



*Lake Okareka – Rotorua, New Zealand*

## Australia & New Zealand

*Rotorua, Sydney, Cairns & The Great Barrier Reef*

**12 Day/11 Night**

**\$5,750-\$6,250 PP**

*Price Varies with Group Size and Travel Dates*



*The Great Barrier Reef – Australia*

### Day 1 & 2

### Departure

Depart on a **domestic flight** connecting to an **international trans-Pacific flight to Auckland, New Zealand**. (Cross the **International Dateline en route**)

### Day 3

### Arrival, Glowworm Caves & Rotorua

Arrive in New Zealand and meet your **local tour guide**. Transfer to Rotorua, located in the Bay of Plenty Region. En route, stop in Waitomo to **visit the incredible Glowworm Caves**, a unique attraction due to the sizeable population of glowworms – tiny, bioluminescent creatures found exclusively in New Zealand that produce a blue-green light resulting in an ethereal, twinkling glow on the cave’s ceiling. Later, enjoy a **panoramic tour of Rotorua**, a city in the heartland of the ancient Maori culture, known for beautiful lakes and geysers. **Dinner and overnight in Rotorua.**

### Day 4 & 5

### Rotorua Sightseeing

Spend these days in the Rotorua area. **Visit Rainbow Springs**, featuring New Zealand’s largest conservation center and several native species of birds and reptiles. Also **visit Waimangu Valley**, one of the most beautiful volcanic attractions of the area, where you will enjoy a **picnic lunch** and **boat cruise on Lake Rotomahana**. Also **visit Tamaki Maori Village** and experience the warmth of the Maori people during ceremonial rituals, powerful cultural performances, storytelling and a traditional **hangi feast!** **Overnights in Rotorua.**

### Day 6

### Flight to Sydney, Sydney Tour & Tower

Transfer to the airport for your **flight to Sydney, Australia**. On arrival, enjoy a **guided panoramic tour of Sydney**, Australia’s most populous city, featuring Sydney Tower, the Harbor and Harbor Bridge, the Rocks District, the University of Sydney, and Bondi Beach. This evening, **ride to the top of Sydney Tower**, where you will be treated to **dinner** and enjoy the 360-degree views of Sydney and its beautiful harbor from the tower’s revolving restaurant! **Overnight in Sydney.**

### Day 7

### Opal Centre & Opera House Tour

Today, **visit the Opal Discovery Centre** and learn about the history and mining methods of these predominately Australian gems. Have some free time for shopping, then enjoy a **guided tour of the Sydney’s Opera House** – a performance venue that looks like a great origami sailboat, floating peacefully in the Sydney Harbor. **Dinner and overnight in Sydney.**

### **Sample Tour Itinerary**

**Customize for your group, your preferences, your budget, your timeline!**

### Day 8 Blue Mountains Park, Darling Harbor & Cruise

After **breakfast** today, enjoy a **guided drive and hike through Blue Mountains National Park**, featuring blue-hazed valleys, sandstone rock formations, rainforests, and waterfalls. Return to Sydney this afternoon, and have some time to explore **Darling Harbour**, a waterfront pedestrian and recreational area that features The Outback Center, Sydney’s visitor center, and several opportunities for great shopping, entertainment, and food. This evening, experience the sights surrounding Sydney Harbor on a **sightseeing cruise!** You will see the Harbor Bridge up close, as well as the fish markets, The Gap, Darling Harbor, Fort Denison, and Store Beach. **Dinner and overnight in Sydney.**

### Day 9

### Flight to Cairns & Tour

Check out and transfer to the airport for your **flight to Cairns**, located on the Great Barrier Reef and renowned for its relaxed, tropical climate and laid-back ambience. Your **guided tour of Cairns** on arrival will feature the beautiful pier and marina, St. Monica’s Cathedral, and several stunning lookouts! After **dinner** tonight, enjoy some free time for strolling around the beach and parks, swimming in the lagoon, and enjoying the live entertainment at **Cairns Esplanade**. **Overnight in Cairns.**

### Day 10

### Kurunda, Cableway & Aboriginal Park

Take a **train** through the rainforest to the mountain town of Kurunda. Your **guided riverboat boat tour of Kurunda’s rainforest** will give you an up-close look at Australian wildlife, including kangaroos, koalas, crocodiles, and wombats. This afternoon, enjoy a **ride on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway**, where you will glide just above the rainforest canopy before descending deep into the heart of the forest. Next, **visit Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park**, a living history of the Indigenous people of the Australian rainforest. Here you will immerse yourself in traditional Tjapukai culture with authentic music, dance and storytelling by the Tjapukai people, the oldest living culture in the world! **Dinner and overnight in Cairns.**

### Day 11

### The Great Barrier Reef

**Explore the Great Barrier Reef** today, one of nature’s most stunningly beautiful attractions, and the largest living organism in the world! Hop aboard a **catamaran to the Outer Barrier Reef** to explore the crystal blue waters and surrounding islands and have the opportunity to **swim and/or snorkel**. Tonight, enjoy a **special farewell dinner**. **Final overnight in Cairns.**

### Day 12

### Return

Check out and transfer to the Cairns airport for your **return flights to the United States and connecting flight home.**