

Southern Explorer

- Small Groups - No more than 30 people!
- Take a cruise over the Great Barrier Reef

Accommodation	Superior Hotels, Key Locations
Tour Code	ECCN
Tour Duration	23
Style	Escorted Vacations from North America
Finest Dining	Includes 36 Meals
Outstanding Places to Stay	Three nights at Sydney's Shangri-La Hotel

Itinerary

Day 1 Mon. Los Angeles

This evening board your flight bound for Australia.

Dx1

Day 2 Tue. In Flight

Cross the international dateline and lose a day.

Day 3 Wed. Sydney

Your Tour Director will meet you in Sydney on arrival of one of our selected flights. After an early check-in at your hotel, relax or step out to explore. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers at our Welcome Dinner.

Three Night Stay: Sydney, Shangri-La Hotel

Bx1 Dx1

Day 4 Thur. City Sights Tour, Sydney Harbour Cruise, Opera House Tour

Join a comprehensive Sydney sightseeing tour including a luncheon cruise on Sydney Harbour. See Kings Cross, the historic Rocks area and famous Bondi Beach before you have the unique opportunity to take a guided tour of the iconic Sydney Opera House.

Bx1 Lx1

Day 5 Fri. At Leisure in Sydney

Relax and enjoy Sydney at your own pace today. Perhaps join an optional sightseeing tour of the Hunter Valley, internationally known for its wines, or visit the stunning Blue Mountains to see the Three Sisters rock formation (own expense). Or head to Oxford Street or Pitt Street Mall to discover the city's fabulous shopping precincts.

Bx1

Day 6 Sat. Sydney, Cairns, Tjapukai Aboriginal Dinner and Show

Today fly to Cairns, the gateway to Tropical North Queensland. Enjoy a tour of the city before you have the unique opportunity to experience the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Dinner and Show.

Three Night Stay: Cairns, Shangri-La The Marina

Bx1 Dx1

Day 7 Sun. Great Barrier Reef Cruise

After breakfast, take a guided cruise out to the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef, specifically Moore Reef. View the colorful coral and diverse range of marine life through the glass bottom of your boat. Perhaps go for a snorkel or a swim, then visit the underwater observatory before enjoying a tropical lunch.

What's Included

Sightseeing Highlights

- Tour Sydney, Cairns and Melbourne
- Take a luncheon cruise on Sydney Harbour and tour the iconic Sydney Opera House
- Enjoy the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Dinner and Show in Cairns
- Ride the Kuranda Scenic Railway
- Walk into Walpa (Olga) Gorge
- Tour the base of Uluru (Ayers Rock)
- The unique Sounds of Silence Dinner, Uluru
- Optional overnight journey on The Ghan train
- Tour Australia's National Wine Centre
- Colonial Tramcar Restaurant, Melbourne
- Cross New Zealand's Southern Alps on the award-winning TranzAlpine Train
- Take a city sights tour of Christchurch
- Discover Rotorua's geothermal attractions
- View the imposing Franz Josef Glacier
- Cruise the full length of Milford Sound
- Enjoy a Maori Hangi feast and cultural performance in Rotorua
- Take a guided tour of the Waitomo caves

Outstanding Places to Stay

- Overnight at Sails in the Desert, Uluru
- 2 nights at Hotel Sofitel in Melbourne
- 3 nights at the Crowne Plaza Queenstown

Finest Dining

- 22 breakfasts (B), 2



Bx1 Lx1

Day 8 Mon. Skyrail, Kuranda, Wildlife, Cairns

Today ride the Skyrail Cableway over lush World Heritage-listed rain forest to Kuranda. Visit a wildlife park and perhaps have your photograph taken with a koala (own expense). Later, take in the spectacular scenery as you travel aboard the Kuranda Scenic Railway back down the mountain range to Cairns.

Bx1

Day 9 Tue. Cairns, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Sounds of Silence Dinner

This morning you'll join a flight to Uluru (Ayers Rock). Visit Kata Tjuta (Olgas) and walk to Walpa (Olga) Gorge. Tonight at the Sounds of Silence Dinner, dine under the stars then hear an astronomer talk about the Outback night sky.

Stay: Ayers Rock Resort, Sails in the Desert

Bx1 Dx1

Day 10 Wed. Uluru Base Tour, Alice Springs

Tour Uluru's base, viewing ancient caves and Aboriginal rock art. Walk to Mutitjulu waterhole and hear of ancient Aboriginal legends. At Maruku Arts and Crafts Gallery, see Aboriginal artists at work and perhaps purchase artworks. Pass vast cattle ranches en route to Alice Springs.

Stay: Alice Springs, Crowne Plaza

Bx1

Day 11 Thur. Royal Flying Doctor Service, Anzac Hill

Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service Base and Anzac Hill this morning. Then board your flight to Adelaide and visit the National Wine Centre for cheese and wine tasting. Learn about the Barossa wine region and Australian wine industry.

Two Night Stay: Adelaide, The Sebel Playford

Bx1 Dx1

Day 12 Fri. Adelaide

Enjoy a day at leisure to discover Adelaide for yourself. You may wish to join an optional tour to either Kangaroo Island or the Barossa Valley (both own expense).

Bx1

Day 13 Sat. Melbourne Tour, Colonial Tramcar Restaurant

Fly to Melbourne. Tour the city, visiting Queen Victoria Market and the Fitzroy Gardens. Enjoy dinner aboard the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant tonight, winding through the streets of Melbourne.

Two Night Stay: Melbourne, Hotel Sofitel

Bx1 Dx1

Day 14 Sun. At Leisure in Melbourne

A free day to enjoy the delights of Melbourne. Perhaps stroll down to Southbank on the Yarra River; journey to Phillip Island to see the Penguin Parade; or join a tour along the Great Ocean Road to see the Twelve Apostles (all activities own expense).

Bx1

Day 15 Mon. New Zealand, Christchurch City Sights Tour

Departing Australia today, you'll fly to Christchurch on New Zealand's South Island. On arrival enjoy free time to relax or explore as you wish.

Two Night Stay: Christchurch, Crowne Plaza Hotel

Bx1 Dx1

Day 16 Tue. Christchurch

Take a tour of the charming Garden City of Christchurch before a free afternoon to explore as you please.

Bx1

lunches (L) and 12 dinners (D)

Overnight on the Famous Ghan Train

- Journey from Alice Springs to Adelaide aboard The Ghan, a luxury rail journey through the Red Centre
- Depart Alice Springs after visiting Anzac Hill and arrive in Adelaide early the next afternoon. Includes dinner on Day 11 and breakfast and lunch on Day 12

• Upgrade per person: \$US745, \$CDN770

- Contact Us for further details

Kangaroo Island Experience

- Spend a full day on this most amazing island and witness natural beauty plus see Australia's wildlife - kangaroos, koalas and much more. Fly from Adelaide and travel in 4WD vehicles

- Includes return flights from Adelaide

• Upgrade per person: US\$605, \$CDN625

- Contact Us for further details

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 \$340 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

Day 17 Wed. TranzAlpine Train, Franz Josef

Board the award-winning TranzAlpine train for a journey through the Southern Alps to the West Coast. Enter the World Heritage-listed area of South West New Zealand, home to a number of glacial formations, including the mighty Franz Josef Glacier.

Stay: Franz Josef Glacier Hotel

Bx1 Dx1

Day 18 Thur. Queenstown

Today enjoy the uniquely New Zealand landscape as you travel over Haast Pass and along the shores of lakes Wanaka and Hawea on the way to Queenstown.

Three Night Stay: Queenstown, Crowne Plaza

Bx1

Day 19 Fri. Milford Sound Cruise

Travel to Fiordland National Park for an unforgettable cruise over spectacular Milford Sound, passing towering Mitre Peak and cascading waterfalls.

Bx1 Lx1

Day 20 Sat. At Leisure in Queenstown

Enjoy today free to explore Queenstown at your own pace, being as active or relaxed as you like.

Bx1

Day 21 Sun. Rotorua

Fly to Rotorua. Tour Te Puia Thermal Reserve and see boiling mud pools and exploding geysers. Tonight enjoy a traditional Maori Hangi feast and cultural performance.

Stay: Millennium Rotorua

Bx1 Dx1

Day 22 Mon. Waitomo Caves, Auckland

Visit Rotorua's Agrodome then glide by boat underneath the lights of glow worms at Waitomo caves. Continue to Auckland for a Farewell Dinner.

Stay: Auckland, Crowne Plaza

Bx1 Dx1

Day 23 Tue. Auckland, Los Angeles

Board your flight to Los Angeles.

Bx1 Dx1

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 ECCNF tour code