucker for sampling.

Victoria's Hidden Gems, p28



## 📍 Te Waonui Forest Retreat

Escape the city rush and be surrounded by the pristine wilderness of New Zealand's West Coast, when you stay at Te Waonui Forest Retreat. Nestled near the Franz Josef Glacier, relax in the Franz Josef geothermal hot pools as you take in the natural ambiance and simply unwind.

The Southern Drift, p62

## Share your Journey

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# 6 Quintessential reasons to choose Inspiring Journeys



## 3 Smaller Groups

With a maximum of only 20 people per journey you will enjoy a more exclusive and intimate experience, including access to unique locations that can't be reached by larger groups.



## 4 Immersive Experiences

We offer a range of hands-on and authentic experiences that bring to life the history and culture of each destination, helping you to create a lifetime of memories.



## 1 Tailored Luxury Holidays

Whether it's visiting a museum, dining at an exclusive restaurant or discovering hidden gems, we will help you tailor your journey to get the most out of every destination, based on what your trip means to you.



## 5 Globally Sustainable

Partnering with the TreadRight Foundation (see p22), we place conservation and responsible tourism at the heart of every trip.



## 2 Superb Service

From boutique accommodation to luxury coaches and exclusive experiences; all aspects of an Inspiring Journey have been carefully chosen to provide you with superb service.



## 6 Our People

Your passionate Journey Director and/or Driver Guide will be with you all the way, always ready to share in-depth local knowledge and take care of all the finer details – so you don't have to.

# Why Inspiring Journeys?

*Milford Sound is named after Milford Haven in Wales, while the Cleddau River which flows into the sound is also named for its Welsh namesake. The Māori named the sound Piopiotahi after the thrush-like piopio bird, now extinct.*

📍 Milford Sound, South New Zealand Island

At Inspiring Journeys, we want to rekindle your passion for travel through immersive, boutique experiences. We offer a range of journeys from 5 to 22 days to the most idyllic, breathtaking and iconic locations in Australia and New Zealand in a small group of up to 20 travellers, with no children under 12. Best of all our expert Journey Directors and/or Driver Guides will take care of everything else, so you can sit back and be inspired by the journey.

## The Four Pillars

Discover • Explore • Immerse • Relax

Our Inspiring Journeys offer the perfect balance of freedom from the stress of holiday planning, with the flexibility to shape your personal journey. Each itinerary is designed to be catered to your tastes by offering a range of authentic and enriching experiences, known as the Four Pillars.

## Touches of Luxury

We've thought of everything to make your journey as comfortable as possible. Travel in style with fully air-conditioned luxury coaches or 4WD vehicles, and enjoy on-board complimentary drinks and snacks. Our coaches come with reclining seats, footrests, panoramic windows, and an on-board restroom, as well as phone chargers and free WiFi (coverage may vary in remote areas). We also provide free arrival and departure transfers between designated airports and our hotels.

# Discover

With each journey comes an opportunity to discover a destination and a little more about one's self. Delve into the soul of what makes each place special – the sights, sounds, smells and tastes that set one location apart from another and fixes them in our memory forever. Our Inspiring Journeys scratch beneath the surface, sharing not only iconic destinations, but special places that few have had an opportunity to encounter without the guiding hand of an expert.



Bay of Fires, Tasmania



## Church of the Good Shepherd, New Zealand

Situated on the shores of Lake Tekapo, the Church of the Good Shepherd is nestled amongst the natural beauty of the region. Explore the building's simple but charming main chamber and be sure to walk around the grounds, taking in the magnificent alpine views.

The Southern Drift, p62



## Ways to Travel

Look for this symbol denoting the various ways you'll travel on each itinerary. On our Inspiring Journeys you'll experience an array of travel modes ranging from luxury coaches to 4WD vehicles, iconic train journeys, jet boats and unforgettable cruises.



## Great Ocean Road, Victoria

Discover the Great Ocean Road, one of the world's most scenic coastal drives, along the south-west coast of Victoria. Witness breathtaking views of the Twelve Apostles, pristine rainforest, native wildlife, golden beaches and sapphire blue seas.

Victoria's Hidden Gems, p46



## Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), Northern Territory

Witness the iconic sunrise over the 36 mystical domes of the Kata Tjuta formation and watch them glow as they change colour with the surrounding landscape. Hike around the soaring rock domes and learn about the Traditional Owners of this land, the Anangu, who have lived in the region for tens of thousands of years.

Outback Australia: The Colour of Red, p54



 Kawarau River, New Zealand

# Explore

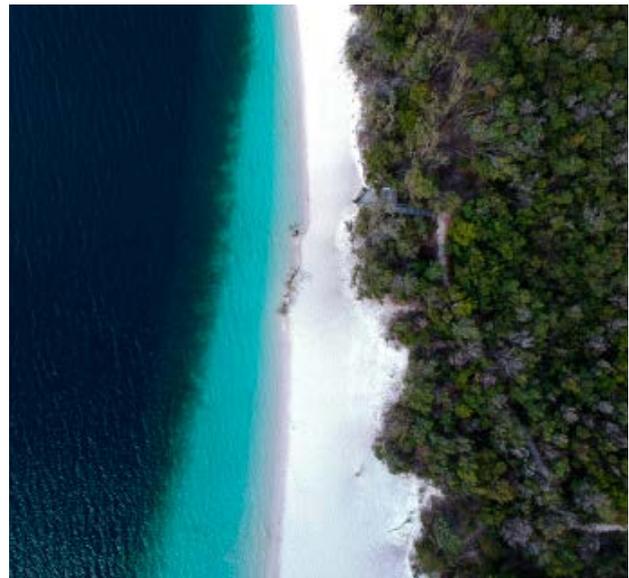
Leave no stone unturned as you enjoy an epic exploration made possible through our unforgettable range of Inspiring Journeys. Interact and connect with your surrounds, uncovering the hidden gems and insider experiences that any local would be proud to share with their treasured guests. From the edgy designs of Melbourne’s celebrated street art to the soulful splendour of Kakadu valley viewed from a secluded vantage point, embark on an unforgettable exploration of Australia and New Zealand on your terms.



## Redwoods Treewalk Rotorua, New Zealand

Set in the majestic Redwoods forest, enjoy an elevated bird’s-eye view of these redwood giants.

Inspiring New Zealand, p70



## Lake McKenzie, Queensland

Witness the awe-inspiring beauty of Lake McKenzie and its surrounds. Swim in the exceptional vivid blue waters or take a stroll on the pristine white silica sand that surround the perched lake.

The Uncharted Coast, p34



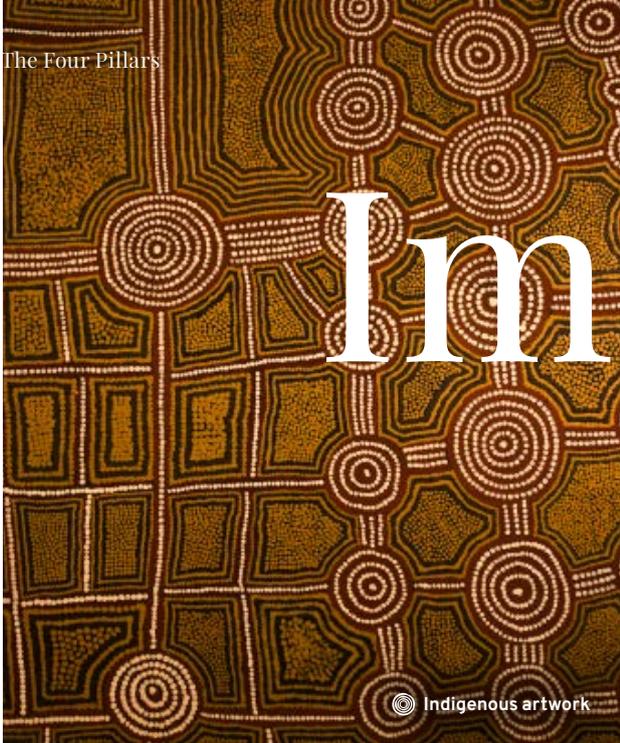
## Melbourne’s shopping arcades

Embark on Melbourne’s most famous boutique shopping experience as you explore the city’s splendid Victoria era arcades, vibrant walkways and bustling lane ways.

Victoria’s Hidden Gems, p46

## Journey Select

Look for this symbol for a selection of experiences that will allow you to personalise your journey. At certain destinations, just choose an experience and your Journey Director will help tailor your itinerary at no extra cost. Want to do more? Look for our optional  **Tailor Made Touring** experiences.



# Immerse

© Indigenous artwork

Immerse yourself in all the fascinating layers of your destination – the ancient and contemporary culture, centuries-old heritage and the stories that make every stop along your journey a memorable one. We bring these places to life, giving you an opportunity to dive straight in and participate in as many activities and experiences as you wish, from sailing on Sydney Harbour to Hangi feasts shared with your gracious Māori hosts. Encounter the people, places and folklore that have shaped each destination along your unforgettable Inspiring Journey.



## Greenstone Carvings, Hokitika, South Island

Meet a local greenstone (jade) artisan and enjoy a traditional carving demonstrating, as you learn about the cultural value and complexity of jade craft.

The Long White Cloud, p58



## Indigenous Cultural Experience, Kakadu

Enjoy an exclusive Aboriginal cultural experience, as you learn about life in the bush and experience firsthand the fine art of parrk painting. After which you'll create your very own masterpiece to take home.

Kakadu's Ancient Secrets, p50



## Sailing, Sydney

Sail across the Sydney Harbour on board a luxury yacht and take in the city sights including Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and the historic Rocks district.

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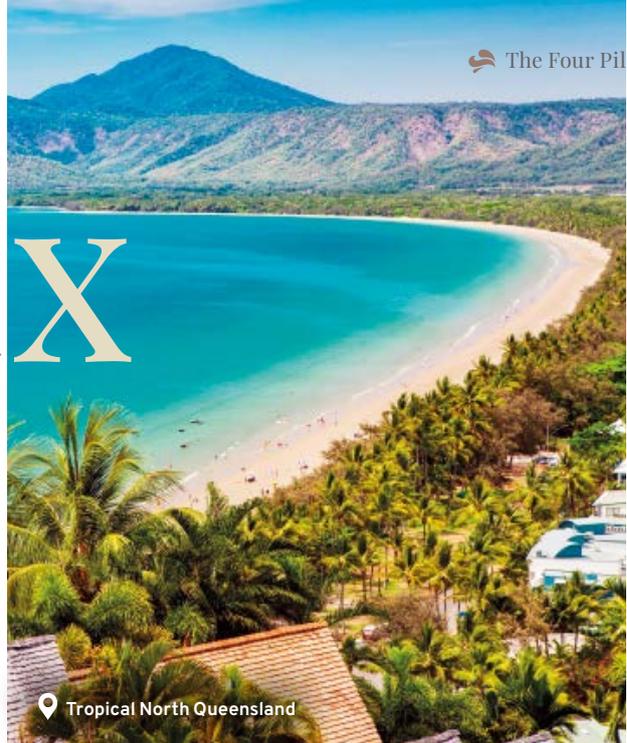


## Cultural Experiences

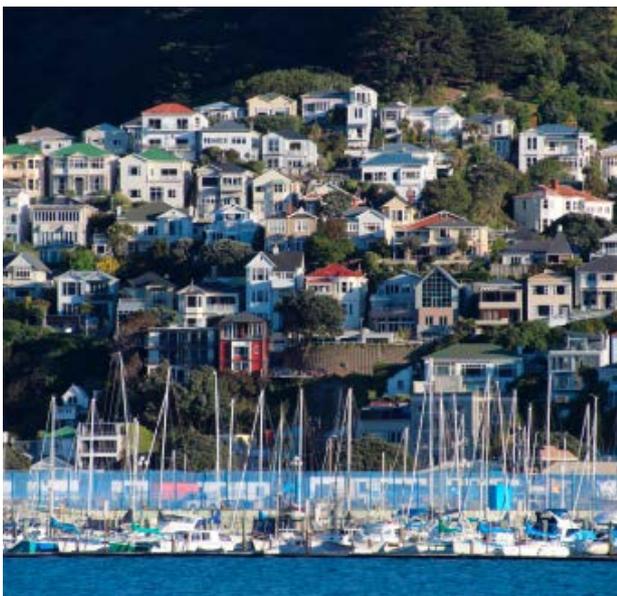
Look for this symbol  in our Australian journeys and  in our New Zealand journeys for unique Aboriginal or Māori cultural experiences that will allow you to immerse yourself in local history and tradition.

# Relax

Take time to relax and reflect on your spectacular surrounds. Inspiring Journeys are designed with flexibility in mind, giving you time to unwind and enjoy the destination at your own pace. Be inspired by the scenic natural beauty that lies ahead. Steal a quiet moment for yourself, indulging in delicious local flavours and relaxing in serene locations, from the spiritual site of Uluru to the healing spa waters of Daylesford.



Tropical North Queensland



## Wellington, New Zealand

Unwind in the culinary capital of New Zealand. While relaxing, treat your senses to the region's gourmet delights or perhaps enjoy a literary encounter with New Zealand's great writers on the famed Wellington Writers' Walk.

The Endless Shores, p66



## Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa, Daylesford

Explore the humble gold rush beginnings and idyllic spa setting of Daylesford, today most famous for its natural mineral springs. Relax in the healing waters of its historic Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa, soaking up the restorative powers that discerning visitors have been enjoying for over a century.

Victoria's Hidden Gems, p46



## Cape Naturaliste, Western Australia

Enjoy a short walk in the Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse precinct and take in the breathtaking panoramic views of the Indian Ocean, Cape Naturaliste, Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park and the beautiful Geopraphe Bay coastline.

A Journey to the West, p38



## Local Dining Experiences

Look for this symbol for our carefully-curated Local Dining Experience. Relax and enjoy regionally-sourced produce and wine with local experts and indulge in fine cuisine in selected restaurants.

# Guiding Your Journey

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On an Inspiring Journey, you will be supported by a dedicated and passionate Journey Director and/or Driver Guide, who will be on hand to help make your journey the best it can be. With in-depth knowledge of every destination, an abundance of personal experience and a genuine love for what they do, they can tailor your experiences to suit your tastes.



## In Service to You

Available around the clock, your Journey Director will ensure your trip exceeds your highest expectations. Equipped with years of experience, they will take care of all of the logistical details of a smooth-running journey, like hotel check-ins and baggage transfers. It's all part of their passion to offer you an unforgettable experience, every step of the way.

## Local Expert Knowledge

One of the most valuable aspects of your Journey Director's role is to help you connect with the places you visit through authentic experiences. Connected with the locals, they can suggest restaurants, spas and other activities you'll love as well as provide you with a wealth of information on each destination's heritage and traditions.



## From Our Guests

*"I really appreciated the enjoyable manner in which information was imparted by Myles. His enthusiasm and sense of fun brought all activities to life which helped influence others. I enjoyed the pace of walks and activities let us enjoy them with no sense of being rushed. Kathleen's Gallery and galling areas are a great place to visit."*

– Traveller on **Outback Australia: The Colour of Red**

*"Every second, from the moment the 4WD rumbled up to the hotel door to collect me, to our last night on the river cruise dinner, will hold lasting memories for me. The small intimate group made the whole experience so much better. Warren was a superb and knowledgeable person. A great introduction to the Northern Territory."*

– Traveller on **Kakadu's Ancient Secrets**

"I love being able to call Australia home, to me it's the most spectacular place on Earth. There is so much beauty and culture everywhere and to be able to show guests from all over the world how beautiful the heart of Australia is as my job is a wonderful privilege. Watching a guest really connect with the land and its history in their own way is a definite highlight."

## Myles Devonshire

**Northern Territory**



"Travelling through the Red Centre, rich with traditions and culture, in a small intimate group of travellers, makes the whole experience more personalised and authentic. Each location is absolutely breathtaking and comes with its own unique story, and I love being able to share this with guests who are eager to learn about the ancient narratives of these scared landscapes."

## Brett Holmes

**Northern Territory**

"New Zealand is a breathtaking destination that is filled with spectacular scenery and beautiful heritage. A highlight of mine is watching guests discover the wonders of New Zealand at their own pace. Being able to take the time to reflect on the magnificent surrounds, allows guests to truly immerse themselves in the destination."

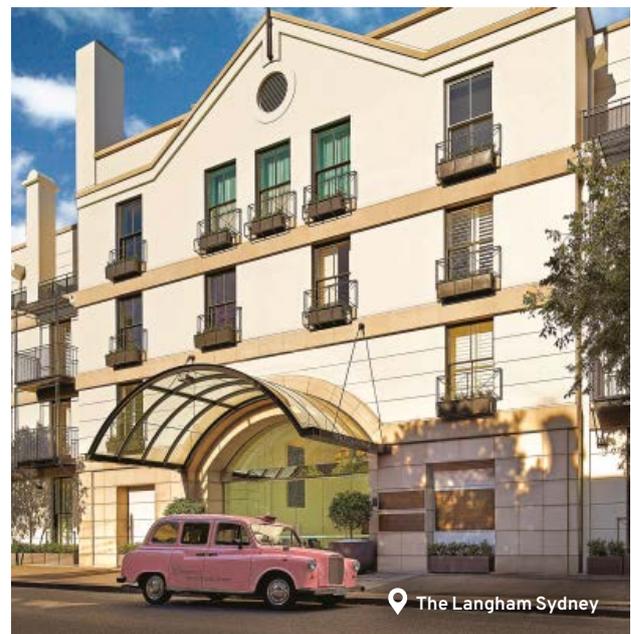
## Katie Lupton

**New Zealand**

# Enjoy Your Stay

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Relax and unwind in comfort throughout your journey, with each trip featuring the best accommodation available at every destination. On many journeys, you will have the chance to stay somewhere truly remarkable, whether it's an eco-lodge in the heart of a pristine national park or a boutique hotel in an idyllic country town, these places will charm you with their unique heritage and unparalleled service.





 Accommodation

Look for this symbol for the selected accommodation for your Inspiring Journey. Unwind in comfort at the end of each day, secure in the knowledge that you're enjoying your stay in the best-handpicked accommodation in each destination you'll visit.



## Dining

Many of the meals and award-winning wines, and much of the authentic local produce you'll enjoy on your Inspiring Journey are included. Look for this symbol indicating which meals are included each day.

# Gourmet Experiences



Casita Miro



Hay Shed Hill Winery



Katherine Gorge dinner cruise

Indulge the senses with gourmet food, authentic local produce and award-winning wines. We offer gourmet dining experiences and opportunities to try traditional Indigenous meals. While many meals including buffet breakfasts and a Celebration Dinner are included for each Inspiring Journey, we also provide you with the freedom to dine where you like in selected destinations.



The Langham Sydney



THE RED CARNATION HOTEL COLLECTION



ADVENTURE WORLD



LUXURY GOLD



UNI WORLD



INSIGHT VACATIONS

**Our Commitment**

We are committed to establishing lasting relationships with our guests by exceeding their expectations the first time and every time.

**Our Passion**

We show pride, energy and determination in all that we do. We are committed to creating exceptional experiences for our guests, employees and Journey Directors.

**Our Customers**

We put our guests at the heart of everything we do in order to secure their engagement, loyalty and recommendation.

**Our Responsibility**

Through partnering with the TreadRight Foundation, we strive to enhance and protect the communities we work in and to be a good corporate citizen.



A FAMILY OF BRANDS  
DRIVEN BY SERVICE

# Family Values

Inspiring Journeys is a member of The Travel Corporation (TTC), a 4th generation, family-owned business with over 100 years of travel expertise and passion. With a multi award-winning portfolio ranging from luxury hotels and boutique river cruises, to independent vacation package companies and a variety of guided travel experiences, TTC offers something for everyone.

We are worldwide experts with 30 travel and tourism brands spanning over 70 countries, managed by 40 sales offices and over 10,000 team members, serving over 2 million customers annually. We pride ourselves on taking a long-term view, with an ethos of attention to detail in all areas of the company.

For more information, visit [TTC.com](http://TTC.com)



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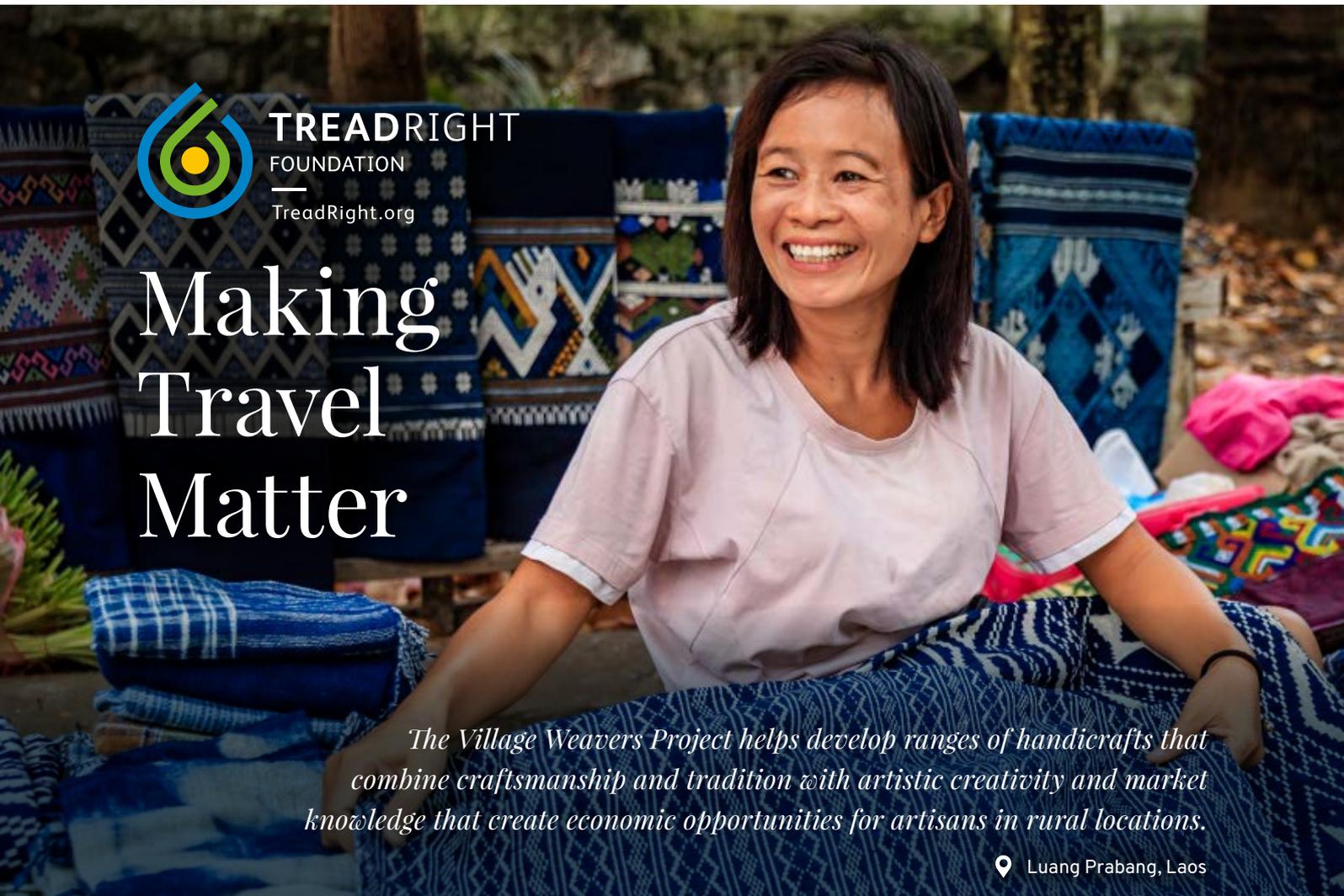
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BRINGING BACK THE GOLDEN ERA OF TRAVEL



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TRAFALGAR





**TREADRIGHT**  
FOUNDATION  
TreadRight.org

# Making Travel Matter

*The Village Weavers Project helps develop ranges of handicrafts that combine craftsmanship and tradition with artistic creativity and market knowledge that create economic opportunities for artisans in rural locations.*

 Luang Prabang, Laos

Inspiring Journeys partners with the TreadRight Foundation to safeguard the planet, wildlife and people in the places we visit for generations to come. Travel is an incredible gift. It has the ability to open our eyes, our hearts and our minds to the unique cultures and spellbinding beauty of the natural world. But with this gift comes a responsibility – to protect the world as we know it.

By partnering with TreadRight, we work together to have a positive impact on the people and communities we visit, to help protect marine and wildlife, and to care for the planet we all call home. For more information visit [TreadRight.org](https://TreadRight.org) and connect on social media: [@TreadRight](https://twitter.com/TreadRight) [#TreadRight](https://hashtagger.com/TreadRight) [#MakeTravelMatter](https://hashtagger.com/MakeTravelMatter).

## Planet Initiatives

Reducing the environmental impact of our business isn't just a nice-to-have for us, it's at the core of what we do. Together with The Travel Corporation, we've committed to eliminating all single-use plastics in both our offices and out on the road by 2022. And that's just the beginning. In 2017 we introduced our e-docs program which allows our guests to receive their travel documents digitally, replacing the need for paper whilst also having a tree planted in their name as part of our plant a tree initiative. All of this, whilst supporting projects striving to keep our oceans and coastlines clean, are just some of the ways we're committing to safeguarding the future of our planet.



## Your Role in Sustainability

Each guest travelling with Inspiring Journeys receives a complementary stainless steel water bottle in our effort to help reduce consumption of one-time use plastic bottles.

## Wildlife Initiatives

The world's wildlife is balancing on a dangerous precipice, so it is our responsibility to help protect some of these species most at risk from extinction. Partnering with leading wildlife organisations, we work to help protect and rehabilitate some of the elephant, rhino and big cat populations around the world, whilst also educating our guests on ethical wildlife experiences.



📍 Rotorua, New Zealand

## Kiwi Conservation Programme

We contribute to the Kiwi Breeding Program in Rotorua to hatch and raise chicks, perform health checks and daily monitoring.

Guests get to have a behind the scenes guided tour including the kiwi encounter where you can see the hatchery and the kiwi breeding program in action.

### *We've hatched 55% of kiwis nationwide*

Our hatchery at Rainbow Springs is the largest kiwi conservation hatchery in the world, 76% of all North Island chicks and 55% of chicks hatched nationwide are incubated and hatched at our hatchery and visitors on our "behind the scenes" tours are given a unique insight into the plight of the kiwi and the work that our team do every day to help save kiwi.

Guests can see our work at Rainbow Springs Nature Park on Day 17 of **The Long White Cloud, p58**, Day 6 of **The Endless Shores, p66** and on Day 5 of **Inspiring New Zealand, p70**.

## People Initiatives

At TreadRight, we are committed to encouraging the cultures, traditions and arts of the communities we visit to thrive. We seek to enable some of these communities to see true benefit from tourism through economic empowerment. We do this through our support of micro-enterprises, and community based tourism initiatives that builds positive futures for community members and their families.

## Iraq Al-Amir Women's Cooperative

The objective aims to make the women in the area financially independent and to raise their standard of living by increasing their income and preserving local heritage.



📍 Queensland, Australia

## Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors

Here in Australia, we've partnered with Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors, one of the largest and busiest wildlife hospitals in the world!

Their mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and release sick, injured or displaced native wildlife, contributing to research that supports conservation of Australian native fauna.

Thanks to Inspiring Journeys and the TreadRight Foundation, the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital has treated over 2,000 koalas since 2014 providing koalas with a much needed lifeline. As Australia's busiest koala hospital, the facility is at the forefront of koala research and conservation.

### *We've helped support over 2,000 koalas*

Despite being one of Australia's most iconic animals, the koala is under severe threat in the wild. Habitat destruction, road accidents, dog attacks and life threatening diseases continue to devastate populations.

Through sponsoring the trauma treatment ward at the Wildlife Hospital, the TreadRight Foundation directly helps up to 13 koalas in recovery at any one time.

With this support, the dedicated team of veterinary staff work tirelessly to provide hundreds of koalas each year with a second chance at life in the wild.

Guests can see our work at the Australia Zoo on Day 4 of **The Uncharted Coast, p34**



📍 Wadi Seer, Iraq

# Australia



📍 Top Didj Cultural Experience & Art Gallery, Katherine

Discover a rich passion for culture and explore the works of local Indigenous artists as they tell their story and showcase traditional activities.

# Discover a beautiful culture that amazes many travellers.

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Delve into a land rich with contrasts and ancient secrets. Experience the wonder of a desert sunrise against a burnt red landscape in the Red Centre, swim amongst vibrant marine life at the Great Barrier Reef or indulge in gourmet food and wine along Victoria's spectacular coast.

*Top Didj identified the need for visitors to share a cultural interaction with the Aboriginal people of Katherine. We are passionate about capturing this rich culture and providing an avenue for local Indigenous artists to tell their story and to showcase traditional activities such as fire lighting, spear and boomerang throwing, painting whilst educating visitors of their culture and way of life.*

*This experience is designed to allow guests the opportunity to engage with Aboriginal people. We own a beautiful culture which amazes many travellers.*

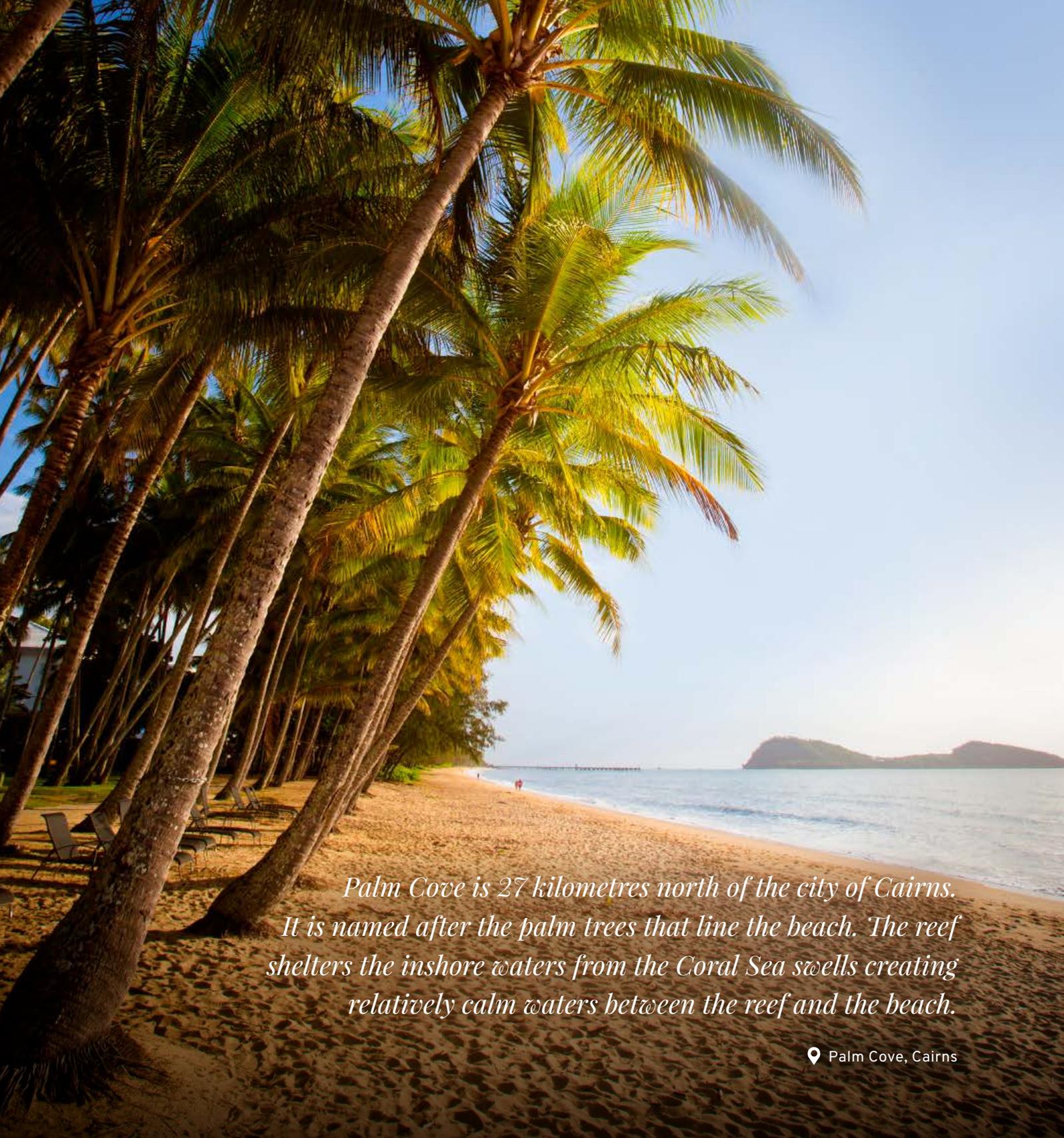
**Manuel Pamkal, Top Didj**



# Inspiring Australia

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Embark on an Inspiring Journey through the rainforests and reefs of northern Australia to the spiritual Red Centre and iconic harbour city of Sydney. It will delight your senses as you encounter ancient cultures, indulge in delicious cuisine, and experience natural locations that are simply out of this world.



*Palm Cove is 27 kilometres north of the city of Cairns. It is named after the palm trees that line the beach. The reef shelters the inshore waters from the Coral Sea swells creating relatively calm waters between the reef and the beach.*



© Indigenous culture in the Daintree Rainforest, Queensland



📍 Hunter Valley Wines



📍 Great Barrier Reef, Queensland



📍 The Rocks District, Sydney



📍 Kings Canyon, Northern Territory

**13 DAYS** Cairns • Palm Cove • Daintree • Great Barrier Reef • Alice Springs • Kings Canyon • Uluru • Kata Tjuṯa • Sydney • Blue Mountains • Hunter Valley

## Discover

The World Heritage listed Blue Mountains  
Iconic Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuṯa (the Olgas)  
Spectacular Sydney Harbour and the famous beaches  
The spectacular Great Barrier Reef on a cruise 🚢

## Explore

Hike to the top of Kings Canyon  
The 36 mystical domes of Kata Tjuṯa

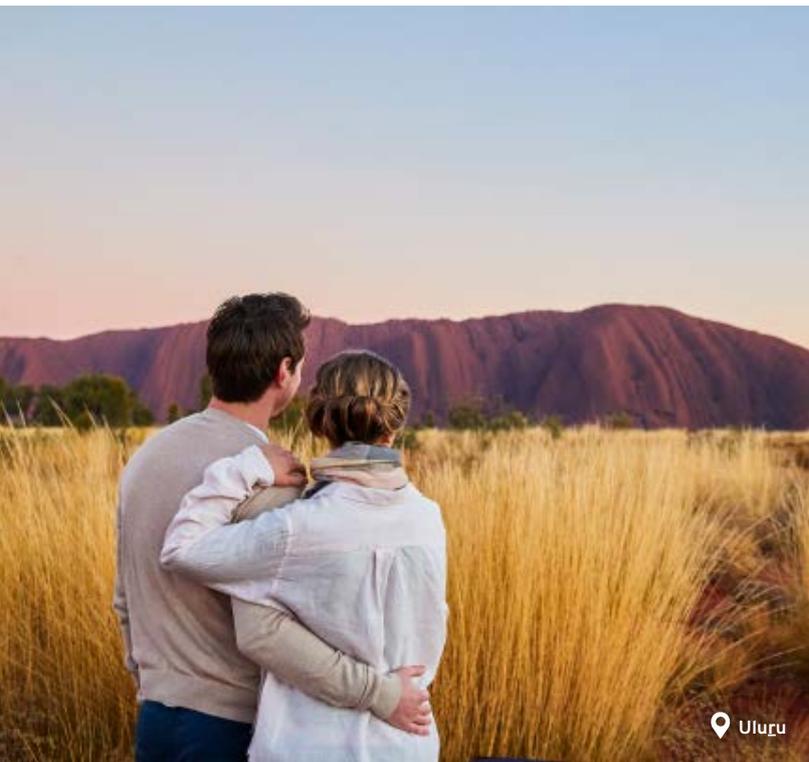
## Immerse

Enjoy an Indigenous experience in the Daintree Rainforest 📍  
Sail a yacht on Sydney Harbour 🚢  
Snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef

## Relax

Toast an Uluru sunset with sparkling wine  
Taste your way through the Hunter Valley

See itinerary next page >



### Day 1: Welcome to Cairns

A warm welcome to the gateway city of Tropical North Queensland – the launch pad for your epic adventure from north to south, through the untamed wilderness of the outback. Upon arrival, you'll have time to relax before meeting your Journey Director this afternoon for a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés and later dine overlooking the gleaming waters of the Coral Sea.

🏠 **Alamanda Palm Cove, Cairns, 3 nights**  
🍷 **Dinner with wine**

### Day 2: Daintree and Indigenous Culture



Explore the symbiotic relationship between the local Kuku Yalanji people and ancient landscapes of the Daintree as you **join your Aboriginal guide on an exclusive journey into the rainforest**. Spend the morning learning about their fascinating traditions, bush diet and traditional medicines shared amidst the soundtrack of the untamed forest. Learn how to hunt for elusive mud crabs before enjoying lunch under the leafy canopies of mahogany and oak.

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, lunch**

### Day 3: Great Barrier Reef



Go beyond the 'great' and into an underwater wonderland – your **cruise to discover the magic of the Great Barrier Reef will venture to Agincourt Reef on the Quicksilver wave-piercing catamaran**, where you have a unique opportunity to soak up the pristine natural setting before you. Snorkel past iridescent coral formations and colourful marine-life – an undersea treasure-trove as far as the eye can see. Relax up on deck surrounded by the vivid blue of the Coral Sea, bask in the golden Australian sunshine and enjoy a tropical lunch on board before returning to Palm Cove.

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, lunch**

### Day 4: Cairns – Alice Springs

Depart the holiday hotspot of Cairns, flying to Alice Springs where you'll gain unique insights into what life is like in an isolated Australian town. Spending some time at the School of the Air and Royal Flying Doctor Service, learn how these services provide a much-needed medical lifeline to remote



Australian communities. **Join your Alice Springs family hosts this evening for a Local Dining Experience barbecue dinner around a campfire**, as the Milky Way lights up the sky.

🏠 **Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters**  
🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience**

### Day 5: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon



This morning's journey takes you **through the West MacDonnell Ranges and along the 4WD Mereenie Loop Road, passing Tylers Lookout and Gosses Bluff**. Take a walk through Angkerle (Standley Chasm), created over millions of years, and continue to your destination, Kings Canyon, where you can stroll along the shady creek bed at the foot of the towering sandstone cliffs of the canyon.

🏠 **Kings Canyon Resort, Deluxe Spa Rooms**  
🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine**

### Day 6: Kings Canyon – Uluru

Rise with the birds and embark on the exhilarating 6km Rim Walk at Kings Canyon past the domes of the Lost City. Next stop is Curtin Springs Station. Learn about the legacy of the Severin family and their wrangling heritage and then kick back in true Aussie style at a delicious barbecue lunch. This afternoon, venture to the spiritual midst of Uluru in time to enjoy sparkling wine at a spectacular sunset.

🏠 **Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights**  
🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, lunch**

### Day 7: Uluru and Kata Tjuṯa

Venture to the Uluru–Kata Tjuṯa Cultural Centre where you'll learn about the strong connection shared over millennia between the Anangu people and this ancient land. The mystical domes of Kata Tjuṯa are your next stop. Join your Journey Director for a guided walk deep through the whistling Walpa Gorge, tracing the cultural significance of Kata Tjuṯa's ancient rocky domes. Spend the rest of the afternoon at the base of Uluru's red slopes, embracing the timeless stories of the Anangu whose rock art you'll have an opportunity to see before visiting the Muṯitjulu Waterhole, home to the Anangu's wanampi, an ancestral water snake. Afterwards, **meet the magical stars of the Southern Hemisphere this evening at the sensational Sounds of Silence Dinner**.



🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience**

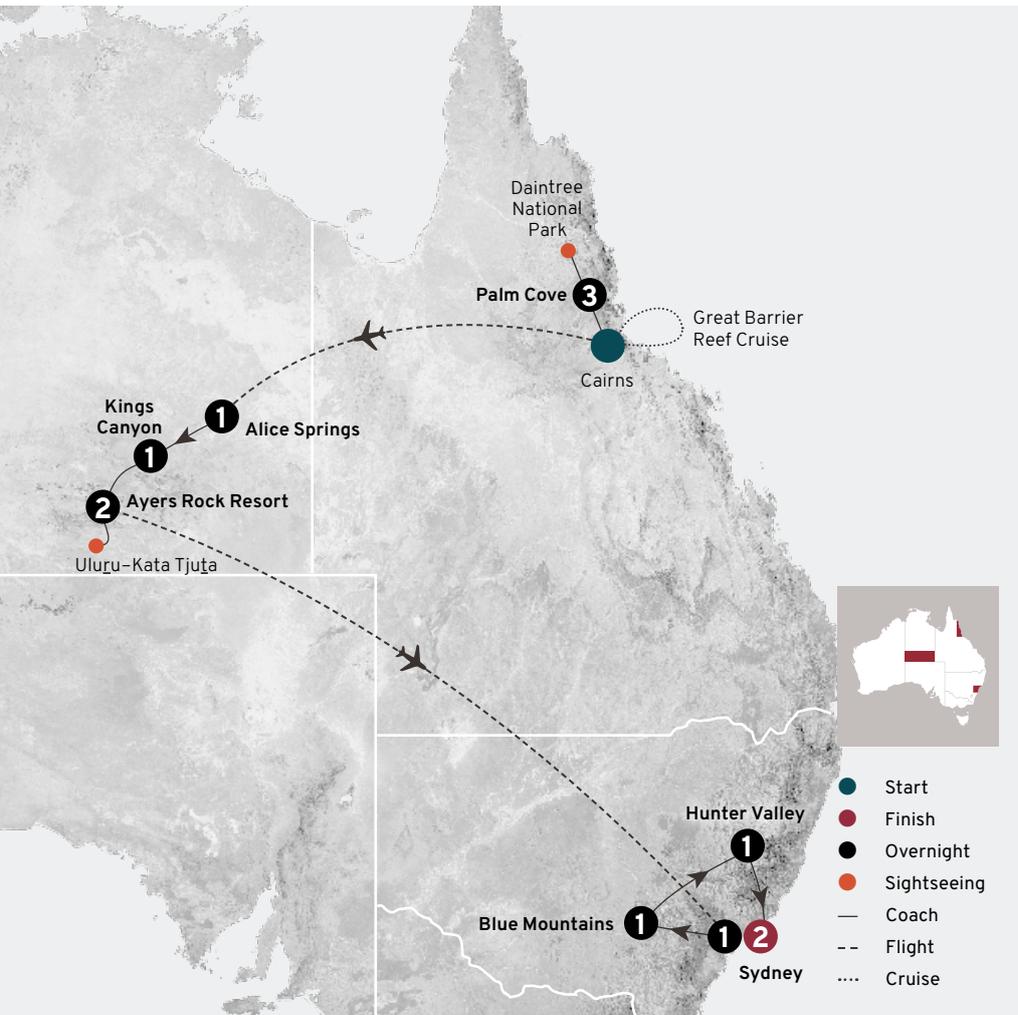
### Day 8: Uluru – Sydney

Witness a mesmerising sunrise over Uluru – perfectly viewed from the dune viewing area. Afterwards, kick back and enjoy laidback Aussie vibes before your flight to Sydney. Consider **⊕** an optional experience scenic helicopter flight over Uluru and Kata Tjuṯa, learn the art of Aboriginal dot painting or simply relax with a good book. This afternoon, soulful Uluru gives way to cosmopolitan Sydney.

🏠 **The Langham, Sydney**  
🍷 **Full buffet breakfast**

*“School of the Air was established in Alice Springs in 1951 and has since been established in other remote parts of Australia. School of the Air gave the children living in isolated areas a voice and gave them friends as every day they got to talk to other children along with their teacher. Our visitors get to join in the classroom, seeing the teacher and children interact and learn and our classroom is very different to a city classroom.”*

– Marilyn Spencer, Alice Springs School of the Air



## At a glance:

### TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Sounds of Silence and Bennelong Sydney Dinners
2. Aboriginal Culture in Cairns and the Red Centre
3. Sail under the Harbour Bridge on famous Sydney Harbour

### DINING

- 12 Full buffet breakfasts
- 5 Lunches
- 4 Dinners with wine
- 2 Local Dining Experiences
- 1 Celebration Dinner



📍 Sydney Harbour sailing

### Day 9: Sydney – Blue Mountains

The shimmering hue of the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park beckons from afar as you embark on a day of discovery to explore its extraordinary beauty. Soak up eucalyptus scents and discover such icons as the Three Sisters at Echo Point and spectacular Bridal Veil Falls. Go off the beaten path in the company of your Journey Director to secluded lookouts and peaceful short bushwalks.

- 🏠 Fairmont Resort Blue Mountains
- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 10: Blue Mountains – Hunter Valley

Explore Australia's original wine country. A day of guilt-free indulgence awaits as you sample the delectable flavours and award-winning vintages of the Hunter Valley. Enjoy private wine tastings at boutique vineyards and a sumptuous lunch in exquisite surrounds before arriving at your hotel and spending the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

- 🏠 Kirkton Park Hotel, Hunter Valley
- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 11: Hunter Valley – Sydney



The wind in your sails, it's time to kick-start your afternoon on famous Sydney Harbour. Prime your sea legs and **join your sailing crew on board a luxury yacht**. Take the helm, work the grinders or simply kick back as you sail past the billowing sails of the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and small secluded coves surrounded by multi-million dollar waterfront homes. An evening at leisure follows your exhilarating day on the water.

- 🏠 The Langham, Sydney, 2 nights
- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

### Day 12: Sydney Sightseeing

The Eastern Suburbs of Sydney welcome you this morning as you stroll along the coastal walk. No trip to Sydney would be complete without a visit to the iconic Sydney Opera House for a VIP guided tour to learn about this architectural marvel. Afterwards, toast your Inspiring Journey at a Celebration Dinner at chef Peter Gilmore's iconic Bennelong Restaurant under the sails of the Sydney Opera House.

- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Dinner

### Day 13: Farewell from Sydney

Bid farewell to the Harbour City and new found friends as your epic discovery of Australia's natural splendour and spiritual soul has come to an end and you are transferred to Sydney Airport for your onward flight.

- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

From **\$8225** per person twin share land only

### IJFLY: Cairns to Sydney

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2.00pm into Cairns Airport

Day 13 – flights to depart anytime from Sydney Airport

Internal-holiday flights required to be purchased in order to fulfil the itinerary:

Day 4 – Cairns to Alice Springs: QF1949

Day 8 – Ayers Rock to Sydney: JQ661

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.

## NEW The Ultimate Territory Adventure in Style

Explore Kakadu's ancient gorges, spectacular wetlands and unique wildlife, and meet the descendants of Aboriginal people who have lived here for 65,000 years. Then fly to the magical Red Centre, experiencing iconic Uluru, the mystical domes of Kata Tjuta, and windswept Walpa Gorge.



*One of the most spectacular areas in Australia, the Katherine Gorge winds 12 km with walls climbing more than 70 metres high. The Jawoyn's ancestors have been reported to have lived in the region up to 45,000 years ago.*



**10 DAYS** Darwin • Mary River • Kakadu National Park • Katherine Gorge • Litchfield National Park • Alice Springs • West MacDonnell Ranges • Kings Canyon • Kata Tjuṯa • Uluru

## Discover

World Heritage listed Kakadu & Litchfield National Parks  
Uncover the Mary River on a safari cruise 🚤  
Iconic Uluru (Ayers Rock)

## Explore

The 36 mystical domes of Kata Tjuṯa (the Olgas)  
Climb Nourlangie for spectacular views over Kakadu National Park  
Get off road on the Marrakai 4WD track 🚙

## Immerse

Learn about rock art at Ubirr and Uluru  
Enjoy an Aboriginal cultural experience 🎭  
Hike to the top of Kings Canyon for magnificent views

## Relax

Toast an Uluru sunset with sparkling wine  
Experience a spectacular Red Centre sunrise  
Swim at Gunlom Falls and Wangi Falls

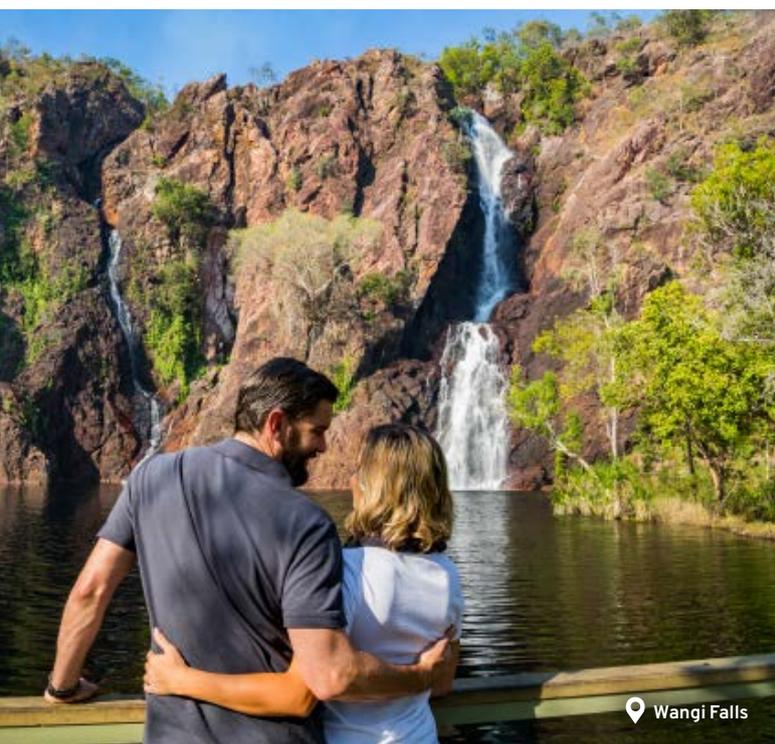
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📍 Top Didj Cultural Experience

*“Visit Nitmiluk with an open heart and mind. Be open to “feel” the natural beauty, the peace and the gentle presence of the Jawoyn people who have been living on this country for tens of thousands of years. Bring this beautiful state of mind back home and you can rest assured that this experience will have left a mark on your life.”*

– Sveva Falletto, Nitmiluk Tours & Cicada Lodge



📍 Wangi Falls

As this Inspiring Journey departs early in the morning, you will need to pre-book accommodation for the previous night at Mantra on the Esplanade, Darwin.

### Day 1: Darwin – Mary River



Your epic Top End adventure begins in the tropical northern city of Darwin. **Meet your local Journey Director and board your luxury 4WD vehicle.** Your brush with Australia’s natural treasures begins in Litchfield National Park. Hear how the local Aboriginal people’s ancestral spirits have shaped the landscape, before embarking on a cross-country journey along the rugged Murrakai Track (seasonally accessible) to the Mary River Wetlands. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers at a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés followed by dinner.

🏠 Wildman Wilderness Lodge, Mary River

🍷 Lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 2: Mary River – Kakadu



Wake up with the wildlife and **head to Corroboree Billabong, where you’ll take a cruise in the company of a local guide to explore its floodplains** and spot the creatures that find sanctuary in its lotus-covered waters. Next, journey into the tropical depths of iconic Kakadu National Park, enjoying a **sunset walk at the rock-art galleries of Ubirr.** Perched atop Nadab Lookout, watch the sun set over the lush Kakadu floodplains.

🏠 Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Jabiru

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 3: Kakadu – Katherine



Enjoy a leisurely start to your day, or **take to the skies** on an optional experience early-morning flight over Kakadu before venturing to Nourlangie to **admire the ancient Dreamtime art of the Bininj and Munggyu people.** Continue cross-country to Gunlom Falls, where a hike to the summit is rewarded with a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear plunge pool. Lunch in the shade of rustling gum-trees before driving on to tonight’s five-star eco-lodge accommodation.

🏠 Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, Katherine, 2 nights

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 4: Katherine Gorge



**Meet didgeridoo expert Manuel Pamkal this morning and share in his passion for the rich traditional culture** into which he was born. Learn about life in the bush and experience first-hand the fine art of rarrk (cross-hatch) painting. Later, **board a dinner cruise on Katherine Gorge and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people, traditional owners of Nitmiluk National Park.**



🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

### Day 5: Katherine – Darwin

A leisurely start to the day could see you relaxing at the lodge or setting off on a comfortable walk. Later, emerge from the wilderness to journey north along the Stuart Highway on your return to Darwin, stopping to cool off in the cascading waters of Edith Falls and visit the poignant Adelaide River War Cemetery. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure in Darwin.

🏠 Mantra on the Esplanade, Darwin

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch

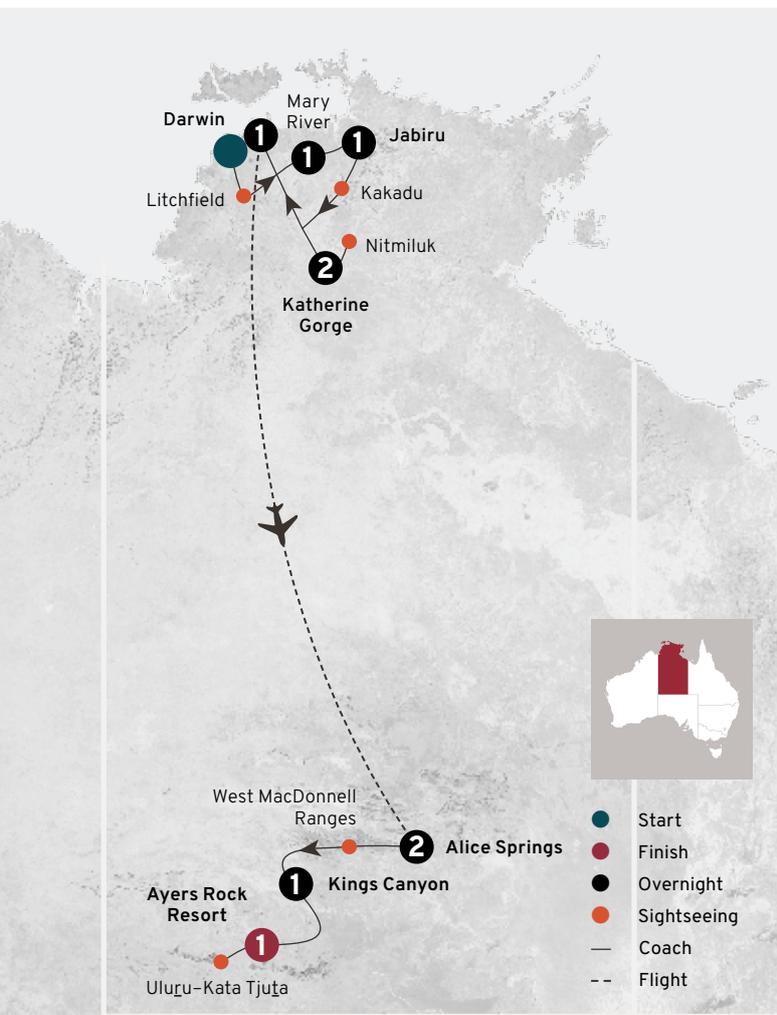
### Day 6: Darwin – Alice Springs



After a morning flight to Alice Springs meet your Red Centre Journey Director and group of fellow travellers. Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service to see how this facility provides vital medical assistance to outback inhabitants. Nearby, is the School of the Air, a crucial service providing education to children living in remote Australian communities. This evening, **join your Alice Springs family hosts for a Local Dining Experience barbecue dinner around a campfire,** as the Milky Way lights up the sky.

🏠 Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, 2 nights

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience



## At a glance:

### TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Swimming at Gunlom Falls
2. Barbecue dinner under the stars in Alice Springs
3. Experience the magic of an Uluru and Kata Tjuta sunrise

### DINING

- |                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 9 Full buffet breakfasts | 3 Local Dining Experiences |
| 8 Lunches                | 1 Celebration Dinner       |
| 4 Dinners with wine      |                            |



### Day 7: Alice Springs

Visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station, site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs, and learn how it relayed messages between Darwin and Adelaide for 60 years. Then the stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell Ranges take centre stage as you embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap and dramatic Angkerle (Standley Chasm), which was created over millions of years. The deep red sandstone formation contrasts with the lush green ferns and gum trees on the valley floor. Later, back in Alice Springs, you'll have some free time to relax by the pool or choose to explore more, at your own pace.

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 8: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon



En route to Kings Canyon you'll **travel along the 4WD Mereenie Loop Road past Tylers Lookout and Gosses Bluff**. On arrival, gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on a 6km rim walk past the domed 'Lost City' and the luscious 'Garden of Eden'. Another **unique wilderness dining experience, Under a Desert Moon**, awaits you this evening. The flickering glow of the fire is the perfect accompaniment to sparkling wine and canapés followed by dinner, prepared from fresh produce and ingredients unique to the Australian outback.



🍷 Kings Canyon Resort, Deluxe Spa Rooms

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

### Day 9: Kings Canyon – Uluru

Now you're bound for Uluru. On your way visit Curtin Springs Station, home to the Severin family since 1956. Kick back in true Aussie-style at a barbecue lunch while hearing from one

of the locals about the Severin's and the logistics of running a million-acre cattle property. Afterwards, enter Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, experiencing the magnificence of the 36 red conglomerate rock domes that form Kata Tjuta, and joining your Journey Director for a guided walk through the immense Walpa Gorge. Later, witness the spectacular changing colours as the sun sets over Uluru, then join your Journey Director and fellow travellers for a Celebration Dinner at Ilkari Restaurant.

🍷 Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Celebration Dinner

### Day 10: Farewell from Ayers Rock Resort

Experience a majestic sunrise over Kata Tjuta and Uluru from the fantastic Kata Tjuta dune viewing platform. From here it's off to the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre for breakfast and **an insight into the history of the local Anangu people**. Take a walk around to the base of Uluru, hearing timeless stories, viewing spectacular rock art, and visiting the culturally-significant Mutitjulu Waterhole. In the late morning, when your Inspiring Journey comes to an end, you'll be transferred to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight.

🍷 Full buffet breakfast

From **\$5995** per person twin share land only

### MNCR: Darwin to Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Flights are not included in the holiday price. Flight Information:

Day Prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport

Day 10 – flights to depart after 1.00pm from Ayers Rock Airport.

Internal-holiday flights required to be purchased in order to fulfil the itinerary:

Day 6 – Darwin to Alice Springs: QF1937

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.

NEW

## The Uncharted Coast

Indulge yourself in the relaxed lifestyle of the southern Queensland coast. From the understated luxury of Spicers Hidden Vale to the rugged beauty of the world's largest sand island, you'll discover the beach culture for which tropical Byron Bay and Noosa are internationally renowned.

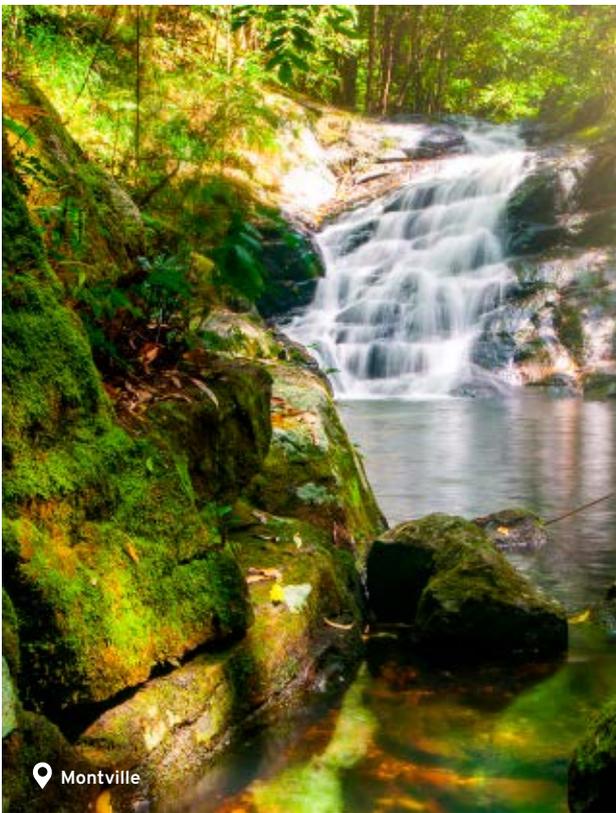
*Be in awe of the Enchanted Cave, the largest amethyst cave in the world, and also the world's tallest geode pair, The Crystal Guardians. Be at peace with the largest stone Blessing Buddha in Australia, and the only Kalachakra World Peace Stupa in the southern hemisphere.*



📍 Tamborine Mountain



📍 Australia Zoo



📍 Montville



📍 Summer Land Camel Farm



📍 Lake McKenzie, Fraser Island

**8 DAYS** Brisbane • Noosa • Rainbow Beach • Fraser Island • Grandchester • Tamborine Mountain • Byron Bay • Gold Coast

## Discover

Queensland Hinterland with off the beaten track locations  
Walk to Carlo Sandblow from Rainbow beach, a famous sunset or sunrise vantage point

## Explore

With a walking tour of Brisbane with a local Indigenous guide and expert 📍

Swim in the fresh waters of Lake McKenzie at Fraser Island

## Immerse

Enjoy a private Indigenous storytelling under the stars at Spicers Hidden Vale 📍

Learn of Australia Zoo's wildlife endeavours

Meet camels at Summer Land Camel Farm and learn about the health benefits of camel's milk from an expert

## Relax

On a private boat tour of Gold Coast waterways while enjoying a pre-dinner drink 🍷

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📍 Cape Byron Lighthouse



📍 Noosa beach



📍 Rainbow Beach

### Day 1: Welcome to Brisbane

On arrival in Brisbane, you'll be transferred by private car to your hotel in Brisbane's South Bank. Meet your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés before a stroll to the waterfront restaurant, Stokehouse Q. Take in the river and city views as you dine with your travelling companions.

🏠 Emporium Hotel South Bank, Brisbane

🍷 Dinner with wine

### Day 2: Brisbane – Rainbow Beach

🌀 After breakfast, you'll **join a local expert on a unique walking tour of Brisbane that will offer you a rare opportunity to learn about Brisbane's Aboriginal history and its culturally rich street art**. Try some Indigenous flavours at morning tea before departing Brisbane for your road trip through the Queensland countryside with time along the way to stop in charming hinterland villages including Montville. You'll arrive late afternoon in the tiny, idyllic town of Rainbow Beach at the base of the Inskip Peninsula, known for its colourful sandcliffs.

🏠 Rainbow Ocean Palms Resort, Rainbow Beach

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 3: Rainbow Beach – Noosa

🚢 Take the ferry to famous Fraser Island and **join a 4WD tour of the world's largest sand island**. Walk through towering rainforest at Central Station and swim in the exceptionally pure, vivid blue waters of Lake McKenzie, or stroll on the pristine white silica sand that surrounds the perched lake. Continue your journey to the iconic beachside destination of Noosa. This evening will be free for you to dine at leisure in Hastings Street.

🏠 Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch

### Day 4: Noosa – Grandchester

A wildlife extravaganza awaits you today at Australia Zoo, made famous by the late Steve Irwin, the 'Crocodile Hunter'. Witness the renowned Crocoseum Wildlife Warrior show and enjoy lunch before meeting staff at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital for a private tour of this leading-edge treatment facility. Continue your journey to Spicers Hidden Vale, an historic Australian homestead set on 12,000 acres. This evening, a dinner created from local produce is served at the onsite restaurant.

🏠 Spicers Hidden Vale, 2 nights

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch with wine, dinner with wine

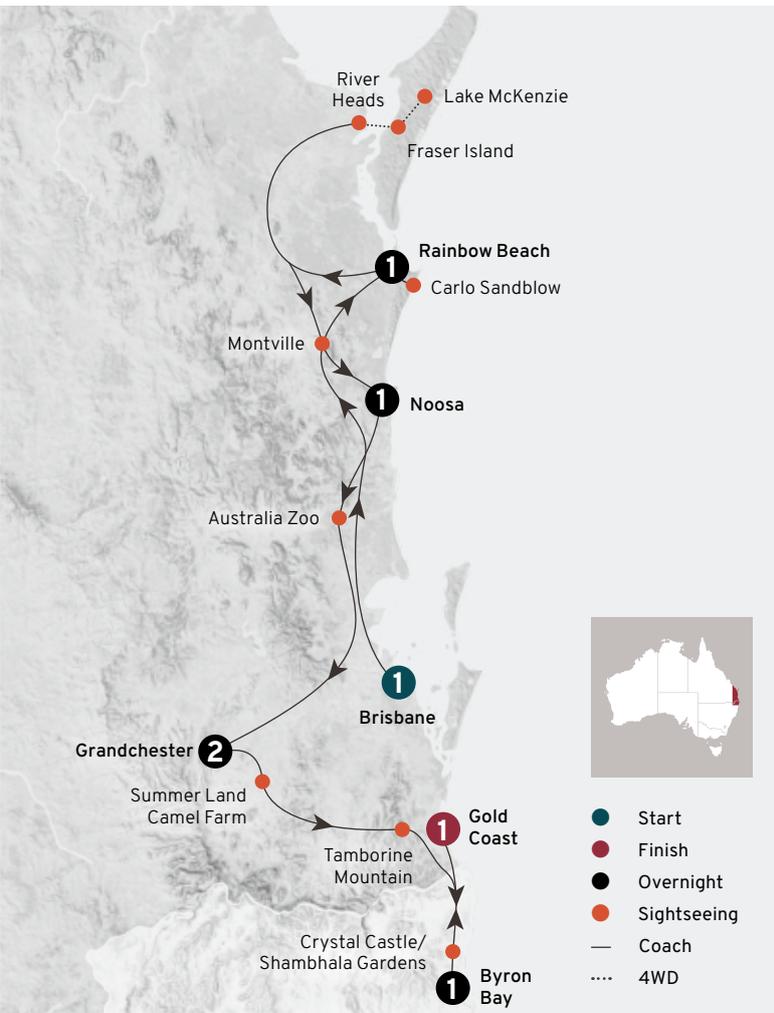
### Day 5: Grandchester

After a leisurely breakfast, visit Summer Land Camel Farm, the largest commercial-scale camel dairy operation outside of the Middle East. You'll have the opportunity to create your own camel-milk skincare product in the onsite laboratory before lunch at the farm. During the afternoon you're free to do as much or as little as you please. Spicers Hidden Vale offers an abundance of activities including self-guided nature walks and mountain-biking. 🛸 However, you may consider an optional experience 4WD discovery tour or you can take to the skies on a helicopter excursion. Or simply relax by the pool while taking in the sights and sounds of the Lockyer Valley. This evening, **join a local Indigenous storyteller under the stars for an unforgettable dining experience**.

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

### Day 6: Grandchester – Byron Bay

Your first destination today is Mount Tamborine, known as the 'Green behind the Gold'. Discover stunning waterfalls and local art, or take an 🛸 optional experience on the Tamborine



## At a glance:

### TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Enjoy a slower pace at Spicers Hidden Vale
2. A 4WD tour of world-famous Fraser Island
3. The Aussie beach vibe at Byron Bay

### DINING

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 7 Full buffet breakfasts | 3 Dinners with wine       |
| 2 Lunches                | 1 Local Dining Experience |
| 1 Lunch with wine        | 1 Celebration Dinner      |



Rainforest Skywalk 30 metres above the valley. If you prefer, you can visit a local winery for a leisurely wine-tasting. This afternoon, cross the border from Queensland into New South Wales and visit Crystal Castle and Shambhala Gardens, where you'll discover giant crystals, lush sub-tropical gardens and beautiful spaces for contemplation and meditation. This evening is free for you to relax and unwind at your resort.

- 🏠 **Elements of Byron Resort & Spa**
- 🍽️ **Full buffet breakfast**

#### Day 7: Byron Bay – Gold Coast

Byron Bay is famous for its 'vibe', and is Australia's easternmost point. This morning there's time to explore the town at your own pace. You may like to book 📍 an optional experience sunrise balloon flight for spectacular views over the lush Green Cauldron region. Before leaving Byron Bay, head to the famous Cape Byron Lighthouse, a stunning vantage point offering panoramic ocean views and the opportunity for spotting whales (June to November). Your destination beckons as you approach the glitz and glamour of Australia's Gold Coast. **Enjoy a pre-dinner drink on a private boat as you cruise along the canals** before a sumptuous Celebration Dinner with your Journey Director and newfound friends.

- 🏠 **Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort, Gold Coast**
- 🍽️ **Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Dinner**

#### Day 8: Farewell from Gold Coast

Your journey concludes this morning after breakfast with your transfer to Coolangatta or Brisbane Airport for your onward flight.

- 🍽️ **Full buffet breakfast**

## Extend Your Journey

### Elysian, Long Island

Escape from the crowds at Elysian, the most secluded island retreat in the Whitsundays, catering to a maximum of 20 guests. In Paradise Bay on the southern point of Long Island, your package includes full board, wine with dinner and all non-motorised water sports.

**From \$1860<sup>†</sup> per person twin share 2 nights**

\*Includes road transfer from Proserpine Airport to Whitsunday Airport, helicopter flight to Long Island and luggage storage. Travellers must purchase the flight from Brisbane to Proserpine. Children 15 years and under are not permitted.

### qualia, Hamilton Island

Situated at the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, qualia is nestled in the most pristine and secluded position on the island. Immerse yourself in a relaxed atmosphere where everything has been meticulously considered to relax the mind and yet completely spoil the senses.

**From \$1400\* per person twin share 2 nights**

\*Includes VIP airport transfers from Hamilton Island Airport. Travellers must purchase the flight from Brisbane to Hamilton Island. Includes breakfast daily. Children 15 years and under are not permitted.

**From \$5475 per person twin share land only**

### IJSQLD: Brisbane to Gold Coast

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2.00pm into Brisbane Airport

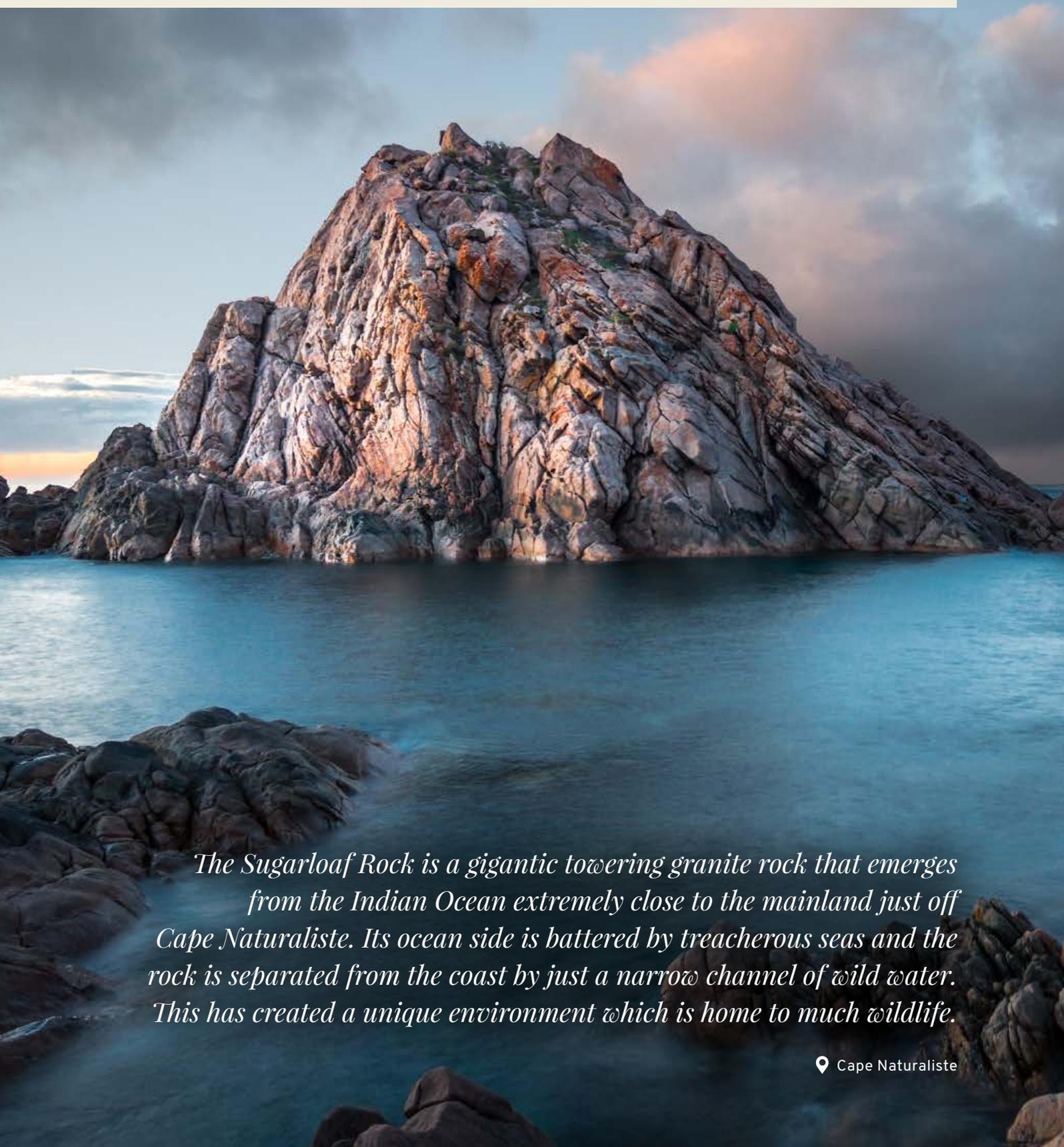
Day 8 – flights to depart anytime from Coolangatta Airport or Brisbane Airport

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.

NEW

## A Journey to the West

From the renowned vineyards of surfing mecca Margaret River to the endearing native quokkas on Rottnest Island and the laid-back, historic cities of Perth and Fremantle, this Inspiring Journey has much to offer the discerning traveller. Beautiful accommodation along the way adds much to your experience.



*The Sugarloaf Rock is a gigantic towering granite rock that emerges from the Indian Ocean extremely close to the mainland just off Cape Naturaliste. Its ocean side is battered by treacherous seas and the rock is separated from the coast by just a narrow channel of wild water. This has created a unique environment which is home to much wildlife.*



📍 Busselton Jetty



📍 Kings Park, Perth



📍 Fremantle



📍 Quokka, Rottnest Island

**7 DAYS** Perth • Penguin Island • Bunker Bay • Busselton • Cape Naturaliste • Margaret River • Rottnest Island • Fremantle

## Discover

Magnificent Rottnest Island  
The sights of Perth, taking in beautiful Kings Park

## Explore

Shoalwater Bay's wildlife sanctuary  
Walk the length of the historic Busselton Jetty

## Immerse

Learn about local Indigenous culture and bush tucker at Cape Naturaliste 📍  
Take a locally guided walking tour through historic Fremantle

## Relax

Enjoy some of Australia's best wines in Margaret River  
Stay in luxury at the InterContinental Perth and beautiful boutique regional accommodation

See itinerary next page >



📍 Fremantle

### Day 1: Welcome to Perth

On arrival in the thriving Western Australian capital, take some time to relax or explore independently. You may like to take a stroll to the nearby Swan Bells, a set of 18 bells arrayed in a stunning modernist 82½ metre-high copper and glass campanile. Enjoy canapés and local wines as you get to know your Journey Director and travelling companions at a Welcome Reception this evening at your hotel.

🏠 InterContinental, Perth, 2 nights

### Day 2: Perth

After a leisurely breakfast visit Elizabeth Quay, where the city meets the Swan River, and Yagan Square, one of the city's most popular community, meeting and celebration places. Then explore beautiful Kings Park, the jewel in the city's crown. The afternoon is free for you to explore the city further at your own pace. Tonight you'll dine in Perth's premier historical, cultural and dining precinct, the State Buildings.

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 3: Perth – Margaret River

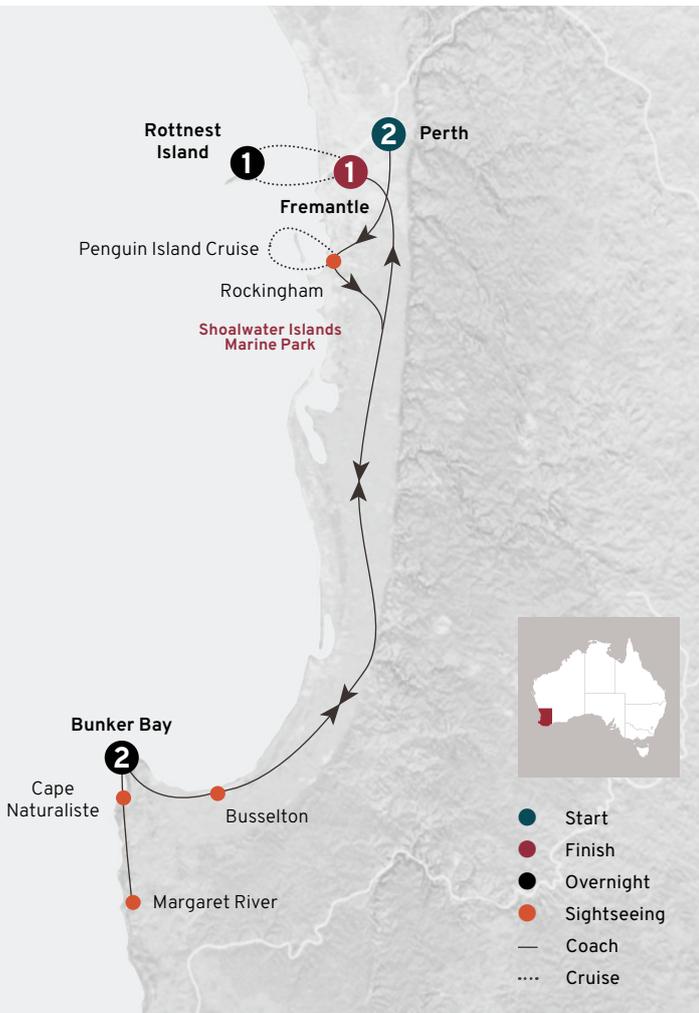
En route to the world-renowned Margaret River wine region today, you'll discover the white sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters of Penguin Island in the heart of the ruggedly spectacular Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. **Cruise Shoalwater Bay's wildlife sanctuary to see dolphins, penguins, sea lions and a myriad of sea-birds,** then journey south to historic Busselton Jetty. Enjoy a walk on the beautifully-restored 150-year-old construction, or ride the small train to the end, 1.8 kilometres from the shore. Check in to your 5-star accommodation set on the turquoise waters of Bunker Bay, and dine at the Other Side of the Moon

*"I hope that every guest who comes along on a tour with us walks away with a better understanding of the local history here in Perth but also what it is like to live here as a local. They will see the amazing lifestyle we have here in Perth but also some of the challenges facing one of the most isolated cities in the world."*

– Ryan Mossny, Two Feet & a Heartbeat



📍 Rottneest Island



## At a glance:

### TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. An indulgent degustation lunch with matching wines
2. Overnight stay on Rottnest Island
3. Aboriginal Cultural Experience at Cape Naturaliste

### DINING

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6 Full buffet breakfasts | 1 Local Dining Experience |
| 3 Dinners with wine      | 1 Celebration Dinner      |



restaurant, named after one of the popular local surf breaks.

- 🏠 Pullman Bunker Bay Resort, Margaret River, 2 nights
- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

#### Day 4: Margaret River

- 🎯 A 'Welcome to Country' ceremony begins your Indigenous experience at Cape Naturaliste, where a local guide will escort you on a short walk in the Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse precinct. See the land through the eyes of an Indigenous custodian, and experience an artefact interpretation and didgeridoo demonstration. Then drive along peaceful vineyard-lined roads to a Margaret River winery and take a guided walk through the vines. A Local Dining Experience follows at a degustation lunch with matching wines. In the afternoon you'll explore more of the region, and have the opportunity to spend time in the quaint town of Margaret River.

- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

#### Day 5: Margaret River – Rottnest Island

Leaving the rolling wine country behind you, journey up the beautiful southwest coastline towards Fremantle. Board your ferry for the short crossing to magnificent Rottnest Island. The island was separated from the mainland around 7,000 years ago when sea-levels rose, and human artefacts dating back at least 30,000 years have been found there. The sandy beaches, abundant marine life and friendly wildlife on Rottnest will delight you. The endearing quokka, a small kangaroo-like mammal, is native to the island, where all plants and animals are protected by law. Settle in to your eco glamping tent, and watch the sun set this evening from a nearby dune.

- 🏠 Discovery Rottnest Island
- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

#### Day 6: Rottnest Island – Fremantle

Wake up to the serenity of this natural paradise and enjoy a leisurely start to the day. Later this morning, take a guided coach tour of some of Rottnest's most spectacular locations, and learn about the island's diverse flora, fauna and history. This afternoon, cruise back to seaside Fremantle and, after taking some time to relax at your hotel, meet your fellow travellers for a Celebration Dinner.

- 🏠 Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle
- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Dinner

#### Day 7: Farewell from Fremantle

Join a local expert guide this morning for a walking tour of historic Fremantle, known for its maritime past and Victorian architecture. Gain unique insights into the past, present and future of the port city, and enjoy its wealth of well-preserved and restored architectural buildings, many of which were convict-built during the colonial era. Your Inspiring Journey comes to an end later this morning when you're transferred by private car to Perth Airport for your onward flight.

- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

From **\$3825** per person twin share land only

#### IJWA: Perth to Fremantle

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.30pm into Perth Airport  
 Day 7 – flights to depart after 1.00pm (domestic) or 3.00pm (international) from Perth Airport

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.

## NEW Tasmania's Footsteps and Trails

A range of unique cultural, gastronomic and accommodation experiences unfold as you explore this beautiful, historic island. Discover Hobart's Museum of Old and New Art (MONA), spectacular Bruny Island, the Bay of Fires and glorious Wineglass and Coles Bays on this truly unique journey.

*The Bay of Fires (Indigenous name: Iarapuna) is a bay on the northeastern coast of Tasmania, extending from Binalong Bay to Eddystone Point. Its name refers to the Aboriginal fires spotted by Captain Tobias Furneaux when he sailed past in 1773, but it could also apply to the brilliant orange lichen that grows on the granite boulders lining the bay.*



**7 DAYS** Launceston • Mount William National Park • Bay of Fires • Freycinet National Park • Coles Bay • Hobart • Bruny Island

## Discover

The Bay Of Fires' magnificent natural landscape  
Bruny Island's wildlife as you cruise from Adventure Bay

## Explore

The renowned Museum of Old and New Art (MONA)  
The natural beauty of Freycinet National Park

## Immerse

Participate in cultural practices that have been passed down for hundreds of generations 🌀

Walk with Indigenous palawa guides in the footsteps of their traditional people 🌀

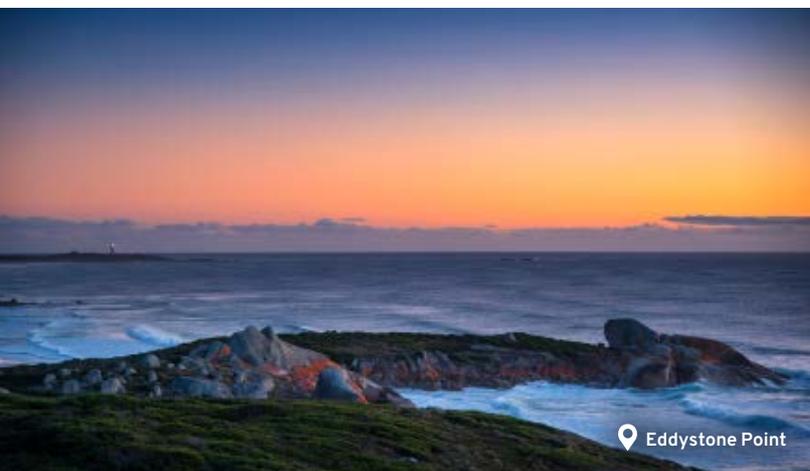
## Relax

Stay in Hobart's hottest new CBD property MACq 01  
Indulge all your senses at the 'Art Meets Wine' experience  
Relax in a beautiful private resort in Coles Bay

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📍 The Source, Moorilla



📍 Eddystone Point

### Day 1: Welcome to Launceston

On arrival at Launceston Airport you'll be transferred by private car to your hotel, where you'll have the opportunity to relax and freshen up before meeting your Journey Director for drinks and canapés at a Welcome Reception.

🏠 Peppers Silo Hotel, Launceston

### Day 2 & 3: The wukalina walk

🎯 This is a two-night Aboriginal-owned and operated **guided walk through the magnificent natural landscape of the Bay of Fires and Mt. William areas**, the cultural homeland of the palawa people. The walk is a genuine cultural experience that will deepen your understanding of palawa (a Tasmanian

Aboriginal 'clan') culture and community history as well as immerse you in the natural, rugged beauty of wukalina and larapuna.

Spend one night in absolute comfort in bespoke palawa-inspired (domed) huts, and one night in the meticulously-renovated Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage at larapuna/Bay of Fires. You'll be accompanied by palawa guides in the footsteps of their traditional people on the cultural homelands of wukalina and larapuna (8kms per day at an easy to moderate pace). Hear palawa creation stories and participate in cultural practices that have been passed down through hundreds of generations.

🏠 bespoke accommodation, Bay of Fires, 2 nights

🍷 Day 2 & 3: Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 4: Bay of Fires – Freycinet

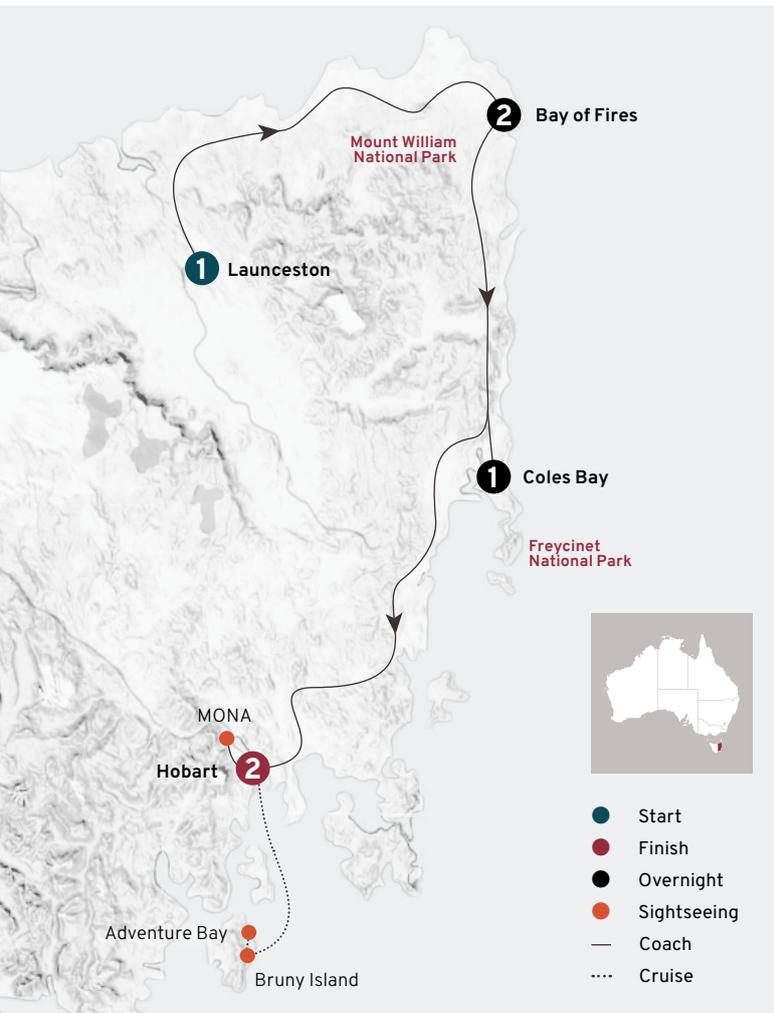
After breakfast, board your vehicle and follow the coast to Coles Bay and Freycinet National Park. The natural beauty of this region, which comprises a peninsula defined by Schouten Island and a granite mountain range known as The Hazards, is quite simply breathtaking. Trails lead up to a lookout for panoramic views over Wineglass Bay, and you'll also see the secluded coves of Coles, Honeymoon and Sleepy Bays. Views from Cape Tourville Lighthouse stretch over the clear blue waters of the Tasman Sea. After two nights on the trail, check in early to your secluded waterfront accommodation to unwind and rest before enjoying a sumptuous dinner together.

🏠 Edge of the Bay Resort, Coles Bay

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 5: Freycinet – Hobart

After a leisurely start this morning, continue to Hobart to the



## At a glance:

### TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. wukalina walk through the Bay of Fires
2. Art meets Wine Experience at MONA
3. Bruny Island Wildlife Cruise

### DINING

- |                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6 Full buffet breakfasts | 1 Local Dining Experience |
| 4 Lunches                | 1 Celebration Dinner      |
| 3 Dinners with wine      |                           |



✂️ renowned Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) for an all-inclusive 'Art Meets Wine' experience. Perched on the banks of the River Derwent, MONA is Australia's largest privately-owned gallery and museum. Showcasing the diverse collection of its Tasmanian owner David Walsh, the museum exhibits everything from ancient Egyptian funerary objects and modernist masterpieces to a machine that mimics the human digestive system. Begin your MONA experience by exploring the maze of subterranean galleries, then make your way to the on-site Source restaurant for a lunch of seasonal local produce and wine from the adjacent Moorilla Estate winery. A behind-the-scenes tour of the vineyard, the second-oldest in Tasmania, follows. You'll be treated to a tasting of ten different Moorilla wines before taking the MONA ROMA ferry to Hobart's Constitution Dock, where the legendary Sydney to Hobart yacht race concludes each year. From there it's just a short walk to your accommodation, the 5-star MACq 01 Hotel. The evening is free for you to explore the historic, yet trendy CBD.

🏠 MACq 01 Hotel, Hobart, 2 nights  
 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

### Day 6: Bruny Island

✂️ Enjoy an unforgettable, award-winning cruise experience along Bruny Island's rugged coastline. Take the ferry across the quiet d'Entrecasteaux Channel to the island, where a morning tea of freshly-baked muffins will be served at a beachside café in Adventure Bay before your cruise departs. Then board your vessel to skirt some of Australia's highest sea-cliffs, enter deep sea-caves and join in the search for seals, dolphins, sea-birds and even migratory whales. Return to the coast for lunch, and arrive back at your Hobart hotel by sunset, with time to relax before a Celebration Dinner at the Old Wharf Restaurant to toast your journey.

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Celebration Dinner

*"I like wine and I like art, a lot of people do. It's just that I get paid. And at Moorilla and MONA we've taken our passions a bit further than most. We're more than just a winery and more than just an art museum. The two combined give you an experience like no other. Where else can you sip wine sitting on a sheep whilst floating on a boat down a river to an improbable world of important things?"*

- Daniel McMahon, Moorilla

### Day 7: Farewell from Hobart

Bid farewell to your newfound friends as your inspiring Tasmanian journey concludes. After breakfast, a private vehicle will transfer you to Hobart Airport for your onward flight.

🍷 Full buffet breakfast

**From \$4990 per person twin share land only**

### IJTAS: Launceston to Hobart

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:  
 Day 1 - flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Launceston Airport  
 Day 7 - flights to depart anytime from Hobart Airport

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# Victoria's Hidden Gems

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Delve into the cosmopolitan sophistication and natural beauty of Victoria, journeying past elegant Melbournian arcades, sandstone peaks and the Twelve Apostles that stand imposingly along the spectacular coastline. From trendy cityscapes to quaint villages, scenic coastal drives to white-capped surf, Victoria's intoxicating charm is revealed on this Inspiring Journey.



*Their original names: What we now call the Twelve Apostles were originally called The Sow and Piglets. The Sow was Mutton Bird Island, which stands at the mouth of Loch Ard Gorge, and her Piglets were the 12 Apostles.*



📍 Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village



📍 Australian Surfing Museum



📍 Dunkeld Kitchen Garden



📍 Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa



📍 Melbourne's shopping arcades

**7 DAYS** Melbourne • Daylesford • Dunkeld • The Grampians • Warrnambool • Great Ocean Road • Mornington Peninsula

### Discover

The eclectic town of Daylesford, with antique shops, bazaars and cottage industries  
The iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground

### Explore

Melbourne's vibrant laneways and arcades  
Green Olive Farm at Red Hill on the Mornington Peninsula

### Immerse

Visit Creswick Woollen Mills, the last coloured woollen spinning mill in Australia  
Call in at the high-tech Eureka Centre in Ballarat  
Experience a Welcome to Country ceremony in the Grampians 📍  
Browse the Australian National Surfing Museum in Torquay

### Relax

Indulge in a relaxing mineral bath at the historic Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa  
On a scenic coastal drive along the Great Ocean Road

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📍 Loch Ard Gorge

### Day 1: Welcome to Melbourne

Admire the style and spirit of Victoria's capital. This evening, join your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés before boarding the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant to trundle through the glittering city streets.

- 🏠 Sofitel Melbourne on Collins
- 🍷 Dinner with wine

### Day 2: Melbourne – Daylesford

View the city's impressive skyline over breakfast on the 35th floor restaurant of Sofitel Melbourne on Collins. Return to earth and begin your exploration of Melbourne's wide avenues, charming arcades and trendy street art in the company of a local expert. Indulge in the Melbournian tradition of morning tea before enjoying lunch at your leisure. We head for the eclectic spa town of Daylesford, then relax in the healing waters of the historic Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa. Tonight enjoy dinner in the award-winning restaurant, The Argus.

- 🏠 Peppers Mineral Springs Hotel, Daylesford
- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 3: Daylesford – Dunkeld

A leisurely start to the day could see you enjoy a stroll through the enchanting Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens. Your first stop today is Lavandula Swiss Italian Farm for morning tea. Drip syrupy lavender honey over freshly baked scones before heading to Creswick Woollen Mills, for an exclusive guided tour. Continue on to the historic town of Clunes admiring beautifully preserved Victorian architecture. Grab a spot of lunch at one of the cafés or the country pub, the National Hotel. En route to Dunkeld, visit the Eureka Centre, where the original Stockade flag is housed to gain insights into the birth of Australian democracy. Settle in to the picturesque surrounds of the Southern Grampians this evening. Your dinner at the hotel is made with fresh local ingredients and available produce growing in the extensive kitchen garden.

- 🏠 Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld
- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 4: Dunkeld – Warrnambool

After breakfast, you're invited to join the ground's gardener for a guided walk through the hotel's kitchen garden. Then head to Halls Gap and the Brambuk Cultural Centre. **Witness a Welcome to Country ceremony** and then the local Gariwerd, Djab Wurrung and Jardwadjali people will teach you how to throw a boomerang and gather local bush tucker for sampling. Admire the views over the Grampians Mountain range before heading down the mountain to coastal Warrnambool. **This evening, discover the maritime history of the region during a Sound and Light Show at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village.**



- 🏠 Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs, Warrnambool
- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine



📍 Indigenous culture at Halls Gap



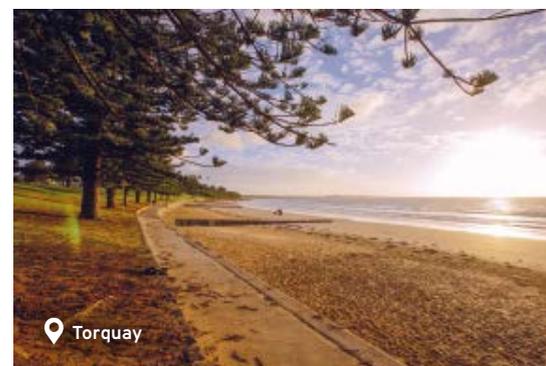
## At a glance:

### TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Aboriginal Cultural Experience at Brambuk in the Grampians
2. An indulgent 3 course lunch at Jack Rabbit Winery
3. Swimming at Hepburn Natural Hot Springs

### DINING

- 6 Full buffet breakfasts
- 5 Dinners with wine
- 1 Local Dining Experience
- 1 Celebration Lunch



### Day 5: Warrnambool – Lorne

Enjoy a leisurely morning, preparing for one of the world's most scenic coastal drives later today. Golden beaches stretch endlessly along the route. Wind through lush forests and stop to admire highlights including the Bay of Islands, London Bridge, Loch Ard Gorge and the Twelve Apostles. The crisp sea air provides a refreshing backdrop for a lunch stop in the seaside town of Port Campbell or 🚁 consider an optional experience helicopter flight over the Twelve Apostles. Stop in quaint Apollo Bay before arriving in the seaside village of Lorne late afternoon.

- 🏠 Cumberland Lorne
- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

### Day 6: Lorne – Mornington Peninsula

The last leg of the Great Ocean Road brings us to the surf capital of Torquay, where you'll learn about Australia's beloved surf culture before continuing to the Bellarine Peninsula. **Indulge in a Local Dining Experience lunch and wine tasting at the award-winning Jack Rabbit Vineyard.** Appetites quelled, board a ferry to Queenscliff and Green Olive Farm. This evening at your hotel, enjoy a meal prepared with ingredients sourced from hotel's kitchen garden and select Mornington Peninsula producers.

- 🏠 Jackalope Hotel, Mornington Peninsula
- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience, dinner with wine

### Day 7: Mornington Peninsula – Farewell from Melbourne

The aroma of coffee beans beckon as you head back to Melbourne after breakfast. As this Inspiring Journey nears its end, venture into the hallowed grounds of the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Later, enjoy a Celebration Lunch with

newfound friends after an epic adventure through the diverse landscapes and lifestyles of Victoria. For now, all that's left to say is a fond farewell till next time.

- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Lunch

*“It's important to take time for friends and family. Also, it's important – and interesting – to know the story behind what you're eating and drinking. Our menu is seasonal and showcases local produce as much as is humanly possible. A lot of our produce is sourced from small artisan growers here on The Bellarine. We take a lot of pride in showcasing our regional 'goodness'.”*

– Kristie Luscott, Jack Rabbit Vineyard

From **\$4390** per person twin share land only

### IJVIC: Melbourne Return

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Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2.00pm into Melbourne Airport  
 Day 7 – flights to depart after 5.00pm (domestic) or 7.00pm (international) from Melbourne Airport

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# Kakadu's Ancient Secrets

Venture to Australia's Top End, through the untamed wilderness and wetlands of Kakadu – an ancient landscape of billabongs, gorges and hidden canyons teeming with spectacular wildlife. Embark on an Inspiring Journey to the haunt of the Lightning Man, Aboriginal clans and the mighty crocs that roam Kakadu's floodplains.



**5 DAYS** Darwin • Mary River • Kakadu National Park • Katherine Gorge • Litchfield National Park

## Discover

World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park  
Litchfield National Park's many wonderful waterfalls  
Uncover the Mary River on a safari cruise 🚤

## Explore

Climb Nourlangie for spectacular views over Kakadu National Park  
Get off road on the Marrakai 4WD track 🚙

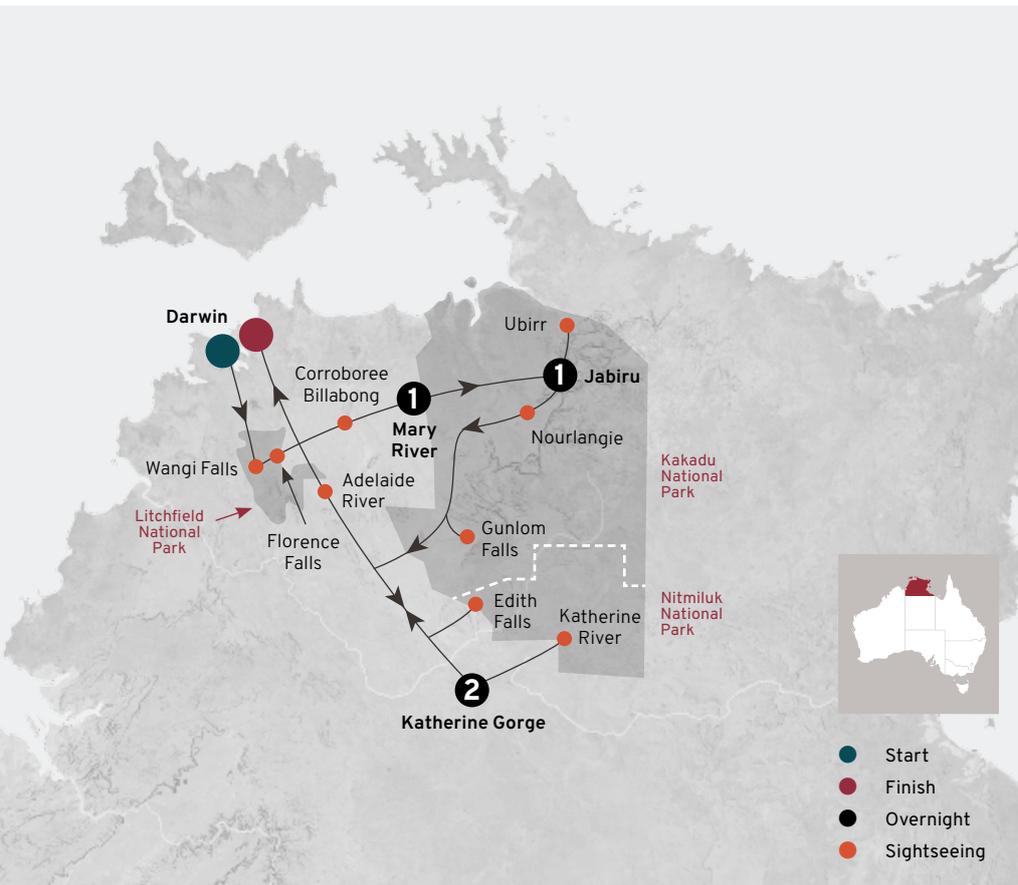
## Immerse

Delve into WWII history at Adelaide River War Cemetery  
Learn about Aboriginal rock art at Ubirr 🗺️  
Enjoy an exclusive Aboriginal cultural experience 🗺️

## Relax

With a swim at Gunlom Falls overlooking Kakadu  
Stay in luxury accommodation at Cicada Lodge and Wildman Wilderness Lodge  
Take a refreshing dip at Wangi Falls





## At a glance:

### TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. An indulgent two night stay at Cicada Lodge
2. Swimming at Gunlom Falls
3. Katherine Top Didj Aboriginal Cultural Experience

### DINING

- 4 Full buffet breakfasts
- 5 Lunches
- 3 Dinners with wine
- 1 Local Dining Experience



As this Inspiring Journey departs early morning, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night at Mantra on the Esplanade, Darwin.

### Day 1: Darwin – Mary River



Your epic Top End adventure begins in the tropical northern city of Darwin. **Meet your local Journey Director and board your luxury 4WD vehicle.** Your brush with Australia's natural treasures begins in Litchfield National Park. Hear how the local Aboriginal people's ancestral spirits have shaped the landscape, before embarking on a cross-country journey along the rugged Marrakai Track (seasonally accessible) to the Mary River Wetlands. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers at a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés followed by dinner.

- 🏡 Wildman Wilderness Lodge, Mary River
- 🍽️ Lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 2: Mary River – Kakadu



Wake up with the wildlife of Mary River and **head to Corroboree Billabong, where you'll board a wildlife cruise** in the company of a local guide to explore its floodplains and spot the creatures that find sanctuary in its lotus-covered waters. Journey into the tropical depths of the iconic Kakadu National Park next, stopping at Bowali Visitor Centre. Prime your adventurer legs this afternoon for a **sunset walk at the rock art galleries of Ubirr.** Perched atop Nadab Lookout, watch the sun dip into the lush Kakadu floodplains.



- 🏡 Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Jabiru
- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 3: Kakadu – Katherine



Enjoy a leisurely start to your day or 🚁 take to the skies on an optional experience early morning scenic flight over Kakadu before venturing to Nourlangie to **admire the ancient Dreamtime art of the Bininj and Munggyu people that is said to span 20,000 years.** Later, veer off the sealed road and onto a gravel track for a scenic cross-country journey to Gunlom Falls – hike to the top of the falls rewarded with a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear plunge pool. Enjoy lunch in the shade of rustling gum trees before you

continue to Nitmiluk National Park, where you'll stay tonight in a five-star eco-lodge.

- 🏡 Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, Katherine, 2 nights
- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 4: Katherine Gorge



The hypnotic rhythms of the didgeridoo take centre stage this morning as you **meet Manuel Pamkal and share in his passion for the rich traditional culture** into which he was born. Learn about life in the bush and experience first-hand the fine art of rarrk painting using a special reed brush, after which you'll create your very own masterpiece to take home. Later, **board a special dinner cruise and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people.**



- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

### Day 5: Katherine – Farewell from Darwin

A leisurely start to the day could see you relaxing at the lodge or embarking on a walk. Later, leave the wilderness behind and journey north along the Stuart Highway, stopping to cool off in the cascading waters of Edith Falls. Next, continue to Adelaide River War Cemetery and pay homage to the heroes who gave their lives in the service and defence of Australia. Bid farewell to this Inspiring Journey as you return to the tropical Northern Territory capital of Darwin.

- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, lunch

From **\$3250** per person twin share land only

### MNDD: Darwin Return

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:

Day Prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport

Day 5 – flights to depart after 8.00pm from Darwin Airport

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.

# Outback Contrasts: A Journey to the Centre

Witnessing the rugged splendour of Australia's Red Centre is a life-changing experience. On this journey, the majesty of Uluru, Kings Canyon and the soaring West MacDonnell Ranges combine with unique dining experiences under the stars and the outback vibe of Alice Springs.



**5 DAYS** Alice Springs • West MacDonnell Ranges • Kings Canyon • Kata Tjuṯa • Uluru

## Discover

The sprawling West MacDonnell Ranges  
Wander through Simpsons Gap  
Iconic Uluru (Ayers Rock)

## Explore

Fascinating Angkerle (Standley Chasm)  
The 36 mystical domes of Kata Tjuṯa (the Olgas)

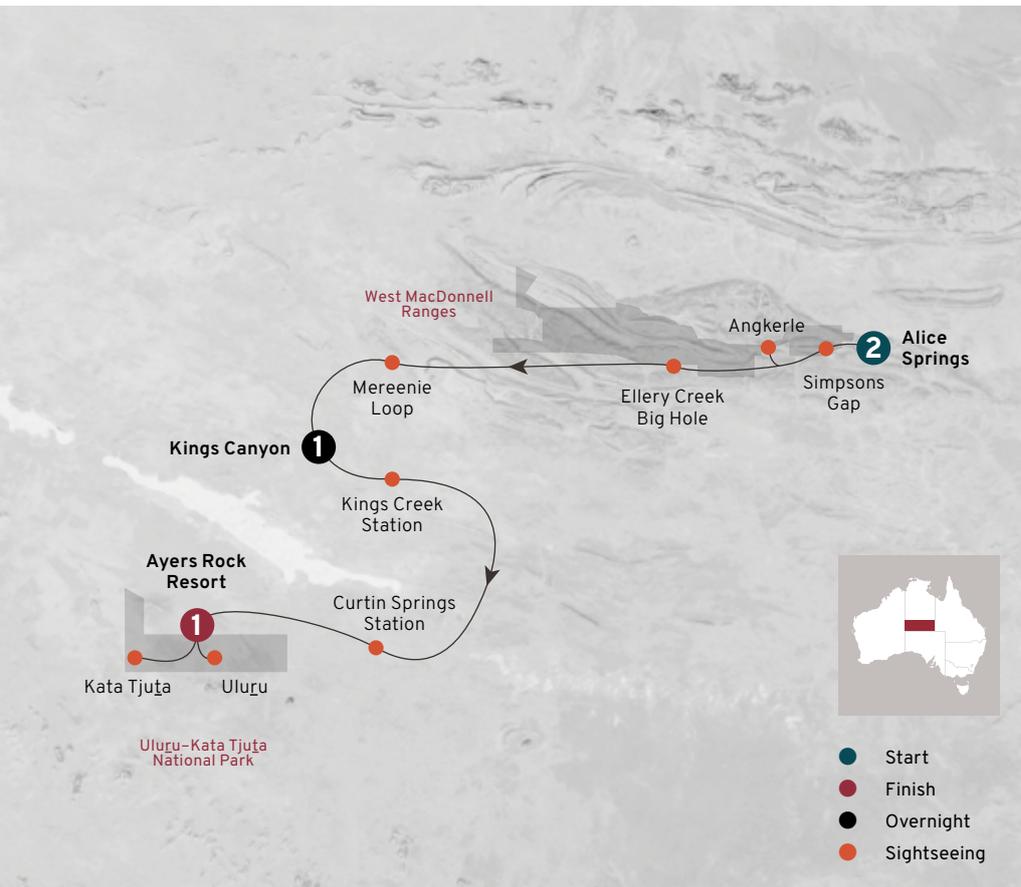
## Immerse

Hike to the top of Kings Canyon for magnificent views  
Learn about Aboriginal rock art at Uluru  
Hike through Walpa Gorge

## Relax

Unwind in your Deluxe Spa Room at Kings Canyon Resort  
Experience a spectacular Red Centre sunrise  
Toast an Uluru sunset with sparkling wine





## At a glance:

### TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Under a Desert Moon dining experience at Kings Canyon Resort
2. Learn about the traditions and culture of the local Anangu people
3. Experience the magic of Uluru and Kata Tjuta sunrise

### DINING

- 4 Full buffet breakfasts
- 3 Lunches
- 1 Dinner with wine
- 2 Local Dining Experiences
- 1 Celebration Dinner



### Day 1: Welcome to Alice Springs

Your outback Inspiring Journey begins on arrival in Alice Springs. Meet your Journey Director for a visit to the lifesaving outback institution of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, to see how this facility provides medical assistance to those living in remote Australia. Nearby, visit the School of the Air, a crucial service providing education to children living in remote Australian communities. This evening, **join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and Local Dining Experience barbecue dinner around a campfire with your Alice Springs hosts, as the Milky Way lights up the sky.**

- 🏠 Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, 2 nights
- 🍷 Local Dining Experience

### Day 2: Alice Springs

This morning visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station, site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs, and learn how it relayed messages between Darwin and Adelaide for 60 years. Then the stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell Ranges take centre stage as you embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap and dramatic Angkerle, which was created over millions of years. The deep red sandstone formation contrasts with the carpet of lush green ferns and gum trees on the valley floor. Later, back in Alice Springs, you'll have free time to relax by the pool or choose to explore more, at your own pace.

- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 3: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon

En route to Kings Canyon you'll **travel off-road along the 4WD Mereenie Loop Road, passing Tylers Lookout and Gosses Bluff.** On arrival, gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on a 6km rim walk, past the domed 'Lost City' and the luscious 'Garden of Eden'. This evening **you're treated to the unique dining experience, Under a Desert Moon, set in the wilderness under a canopy of the Southern Night sky.** The flickering glow of the fire is the perfect accompaniment to sparkling wine and canapés followed by dinner, prepared from fresh produce and

ingredients unique to the Australian outback.

- 🏠 Kings Canyon Resort, Deluxe Spa Rooms
- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

### Day 4: Kings Canyon – Uluru

Now you're bound for Uluru. On your way visit Curtin Springs Station, a million-acre property, where you'll gain insights into the cattle rearing heritage of the Severin family, before kicking back in true Aussie-style at a delicious barbecue lunch. This afternoon enter Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, experiencing the magnificence of the 36 red conglomerate domes that form Kata Tjuta, and joining your Journey Director for a walk through Walpa Gorge. Later, witness the spectacular changing colours as the sun sets over Uluru, while sipping sparkling wine. This evening toast your holiday with your fellow travellers at a Celebration Dinner at Ilkari Restaurant.

- 🏠 Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort
- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Celebration Dinner

### Day 5: Farewell from Uluru

Experience a majestic sunrise over Kata Tjuta and Uluru from the fantastic Kata Tjuta dune viewing platform. From here it's off to the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre for breakfast and **an insight into the history of the local Anangu people.** Take a walk around to the base of Uluru, hearing timeless stories, viewing spectacular rock art, and visiting the culturally-significant Mutitjulu Waterhole. In the late morning, when your Inspiring Journey comes to an end, you'll be transferred to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight.

- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast

**From \$2750 per person twin share land only**

### CRAU: Alice Springs to Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:  
 Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Alice Springs Airport  
 Day 5 – flights to depart after 1.00pm from Ayers Rock Airport.

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.

# Outback Australia: The Colour of Red

Journey to the Red Centre of Australia – the sacred landscapes of the Outback and imposing Uluru. Delve into fascinating rituals of the Anangu during your Inspiring Journey through outback Australia and share in their spiritual connection with this ancient land that spans millennia.



**5 DAYS** Uluru • Kata Tjuṯa • Kings Canyon • West MacDonnell Ranges • Alice Springs

## Discover

Iconic Uluru (Ayers Rock)  
Embark on a 4WD off the Mereenie Loop Road  
Wander through Simpsons Gap

## Explore

The 36 mystical domes of Kata Tjuṯa (the Olgas)  
Fascinating Angkerle (Standley Chasm)

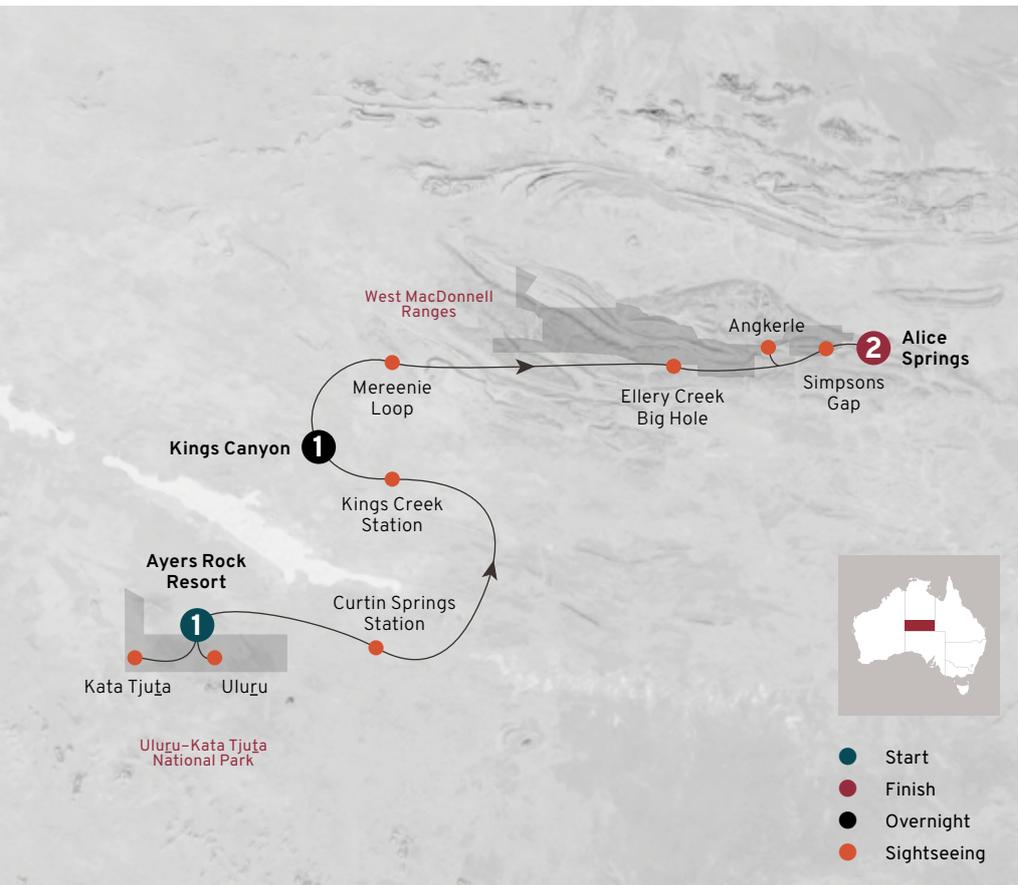
## Immerse

Hike through Walpa Gorge  
Learn about Uluru's sacred sites 🌀  
Hike to the top of Kings Canyon for magnificent views

## Relax

Toast an Uluru sunset with sparkling wine  
Experience a spectacular Red Centre sunrise  
Unwind in your Deluxe Spa Room at Kings Canyon Resort





## At a glance:

### TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Barbecue dinner around a campfire under the Milky Way
2. Embark on Kings Canyon's 6km rim walk
3. Witness the spectacular changing colours as the sun sets over Uluru

### DINING

- 4 Full buffet breakfasts
- 3 Lunches
- 2 Dinners with wine
- 2 Local Dining Experiences



### Day 1: Welcome to Uluru

Feel the stirring of something bigger than you as you arrive in Ayers Rock Resort, your launch pad to Australia's fiery heart in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. This afternoon, join your Journey Director and fellow travellers to **explore the foundations of life and society of the local Aboriginal people and their ancestors**, before travelling to Kata Tjuta for a walk through Walpa Gorge. As the day fades, the outback sun bids a fiery farewell – the perfect backdrop for a Welcome Reception with sparkling wine while overlooking Uluru.

- 🍷 Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort
- 🍷 Dinner with wine

### Day 2: Uluru – Kings Canyon

Enjoy the mesmerising arrival of another day overlooking Kata Tjuta and Uluru. Skirting the red cliffs of Uluru, hear ancient tales, see rock art and visit Muñitjulu Waterhole. The next stop is Curtin Springs Station, where you'll gain insights into the cattle-rearing heritage of the Severin family and enjoy a BBQ lunch before viewing Atila (Mt. Conner). Travelling to Kings Canyon, stop at Kings Creek Station. This evening, under the canopy of a starry southern hemisphere sky, **settle back with sparkling wine – the flickering glow of the fire is the perfect accompaniment to Under A Desert Moon dinner.**

- 🏠 Kings Canyon Resort, Deluxe Spa Rooms
- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

### Day 3: Kings Canyon – Alice Springs

Gaze across the deep chasm of Kings Canyon as you embark on a sunrise 6km rim walk, taking in the domed 'Lost City' and the verdant 'Garden of Eden. If you'd prefer a more relaxed walk, you can opt for a more gentle walk along the Canyon Creek Bed. Afterwards you're off the beaten track, **travelling along the 4WD Mereenie Loop Road past Gosses Bluff and then through the West MacDonnell Ranges** to the iconic outback town of Alice Springs.

- 🏠 Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, 2 nights
- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 4: West MacDonnell Ranges

This morning you'll visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station and learn why it was established in Alice Springs. Now the stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell Ranges take centre stage as you embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap and dramatic Angkerle, which was created over millions of years. The deep red sandstone formation contrasts with the lush green ferns and gum trees on the valley floor. This evening, **join your Alice Springs hosts for a Local dining Experience barbecue dinner around a campfire, as the Milky Way lights up the sky.**

- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

### Day 5: Farewell from Alice Springs

This epic adventure is almost at its end, but not before you visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service to see how this facility provides medical assistance to those living in remote outback Australia. You'll also visit the School of the Air to learn how children living in the far reaches of the outback receive an education over the air waves. Your Red Centre Inspiring Journey comes to an end later this morning.

- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast

From **\$2750** per person twin share land only

### CRUA: Uluru (Ayers Rock) to Alice Springs

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:  
 Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Ayers Rock Airport  
 Day 5 – flights to depart after 12.30pm from Alice Springs Airport.

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.

# New Zealand



📍 Tamaki Māori Village, Rotorua

Discover rich Māori culture during a thrilling evening of feasting and performance deep within an ancient forest.



# Share the story of our ancestors: not only the way they lived, but their spiritual beliefs.

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Step into a world unlike any other and be amazed by snow-capped mountains, volcanic fields, crystal-clear fiordlands and pristine lakes. Discover everything the North and South Islands have to offer and delight in New Zealand's famous wines and gourmet local produce, experience Māori heritage and explore both untamed lands and sophisticated cities.

*We are Tamaki Māori Village, our village is built both in honour our ancestors and in celebration of our beautiful culture.*

*Deep in lush Rotorua forest, our location is not only visually beautiful, but rooted upon sacred Māori grounds. The place our ancestors once roamed is now buzzing with life from all across the globe!*

*We offer an awe-inspiring journey back in time to ancient Māori lands. We share the story of our ancestors; not only the way they lived, but their spiritual beliefs, stories, artworks, myths and Gods. Both the story's hidden in their intrinsic carvings, art works and tattoos and the stories passed down through generations.*

**Rosie Belvie, Tamaki Māori Village**



# The Long White Cloud

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Embark on an enchanting expedition through the North and South Islands that provides the perfect balance of relaxation and adventure. Explore extraordinary landscapes and the age-old legends of the Māori as you encounter exhilarating New Zealand as few have seen it before.



*The water in Milford Sound is inky black – a combination of darkened fresh water and sea water. During rainfalls the water drains from the surrounding lush forests and washes a tannin which stains the water the colour of strong tea. There's approximately 6 meters of fresh water that sit on top of the ocean water, which blocks out the light making it uniquely ideal for deep sea life to thrive even in shallow waters.*



📍 Kaikoura



📍 TranzAlpine Train



📍 Huka Falls



📍 Tamaki Māori Village



📍 Redwood Treetop Walk

**22 DAYS** Christchurch • Franz Josef Glacier • Queenstown • Milford Sound • Dunedin • Wellington • Hawke's Bay • Rotorua • Auckland • Bay of Islands

### Discover

Franz Josef with a Glacier Valley Walk  
The buzzing resort town of Queenstown  
New Zealand's vibrant capital Wellington

### Explore

Glowworm Caves in Waitomo  
Milford Sound with a nature cruise and kayak 🚣

### Immerse

In traditional Māori Life at Whakarewarewa Living Village 🌀  
Take a guided walk through the sacred Waipoua Forest 🌀  
Tour the grounds and castle of the Larnach Family in Dunedin

### Relax

Spa treatment in Queenstown  
In the beauty of the Bay of Islands  
With a soak in Rotorua's healing waters

See itinerary next page >

### Day 1: Welcome to Christchurch

Your New Zealand adventure begins in Christchurch, the Garden City. Spend the afternoon at leisure, before joining your Journey Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception to kick-off your journey of a lifetime.

🏠 **Hotel Montreal, Christchurch**

### Day 2: Christchurch – Franz Josef Glacier

✈️ **Traverse the Canterbury Plains on board the TranzAlpine train.** The gentle chug-chug in extraordinary surrounds gives way to more epic scenery as you board the coach at Arthur's Pass. Admire the vivid hues of greenstone (jade) on a visit to Hokitika to meet a local artisan for a jewellery carving demonstration. Continue to Franz Josef Glacier. Your eco-friendly accommodation for the next two nights is set in pristine wilderness, with an emphasis on relaxation and rejuvenation. Your only priority – relaxing in Franz Josef's geothermal hot pools.

🏠 **Te Waonui Forest Retreat, Franz Josef, 2 nights**

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 3: Franz Josef Glacier

After a relaxed start, you'll explore the area with a local guide, who'll explain the history behind Franz Josef Glacier.

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 4: Franz Josef Glacier – Queenstown

✈️ It's time for adventure as you **board a purpose-built fully enclosed river jet boat and journey down the Haast River.** After a lunch stop in Makarora and later the historic gold-mining village of Arrowtown, the adventure capital of Queenstown awaits and you'll have an opportunity to explore it during an orientation tour.

🏠 **Crown Plaza, Queenstown, 3 nights**

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 5: Queenstown Journey Select

✔️ Today, **select your choice of sightseeing:** consider a day indulging in the region's vintages on a wine tour. View the Lord of the Rings film locations and scenery of Queenstown and Glenorchy on a scenic tour or spend time in the spa indulging in a relaxing massage.

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast**

### Day 6: Queenstown Free Time

✂️ Calling all thrill seekers! Today's the day to earn your adventurer stripes braving some of Queenstown's most daring activities. This evening, **enjoy a memorable Local Dining Experience at one of Queenstown's fine dining restaurants.**

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience**

### Day 7: Queenstown – Milford Sound

Venture to Te Anau and then deep within the Fiordland National Park. Drive through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel and emerge into a photographer's paradise where glaciers and peaks give way to the unexpected beauty of Mirror Lake. You'll stop to explore the wonder of the Chasm Walk before arriving at Milford Sound Lodge, with its exquisite views of the Cleddau Valley.

🏠 **Milford Sound Lodge, 2 nights**

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 8: Milford Sound Cruise

✈️ Wake up to the startling beauty of Milford Sound. This morning, before **boarding the Southern Discoveries vessel for a half day exploration of Milford Sound** a nature guide will share their knowledge of the fiordland and the wildlife that call it home. Sail out to the Tasman sea looking for wildlife and an opportunity to go sea kayaking in Harrison Cove.

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine**

### Day 9: Milford Sound – Dunedin

This morning, embark on a journey from the rainforests of Fiordland National Park through the fertile sheep-dotted pastures of South Otago and Te Anau, known for its beautiful lake. Stop in the country musical town of Gore at lunchtime before arriving in Dunedin, New Zealand's southernmost city.

🏠 **Distinction Hotel, Dunedin, 2 nights**

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 10: Dunedin Free Time

This morning, join an exclusive tour of Larnach Castle. Your afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps 🚶 ride the historic Taieri Gorge Railway or take a wildlife cruise.

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast**

### Day 11: Dunedin – Christchurch

Discover the Church of the Good Shepherd before returning to Christchurch for an in-depth sightseeing tour. From 01 October 2019, you'll travel up the east coast through Oamaru to Christchurch.

🏠 **Hotel Montreal, Christchurch**

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 12: Christchurch – Wellington

Against the backdrop of snow-capped peaks, you'll arrive in the whale-watching capital of Kaikoura. 🚶 Consider an optional experience scenic whale-watching flight. Continue to the picturesque port town of Picton, the launch pad for a serene sailing across the Cook Strait to trendy Wellington.

🏠 **Sofitel, Wellington, 2 nights**

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 13: Wellington Journey Select

✔️ Today, **select your choice of sightseeing:** you may wish to experience Weta Cave, home of the creative wizards behind The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Take a walking tour around Wellington with a local guide or a guided tour of Te Papa Museum of New Zealand.

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast**

### Day 14: Wellington – Hawke's Bay

Travel through the dairy farming land of Manawatu to Napier in Hawke's Bay. Enjoy time to relax after the day's adventures before joining your Journey Director for dinner at your hotel.

🏠 **Porters Boutique Hotel, Hawke's Bay, 2 nights**

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine**

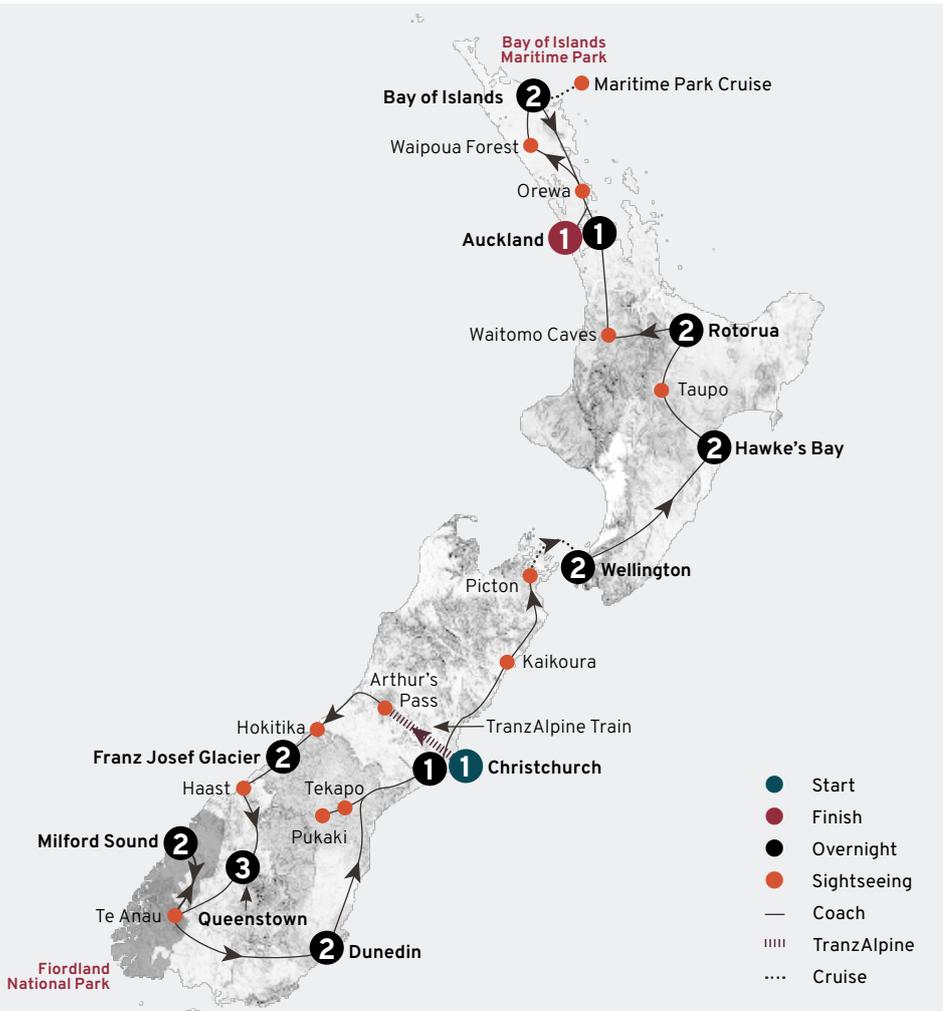
### Day 15: Hawke's Bay

✂️ Enjoy a relaxed start before you venture out to explore Napier. Join a local guide for a city tour where you'll see several types of Art Deco architecture, the style in which Napier was rebuilt after a devastating earthquake in 1931. This evening, **enjoy wine-tasting and dinner at one of the region's renowned wineries.**

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience**

*“Life as a kayak guide here in Milford Sound is like no other. Every single day can be completely different from the one before. Whether it's seals following us around on a kayaking trip, or having thousands of waterfalls appear within hours of rainfall – every group I take gets their own unique Milford experience.”*

– Stella, Kayak Guide, Southern Discoveries



## At a glance:

### TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Traditional Māori experience
2. Bay of Islands cruise
3. Milford Sound Cruise and Kayak

### DINING

- 21 Full buffet breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 10 Dinners with wine
- 3 Local Dining Experiences
- 1 Celebration Dinner



### Day 16: Hawke's Bay – Rotorua

 You'll travel past Lake Taupo and visit Huka Falls before you arrive in Rotorua, the cultural capital, for a sightseeing tour. **Visit Whakarewarewa Living Village for insights into the lives of the Māori community** and their special bond with this ancient land.  This evening, **enjoy a Māori Hangi feast and concert at the Tamaki Māori Marae.**

 Pullman, Rotorua, 2 nights  
 Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

### Day 17: Rotorua

Your first stop is Rotorua's natural splendour – revealed in the crystal clear mineral springs and native flora of Rainbow Springs Nature Park. Later, ascending to the Redwoods Treewalk, enjoy an elevated bird's-eye view of these redwood giants. Your afternoon is at leisure.

 Full buffet breakfast

### Day 18: Rotorua – Auckland

Begin your day with a dazzling show during an exclusive five-star Eco Glowworm experience. Later in New Zealand's largest city, Auckland, get your bearings during a city tour, then spend the rest of the day discovering why it's deemed one of the world's most liveable cities.

 Sofitel, Auckland  
 Full buffet breakfast

### Day 19: Auckland – Bay of Islands

 The golden sands of Orewa seem to stretch endlessly heading north to the native forest of Waipoua. **Join a local Māori guide and head deep into the forest, immersing yourself in the fascinating legends behind these giant trees.** Finally, journey to your

waterfront resort in the Bay of Islands.

 Copthorne Resort, Bay of Islands, 2 nights  
 Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 20: Bay of Islands Free Time

Make the most of your extended stay in the Bay of Islands.  Why not sail aboard a historic tall ship, enjoy wine tasting around Kerikeri, or discover Russell on a highlights tour of this small township. Your Journey Director can assist you in booking your choice of activity.

 Full buffet breakfast

### Day 21: Bay of Islands Cruise – Auckland

 Set forth through the Bay of Islands Maritime Park, and explore some of the 144 islands in the bay. Return to Auckland for a memorable Celebration Dinner this evening.

 Sofitel, Auckland  
 Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Dinner

### Day 22: Farewell from Auckland

Bid a fond farewell to your newfound friends as your epic New Zealand Inspiring Journey has come to an end.

 Full buffet breakfast

**From \$13175 per person twin share land only**

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport

Day 22 – flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport

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# The Southern Drift

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Discover New Zealand on this Inspiring Journey through the natural treasures of the South Island. From the still waters of Milford Sound and snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps to the rolling hills of Central Otago, delve into the beauty of landscapes that have remained unchanged for millennia.

*Milford's second highest waterfall is the Stirling Falls, a staggering 151m in height – three times the height of Niagara Falls, but the 1,300m mountain behind displaces this incredible height. This is the famous waterfall that Hugh Jackman 'jumped off' in the movie Wolverine.*



📍 Te Anau



📍 Church of the Good Shepherd



📍 Milford Sound



📍 Chasm Walk

**12 DAYS** Christchurch • Arthur's Pass • Franz Josef Glacier • Queenstown • Milford Sound • Te Anau • Dunedin • Pukaki • Tekapo • Church of the Good Shepherd

## Discover

The magnificent icy landscape of Franz Josef Glacier  
Dunedin's Scottish influence

## Explore

Kayak across the waters of magical Milford Sound

Listen to the stories and explore the grounds of Larnach Castle

Vibrant Queenstown, nestled at the foot of the Remarkables

## Immerse

With an adventure on the Haast River 🚣

Uncover Arrowtown's gold mining heritage

## Relax

Stay in a luxury eco-lodge in Fiordland National Park

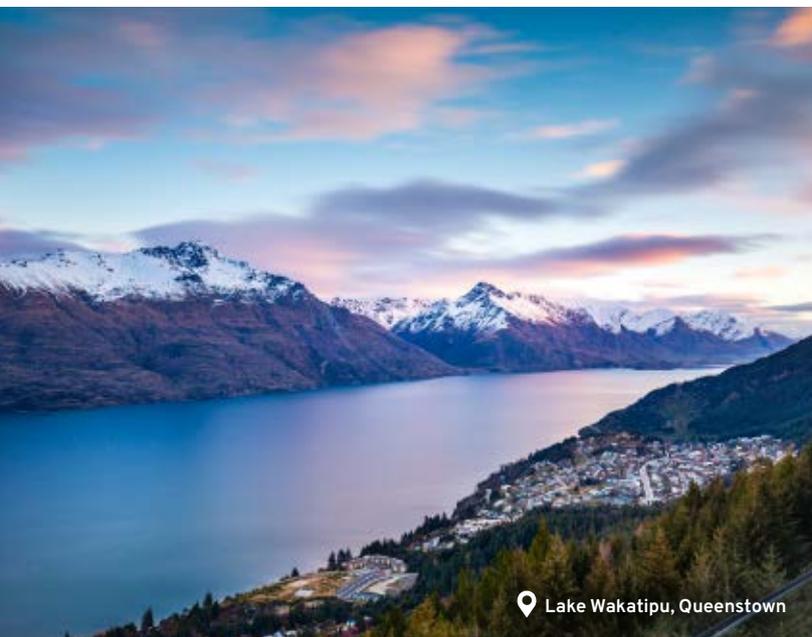
Indulge in a spa treatment in Queenstown

With view of mountains and rivers on the TranzAlpine Train 🚂

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📍 Wine tasting in Queenstown



📍 Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown



📍 Larnach Castle, Dunedin

### Day 1: Welcome to Christchurch

Your New Zealand adventure begins in Christchurch, the 'Garden City'. Spend the afternoon at leisure before joining your Journey Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception.

🏨 Hotel Montreal, Christchurch

### Day 2: Christchurch – Franz Josef Glacier

✂️ Traverse the verdant Canterbury Plains and snow-capped Southern Alps on board the **TranzAlpine**, renowned as one of the world's most scenic rail journeys. Witness more epic scenery as you board your coach at Arthur's Pass. Later, admire the vivid hues of greenstone (jade) on a visit to Hokitika for demonstration by a local carver. Today's final stop is the extraordinary Franz Josef Glacier, where you'll spend the night in an eco-friendly retreat in the pristine wilderness.

🏨 Te Waonui Forest Retreat, Franz Josef, 2 nights

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 3: Franz Josef Glacier

Spend the morning relaxing and then explore the area with a local guide, who'll explain the history behind Franz Josef Glacier. Later, 🚁 why not take to the air on an optional experience scenic flight over this spectacular glacier?

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 4: Franz Josef Glacier – Queenstown

✂️ It's time for adventure as you **board a purpose-built fully enclosed jet boat for a journey down the Haast River**. Stop in Makarora at lunchtime and later the historic gold-mining village of Arrowtown. The adventure-capital of Queenstown awaits and you'll have the opportunity to explore it during an orientation tour when you arrive.

🏨 Crowne Plaza, Queenstown, 3 nights

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

*“The best thing about Haast River Safari is being able to explore the back country as the original inventor of the jet boat “Bill Hamilton” intended – to explore New Zealand’s back country experiencing and one of the last frontiers! We want to share with our guests the authenticity of the experiences we offer and really show a connection with New Zealand through meeting locals, interacting with guides and participating in Indigenous experiences.”*

– Lisa Glubb, Haast River Safari

### Day 5: Queenstown Journey Select

✔️ Today, **select your choice of sightseeing**: consider a day indulging in the region's vintages on a wine tour. View the Lord of the Rings film locations and scenery of Queenstown and Glenorchy on a scenic tour or spend time in the spa indulging in a relaxing massage.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

### Day 6: Queenstown Free Time

✂️ Calling all thrill-seekers! Today's the day to earn your stripes tackling some of Queenstown's most adventurous activities. This evening, **enjoy a memorable dinner at one of Queenstown's fine restaurants**.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

### Day 7: Queenstown – Milford Sound

Skirting the shores of Lake Wakatipu southwards, venture to Te Anau and then deep into the Fiordland National Park.



## At a glance:

### TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Kayaking on stunning Milford Sound
2. Haast River Jet Boat Ride
3. Local Dining Experience at a premium Queenstown restaurant

### DINING

- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 11 Full buffet breakfasts | 1 Local Dining Experience |
| 1 Lunch                   | 1 Celebration Dinner      |
| 6 Dinners with wine       |                           |



Driving through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel, you'll emerge into a photographer's paradise where glaciers and peaks give way to the unexpected serenity of Mirror Lake. Stop to explore the wonder of the Chasm Walk before arriving at Milford Sound Lodge, with its exquisite views of the Cleddau Valley.

🏠 **Milford Sound Lodge, 2 nights**  
 🍽️ **Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine**

#### Day 8: Milford Sound Cruise

Wake up to the startling beauty of your surrounds. Learn more about Fiordland National Park during an informative talk by a specialist Nature Guide and **board the Southern Discoveries vessel for a half-day exploration of magnificent Milford Sound**. Cruise out to the Tasman Sea looking for wildlife along the way, and take the opportunity to go sea-kayaking in Harrison Cove.

🍽️ **Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine**

#### Day 9: Milford Sound – Dunedin

Embark on a journey from the rainforests of Fiordland to the rolling hills of Central Otago, travelling through Te Anau, known for its beautiful lake. Stop in the country musical town of Gore at lunchtime, before arriving in Dunedin, New Zealand's southernmost city.

🏠 **Distinction Hotel, Dunedin, 2 nights**  
 🍽️ **Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine**

#### Day 10: Dunedin

This morning, join an exclusive tour of Larnach Castle. Your afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps 🚶 ride the historic Taireri Gorge Railway or take a wildlife cruise.

🍽️ **Full buffet breakfast**

#### Day 11: Dunedin – Christchurch

Discover the shores of Lake Tekapo and the Church of the Good Shepherd before crossing the Canterbury Plains and arriving in Christchurch for an in-depth sightseeing tour. From 01 October 2019, you'll travel up the east coast through Oamaru to Christchurch. This evening, join your Journey Director for a memorable Celebration Dinner.

🏠 **Hotel Montreal, Christchurch**  
 🍽️ **Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Dinner**

#### Day 12: Farewell from Christchurch

It's time to say a fond farewell to your fellow travellers this morning as your Inspiring Journey comes to an end.

🍽️ **Full buffet breakfast**

**From \$7750** per person twin share land only

#### NZSI: Christchurch Return

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:  
 Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport  
 Day 12 – flights to depart anytime from Christchurch Airport

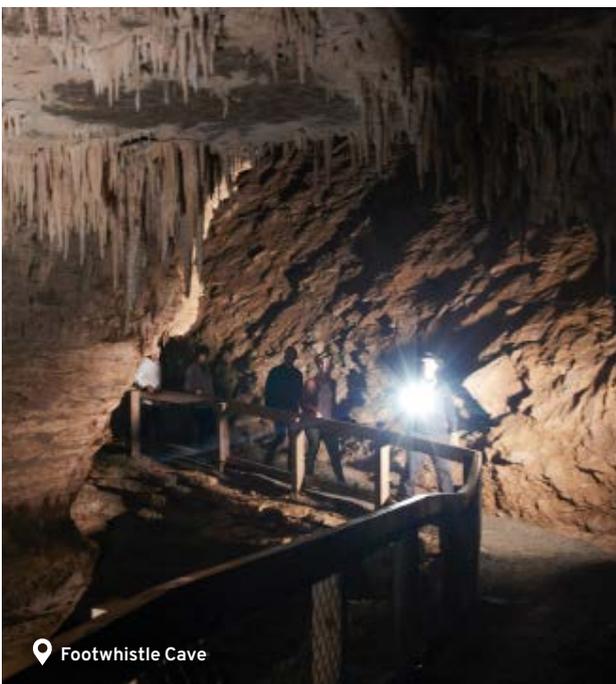
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# The Endless Shores

Embrace the Hongi touch of your Māori hosts, whose relationship with this unspoilt land is revealed on this Inspiring Journey. Experience mesmerising natural wonders, from the luminous glowworms of the Footwhistle Cave and the native forests' redwood giants, to the fantasy-land of The Lord of The Rings' 'Shire'.

*At the top of Huka falls a series of small waterfalls drop around 8 metres, before the main event: an 11-metre drop that's sure to impress. Water flows over the falls at a rate of 220,000 litres per second. At this rate it would take just 11 seconds to fill an entire Olympic sized swimming pool!*



**11 DAYS** Wellington • Hawke's Bay • Taupo • Huka Falls • Rotorua • Auckland • Waipoua Forest • Bay of Islands

## Discover

Napier's art deco charm

The magical Glowworm Grotto of the Footwhistle Cave

## Explore

The native gardens of Rainbow Springs Nature Park

The giant Redwood Trees on a series of 23 suspension bridges

## Immerse

Enjoy a traditional Māori experience in Rotorua 🇳🇿

Take a guided walk through the sacred Waipoua Forest 🇳🇿

## Relax

Cruise the beautiful Bay of Islands 🇳🇿

In Rotorua's healing mineral springs

Wine and Dine at Napier's top winery

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### Day 1: Welcome to Wellington

On arrival in the culinary capital of New Zealand you'll have time to relax. Perhaps enjoy a literary encounter with New Zealand's great writers on the famed Wellington Writers' Walk. Meet your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception and dinner this evening at your hotel.

🏠 Sofitel, Wellington, 2 nights

🍷 Dinner with wine

### Day 2: Wellington Journey Select

📌 Today, **select your choice of sightseeing**: you may wish to experience Weta Cave, home of the creative wizards behind The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Take a walking tour around Wellington with a local guide or join a guide who will reveal the stories behind the exhibitions at Te Papa Museum of New Zealand.

🍷 Full buffet breakfast

### Day 3: Wellington – Hawke's Bay

Travel through the dairy farming land of Manawatu to Napier in Hawke's Bay. Enjoy time to relax after the day's adventures before joining your Journey Director for dinner at your hotel.

🏠 Porters Boutique Hotel, Hawke's Bay, 2 nights

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 4: Hawke's Bay

🍷 Join a local guide for a city tour. You'll see several types of Art Deco architecture, the style in which Napier was rebuilt after a devastating earthquake in 1931. This evening, **enjoy wine-tasting and dinner at one of the renowned wineries in Hawke's Bay**.

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

### Day 5: Hawke's Bay – Rotorua

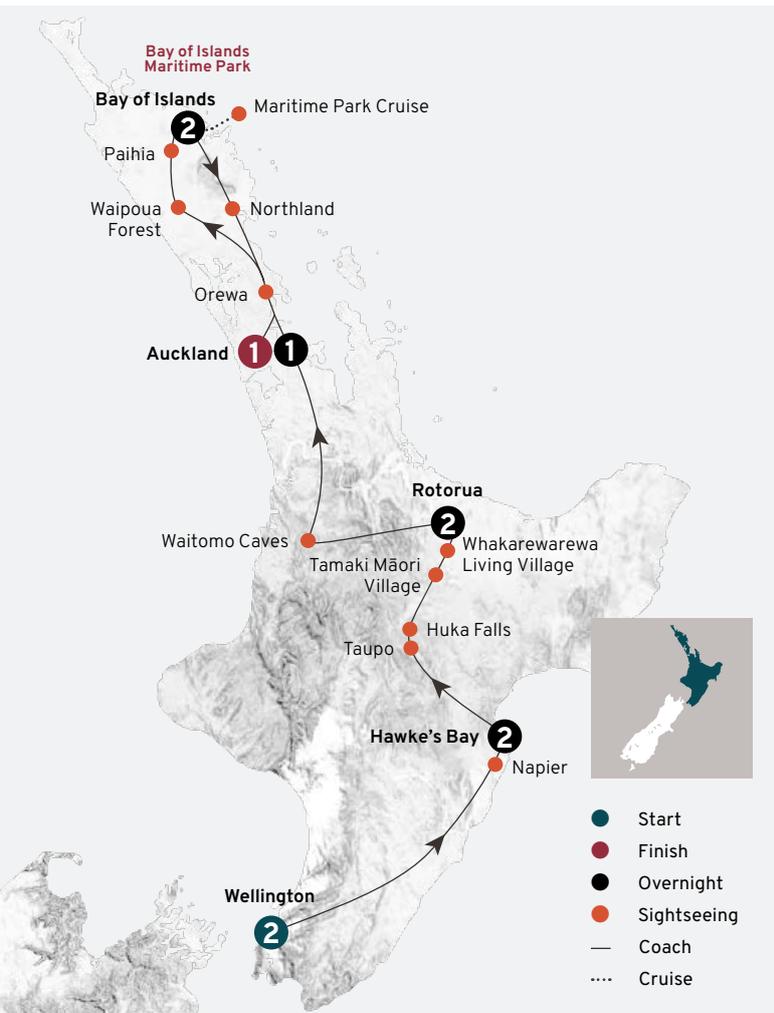
You'll travel past Lake Taupo and visit spectacular Huka Falls before you arrive in Rotorua, the cultural capital, for a sightseeing tour. **Visit Whakarewarewa Living Village, where you'll be introduced to members of the Māori community** and learn about their special bond with this ancient land. This evening, **indulge in the mouthwatering flavours of a traditional Hangi feast cooked underground using geothermal steam at the Tamaki Māori Marae**.

🏠 Pullman, Rotorua, 2 nights

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

*"We are Tamaki Māori Village, our village is built both in honour of our ancestors and in celebration of our beautiful culture. Deep in lush Rotorua forest, our location is not only visually beautiful, but rooted upon sacred Māori grounds. We offer an awe-inspiring journey back in time to ancient Māori lands. We share the story of our ancestors; not only the way they lived, but their spiritual beliefs, myths and Gods. Both the story's hidden in their intrinsic carvings, art works and tattoos and the stories passed down through generations."*

– Casey Rameka, Tamaki Māori Village



## At a glance:

### TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Redwoods Treewalk
2. Dining experience in Napier
3. Caves and Cliffs tour

### DINING

- |                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 10 Full buffet breakfasts | 2 Local Dining Experiences |
| 3 Dinners with wine       | 1 Celebration Dinner       |



### Day 6: Rotorua



Rotorua's natural splendour is revealed in the crystal-clear mineral springs and native flora of Rainbow Springs Nature Park. You're sure to catch a glimpse of the shy, iconic national bird in the park's nocturnal kiwi enclosure, on a 'behind the scenes tour'. Next up, ascending to the Redwoods Treewalk, enjoy an elevated view of these redwood giants from a series of 23 suspension bridges linking the majestic trees, a completely unique perspective.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

### Day 7: Rotorua - Auckland



Begin your day by exploring the iridescent Waitomo Caves on an exclusive five-star Eco Glowworm experience with a Local Expert. Admire the magical subterranean world of Footwhistle Cave before you continue your journey to Auckland, the 'City of Sails'. Get your bearings during a sightseeing city tour, then spend the rest of the day discovering why Auckland is deemed one of the world's most liveable cities.

🏠 Sofitel, Auckland

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

### Day 8: Auckland - Bay of Islands

The golden sands of Orewa seem to stretch endlessly heading north to the native forest of Waipoua. Join a local Māori guide and head deep into the forest of Waipoua, a sanctuary that is home to many native trees including the largest Kauri tree in existence, Tane Mahuta (over 2,000 years old). Finally, journey to your waterfront resort in the Bay of Islands.

🏠 Copthorne Resort, Bay of Islands, 2 nights

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 9: Bay of Islands Free Time

Make the most of your extended stay in the Bay of Islands with a choice of optional experiences. Why not sail aboard a historic tall ship, enjoy wine tasting around Kerikeri, or discover Russell on a highlights tour of this small township? Your Journey Director can assist you in booking your choice of activity.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

### Day 10: Bay of Islands Cruise - Auckland

This morning cruise through the Bay of Islands Maritime Park and explore some of the 144 islands in the bay. Later, head through the small towns of Northland, over the Harbour Bridge and into Auckland city. This evening toast your inspiring journey at a memorable Celebration Dinner.

🏠 Sofitel, Auckland

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Dinner

### Day 11: Farewell from Auckland

Bid a fond farewell to your travel companions this morning as your North Island Inspiring Journey comes to an end.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

From **\$5850** per person twin share land only

### NZNI: Wellington to Auckland

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:

Day 1 - flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Wellington Airport

Day 11 - flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.

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# Inspiring New Zealand

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A tale of two great islands, of epic natural beauty and ancient rituals and traditions – yours to explore on this Inspiring Journey across the length and breadth of New Zealand. Embrace the sophistication of its cities and the soulful expanse of its stunning untamed landscapes.

*The largest Redwood in Whakarewarewa is approximately 72 metres tall and 169 centimetres in diameter. In its natural habitat of California, these Redwoods grow as tall as 110 metres and the average lifespan is 600 years. However, they can survive for over 2000 years.*



📍 Cruise Doubtful Sound



📍 The Red Barn



📍 Learn about Māori culture



📍 Explore Wellington



📍 Hobbiton, Matamata

**10 DAYS** Auckland • Rotorua • Wellington • Waiheke Island • Queenstown • Doubtful Sound

### Discover

Stunning Doubtful Sound in the heart of Fiordland National Park 📍

Beautiful Lake Rotorua

Stunning scenery in “Adventure Capital” Queenstown

### Explore

Rainbow Springs Nature Park

Historic goldrush Arrowtown

Queenstown Journey Select experiences ✓

### Immerse

Visit Te Papa Museum of New Zealand

Experience Māori culture at the Tamaki Māori Village 📍

Zealandia, the world’s first fully-fenced urban eco-sanctuary

### Relax

In cosmopolitan Auckland and Wellington

With Rotorua Journey Select experiences ✓

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📍 Waiheke Island



📍 Experience Tamaki Māori Village

*“My husband Lance, a retired Champion Jockey, and I, along with our 2 daughters, proudly live on one of New Zealand’s iconic dairy farms in the picturesque Himuera Valley. 10 years ago, we converted the historical Red Barn into a unique venue where today we host many special events. The best thing about what we do is the quality of our warm hospitality and cuisine that the Red Barn has built its reputation on.”*

– Bridgett O’Sullivan, The Red Barn

### Day 1: Welcome to Auckland

Welcome to New Zealand’s invigorating North Island hub. Spend your day at leisure, before joining your Journey Director and fellow travelling companions for a Welcome Reception and dinner.

🏠 Sofitel Auckland, 2 nights

🍷 Dinner with wine

### Day 2: Auckland

Soak up Auckland’s intoxicating charm this morning as you embark on a city sightseeing tour. Then travel by ferry to Waiheke Island for a culinary extravaganza of bold reds. Continue your love affair with Waiheke at Casita Miro, savouring delicious Mediterranean flavours. Today’s final stop is at Mudbrick Vineyard where you’ll enjoy spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf.

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch

### Day 3: Auckland to Rotorua

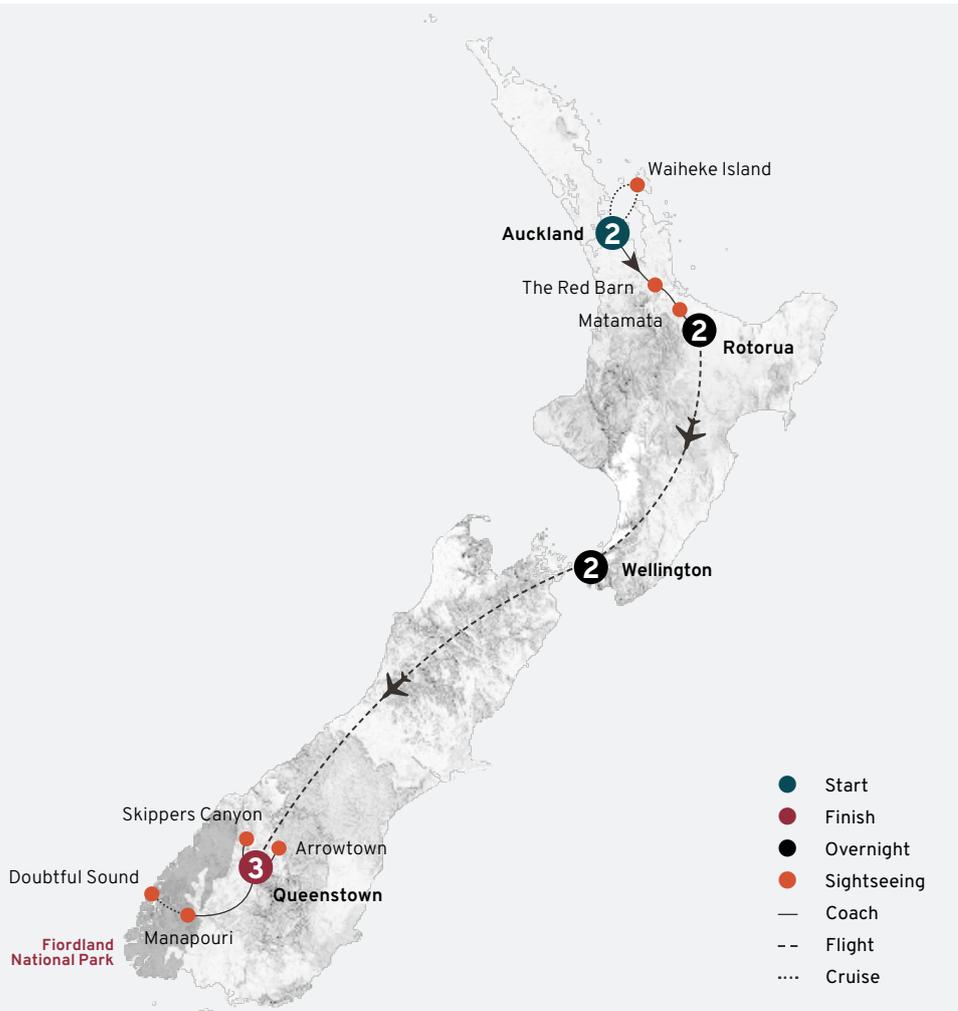
Your leisurely discovery of New Zealand’s North Island continues as you follow the Waikato River to the **home of Lance and Bridgett O’Sullivan, for a Be My Guest traditional country-style lunch**. Visit the **Tamaki Māori Village** for insights into the local rituals and traditions and then **indulge in the mouthwatering flavours of a Hangi Local Dining Experience**.

🏠 Pullman, Rotorua, 2 nights

🍷 Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience

### Day 4: Rotorua Journey Select

✔️ Embark on one of the **Journey Select sightseeing experiences** today to explore the sacred lands and Māori traditions of Rotorua. Indulge in the Polynesian Spa’s healing waters, tread in the footsteps of Bilbo Baggins in the fantasy-land of Hobbiton or take



## At a glance:

### TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Wine Tasting on Waiheke Island
2. Food Walking tour in Wellington
3. Cruising Doubtful Sound

### DINING

- 9 Full buffet breakfasts
- 2 Lunches
- 4 Dinners with wine
- 2 Local Dining Experiences
- 1 Celebration Dinner



the native forest zipline adventure tour with Canopy Tours.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 5: Rotorua – Wellington

Come face-to-face with New Zealand's indigenous creatures within the lush surrounds of Rainbow Springs Nature Park. **Encounter the local Māori community at Whakarewarewa Living Village** and see New Zealand's largest geyser before you board your flight to Wellington.

🏠 Sofitel Wellington, 2 nights

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

### Day 6: Wellington

A foodie extravaganza awaits this morning as you join a local guide to sample the delicious gourmet delights. Explore New Zealand's fascinating culture, nature, heritage and art at Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand, joining a guide who will reveal the stories behind the exhibitions.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 7: Wellington – Queenstown

Discover the urban eco-sanctuary of Zealandia, admiring the extraordinary efforts of conservationists. Then it's time to fly to Queenstown, New Zealand's adrenalin capital. On arrival, journey to the gold-rush village of Arrowtown. Enjoy an orientation tour of Queenstown.

🏠 Heritage Queenstown, 3 nights

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

### Day 8: Doubtful Sound

Journey deep into the heart of Fiordland National Park. From the

silence of the 'Sounds' to the ancient rainforests, the beauty and vastness will leave you speechless. **Your day begins in Manapouri, where you'll embark on a cruise across Lake Manapouri.** In Doubtful Sound, take to the waters of this glistening fiord.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 9: Queenstown Journey Select

Today indulge your adventurous side, selecting your **choice sightseeing experiences**: choose from a wine tour, a guided walk through native forest or a minibus tour in Skippers Canyon. As your final day ends, spend the evening enjoying a Celebration Dinner with wine with your Journey Director and new found friends.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Dinner

### Day 10: Farewell from Queenstown

For now, all that's left to say is a fond farewell as your journey comes to an end after breakfast.

🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

From **\$7025** per person twin share land only

### NZFLY: Auckland to Queenstown

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:  
 Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Auckland Airport  
 Day 10 – flights to depart anytime from Queenstown Airport

Internal-holiday flights required to be purchased in order to fulfil the itinerary:  
 Day 5 – Rotorua to Wellington: NZ8235  
 Day 7 – Wellington to Queenstown: NZ605

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 74 & 76/77.



# Ways to Save

## Early Bird Savings

### Save up to 10%

when you pay in full by 31 January 2019

Available on selected Inspiring Journeys – see pages 76 & 77. Savings apply only to the land content portion of the holiday. Can be combined with other discounts where applicable. The full amount must be paid by the designated date. Subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time. Visit [inspiringjourneys.com/waystosave](http://inspiringjourneys.com/waystosave) for information.

## Past Traveller Discount

### VIP Benefit

for returning Inspiring Journeys travellers

Available to guests who have previously travelled with Inspiring Journeys or AAT Kings and our family of brands including Trafalgar, Insight Vacations, Contiki and Uniworld. It's our way of saying thank you for your loyalty.

# Gold Seal Travel Protection

## Additional Protection for only \$99 per person\*

Most guided holiday companies are interested in their guests only after they reach their destination. But with Inspiring Journeys, you get a great deal even before you leave home with our Gold Seal Additional Protection plan for only \$99 per person (payable with deposit). Must be added at time of booking.

\*Excludes Short Breaks, third-party operated tours and promotional land and air packages.

## Covers you if you leave your holiday early

Should you or your travel companion leave at any time during your Inspiring Journey for personal sickness reasons or be required to return home due to injury, sickness† or death, each guest who has purchased Gold Seal Additional Protection will be refunded \$90 per person per day for the unused portion of the itinerary. (Please note that in some cases hotels require a one-night cancellation fee.)

†Medical certificates must be supplied as proof of all illness claims.

## Includes pre-paid Cancellation Option

Your deposit and/or payment will be refunded should you cancel your Inspiring Journey for any reason, up to 7 days prior to the commencement date of any travel arrangements booked through Inspiring Journeys. This cancellation policy option covers land arrangements operated by Inspiring Journeys only.

Gold Seal Travel Protection fee is not refundable for any reason.

## Covers you if you have to fly home early

If you or a member of your direct family in Australia should fall sick† while you are on your Inspiring Journey, we will take care of the additional cost of tickets for your earlier or later return home on the first available flight, provided you hold round-trip airline tickets on Inspiring Journeys recommended airline/s booked through Inspiring Journeys.

Please note that other airline fees and cancellation fees may apply. †Medical certificates must be supplied as proof of all illness claims.

# Booking Conditions

Inspiring Journeys is a brand owned by AAT Kings Tours Pty. Ltd., and can be used interchangeably with AAT Kings. All references to Tours in these booking conditions refer to all Inspiring Journeys. To confirm your reservation, a non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person per tour is required for Inspiring Journeys. Reservations will be held for 7 days only without deposit. (This payment is in addition to any deposit required by your travel agent). Once your deposit has been received, Inspiring Journeys will send your travel agent or yourself (if you've booked direct with Inspiring Journeys) confirmation of the details of the booking. All airfares are subject to strict ticketing deadlines, to be advised at the time of booking. Balance of payment for your tour is to be paid 45 days prior to departure or within 72 hours of booking if less than 45 days but more than 8 days prior to departure, or at the time of booking if less than 7 days prior to departure. The operator reserves the right to re-seat seats without warning if applicants fail to finalise payment within the prescribed time.

## Important

By paying the required deposit per person per tour to your travel agent, or Inspiring Journeys Direct Reservations consultant, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and accepted these Booking Conditions, which make up the contract between you and Inspiring Journeys.

## Travel Insurance

Clients are strongly advised to take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances (e.g. cancellation or curtailment expenses, loss of luggage etc). Your licensed travel agent or Inspiring Journeys direct reservations consultant will be pleased to assist with your requirements.

## General Conditions

These booking conditions represent the entire agreement between the client and AAT Kings Tours Pty. Ltd., who is the tour operator. It will be responsible to the client for supplying the services and accommodation as described in the 19/20 brochure and on our website, except where such services cannot be supplied, or the itinerary used is changed due to delays or other causes of whatever kind or nature beyond the control of Inspiring Journeys. In such circumstances, we will do our best to supply comparable services, accommodations and itineraries, and there shall be no refund in this situation.

Inspiring Journeys and its agents (collectively 'AAT') act only as an agent for the client and upon the express condition that Inspiring Journeys shall not be liable or responsible for any direct, indirect, consequential or incidental damage, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of any kind, which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission of any third party (including without limitation, any act, inaction or breach of contract of any third party which supplies any goods or services for this trip). Without limiting the foregoing, Inspiring Journeys does not own or operate any third party suppliers (with the exception of Down Under Tours) of services such as hotels, restaurants, transportation companies, sightseeing companies or local tour operators. It is not responsible for any injury, death, loss or expense due to overbooking of accommodations, default of any third parties, sickness, weather, strikes, acts of God, Government, acts of terrorism, criminal activity, war, quarantine, force majeure events or any other cause beyond its control. All such risk, loss and expense must be borne by the client.

Occasionally, it may be necessary to alter or amend itineraries, accommodation and sightseeing arrangements from those published. This may be due to road, weather and other operational needs prevailing at the time, and is always made in the best interests of your comfort. Any personal expenses incurred by a client as a result of any delay, alteration or curtailment of any tour, whether caused by mechanical defect, strikes or any other cause are the responsibility of the client (we strongly recommend all clients take out Travel Insurance, see your licensed travel agent or your Inspiring Journeys direct reservations consultant). The operator is unable to guarantee exact arrival and departure times, and is not liable for any failure to make connections with any other service, or guarantee the operation of any particular service.

Please note that if you arrange for payment through an unaccredited agent, the unaccredited agent is not our agent for the purpose of receipt of monies. Receipt of deposits and subsequent payments by the travel agent does not constitute receipt of those monies by us, and the travel agent has no authority, expressed or implied, to receive monies on our behalf. There is no liability on our part, in respect of any monies paid to your travel agent. The company reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking, or to refuse to carry any client where payment has not been received by the company within the specified time. The company reserves the right to amend or cancel tours at any time.

## Before you book

The information presented in the 19/20 brochure and on our website was to the best of our knowledge correct at the time of publication. However, changes beyond our control may have occurred since then with respect to prices, itineraries, duration of holidays, standard of services and tour content. Surcharges may apply. Please check with your travel agent or your Inspiring Journeys direct reservations consultant to ascertain if there are any alterations to the holiday you select before you book. Every effort is made to ensure brochure accuracy at the time of going to press and posting on our website. However Inspiring Journeys cannot be held responsible for printing or typographical errors, or errors arising from unforeseen circumstances.

## Departure Guarantee

Occasionally airlines and tour operators are forced to reschedule departure dates. At Inspiring Journeys we appreciate the inconvenience this may cause you. Therefore, we guarantee that no Inspiring Journey will be rescheduled within 45 days of the published departure date.

## Prices and Concessions

Prices are quoted in Australian Dollars, include GST and compulsory taxes where applicable and supersede all prices previously advertised. Please check the exact price of your tour at the time of paying balance. Airfares are based on the most direct route and are subject to class availability and any new Government taxes. Group concessions for ten or more adults are available. All prices are valid subject to Government, hotel, fuel surcharges and currency fluctuations.

## Deposit Protection

Deposit protection travel credits can only be redeemed once per

person and a limit of one trip credit per tour applies. Does not apply if you previously received a full refund. We reserve the right to validate past booking status. This credit remains valid for five years.

## Promotional Discounts

Promotional Discounts apply only to Inspiring Journeys operated by Inspiring Journeys. They apply to the land content portion and exclude pre/post accommodation, tours incorporating rail or cruise and 3rd party operated tours. They are based on availability and seasonal blackout dates may apply.

## Reservations & Payments

Credit Card Payments: A fee of 1% will be applied at the time of payment.

## Cancellations

PERIOD OF NOTICE	CANCELLATION FEE
45 or more days	Loss of deposit
44-22 days	27.5% of tour price
21-8 days	33% of tour price
7-1 days	55% of tour price
Day of departure	100% of tour price

Transferring to another date is treated as a cancellation and therefore cancellation fees will apply. Cancellations must be advised in writing.

Any cancellation of additional services booked prior to and after your tour booking, such as pre/post accommodation and transfers, that are cancelled within 14 days of tour departure incur a 100% cancellation fee. These cancellation fees are in addition to any cancellation fees that may be charged by your travel agent.

## Amendments

For Inspiring Journeys a fee of \$55 per person will be charged for any change made to a reservation after the booking has been confirmed unless the change increases the value of the booking. A change of tour date and/or itinerary within 45 days of tour departure will be treated as a cancellation and normal cancellation fees will apply except when the change is to an earlier departure date of equivalent or greater value in which case the amendment fee will be charged.

Airfares: Tickets are issued on your airfares on receipt of full payment. Once ticketed, these airfares are non-refundable as per airline conditions. Any amendments to these flights may incur a fee. These airfares are not available outside Australia and New Zealand.

## Illness or Absenteeism

In the event of your withdrawal from a tour after commencement for reasons of illness, you must obtain a medical certificate in support of any insurance claim. We regret that no refunds can be made for absences from a tour, including but not limited to missed meals or sightseeing. Inspiring Journeys make no representation or guarantees concerning reimbursements of funds paid by you under any insurance claim. (A partial daily refund may be available if Gold Seal Protection has been purchased.)

## Airfares

Please note that Inspiring Journeys will not incur any liability for airfares purchased by travel agents or clients. In the event that a tour is cancelled, Inspiring Journeys cannot be held responsible for airfare conditions, cancellation fees, or other penalties on any airfare purchased. All such risk, loss and expense must be borne by the travel agent or client.

## Airline Indemnity

Any airline's involvement in these tours is as air carrier only.

## Airport Transfers

Inspiring Journeys offers complimentary arrival & departure transfers between designated airports and Inspiring Journeys' hotels on the scheduled start and end days of your tour or in conjunction with pre/post tour accommodation booked through Inspiring Journeys. Airport transfers will be provided only for guests who have advised Inspiring Journeys of their flight details a minimum of 45 days prior to their Inspiring Journey departure date.

## Tour Participation, Exclusion and Release

Children under twelve (12) years of age are ineligible for Inspiring Journeys. Children under eighteen (18) years of age must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for their welfare and supervision. Clients with disabilities are welcome on Inspiring Journeys tours provided they are accompanied by an able-bodied companion and do not require special assistance from Inspiring Journeys personnel. You must advise Inspiring Journeys at the time of booking if you are affected by any condition, medical or otherwise, that may affect your enjoyment of the tour or its enjoyment by others. Failure to do so may result in the termination of your travel arrangements without any liability on the part of Inspiring Journeys.

Inspiring Journeys reserves the right at its discretion to exclude from a tour, or to terminate the travel arrangements during the course of the tour without refund, of anyone who:

- is unable to cope with the requirements of coach travel - this includes embarking and disembarking 4-6 steps that are approximately 30 centimetres high, at each stop of the coach, which on some tours is at least 8 times per day
- who may need services or facilities that are not available
- fails to comply with the reasonable instructions of Inspiring Journeys personnel
- engages in illegal or undesirable behaviour or interferes with the enjoyment of or jeopardises the safety of other participants

Anyone so excluded will be required to disembark at a safe public location, transport from which will be wholly their responsibility.

You agree that Inspiring Journeys is released from all liability for, and you agree not to hold Inspiring Journeys responsible for, termination of your travel arrangements in accordance with the previous condition, or any decision made by Inspiring Journeys or by any service provider who refuses to provide you with special accommodation facilities or services that are not available or who refuses to carry you by reason of any disability or medical condition. You agree that our Inspiring Journeys Journey Directors or Representatives may take photographs and films of you while you are on holiday and that these may be used in our Group brochures and/or advertising or publicity material or online without obtaining any further consent or payment in respect of such photographs and/or films.

## What to Bring

We recommend you research the temperature of your destination before you start packing. When it is chilly in Victoria, it might be 30 degrees in Darwin. For more suggestions, check out our Frequently Asked Questions at [www.inspiringjourneys.com/faq](http://www.inspiringjourneys.com/faq)

## Vehicles

Subject to a minimum number of clients, Inspiring Journeys reserves the right to operate tours on a smaller vehicle with a Driver Guide. In the case of breakdown and other unforeseen circumstances, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles other than specified, to ensure the operation of a tour. These coaches will be modern touring vehicles but may not have some of the features described.

## Holiday Inclusions

Transportation, entrance fees and boat cruises as per itinerary, services of a Journey Director and/or Driver Guide, meals as specified, travel merchandise. Accommodation on a share twin room basis (unless otherwise specified).

## Special Meals

Please advise Inspiring Journeys of any special dietary requirements at time of booking. Note that this will be on a request basis only, as Inspiring Journeys cannot guarantee the availability of special meal types.

## Luggage Allowance

One medium size suitcase per person plus one piece of hand luggage which may be carried on-board the coach. Please note that luggage with an adjustable handle and wheels will not fit in the overhead compartments and cannot be accepted as hand luggage. Maximum weight of the suitcase not to exceed 23kg (50lbs). We are required by strict Government vehicle weight regulations to enforce and adhere to this limit. If your luggage exceeds this limit, we ask that you make alternative arrangements for the excess to be forwarded to the termination point of your tour. We suggest that you have wheels on your suitcase, as there are certain places where assistance is not available (e.g. railway stations and cruise terminals).

All luggage and personal effects are at all times and in all circumstances at the risk of the tour participant. Luggage insurance is strongly recommended.

Airlines may impose stricter weight and size limits for luggage and may also charge fees for checked baggage, including the first checked bag. Please check with your airline(s) directly for their most current luggage regulations and related fees. Inspiring Journeys is not responsible for additional fees imposed by carriers regarding luggage.

## Smoking

Government regulations prohibit smoking, including e-cigarettes, inside tourist coaches. Please restrict smoking to the ample stops en route.

## Seat Rotation

To enable everyone the opportunity of enjoying window and front seats, clients change seats daily during the course of the tour.

## WiFi

Complimentary WiFi service is available in many hotel guestrooms and/or the public areas of most hotels. Complimentary WiFi is also provided on-board most of our touring coaches. WiFi on coaches uses a mobile/cellular network and as a result the connection will be slower than regular broadband and at times may not be available. In some areas WiFi service will not be available. Please note that WiFi may not be available on transfer coaches and other local services.

## Third Party Suppliers

Third party excursions such as Scenic Flights, Boat Cruises, Helicopter Flights, Cable Car Rides, some 4WD Tours, White Water Rafting, Camel Rides, Hot Air Ballooning, Rail are not operated by Inspiring Journeys, nor by persons or companies associated with Inspiring Journeys. These activities may involve inherent risk of injury, death, accident, delay and loss, and clients assume all such risk with regard to any misadventure, death, injury, delay or loss which occurs during, or as a result of, any such activity.

## Data Protection

To process your guided holiday booking, Inspiring Journeys will need to use personal information for you and guests in your booking. Personal information may include each guest's name, address, phone number, email address, passport number, and sensitive information such as health, medical, dietary, mobility, religious or other special requirements. This personal information may be passed on to other suppliers of your travel arrangements in addition to public authorities (such as customs and immigration), security and credit checking organisations, and otherwise as required by law. We need to provide personal information to contractors who provide services to or for us (e.g. sending mail, providing marketing assistance, etc). This may involve sending personal information (including sensitive information) to other countries that may not afford the same level of protection of personal information. In making your booking, you consent to your personal data being passed to relevant third parties as set out above.

We also use the personal information you provide us to review and improve the guided holidays and service that we offer, and to contact you (by post, email and/or telephone) about other guided holidays and services offered by Inspiring Journeys that you may be interested in. If you don't want to receive this information, or if you want a copy of the personal information we hold about you, write to us at Inspiring Journeys, Attn: AAT Kings Tours Pty Ltd, 82-86 Bourke Road, Alexandria, NSW 2015. A fee may be charged for supplying you with this information as permitted by law.

## Photography

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Images in this brochure are indicative only and may not reflect specific destinations visited.

## Validity Dates

01 April 2019 - 31 March 2020

For tours departing before 01 April 2019, refer to our 2018/19 brochure.

# 2019 Departures & Prices

## Australia

Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End	Twin Share Per Person	Single*	Early Bird Savings
<b>Inspiring Australia • 13 Days • Cairns to Sydney</b> <span style="float:right"><b>IJFLY</b></span>														
Apr 09	Apr 21	Aug 27	Sep 08	Oct 08	Oct 20	Nov 12	Nov 24					\$8,225	\$11,010	Save up to \$825 <sup>†</sup> pp
<b>The Ultimate Territory Adventure in Style • 10 Days • Darwin to Uluru</b> <span style="float:right"><b>MNCR</b></span>														
May 05	May 14	May 19	May 28	Jun 02	Jun 11	Jun 16	Jun 25	Jun 30	Jul 09	Jul 14	Jul 23	\$5,995	\$7,665	Save up to \$600 <sup>†</sup> pp
Jul 28	Aug 06	Aug 11	Aug 20	Aug 25	Sep 03	Sep 08	Sep 17	Sep 22	Oct 01					
<b>The Uncharted Coast • 8 Days • Brisbane to Gold Coast</b> <span style="float:right"><b>IJSQD</b></span>														
Sep 08	Sep 15	Dec 15	Dec 22									\$5,475	\$7,295	Save up to \$550 <sup>†</sup> pp
<b>A Journey to the West • 7 Days • Perth to Fremantle</b> <span style="float:right"><b>IJWA</b></span>														
Sep 21	Sep 27	Oct 19	Oct 25	Nov 16	Nov 22	Dec 14	Dec 20					\$3,825	\$4,835	Save up to \$385 <sup>†</sup> pp
<b>Tasmania's Footsteps and Trails • 7 Days • Launceston to Hobart</b> <span style="float:right"><b>IJTAS</b></span>														
Sep 21	Sep 27	Oct 19	Oct 25	Nov 16	Nov 22	Dec 14	Dec 20					\$4,990	\$5,950	Save up to \$500 <sup>†</sup> pp
<b>Victoria's Hidden Gems • 7 Days • Melbourne to Melbourne</b> <span style="float:right"><b>IJVIC</b></span>														
Sep 13	Sep 19	Oct 11	Oct 17	Nov 08	Nov 14	Dec 06	Dec 12					\$4,390	\$5,570	Save up to \$440 <sup>†</sup> pp
<b>Kakadu's Ancient Secrets • 5 Days • Darwin to Darwin</b> <span style="float:right"><b>MNDD</b></span>														
Apr 28	May 02	May 05	May 09	May 19	May 23	Jun 02	Jun 06	Jun 09	Jun 13	Jun 16	Jun 20	\$3,250	\$4,205	Save up to \$325 <sup>†</sup> pp
Jun 23	Jun 27	Jun 30	Jul 04	Jul 07	Jul 11	Jul 14	Jul 18	Jul 21	Jul 25	Jul 28	Aug 01			
Aug 04	Aug 08	Aug 11	Aug 15	Aug 18	Aug 22	Aug 25	Aug 29	Sep 01	Sep 05	Sep 08	Sep 12			
Sep 15	Sep 19	Sep 22	Sep 26	Sep 29	Oct 03	Oct 06	Oct 10							
<b>Outback Contrasts: A Journey to the Centre • 5 Days • Alice Springs to Uluru</b> <span style="float:right"><b>CRAU</b></span>														
Apr 12	Apr 16	May 10	May 14	May 24	May 28	Jun 07	Jun 11	Jun 21	Jun 25	Jul 05	Jul 09	\$2,750	\$3,465	Save up to \$275 <sup>†</sup> pp
Jul 19	Jul 23	Aug 02	Aug 06	Aug 16	Aug 20	Aug 30	Sep 03	Sep 13	Sep 17	Sep 27	Oct 01			
<b>Outback Australia: The Colour of Red • 5 Days • Uluru to Alice Springs</b> <span style="float:right"><b>CRUA</b></span>														
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## New Zealand

<b>The Long White Cloud • 22 Days • Christchurch to Auckland</b> <span style="float:right"><b>NZIJ</b></span>														
Jan 07	Jan 28	Jan 14	Feb 04	Jan 21	Feb 11	Feb 04	Feb 25	Feb 11	Mar 04	Feb 18	Mar 11	\$11,850	\$15,875	Save up to \$1,320 <sup>†</sup> pp
Feb 25	Mar 18	Mar 04	Mar 25	Mar 11	Apr 01	Mar 18	Apr 08	Mar 25	Apr 15					
Oct 07	Oct 28	Oct 14	Nov 04	Nov 11	Dec 02	Nov 25	Dec 16	Dec 09	Dec 30					
<b>The Southern Drift • 12 Days • Christchurch to Christchurch</b> <span style="float:right"><b>NZSI</b></span>														
Jan 07	Jan 18	Jan 14	Jan 25	Jan 21	Feb 01	Feb 04	Feb 15	Feb 11	Feb 22	Feb 18	Mar 01	\$6,595	\$8,745	Save up to \$775 <sup>†</sup> pp
Feb 25	Mar 08	Mar 04	Mar 15	Mar 11	Mar 22	Mar 18	Mar 29	Mar 25	Apr 05					
Oct 07	Oct 18	Oct 14	Oct 25	Nov 11	Nov 22	Nov 25	Dec 06	Dec 09	Dec 20					
<b>The Endless Shores • 11 Days • Wellington to Auckland</b> <span style="float:right"><b>NZNI</b></span>														
Jan 18	Jan 28	Jan 25	Feb 04	Feb 01	Feb 11	Feb 15	Feb 25	Feb 22	Mar 04	Mar 01	Mar 11	\$5,945	\$7,820	Save up to \$595 <sup>†</sup> pp
Mar 08	Mar 18	Mar 15	Mar 25	Mar 22	Apr 01	Mar 29	Apr 08	Apr 05	Apr 15					
Oct 18	Oct 28	Oct 25	Nov 04	Nov 22	Dec 02	Dec 06	Dec 16	Dec 20	Dec 30					
<b>Inspiring New Zealand • 10 Days • Auckland to Queenstown</b> <span style="float:right"><b>NZFLY</b></span>														
Feb 17	Feb 26	Mar 17	Mar 26	Apr 21	Apr 30	Sep 08	Sep 17					\$7,025	\$8,775	Save up to \$705 <sup>†</sup> pp
Oct 20	Oct 29	Nov 24	Dec 03											

Dates in Red denote Definite Departures. Prices are quoted in Australian Dollars, include GST and compulsory taxes where applicable.

\* Single traveller must pay the single price. Itinerary, departure dates and prices may change from 01/04/20.

† Early Payment Discount is applied at time of booking, provided holiday is paid by the designated date.

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<b>Outback Australia: The Colour of Red • 5 Days • Uluru to Alice Springs</b>												<b>CRUA</b>		
Mar 10	Mar 14	Mar 17	Mar 21	Mar 24	Mar 28							\$2,750	\$3,465	Save up to \$275 <sup>†</sup> pp
<b>New Zealand</b>														
<b>The Long White Cloud • 22 Days • Christchurch to Auckland</b>												<b>NZIJ</b>		
Jan 06	Jan 27	Jan 13	Feb 03	Jan 27	Feb 17	Feb 03	Feb 24	Feb 10	Mar 02	Feb 24	Mar 16	\$13,175	\$17,835	Save up to \$1,320 <sup>†</sup> pp
Mar 02	Mar 23	Mar 09	Mar 30	Mar 16	Apr 06	Mar 23	Apr 13							
<b>The Southern Drift • 12 Days • Christchurch to Christchurch</b>												<b>NZSI</b>		
Jan 06	Jan 17	Jan 13	Jan 24	Jan 27	Feb 07	Feb 03	Feb 14	Feb 10	Feb 21	Feb 24	Mar 06	\$7,750	\$10,250	Save up to \$775 <sup>†</sup> pp
Mar 02	Mar 13	Mar 09	Mar 20	Mar 16	Mar 27	Mar 23	Apr 03							
<b>The Endless Shores • 11 Days • Wellington to Auckland</b>												<b>NZNI</b>		
Jan 17	Jan 27	Jan 24	Feb 03	Feb 07	Feb 17	Feb 14	Feb 24	Feb 21	Mar 02	Mar 06	Mar 16	\$5,850	\$7,860	Save up to \$595 <sup>†</sup> pp
Mar 13	Mar 23	Mar 20	Mar 30	Mar 27	Apr 06	Apr 03	Apr 13							
<b>Inspiring New Zealand • 10 Days • Auckland to Queenstown</b>												<b>NZFLY</b>		
Feb 16	Feb 25	Mar 15	Mar 24									\$7,025	\$9,065	Save up to \$705 <sup>†</sup> pp

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