

14 Day New Zealand & Australia Express

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Inclusions

- 13 nights of accommodation
- Airport transfers
- Transportation
- Sightseeing and attractions as listed

Exclusions

- Rotorua to Queenstown Flight
- Queenstown to Sydney Flight
- Sydney to Uluru Flight
- Uluru to Cairns Flight
- Airfare unless specified as included within the itinerary
- Taxes as applicable
- Travel Insurance and Cancellation Protection (strongly recommended, ask us for a quote!)
- Gratuities for Local Guides, Tour Managers, and/or Bus Drivers
- Meals not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary
- Items (attractions and sightseeing & entrance fees) not listed as included in the itinerary

Dates & Prices

ACCOMMODATION	START PLACE	END PLACE	PRICE FROM
Moderate	Auckland	Cairns	\$3,350 USD
Superior	Auckland	Cairns	\$3,690 USD
Deluxe	Auckland	Cairns	\$4,290 USD

All prices are per person based on double occupancy and subject to local taxes - GST, PST or HST.

* This itinerary is an independent package, it can be adjusted to suit your travel interests, time frame and budget. Please do not hesitate to call one of our travel specialists for a customized package.

Itinerary

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Day 1: Arrive Auckland

Upon arrival in Auckland you will be transferred to your downtown accommodation. New Zealand's largest city, blending harbour islands, Polynesian culture and a vibrant city centre, Auckland has been ranked amongst top in the world as a lifestyle city.

Overnight: Auckland

Day 2: Auckland Sightseeing

Experience the best of Auckland today visiting the highlights the inner city offers before heading out to the untamed coastline of the rugged West Coast with deep black beaches and subtropical rainforests. Travel to the Arataki Centre perched high on the ridge of the Waitakere Ranges and enjoy breathtaking panoramic views from the Tasman Sea to the Pacific Ocean.

Overnight: Auckland

Day 3: Auckland - Waitomo Caves - Rotorua

Travel south through the rich farmland of the Waikato on to Waitomo. After lunch (included) begin your guided tour through the long galleries and lofty chambers of the caves. Your tour continues with a boat ride through the Glowworm Grotto, illuminated by thousands of tiny lights from the glowworms suspended from the cave ceiling. Continue onto Rotorua.

Overnight: Rotorua

Day 4: Rotorua Sightseeing

Enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Rotorua's top attractions including a visit to Te Puia and the Maori Arts & Crafts Institute where you can view mighty geysers and boiling mud pools. Visit Rainbow Springs, a unique showcase of New Zealand's flora and fauna. Experience the Agrodome Sheep Show. Ride the Skyline Gondola ride to the top of Mt Ngongotaha, buffet lunch is included. This evening see warriors in traditional dress paddle an ancient warrior canoe (waka) down the Wai-o-whiro stream as you experience a traditional Maori Hangi (feast).

Overnight: Rotorua

Day 5: Rotorua - Queenstown (flight not included)

With a transfer to the airport you will leave the North Island today and fly south to the four season mountain resort town of Queenstown.

Overnight: Queenstown

Day 6: Milford Sound Day Tour

Today you will travel on an unforgettable journey from Queenstown into Milford Sound. Located within the World Heritage Fiordland National Park, this region is rich with dense rainforest, lakes and waterfalls cascading from rugged mountain peaks. Board your vessel for a spectacular cruise on New Zealand's most famous waterway, return by coach to Queenstown.

Overnight: Queenstown

Day 7: Queenstown - Sydney (flight not included)

With a transfer to the airport you will leave New Zealand today to fly to Sydney, Australia.

Overnight:

Day 8: Sydney Sightseeing & Cruise

Set on beautiful blue Sydney Harbour, this fast paced city of cosmopolitan character is one of the world's most beautiful places. Enjoy an unforgettable cruise with buffet lunch aboard Captain Cook Cruises while taking in the splendour of Sydney harbour and surrounds. Your tour will cross the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Manly and the Northern Beaches.

Overnight:

Day 9: Sydney to Uluru (Ayers Rock) (flight not included)

With a transfer to Sydney Airport you will leave New South Wales and fly to Ayers Rock in the Red Centre. This evening dine under a million stars at the award winning Sounds of Silence outdoor restaurant in the middle of a desert.

Overnight: Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Day 10: Uluru (Ayers Rock) Sunrise & Guided Walk

Rise early to travel to the Uluru sunrise viewing area, to watch the first rays of the sun set Uluru and the Red Centre alight. After sunrise accompany your guide on the Kuniya Base Walk from Kuniya Piti, a sacred site at Uluru. Afterwards walk to the Mutitjulu Waterhole where your guide will indicate the natural features of the landscape, continue to Kantju Gorge. Later visit the Uluru - Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre.

Overnight: Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Day 11: Uluru (Ayers Rock) - Cairns (flight not included)

With a transfer to the airport you will leave this spectacular iconic region and fly into Cairns located on the stunning coast of Northern Queensland.

Overnight: Cairns

Day 12: Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Port Douglas

Travel by catamaran today out to Agincourt Reef, at the very outer edge of the Barrier Reef. Here, special reefs known as -ribbons' run parallel to the Continental Shelf. Adjacent to the Coral Sea trench, these ribbon reefs are recognised as the most pristine

eco-systems in the reef's environment. You will enjoy lunch, snorkeling, coral viewing by a semi submersible, underwater observatory and informative talks by a marine biologist. Return to Port Douglas.

Overnight: Port Douglas

Day 13: Port Douglas at leisure

Take a day to relax in this quaint seaside town, or join an optional tour up to Cape Tribulation and the Daintree Rainforest.

Overnight: Port Douglas

Day 14: Port Douglas - Cairns

Transfer by shuttle to Cairns to connect with your outbound flight.

Overnight: