

Dear Traveler

Greetings from Horizon Holidays

Thank you for choosing us for your travel needs. The travel plan is totally customizable. Please reach your tour planner and ask for changes that you would like to incorporate in your vacation.

WHEREVER YOU GO

We at **Horizon Holidays** genuinely appreciate your business, and we're grateful for the trust you've placed in us.



Welcome to Australia

Australia is the unexpected; a place where the world's oldest cultures share vast ochre plains, stylish laneways and unimaginably blue waters; an ancient land of diverse ecosystems frozen in time. From emerald rainforests and fragrant eucalyptus mountains to rugged woodland caves with Aboriginal art and golden ribbons of coastline.

Australia is a Nature-Lover's Wonderland.





Welcome to New Zealand

Mammoth National Parks, Dynamic Maori Culture, Forests, Mountains, Lakes, Beaches, Fiords and World-Class Surfing and Skiing;

Welcome to the Adventure Capital of the World This is New Zealand, this is Epic.



Tour Inclusions:

New Zealand

- Airport Transfers on Private
- Tours: Seat-in-Coach (SIC) Shared Tours and /or Tour Tickets
- Australia
- Airport Transfers in Shuttle
- Tours: Seat-in-Coach (SIC) Shared Tours and /or Tour Tickets
- Accommodation: As per Itinerary
- Meals: Breakfast Only in Hotels.
- Activities:
- Hop on Hop off Explorer City Tour
- Sky Tower Entry
- Intercity Bus Tickets to Rotorua
- Te Puia Admission with Māori Cultural Show
- Hobbiton Movie Set Tour
- Waitomo Glowworm Caves Tour
- Skyline Gondola Ride
- Milford Sound Scenic Coach Cruise with Lunch Ex Queenstown
- KJET Jetboat Ride (1 hour)
- Great Ocean Road Full Day Tour, Melbourne
- Melbourne City Tour
- Philip Island Tour with Penguin Parade, Melbourne
- Kuranda Scenic Train, Cairns/HEREVER YOU GO
- Moore Reef Day Cruise, Cairns
- Blue Mountain Tour, Sydney TH ALL YOUR HEART
- Sydney Opera House Tour
- Sydney City Tour
- All Applicable Taxes.

Tour Exclusions:

- All International and Domestic Airfares.
- Arrival Documents and New Zealand & Australia VISA.
- Travel Insurance.
- For Self-drive (Rental Cars) Fuel, Parking, Toll (if any), any fines because of traffic violation are not included
- Any Meals not specified in the itinerary above.
- Hotel mini-bar, snacks, beverages, laundry, telephone calls and all other similar incidentals.
- Any items or services not specified in the itinerary above.

- Pre-registration or late check-out of rooms.
- Refundable rental security bond (cash or credit card) paid direct at vehicle collection.
- Additional insurances to reduce vehicle excess paid direct at vehicle collection.
- Toll Road Charges, if and wherever applicable.
- Gratuities.
- Personal items.
- Tipping for services. Generally in New Zealand, tipping is not expected.
- Any additional charges incurred because of New Zealand or Australia Statutory Holidays.

17N18D Australia New Zealand-Highlights

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- Day 18: Onward Home.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival at Auckland

Upon arrival at **Auckland International Airport**, you shall be transferred (Private Basis) to your hotel. New Zealand's self-proclaimed 'City of Sails' is the country's largest metro area. Resting between the Pacific Ocean and the Tasman Sea, this urban paradise has something for everyone. Surrounded by native bush, rainforests and an abundance of beaches, **Auckland** is a playground for both the city savvy and those with an eye for adventure. **Overnight in Auckland**.

Day 2: Auckland City Tour -Confucius

Today after breakfast; it's time to explore the **City of Auckland**. New Zealand's biggest city offers a huge variety of sightseeing tours and activities thanks to its spectacular location - **Auckland** straddles an isthmus between two harbours, with 48 volcanic cones scattered across its skyline. Today you shall take the **Hop on Hop off (24hr Pass) City Sightseeing Tour** - The route covers Downtown, Central Auckland and Waterfront Highlights, including the Sky Tower, Auckland Art Gallery, Newmarket, the Auckland War Memorial Museum, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell Village, Bastion Point and SEA LIFE Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium. Along the route, you will learn about the history of this diverse modern city and what makes Auckland one of the world's most desirable places to live. Our entertaining commentary is provided in English. The tour departs regularly throughout the day, every 30 minutes from all stops. First bus departs 9 am from Downtown Auckland Stop (Stop 1). Last bus



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Sky Tower Entry Slot in the evening.

Day 3: Auckland to Rotorua (Intercity Bus)

After breakfast, walk to the **Sky City Bus Terminal** & take the **Intercity Bus** to **Rotorua**.

On arrival, you need to walk/take **Uber** to your Hotel. Evening you are at leisure. **Overnight in Rotorua**.

Day 4: Rotorua

Today after breakfast, only a short hop from the Rotorua Township you'll find **Te Puia**, known as New Zealand's living **Māori** cultural experience. Sprawling across 60 hectares of volcanic land, it is home to the world-renowned **Pohutu Geyser**, a live kiwi enclosure and more than 500 geothermal wonders. Shrouded in a continuous haze of steam, Te Puia has a dramatic and ethereal air. As you're guided along the wooden walkways, thermal springs and boiling mud pools surround you on either side, while native ferns and flax can be seen in the forest ahead. Te Puia takes pride in keeping Māori traditions and craft alive and it is home to the New Zealand National Carving and Weaving Schools. You'll have the chance to watch these unique craftspeople working as they share their skills with the next generation. **Overnight in Rotorua**.

Day 5: Rotorua - Hobbiton - Waitomo - Auckland

After breakfast, you shall be picked up from hotel at **7:55AM** to **Matamata**. Experience the real Middle-Earth at the **Hobbiton Movie Set**, where, in the heart of the Waikato Region, you can step into the lush pastures of the Shire, as seen in **The Lord of the Rings** and **The Hobbit Trilogies**. You will be fully guided on a walking tour around the 12 acre set; past Hobbit Holes, the Mill and into the world-famous Green Dragon Inn, where you will be presented with a complimentary, exclusive Hobbit Southfarthing beverage to conclude your own Middle-Earth adventure. Later, head to **Waitomo Glowworm Caves**. The Waitomo Glowworm Caves occupy a high placing in the New Zealand vacation wish-list. The glow worm, **Arachnocampa Luminosa**, is unique to



New Zealand. Thousands of these tiny creatures radiate their unmistakable luminescent light from the roof of the Waitomo Caves. You will travel through rural NZ landscape to Waitomo Caves. On arrival you will join a guided tour of the caves, conducted by a local guide - the highlight of which is the boat ride along the **Waitomo River** where you have the opportunity to see the myriad of glow worm lights that make up the **Glowworm Grotto**. Later you will be dropped at Auckland Sky City Bus Terminal by **6:45PM**. **Overnight in Auckland**.

Day 6: Auckland to Queenstown (Flight on Own)

After breakfast, you shall be picked up from hotel and transferred to 'Auckland **Airport'** (Private Basis) for a flight (own cost) to **Queenstown**. On arrival you shall be transferred (Private Basis) to your hotel. Queenstown, New Zealand is the undisputed adventure capital of the world! Whether it's **Bungy jumping** from a 134m cable car, **Zip** lining through the forest, throwing yourself out of a plane from 15,000ft, Jetboating at 80km/h through the famous **Canyons** or **Heli-Skiing** through the driest powder in the southern hemisphere, you're sure to find an activity that will not only scare your pants off but will also leave you grinning for a year. **Queenstown** is the kind of place where skydiving is as much a tourist attraction as nature walks. In Queenstown, the sky is the limit, literally. A traveler with a taste for adventure has a choice between whitewater rafting, jet boating, skydiving, horse riding, bungy jumping, paragliding, mountain biking, off-roading and four wheel driving. Queenstown offers dozens of options for fun, adventure and excitement. With so much on offer, your hardest decision will be what not to do! Queenstown has long been on the map for adrenaline junkies all over the world. With the number of activities available in Queenstown, you will never be bored. We promise, these memories will last a lifetime!! Once you leave Queenstown, you will be coming back year after year, and leave a little bit wilder each time. By evening, you have the option of taking a stroll & exploring the streets of **Queenstown**. **Overnight in** Queenstown.

Day 7: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown

Today you will be picked up from hotel at 6:30AM. Enter the **Eglinton Valley** and travel through the breathtaking man made **Homer Tunnel** to reach the most visited destination in New Zealand '**Milford Sound**'. Situated on the west coast of the South Island, Milford Sound is a fusion of spectacular natural features with amazing visual cues around every corner. Described by Rudyard Kipling as the 'Eighth wonder of the world', Milford Sound was carved by glaciers during the ice ages. Breathtaking in any



weather, the fiord's cliffs rise vertically from the dark waters, mountain peaks scrape the sky and waterfalls cascade downwards from as high as 1000 metres. When it rains in Milford Sound, and it often does, those waterfalls multiply with magnificent effect. So just sit back and relax as your cruise departs from Milford Sound Wharf, and makes its way out past the iconic Mitre Peak. Cruise the length of the 16km fiord, out past St Annes Point Lighthouse, while listening to informative commentary from Cruise Skipper who will highlight points of interest along the way including the mighty Lady Bowen Falls, Lion Mountain, Copper Point, Seal Rock and Stirling Falls. Be sure to keep an eye out for seals basking in the sun, pods of dolphins or rare Fiordland Crested Penguins that can be found seasonally within the region. Later, make your way to Queenstown for overnight stay.

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Day 8: KJet Boat Ride & Skyline Gondola in Queenstown

After breakfast, enjoy **Kjet Boat Ride (1hr).** Only KJet takes you on 45km of unforgettable thrills, 360 degree spins and travels across three waterways at insane speeds of up to 95kph in the fastest and meanest Jet boats in town. Blast across **Lake Wakatipu** and down the world-famous **Kawarau** and **Shotover** Rivers in one of the world's most stunning locations. Later, take the ride on **Skyline Gondola** to **Bob's Peak** in the evening - Take a scenic ride in the iconic Skyline Gondola and take in the stunning views as you ride the steepest cable car lift in the Southern Hemisphere! You'll be carried 480 metres above Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu to the top of Bob's Peak, where you'll enjoy a spectacular 220-degree panorama with breath-taking views of Coronet Peak, The Remarkables, Walter and Cecil Peak and, of course, Queenstown.

GO WITH ALL YOUR HEART

Day 9: Leisure in Queenstown. Evening Fly to Melbourne, Australia (Flight on Own). Arrival at Melbourne.

After breakfast, you are at leisure to enjoy this beautiful **Party Town of Queenstown**. (You will checkout at 10 am. Please note that if you want to stay till your flight, extra day charge is applicable). In the evening, you shall be transferred (Private Basis) to **Queenstown Airport.** Upon arrival at **Melbourne International Airport**, you shall proceed to your hotel via Shuttle Transfer. Equal parts dynamic, cosmopolitan, sportsmad and arty; **Melbourne** simultaneously exudes style and keeps its best spots hidden, inviting discovery by food and culture lovers. **Overnight in Melbourne**.



Day 10: Great Ocean Road Full Day (11hrs)

After breakfast, join your Coach Group eco-tour for the spectacular journey along the **Great Ocean Road**. You will experience all the iconic wonders of this world famous coastal drive. Once you are picked up from hotel; sit back and relax as you enjoy the wonders of this world-famous touring route. Stay on the lookout for some very special animals including whales, dolphins, echidnas and bandicoots and of course koalas and kangaroos along the way. Your camera will get a good workout along this exciting journey where we will stop for plenty of photo opportunities. Visit quaint little town along the road and enjoy a coffee or some free time. At the seaside town of **Apollo Bay** and stroll along the magnificent beach and enjoy free time for lunch or go to the beach. Enjoy a stroll through pristine forests, before arriving at the star attraction of our day the spectacular **Twelve Apostles**, one of the most iconic natural formations in the world; as well as infamous **Loch Ard Gorge**, along the wild and unpredictable **Shipwreck Coast** before returning to Melbourne **Overnight in Melbourne**.

Day 11: Melbourne Half Day City Tour & Phillip Island Day Tour + Penguin Parade

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After breakfast, be dazzled by the wondrous sights of Australia's most vibrant city and learn about Melbourne's fascinating history with your expert guide. Join a small group tour with Oceania to make the most of your stay as you zoom in and around the city, visiting such wonders as Federation Square, the MCG and our world-famous sports precinct, St Patrick's Cathedral, Albert Park Lake (Formula 1) and over to St Kilda Beach. You can even take a stroll in the gardens and visit **St Patrick's Cathedral** when permitted. Visit world famous Albert Park, home of the Formula One, Australian **Grand Prix** as well as the inner-city sports precinct, home to the famous **MCG** and **Melbourne Park** where the Australian Tennis Open takes place. Your tour will finish by visiting **Eureka Tower**. You may choose to take the super-speedy elevator to Eureka Skydeck 88 (entry optional add on), scraping Melbourne's awe inspiring skyline where you will be spoiled with 360 degree views of the city. Later, start your **Philip Island** Tour with a drive south-east from Melbourne to reach Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife **Conservation Park** where you will meet endangered species, <u>kangaroos</u>, <u>wallabies and</u> koalas plus an array of colorful birds and reptiles. Your journey then leads onto **Philip** Island, the home of the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix and the famous Little **Penguins**. Upon arrival on the Island, depending on the time of year and your interests,



you will visit **Woolamai Beach** to see surfers riding the waves. During the daylight savings months, you will travel to the town of **Cowes** where you will have free time for dinner. In the winter months you can have something to eat at the **Penguin Parade Visitor Centre**. Finally, a trip to Phillip Island is not complete without its <u>black tie gala event</u>: **The Penguin Parade**. Head to the Visitor Centre to shop, have a coffee and meander along the boardwalk to the viewing platform where you will see the little penguins come ashore, decked out in their tuxedos as they hurry off to find their burrows. Later, you shall be dropped back to Melbourne. **Overnight in Melbourne**.

Day 12: Melbourne to Cairns (Flight on Own)

After breakfast, you will be Shuttle Transferred to **Melbourne International Airport.** for your flight to **Cairns**. Upon arrival, you shall proceed to your hotel via <u>Shuttle Transfer</u>. **Cairns**, a modern and vibrant city is the gateway to the **Great Barrier Reef**, **Port Douglas** and **the Daintree Rainforest**. Cairns is an ideal base to explore the wonderful attractions Tropical North Queensland has to offer. Your evening is at leisure. **Overnight in Cairns**.

Day 13: Kuranda, Skyrail, Rainforestation & Scenic Rail ex Cairns

After breakfast, a **Down Under Tours Australia Coach** will pick you up from your hotel to commence a full day Kuranda, Scenic Rail, Rainforestation and Skyrail Tour. Transfer to Smithfield Terminal to board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway at the scheduled time advised by the driver and glide over and through the rainforest canopy to Kuranda. There are two stations enroute where you can alight and enjoy a walk through the rainforest to spectacular lookouts or visit the **CSIRO Interpretive Centre**. Enjoy free time in **Kuranda Village** to explore the "Village in the Rainforest" and it's many attractions, including the **Heritage Markets**. Other Kuranda Village attractions you may wish to visit are **Birdworld**, The Australian Butterfly Sanctuary or Kuranda Koala Gardens (own expense). Board the coach for transfer to Rainforestation, which is set in 40 hectares of gardens and rainforest. Try an amphibious Army Duck Ride before visiting the Koala and Wildlife Park. At 3:30pm board the Kuranda Scenic **Railway** for the journey to **Cairns**, and enjoy spectacular views as the train travels through 15 hand cut tunnels and past spectacular waterfalls. Stop at **Barron Gorge** to view the falls before arriving at **Freshwater Station**. Tour concludes at approximately 5:15pm, at which time hotel drop offs will commence. **Overnight in Cairns.**



Day 14: The Great Barrier Reef

After breakfast, proceed from your Cairns hotel by Coach Drive. Guests will travel approximately 54 kilometers in our air-conditioned catamaran to **Moore Reef Pontoon** on the **Outer Great Barrier Reef**, which is perfectly positioned and fully equipped so that any age or ability can fully experience the beauty of the Reef with its abundance of colorful coral, fascinating fish, turtles and more. 4 Hours on the reef allows plenty of time to experience all of the free inclusions such as **Snorkeling**, the **Sunlover Waterslide** - the only waterslide on the Great Barrier Reef, **Glass Bottom Boat**, an ocean enclosed pool for the kids, **underwater observatory**, **marine life touch tank**, **fish feeding experience**, and **buffet lunch**. **Overnight in Cairns**.

Day 15: Cairns to Sydney (Flight on Own)

After breakfast, you will be Shuttle Transferred to **Cairns International Airport,** for your flight to **Sydney**. Upon arrival, you shall proceed to your hotel via <u>Shuttle Transfer</u>. **Sydney**, spectacularly draped around its glorious harbour and beaches, has visual wow factor like few other cities. Scratch the surface and it only gets better. If you arrive early, enjoy your evening at leisure. **Overnight in Sydney**.

Day 16: Full Day Blue Mountain Tour

After breakfast, a **Diamond Tours** Vehicle will pick you up from your hotel to commence a full day **Blue Mountains Tour**. This boutique tour provides an intimate touch, travelling in the luxury of minivan. Explore the Blue Mountains and see hidden locations and beautiful views of the region. From **Echo Point**, the closest and best view of the **Three Sisters**, you will be able to witness the blue haze and the vast expanse of the **Jamison Valley** and experience for yourself the raw magic the Blue Mountains creates. This will be our first stop in the Blue Mountains and you will have the option of ordering coffee, tea, muffins or Croissant (At own Expense) while enjoying the amazing views. Visit Scenic World and dare yourself to ride the steepest Railway in the World. **The Scenic Cableway and Skyway** offers spectacular views of the Three Sisters and the Valley. Scenic World is included in the price of our tour. Tour Guide will take you down to the valley floor whilst explaining the area. Breath-taking views of either Jamison Valley or Megalong Valley away from the crowds in a private location. Visit **Leura** and enjoy the Quaint Village with multiple lunch venues (at own expense). **Featherdale Wildlife Park** is Sydney's ultimate wildlife experience. The guides will



take you in and show you some of Australia's native wildlife. See the **Koalas** and feed the **baby wallabies**. Ferry return to **Circular Quay** where tour concludes at approx. 05:00pm. **Return to Hotel by Uber / Train at Own Cost**.

Day 17: Panoramic Sydney Morning Tour & Sydney Opera House Tour (Own Transport)

After breakfast, a **AEA Luxury Tours/Mount n Beach Safaris Vehicle** will pick you up from your hotel to commence a **Morning Panoramic Sydney Tour**. Visit the **Historic** Rocks Area and hear of early convict history. Continue through the Central Business District and Macquarie Street, and marvel at 18th century sandstone architecture such as NSW Parliament House, Rum Hospital, Hyde Park Barracks and St Mary's <u>Cathedral</u>. Continue to **Mrs Macquarie's Point** to enjoy magnificent views of the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Then continue through Sydney's Eastern **Suburbs**, home to the rich and famous. Travelling along the coves and shores of one of the world's most impressive harbours; stop for photo opportunities including a panoramic photo of the Sydney Skyline. Pass through areas such as Kings Cross, <u>Double Bay and Rose Bay</u> before arriving at **Watsons Bay** where you have the option of a short coastal walk with views of the South Pacific Ocean and entrance to Sydney Harbour. Travel on to famous **Bondi Beach** for a 30 minute stop. Visit the beachfront promenade, put your toes in the sand, enjoy a coffee or cool drink (at own cost). See bronzed Aussie lifesavers and surfers riding the waves of Bondi. Re-board the vehicle and continue on to **Tamarama** and **Bronte** beaches before returning to the city via Centennial Park and Paddington, a trendy district with elegant terrace houses and boutique shops along Oxford Street. Tour concludes at Darling Harbour or Circular Quay between 11:30am-12:00pm. Later, with the Sydney Opera House Tour; watch unforgettable moments from past Concert Hall Performances, learning about the history and future of this world-famous hall in an immersive digital experience. Experience the future within our newly purpose-built venue that boasts heritageinspired interiors, and state-of-the-art technology, including 270-degree visuals and surround sound. Return to Hotel by Uber / Train at Own Cost.

Day 18: Onward Home

Today, after a delicious breakfast, you will be Shuttle <u>Transferred</u> to 'Sydney International Airport' for your Onward Journey Home with great memories from Horizon Holidays.

Happy Memories