



# Inspiring Journeys

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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW



# WELCOME



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## Dear Traveller

You're invited to venture off the beaten track and truly connect with your destination through immersive experiences in an intimate small group setting. Traverse these lands via purpose built, air-conditioned bespoke vehicles and stay in boutique retreats with renowned local cuisine to truly enrich your experience.

Authentic experiences and breathtaking landscapes await you on your Inspiring Journey. Connect with your destination through regional produce and local wines from renowned makers. Retire to bespoke accommodation, selected for its unassuming position in awe-inspiring

surrounds. Enrich your experience with interactions with local characters and ancient cultures of myth and legend.

To help you with your planning we've compiled this helpful booklet. We're sure it will answer many of the questions you may have. We've included the essentials of all you'll need to know before your holiday and some information on Australia and New Zealand along with useful explanations to ensure you get the most out of your journey.

Sustaining and supporting the destinations we visit is of great

importance to us at Inspiring Journeys. As such, we are dedicated to minimising the environmental impact of our operations in any way we can. By choosing an Inspiring Journey you will be opting for one of the most environmentally friendly ways to travel ensuring the environment and communities we explore remain vibrant for future generations.

**At Inspiring Journeys we wish you many inspiring moments.**

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# BEFORE YOU GO



## LUGGAGE REQUIREMENTS

### Baggage Allowance

We are required by strict Government vehicle weight regulations to enforce and adhere to these limits. If your luggage exceeds this limit, we ask that you make alternative arrangements for the excess to be forwarded to the termination point of your holiday. Please note we suggest you have wheels on your suitcase, as there are certain places where assistance is not available (e.g. airports, railway stations and cruise terminals). All luggage and personal effects are at all times and in all circumstances at the risk of the participant. Luggage insurance is recommended.

### Luggage Allowance

This is restricted to one medium size suitcase per person not exceeding 23kg (50lbs) in weight and 76 x 46 x 25cm (28.5 x 19.5 x 10") in dimension.

**NB: this is just a recommended guide. These allowances are for coach travel only and may differ from your airline luggage allowances. Portage is included on your Inspiring Journeys.**

### Hand Luggage Allowance

Hand luggage should be one piece per person and small and light enough to fit under your coach seat or in the small overhead compartment. If luggage does not fit comfortably in the overhead luggage racks, it will be stored in the coach luggage compartment whilst in transit.

**NB: Luggage with adjustable handle and wheels will not fit in the overhead compartments and cannot be accepted as hand luggage.**

### Checklist:

#### Have you got your?

- Passport (for guests travelling overseas)
- Travel insurance
- Credit cards
- Money
- Airline tickets
- Inspiring Journeys holiday documents
- Camera
- Visas (if applicable)

**NB:**  
Do not pack  
your passport  
or money in  
your suitcase

# BEFORE YOU GO



## WHAT TO PACK

Start by writing a packing list. What clothing to bring will depend on your personal preferences, the destinations you are visiting and the time of year you are travelling. You should also take into consideration the activities and outings you will be going on. We generally recommend casual, lightweight, drip-dry clothing, which requires little or no ironing. Laundry facilities are available at most of the places we stay, however, take sufficient clothing to last for about a week.

Most people dress casually throughout the day, however, for the occasional evening out, you might want to pack something a little more formal. Please be aware that the Outback can be quite dusty. If you are travelling in these areas, we recommend you avoid packing good white clothes and other colours which show up the dust easily. A small supply of plastic bags for protecting clothing, camera or other items from dusty areas in inland Australia could also be useful.

The Checklist is a list of suggested items to consider when packing for your Inspiring Journey.

### Checklist:

- Underwear
- Swimsuit
- Good walking shoes & socks
- Sandals/thongs
- Sleepwear
- Waterproof jacket
- Shirts/blouses
- Jeans/trousers
- Shorts/skirts
- Pullover/cardigan
- Warm jacket
- Hat
- Towel
- Sunglasses
- Camera/phone charger



# BEFORE YOU GO



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Credit Cards

Most credit cards such as American Express, Visa and MasterCard are accepted in Australia and New Zealand. Some optional excursions cannot be paid by credit card. Your Journey Director or Driver Guide can advise you. Always remember to guard your credit cards, even on holiday.

#### Also:

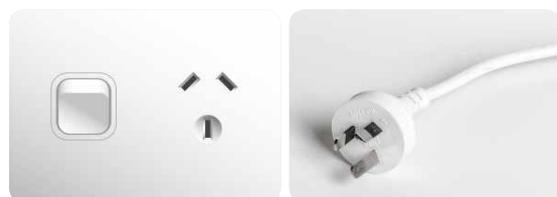
- Check the expiry date of your credit card and the amount of credit available to you (do not forget any credit card purchases made just before you leave).
- Ensure you know your Personal Identification Number (PIN). We recommend that you commit your PIN to memory and do not write it down.
- Ensure that your credit card is kept in view at all times when paying for goods and services.
- Ensure that the total amount of your purchase is entered on the sales voucher before you sign it.
- Retain all copies of sales vouchers until you have verified them against your statements.
- Insist that all 'spoiled' sales vouchers be destroyed in your presence.
- Only carry your credit card on you personally or in your hand luggage.
- Never leave your credit card unattended in your hotel room, vehicle or any other place.
- Treat your credit card as you would cash.
- Report immediately the loss or theft of your credit card.
- Notify your bank you are travelling to avoid your card being cancelled.

### Flying Hints

Ensure you carry all your travel documentation in your hand luggage, which also includes camera, toiletries, reading material etc. For those travelling internationally, make sure you take advantage of duty free shopping, but check the current duty free limits that apply in the country of your destination. The longer flights can be made a little more enjoyable by wearing loose clothing, good comfortable shoes as well as walking the aisles regularly, eating sensibly and drinking plenty of water. Try to get some sleep and upon arrival, adjust immediately into local time by waiting until evening before sleeping – this should relieve the effects of jet lag.

### Electricity – International visitors

The electrical current in Australia and New Zealand is 220- 240V AC 50Hz. Power plugs are flat and three-pronged so you may need to bring an adaptor if you are planning to bring any electrical items.



# TRAVELLING WITH US



## YOUR JOURNEY DIRECTOR

On your Inspiring Journey small group experience, you will be supported by a dedicated and passionate Journey Director, who will be on hand to help make your journey the best it can be. With in-depth knowledge of every destination, an abundance of personal experience and a genuine love for what they do, they can tailor your experiences to suit your tastes. Inspiring Journeys' Journey Directors are seasoned, experienced travellers, selected by us for their extensive knowledge. They are fully licensed, qualified and experienced professionals who are selected for their impeccable driving skills and record.

## ACCOMMODATION

We pride ourselves on providing the best possible accommodation in the remote regions visited on Inspiring Journeys. Our Journeys include a diverse range of accommodation styles. Please refer to the itinerary in your travel wallet for information regarding accommodation at each stop. On many journeys, you will have the chance to stay somewhere truly remarkable, whether it's an eco-lodge in the heart of a pristine national park or a boutique hotel in an idyllic country town, these places will charm you with their unique heritage and unparalleled service.

## LAUNDRY FACILITIES

Limited laundry facilities are available on your journey, therefore it is advisable to bring light, practical clothing that can be washed periodically, plus something warm to wear in the evenings. Laundry facilities normally consist of coin-operated washing machines and dryers.

## MEALS

On Inspiring Journeys much care is taken to provide healthy, hearty meals in remote locations. On all Inspiring Journeys in Australia, breakfast is included every day with some lunches and many dinners also included. Indulge the senses with gourmet food, authentic local produce and award-winning wines. We offer multiple gourmet dining experiences and opportunities to try traditional Indigenous meals. While many meals including buffet breakfasts and a farewell dinner are included for each Inspiring Journey, we also provide you with the freedom to dine where you like in selected destinations.

## BESPOKE VEHICLES

We've thought of everything to make your journey as comfortable as possible. Travel in style with fully air-conditioned luxury coaches or 4WD vehicles, and enjoy on-board complimentary drinks and snacks. Our coaches come with reclining seats, footrests, panoramic windows, and an on-board restroom, as well as USB ports and free WiFi (coverage may vary in remote areas). We also provide free arrival and departure transfers between designated airports and our hotels.

# GENERAL INFORMATION



Red Centre

## BUDGETING

This is a difficult subject to give advice on because the amount varies from person to person and a lot depends on how much you wish to spend on shopping, entertainment, drinks and optional experiences. Inspiring Journeys are virtually all inclusive, so you will only need money for refreshments, any meals not included, activities on free days and evenings, and personal expenses such as souvenirs etc.

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

In addition to the sightseeing activities that are included in your holiday price, there is a wide range of other exciting activities on offer. To assist you with planning your budget, your final documents will include a day-by-day itinerary with full details and costs of the optional experiences available. Some optional experiences can not be paid by cash. Your Journey Director or Driver Guide will advise you.

Note: Inspiring Journeys operates some of the optional excursions, but many are operated by third parties. Inspiring Journeys accepts no liability where optional experiences are operated by a third party. Please remember that all optional experiences are undertaken at your own risk.

## TIPPING

While it's not compulsory in Australia or New Zealand, tipping is becoming an increasingly accepted practice in all areas of the service industry, but particularly in restaurants, bars and taxis. Please feel free to tip your Journey Director or Driver Guide if you would like to.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Australia and New Zealand offer many wonderful opportunities for photographers and photos are a great way to record your holiday. Be sure to bring your camera and charger. To protect your camera equipment from dust, we suggest strong, re-sealable plastic bags.

## PRE OR POST CONNECTIONS

It is your responsibility to reconfirm your own air, road, rail or any other pre or post connections.

## RE-ROUTING OF JOURNEYS

Decisions on this are made just prior to each journey taking place and consideration is given to the conditions prevailing at the time. In transit, if weather or unforeseen circumstances interfere with the itinerary, it is at the discretion of Inspiring Journeys' operations team as to what arrangements are made.

## PHONING HOME – INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Before leaving home on your holiday, you can take steps to avoid returning home to an expensive phone bill:

- Check international calling and text rates. Disable data roaming and consider a prepaid service designed for international travellers.
- An international cell phone and prepaid SIM card lets you stay connected and in touch with family and friends, and control your costs at the same time.

# GENERAL INFORMATION



## ALCOHOL

Alcohol consumption is not permitted on our coaches, nor in some public places in Australia and New Zealand.

## SMOKING

Government regulations prohibit smoking inside tourist coaches within Australia and New Zealand. Please restrict smoking to the ample stops en route. Please be aware that smoking is not permitted in restaurants and other public places in Australia and New Zealand, such as shops, art galleries and museums.

## DRINKING WATER

It is recommended that you carry with you plenty of drinking water, particularly in the warmer climates. Drinking water varies from region to region and clients should check with their crew for suitability of consumption. Drinking water is available on our coaches.

**NB: Guests travelling to the Red Centre will need a three litre drink bottle for Kings Canyon.**

## WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Our tours operate during public holidays and festivals around Australia and New Zealand, but occasionally minor changes to the standard itinerary may be required. Retail shops, banks, museums and other commercial businesses could be closed for business but your Travel Director will ensure you are well advised in case of special holidays or public holiday trading. Hotels will operate normally.

## WIFI

We are pleased to offer free WiFi on most of our coaches. Select the Inspiring Journeys network in the WiFi settings on your device and open your browser to access 100MB of data per 24 hrs. You will need to ask your Journey Director or Driver Guide for the WiFi password.

**NB: WiFi access is dependent on cellular reception.**

## SOCIAL MEDIA - STAY CONNECTED!

Join the conversation on social media by following Inspiring Journeys on Facebook or Instagram. Just search for Inspiring Journeys.

Feel free to leave a review on TripAdvisor as well.

## SHARE YOUR HOLIDAY

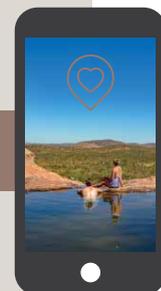
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# AUSTRALIA



## Delve into a continent rich with contrast.

The diversity of Australia is truly inspiring. Experience the magic of a desert sunrise against the fiery Red Centre landscape, marvel at the kaleidoscope of marine life on the Great Barrier Reef and walk along rugged untouched coast in Tasmania. Inspiring Journeys' Australia itineraries take you beyond the well-known to experience the hidden gems that reflect the ancient soul of the great southern land.

# NORTHERN TERRITORY



Wangi Falls



## Top End

The Top End is a region with magnificent scenery, world famous natural and cultural attractions such as the World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park, and many crystal clear waterfalls and swimming holes.

### DISCOVERING THE TOP END

#### Kakadu National Park

Kakadu National Park is one of the most scenic parks in Australia, rich with natural beauty and filled with native wildlife. Explore striking landscapes, explore Indigenous rock art sites and relax in the numerous swimming holes.

#### Katherine

Along the Stuart Highway, known as 'the track', 310km south of Darwin is the town of Katherine and the spectacular Katherine Gorge National Park. Here, the clear river flows between towering, brilliantly coloured walls to form one of the most fascinating river canyons in Australia.

#### Litchfield National Park

Litchfield National Park, west of Batchelor in the Tabletop Range, is a huge sandstone plateau cloaked with dry woodlands and forests. Close to the edge of the escarpment, springs bubble into creeks that have their ultimate destination within the rainforest valleys below, making spectacular waterfalls that flow throughout the year.

#### Annual Average Weather Patterns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max (°C)	32	32	32	33	32	31	30	31	33	34	34	33
Max (°F)	89.6	89.6	89.6	91.4	89.6	87.8	86	87.8	91.4	93.2	93.2	91.4
Min (°C)	25	25	25	24	22	20	20	21	23	25	25	25
Min (°F)	77	77	77	75.2	71.6	68	68	69.8	73.4	77	77	77
Rainfall (mm)	391	330	260	103	14	3	1	2	13	50	126	243

The Dry season spans from May until October and is characterised by warm, dry sunny days and cool nights. Whilst the Wet season (November to April) is characterised by increased humidity followed by monsoonal rains and storms.

# NORTHERN TERRITORY



## Red Centre

The heart of the Outback, Australia's Red Centre is an intriguing place, full of cultural and spiritual significance. Here you will find remarkable natural features such as Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuṯa (the Olgas), Kings Canyon, Palm Valley and Standley Chasm, as well as historic Alice Springs.

### DISCOVERING THE RED CENTRE

#### Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Uluru is a place of great cultural and spiritual significance. It is not a rock but a huge bed of arkose sandstone, deposited on the floor of an inland sea some 600 million years ago. It is properly described as a monolith and is a world famous rock formation.

#### Kings Canyon

The spectacular Kings Canyon is 100km to the southwest of Alice Springs. A climb to the rim of the Canyon will be rewarded with a view of the 'Lost City' – weathered rock which resembles the ruins of an ancient city and the 'Garden of Eden', a valley where permanent waterholes are overgrown with ancient cycad palms.

#### Kata Tjuṯa (the Olgas)

A total of 36 domes make up the awe-inspiring Kata Tjuṯa. The tallest of the domes, at a height of 546m, is some 200m taller than Uluru.

#### Mereenie Loop

The Mereenie Loop Road is an unsealed road of 337 kilometres that provides for an alternative scenic route from Alice Springs to Uluru. Drive through the ancient heart of the Australian Outback and prepare to pass some of the Northern Territory's most spectacular natural and sacred attractions.

### Annual Average Weather Patterns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max (°C)	37	36	33	29	23	20	19	22	26	31	34	35
Max (°F)	98.6	96.8	91.4	84.2	73.4	68	66.2	71.6	78.8	87.8	93.2	95
Min (°C)	22	21	18	14	9	6	4	7	10	15	18	20
Min (°F)	71.6	69.8	64.4	57.2	48.2	42.8	39.2	44.6	50	59	64.4	68
Rainfall (mm)	34	39	22	12	17	16	13	12	6	20	23	32

The Red Centre is a four season destination experiencing Summer (December-February), Autumn (March-May), Winter (June-August) and Spring (September-November) with large variations in temperature from season to season.

# QUEENSLAND



## Tropical North Queensland

Rightly deserving its reputation as the 'Sunshine State', Queensland is fortunate to experience a perfect tropical climate. With over 1.7 million sq km, it is one of Australia's largest states with variety to match its series of distinct regions. From the lush coastal region, the mountainous Great Dividing Range and tablelands to the vast Outback, Queensland has many amazing sights.

### DISCOVER AUSTRALIA'S TROPICAL PARADISE

#### Cairns

Lush tropical Cairns is the 'capital' of the tropical north and has something for everyone. The Cairns coastal and regional areas have their own unique beauty and draw visitors to Cairns all year round. Perhaps shop at the Pier or relax in one of the many cafés.

#### Great Barrier Reef

Spanning more than 2000km along the north eastern coast of Australia, the Great Barrier Reef is where you can enjoy the immense beauty, colour and richness of a truly natural underwater wonder. It is not a continuous barrier, but a broken maze of coral reefs and coral cays. The Reef is home to many diverse species of marine life including 1,500 species of fish, 400 types of coral and 1,500 types of mollusc.

#### Annual Average Weather Patterns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max (°C)	29	29	28	26	23	21	20	22	24	26	28	29
Max (°F)	84.2	84.2	82.4	78.8	73.4	69.8	68	71.6	75.2	78.8	82.4	84.2
Min (°C)	21	20	19	16	13	11	9	10	13	16	18	17
Min (°F)	69.8	68	66.2	60.8	55.4	51.8	48.2	50	55.4	60.8	64.4	62.6
Rainfall (mm)	162	164	145	87	69	69	57	47	48	75	95	130

The North Queensland climate is made up of experiences hot and humid summers and mild, dry winters. North Queensland experiences four seasons, Summer (December-February), Autumn (March-May), Winter (June-August) and Spring (September-November) with the annual maximum temperature at 29°C (84.2°F), with 62% humidity.

# NEW SOUTH WALES



Sydney Harbour



## Australia's East Coast

New South Wales, Australia's most populous state, is home to our largest city, Sydney. Its temperate climate, with sunshine most days of the year, provides the ideal environment for visitors to this spectacular state.

### DISCOVER THE SOUTH EAST COAST

#### Sydney

The capital of NSW and Australia's oldest and largest city, Sydney was established by Captain Arthur Phillip as a penal colony. The city grew in chaos for many years until 1810 when Governor Macquarie set about restoring order and improving roads and communications. Today, Sydney has the world's best natural harbour with 55 sq km of water catering for 4,000 vessels each year.

#### Blue Mountains

The Blue Mountains, located 100km west of Sydney, are a popular destination for Sydney-siders and tourists alike. The Blue Mountains take their name from the blue haze which lingers over the range, a result of the fine mist of oil from eucalyptus trees. Some of the most popular attractions include Echo Point where you can view the Three Sisters rock formation, the cable car and the scenic railway which show the splendour of the Jamison Valley and the quaint town of Leura.

#### Hunter Valley

Just 90 minutes north of Sydney lies the picturesque Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine producing area. Nestled amongst the exciting wineries are a fantastic spread of shops, restaurants and other attractions making the Hunter Valley one of the most visited regions in Australia. Be amazed by the Hunter Valley Gardens, home to the largest gardens in the Southern Hemisphere.

### Annual Average Weather Patterns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max (°C)	26	25	25	22	19	17	16	17	20	22	24	25
Max (°F)	78.8	77	77	71.6	66.2	62.6	60.8	62.6	68	71.6	75.2	77
Min (°C)	18	18	17	15	11	9	8	9	11	13	15	17
Min (°F)	64.4	64.4	62.6	59	51.8	48.2	46.4	48.2	51.8	55.4	59	62.6
Rainfall (mm)	98	113	128	127	124	131	105	81	70	75	78	80

New South Wales enjoys a sunny climate with mild winters and warm summers. New South Wales experiences four seasons, Summer (December-February), Autumn (March-May), Winter (June-August) and Spring (September-November) with the average temperature ranging from 18.6 - 25.8°C (65.5 - 78.4°F), and average humidity spikes to 65%.

# VICTORIA



Melbourne Arcade



## Australia's South East

Victoria is our smallest mainland state, yet has the country's second highest population. Victoria's capital, Melbourne is recognised as the cultural capital of Australia with its wide array of restaurants, shopping, entertainment and sports.

### DISCOVER THE SOUTH EAST COAST

#### Melbourne

Melbourne is renowned for its fine food, fashion, sport and culture, as well as its historic buildings and delightful gardens. It is 5km inland from Port Phillip Bay, by the banks of the Yarra River and has a population of over three million people.

#### Daylesford

Home to historic Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa, Daylesford also features beautiful Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens and the 'Peace Mile' Walk around Lake Daylesford.

#### Clunes

Visit the historic town of Clunes. Known for its historic main street facade, the town has been the setting for well-known films including Heath Ledger's Ned Kelly, Mad Max 1 and the 1950s classic On the Beach.

#### The Grampians

The Grampians high sandstone peaks were laid down from rivers during the Devonian period 380 million years ago. See its spectacular natural rock formations, waterfalls and panoramic views from Halls Gap.

#### Great Ocean Road

Embark on one of the world's great scenic coastline drives, where you will visit some a range of famous attractions including the Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge, Bells Beach and the seaside village of Lorne.

### Annual Average Weather Patterns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max (°C)	26	26	24	20	17	14	13	15	17	20	22	24
Max (°F)	78.8	78.8	75.2	68	62.6	57.2	55.4	59	62.6	68	71.6	75.2
Min (°C)	14	14	13	11	9	7	6	6	8	9	11	13
Min (°F)	57.2	57.2	55.4	51.8	48.2	44.6	42.8	42.8	46.4	48.2	51.8	55.4
Rainfall (mm)	48	50	54	59	57	50	48	49	58	67	59	58

Victoria enjoys warm summers and crisp winters. With its variable climate, Victoria's has four seasons, Summer (December-February), Autumn (March-May), Winter (June-August) and Spring (September-November).

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Busselton Jetty, Margaret River



## Australia's West

Western Australia is Australia's largest state and in fact, the largest state in the world. Despite its size it has a population of only 1.8 million people, the majority of whom live in the capital, Perth. Western Australia's unique range of attractions also contains some of the world's last remaining frontiers.

## DISCOVER AUSTRALIA'S WILD WEST

### Perth

Founded in 1829 and situated 18km up the Swan River on Australia's west coast, Perth is fast becoming one of Australia's most cosmopolitan cities.

### Fremantle

Discover the bustling, dynamic port city of Fremantle. Known for its maritime past and Victorian architecture, stroll along the streets of terrace homes and historic buildings, uncovering the unique insights into the past, present and future of the city.

### Rottneest Island

Located just 25 minutes off the coast of Perth, this is Western Australia's very own island paradise. Rottneest Island is blessed with some of the world's finest beaches, unique wildlife and pristine bays.

## Annual Average Weather Patterns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max (°C)	30	30	28	24	21	18	17	18	19	21	25	27
Max (°F)	86	86	82.4	75.2	69.8	64.4	62.6	64.4	66.2	69.8	77	80.6
Min (°C)	18	18	17	14	12	10	9	9	10	11	14	16
Min (°F)	64.4	64.4	62.6	57.2	53.6	50	48.2	48.2	50	51.8	57.2	60.8
Rainfall (mm)	8	11	20	40	124	186	174	139	81	55	21	14

Western Australia enjoys hot, dry summers and mild winters. Western Australia has four seasons, Summer (December-February), Autumn (March-May), Winter (June-August) and Spring (September-November).

# TASMANIA



Bay of Fires



## Australia's Island State

Australia's island state is a treasure trove of things to do and see. With pristine wilderness areas and stunning historic sights, Tasmania is a beautiful state with something to interest everyone.

### DISCOVER THE ISLAND STATE OF AUSTRALIA

#### Hobart

Hobart is an enchanting little city built around a beautiful yacht-studded harbour in the shadow of majestic Mt. Wellington.

#### Bay of Fires

Located on Tasmania's east coast, the Bay of Fires is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful places in Australia. Stretching over 50 km from Binalong Bay in the south to Eddystone point in the north. Famous for its orange lichen-covered granite boulders and white sand beaches with turquoise waters, the Bay of Fires are one of the most pristine natural wonders of the world.

#### Freycinet National Park

Freycinet is a spectacular national park on Tasmania's east coast. It features clean white sands, rocky headlands and granite peaks. There are many walking tracks through the park, with one of the most popular being the track to the Wineglass Bay lookout.

#### Annual Average Weather Patterns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max (°C)	22	22	20	17	14	12	11	13	15	17	19	20
Max (°F)	71.6	71.6	68	62.6	57.2	53.6	51.8	55.4	59	62.6	66.2	68
Min (°C)	12	12	11	9	7	5	4	5	6	8	9	11
Min (°F)	53.6	53.6	51.8	48.2	44.6	41	39.2	41	42.8	46.4	48.2	51.8
Rainfall (mm)	45	41	44	52	50	57	54	49	53	61	61	56

Tasmania is a world away from Australia's tropical northern climates. With a temperate climate and four distinct seasons, Summer (December-February), Autumn (March-May), Winter (June-August) and Spring (September-November).

# NEW ZEALAND



## Step into a world unlike any other.

To discover magnificent New Zealand is to discover the unspoiled. Step into this world and be awed by volcanic fields, crystal-clear fiordlands and pristine lakes. From the Māori heritage of the north, to the Sounds of the south, expect to explore further, to discover untamed regional landscapes, thundering waterfalls, and soaring Redwood forest.

# THE NORTH ISLAND



Tamaki Maori Village



## The North Island of New Zealand

New Zealand's North Island is a land filled with natural contrast, rich culture and local charm. From the striking landscapes to unique Māori experience, the North Island is an exceptionally versatile destination.

### DISCOVER THE NORTH ISLAND

#### Wellington

Wellington has been New Zealand's capital since 1865, when the seat of government was moved here from Auckland. As Wellington is only 2km wide, it is explored easily by foot. Located between a beautiful harbour and rolling green hills, Wellington has excellent shopping, professional theatre and cafés and restaurants all close to untouched nature spots.

#### Auckland

New Zealand's largest city is also referred to as the 'City of Sails', as it reportedly has the most boats per capita in the world. It is situated on a narrow peninsula between two harbours and built around 49 volcanoes, thereby providing some spectacular harbour views.

#### Rotorua

Rotorua's main attractions are the boiling mud pools, hot springs and geysers. This geological activity is due to the fact that the earth's crust is very thin in this area, allowing pressures from deep within the earth to be released to the surface. For many years, these features were used in everyday life by not only the Māori people but also the early European settlers. Rotorua, meaning 'the second lake', is also of cultural significance, with one-third of the 70,000 strong population being of Māori descent.

#### Annual Average Weather Patterns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max (°C)	20	20	19	17	14	12	11	12	13	15	17	19
Max (°F)	68	68	66.2	62.6	57.2	53.6	51.8	53.6	55.4	59	62.6	66.2
Min (°C)	13	13	12	10	8	6	5	6	7	9	10	12
Min (°F)	55.4	55.4	53.6	50	46.4	42.8	41	42.8	44.6	48.2	50	53.6
Rainfall (mm)	78	60	96	107	121	139	142	135	104	99	94	91

New Zealand's North Island enjoys a warm, coastal climate without any extremes of temperature. The average daily temperature in Auckland during the summer is 23°C (74°F), while winter temperatures are on average 14°C (57°F).

# THE SOUTH ISLAND



## The South Island of New Zealand

New Zealand's South Island is home to a range of iconic destinations. From the still waters of Milford Sound and snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps to the rolling hills of Central Otago, delve into the beauty of landscapes that have remained unchanged for millennia.

### DISCOVER THE SOUTH ISLAND

#### Christchurch

The South Island's largest city and the 'English' city of New Zealand, Christchurch is known for its beautiful gardens and the tree-lined Avon River which runs through it. Early settlers wanted to call the river 'The Shakespeare'.

#### Milford Sound

Accessed from the resort town of Te Anau, Milford Sound is surrounded by walls that rise 1,200m from the sea. One of the most striking and famous features of Milford Sound is the 1695m high Mitre Peak.

#### Te Anau

The serene deep waters of Lake Te Anau make up the largest lake in the South Island and second largest in New Zealand, and are bordered on its western shore by lush virgin forest.

#### Franz Josef & Fox Glaciers

The West Coast glaciers are some of the largest and most accessible glaciers in the Westland National Park. Franz Josef was named in 1865 in honour of the Emperor of Austria. The Fox Glacier was named in 1872 after an early NZ Prime Minister, William Fox.

#### Queenstown

Queenstown is recognised as the 'adventure capital' of New Zealand and there are plenty of things to do on the water, in the air and on the land.

### Annual Average Weather Patterns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max (°C)	20	20	18	15	12	9	8	10	12	15	16	19
Max (°F)	68	68	64.4	59	53.6	48.2	46.4	50	53.6	59	60.8	66.2
Min (°C)	14	13	12	10	6	5	4	5	7	10	10	13
Min (°F)	57.2	55.4	53.6	50	42.8	41	39.2	41	44.6	50	50	55.4
Rainfall (mm)	52	43	52	54	69	65	70	55	45	46	47	55

New Zealand's South Island enjoys a warm, coastal climate without any extremes of temperature. With a temperate climate and four distinct seasons, Summer (December-February), Autumn (March-May), Winter (June-August) and Spring (September-November).



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