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17-Day Australia & New Zealand Itinerary

May 9 – May 24, 2025

Australia (May 9 – May 13) → Sydney

Day 1 (May 9): Arrival & City Landmarks

- Check-in & relax after the flight
- Visit **Sydney Opera House & Circular Quay**
- Walk along **Harbour Bridge** for scenic views
- Sunset at **Mrs Macquarie's Chair**
- Dinner at **Darling Harbour**

Day 2 (May 10): Blue Mountains Day Trip

- Take a day tour to **Blue Mountains National Park**
- Visit **Three Sisters, Scenic World & Echo Point**
- Stop by **Featherdale Wildlife Park** (kangaroos & koalas)
- Return to Sydney in the evening

Day 3 (May 11): Bondi Beach & City Exploration

- **Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk** (3-4 km scenic walk)
- Visit **Taronga Zoo** or **SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium**
- Explore **The Rocks** (historic district)
- Ferry to **Manly Beach** for sunset

Day 4 (May 12): Hunter Valley or Port Stephens Day Trip

- **Option 1: Hunter Valley Wine Region**
 - Visit **top wineries** & cheese tastings
 - Enjoy vineyard lunch with scenic views
- **Option 2: Port Stephens**
 - Dolphin-watching cruise & sand dunes adventure
 - Relax on **Shoal Bay Beach**

Day 5 (May 13): Last Day in Sydney & Fly to Auckland

- Morning visit to **Sydney Tower Eye**
- Shopping at **Queen Victoria Building (QVB)**
- Flight to **Auckland** in the afternoon (~3 hrs)

Flight from Sydney to Auckland

New Zealand (May 13 – May 24)

Day 5 (May 13): Arrival in Auckland

- Explore **Sky Tower** for panoramic city views
- Visit **Auckland Domain & Wintergardens**
- Sunset at **Viaduct Harbour**

Day 6 (May 14): Hobbiton & Rotorua Day Trip

- Drive to **Hobbiton Movie Set** (~2 hrs)
- Visit **Te Puia Geothermal Park** (geysers, hot pools)
- Relax in **Polynesian Spa**

Day 7 (May 15): Auckland → Wellington (Flight)

Flight from Auckland to Wellington (~1 hr)

- Visit **Te Papa Museum & Wellington Waterfront**
- Explore **Cuba Street & Mount Victoria Lookout**

Day 8 (May 16): Wellington → Queenstown (Flight)

Flight from Wellington to Queenstown (~1.5 hrs)

- Walk along **Lake Wakatipu** & explore Queenstown Gardens
- Take **Skyline Gondola & Luge Ride**

Day 9 (May 17): Milford Sound Day Trip

- Scenic drive or tour to **Milford Sound** (~4 hrs)
- Take a **cruise through fjords & waterfalls**

- Return to Queenstown

Day 10 (May 18): Adventure & Arrow town

- Visit **Arrowtown** (historic gold mining town)
- Winery tour in **Gibbston Valley**

Day 11 (May 19): Queenstown → Lake Tekapo

- Visit **Lake Pukaki & Aoraki/Mt. Cook National Park**
- Continue to **Lake Tekapo** (3 hrs from Queenstown)
- Visit **Church of the Good Shepherd**
- Stargazing at **Mt John Observatory**

Day 12 (May 20): Lake Tekapo → Christchurch

- Drive to **Christchurch** (~3 hrs)
- Explore **Botanic Gardens & Riverside Market**
- Visit **New Regent Street**

Day 13 (May 21): Akaroa Day Trip

- Visit **Akaroa**, a charming French-inspired town
- Take a **dolphin-watching cruise**
- Enjoy fresh seafood

Day 14 (May 22): TranzAlpine Train to Greymouth

Take the **TranzAlpine Scenic Train** to Greymouth (~5 hrs)

- Explore **Punakaiki Pancake Rocks**
- Return to Christchurch in the evening

Day 15 (May 23): Last Day in Christchurch

- Visit **Canterbury Museum**
- Relax at **Sumner Beach**

Day 16 (May 24): Fly Back to Singapore

- Flight from **Christchurch** → **Singapore** via **Melbourne**