Dip into the cool waters of Gunlom Falls, on an Inspiring Journey that takes in Kakadu National Park.

Experience Gunlom Falls on Northern Territory Dreaming & Kakadu’s Ancient Secrets.

Experience pure stillness as you kayak through UNESCO World Heritage listed Milford Sound.

Breathe it in on The Long White Cloud & The Southern Drift.
An Inspiring Journey at its heart imbues this philosophy, of travel as a gift – of enrichment, of perspective, of experience.

The Inspiring Journeys experience is therefore one that is infused with connection. You’re invited to venture off the beaten track, to truly connect with your destination, through immersive experiences in an intimate small group setting, allowing access into the most remote locations. Traverse these lands via purpose built, air-conditioned bespoke vehicles and stay in boutique retreats with renowned local cuisine to truly enrich your experience.

Designed for immersion and authentic connection.

“IT’S NOT THE DESTINATION, IT’S THE JOURNEY”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson.
Welcome to Inspiring Journeys

We invite you to embark on an exclusive and unique small group journey through magnificent Australia and New Zealand. Discover ancient cultures, rugged destinations and take part in immersive experiences in style.

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DISCOVER – Delve into the soul of what makes each location unique.
EXPLORE – Leave no stone unturned on an epic exploration.
IMMERSE – Immerse yourself in the fascinating layers of your destination.
RELAX – Take time to relax and reflect on your spectacular surrounds.

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Every destination holds endless opportunities to create lasting memories through enriching and inspiring experiences. At Inspiring Journeys, we ensure that all trips showcase a wide variety of highlights that are authentic, engaging and off the beaten track.

Our experiences feature real locals who hold genuine connections to each destination as well as breathtakingly unique landscapes. Whether it’s staying in the heart of a pristine national park or having an outback bush barbecue under the stars, each journey will inspire stories to last a lifetime.

**Smaller Groups**

A small group experience ensures a level of intimacy with destination and community available to a privileged few. With a maximum of only 20 guests per journey, your experience will be more exclusive, more intimate, by nature allowing access to boutique accommodation and experiences. An Inspiring Journey will invite you to access unique locations, and local connections that simply can’t be reached by larger groups.

*Linda L  ★★★★★ 5.0/5 | feefo*

“This was a most amazing journey from the minute we were picked up at the airport to the last bitter-sweet moment of saying goodbye to our travel companions. Our tour guide was delightful, knowledgeable, humorous, caring - perfect! She took excellent care of us. Our driver was extremely competent and a pleasure to travel with. Loved the unique destinations and little side trips. Accommodations were great and the travel days nicely planned. I would go again tomorrow if I could!”

*Peppers Mineral Springs Hotel, Daylesford, Victoria*
Experience Redefined

Our boutique journeys redefine the experience of authenticity. Each is superbly curated to offer not only the most immersive experiences, but to add the tiny, noticeable touches that infuse the experience with an exclusivity only a privileged few will ever have the opportunity to experience. The luxury of time, the space to stop and savour your holiday, and the delivery of seamless travel, with impressive quality and service at every step of the journey.

Bespoke Journeys

Every element of every Inspiring Journey has been curated to invite guests to encounter a tailor made experience, with the guiding hand of an expert. On your journey, enjoy an ideal balance of freedom and flexibility, allowing you to capture the essence of the destination exactly as you desire. Enjoy fresh regional produce at renowned local establishments, be treated to experiences that are exclusively available to Inspiring Journeys guests, and interact with local characters, who will bring your journey to life.

Take Only Precious Memories

Inspiring Journeys is a proud partner of the visionary TreadRight Foundation, ensuring that global conservation and responsible tourism remain at the heart of every journey we put together.

Immersive Encounters

Every Inspiring Journey has been designed to allow you to look beneath the surface, and experience truly authentic encounters with rich cultures, built on ancient legends of Dreamtime and warriors. Your understanding of each destination is enhanced and enriched by a range of hands-on, authentic experiences, where you’ll meet personally those with ancestral ties to the land, truly bringing to life the story and soul of your surrounds. This is how lifelong memories are created.

Our Passion, Your Experience

Infused with a passion for the destinations that they specialised in, your Journey Directors are eager to share their passionate and in-depth knowledge with you. Their smiling stories and captivating insights give an entertaining, fascinating window into every part of your journey. Share in their experience and uncover truly unique locations, secret trails and roads less travelled.

Curtin Springs paper making, Northern Territory

Tamaki Māori Village, Rotorua, New Zealand

Milford Sound, Fiordland, New Zealand

Rainbow Springs Nature Park, Rotorua, New Zealand

Standley Chasm, Northern Territory
Discover

Look for this icon to find Discover highlights

With each journey comes an opportunity to discover a destination and a little more about one’s self. Delve into the soul of what makes each place special – the sights, sounds, smells and tastes that set one location apart from another and fixes them in our memory forever. Inspiring Journeys scratch beneath the surface, sharing not only iconic destinations, but special places that few have had an opportunity to encounter without the guiding hand of an expert.

Haast River Safari, New Zealand
Travel on a purpose built fully enclosed river jet boat with front-loading access. Great visibility is ensured, yet you remain warm, dry and comfortable, making this a unique and safe experience suitable for everyone.

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Gunlom Falls, Northern Territory
Refresh in the picturesque swimming holes of World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park. Hike to the top of Gunlom falls for a splash in the natural plunge pool, where you’re rewarded with spectacular views over Kakadu.

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Kayaking in Milford Sound, New Zealand
Imagine a peaceful silence, broken only by bird calls and the sound of your paddle in the water. Experience the magic of Milford Sound up close on a guided kayaking adventure before coming face to face with the local marine life below the surface in New Zealand’s only floating underwater observatory.

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Sailing in Sydney, New South Wales
With the wind in your sails, it’s time to kick-start your afternoon on famous Sydney Harbour. Prime your sea legs and join your sailing crew on board a luxury yacht. Take the helm, work the grinders and or simply kick back as you sail past the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge.
Experience this on Inspiring Australia, pg 24

Art Deco Vintage Car Tour, Napier, New Zealand
Relive the glamour and style of the jazz era with a luxurious vintage car tour. You’ll be met by your driver, who will provide a fascinating commentary as you are driven in style through Napier and surrounding areas.
Experience this on The Endless Shore, pg 60

Waitomo Caves, New Zealand
Family-run and locally owned, Caveworld has exclusive access to the Footwhistle Cave, a stunning limestone network beneath the rolling hills of Waitomo. Here you’ll discover a labyrinth of magnificent, undisturbed glowworm displays. Better, we believe, than anywhere else in the world.
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Explore

Look for this icon to find Explore highlights
Leave no stone unturned as you enjoy an epic exploration made possible through our unforgettable range of Inspiring Journeys. Interact and connect with your surrounds, uncovering the hidden gems and insider experiences that any local would be proud to share with their treasured guests. From the edgy designs of Melbourne’s celebrated street art to the soulful splendour of Kakadu valley viewed from a secluded vantage point, embark on an unforgettable exploration of Australia and New Zealand on your terms.
Redwoods Treewalk, Rotorua, New Zealand
Experience the Redwoods Treewalk, enjoying an elevated bird’s-eye view of these redwood giants from a series of 23 suspension bridges linking the majestic trees, a completely unique perspective.
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Daintree Rainforest, Queensland
See the lush Daintree, the world’s oldest living rainforest, from a new perspective during a private guided tour. Your Indigenous guide will highlight medicinal properties of plants and demonstrate tradition bush tucker while sharing the culture and stories of the Kuku Yalanji people.
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wukalina walk through the Bay of Fires, Tasmania
Embark on a two-night Aboriginal-owned and operated guided walk through the magnificent natural landscapes of the Bay of Fires and Mt. William areas, the cultural homeland of the palawa people.
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Relax

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Take time to relax and reflect on your spectacular surrounds. Inspiring Journeys are designed with flexibility in mind, giving you time to unwind and enjoy the destination at your own pace. Be inspired by the scenic natural beauty that lies ahead. Steal a quiet moment for yourself, indulging in delicious local flavours and relaxing in serene locations, from the renowned wineries of the southern hemisphere to the healing spa waters of Daylesford.

The Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld, Victoria
Explore the kitchen garden of the award-winning restaurant at the Royal Mail Hotel. Join the ground’s gardener for a guided walk through their kitchen garden, which supplies most of the hotel’s produce. Set on just over an acre, it’s Australia’s largest and most productive organic kitchen garden.
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Craggy Range, Hawke’s Bay, New Zealand
Located at the foot of Te Mata Peak, the architecturally designed Giants winery complex serves the best local and seasonal produce prepared by Head Chef Casey McDonald. Enjoy a 3 course dining experience with wine pairing.
Experience this on The Endless Shores, pg 60

Under a Desert Moon Experience, Northern Territory
Set in the wilderness under a canopy of the Southern Night sky, be treated to a unique dining experience, Under a Desert Moon. Enjoy sparkling wine and canapés followed by a four-course dinner, prepared from fresh produce and ingredients unique to the Australian Outback.
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Guiding Your Journey

On an Inspiring Journey, 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.

In Service to You

Available around the clock, your Journey Director will ensure your trip exceeds your highest expectations. Equipped with years of experience, they will take care of all of the logistical details of a smooth-running journey, like hotel check-ins and baggage transfers. It’s all part of their passion to offer you an unforgettable experience, every step of the way.

Local Expert Knowledge

One of the most valuable aspects of your Journey Director’s role is to help you connect with the places you visit through authentic experiences. Connected with the locals, our expert team will suggest the finest restaurants, spas and other activities you’ll love as well as provide you with a wealth of information on each destination’s heritage and traditions.
“Travelling through the Red Centre, rich with traditions and culture, in a small intimate group of travellers, makes the whole experience more personalised and authentic. Each location is absolutely breathtaking and comes with its own unique story, and I love being able to share this with guests who are eager to learn about the ancient narratives of these sacred landscapes.”

Brett Holmes
Northern Territory Journey Director

“New Zealand is a breathtaking destination that is filled with spectacular scenery and beautiful heritage. A highlight of mine is watching guests discover the wonders of New Zealand at their own pace. Being able to take the time to reflect on the magnificent surrounds, allows guests to truly immerse themselves in the destination.”

Katie Lupton
New Zealand Journey Director

“From Our Guests

“We highly recommend Inspiring Journeys having done back-to-back tours, The Colour of Red followed by Kakadu’s Ancient Secrets, with them last year. The vehicle was very comfortable with great amenities, driver and guide all very knowledgeable and skilled. The activity level was well within our capabilities and there was plenty of choice for the different needs of our fellow travelers. The scenery was fantastic and the optional flights well worth doing, you get an entirely different perspective of Australia’s vast landscapes.”

Mary M 5.0/5 | feefo
Outback Australia: The Colour of Red

“I love being able to call Australia home, to me it’s the most spectacular place on Earth. There is so much beauty and culture everywhere, and to be able to show guests from all over the world how beautiful the heart of Australia is as my job is a wonderful privilege. Watching a guest really connect with the land and its history in their own way is a definite highlight.”

Myles Devonshire
Northern Territory Journey Director
Enjoy Your Stay

Relax and unwind in comfort throughout your journey, with each trip featuring hand-selected lodgings at every destination. 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.
Unwind in comfort at the end of each day, secure in the knowledge that you’re enjoying your stay in the best-handpicked accommodation in each destination you’ll visit.

Accommodation

Look for this symbol for the selected accommodation for your Inspiring Journey. Unwind in comfort at the end of each day, secure in the knowledge that you’re enjoying your stay in the best-handpicked accommodation in each destination you’ll visit.
Local Gourmet Experiences

Fully immerse yourself in your destination with fine local flavours, authentic farm-to-table produce and award-winning wines. Designed to complement and elevate your destination experience, all dining has been hand-selected to highlight the regions’ specialities. Taste traditional flavours, favoured by first-nations communities for centuries, such as Aboriginal lemon myrtle and Kakadu plum, or an earthen Māori Hangi.
Dining

Many of the meals and award-winning wines, and much of the authentic local produce you’ll enjoy on your Inspiring Journey are included. Look for this symbol indicating which meals are included each day.
Inspiring Journeys is a founding partner of the TreadRight Foundation that works to safeguard the planet, wildlife and people in the places we visit for generations to come. Travel is an incredible gift. It has the ability to open our eyes, our hearts and our minds to the unique cultures and spellbinding beauty of the natural world. But with this gift comes a responsibility – to protect the world as we know it.

By being a foundation member of TreadRight, we work together to have a positive impact on the people and communities we visit, to help protect marine and wildlife, and to care for the planet we all call home. For more information visit TreadRight.org and connect on social media: @TreadRight #TreadRight #MakeTravelMatter.

Planet Initiatives

Reducing the environmental impact of our business isn’t just a nice-to-have for us, it’s at the core of what we do. Together with The Travel Corporation, we’ve committed to eliminating all single-use plastics in both our offices and out on the road by 2022. And that’s just the beginning. In 2017 we introduced our e-docs programme which allows our guests to receive their travel documents digitally, replacing the need for paper whilst also having a tree planted in their name as part of our One Tree Planted initiative. All of this, whilst supporting projects striving to keep our oceans and coastlines clean, are just some of the ways we’re committing to safeguarding the future of our planet.
Wildlife Initiatives

The world’s wildlife is balancing on a dangerous precipice, so it is our responsibility to help protect some of these species most at risk from extinction. Partnering with leading wildlife organisations, we work to help protect and rehabilitate some of the elephant, rhino and big cat populations around the world, whilst also educating our guests on ethical wildlife experiences.

Kiwi Conservation Programme

We contribute to ‘Operation Nest Egg’ Kiwi Breeding Programme in Rotorua to hatch and raise chicks, perform health checks and daily monitoring.

Guests get to have a behind the scenes guided tour including the kiwi encounter where you can see the hatchery and the kiwi breeding programme in action.

55% of kiwis hatched nationwide

The hatchery at Rainbow Springs is the largest kiwi conservation hatchery in the world, 76% of all North Island chicks and 55% of chicks hatched nationwide are incubated and hatched at the hatchery and visitors on the ‘behind the scenes’ tours are given a unique insight into the plight of the kiwi and the work that the team do every day to help save kiwi.

Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors

Here in Australia, we’ve partnered with Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors, one of the largest and busiest wildlife hospitals in the world!

Their mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and release sick, injured or displaced native wildlife, contributing to research that supports conservation of Australian native fauna.

Thanks to Inspiring Journeys and the TreadRight Foundation, the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital has treated over 2,360 koalas since 2014 providing koalas with a much needed lifeline. As Australia’s busiest koala hospital, the facility is at the forefront of koala research and conservation.

We’ve helped support over 2,360 koalas

Despite being one of Australia’s most iconic animals, the koala is under severe threat in the wild. Habitat destruction, road accidents, dog attacks and life threatening diseases continue to devastate populations.

Through sponsoring the trauma treatment ward at the Wildlife Hospital, the TreadRight Foundation directly helps up to 13 koalas in recovery at any one time.

With this support, the dedicated team of veterinary staff work tirelessly to provide hundreds of koalas each year with a second chance at life in the wild.

People Initiatives

At TreadRight, we are committed to encouraging the cultures, traditions and arts of the communities we visit to thrive. We seek to enable some of these communities to see true benefit from tourism through economic empowerment. We do this through our support of micro-enterprises, and community based tourism initiatives that builds positive futures for community members and their families.
Our Commitment
We are committed to establishing lasting relationships with our guests by exceeding their expectations the first time and every time.

Our Passion
We show pride, energy and determination in all that we do. We are committed to creating exceptional experiences for our guests, employees and Journey Directors.

Our Customers
We put our guests at the heart of everything we do in order to secure their engagement, loyalty and recommendation.

Our Responsibility
Through partnering with the TreadRight Foundation, we strive to enhance and protect the communities we work in and to be a good corporate citizen.
Family Values

Inspiring Journeys is a member of The Travel Corporation (TTC), a 4th generation, family-owned business with over 100 years of travel expertise and passion. With a multi-award-winning portfolio ranging from luxury hotels and boutique river cruises, to independent vacation package companies and a variety of guided travel experiences, TTC offers something for everyone.

We are worldwide experts with 42 travel and tourism brands spanning over 70 countries, serving over 2 million customers annually. We pride ourselves on taking a long-term view, with an ethos of attention to detail in all areas of the company.

For more information, visit TTC.com
Australia

Cape Cultural Tours create a deep connection and lasting memories through Aboriginal interpretive experiences along the spectacular capes and coastlines of the Margaret River Region. Enter the Boodja (country) of the Wadandi people through their eyes and learn about the Noongar seasons and the encircling connections with the rivers, seas, animals, fish and plants. Move along the breathtaking Cape to Cape track gathering a deeper appreciation of the ecology, and why the past is ever present to the land’s traditional custodians.
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, 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.

Delve into a continent rich with contrast. Find wonder in ancient lands.
Venture on a journey through Australia’s most iconic sights. Experience the ancient Gondwana Rainforests of Northern Australia, majestic Uluru in the spiritual Red Centre, and the iconic harbour city of Sydney.

Inspiring Australia

Daintree Rainforest, Queensland

The oldest rainforest in the world is estimated to be 180 million years old which is tens of millions of years older than the Amazon Rainforest. It’s home to over 3000 species of plants, and contains 395 species that are listed as either rare or threatened.
Discover
Cruise the Great Barrier Reef to experience its fragile beauty, and see the incredible landscapes of the Blue Mountains.

Explore
Take a guided walk through Kata Tjuta’s mystical domes, and around the six-kilometre rim of magnificent Kings Canyon.

Immerse
Journey to the Daintree for an immersive Indigenous experience, then visit Curtin Springs and gain insight into the cattle rearing heritage.

Relax
Dine at award-winning Nu Nu Restaurant overlooking the crystal-clear waters of Palm Cove, then taste your way through the Hunter Valley.

13 DAYS Cairns • Palm Cove • Daintree Rainforest • Great Barrier Reef • Uluru • Kata Tjuta • Kings Canyon • Alice Springs • Sydney • Blue Mountains • Hunter Valley

See itinerary next page >
Day 1: Welcome to Cairns – Palm Cove

Welcome to Tropical Far North Queensland. This afternoon meet your Journey Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception followed by dinner at award-winning Nu Nu Restaurant overlooking the stunning crystal clear water of the Coral Sea. Dine on modern Australian cuisine using only the freshest local produce at this ultimate tropical beachfront restaurant.

Alamanda Palm Cove, 3 nights

Day 2: Daintree Rainforest

Join your Aboriginal guide on an exclusive experience to discover the ancient Daintree Rainforest and gain an insight into the deep relationship the local Kuku Yalanji people have with their land. Learn about cultural traditions, taste bush foods and sample traditional medicine of the Aboriginal people.

Breakfast, lunch

Day 3: Great Barrier Reef

Board a Quicksilver wave piercing catamaran for your cruise to Agincourt Reef, at the outer edge of the UNESCO listed Great Barrier Reef. The professional crew will take you to an underwater world that is a dazzling kaleidoscope of colour and brilliance. Choose to snorkel or you can stay dry and explore the stunning reef from the comfort of a semi-sub. Enjoy a tropical lunch before you return to Palm Cove.

Day 4: Cairns – Uluru & Kata Tjuta

Today we fly from Cairns to the heart of the Red Centre, Uluru. This afternoon you’re off to the domes of Kata Tjuta, where you’ll join your Journey Director for a guided walk through Walpa Gorge. Later enjoy nibbles and sparkling wine while you watch Uluru change colour as the sun sets below the horizon.

Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights

Day 5: Uluru

Rise early to experience the renowned Field of Light, where 50,000 glass spheres in colours of ochre, deep violet, blue and gentle white, have been installed within sight of Uluru. Wander through the paths and then, from the dune-top, watch as the dawn creeps across the desert plain and lights up the Red Centre. After breakfast you will have the opportunity to take a walk around part of the base of Uluru and hear timeless stories, see rock art, and visit Mutitjulu Waterhole. Then it’s off to the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre for an insight into the history of the local Anangu people. This evening enjoy a Local Dining Experience under the sparkling outback sky at the award-winning Sounds of Silence Dinner.

Taste bush food in the Daintree Rainforest

Field of Light
Day 6: Uluru – Kings Canyon
Experience the magic of the sunrise over Uluru before heading back to the hotel for breakfast. From here you will travel towards Kings Canyon. Your first stop is Curtin Springs, home to the Severin family since 1956. Enjoy a barbecue lunch, where you will meet one of the locals and gain insight into the cattle rearing heritage. Later this evening enjoy a delicious dinner at Carmichael’s Restaurant.

Kings Canyon Resort
★ Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 7: Kings Canyon – Alice Springs
Today you’re off on a sunrise six-kilometre Rim Walk exploration of the spectacular Kings Canyon. As you venture around the rim, highlights include the domed ‘Lost City’, and the luscious ‘Garden of Eden’. This evening, enjoy a Local Dining Experience outback bush barbecue under the stars.

Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters
★ Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 8: Alice Springs – Sydney
This morning visit the School of the Air, a crucial service providing education to children living in remote Australian communities. You will also visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, a facility that provides medical assistance to those who live in remote Australia. This afternoon, Alice Springs gives way to cosmopolitan Sydney.

The Langham
★ Breakfast

Day 9: Sydney – Blue Mountains
Head off on a day of discovery to the million-acre World Heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park. Breathe in the pristine air and discover the icons such as the Three Sisters at Echo Point and Govett’s Leap Lookout. Go off the beaten path in the company of your Journey Director to secluded lookouts and short bush walks.

Fairmont Resort Blue Mountains
★ Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 10: Blue Mountains – Hunter Valley
Travel to the Hunter Valley for a day of local gourmet flavours and award-winning wines. Indulge in private wine tastings at boutique vineyards and sit down to an exceptional tasting lunch before spending the afternoon doing as you wish. Tonight enjoy a sumptuous paddock-to-plate dinner at your hotel.

voco Kirkton Park
★ Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 11: Hunter Valley – Sydney
Get ready for an afternoon sailing on Sydney Harbour. Become part of a boat sailing crew on board a luxury yacht. You can take the helm, work the grinders or simply sit back and relax as you sail past the harbour’s iconic sights like the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and small secluded coves surrounded by multi-million-dollar waterfront homes. This evening is free for you to explore one of Sydney’s incredible local restaurants.

The Langham, 2 nights
★ Breakfast

Day 12: Sydney
Enjoy a morning of Sydney sightseeing. In the late afternoon join a VIP guided tour of the famous Sydney Opera House before a memorable Celebration Dinner at Peter Gilmore’s iconic Bennelong in the sails of the Sydney Opera House itself, the perfect location for one last meal together.

Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 13: Farewell from Sydney
Bid farewell to the Harbour City and new found friends as your epic discovery of Australia’s natural splendour and spiritual soul has come to an end and you are transferred to Sydney Airport for your onward flight.

Breakfast

For the detailed itinerary and additional departure dates, please visit inspiringjourneys.com/ijfly, or speak to your travel agent.

Choose this journey if you’d love to experience:

- The Sounds of Silence Dinner under the outback sky
- Snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef
- The renowned art installation, Field of Light
- The best of Australia, in the one comprehensive trip

Dining

12 Breakfasts
5 Lunches
4 Dinners with wine
2 Local Dining Experiences
1 Celebration Dinner

IJFLY: Cairns to Sydney
Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:
Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2:00pm into Cairns Airport
Day 13 – flights to depart anytime from Sydney Airport
Internal-holiday flights required to be purchased in order to fulfil the itinerary:
Day 4 – Cairns to Ayers Rock
Day 8 – Alice Springs to Sydney
For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 66 & 68/69.

Benelong Restaurant
Northern Territory Dreaming

Be immersed into the very heartland of Australia and experience its most sacred landscapes, bountiful National Parks and thundering waterfalls. Discover the Top End's striking landscape then journey to the magical Red Centre, seeing iconic Uluru, the mystical domes of Kata Tjuta, and windswept Walpa Gorge.

Top End Aboriginal artist Manuel Pamkal will teach the technique of Rarrk painting (Cross Hatch). You will then paint your own artwork to take home as a memento of your experience.
10 DAYS  Darwin • Mary River • Kakadu National Park • Katherine Gorge • Litchfield National Park • Alice Springs • West MacDonnell Ranges • Kings Canyon • Kata Tjuta • Uluru

Discover
Discover World Heritage listed Kakadu & Litchfield National parks, and wander through the fascinating Angkerle (Standley Chasm).

Explore
Explore spectacular Kings Canyon on the six-kilometre Rim Walk, and embark on a safari cruise exploring thriving Mary River Wetlands.

Immerse
Learn the fine art of ‘rarrk’ painting, and enjoy a sunset walk at the rock art galleries in Ubirr.

Relax
Take a refreshing dip at Gunlom Falls overlooking Kakadu, and unwind on an indulgent Katherine Gorge dinner cruise.
As this journey departs at 7.30am from Mantra on the Esplanade Darwin, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

Day 1: Darwin – Mary River

Your epic Top End adventure begins in the tropical northern city of Darwin. Join your Journey Director and board your bespoke 4WD vehicle to experience stunning Litchfield National Park before embarking on a cross-country journey along the rugged Marrakai Track (seasonally accessible) to the Mary River Wetlands. Tonight, stay in private, permanent safari tents to really connect with your destination nestled deep in the bush. Join your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés, followed by dinner.

Wildman Wilderness Lodge
Lunch, dinner with wine

Day 2: Mary River – Kakadu

Wake up to the sounds of local wildlife and head to Corroboree Billabong, where you’ll take a cruise in the company of a local guide to explore its floodplains and spot the creatures that find sanctuary in its lotus-covered waters such as jabiru and brolga. Next, journey into the tropical depths of iconic world heritage and Ramsar listed Kakadu National Park, enjoying a sunset walk at the rock-art galleries of Ubirr. Perched atop Nadab Lookout, watch the sun set over the lush Kakadu floodplains.

Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Jabiru
Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 3: Kakadu – Katherine

Enjoy a leisurely start to your day, or take to the skies on an optional experience early-morning flight over Kakadu before venturing to Nourlangie to admire the ancient Dreamtime art of the Biniŋ and Mungguy people. Continue cross-country to Gunlom Falls, where a short hike to the summit is rewarded with a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear plunge pool. Enjoy lunch in the shade of rustling gum trees before driving on to tonight’s five-star eco-lodge accommodation.

Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, 2 nights
Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 4: Katherine Gorge

This morning meet Dalabon didgeridoo expert Manuel Pamkal and share in his passion for the rich traditional culture into which he was born. Hear about life in the bush and experience first-hand the fine art of rarrk (cross-hatch) painting. Later, board a special dinner cruise on Katherine Gorge and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people.

Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience
Day 5: Katherine – Darwin
Emerge from the wilderness to journey north along the Stuart Highway on your return to Darwin, stopping to cool off in the cascading and clear waters of majestic Edith Falls. Later, visit the poignant Adelaide River War Cemetery.
Mantra on the Esplanade
Breakfast, lunch

Day 6: Darwin – Alice Springs
After a morning flight to Alice Springs there’s free time before meeting your Red Centre Journey Director and group of fellow travellers. Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service to see how this facility provides vital medical assistance to outback inhabitants. Nearby, call into the School of the Air; a crucial service providing education to children living in remote Australian communities. This evening, join your Alice Springs family hosts for a Local Dining Experience barbecue dinner around a campfire, as the Milky Way lights up the sky.
Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, 2 nights
Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 7: Alice Springs
Visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station, site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs. Then the stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell Ranges take centre stage, as you embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap and dramatic Angkerle (Standley Chasm). The deep red sandstone formation contrasts with the lush green ferns and gum trees on the valley floor.
Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 8: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon
En route to Kings Canyon you’ll travel off-road along the 4WD Mereenie Loop Road passing Tylers Lookout and Gosses Bluff.
Another unique Local Dining Experience, Under a Desert Moon, awaits you this evening. The flickering glow of the fire is the perfect accompaniment to sparkling wine and canapés followed by dinner, prepared from fresh produce and ingredients unique to the Australian outback.
Kings Canyon Resort
Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 9: Kings Canyon – Uluru
Gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on a six-kilometre rim walk past the domed ‘Lost City’ and the luscious ‘Garden of Eden’. Now you’re bound for Uluru. On the way visit Curtin Springs Station, home to the Severin family since 1956.
Kick back in true Aussie-style at a barbecue lunch while hearing from one of the locals about the Severin’s and gain an insight into the cattle rearing heritage. Afterwards, enter Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and experience the magnificence of the 36 red conglomerate rock domes that form Kata Tjuta, and joining your Journey Director for a guided walk through the immense Walpa Gorge.
Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort
Breakfast, lunch, Celebration Dinner

Day 10: Farewell from Uluru
Experience a majestic sunrise over Kata Tjuta and Uluru from the sunrise viewing area. From here it’s off to the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre for an insight into the history of the local Anangu people. At the base of Uluru hear timeless stories, view spectacular rock art, and visit the culturally-significant Mulitjulu Waterhole. In the late morning, when your Inspiring Journey comes to an end, you’ll be transferred to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight.
Breakfast

Choose this journey if you’d love to experience:

- Swimming in Gunlom Falls crystal-clear plunge pool
- Works of Indigenous artist, Manuel Pamkal
- An Uluru sunrise and sunset
- The ancient Northern Territory in depth

Dining
9 Breakfasts
8 Lunches
4 Dinners with wine
3 Local Dining Experiences
1 Celebration Dinner

MNCR: Darwin to Uluru (Ayers Rock)
(Previously called The Ultimate Territory Adventure in Style)

Flights are not included in the holiday price. Flight Information:
Day Prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport
Day 10 – flights to depart after 1000pm from Ayers Rock Airport
Internal-holiday flight required to be purchased in order to fulfil the itinerary:
Day 6 – Darwin to Alice Springs

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 66 & 68/69.
From the renowned vineyards of surfing mecca Margaret River to the endearing native quokkas on Rottnest Island and the laid-back, historic cities of Perth and Fremantle, this Inspiring Journey has much to offer the discerning traveller. Become immersed in the beautiful traditional culture of Cape Naturaliste.

A Journey to the West

Cape Cultural Tours

The word “Wadandi” means “forest people by the sea”, a literal description of a saltwater people. The Wadandi believed their spirits would travel through the caves that form a natural tunnel network in the limestone rock of the region, out to the horizon, where the sea meets the sky, and back to the Dreaming.
7 DAYS Perth • Penguin Island • Bunker Bay • Busselton • Cape Naturaliste • Margaret River • Rottnest Island • Fremantle

Discover
See the sights of Perth, including beautiful Kings Park, and make the journey to spectacular Penguin Island.

Explore
Experience Shoalwater Bay’s important wildlife sanctuary and walk the length of wonderfully historic Busselton Jetty.

Immerse
Learn about Indigenous culture and bush tucker at Cape Naturaliste, and take a locally guided walking tour through historic Fremantle.

Relax
Visit the world-renowned winery region of Margaret River for an exclusive wine experience, then watch the sunset on Rottnest Island.
Day 1: Welcome to Perth

On arrival in Perth spend time on your own to relax or explore the surroundings. This evening meet your Journey Director and new travelling companions at your hotel for a Welcome Reception with local Western Australian wine and beers along with local produce canapés.

InterContinental, 2 nights

Day 2: Perth

This morning enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before you head out for a city tour. Your Journey Director will show you the must-see sights including Elizabeth Quay, Yagan Square and you will have time to explore Kings Park with its sweeping city views and some of the 3,000 species of the State’s unique flora. This afternoon is free for you to relax or explore more of the city. Tonight, you will dine in the heart of Perth’s historical, cultural and dining precinct at the State Buildings.

Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Perth – Penguin Island – Busselton – Margaret River

Today you head to world-renowned winery region of Margaret River. Leaving Perth behind, your first stop is Penguin Island. With its white sandy beaches surrounded by crystal clear water, Penguin Island lays in the heart of the ruggedly spectacular Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. Here you will board your boat to cruise through Shoalwater Bay’s Wildlife Sanctuary to see bottlenose dolphins, Australian sea lions and sea birds such as Spinebills and Goshawks. Afterwards, you’ll continue south to explore the historic Busselton Jetty that has been standing for more than 150 years. There is the chance to explore the jetty on foot or take the Jetty Train along this 1.7km timber piled jetty that is the longest in the Southern Hemisphere. Nestled on the white sandy beaches your accommodation for the night is the 5 star Pullman Bunker Bay. Enjoy dinner at the Other Side of the Moon Restaurant, where you will dine on an array of fresh locally sourced seasonal produce with local wines.

Pullman Bunker Bay Resort, 2 nights

Breakfast, dinner with wine
Day 4: Margaret River – Cape Naturaliste

Your day begins with a moving ‘Welcome to Country’ ceremony as part of your Indigenous experience at Cape Naturaliste. Your local guide will escort you on an interactive walk around Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse precinct, where they interpret the land through the eyes of an Indigenous custodian, followed by an artefact interpretation and didgeridoo experience. From Cape Naturaliste you’ll drive through the vineyard lined roads to your Margaret River winery experience. Upon arrival, the winemakers will take you on a guided walk through the rolling vineyard, followed by a Local Dining Experience at a degustation lunch at Hay Shed Hill. After you have indulged in your long lunch, there is time to explore the quaint town of Margaret River before returning to your hotel.

Day 5: Margaret River – Rottnest Island

Leaving the wine country behind you journey back up the beautiful south west coastline towards Fremantle. Upon arrival, you will board your catamaran and escape across the open ocean to the magnificent and historic Rottnest Island. Kick back on soft sand beaches, see abundant marine life and meet the happiest little animal on earth, the quokka. Enjoy the last rays of the day with the sun setting over the west from your eco self-contained glamping tent.

Day 6: Rottnest Island – Fremantle

Wake up on the island paradise that is Rottnest Island utterly surrounded by friendly resident quokkas. Take a leisurely stroll along the white sandy beaches and perfect turquoise waters or just enjoy the seclusion of your island paradise from the balcony of your eco tent. Later this morning you will embark on a locally guided Discovery Rottnest tour of the island. This 90 minute experience takes you to some of Rottnest’s most spectacular locations. You’ll experience the island’s diverse flora, fauna, history and culture and get the chance to spot a quokka or two. This afternoon you’ll leave your island dream behind and cruise back to seaside Fremantle. After relaxing at your hotel; meet up with your fellow travellers for your Celebration Dinner. Local Western Australian wines will match with the seasonal farm to table menu.

Day 7: Farewell from Fremantle

This morning you will join your local expert guide for an immersive walking tour of historic Fremantle. Departing from the hotel; enjoy a relaxed, informative and conversational walk and talk that is designed to entertain and educate. Walk into the past, present and future and get unique insight into the well-preserved architectural heritage. End your walking tour at the vibrant Fremantle Markets or back at your hotel as your Inspiring Journey comes to an end. You will be transferred by private car to Perth Airport for your onward flight.

Choose this journey if you’d love to experience:

- A degustation lunch with matching wines at Margaret River
- Staying on WA’s island paradise, Rottnest Island
- A traditional “Welcome to Country” ceremony at Cape Naturaliste
- The best of vast Western Australia Dining

- 6 Breakfasts
- 3 Dinners with wine
- 1 Local Dining Experience
- 1 Celebration Dinner

For the detailed itinerary and additional departure dates, please visit inspiringjourneys.com/IJWA or speak to your travel agent.

IJWA: Perth to Fremantle

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4:30pm into Perth Airport
Day 7 – flights to depart after 1:00pm (domestic) or 3:00pm (international) from Perth Airport

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 66 & 68/69.
Tasmania’s Footsteps and Trails

Breathe the world’s cleanest air as you uncover the wilds of untouched Tasmania. Take part in a pilgrimage on the wukalina walk, guided by a traditional custodian of these sacred lands. Discover spectacular Bruny Island, the Bay of Fires and magnificent Wineglass Bay, as you embark on a journey through time, ancient landscapes, and untamed coastline.

wukalina walk

The magnificent natural landscape of North East Tasmania is the perfect place to reveal the palawa story, as contemporary palawa culture is most strongly tied to this part of Tasmania, as well as the Furneaux Islands. The palawa people did not document their history or keep it in museums – this landscape is their museum.
Discover
Soak up the rugged scenery of The Bay of Fires, and the panoramas of Wineglass Bay from the lookout between Mt. Amos and Mt. Mason.

Explore
Experience the renowned Museum of Old and New Art (MONA), and uncover Bruny Island coastline on an award-winning cruise experience.

Immerse
Walk with Indigenous palawa guides in ancestral footsteps along the unmatched wukalina walk.

Relax
Learn old and new artisanal winemaking techniques at Moorilla Estate winery.
Day 1: Welcome to Launceston

On arrival in Launceston, you’ll have the opportunity to relax and freshen up before meeting your Journey Director and fellow travel companions for a Welcome Reception including drinks and canapés.

Peppers Silo Hotel

Day 2 & 3: The wukalina walk

This is a two-day Aboriginal-owned and operated guided walk through the magnificent natural landscape of the Bay of Fires and Mt. William areas, the cultural homeland of the palawa people. The walk is a genuine cultural experience that will deepen your understanding of palawa culture and community history as well as immerse you in the natural, rugged beauty of wukalina and larapuna. Be captivated by one of the most pristine environments that Tasmania has to offer with a hike through the rugged natural beauty of the unspoilt northeast coast. Spend your evenings by the fire in exclusive eco-friendly accommodation in a setting of unspoiled beauty.

Bespoke accommodation (shared facilities), Bay of Fires, 2 nights

* Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine
Day 4: Bay of Fires – Wineglass Bay

After breakfast, and a short beach walk, board your vehicle and follow the coast to Coles Bay and Freycinet National Park. The natural beauty of this region is simply breathtaking. It comprises of a peninsula defined by a Schouten Island and a granite mountain range known as the Hazards. Trails lead up to a lookout for panoramic views over Wineglass Bay. Views from Cape Tourville Lighthouse stretch over the Tasman Sea. After 2 nights on the trail, you will check in to your secluded waterfront accommodation to unwind, freshen up and enjoy a sumptuous dinner together.

Edge of the Bay
Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 5: Freycinet National Park – Hobart

After a leisurely start this morning, continue to Hobart to the renowned Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) for an all-inclusive Wine Meets Art experience. Perched on the banks of the River Derwent, MONA is Australia’s largest privately owned gallery and museum. Showcasing the diverse collection of its Tasmanian owner David Walsh, the museum exhibits everything from ancient Egyptian funerary objects to a machine that mimics the human digestive system. Begin your exclusive MONA experience at the on-site Source restaurant for a Local Dining Experience of seasonal local produce and wine. Later, explore MONA’s maze of subterranean galleries followed by a behind-the-scenes tour through Moorilla Estate winery’s vineyard, the second oldest in Tasmania. From there it’s just a short walk to your accommodation, the 5-star MACq 01 Hotel. The evening is free for you to explore the historic, yet trendy CBD.

MACq 01 Hotel, 2 nights
Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 6: Bruny Island

Enjoy an unforgettable, award-winning cruise experience along Bruny Island’s rugged coastline down to the Southern Ocean. On the island, a morning tea of freshly baked blueberry muffins will be served at a beachside café in Adventure Bay before your 3 hour cruise departs. You will enter deep sea caves and join in the search for wildlife such as seals, dolphins and sea birds and fingers crossed, migratory whales. Return to the coast for lunch, and arrive back at your Hobart hotel by sunset, in time to get spruced up for your Celebration Dinner at the Old Wharf Restaurant to toast and reminisce about the remarkable journey you’ve had.

Breakfast, lunch, Celebration Dinner

Day 7: Farewell from Hobart

Exchange phone numbers with your new friends as your inspiring Tasmanian journey concludes. After breakfast, a private vehicle will transfer you to Hobart Airport for your onward flight.

Breakfast
Victoria’s Hidden Gems

Delve into the cosmopolitan sophistication and natural beauty of Victoria, journeying past elegant Melbourne arcades, embarking on an Indigenous experience at Halls Gap and witnessing the Twelve Apostles along the spectacular coastline. From trendy cityscapes to quaint villages and scenic coastal drives, the hidden gems of Victoria await your discovery.

Nga Keenatt means welcome. Experience a moving Welcome to Country ceremony at Halls Gap, Victoria. In the very heart of the ancient Grampians National Park, lies Halls Gap, the shared home of the Djab Wurrung and Jardwadjali Traditional Owners. Learn about the traditional six seasons, recognised in the Gariwerd (Grampians) seasonal cycle. For thousands of years, the lives of the Jardwadjali and Djab Wurrung have been intimately linked to this seasonal cycle. By understanding these seasons, you can begin to understand the rich ancient culture of these custodians of the land.
7 DAYS  Melbourne • Daylesford • Dunkeld • The Grampians • Warrnambool • Great Ocean Road • Mornington Peninsula

Discover
Uncover Melbourne’s laneways and arcades with a local guide, then drive the famously scenic Great Ocean Road.

Explore
Explore the ancient rock formations and eucalypt forest of Halls Gap

Immerse
Enjoy a taste of farm life at Green Olive Farm, then gain an insight into the traditional people of Gariwerd, the Djab Wurrung and Jardwidjari.

Relax
Indulge in wine tasting at the Jack Rabbit Vineyard, then enjoy an exclusive dining experience at the Royal Mail Hotel.
Day 1: Welcome to Melbourne

On arrival in Melbourne spend time on your own to relax or explore the surroundings. This evening, meet your Journey Director and see the city from a different perspective at a Welcome Reception on the Melbourne Star Observation Wheel, followed by dinner at Berth Restaurant on Victoria Harbour.

Sofitel Melbourne on Collins
Dinner with wine

Day 2: Melbourne – Daylesford

After a leisurely breakfast at the Sofitel's 35th floor restaurant overlooking the city, you'll enjoy this cosmopolitan city taking in its premier sights. Explore the vibrant laneways and arcades as you wander the streets of Melbourne with your knowledgeable local guide. Relax and enjoy morning tea at one of the local Melbourne cafés. Visit Lavandula Swiss Italian Farm for afternoon tea. See their manicured vegetable, herb, lavender gardens and friendly farm animals. We then head for the eclectic spa town of Daylesford, then relax in the healing waters of the historic Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa. Tonight enjoy dinner in the award-winning restaurant, The Argus.

Peppers Mineral Springs Hotel
Dinner with wine

Day 3: Daylesford – Clunes – Ballarat – Dunkeld

After breakfast, why not see all that Daylesford has to offer before leaving to visit the family-owned and operated Creswick Woollen Mills, the only remaining coloured woollen spinning mill of its kind in Australia, for an exclusive guided tour. Continue a little way down the road to the historic town of Clunes. Step back in time and wander along the main street where you're free to grab a spot of lunch in one of its cafés or the country pub. En route to Dunkeld visit the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka in Ballarat, where the original Stockade flag is housed, to gain insights into the birth of Australian democracy. We'll check in to the Royal Mail Hotel at the base of the Grampian Mountains, and indulge in an exclusive dinner experience at the hotel, made with fresh local ingredients and available produce growing in the extensive kitchen garden.

Royal Mail Hotel
Dinner with wine

Day 4: Dunkeld – Halls Gap – Warrnambool

After breakfast, you're invited to join the ground's gardener for a guided walk through the hotel's kitchen garden. We'll head to the top of the Grampians today at Halls Gap for a 'Welcome to Country' ceremony by the local Indigenous people at the Brambuk Cultural Centre. The traditional people of Ganwero, the Djab Wurrung and Jardwjdjal, will teach you how to throw a boomerang. Admire the views over

Cover story: Dunkeld Kitchen Garden
Revel in a truly unique food experience at the Royal Mail Hotel Dunkeld Kitchen Garden. Join the ground's gardener on a guided walk as they share with you the incredible array of fresh produce as well as the challenges and benefits of maintaining and utilising Australia's largest working restaurant kitchen garden.
Choose this journey if you'd love to experience:

- A farm-to-fork dinner at Jackalope Hotel
- Historic Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa
- The famous Great Ocean Road
- Lesser known gems of Victoria

Dining

- 6 Breakfasts
- 4 Dinners with wine
- 2 Local Dining Experiences
- 1 Celebration Lunch

Day 5: Warrnambool – Lorne

Enjoy a leisurely morning, preparing for one of the world’s most scenic coastal drives later today. Golden beaches stretch endlessly along the route. Wind through lush forests and stop to admire highlights including the Bay of Islands, London Bridge, Loch Ard Gorge and the Twelve Apostles. Stretch your legs this afternoon in Apollo Bay before arriving in picturesque Lorne late afternoon.

- Cumberland Lorne Resort
- Breakfast

Day 6: Lorne – Torquay – Mornington Peninsula

The last leg of the Great Ocean Road brings us to the surf capital of Torquay, where you’ll learn about Australia’s beloved surf culture before continuing to the Bellarine Peninsula. Indulge in an exclusive Local Dining Experience lunch and wine tasting at the award-winning Jack Rabbit Vineyard. Board a ferry from Queenscliff to Sorrento and Green Olive farm, for a taste of farm life with a local guide. Later head to your accommodation where you will enjoy dinner at the award-winning Jackalope Hotel.

- Jackalope Hotel
- Breakfast, Local Dining Experience, dinner with wine

Day 7: Mornington – Farewell from Melbourne

The aroma of coffee beans beckon as you head back to Melbourne after breakfast. As this Inspiring Journey nears its end, venture into the hallowed grounds of the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Later, enjoy a Celebration Lunch with newfound friends. For now, all that’s left to say is a fond farewell till next time.

- Breakfast, Celebration Lunch

IJVIC: Melbourne Return

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:

Day 1: flights to arrive prior to 2:00pm into Melbourne Airport
Day 7: flights to depart after 5:00pm (domestic) or 7:00pm (international) from Melbourne Airport

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 66 & 68/69.

For the detailed itinerary and additional departure dates, please visit inspiringjourneys.com/ijvic, or speak to your travel agent.
Day 1: Welcome to Uluru

Welcome to Uluru. This afternoon you’ll meet your Journey Director and fellow travellers and then take a drive to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Having lived in the region for tens of thousands of years, the Anangu, have a strong connection with this land. You’ll learn about Tjukurpa, the history, knowledge, religion, morality and law of the local Aboriginal people and their ancestors. Travelling to the spectacular domes of Kata Tjuta, you’ll take a guided walk through Walpa Gorge, following the natural creek bed between two of the largest domes. Kata Tjuta has great cultural significance for the Anangu people, specifically for Anangu men. Later enjoy canapés and wine at the Uluru sunset viewing area. As the sun sets over the western horizon, the evening sky brings out the many shades of colour for which Uluru is renowned. This evening get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious meal at Ilkari Restaurant at your hotel.

Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort
Dinner with wine

Day 2: Uluru – Curtin Springs – Kings Canyon

Start the day with an impressive sunrise over Uluru from the sunrise viewing area. Take a walk at the base of Uluru and hear timeless stories, see rock art, and visit Mutijulu Waterhole, once an important water source for the Aboriginal people and animals in the area. Visit Curtin Springs Station at lunch time. Curtin Springs has been home to the Severin family since 1956, when Peter Severin arrived with his young wife Dawn, their toddler son Ashley and 1,500 head of cattle. Take part in a paper-making workshop at Curtin Springs Paper. Then sit down to a barbecue lunch and meet one of the locals as you hear about the Severin family and the logistics of running a million-acre cattle property. This evening you’re treated to Local Dining Experience, Under a Desert Moon, set in the wilderness under a canopy of the southern night sky (weather permitting). Enjoy sparkling wine and canapés followed by a four-course dinner, prepared from fresh produce.

Kings Canyon Resort
Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 3: Kings Canyon – Mereenie Loop – Alice Springs

Perfect for observing the changing colours of the landscape, today you’re off on a sunrise six-kilometre Rim Walk exploration of the spectacular Kings Canyon. As you venture around the rim, highlights include the domed ‘Lost City’, and the luscious ‘Garden of Eden’. If you’d prefer a more relaxed walk you can opt for a walk along the Creek Bed. Afterwards you’re off the beaten track, travelling along the Mereenie Loop...
5 DAYS  Uluru • Kata Tjuta • Kings Canyon
• West MacDonnell Ranges • Alice Springs

Discover
The unforgettable feeling of awakening to sunrise at Uluru, and see the stunning natural wonders of Angkerle (Standley Chasm) and Simpsons Gap.

Explore
Hike Kings Canyon for magnificent views, then travel along the Mereenie Loop Road on a 4WD experience.

Immerse
Discover the rich culture of the Anangu people, and gain an insight into the logistics of running a million-acre cattle property.

Relax
Experience a unique dining experience, Under a Desert Moon, then toast the iconic Uluru sunset with sparkling wine.

Choose this journey if you’d love to experience:

- And learn about the Anangu, traditional owners of Uluru
- A hike to the top of Kings Canyon
- The unique ingredients to the Australian outback
- A shorter, but immersive Northern Territory experience

Dining

4  Breakfasts
3  Lunches
2  Dinners with wine
2  Local Dining Experiences

Road past Gosses Bluff, through the West MacDonnell Ranges and then continue to Alice Springs for dinner at your hotel.

Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, 2 nights

Day 4: West MacDonnell Ranges

This morning you will visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station and learn about the overland telegraph line and why Alice Springs is in this location. Then you will travel out to the West MacDonnell Ranges, where you’ll will take a walk into Angkerle (Standley Chasm) and Simpsons Gap. Tonight, enjoy a Local Dining Experience with your hosts at an open-air barbecue dinner with campfires as the Milky Way lights up the wide Australian sky.

Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 5: Farewell from Alice Springs

This morning you’ll visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, to see how this facility provides medical assistance to those living in remote outback Australia. Before your trip comes to an end, visit the School of the Air and learn how children living in the far reaches of the Outback receive an education over the air waves. Your Inspiring Journey concludes in the late morning.

Breakfast

For the detailed itinerary and additional departure dates, please visit inspiringjourneys.com/crua, or speak to your travel agent.
As this journey departs at 7.30am from Mantra on the Esplanade Darwin, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

Day 1: Darwin – Mary River

Meet your Journey Director and board your bespoke 4WD vehicle to begin your journey of discovery in the Top End. Travel across the Finniss River to Litchfield National Park. You’ll enjoy a swim to cool off at tumbling Florence Falls and you’ll also visit Wangi Falls, surrounded by tropical monsoon rainforest, and hear about its importance in Aboriginal custom before stopping for lunch. Get ready for a cross-country journey via the unsealed Marrakai Track (seasonally accessible), through cattle stations and back country to the Mary River region. Late-afternoon you’ll arrive at Wildman Wilderness Lodge, where you’ll stay in private permanent safari tents surrounded by the sounds of the bush. Situated in the Mary River Wetlands and renowned for its incredible wildlife, the property seamlessly combines comfort and chic with the beauty of the surrounding landscape. Enjoy a beverage while the sun sets over the floodplains and after dinner maybe sit back with a nightcap by the fire pit.

Wildman Wilderness Lodge
Lunch, dinner with wine

Day 2: Mary River – Kakadu

If you’re an early riser there’s a chance to take an optional scenic flight over Kakadu and Arnhem Land, or perhaps you might just want to sleep in before your day of activities. This morning you’ll visit Nourlangie to see its fascinating Aboriginal rock art. You’ll also hear first-hand from your Journey Director a detailed interpretation of the art and the rich Aboriginal culture as you explore the various outdoor ‘galleries’ with art that dates some 20,000 years. Later you’ll veer off the sealed road and onto a gravel track for a scenic cross-country journey to Gunlom Falls. You’ll have time to take a hike to the top of the falls for a splash in picturesque natural plunge pool, where you’re awarded with spectacular views over the National Park. Take in the natural beauty of the area while you enjoy a picnic lunch. This afternoon you continue to Nitmiluk National Park. Indulge in five-star comfort at Cicada Lodge, a stunning architect designed eco-lodge surrounded by nature, where each room has a private balcony that opens to the glories of Nitmiluk National Park.

Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, 2 nights
Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 3: Kakadu – Nourlangie – Gunlom Falls – Katherine

Explore Kakadu, an ancient landscape of billabongs, gorges and hidden canyons teeming with spectacular wildlife. Admire rock art and hear stories of the Dreamtime. Embark on a journey to the haunt of the Lightning Man, Aboriginal clans and the crocodiles that roam Kakadu’s floodplains.
Day 4: Katherine Gorge

Today meet Manuel Pamkal who will welcome you with a traditional performance of the didgeridoo. Manuel was born and raised immersed in his rich traditional Dalabon culture. He’ll share with you stories of growing up in the bush and teach you the fine art of rarrk (cross hatch) painting using a special brush from a reed called Julk. Call on the artist within you and paint your own masterpiece to take home! This evening, relax on a Local Dining Experience cruise along Katherine River. You’ll marvel at the gorges while you spot wildlife such as freshwater crocodile and barramundi, and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people. Enjoy the peaceful ambiance during the candle-lit three course dinner onboard your boat.

Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 5: Katherine – Farewell from Darwin

Enjoy a leisurely start to your day or get up early to experience the National Park completely immersed in the mystical morning light. Travel north along the Stuart Highway stopping at Edith Falls along the way for a relaxing dip. Continue to Adelaide River War Cemetery. During WWII, Adelaide River was the headquarters to a large military base and a cemetery was created especially for those who gave their lives in the service and defence of their country. Your Inspiring Journey concludes on arrival in Darwin.

Breakfast, lunch

Choose this journey if you’d love to experience:

- Swimming in a natural infinity pool overlooking Kakadu
- Viewing Ubirr Aboriginal rock art galleries at sunset
- Relaxing on a dinner cruise along Katherine Gorge
- The world heritage wetlands of the Top End

Dining

4 Breakfasts
5 Lunches
3 Dinners with wine
1 Local Dining Experience
Outback Contrasts: A Journey to the Centre

Witness the rugged landscape of the Red Centre and marvel at the ancient cultures that have cared for this land for generations. Experience the majesty of Uluru, Kings Canyon and view rock art dating back thousands of years, witness striking landscapes and be immersed in the stories of the Dreamtime.

Day 1: Welcome to Alice Springs

This afternoon you’ll meet your Journey Director who will share their take on what life is like in such an isolated Australian town like Alice Springs. We'll visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service to see how this facility provides medical assistance to those living in outback Australia. Then a visit to the School of the Air, a crucial service providing education to children living in remote Australian communities. Tonight, you will enjoy a Local Dining Experience with your hosts at an open-air barbecue dinner with campfires as the Milky Way lights up the wide Australian sky.

Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, 2 nights

Day 2: West MacDonnell Ranges

This morning you will visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station and learn about the overland telegraph line and why Alice Springs is in this location. Then you will drive to Simpsons Gap and Angkerle (Standley Chasm), which was created over millions of years, the deep red sandstone formation contrasts with the lush green ferns and gum trees on the valley floor. This afternoon you have some free time to relax by the pool or choose to explore more of Alice Springs on your own.

Under a Desert Moon dinner

Day 3: Alice Springs – Mereenie Loop – Kings Canyon

Today we drive further through the West MacDonnell Ranges to Kings Canyon. Along the way there’ll be time to see the cool waters at Ellery Creek Big Hole. Travelling off-road along the 4WD-only Mereenie Loop Road we will travel past Tylers Lookout and Gosses Bluff. This evening you’re treated to the unique Local Dining Experience, Under a Desert Moon, set in the wilderness under a canopy of the Southern Night sky (weather permitting). The only light comes from the moon and the flickering glow of the fire and the only sound is soft music intertwined with the whispering of the breeze through the Desert Oak trees and the crackling flames. Enjoy sparkling wine and canapés followed by a four-course dinner, prepared from fresh produce and ingredients unique to the Australian Outback.

Kings Canyon Resort

Day 4: Kings Canyon – Curtin Springs – Uluru

This morning, you’re off on a six-kilometre Rim Walk exploration of the spectacular Kings Canyon. As you venture around the rim, highlights include the domed ‘Lost City’, and the luscious ‘Garden of Eden’. Now you will journey to Uluru. Your first stop is Curtin Springs which has been home to the Severin family since 1956 when Peter Severin arrived with his young wife Dawn, their toddler son Ashley and 1,500 head of cattle. Sit down to a barbecue lunch and meet one of the...
locals as you hear about the Severin family and the logistics of running a million acre cattle property. This afternoon we enter Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and make our way to the domes of Kata Tjuta. Here you’ll join your Journey Director for a guided walk through Walpa Gorge. The large, steep dome-like formations of Kata Tjuta are amazing to walk through and have great cultural significance for the Anangu people. As the sun sets, you’ll see spectacular changing colours over Uluru from the prime sunset viewing area. This evening share a few laughs with your fellow travellers over a delicious meal at Ilkari Restaurant.

Day 5: Kata Tjuta – Farewell from Uluru
You’ll start the day with an impressive sunrise over Kata Tjuta and Uluru from the sunrise viewing area. From here it’s off to the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre for an insight into the history of the local Anangu People. Having lived in and looked after the Uluru and Kata Tjuta region for tens of thousands of years, the Anangu – the areas Traditional Owners – have a strong connection with this land. At the base of Uluru hear timeless stories, view spectacular rock art, and visit the culturally-significant Maltijulu Waterhole. In the late morning, when your Inspiring Journey comes to an end, you’ll be transferred to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight.

Dining

4 Breakfasts
3 Lunches
1 Dinner with wine
2 Local Dining Experiences
1 Celebration Dinner

Choose this journey if you’d love to experience:

- The history of the local Anangu people
- The taste of local ingredients unique to the Australian Outback
- Hiking to the top of awe-inspiring Kings Canyon
- The iconic Uluru sunset and sunrise

CRAU: Alice Springs to Uluru (Ayers Rock)
Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:
Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Alice Springs Airport
Day 5 – flights to depart after 1.00pm from Ayers Rock Airport
For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 66 & 68/69.
Kia Ora means welcome. At Tamaki Māori Village, you’ll come to understand the very heart of Aotearoa (New Zealand). Here, there’s a strong affinity between the people, and the land – an appreciation of life force. Guardianship and conservation are what Māori recognise as kaitiakitanga. On your journey through Aotearoa, hold these gifts of the land as sacred treasures. Tread lightly with our TreadRight partnership. Experience this on The Long White Cloud, The Endless Shores & Inspiring New Zealand.
Discover myths of warrior legend. Experience a wilderness of rugged beauty.

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 Long White Cloud

Be awed as you traverse New Zealand’s North and South Islands, from the hot pools of Franz Josef, an exclusive TreadRight experience in Rotorua, to the brave depths of Queenstown, the adventure capital. Explore extraordinary landscapes and ancient heritage, as you encounter exhilarating New Zealand as few have seen it before.
Discover

Hike the path of where the Franz Josef glacier once stood, and wander through New Zealand’s vibrant capital Wellington.

Explore

Visit the magical Glowworm Grotto in Waitomo, then take a guided walk through the Redwoods Forest.

Immerse

Learn about Rainbow Springs kiwi hatchery programme, and tour the grounds and castle of the Larnach Family in Dunedin.

Relax

Unwind in Rotorua’s healing waters, and wake up to the beauty of Milford Sound when staying at the bespoke Milford Sound Lodge.
Day 1: Welcome to Christchurch
On arrival, board a private transfer to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Reception.

Day 2: Christchurch – TranzAlpine – Franz Josef
Travel through the Southern Alps aboard TranzAlpine train. From Arthur’s Pass, visit the small town of Hokitika, and meet a local greenstone (jade) carver. Continue to Franz Josef, where you’ll spend two nights in an eco-friendly retreat nestled in the wilderness.

Day 3: Franz Josef Glacier
This morning, explore Franz Josef, where a local guide explains the history behind the imposing Franz Josef Glacier.

Day 4: Franz Josef – Arrowtown – Queenstown
Discover the mighty Haast River this morning, as you journey its lengths in a fully enclosed river jetboat. Enjoy lunch at Makarora, then explore the heritage gold-settlement of Arrowtown, before a short orientation of breathtaking Queenstown.

Day 5 & 6: Queenstown at Leisure
Enjoy two full days to discover beautiful Queenstown. Perhaps a wine tour, or even an adrenaline-filled activity. On your second night, enjoy a Local Dining Experience in one of Queenstown’s most exclusive restaurants.

Day 7: Queenstown – Te Anau – Milford Sound
Travel south along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau and then through the rainforest of World Heritage Fiordland National Park. Tonight, stay at magnificent Milford Sound Lodge, with views of the magical Cleddau Valley.

Day 8: Milford Sound
Wake up to the awe-inspiring beauty of Milford Sound. Learn about Fiordland with your local expert, then sail this magnificent area, seeing endemic wildlife, an Underwater Observatory - or breathtaking kayaking!

Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine.
Choose this journey if you’d love to experience:

- Crossing the Canterbury Plains on the TranzAlpine
- Immersing yourself in traditional Māori life
- Dining at one of Hawke’s Bay renowned wineries
- The Fiordland National Park

**Dining**

- 18 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 8 Dinners with wine
- 3 Local Dining Experiences
- 1 Celebration Dinner

**NZIJ: Christchurch to Auckland**

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Christchurch Airport
Day 19 – flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 66 & 68/69.

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Discover New Zealand on this Inspiring Journey through the natural treasures of the South Island. 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.

The Southern Drift

Piopiotahi is the Māori name for Milford Sound, which means ‘one single piopio’, in reference to a native bird that is long extinct. It is believed that when the legendary Maui died during his pursuit of immortality for mankind, a single piopio flew by Milford Sound in mourning.
12 DAYS Christchurch • Arthur’s Pass • Franz Josef Glacier • Queenstown • Milford Sound • Te Anau • Dunedin

Discover
Cross the Canterbury Plains on board the TranzAlpine, and kayak across the waters of magical Milford Sound.

Explore
Journey down the Haast River on a jet boat ride.

Immerse
Uncover Arrowtown’s gold mining heritage, and learn about the art of greenstone (jade) from a local carver.

Relax
Indulge in a spa treatment in Queenstown, then stay in a bespoke eco-lodge in Fiordland National Park.

Wine Tasting in Queenstown
Milford Sound Lodge
Franz Josef Glacier
Day 1: Welcome to Christchurch
On arrival in Christchurch you will be transferred by private car to your hotel. Spend some time at leisure to relax or explore on your own. Perhaps visit the International Antarctic Centre or Orana Wildlife Park, New Zealand’s only open-range zoo. This evening, join your Journey Director for Welcome Reception.

Hotel Montreal

Day 2: Christchurch – TranzAlpine – Franz Josef
It’s all aboard the TranzAlpine train. Rated as one of the world’s great scenic railway journeys, you’ll travel in comfort across the Canterbury Plains through the Southern Alps. From Arthur’s Pass, visit the small town of Hokitika, the heritage and cultural centre of the West Coast, and meet a local greenstone (jade) carver for a jewellery demonstration. Later we continue to Franz Josef. Your eco-friendly accommodation is set amid native bush, with an emphasis on relaxation and rejuvenation. This evening, why not enjoy Franz Josef’s local geothermal hot pools or perhaps a massage?

Te Waonui Forest Retreat, 2 nights
Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Franz Josef (Relaxed Start)
After a relaxed start we explore this area, where a local guide explains the history behind the mighty Franz Josef Glacier. Later, you may want to get up close and personal with the glaciers on an optional helicopter flight. Your flight will hover over the snow face and may land high up in the valley so that you can walk across the ice fall – subject to weather conditions.

Breakfast

Day 4: Franz Josef – Arrowtown – Queenstown
This morning it’s time for an adventure as we travel in a purpose-built fully enclosed river jet boat and journey down the Haast River. After a lunch stop at Makarora we head to Queenstown, taking time to stop to explore the historic gold-mining village of Arrowtown on the Arrow River. The adventure-capital awaits you for your extended 3 night stay, and you’ll have the opportunity to explore it during an orientation tour when you arrive.

Hotel St. Moritz, 3 nights
Breakfast, dinner with wine
Day 5: Queenstown at Leisure

Today is your choice of sightseeing, you could join a wine tour, view The Lord of the Rings film locations and scenery of Queenstown and Glenorchy on a scenic tour or spend time having a relaxing massage in the spa.

Breakfast

Day 6: Queenstown at Leisure

Make the most of your extended stay in Queenstown. Why not sit back and enjoy a peaceful cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard New Zealand’s oldest steamship, the TSS Earnslaw, to Walter Peak Station. Otherwise, you could simply relax, shop or enjoy time at one of the many cafés and restaurants while soaking up the alpine views. Tonight, enjoy a Local Dining Experience at one of Queenstown’s exclusive restaurants.

Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 7: Queenstown – Te Anau – Milford Sound

Travel south along the shores of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau on the shores of the South Island’s largest lake. Later you’ll travel through the rainforest of World Heritage Fiordland National Park, sighting glaciers and mountain ranges before driving through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel to the amazing Mirror Lake. Afterwards, walk to see the Chasm on your way into Milford Sound. Tonight, stay at the magical Milford Sound Lodge, with views of the Cleddau Valley.

Milford Sound Lodge, 2 nights

Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 8: Milford Sound

Wake up to the breathtaking beauty of Milford Sound. Learn more about breathtaking Fiordland National Park with an informative talk by a local expert. Later, board the Southern Discoveries vessel for a half day exploration of Milford Sound, often called the ‘eighth natural wonder of the world’. Sail out to the Tasman Sea, looking for wildlife along the way, for a visit to the Underwater Observatory and the opportunity to go sea kayaking in Harrison Cove.

Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Choose this journey if you’d love to experience:

- Relaxing in Franz Josef’s geothermal hot pools
- Cruising and kayaking on Milford Sound
- Learning about Franz Josef Glacier on a guided walk
- Exploring the magical South Island

Dining

11 Breakfasts
1 Lunch
5 Dinners with wine
1 Local Dining Experience
1 Celebration Dinner

Day 9: Milford Sound – Gore – Dunedin

We leave the majestic Fiordland National Park for the fertile sheep-dotted pastures of South Otago. Travel through Te Anau known for its beautiful lake and on to the country musical town of Gore at lunchtime, before arriving in Dunedin, New Zealand’s southernmost city. Enjoy dinner tonight at Parcels Restaurant at your hotel.

Distinction Dunedin Hotel, 2 nights

Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 10: Dunedin

This morning, join an exclusive tour of Larnach Castle. Your afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps ride the historic Taieri Gorge Railway or take a wildlife cruise of the Otago Peninsula.

Breakfast

Day 11: Dunedin – Christchurch

Travel up the east coast of the South Island via Omarau and Timaru. Once back in Christchurch embark on a sightseeing tour of the city to learn about its rebirth after the devastating 2011 earthquake. This evening, toast your trip at a Celebration Dinner with your new-found friends and Journey Director.

Hotel Montreal

Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 12: Farewell from Christchurch

Say farewell to your fellow travellers as your Inspiring Journey comes to an end and we transfer you to Christchurch Airport for your onward flight.

Breakfast

For the detailed itinerary and additional departure dates, please visit inspiringjourneys.com/nzsi or speak to your travel agent.
The Endless Shores

Embrace the Hongi touch of your Māori hosts, whose relationship with this unspoilt land is revealed on this journey. Experience natural wonders, from the luminous glowworms of the Footwhistle Cave and the native forests’ redwood giants, to the fantasy-land of The Lord of the Rings’ ‘Shire’.

Day 1: Welcome to Wellington
Upon arrival at Wellington Airport you’ll be transferred to your hotel. Spend some time at leisure to relax or explore on your own. This evening, join your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception, followed by dinner.

Sofitel Wellington, 2 nights
Dinner with wine

Day 2: Wellington at Leisure
Today is your choice of sightseeing:
You could experience the Weta Cave, home of the creative wizards behind The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. Go on a guided city walking tour around Wellington or a guided tour of Te Papa Museum of New Zealand. Your Journey Director can assist in booking your optional experiences.

Breakfast

Day 3: Wellington – Hawke’s Bay
Travel through the dairy farming land of Manawatu to Napier in Hawke’s Bay. This evening, enjoy wine tasting and dinner at one of their world-famous wineries. Spend the evening in your accommodation surrounded by the areas majestic hills.

Porters Boutique Hotel, 2 nights
Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 4: Napier
Enjoy a relaxed start before we venture out to explore the region of Hawke’s Bay. Relive the glamour and style of the jazz era with a luxurious vintage car tour. You’ll be met by your driver, in Art Deco costume, who will provide a fascinating commentary as you are driven in style, through Napier and surrounding areas. You’ll learn about the earthquake that destroyed the city, hear stories of the people that led the rebuild, and discover the Art Deco style. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 5: Hawke’s Bay – Rotorua
Enjoy a leisurely start today before continuing the journey to Rotorua. Visit the spectacular Huka Falls, the only outlet of water from Lake Taupo, and then it’s on to Rotorua, where on arrival, an orientation tour takes in views of Lake Rotorua. Later, you’ll visit the Whakarewarewa Living Village for an insight into Māori life and how they interact with geothermal activity. Tonight, an evening of culture, history and scrumptious food awaits you at the Tamaki Māori Village. Wander through the ancient forest village and learn about Māori art forms and traditions, followed by a concert featuring local performers. Experience an authentic Māori Hangi meal, steamed underground in the traditional way.

Pullman Rotorua, 2 nights
Breakfast, Local Dining Experience
Discover
See the sites of Napier, and visit Huka Falls, the only outlet of water from Lake Taupo.

Explore
Delve into Wellington, the culinary capital of New Zealand, and discover the iridescent Waitomo Caves.

Immerse
Enjoy a traditional Māori experience in Rotorua, then take a guided walk through the Redwood Forest.

Relax
Enjoy wine tasting at Napier’s top winery, and experience an authentic Māori Hangi meal at Tamaki Māori Village.

Choose this journey if you’d love to experience:

• The mouth-watering flavours of a Māori Hangi feast
• Rotorua’s giant Redwood Trees from high above
• Visiting the culinary capital, Wellington
• Learning about Rainbow Spring’s kiwi hatchery project

Dining

7 Breakfasts
2 Dinners with wine
2 Local Dining Experiences
1 Celebration Dinner

Day 6: Rotorua – Redwoods Treewalk

Ascending to the breathtaking Redwoods Treewalk, enjoy an elevated bird’s eye view of the 115-year-old redwood giants and view the beautiful surrounds of the forest from a unique perspective. Next stop is Rainbow Springs Nature Park. Discover native flora that grows around the crystal clear mineral water springs and learn about their kiwi hatchery programme that is proudly supported by TreadRight.

Breakfast

Day 7: Rotorua – Waitomo Caves – Auckland

Make your way to the famous Waitomo Caves for an exclusive 5-star Eco Glowworm experience. Your guide sets the scene for a cave experience where you will see glowworms, cave formations and appreciate the beauty of Footwhistle Cave. Later, travel through the dairy farming district of Waikato, and onto Auckland. This evening, toast your trip together at a Celebration Dinner.

Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 8: Farewell from Auckland

Say farewell to your fellow travellers as your Inspiring Journey comes to an end and we transfer you to Auckland Airport for your onward flight.

Breakfast

NZNI: Wellington to Auckland

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Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4:00pm into Wellington Airport
Day 8 – flights to depart anytime from Auckland Airport

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Inspiring New Zealand

A tale of two great islands, of epic natural beauty and ancient rituals and traditions – yours to explore on this Inspiring Journey across the length and breadth of New Zealand. Embrace the sophistication of its cities and the soulful expanse of its stunning untamed landscapes.
10 DAYS Auckland • Waiheke Island • Rotorua • Wellington • Queenstown • Doubtful Sound

Discover
Admire the stunning scenery in adventure-capital Queenstown, and embark on a cruise across the beautiful Lake Manapouri.

Explore
A labyrinth of magnificent, undisturbed glowworm displays, Footwhistle Cave Eco experience is personal, intimate and unforgettable.

Immerse
Encounter a Māori community at Whakarewarewa Living Village, then visit Zealandia, the world’s first fully-fenced urban eco-sanctuary.

Relax
Savour Mediterranean flavours at Casita Miro, then indulge in the Polynesian Spa’s healing waters.
Day 1: Welcome to Auckland
Welcome to New Zealand’s invigorating North Island hub. Spend your day at leisure before joining your Journey Director and fellow travel companions for a Welcome Reception and dinner.
**Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour, 2 nights**
**Dinner with wine**

Day 2: Auckland Sights – Waiheke Island
A city sights tour will start your morning in Auckland. Travel around the waterfront from central city out to Mission Bay. Next up we take a ferry over to Waiheke Island. Enjoy a scenic drive to your first stop, Stonyridge Vineyard, where you’ll enjoy a tour and tastings, plus a light lunch over views of the vineyard. You then depart for Rangihoua Estate, which introduces you to Waiheke’s olive growing industry, including tasting award-winning olive oils. A stop at Casita Miro will leave you enchanted with the tastes and feelings of the Mediterranean. Your tour finishes with wine tastings at the beautiful Mudbrick Vineyard, with spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf, before returning to the ferry terminal. Tonight, enjoy a free evening; why not try one of the many restaurants in Wynyard Quarter or the Viaduct.
**Breakfast, lunch**

Day 3: Auckland – Rotorua
Your leisurely discovery of New Zealand’s North Island continues as you follow the meandering trail of the Waikato River to the famous Waitomo Caves for an exclusive 5-star Eco Glowworm experience. Your guide sets the scene for a cave experience where you will see glowworms, cave formations and appreciate the beauty of Footwhistle Cave.
Journey to the volatile landscapes of Rotorua, where Māori culture takes centre stage. Visit the Tamaki Māori Village for insights into the local rituals and traditions of this fascinating culture. Embrace their gracious Hongi greeting, experience the heart-pounding wero challenge and enjoy a Local Dining Experience, the delicious flavours of the Hangi cooked in the earth with geothermal steam.
**Pullman Rotorua, 2 nights**
**Breakfast, Local Dining Experience**

Day 4: Rotorua
First up, visit Whakarewarewa Living Village where you’ll...
be accompanied by a Local Guide to view New Zealand’s biggest geyser, bubbling mud pools and thermal springs. Later, the day is all yours to explore the sacred lands, thermal marvels and Māori traditions of Rotorua. You could indulge in a spa treatment at the Polynesian Thermal Spa, tread in the footsteps of Bilbo Baggins in the fantasy-land of Hobbiton or if you’re up for a challenge, take the native forest zipline adventure tour with Canopy Tours.

**Breakfast, dinner with wine**

**Day 5: Rotorua – Wellington**
This morning visit Rainbow Springs Nature Park. Discover native flora that grows around the crystal clear mineral water springs and you might even spot a kiwi or two. Later, fly to Wellington. Spend the evening at your leisure, enjoying dinner at one of the quirky cafés at Courtney Place or Cuba Street.

**Softel Wellington, 2 nights**

**Breakfast**

**Day 6: Wellington – Zealandia**
A foodie extravaganza awaits this morning as you join a local guide to sample the delicious gourmet delights shared over fascinating stories of Welly. Embrace your inner hipster as you explore the charming Victorian architecture and savour the city’s coffee culture, visiting several local gems with an expert to indulge in the city’s specialities. This afternoon, we continue to the urban eco-sanctuary of Zealandia, admiring the extraordinary efforts of conservationists who have reintroduced 18 species of native wildlife that were absent from mainland New Zealand for over a century.

**Breakfast, dinner with wine**

**Day 7: Wellington – Queenstown**
It’s time to prime yourselves for a few days of adventure, flying to Queenstown, New Zealand’s adventure-capital. On arrival, journey to the goldrush village of Arrowtown. Enjoy a tour of Queenstown, and gaze at the natural splendour in its midst – from the peaks of the Remarkables to beautiful Lake Wakatipu.

**Hotel St. Moritz, 3 nights**

**Breakfast**

**Choose this journey if you’d love to experience:**

- A guided walking tour of the culinary capital, Wellington
- Cruising on Doubtful Sound in the heart of Fiordland
- Tastings at some of Waiheke Island’s wineries
- The perfect combination of North and South Island highlights

**Dining**

- 9 Breakfasts
- 2 Lunches
- 4 Dinners with wine
- 1 Local Dining Experience
- 1 Celebration Dinner

**Day 8: Queenstown – Lake Manapouri**
Your day begins in Manapouri, where you’ll embark on a cruise across Lake Manapouri. Then travel to the heart of Fiordland National Park and take in the beauty and vastness of remote Doubtful Sound on a Wilderness Cruise. It will take your breath away as you experience its deep wilderness. Keep a look out for wildlife including dolphins, fur seals and even occasionally penguins. Later enjoy dinner at your hotel.

**Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine**

**Day 9: Queenstown at Leisure**
Explore exciting Queenstown your way! You could enjoy a guided walk through a native beech forest or embark on a minibus tour through the scenic gorge of Skippers Canyon. For a more sedate encounter with the adrenalin capital, visit one of the nearby wineries on a wine tour. Your Journey Director will assist you in booking all of your chosen optional experiences. As your final day ends enjoy a Celebration Dinner at one of the local restaurants with your Journey Director and new-found friends.

**Breakfast, Celebration Dinner**

**Day 10: Farewell from Queenstown**
For now, all that’s left to say is a fond farewell as your inspiring journey comes to an end after breakfast. Throughout today you will be transferred to Queenstown Airport for your onward flight.

**Breakfast**

**NZFLY: Auckland to Queenstown**

**Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:**

- Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4:00pm into Auckland Airport
- Day 5 – flights to depart anytime from Queenstown Airport
- Day 10 – flights to depart anytime from Queenstown Airport

**Internal-holiday flights required to be purchased in order to fulfil the itinerary:**

- Day 5 – Rotorua to Wellington
- Day 7 – Wellington to Queenstown

**For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 66 & 68/69.**

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Ways to Save

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Save up to 10%
when you pay in full by 31 January 2020

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Please note that other airline fees and cancellation fees may apply.
† Medical certificates must be supplied as proof of all illness claims.