



**NEW** LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

## Australia & New Zealand: The Lands Down Under 2020

17 days from \$14,995 per person

Limited to 18 guests

Explore two inspiring destinations on a single, epic journey, starting in Australia with Melbourne, Cairns, the Great Barrier Reef, Uluru and Sydney, followed by Wellington, Queenstown, Milford Sound and Auckland in New Zealand.

### Included With Every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy® Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- **New!** Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day®
- Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

### A&K Advantages

- Journey through a diverse range of landscapes from the Outback of Australia to the fjords of New Zealand, and stay in five-star accommodations in each destination
- Enjoy a relaxing, luxurious stay at Longitude 131°, a five-star, tented eco-camp with unparalleled views of majestic Uluru
- Experience insider access and up-close interaction with Australian species, on a privately guided visit to Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas
- Discover the wonders of Australia's Great Barrier Reef on a full-day excursion aboard a stylish vessel
- Explore two of the region's most trend-setting cities, Melbourne, Australia and Wellington, New Zealand
- Cruise through New Zealand's spectacular Milford Sound, with natural wonders all around you
- Discover life in Queenstown, as you visit the private home and gallery of a world-renowned local artist, savor a multicourse lunch with paired wines, and enjoy a tasting and tour of the caves at a top local vineyard

# Itinerary

## DAY 1 ARRIVE MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Arrive in Melbourne, where you are met and transferred to your luxurious hotel, with your room preregistered by A&K for immediate check-in. Later, tour Melbourne's landmarks, and enjoy a welcome dinner.

Park Hyatt Melbourne | Meals: Dinner

## DAY 2 MELBOURNE | CITY OF MAGNIFICENT ARCHITECTURE

Explore the heart of Melbourne, on foot and by tram, taking in the city's rich and varied architectural landscape. Follow your guide through the city's fascinating labyrinth of atmospheric arcades and alleyways, home to trendy cafés and eclectic boutiques, not to mention graffiti and street art. See landmarks like the Block Arcade and the Old General Post Office. Stop for coffee at a local café before continuing to Melbourne's fine arts and sporting precincts as well as its lush parklands. Along the way, view cultural and historic highlights like the State Library and the Royal Exhibition Building.

Park Hyatt Melbourne | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 3 CAIRNS | GATEWAY TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Fly to Cairns, gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest, one of the oldest rainforests in the world. Upon arrival, transfer to your accommodations. Dine tonight at your hotel, enjoying views of the Coral Sea.

Riley | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 4 GREAT BARRIER REEF | EXPLORING UNDERWATER GEMS

Embark on a full-day exploration of the Great Barrier Reef aboard a stylish vessel. Glide among islands adorned with white-sand beaches, coral gardens and sheltered lagoons. Explore the marvelous aquatic wonders of the reef on a guided snorkeling tour, viewing teeming undersea life up close in its native habitat, before an exhilarating cruise back to port.

Riley | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 5 DAINTREE RAINFOREST | EXCLUSIVE BOTANICAL ARK VISIT

Travel overland to Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas, which you explore privately with a park ranger, enjoying exclusive access to the koala and wallaby enclosures, with the opportunity to hold a koala in your arms. Next, visit the Wildlife Care Center for rescued wild and injured animals. Explore the park at your leisure, before an A&K-exclusive visit to the Botanical Ark, a private ethnobotanical garden, for a Chef's Table lunch. While on site, discover how the Botanical Ark, which began as one family's subsistence farm, is now backed by over 40 years of research, experimentation and development, helping it foster sustainable interaction between mankind and rainforests around the globe. After your freshly made lunch and immersive visit with the Ark's staff, return to Cairns for time at leisure. Riley | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 6 ULURU | AN UNDENIABLE PRESENCE

Fly to Uluru (Ayers Rock) and transfer to your luxury tented camp — Longitude 131° — overlooking the UNESCO World Heritage-listed wilderness of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Visit the Mulgara Gallery to see authentic Aboriginal art and meet the artist in residence. Later, stroll the town center, returning to Longitude 131° in time for lunch. This afternoon, with chilled glass and canapé in hand, witness the changing light reflected on Uluru's surface as the sun slips below the horizon. Tonight, dine among the dunes to the sounds of an ancient indigenous culture, and feast on four delicious courses complemented with premium Australian wines. Later, join your camp's resident astronomer to observe the Southerly constellations.

Longitude 131° | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 7 ULURU | SUNRISE OVER THE OLGAS

Rise early and set out for Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), stopping to view sunrise over its majestic domes. In the company of your guide, walk through Walpa Gorge and learn how its stark landscapes were shaped. This afternoon, return to Uluru and journey along the Mala Walk at its base, pausing to view cave paintings and sources of bush tucker. Later, see the walls of Kantju Gorge ablaze with the light of the setting sun. Sip sparkling wine and nibble on canapés, savoring the solitude of the gorge as the daylight fades.

Longitude 131° | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 8 SYDNEY | LUXURY IN THE ROCKS

Fly to Sydney and settle into your hotel near the historic Rocks area, a short stroll from the harbor and some of the city's best dining and attractions. Sydney's appeal is wide ranging, from its stunning harbor and iconic skyline to its fascinating museums and famed Bondi Beach. It is a worldclass city that fairly pulses with the energy of its diverse and cosmopolitan inhabitants.

The Langham, Sydney | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAYS 9-10 SYDNEY | DESIGN YOUR DAY

After breakfast, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

**Cruise Sydney Harbour**, viewing the city's inspiring highlights, including the opera house and harbor bridge.

**Cycle Through Sydney** with a top local guide, viewing iconic sights and gliding along the city's vibrant streets.



**Walk Through the Historic Rocks District**, discovering the rich heritage of Sydney's oldest neighborhood. Gather for lunch at the iconic Sydney Opera House, followed by a privately guided backstage tour. Then, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. The next day is also at your leisure to explore this spectacular city, until you regroup for the final dinner of your journey in Australia.

The Langham, Sydney | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Day 9); Breakfast, Dinner (Day 10)

#### DAYS 11-12 WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND | AN ECLECTIC CAPITAL

This morning, fly to Wellington, New Zealand's trend-setting capital, where you encounter authentic New Zealand life, including the indigenous Maori culture. This afternoon, take in the highlights of this buzz-worthy center of art and cuisine. Ascend by cable car to a scenic outlook point for incredible views over Wellington Harbour and the city. The next morning, visit the Te Papa Museum for a private tour — an in-depth way to discover Maori culture. Engage one-on-one with the collections staff and get up close to the Maori *taonga* (treasure) not on display to the general public, including tools, weapons, carvings, traditional cloaks, musical instruments and more. Conclude your visit with some light refreshments and a short time to reflect with your hosts. This afternoon, set out on foot to gain an insider's understanding of the locals and sample the city's culinary delights, joining your guide for tastings of coffee, chocolate, gelato and cheeses in foodie hotspots only the locals know.

Sofitel Wellington | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Day 11); Breakfast, Lunch (Day 12)

#### DAY 13 QUEENSTOWN | EXPLORING THE CITY

Fly to Queenstown, located on New Zealand's South Island. Upon arrival, tour the city, visiting the famed bungee-jump site of AJ Hackett Kawarau Bridge, historic Arrowtown and beautiful Lake Hayes. Enjoy lunch along the way before checking in to your luxurious hotel. Tonight, dine at a local restaurant.

Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 14 QUEENSTOWN | MAGNIFICENT MILFORD SOUND

This morning, fly to Milford Sound (weather permitting), taking in the stunning alpine views along the way. On arrival, board a spacious vessel for a tour of the sound's awe-inspiring scenery. Cruise New Zealand's southern fjords amid towering cliffs, viewing sparkling waterfalls while watching for wildlife. Keep a lookout for seals basking on the rocks or dolphins frolicking in the water. Return by air to Queenstown for an evening at leisure.

Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa | Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 15 QUEENSTOWN | PRIVATE ARTIST VISIT & WINE TASTING

Today, immerse yourself in the charming local life of Queenstown. Enjoy a private visit to the home and gallery of an established and world-renowned local artist, and learn about the artist's history and techniques. Then, sit down to a three-course lunch, served with paired wines. Afterward, proceed to a local winery, to tour the caves where their vintages are stored for aging, and savor a wine tasting.

Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAYS 16-17 DEPART AUCKLAND

Fly to Auckland and transfer to your hotel, located in the city center. This evening, gather for a special farewell dinner. The next day, transfer to the airport and depart.

SO/ Auckland | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner (Day 16); Breakfast (Day 17)

## Extensions



### Pre-Tour Extension: Tasmania

Learn how MONA helped shape Tasmania into a cultural epicenter, view stunning vistas and stay at MACq 01 Hotel.

4 days from \$2,995 per person  
Single Supplement from \$995 per person  
Internal air from \$370  
Hobart/Melbourne



Available to add to select departure dates.

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#### DAY 1

Fly to Hobart, Tasmania, and transfer to your hotel. Explore Salamanca Place, with its galleries and craft shops. Tonight, enjoy dinner.

MACq 01 Hotel | Meals: Lunch, Dinner

#### DAYS 2-3

Ferry up the river to the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA), for an out-of-this-world art experience. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and the rest of your day at leisure. The next day, cruise to Peppermint Bay on a catamaran. After a lunch featuring local produce, visit cider-maker Willie Smith's and one of Tasmania's oldest orchards for a tour and tasting.

MACq 01 Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 4

Transfer to the airport and fly to Melbourne.

# Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>Feb 06 - Feb 22, 2020</b>	\$14,995	\$6,995	\$3,450	Waitlist - Call A&K
<i>Optional <a href="#">pre-tour extension</a> available on this departure. Days 11-12 and 13-15 run in reverse. Sightseeing remains the same.</i>				
<b>Mar 02 - Mar 18, 2020</b>	\$14,995	\$6,995	\$3,450	Waitlist - Call A&K
<i>Optional <a href="#">pre-tour extension</a> available on this departure.</i>				
<b>Mar 23 - Apr 08, 2020</b>	\$14,995	\$6,995	\$3,450	Waitlist - Call A&K
<i>Optional <a href="#">pre-tour extension</a> available on this departure.</i>				
<b>Sep 21 - Oct 07, 2020</b>	\$14,995	\$6,995	\$3,450	Available
<b>Oct 05 - Oct 21, 2020</b>	\$14,995	\$6,995	\$3,450	Waitlist - Call A&K
<i>Optional <a href="#">pre-tour extension</a> available on this departure.</i>				
<b>Oct 26 - Nov 11, 2020</b>	\$14,995	\$6,995	\$3,450	Available
<i>Optional <a href="#">pre-tour extension</a> available on this departure.</i>				
<b>Nov 02 - Nov 18, 2020</b>	\$14,995	\$6,995	\$3,450	Available
<i>Optional <a href="#">pre-tour extension</a> available on this departure.</i>				
<b>Dec 17, 2020 - Jan 02, 2021</b>	\$16,995	\$7,395	\$3,450	Available
<i>Optional <a href="#">pre-tour extension</a> available on this departure. Days 11-12 and 13-15 run in reverse. Sightseeing remains the same.</i>				

## Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$3,450  
Melbourne/Cairns/Uluru/Sydney/Wellington/Queenstown/Milford Sound/Queenstown/Auckland

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 2:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Day 16.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.