

# Royal Escorted

- Small Groups - No more than 30 people!
- Tour the base of Uluru (Ayers Rock)

<b>Accommodation</b>	Superior Hotels, Key Locations
<b>Tour Code</b>	E22
<b>Tour Duration</b>	22
<b>Group Size</b>	30
<b>Style</b>	Escorted Vacations from North America
<b>Finest Dining</b>	Includes 37 Meals
<b>Outstanding Places to Stay</b>	Overnight at The Hermitage, Mt Cook

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Mon. Los Angeles

Board your evening flight to Auckland, New Zealand.

**Dx1**

### Day 2 Tue. In Flight

Cross the international dateline and lose a day.

### Day 3 Wed. Arrive Auckland

Your Tour Director will meet you on arrival of one of our selected flights. Check-in to your hotel then join a tour of Auckland before tonight's Welcome Dinner.

**Stay: Auckland, Crowne Plaza**  
**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 4 Thur. Rotorua, Traditional Feast

This morning you will travel to the Waitomo caves and take a tour of the glow worm grotto. Glide silently by boat underneath the light of thousands of tiny glow worms. Continue to the renowned geothermal region of Rotorua, an area rich in Maori heritage. Tonight experience Maori hospitality as guests at a traditional Hangi feast and cultural performance.

**Two Night Stay: Millennium Rotorua**  
**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 5 Fri. Rotorua, Country Homestay

Today tour Te Puia thermal reserve, viewing sights including geothermally heated boiling mudpools, hot springs and steaming geysers. See an agricultural show and sheep shearing display before viewing the flightless kiwi bird. Later, perhaps experience a taste of rural living with a New Zealand family thanks to our optional Country Homestay. Alternatively you may choose to dine and stay at the hotel.

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 6 Sat. Rotorua, Christchurch

This morning is at leisure in Rotorua, before flying to the charming Garden City of Christchurch on New Zealand's scenic South Island.

**Stay: Christchurch, Crowne Plaza Hotel**  
**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 7 Sun. TranzAlpine Train, Franz Josef

Step aboard the TranzAlpine train this morning for an award-winning journey through spectacular gorges, river valleys and across the magnificent Southern Alps. The journey then continues down the rugged West Coast to Franz Josef Glacier, cutting through glacial valleys and into temperate



## What's Included

### Sightseeing Highlights

- Take a city tour of Auckland
- Take a guided tour of the Waitomo caves
- Enjoy a Maori Hangi feast and cultural performance in Rotorua
- Tour geothermal Te Puia Thermal Reserve
- Ride the award-winning TranzAlpine train
- See majestic Franz Josef Glacier
- Explore the resort town of Queenstown
- In Queenstown, cruise Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak High Country Farm for dinner
- Cruise the full length of Milford Sound
- Enjoy the unique chance to have breakfast with the koalas at a wildlife park in Sydney
- Take a luncheon cruise on Sydney Harbour
- Absorb Melbourne's sights during dinner aboard the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant
- Visit the giant domes of Kata Tjuta (Olgas)
- Take a cruise over the Great Barrier Reef
- Ride the Kuranda Scenic Railway through lush tropical rain forest to Cairns

### Outstanding Places to Stay

- Three nights at the Shangri-La Sydney
- Two nights at Hotel Sofitel, Melbourne
- Overnight at Sails in the Desert, Uluru
- Stay two nights on tropical Dunk Island

### Finest Dining

rain forest.

**Stay: Franz Josef Glacier Hotel**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 8 Mon. Queenstown, Walter Peak Station

Drive over Haast Pass and past tranquil lakes Wanaka and Hawea to Queenstown. This evening cruise aboard the TSS Earnslaw to historic Walter Peak High Country Farm for a carvery dinner.

**Two Night Stay: Queenstown, Crowne Plaza**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 9 Tue. Milford Sound Cruise

Enjoy the beauty of Fiordland National Park today as you cruise the full length of Milford Sound. An optional return flight to Queenstown offers a unique perspective of the region (own expense).

**Bx1 Lx1**

### Day 10 Wed. Queenstown, Mt Cook

Travel to Mt Cook National Park, home to Mt Cook, Australasia's highest peak. Weather permitting, take a ski-plane flight over the region, including a landing on a glacier (own expense).

**Stay: Mt Cook National Park, The Hermitage**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 11 Thur. Fly to Sydney, Australia

Travel via Lake Tekapo and the tiny Church of the Good Shepherd. Continue through Burkes Pass and over the plains of Canterbury to Christchurch, where you'll board your flight to Sydney, Australia.

**Three Night Stay: Sydney, Shangri-La Hotel**

**Bx1**

### Day 12 Fri. Sydney, Breakfast with the Koalas, City Sights, Harbor Cruise

Enjoy breakfast with the koalas at a wildlife park, then see Sydney's iconic sights on a tour of the city and its beaches. Later take a luncheon cruise on Sydney's harbor and admire the incredible views, before a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House.

**Bx1 Lx1**

### Day 13 Sat. At Leisure in Sydney

With free time today, perhaps join a tour to the Hunter Valley or visit the Blue Mountains (both own expense). Maybe stroll the famous Rocks area or head to the fabulous shopping precincts of Oxford Street, Pitt Street Mall or Queen Victoria Building.

**Bx1**

### Day 14 Sun. Melbourne, Colonial Tramcar Restaurant

Fly to Melbourne and join a city tour on arrival. Indulge in local produce at the Queen Victoria Market, see Parliament House and stroll through the Fitzroy Gardens. Enjoy a gourmet dinner aboard the Colonial Tramcar tonight.

**Two Night Stay: Melbourne, Hotel Sofitel**

**Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 15 Mon. At Leisure in Melbourne

Today is free to enjoy the delights of Melbourne. Explore art galleries and museums, stroll down to Southbank on the Yarra River, visit elegant shopping arcades or catch a tram to St Kilda for a walk along the beach. Alternatively, take an optional tour to see the Penguin Parade on Phillip Island or drive along the famous Great Ocean Road to see the magnificent Twelve Apostles (own expense).

**Bx1**

### Day 16 Tue. Alice Springs, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Outback Dinner

Fly to Alice Springs and join a tour of the town, taking in the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill. Tonight enjoy a special Outback Dinner and Aboriginal performance.

- 21 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L) and 13 dinners (D)

#### Airfares, Taxes and Fees

- Land with air price includes all domestic, trans-Tasman and flights to/from Los Angeles. Special airfares are available from other North American cities at an additional price. All prices, itineraries and routing are subject to change without notice.
  - US/Foreign Taxes of approximately \$335 (\$385 for E22F) including September 11 Security Fee are additional. Prices are current at the time of printing; fuel surcharge is included but fare is subject to change.
  - Prices may differ when you book your travel and are not guaranteed until full payment is received. Enquire for prices with domestic air only.
  - Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.
- #### Fiji Stopover
- Visit Fiji en route to Australia and/or New Zealand - see E22F tour code.

**Stay: Alice Springs, Crowne Plaza**  
**Bx1 Dx1**

### **Day 17 Wed. Camel Farm, Kata Tjuta (Olgas)**

Perhaps take a camel ride when you stop at a camel farm (own expense). Continue to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and visit Kata Tjuta, a cluster of 36 rocky domes, and learn of Aboriginal legends surrounding this sacred place. Tonight you may wish to join our Sounds of Silence desert dinner (additional US \$125 per person).

**Stay: Ayers Rock Resort, Sails in the Desert**  
**Bx1**

### **Day 18 Thur. Uluru (Ayers Rock), Cairns**

Tour Uluru's base, viewing rock art and learning the history of this ancient monolith. Take a guided walk to Mutitjulu waterhole and hear the Aboriginal legends of the region, then visit the Maruku Arts and Crafts Gallery. Board a flight to Cairns, gateway to Tropical North Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef, one of the natural wonders of the world. On arrival, take in the local sights at leisure.

**Stay: Cairns, Shangri-La The Marina**  
**Bx1**

### **Day 19 Fri. Dunk Island**

Drive to Mission Beach and cruise to Dunk Island - a unique island of rainforest and beaches. The afternoon is free to relax on this tropical island.

**Two Night Stay: Dunk Island Resort, Beachfront Rooms**  
**Bx1 Dx1**

### **Day 20 Sat. Great Barrier Reef Cruise**

Cruise the turquoise waters of the Great Barrier Reef and moor at Beaver Cay, the longest established Green Zone (marine sanctuary) on the reef. Here, swim, snorkel and view the colored coral, fish and other marine life on a glass-bottom boat. Or just relax and soak up the tropical atmosphere.

**Bx1 Lx1**

### **Day 21 Sun. Kuranda, Scenic Railway, Cairns**

Journey to Kuranda, a mountain rain forest retreat. Explore the surroundings or wander through the local markets, then ride the Kuranda Scenic Railway back down the mountain range to Cairns. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travelers tonight.

**Stay: Cairns, Shangri-La The Marina**  
**Bx1 Dx1**

### **Day 22 Mon. Cairns, Los Angeles**

Board your flight to Los Angeles.

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