

THE **TRAVEL CLUB**

Highlights of Australia & New Zealand With Optional Fiji 3-Night Extension

15 DAYS: Saturday, March 7-Saturday, March 21, 2020

\$6,634 per person double occupancy; \$7,934 for single reservations*

***Prices include round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required.**

Discover remote landscapes, sunny cities, and indigenous cultures. Journey from the Land Down Under to the Land of the Long White Cloud, taking in breathtaking natural wonders and iconic architecture as you go. From Australia's vast Great Barrier Reef to New Zealand's majestic peaks and sparkling lakes, there's so much to marvel at in this far-away part of the world.

Your tour package includes

- 12 nights in handpicked hotels, 12 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners with beer or wine
- 8 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Carlton Gardens, Great Barrier Reef, Sydney Opera House, gondola ride up Bob's Peak,
- Fiordland National Park, Auckland's Sky Tower

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and gravel paths, with few hills.

ACCOMMODATIONS

DAYS 1-2 Overnight flights from Boston, cross International Date Line

DAYS 3-4 Vibe Savoy Hotel, Melbourne

DAYS 5-6 Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort, Great Barrier Reef area

DAYS 7-9 The Sydney Boulevard Hotel, Sydney

DAYS 10-12 Rydges Lakeland Resort, Queenstown

DAYS 13-14 Rydges Auckland, Auckland

DAY 15 Return flight to Boston

or similar hotel accommodations



Overnight Flight

Day 1: Travel day

Cross the International Date Line in flight and “lose” a day.

Day 2: Travel day

Your flight continues to Australia.

Melbourne

Day 3: Arrival in Melbourne

Included meals: Dinner

Welcome to Melbourne! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner this evening.

Day 4: Sightseeing tour of Melbourne

Included meals: Breakfast

Set off on a guided tour to admire the city’s beautiful 19th-century architecture, historic landmarks, and sprawling parks. • Explore Carlton Gardens, home of the Royal Exhibition Building and the Melbourne Museum • Visit St. Patrick’s Cathedral and the Shrine of Remembrance • Pass the Yarra River and the Sports and Arts Precinct—site of the Australian Open—and stroll through Queen Victoria Market Enjoy a free afternoon in Melbourne or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Phillip Island Penguin Parade +\$155/pp

Every night, the tiny penguins of Phillip Island waddle ashore in an adorable parade. On this excursion, you’ll journey to Summerland Beach to see the penguins come home after a long day of fishing. They’re returning to feed their babies, and you’ll watch as the penguins arrive for dinner on the beach. Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent. We also recommend wearing seasonally appropriate clothing for this excursion as it takes place entirely outdoors. Because of the penguins’ sensitive vision, photography of the parade is not permitted. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$165)

Great Barrier Reef Region

Day 5: Flight to Cairns

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Fly to Cairns, a coastal city in the state of Queensland, and enjoy dinner there this evening. Then, transfer to your hotel in the Great Barrier Reef region.

Day 6: The Great Barrier Reef

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Enjoy a full day at the Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef system. • Head to Cairns Marina to board a boat out into the Coral Sea • View the coral's colors from the underwater observatory, glass-bottom boat, or semi-submarine—or hop in the water with a snorkel

Sydney

Day 7: Flight to Sydney

Included meals: Breakfast

Fly to Sydney this morning. Then, enjoy a free afternoon or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise +\$139/pp

Take a dinner cruise through Sydney Harbour, basking in views of the city's famous bridge, opera house and twinkling cityscape at night. The MV Sydney 2000, one of Sydney's most prestigious cruise ships, features multiple decks and live entertainment. Your dinner will be served on the Sky Deck, offering 360-degree views of the city. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$149)

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Sydney

Included meals: Breakfast

Take a guided tour of one of the world's most pleasant cities. • Pass Darling Harbour and the Royal Botanic Gardens • Stop at Mrs. Macquarie's Chair to take in views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge • See the Rocks neighborhood, National Opal Collection, Bondi Beach, and the Gap in Watsons Bay • Step inside the UNESCO-listed Sydney Opera House with a local guide

Day 9: Free day in Sydney

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Enjoy a full free day in Sydney or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Featherdale Wildlife Park +\$89/pp

Make your way to the Featherdale Wildlife Park, a sanctuary dedicated to the protection and conservation of Australia's native species. Here, you'll sip morning tea and learn about the park's commitment to environmental education while mingling with a local guide. The guide will show the group a joey, a baby kangaroo, and you'll have the opportunity to pull out your camera and snap a photograph with the animal. If you wish to purchase professional photos with the joey, your Tour Director can arrange for a professional photographer to be at the morning tea venue. Next, continue on to another area of the park to encounter its protected koalas up close. Please note: Professional photographs with the animals are not included, but you can purchase them for an extra cost. If you do not wish to purchase professional photos, you must bring your own camera. If fewer than 10 customers reserve the excursion, the Tour Director will not join, and bus transfers and animal encounters will be shared with other park visitors outside of your group. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$99)

Queenstown

Day 10: Flight to Queenstown & Bob's Peak visit**Included meals: Breakfast**

Fly to Queenstown, New Zealand, this morning. Upon arrival, enjoy a free afternoon to get acquainted with the city. Tonight, take the Skyline Queenstown Gondola 1,500 feet up to Bob's Peak, which offers panoramic views of the landscape below. At the top, watch the sunset as you admire the Remarkables, Walter Peak, and Lake Wakatipu in the distance.

Day 11: Sightseeing tour of Queenstown**Included meals: Breakfast**

Spend the day getting to know the Queenstown area with your Tour Director as you explore the gold rush settlement of Arrowtown. Then, enjoy free time in Queenstown or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Walter Peak: Lake Cruise & Dinner +\$119/pp

Board the steam-powered TSS Earnslaw in Queenstown for a cruise across Lake Wakatipu. Your destination is Walter Peak, one of New Zealand's most famous sheep and cattle stations. There, you'll enjoy a barbecue dinner and watch a sheep-shearing demonstration and sheepdog show before heading back to Queenstown. Please note: A weatherproof jacket and comfortable shoes are recommended. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$129)

Day 12: Milford Sound**Included meals: Breakfast**

Depart early this morning to see the breathtaking scenery of New Zealand's Fiordland National Park. • Travel through the Five Rivers farming region and past Lake Te Anau, the largest lake on the South Island • Pass through beautiful beech forests and by glittering mirror lakes • Climb to the Homer Saddle and drive through Homer Tunnel • Cruise around Milford Sound, in view of Mitre Peak

Auckland

Day 13: Flight to Auckland**Included meals: Breakfast**

Fly to Auckland this morning. Then, get to know "The City of Sails" with your Tour Director in the lead. • Take an elevator to the top of the 1,076-foot-high Sky Tower • Stop at the city's harbor and take a short walk to view the Auckland Harbour Bridge

Day 14: Free day in Auckland**Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Enjoy a full free day in Auckland or add an excursion. Later, join your group at tonight's farewell dinner.

Optional Excursion Waiheke Island +\$115/pp

Board a ferry and settle in for a scenic cruise across the Auckland Harbour to Waiheke Island. Upon arrival at the wharf, a local guide will provide full commentary regarding the history of the island, the native flora and fauna, and tales of the region. Make your way to a boutique vineyard for a wine tasting before continuing to a bustling olive oil mill. With the beach close by, take some time after the tastings to explore the coast and soak in the spectacular views. Before boarding the ferry back to Auckland, you'll have free time for lunch at a local cafe or restaurant. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$125)

Day 15: Departure**Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to explore Fiji.

Add an extension to Fiji from \$799 3 nights

Fiji

Day 15: Flight to Fiji

Fly to Nadi, Fiji, and transfer to your seaside hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast

Day 16: Free day in Fiji

Enjoy a full free day on Denarau Island or add an excursion.

Included meals: Breakfast

Optional Excursion **Tivua Island Sailing & Snorkeling** +\$119/pp

Set sail on a scenic cruise to Fiji's Tivua Island, a small tropical paradise surrounded by stunning coral reefs. When you're not enjoying afternoon tea or an included buffet lunch, the day will be yours to spend as you'd like. Soak up some sun on the white-sand beach or lounge in a hammock for the ultimate in relaxation. When you're ready to cool off, paddle around the island in a kayak, board a glass-bottom boat with a marine biologist, or hop in the water for guided snorkeling. Back on shore, there will be plenty of opportunities to get acquainted with local culture as you take part in a traditional Kava ceremony, watch a coconut husking demonstration, or learn about herbal medicine on a nature walk. Please note: The Fijian sun is very hot and bringing a sun hat and sunscreen is recommended. If you'd like to enjoy the water, be sure to pack a towel and swimwear. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$129)

Day 17: Free day in Fiji

Spend another free day on Denarau Island or add an excursion.

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Optional Excursion **Fiji Village Visit: Indigenous Culture & Traditions** +\$75/pp

Set off to Viseisei Village, one of the oldest settlements in Fiji. On the way, stop at Nadi Market for a guided walk through its fruit and vegetable stalls. Then proceed to your destination where you'll be greeted with a traditional welcome ritual, including a taste of kava, a ceremonial beverage. After a walking tour of the village, learn to collect, husk and extract milk from coconuts during a hands-on demonstration. Finish your day with a farewell drink before you return to your hotel. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$85)

Day 18: Return to the United States

You will have the use of a day room at the hotel to relax before your overnight flight. Check out is typically around 6pm.

Day 19: Arrive home