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Grand Australia & New Zealand - 2022

Start in Melbourne Australia - End in Auckland New Zealand

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Full Itinerary

Explore desert Outback, tropical rainforests, coral reefs, glacier-capped mountains, dramatic fjords, and some of the worlds most popular cosmopolitan cities on our in-depth exploration of Australia and New Zealand...

Keep your camera at the ready to capture the amazing sights of the Great Barrier Reef, the dramatic waters of Milford Sound, and the setting sun on Uluru (Ayers Rock). From a "Foodie Tour" of Sydney to a green-lipped mussel cruise, jet boat, sky tram and helicopter rides, a day in the Outback and a special Maori cultural experience, this comprehensive trip "down under" – enhanced by exclusive charter flights in Australia and New Zealand – creates memories of a lifetime.

Itinerary

ONLY WITH TAUCK

- Tour and 3-course "Dinner with the Warbirds" at Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre featuring World War I and II aircraft, owned by Sir Peter Jackson
- Private charter flights make the most of your travel time in the lands down under, speeding you from city to city in Australia and from one natural wonder to the next in New Zealand (6 flights in total)
- Take a jet boat ride on the Shotover River rapids at Skippers Canyon - followed by helicopter sightseeing
- Farewell cocktail reception and dinner at The Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour

TAUCK VALUE INCLUDES

- Full-day eco-cruise to the Agincourt Reef – swim and snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef
- "Foodie Tour" of Sydney; private luncheon cruise on Sydney Harbour
- Luncheon cruise on New Zealand's Marlborough Sounds featuring wine and the delicate green-lipped mussels
- Visit World Heritage Rainforest with Skyrail
- Check out a crocodile farm
- Attend a special dinner that celebrates Aboriginal culture
- "Foodie Tour" of Sydney
- Maori cultural experience at the Auckland Museum In Queenstown
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 42 meals; gratuities to all local guides and drivers, service charges, taxes and portorage

DAY 1

Melbourne and the start of your journey "down under"

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, The Langham Melbourne or Park Hyatt Melbourne. A transfer is included from Melbourne Airport to The Langham Melbourne or Park Hyatt Melbourne. Your journey begins with a welcome cocktail reception followed by dinner at the hotel.

- **MEALS:** Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** The Langham, Melbourne

DAY 2

Melbourne's Victorian charms

You'll see a lot of Melbourne on a sightseeing tour of the city, including a guided walking tour to discover the real city (and its amazing coffee) along its distinctive laneways. The rest of the day and evening are yours to spend as you please in Melbourne; enjoy lunch and dinner as you please.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast
- **ACCOMMODATION:** The Langham, Melbourne

DAY 3

On to Uluru (Ayers Rock) & the Outback

Take a morning private charter flight to the heart of Australia's desert Outback, arriving at Ayers Rock (Uluru) for lunch and an overnight stay at Sails in the Desert in the country's "Red Centre." In the evening, the light of the setting sun bathes the mystical rock with a palette of ever-changing color... and you'll enjoy the natural "show" with canapés and champagne overlooking the monolith.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Sails in the Desert

DAY 4

Explore the mysteries of Uluru, then fly to Queensland

Aboriginal traditions define life in the Outback, especially at Uluru (Ayers Rock); learn about the "dreamtime" legends associated with this massive monolith on a guided tour this morning. Fly via private charter to Cairns in Queensland, gateway to the amazing Great Barrier Reef. Board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, taking you over and through the rainforest canopy; disembark in the mountain village of Kuranda. Continue on to Silky Oaks Lodge, your luxury eco lodge on the Mossman River adjacent to Daintree National Park, to begin a three-night rainforest resort stay.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Silky Oaks Lodge

DAY 5

Cruise to the Great Barrier Reef

Spend a full day exploring one of Earth's most incredible "living" sites, the Great Barrier Reef – a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the only living structure on Earth visible from the moon. Activity choices include a catamaran cruise to the Agincourt Reef; an adventure boat trip for scuba divers and snorkelers; a helicopter ride over the reefs; or a relaxing spa day at the lodge. Enjoy a leisurely dinner and evening at your resort.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Silky Oaks Lodge

DAY 6

Optional balloon ride and a day at leisure

Early risers may choose to soar over the Atherton Tablelands on an optional hot air balloon ride* at dawn (an additional charge per person; see pricing details). The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish at your rainforest resort and spa, or explore the area as you please. Enjoy dinner tonight at the lodge.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Silky Oaks Lodge

DAY 7

Crocodile adventures and on to Sydney

It's all about crocodiles at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures; have a meet and greet with a crocodile and blue tongue lizard and snake... plus visit a private enclosure where you might come across Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Agile Wallabies, Pademelons, Koalas, Wombats and more. You'll also have an opportunity to hold a koala and have your photo taken... attend a tour and feeding presentation... and take an exclusive boat cruise on the lagoon. After lunch, fly to Sydney via private charter for a three-night stay in the city's heart at InterContinental Sydney, in guest rooms overlooking Sydney Harbour.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** InterContinental Sydney

DAY 8

Sydney Harbour cruise & a "Foodie Tour"

A private cruise on Sydney Harbour – complete with morning tea – is a fabulous way to introduce yourself to this extraordinary city, taking a good look at some of its landmark sites from the water. Accompanied by an informative, knowledgeable local guide, taste your way through some very cool culinary nooks and crannies on a Sydney "Foodie Tour" focusing on cultures that have emigrated to Sydney over the past decades, presenting their history through food as you check out (and sample) a variety of local eateries. Sydney sightseeing continues as you view The Rocks, Kings Cross and other highlights on a city tour; spend the rest of the day exploring as you please. Dinner this evening will be a "dine-around" from your choice of several select local restaurants.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** InterContinental Sydney

DAY 9

Sydney Opera House & the city at leisure

One of Australia's most famous iconic sights takes center stage today when you visit the amazing Sydney Opera House on a personally guided tour. Afterwards, return to your hotel; the remainder of the day and evening are yours to spend as you wish in remarkable Sydney.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast
- **ACCOMMODATION:** InterContinental Sydney

DAY 10

G'day to Australia, hello to New Zealand

Bid Australia a fond farewell this morning and board a flight across the Tasman Sea, bound for New Zealand! First stop is Wellington, New Zealand's intimate waterfront capital with an impressive artistic and cultural edge. Accommodations for the next two nights are at InterContinental Wellington; enjoy a 3-course dinner at the hotel this evening.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** InterContinental Wellington

DAY 11

Wonders of Wellington

Discover Wellington on a tour that begins city center with a cable car ride up to the city's Botanic Garden to see the award-winning rose garden and great views of the city, harbour, and Parliament Buildings. Next up is Te Papa Tongarewa, New Zealand's national museum, where you'll have a guided orientation to its five floors focusing on the country's exceptional nature, art, history, the Pacific and Maori culture. Touring its exhibits is like actually experiencing thousands of years of New Zealand's history in person, as motion simulators and interactive exhibits include you in the journey. The remainder of the day is free to explore Wellington as you please.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast
- **ACCOMMODATION:** InterContinental Wellington

DAY 12

To Blenheim & the Marlborough Sounds

Tauck puts a charter plane at your service today for a flight to Blenheim on New Zealand's South Island, and a two-night stay in the heart of the Marlborough wine country. Upon arrival, head off on a visit to the Marlborough Sounds. Besides producing great wine, this region is one of the most beautiful

and picturesque areas in the country, and boasts delectable freshly caught seafood, including green-lipped mussels; sample them, along with local wines, on a luncheon cruise that celebrates New Zealand's bounty. Following your cruise, drive to Chateau Marlborough in Blenheim where you'll enjoy dinner at your leisure this evening.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Chateau Marlborough

DAY 13

Farm life, a winery lunch & "Dinner with the Warbirds"

A memorable day in the Blenheim area begins with a visit to a working private farm for a sheep shearing demonstration and sheep dog experience; morning tea at the homestead with the farmer and his family; and a walk through their extensive gardens. Continue on to Brancott Winery for a wine tasting and three-course lunch with matching wines at the Brancott Heritage Centre, then return to the hotel for some free time. Join us this evening for a Tauck Exclusive event: a visit to the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre – which displays an incredible collection of World War I and II aircraft and memorabilia owned by film director Sir Peter Jackson – for "Dinner with the Warbirds," featuring a tour of the museum's "Knights of the Sky" and "Dangerous Skies" exhibitions, and a three-course dinner showcasing seasonal Marlborough produce and a selection of quality Marlborough wines.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Chateau Marlborough

DAY 14

Fly to Queenstown

Today, depart Blenheim and fly off aboard Tauck's charter to beautiful Queenstown, on the shores of Lake Wakatipu – with the magnificent Southern Alps as a backdrop. The city prides itself as the gateway for outdoors adventure, water experience, and culinary and wine discoveries. An afternoon visit brings you for a visit – and lunch – at a renowned winery well-known for its production of Pinot Noir. The winery – and bistro – is situated in an iconic stone building with stunning views of breathtaking mountains and sparkling Lake Hayes. Return to Queenstown, where the remainder of the day is free for you to explore as you choose.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch

- **ACCOMMODATION:** Sofitel Queenstown Hotel and Spa

DAY 15

Fiordland National Park & Milford Sound

Take a dramatic drive through the unparalleled scenery of New Zealand's Fiordland National Park, then set off aboard a private boat (with a naturalist onboard) for a scenic nature luncheon cruise among the sheer cliffs and glacier-hewn inlets of beautiful Milford Sound. Return to your hotel late afternoon, and enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Sofitel Queenstown Hotel and Spa

DAY 16

Adventures by jet boat & helicopter in Queenstown

Even if you're not all that adventurous, today's thrilling high-speed jet boat ride* through the rapids and narrow gorges of Skippers Canyon on the Shotover River – followed by a helicopter ride* – will both be memorable highlights of Tauck's tours to Australia and New Zealand! Head back down the mountain via Skyline gondola to spend the rest of the day and evening as you wish in Queenstown.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Sofitel Queenstown Hotel and Spa

DAY 17

Charter flight to Auckland & Maori culture

Travel via Tauck's private charter flight from Queenstown to Auckland today for a two-night stay, arriving in time for lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon, enjoy a visit to the Auckland Museum featuring a Maori cultural presentation. Following dinner at your hotel, your evening is free.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour

DAY 18

Wine tasting & lunch on Waiheke Island

Depart from Auckland's Ferry Terminal and head to nearby Waiheke Island, a mecca of farmland, forest and beaches – and vineyards; enjoy some sightseeing and a unique wine tasting and lunch at Mudbrick Vineyard. Ferry back to Auckland where the remainder of the day is free to spend as you please.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour

DAY 19

City tour of Auckland & time to explore as you please

First up this morning is a guided tour of Auckland, New Zealand's most populous city, whose rich cultural legacy is influenced by the sea, beaches, rainforests and rolling hills that are home to wine country. Then join us this evening for a farewell cocktail reception and dinner at your hotel in the heart of the city, a fitting finale to Tauck's ultimate journey to Australia and New Zealand!

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour

DAY 20

Journey home

Tour ends: Auckland. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Sofitel Auckland at Viaduct Harbour to Auckland Airport. You should allow three hours for check-in at the airport.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast

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Have Information Ready

- Tour Name and Departure Date Desired
- Traveler Name(s): Please have first and last names as they appear on the passport or driver's license.
- Traveler's Address(es)
- Traveler's Phone Number(s)
- Emergency Contact Information: This would be a relative or friend whom we could contact during the tour in the event of an emergency. Please provide their name and phone number(s).
- Interest in purchasing a travel protection product (US and Canada)
- Interest in extending your trip by staying in a Tauck recommended hotel before your trip begins or after it ends
- Interest in our specially negotiated airfares.

Book Your Trip

For reservations, call 0800-810-8020 or contact your travel advisor to book today!

Deposit Date

Upon your request, we will hold space tentatively for you and give a "Deposit Due Date," by which a deposit must be received or space is automatically released.

Special Requests

We will be happy to advise hotels of any special requests, provided we receive them at time of booking. We regret that requests cannot be guaranteed.

Final Payment

Final Payment for Land Journeys is due at Tauck's 301 Watling Street, Radlett, Hertfordshire office 60 days before departure. Final Payment for River Cruises and Small Ship Cruises is due at Tauck's 301

Watling Street, Radlett, Hertfordshire office 120 days before departure. Any bookings without full payment at this time may be subject to cancellation without notice.

For the best exchange rates, we suggest using ATMs, which are widely located throughout Australia and New Zealand, and major credit cards. Although it is not necessary for you to exchange money prior to your arrival in Australia or in New Zealand, it may be useful to have a small amount of local currency with you when you arrive. If upon arrival you require local currency, you can visit one of the many currency exchange facilities at the airport, use an ATM, or exchange currency at your hotel.

To obtain the latest currency exchange rate, you may want to check your local newspaper or log on to the Internet website, oanda.com, by clicking [here](#).

All customary gratuities for hotel and restaurant staff and local guides and drivers are included.

Tour prices are per person. All accommodations, entertainment, special dinners, motor coach travel, sightseeing, portage, admissions, and the services of the Tauck Director, local guides and drivers are included. Transportation from Melbourne Airport to The Langham Melbourne is included, provided you have furnished us with accurate flight arrival information at least two weeks prior to the tour departure date. Transportation from The Sofitel Auckland to Auckland Airport is also included at the end of the tour. Transportation to and from airports may be shared with other Tauck guests.

To avoid jet lag and possible flight delays, you may wish to make hotel arrangements for the nights preceding or following your tour or cruise. As a service, we will book additional nights for you on a space-available basis using special rates only available through us. Hotel room charges will be added to the tour or cruise cost. Transfers for these extended stays are included (as noted). If you wish to spend additional nights, please consult Extend Your Stay in the Accommodations section and discuss it with your reservations sales consultant or your travel advisor when you book your tour or cruise.

We pledge to make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. We reserve the right to alter or curtail the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, hotels, and/or conveyances as deemed necessary. Any savings realized by these changes will be refunded to you. Any resultant added expense will be covered by us. Although not expected, prices on this website may be modified due to unexpected significant external factors not forecast at the time of publication.