



18 Days / 17 Nights
Australia &
New Zealand

Starlight Travels International Services

Itinerary – 18 Days / 17 Nights – Australia & New Zealand



Day 01: Departing to Australia & New Zealand

Welcome to the Australia & New Zealand Tour! Today you will be departing from USA to visit 2 beautiful countries which are rich in culture and heritage and fly to **Melbourne** Australia. Explore both **Australia and New Zealand** for a complete South Pacific Experience. These two fascinating countries possess an incredibly varied landscape: Reefs to rainforests, deserts to snowy mountains, small towns to multicultural and cosmopolitan cities. Discover the best of these magic destinations in a single trip. **Australia** is a vast country, although it is the smallest continent in the world, it has geography of unspoiled beaches and vast deserts. It is home to amazing places, exotic animals, an ancient aboriginal culture and lively, fun cosmopolitan cities. **New Zealand**, the youngest country on earth has vast open spaces filled with stunning landscapes, dramatic contrasts of scenery, gorgeous beaches, spectacular geothermal and volcanic activity, exotic animals and plant life...Unique and wonderful! High mountains with flourishing green forests are some characteristics of this stunning land. *(Meals on Flight)*

Day 02: Overnight Flight bound to Australia

Cross the International Dateline on our overnight flight. *(Meals on Flight)*

Day 03: Arrive at Melbourne – Guided City Tour

Welcome to **Melbourne!** Our representative greets you at the airport and then escorts you to your hotel, where you will spend the next three nights. **Melbourne is also home to the wonderful and scenic coastal drives in the world.** In the evening we proceed for Melbourne city tour and visit the famous and beautiful **Royal Botanical Gardens, Town Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, National Tennis center, the 1956 Olympic venue, the Shrine of Remembrance, Bourke Street Mall** and some beautifully-restored Victorian houses. Also, enjoy. Welcome dinner at night. *(L, D)*

Day 04: MCG – Churchill Island Farm – Chocolate Factory – Phillip Island – Koala Conservation Centre – Penguin Paradise

After breakfast, enjoy spectacular **Melbourne Cricket Ground** - one of Australia's greatest assets. We then drive you to **Phillip Island**. On the way we visit **Chocolate Factory**. Get up close to Australia's famous wildlife on a day trip to Phillip Island. You'll see the little **penguins, koalas and wallabies** on this full day tour from Melbourne. Your Phillip Island excursion includes a visit to Churchill Island Farm, the Koala Conservation Center and the famous **Penguin Parade**, featuring dozens of fairy penguins which shuffle up from the sea at dusk on their way to underground burrows. Enjoy the opportunity to pat and feed kangaroos, wallabies and a host of farm animals. *(B, L, D)*

Day 05: Melbourne – Great Ocean Road

After breakfast we leave for a day tour of **Great Ocean Road**. The **Great Ocean Walk**, on Victoria's spectacular west coast, stretches 104 kms from the idyllic resort town of Apollo Bay, to within sight of the magnificent **12 Apostles**. Enjoy the spectacular views over golden surf beaches, sheer cliff faces and magnificent stands of Eucalyptus. Weave through beautiful National Parks, walk deserted beaches and gaze over pristine marine sanctuaries. Enjoy the breathtaking sights of world famous rock formations "**The Twelve Apostles**", "**The Lord Ard Groge**" & the remnants of the collapsed **London Bridge**. Later in the evening enjoy Indian dinner. (B, L, D)



Day 06: Melbourne – Cairns by Air (Flight Time Approx. 4 hrs), Kuranda Skyrail

After breakfast you will be transferred for your flight to Cairns. **Proceed to Kuranda—a village in the rainforest. Here we experience the Skyrail - a unique rainforest experience taking you on an unforgettable journey through Australia's world heritage listed Tropical Rainforest.** Enjoy the stunning rainforest scenery, panoramic views of the Cairns tropical region and the glittering waters of the Coral Sea. Explore the amazing environment from the forest floor on boardwalks, scenic lookouts in the state-of-the-art Rainforest Interpretation Centre. Free time to stroll around this beautiful tropical village & discover the market independently. After relaxing & enjoying this tranquil village we check into the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 07: Cairns – Green Island – Semi Submarine Tour (choice of Glass Bottom Boat or Snorkeling Gear)

After an early American breakfast at your hotel, proceed to board the cruise liner to the **Green Island and Great Barrier Reef** – a Marine National Park with unique rainforests, surrounded by white sandy beaches and magnificent coral reefs and abundant marine life. **Green Island** is a true coral atoll and is one of the most picturesque island resorts on the Queensland coast. The scenic beauty of the region attracts many visitors and the local national parks and islands are a tourist paradise. There are a million and one activities to partake in. Snorkel, dive and swim in the warm island waters, view the spectacular reef from the coral viewing tours, explorer Green Island National Park or just relax on the sandy beach. **Green Island coral cay is readily identified from the air by its emerald rainforest surrounded by white sandy beaches and beautiful coral reefs.** Enjoy a delicious continental lunch on board the cruise liner. After spending the entire day at the reef, you return with a lifetime of memories. (B, L, D)





Day 08: Cairns – Sydney by Air (Flight Time Approx. 3 hrs), Guided Sydney City Tour

Today we depart for Sydney, the largest and the most populous city in Australia and the cosmopolitan city of New South Wales. Sydney is located on Australia's south-east coast of the Tasman Sea. We will proceed for city tour of Sydney and visit Chinatown, Sydney Aquarium, **The Rock's** - Sydney's birthplace, Parliament House, Hyde Park, St James Cathedral, St Marys Cathedral, Art Gallery and the Domain, **Mrs Macquaries Chair** - superb views of the harbour and city skyline, Royal Australian Naval Base at Garden Island, **Kings Cross- Sydney's 'hot spot'**, Exclusive Double Bay and Vaucluse. Later enjoy shopping (if time permits). **(B, L, D)**

Day 09: Sydney – Feather Dale Wildlife Park – Blue Mountain Scenic World

Today after breakfast we proceed for **Feather dale Wildlife Park** followed by a long drive to **Blue Mountain**. Just one hour out of Sydney's City Centre, The Feather dale Wildlife Park is Australia's largest private collection of native animals. In a bush land setting, the collection includes **koalas, wombats, kangaroos, wallabies, emus, dingoes, crocodiles, Tasmanian devils**, fairy penguins and a large number of native birds. **Blue Mountains** region is wilderness at its most spectacular; the mountain terrain is alive with incredible wildlife, blooming flora, splendid sheer sandstone cliffs and towering rock formations intercepted by waterfalls - making it one of Australia's must see destinations. Enjoy a ride on **Blue Mountains Scenic Railway and Sky rail** the world's steepest railways, and take a trip on the cable rides. Enjoy the scenic view and 3 rock formation known as **3 sisters at Echo Point**. Regarded as Australia's most outstanding cave system with 11 spectacular show caves, pure underground rivers and amazing formations, it is among the finest and oldest cave systems in the world. **(B, L, D)**

Day 10: Guided Tour of Opera House – Bondi Beach – Sydney Tower Eye – Showboat Dinner Cruise

Today after breakfast we will visit the **famous Sydney Tower**, the tallest free-standing structure in Sydney. Here you enjoy a visit to the observatory deck for the most spectacular 360° aerial view of the beautiful harbour city and embark on a journey across Australia's landscapes, history and terrain to explore Australia's national treasures at the **Oz Trek**. Visit the **World Famous Sydney Opera House from inside with 1 hour guided tour**. See inside the world's most recognizable sails. Experience this miracle of architecture and engineering. Visit **Bondi Beach** - Australia's most famous surf beach, Historic and trendy Paddington, Sydney Tower, Sydney Town Hall and Royal Botanical Garden and Luna Park. Enjoy the spectacular showboat dinner cruise along the famous Sydney harbour. **Tonight, get set for the time of your life on board the Showboat dinner cruise. Enjoy a three – course Fusion dinner, followed by a spectacular cabaret show, with a cavalcade of glamorous Australian and International artistes to entertain you. (B, L, D)**

Day 11: Sydney – Transfer by air to Christchurch – The Garden City (Flight Time Approx. 3 hrs)

Today after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight to New Zealand. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy sight-seeing in the "**Garden City**". And visit The **Canterbury Museum**, the **Christchurch Arts Centre** and **Botanic Gardens**, and the **Port Hills** are just a sampling of the sights you'll see on this city tour. **(B, L, D)**





Day 12: Christchurch – Arthurs Pass – Greymouth – Franz Josef

Breakfast at the hotel, later board your coach and take a scenic drive to beautiful Arthurs Pass. From **Arthurs Pass** Train station board world famous Tranzalpine train for your memorable journey to Greymouth. **The Tranzalpine is described as "The Great New Zealand Rail Adventure"** and is rated as one of the top six scenic train journeys in the world. Upon arrival at Greymouth, connect with your coach journey from Greymouth to the Glacier Region today. **(B, L, D)**

Day 13: Franz Josef – Wanaka – Queenstown. Visit the Puzzling world in Wanaka. Featuring Gondola Ride

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for your coach journey to Queenstown. Depart the Glacier Region this morning and Travel through the Haast Pass, journeying through native beech forest and over the Southern Alps. This remote area has a ruggedly beautiful landscape of vast rainforests, gushing waterfalls and snow-capped mountains. Follow the shores of **Lakes Hawea** and **puzzling world of Wanaka** to the resort city of Queenstown. Arrive Queenstown and enjoy **Gondola ride** and **Queenstown City Tour** where we will visit **Lake Hayes, AJ Hackett Bungy Bridge, Gibbston Valley Winery, Historic Arrow Town, Edith Cavell Bridgend** and transfer to the hotel. **(B, L, D)**

Day 14: Queenstown – Cruise to the Milford Sound

After breakfast, depart for a full day tour to **Milford Sound**, which is by far the best known of all of the fiords and the only one that can be accessed by road. It is truly spectacular, with scenery that has remained unchanged throughout the ages. Follow the southern arm of Lake Wakatipu to Lumsden, and onward to Lake Te Anau. The scenery changes dramatically from tussock covered grasslands to glacier hewn valleys as you enter the **Eglinton Valley** and travel through the **breath taking man-made Homer Tunnel** to reach Milford Sound. **Enjoy a cruise** on this world famous fiord, dominated by **Mitre Peak** and the cascading **Bowen Falls**. On completion you will return to Queenstown by coach. **(B, L, D)**

Day 15: Queenstown – Rotorua by Air (Flight Time Approx. 3 hrs)

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Rotorua. **Rotorua - the place of skyrocketing geysers, hot springs and boiling mud pools**. No visit to New Zealand would be complete without stopping here. **Rotorua is one place where the turbulent forces that formed New Zealand are most evident**. This city, on the Volcanic Plateau, has one of the world's most lively fields of geothermal activity and sits squarely on the Pacific Rim of Fire. After lunch you will have a **rare opportunity to spot the native bird Kiwi at Rainbow Springs**. Then proceed to **Lake Rotorua**. After Indian dinner we check into the hotel. **(B, L, D)**





Day 16: Rotorua – Waitomo – Auckland by coach (By Coach Approx. 4 hrs)

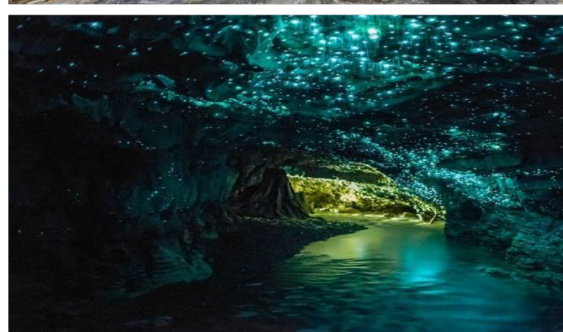
Breakfast at the hotel, then proceed to the famous sights of Rotorua. Enjoy a visit to the sheep shearing show at **Agrodome Farm**. Later visit **Whakarewarewa Geothermal reserve** to view the boiling mud pools and cascading Pohutu geyser, that make Rotorua famous as New Zealand's "Thermal City". Here you can also enjoy a visit to the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute to view local Maori carvers in action. You depart Rotorua and travel over the forested **Mamaku Ranges** to reach Waitomo. Upon arrival in Waitomo, enjoy a guided tour of the world famous **Waitomo Glowworm Caves**. Overhead thousands of tiny glowworms light up the cave walls and roof. On completion continue through the fertile Waikato area through Hamilton, New Zealand's fourth largest city to reach Auckland. On arrival check into your hotel. **(B, L, D)**

Day 17: Auckland – Waiheke Island – Auckland City Tour

Auckland harbour is packed with thousands of yachts take a breath-taking view of the harbour. Today after breakfast get geared up for **Waiheke Island**. In the heart of Auckland's sparkling Hauraki Gulf, Waiheke Island is a picturesque blend of farmland, forest, beaches, vineyards and olive groves. Waiheke is just a 35- minute ferry ride from downtown Auckland, and has an international reputation for food and arts. Return back to Auckland and proceed for Auckland city tour, where you will see **Features Water Front, Mission Bay, Harbour Bridge, American Express Viaduct Harbour, and Mt. Eden**. **Mt. Eden** is the highest natural point in the whole Auckland. Have a spectacular 360 degree view of the city and two harbours, **Parnell Village** and the **Tamaki Waterfront**. We Later enjoy time for shopping. **(B, L, D)**

Day 18: Departure from New Zealand

This morning after an American Breakfast, proceed to the Airport for your flight back home. Return home with wonderful memories of your **Australia and New Zealand** tour! **(B)**



Sightseeing & Excursions

Melbourne (Australia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Stay in Melbourne ❖ Melbourne City Tour ❖ Visit the Philip Island and enjoy the famous 'Penguin Parade' ❖ Full Day Excursion to the Great Ocean Road – travel to one of the World's most scenic roads and home to the Twelve Apostles ❖ Chocolate Factory ❖ Visit the famous Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)w/guided tour
Cairns (Australia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Stay in Cairns ❖ The Karunda Village (Sky rail to Karunda Village) ❖ The Great Barrier Reef
Sydney (Australia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Stay in Sydney – the most Vibrant of all cities ❖ Enjoy Indian Dinner on board the Showboat Dinner Cruise ❖ Guided City Tour of Sydney including visits to Harbor Bridge, the world famous Sydney Opera House (from inside w/ 1 hour guided tour & Feather Dale Wildlife Park. ❖ The world famous Scenic Blue Mountains in Katoomba with Jenolan Caves ❖ 3 Sisters Rock Formation at Echo Point ❖ Blue Mountains Scenic Railway & Sky rail ❖ Visit the famous Sydney Tower, the tallest tower in the southern hemisphere with Oz Trek
Christchurch (New Zealand)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 1 Night at Christchurch ❖ City Tour of Christchurch
Franz Josef (New Zealand)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 1 Night at Franz Josef ❖ Tranz Alpine Trian Journey to Greymouth. The Tranz Alpine is described as "The Great New Zealand Rail Adventure"
Wanaka (New Zealand)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Visit the Puzzling World
Queenstown (New Zealand)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Stay 02 Nights at Queenstown – Adventure capital of New Zealand ❖ Gondola ride to the skyline complex on Bob's Peak ❖ Enjoy a full day excursion to Milford Sound w/ Lunch on board the cruise
Rotorua (New Zealand)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 1 Night at Rotorua ❖ Rotorua City Tour ❖ Visit the Green & Blue Lakes ❖ Visit the Thermal Reserve ❖ Agro Dome Sheep Show (Show of different breeds of New Zealand Sheep)
Auckland (New Zealand)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Stay 02 Nights in Auckland – City of Sails ❖ Auckland City Tour ❖ Waiheke Island ❖ Visit Auckland Sky Tower

Visa(s) Required to Travel on your Tour

Country	US Citizen Only	Visa Cost (Embassy Fee + processing charge)	Green Card (Indian Nationality)	Visa Cost (Embassy Fee + processing charge)
Australia	Required	USD \$ 20.00	Required	USD \$ 244.00
New Zealand	Visa Not Required	N/A	Required	USD \$ 266.00

Package Details

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Cost per person (in USD \$ Dollars)

**** NOTE: THESE RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON TRAVEL DATES & AVAILABILITY ****

	USD \$	per person	IMPORTANT NOTE: All tours will be operated subject to a minimum of 36 full-paying Passengers traveling together. In case there are less than 36 full paying passengers the clients will be given an option of travelling on another departure date.

Tour Inclusions (per person)

- ❖ **International and domestic airfare**
- ❖ Deluxe Hotel Accommodations on Double Occupancy Basis.
- ❖ All Transfers & Transportations in an air-conditioned coach in each city
- ❖ Cost involved Sightseeing per Itinerary with entrance fees
- ❖ Cost of English speaking Tour Guides
- ❖ **24/7** Tour Manager
- ❖ Daily Breakfast, Lunch & Indian Dinner mentioned in your itinerary NOTE: (All the meals are preset and cannot be changed)

Exclusions (Not Included items)

- ❖ Baggage handling and airline Baggage Charges
- ❖ Cost of Visa for USA citizen only (7M Tours is not responsible for rejection in Visa by consulate)
- ❖ Early check in in the Hotel.
- ❖ Anything not included in the package
- ❖ Any tours, transfers or event tickets not mentioned in package
- ❖ Travel and medical Insurance to participate in tour
- ❖ Airports Departure Taxes
- ❖ Meals other than what is mentioned in your itinerary
- ❖ Tips of any nature i.e. drivers, guides, tour managers etc
- ❖ Any expenses of personal nature such as portorage, laundry, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menu provided by us, mini bar, telephone calls, pay channels etc.
- ❖ Cost of excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees and local guides availed of by the passengers, other than that mentioned in '**Inclusions**'

Hotel Information – listed below or similar | Basic Information

City (Area)	Hotel listed or similar	City (Area)	Hotel listed or similar
Melbourne, AUS	Pegasus Hotel or Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne or similar	Cairns, AUS	Mantra Esplanade or Pullman Cairns International or similar
Sydney, AUS	Rendezvous Hotel Sydney or Holiday Inn or similar	Christchurch, NZ	Novotel Hotel or Chateau on the Park or Sudima Hotel or similar
Franz Josef, NZ	Scenic Franz Josef or similar	Queenstown, NZ	Mercure Hotel or Rees Hotel or similar
Rotorua, NZ	Novotel Hotel or Ibis Hotel or similar	Auckland, NZ	Rydges Auckland or Sky City Hotel or Holiday Inn or similar
TOTAL of Ngts:	15	Check-In at 4pm Check-Out at 11am – Breakfast Time (as provided at hotel): 6:30am-9:30am NOTE: Incidental charges and/or any additional menu items must be paid by client.	

Important Points to Remember

1) Credit Card or Cash required as deposit for hotel Check-In.	4) Driver(s) have a 15 minute window to wait per transfer.
2) No Meet & Greet is provided for the tour unless added.	5) If late and miss any tour or event, no refunds will be issued.
3) US Cell phone is an absolute must for proper coordination.	6) All City Tour durations are approx. 3-4 hours on SIC basis.

Payment Terms

A Deposit of 25% WILL BE REQUIRED to start booking process.
Remainder 75% of payment due no later than 7 DAYS prior to client arrival.

Terms & Conditions

Surcharges apply for any trade fair/special event/weekend in any other event in city. We reserve the right to use alternative accommodation, sightseeing tours and transfer of equal or higher standers. No refunds either in part or full will be made for any unused services in above package like ground transportation, meals, accommodation, sightseeing tours. We are not responsible for any missed breakfast, lunch or dinner due to flight timings. No Intercity surface transfers are included unless specified in the package. We are not responsible for any baggage charges by any airlines for the clients. Payment for the tour must be made as per the invoice & payment terms and conditions. Changes to any part of the agreed itinerary cannot be made once partial and/or full payment has been made to 7M Tours. Tour will not start on a weekend unless previously arranged by 7M Tours.

Booking Conditions

Each traveler is required to fill out a Disclaimer Form, duly sign in and return along with a copy of the valid passport (Photo page for US Citizen).

- ❖ **Meals:** The location and menus are pre-set for the meals provided on the tour. **We reserve the right to change the location and the menu under events which occur beyond our control.**
- ❖ **Hotels:** We tend to select hotels which are more comfortable after a long day of sightseeing. **All baggage and personal belongings are at all times and under all circumstances your responsibility. 7m Tours will not be responsible or liable in case of loss / breakage of such items from the hotel or transit all along the duration of tour.** The company is not liable for any damages done to the room or the hotel during your stay there.
- ❖ **Transportation:** We use air-conditioned/air-cool luxury coaches for ground transportation. **No seat numbers will be allocated and daily seat rotation will be done as to be fair to every traveller. The tour manager has the final authority for the seating arrangement/rotation in the coach.**
- ❖ **Cancellation due to VISA rejection:** All clients travelling with 7M Tours must possess a valid visa, if applicable. **However, kindly note that Visa issuance is entirely at the discretion of the concerned Consulate/Authorities to grant/reject visa even after submitting all relevant documents and the company will not be held responsible for the same. The company will not be responsible for non-issuance of the visa due any reason whatsoever.**
- ❖ **Travel Insurance:** We highly recommend you purchase a comprehensive Travel insurance in order to protect your trip from any unforeseen cancellations, medical problems during the tour, trip cancellations etc. **Disclaimer:** We reserve the right to change any information or attractions before or after our booking the tour due to events beyond our control like bad weather, any natural calamity, or any accident. All rates and hotels are subject to change without any prior notice. **Major road works may necessitate route change in the itineraries. Closure of Indian restaurants or change in the management may cause us to make changes in the itinerary. We will notify you in advance where we know about these changes beforehand, otherwise our tour managers or local representative will inform you of the changes during the tour. We cannot be responsible for any loss or damages, injury, sickness, accident, delay, discomfort, death, increased expenses, which is caused by the act or default of the company, and management or employees of any hoteliers, airlines, shipping company, coach owner/coach operator who are the company's independent contractors residing outside our normal selection and inspection process. Any claim or complaint by the client must be notified to the company in writing with 7 days after the end of the tour.**

