

**SELECT HOLIDAYS**  **Rural & Cultural Tour**

# Australia & New Zealand

**January 04 - 27, 2019    24 Days**



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**Canada's #1 Rural & Cultural Tours "Downunder"**

## NEW ZEALAND PORTION

### Jan 04, 2019: Fri - FLYING TO NEW ZEALAND

The tour begins with a flight from Canada/USA into New Zealand. [IFM]

### Jan 05, 2019: Sat - LOSE THIS DAY

You will cross the International Date Line and lose a day. [IFM]

### Jan 06, 2019: Sun -AUCKLAND ~ QUEENSTOWN,

Upon arrival into Auckland International Airport on the North Island of New Zealand, clear New Zealand Customs. Transfer to the Domestic Airport for the short flight to Queenstown on the South Island.

Check into the centrally located hotel for a 2-night stay. The balance of the afternoon is at leisure to rest and relax before joining your fellow travelers for a "Gondola Ride & Welcome Dinner" in the "Skyline Restaurant". [IFM/D]

### Jan 07, 2019: Mon - QUEENSTOWN

This morning, drive through the wine region to visit a fruit stand in the Cromwell district. A stop will be made to view the original Bungee Jumping site, then you will have the opportunity to take an *optional* jet boat ride (approx. \$150 NZD) on the Shotover River. Afternoon is free to explore this resort town on your own. This evening, enjoy a relaxing cruise on an historic coal-fired steamer, the "SS Earnslaw", across Lake Wakatipu to the "Walter Peak Sheep Station" for dinner and sheep dog demonstration. Return to Queenstown for the night. [B/D]

### Jan 08, 2019: Tue- QUEENSTOWN ~ TE ANAU,

The journey today will follow along the shoreline of Lake Wakatipu and past sheep and deer farms on the way to Te Anau. From here you enter Fordland's National Park. You will cross over mountain passes and through scenic valleys enroute to Milford Sound. Enjoy a luncheon cruise on this breath-taking fjord, watching for numerous fur seals sunning themselves on the rocks and also view numerous waterfalls.

Your overnight stay is in Te Anau. [B/L]

### Jan 09, 2019: Wed- TE ANAU ~ DUNEDIN

Traveling towards the Gore area, you visit a local dairy farm located in the rolling countryside. Have lunch at the farm before continuing onto the Scottish city of Dunedin for an overnight stay. Known as the Edinburgh of New Zealand, Dunedin wears the country's Scottish heritage with pride. Check into the hotel for an overnight stay. Dinner at the hotel this evening. [B/L/D]

### Jan 10, 2019: Thu - DUNEDIN~ MT COOK REGION

This morning you visit "Baldwin Street", the world's steepest residential street with an opportunity to climb up the street if you so wish. Visit the "Moeraki Boulders", mysteriously spherical shaped stones scattered across a beach, and each weighing several tones and up to two metres high. Visit a microbrewery for lunch and tasting then travel towards the Mt Cook region to visit to a high country merino sheep and cattle station. Check into hotel for an overnight stay. [B/L]

### Jan 11, 2019: Fri - MT COOK REGION~ ASHBURTON

Weather permitting, you get to view Mount Cook, the tallest mountain in New Zealand, this morning. The drive today will take you into the Geraldine area, a beautiful, sub alpine village in Canterbury, New Zealand. Visit the "Tin Shed" with an extensive range of quality New Zealand-made merino woolen products for sale. Arrive at Ashburton for an overnight stay in this vital agricultural area. [B/D]

### Jan 12, 2019: Sat - ASHBURTON/HOME STAY

Today you visit a wheat and white clover farm in the morning situated on the Canterbury Plains. The Canterbury Plains is a major agricultural area that utilizes irrigation farming and is considered the 'bread bowl' region of New Zealand. A highlight



today is having lunch with a farm host. Later this afternoon, meet your host farm family in the town of Ashburton and travel with them for an overnight home-stay experience and enjoy the hospitality shown by the New Zealand people. [B/L/D]

### Jan 13, 2019: Sun- ASHBURTON ~ ROTORUA,

Today you travel to Christchurch for a short city tour and a visit to the Botanical Gardens. Later, fly to Rotorua on the North Island and check into the hotel for a 2-night stay. This evening, enjoy a cultural experience at a "Maori Hangi Feast and Concert" at the hotel. [B/D]

### Jan 14, 2019: Mon- ROTORUA

A morning visit to an authentic "Maori Village" for a guided tour with one of the elders. See first hand how the local native Maori people use the natural hot water and steam from deep in the earth to cook their food and heat their homes. From there, it is a short drive "Rainbow Springs" to see the huge trout as well as get a glimpse of the elusive "Kiwi" bird. Then it is off to the "Agrodome", for a "sheep show" and "sheep dog demonstration". This is followed by a "farm wagon tour" to see kiwi fruit on the vine. Rest of the day at leisure. [B]

### Jan 15, 2019: Tue- ROTORUA ~ RURAL HOME STAY/CAMBRIDGE REGION

A morning visit to the "Waitomo Glow Worm Caves". Visit a rural town and have lunch on your own before meeting your host families in the area for a tour, dinner and an overnight stay. [B/D]

### Jan 16, 2019: Wed - CAMBRIDGE ~ AUCKLAND,

Visit a deer farm this morning raising prize stags for their antlers. Travel to a local winery for lunch then continue driving to Auckland. Known as the "City of Sails", Auckland is New Zealand's largest city. Check into hotel for a 2-night stay. [B/L]

### Jan 17, 2019: Thu -AUCKLAND,

A morning visit to the "Kelly Tarlton Underwater World" with its live penguin and sharks display. Drive to Davenport, across the bay from the city of Auckland, for lunch and time on your own. Take a ferry back to the city center and make your own way back to the hotel. Balance of the afternoon is free to explore on your own before enjoying a "Farewell to New Zealand Dinner" this evening. [B/D]

## AUSTRALIA PORTION

### Jan 18, 2019: Fri -AUCKLAND, NZ~CAIRNS

This is a travel day as you depart Auckland, New Zealand and fly Cairns, Australia, in the tropical north of Australia, for a 4-night stay. The balance of the afternoon and evening is at leisure to get acquainted with the hotel and enjoy the pool. [B]

### Jan 19, 2019: Sat - CAIRNS, AU

Following breakfast at hotel, travel to "Freshwater Train Station" to board the "Kuranda Rail" for a scenic train journey up the mountainside to "Kuranda Station" and a visit to the Kuranda village. The picturesque mountain village is surrounded by the "World Heritage Rainforest". Later, board the "Skyrail Rainforest Cableway", the world's longest gondola, for an epic aerial ride over the rainforest canopy, as you make your way back down the mountain from Kuranda. Visit "Tjapukai Aboriginal Park" for an aboriginal dance and a boomerang throwing performance. It is both an entertaining spectacle, and an educational experience for everyone. This evening, take time to explore the promenade and shop at the local "Night Markets". [B]

**Jan 20, 2019: Sun – CAIRNS**

A fast 45 minute catamaran ride will take you to beautiful “Green Island” to enjoy this unique coral reef, which is situated on part of the “Great Barrier Reef”- one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Enjoy a glass bottom boat ride over the coral as well as have lunch on the island before returning back to the city of Cairns in the afternoon. [B/L] *\*Snorkelling equipment included should you wish to try it.\**

**Jan 21, 2019: Mon –CAIRNS**

Drive over the mountain range to the “Atherton Tablelands” where sugarcanes, bananas, tea and peanut farms supply the main income. Visit the “Giant Fig Tree”, a site not soon forgotten, and enjoy lunch at Lake Barrine. The lake was formed by an extinct volcano. Visit a mango and avocado farm then return to Cairns later in the afternoon with free time to explore on your own. [B/L]

**Jan 22, 2019: Tue – CAIRNS ~ BRISBANE**

Depart Cairns and fly to Brisbane, the capital city of Queensland. You will have time to explore on your own. [B]

**Jan 23, 2019: Wed– BRISBANE~ DALBY**

Visit the “Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary” this morning where you have the opportunity to cuddle a koala or feed the kangaroos. Depart the sanctuary and drive west, over the Great Dividing Range to the agricultural community of Dalby for a 2 night stay. Dalby is a town on the Darling Downs where wheat, sorghum, cotton and pulse crops are grown. As well the region produces lamb, beef and pork. This evening enjoy a typical “Australian pub-style dinner”. [B/D]

**Jan 24, 2019: Thu – DALBY**

Today, visit a feedlot; a grain farm plus other agriculture sights. The evening is at leisure to explore on your own. [B]

**Jan 25, 2019: Fri – DALBY ~ SYDNEY**

Travel to Toowoomba, situated at the top of the Great Dividing Range and fly to Sydney, the vibrant capital of New South Wales. Take a tour of the world-famous “Sydney Opera House” before checking into the hotel, situated on the Darling Harbour, for a 2-night stay. [B]

**Jan 26, 2019: Sat–SYDNEY**

Enjoy a morning cruise on the world’s most beautiful Harbour, Sydney Harbour. The beauty and splendor of Sydney Harbour is something that has to be experienced first-hand - no picture or video can do justice to it. The afternoon and evening is free to explore on your own. [B] **Please Note This is “Australia Day” and tonight there will be fireworks and entertainment on the harbour.**

**Feb 27, 2019: Sun- END OF TOUR**

All too soon the New Zealand and Australia has come to an end. Transfer to the Adelaide International Airport for the flights back to North America. [B/IFM]

**Please Note:**

This tour may be tax deductible to qualified farmers Please check with your accountant for more details.

**Tour Inclusions:**

- International & Domestic airfare
- Deluxe transportations and Accommodations
- Meals as per itinerary
- City & area tours as per itinerary
- Technical & Farm visits as per itinerary
- Scenic Skyline Restaurant
- Walter Peak Sheep Station & SS Earnslaw Lake Cruise
- Milford Sound Luncheon Cruise
- High Country sheep station visit.
- Ashburton & Cambridge area Rural Home Stay
- Deer Farm Visit
- Maori Feast & Concert
- Maori Village Tour
- Agrodome Sheep Show & Farm tour
- Waitomo Glowworm Caves
- Special Winery luncheon
- Kelly Tarlton Underwater World with a Penguin Display
- Atherton Tablelands
- Green Island & Barrier Reef
- Tjapukai Aboriginal Park
- Kuranda Rail
- Skyrail ride over rainforest
- Lone Pine Koala Park
- Feed Lot Tour
- Grain, Cotton & Dairy Farm
- Sydney Opera House Tour
- Sydney Harbour Cruise
- Arranged & Escorted by Select Holidays



**PRICE PER PERSON:**

(Canadian Dollars / Based on Double Occupancy)

**\$13,680.00**

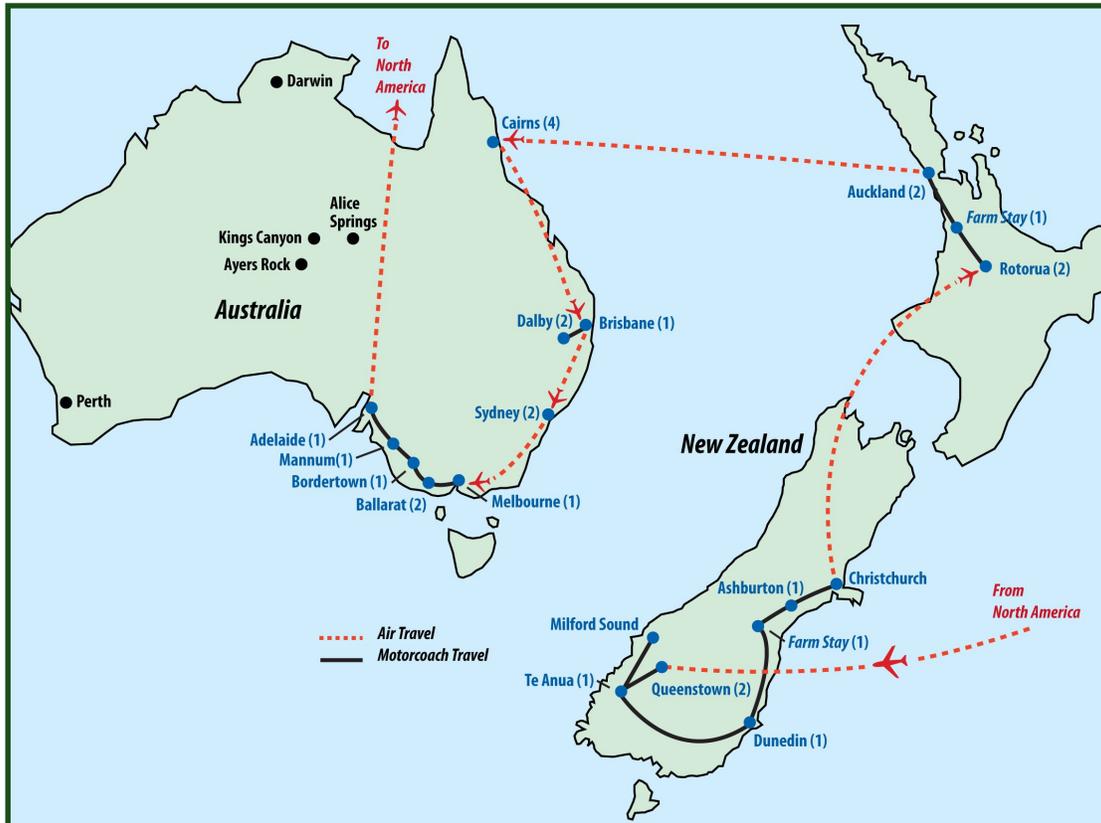
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**Single Occupancy Add: \$2,660.00**

Ask about Economy Plus or Business Class Up-grades

(Air from Toronto/Ottawa/Montreal, Canada and Chicago, USA, ADD: \$400.00 p/p CAD)



Travel is an excellent opportunity to experience different cultures and traditions of the countries visited and as such one needs to travel with an open and receptive mind.

**Responsibility & Liability**

**Special Requests:**

Travelers requiring special needs such as accommodation, meals must place this request at time of reservation with Select Holidays. Select Holidays will do their utmost to accommodate these special requests, but cannot be held responsible if such requests are not fulfilled. Clients who requesting special meals or services, are responsible to accept these meals or services as they are supplied.

**Optional Tours/Unused Services:**

Please be advised that if a client books any optional tour, which is not in the tour package, the traveler is then using the right of choosing. If the traveler diverts from the tour for any reason, Select Holidays will not make any refund for any unused portion of the tour package.

**Reservations/ Travel Documentation:**

All travelers will be required to fill out a "Passenger Information Form" and submit a clear copy of their valid passport, prior to travel documents being issued or completed. *Travel documents will be sent to the booking Travel Agent or traveler (which ever applicable) two to three weeks prior to tour departure provided Select Holidays has received full payment and other tour regulations have been met.*

**Fuel/Currency Surcharges:**

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**Baggage Handling:**

Because of the heightened security measures at airports and at some hotels, Select Holidays is not responsible to handle any luggage and this becomes the responsibility of the travelers. Select Holidays is not responsible for lost luggage at either airports and/or hotel and such loss must be reported directly to airlines and/or hotel as applicable.

**Room Accommodation:**

Single: 1 person ~1 bed; Double: 2 persons sharing ~ 1 - 2 beds; Twin: 2 persons sharing ~ 2 beds; Triple: 3 persons sharing ~ 2 beds (extra charge for cot) Quad: 4 persons sharing ~ 2 beds.

**General Information:**

Clients need to be aware that the roads and terrain in some areas of the countries visited will not always be what you may find back in North America. Meal times, services and menus may vary from what you may be used to in North America.

**Deposit:**

**Booking Deposit: \$2,000.00 per person;**  
**2nd deposit \$2,000.00 by June 29, 2018**  
**Final Payment: is due October 05, 2018**

Payment not received by rule and regulation dates guide lining that tour, may result in the travelers reservation being canceled and booking penalties assessed against the traveler.

**Late Reservations & Changes:**

As late reservations need special administrative attention, bookings made within 30 days of departure require FULL payment before the process of requesting rooms and tour space begins. If we are unable to confirm the request, a full refund will be made. If a booking is cancelled once the tour has been confirmed, cancellation penalties apply. To offset administrative costs incurred by late reservations, changes in departure date and itinerary or a passenger's name, once travel documents have been printed. The above fee is in addition to any fees that may be charged by travel vendor.

**Cancellation Fee:**

**91 days or prior: deposit is non-refundable; 90 days - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of all monies paid are non-refundable & travelers shall not be entitled to any refund from Select Holidays for any portion of the trip not taken or unused.**



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