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# Australia & New Zealand: The Lands Down Under

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As an island continent brimming with natural wonders and fascinating cultures both ancient and modern, Australia is a captivating destination unto itself. Add in New Zealand, with its geography worthy of epic fantasy and a history all its own, and you have a truly sprawling adventure in the rousing A&K tradition. Venture from Australia's fabled Outback and Great Barrier Reef to New Zealand's dazzling Milford Sound, exploring vibrant cities like Sydney and sampling superb cuisine along the way.

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| ✦ There's more time to interact with your Resident Tour Director throughout your journey thanks to a group size of just 14 guests per departure                                 | ✦ Relax during a luxurious stay at Longitude 131°, a five-star tented eco-camp with unparalleled views of majestic Uluru  |
| ✦ Revel in a full-day excursion on the Great Barrier Reef, discovering its many splendors firsthand as you swim and snorkel among them  | ✦ Privately cruise Sydney Harbour, taking in the city's many landmarks from a fresh perspective, and then explore the iconic Sydney Opera House with a private guide                      |
| ✦ Interact with a variety of species emblematic of Australia, including the adorable koala, on a privately guided, insider-access-filled visit to Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas | ✦ Explore the diverse and colorful Daintree Rainforest on an interpretive walk led by a longtime local resident, immersing yourself in the forest's cultural heritage and natural wonders |
| ✦ Cruise New Zealand's Milford Sound amid soaring, glacier-carved mountain peaks that reflect in its pristine waters  | ✦ In Queenstown, you're welcomed into the private home and gallery of a well-known local artist to savor a private wine tasting at a local vineyard                                       |

If you are ready for a luxury experience,  
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**Christina Zeigler**  
YOUR PERSONAL TRAVEL ADVISOR

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17 DAYS | SEPTEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 14  
FROM \$24,895 | 14 GUESTS



## Day 1 | Arrive Melbourne, Australia

Arrive in Melbourne, where you are met and transferred to your luxurious hotel, with your room pre-registered by A&K for immediate check-in. Roam Melbourne's fine arts and sporting precincts as well as its lush parklands, and view cultural and historic highlights, such as the State Library and the Royal Exhibition Building. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner.

- PARK HYATT MELBOURNE
- DINNER

## Day 2 | Melbourne – City of Magnificent Architecture

This morning, join a local expert guide as you explore the heart of Melbourne on foot, and then by tram. Take in the city's rich and varied architectural landscape and stroll through its labyrinth of atmospheric arcades and alleyways, home to trendy cafés and eclectic boutiques, not to mention graffiti and street art. Following lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

- PARK HYATT MELBOURNE
- BREAKFAST, LUNCH

## Day 3 | Uluru – An Undeniable Presence

Fly to Uluru (Ayers Rock), where upon arrival you are transferred to your luxury tented camp — Longitude 131° — overlooking the UNESCO World Heritage-listed wilderness of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Enjoy lunch on site, and later, savor a Scenic Sundowner, with chilled glass and canapé in hand, witnessing the changing light reflected on Uluru's surface as the sun slips below the horizon. Tonight, dine among the dunes to the sounds of an indigenous culture and feast on four delicious courses complemented with Australian wines. Later, join your camp's resident astronomer to search the southerly skies.

- LONGITUDE 131°
- BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER



## Day 4 | Uluru – Sunrise Over Kata Tjuta

Rise early and set out for Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), stopping to view sunrise over its majestic domes. In the company of your guide, walk through Walpa Gorge and learn how its stark landscapes were shaped. Return to Uluru and journey along the Mala walk at its base, pausing to view cave paintings and sources of bush tucker. Later, see the walls of Kantju Gorge ablaze with the light of the setting sun. Sip sparkling wine and nibble on canapés, savoring the solitude of the gorge as the daylight fades.

- LONGITUDE 131°
- BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER



## Day 5 | Palm Cove – Tropical Beach Paradise

Fly to Cairns, gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Upon arrival transfer up the coast to your hotel in Palm Cove, a charming, cosmopolitan beach-side village. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

 THE REEF HOUSE PALM COVE  
 BREAKFAST, DINNER



## Day 6 | Great Barrier Reef – Exploring Underwater Gems

Embark by boat on a full-day exploration of the Great Barrier Reef, a dazzling UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join on-board marine biologists for guided snorkeling expeditions of two different reef locations, and discover the marvelous aquatic wonders inhabiting each, viewing the teeming undersea life — including distinctive coral formations and colorful schools of fish — up close, before an exhilarating cruise back to port.

 THE REEF HOUSE PALM COVE  
 BREAKFAST, LUNCH



## Day 7 | Daintree Rainforest – Private Koala Visit

Travel overland to Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas, which you explore privately with a park ranger, enjoying access to the koala and wallaby enclosures as well as the opportunity to interact with a koala, on an A&K-exclusive experience. Also, visit the Wildlife Care Center for rescued wild and injured animals and explore the park at your leisure. Next, journey to a private estate in the Daintree Rainforest, where you are welcomed by the family that has owned it for over 30 years. Set out on an interpretive walk through the rainforest, led by a longtime resident intimately familiar with this UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's an immersive experience that blends local cultural and natural heritage with ecological values and biodiversity to reveal the fascinating interrelationships of a deeply complex ecosystem.

 THE REEF HOUSE PALM COVE  
 BREAKFAST, LUNCH



## Day 8 | Sydney – Luxury in the Rocks

Fly to Sydney, enjoying a city tour on arrival. Sink your toes in the sand at the surfer's paradise of Bondi Beach and stroll the boutique shops of Paddington, a neighborhood filled with Victorian and Georgian architecture. Transfer to your luxury hotel, perfectly set near Sydney Harbour.

 FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SYDNEY  
 BREAKFAST, DINNER



## Day 9 | Sydney – Harbor Cruise & Opera House Experience

After breakfast, privately cruise Sydney Harbour, viewing the city's highlights, such as the Harbor Bridge. Back on shore, enjoy lunch at a restaurant near the iconic Sydney Opera House, followed by a privately guided backstage experience at the celebrated venue.

 FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SYDNEY  
 BREAKFAST, LUNCH



## Day 10 | Sydney – A Day at Leisure

Finish your journey in Australia with a day at your leisure. Tonight, gather for a Chef's Table experience at a local restaurant with grand views of the city.

 FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SYDNEY  
 BREAKFAST, DINNER

## Day 11 | Wellington, New Zealand – An Eclectic Capital



This morning, fly to Wellington, New Zealand's trendsetting capital, where you encounter authentic "Kiwi" life. This afternoon, take in highlights of this buzzworthy center of art and cuisine. Ascend by cable car to a scenic outlook point for incredible views over Wellington Harbour and the city to cap your inspiring day.

 INTERCONTINENTAL WELLINGTON  
 BREAKFAST, DINNER

## Day 12 | Wellington – Design Your Day



Set out on foot to gain an insider's understanding of New Zealand's culinary capital, joining your guide for tastings of gourmet products in foodie hotspots only the locals know. Then, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities. Return to your hotel.

- Visit the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa to view its vast collection of cultural and indigenous treasures.
- e-Bike the Wellington Waterfront, learning about key historical figures that shaped the city's heritage as you ride.
- Walk the Wellington Waterfront With a Guide who recounts local legends and stroll to a chic shopping district.

 INTERCONTINENTAL WELLINGTON  
 BREAKFAST



## Day 13 | Queenstown - Exploring the City

Fly to Queenstown, located on New Zealand's South Island. Upon arrival, explore the city, visiting the famed bungee-jump site and Arrowtown, and then enjoy lunch. Afterward, check in to your luxurious hotel.

 **SOFITEL QUEENSTOWN HOTEL & SPA**  
 **BREAKFAST, LUNCH**



## Day 14 | Queenstown - Magnificent Milford Sound

This morning, fly to Milford Sound (weather permitting), taking in the stunning alpine views along the way. Upon arrival, board your vessel for a tour of the sound's majestic scenery. Cruise New Zealand's southern fjords amid towering cliffs, viewing sparkling waterfalls while watching for wildlife, such as seals basking on the rocks or dolphins frolicking in the water. Return by air to Queenstown for dinner at a local restaurant.

 **SOFITEL QUEENSTOWN HOTEL & SPA**  
 **BREAKFAST, DINNER**



## Day 15 | Queenstown - Private Artist Visit & Wine Tasting

Today, privately visit the home and gallery of a noted local artist to learn about the artist's history and techniques. Stop at a local restaurant for a delicious lunch served with paired wines, and then proceed to a local winery for a private tour and a wine tasting.

 **SOFITEL QUEENSTOWN HOTEL & SPA**  
 **BREAKFAST, LUNCH**


## Day 16 | Auckland - Guided Gallery Visit

Fly to Auckland, where you visit the Auckland Museum to take in a cultural performance and go on a guided walk of He Taonga Maori Gallery. This evening, gather for a special farewell dinner.

 **PARK HYATT AUCKLAND**  
 **BREAKFAST, DINNER**

## Day 17 | Depart Auckland

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departing flight.


 **BREAKFAST**

## Extensions

+4 DAYS

### Tasmania Pre-Tour Extension

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