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# Australia & New Zealand

Guided Touring Holidays  
2016 & 2017



# *A warm welcome awaits...*

At Distant Journeys, we use our extensive experience and expertise to offer you a wonderful choice of touring holidays to Australia and New Zealand, operated at a leisurely pace and providing you with unrivalled flexibility and value for money. We tailor our itineraries to the tastes of UK travellers, and our aim is simple - to make every moment of your holiday as memorable as it should be.

## *Over 50 years in the industry*

Our Directors, who previously brought you Journeys of Distinction and Go Touring, have over 50 years combined travel industry experience and are true Australasian experts. Between them they have created an exciting style of flexible touring holiday, giving you the chance to create a holiday which is perfect for you. Many months of meticulous planning go into delivering touring holidays of exceptional standards and unbelievable value.

## *Exceptional service remains at the heart of everything we do*

Our friendly travel professionals are qualified Australian and New Zealand specialists and are happy to share their passion for these destinations with you at any time.

## *No surcharge guarantee*

We guarantee that absolutely no surcharge will be added to the price you pay once your booking has been confirmed, irrespective of any fluctuation in currency exchange rates, increases in international air fares or increases in other costs associated with your holiday, unless these costs are imposed by the British or an overseas government.

## *Book with confidence and peace of mind*

Fully bonded by the Civil Aviation Authority ATOL no. 10913, you can book in confidence knowing not only are you securing your place on the best touring experience to Australasia, but your money is also 100% safe!

*We hope to welcome you on a Distant Journeys holiday very soon.*



Andrew Laycock



Richard Hanson



Simon Whittle

*Over 50 years travel experience*

The Ghan

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Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown

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## *Your holiday is fully protected*



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# Ten reasons to choose Distant Journeys

## 1. Uncompromising quality, exceptional value

A Distant Journeys holiday includes so much at an unbeatable price: scheduled international flights, a choice of included stopovers, overseas transfers, expertly chosen hotels, daily breakfast, experienced local Tour Managers and Coach Captains, and many amazing excursions.

Plus, you'll even get the little extras included you might not expect; like hotel portage and a welcome drink in Australia or New Zealand.

## 2. Carefully selected hotels

You'll be delighted by your hotels, which typically have four star ratings. All are named in the brochure, so you know where you will be staying, and all have been carefully selected by our Directors for their quality, comfort and great location, to ensure you make the most of each destination you visit.



Marina Bay, Singapore

## 3. Specialists in Australia & New Zealand

Our Directors have over 50 years combined specialist experience of touring holidays to Australia and New Zealand. We know these countries intimately and understand what it takes to create the perfect touring experience, ensuring fond memories that will last a lifetime. What's more, each of our UK based travel experts is a qualified Australia or New Zealand specialist.

## 4. The freedom to explore

Whilst our itineraries are tailored to the tastes of United Kingdom guests, we appreciate that everybody is different. Whether you love nature and wildlife, food and drink, history and culture or active adventure, Distant Journeys gives you the freedom to tailor your holiday in a way that suits you.

## 5. Expert Tour Managers and Coach Captains

Our Tour Managers and Coach Captains in Australia and New Zealand have just the right balance of organisational skills and a warm friendly personality, and have one goal - to help deliver the perfect holiday for you.

## 6. Flexible included stopovers

To make your journey to Australia or New Zealand even more of an adventure, you may choose from a range of fascinating and included two night stopovers on your outward journey at no extra cost. Options include Singapore, Bangkok and Dubai.

## 7. Fly from your local airport

For your convenience, we are extremely pleased to offer you a wide selection of local UK airports to choose from, travelling with some of the world's leading scheduled airlines, without paying a penny extra.



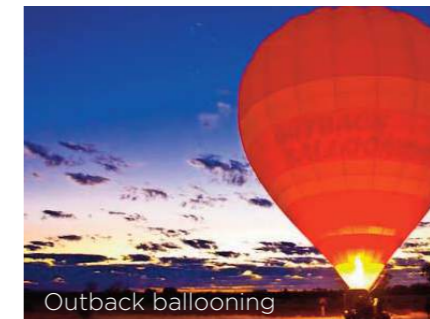
Qantas A380 over Sydney

## 8. Single traveller savings

We're delighted to offer holidays to Australia and New Zealand with no single room supplements, through our Happy to Share option. And should you wish to enjoy a single room on your own, don't worry - our rooms for single occupancy are also excellent value.

## 10. Fully bonded for your protection and peace of mind

Distant Journeys holidays are fully bonded by the Civil Aviation Authority, ATOL number 10913. So you can book in total confidence knowing that, in the unlikely event something goes wrong, your money is 100% safe.



Outback ballooning

## 9. Fantastic early booking offers

On top of the unbeatable value and flexibility of a Distant Journeys holiday, if you book early you will also enjoy amazing savings on homebound stopovers. To see our current range of offers, visit our website [distantjourneys.co.uk](http://distantjourneys.co.uk) or call our expert team on 01695 577 961.



Uluru (Ayers Rock)



Milford Mariner, Milford Sound



# Exceptional value with so much included

At Distant Journeys, our aim is to offer exceptional value without compromising on the quality of your experience. We only take bookings directly from our customers, avoiding expensive travel agency commissions and allowing us to pass those savings on to you.

## So much included in the price

To get your holiday off to the best possible start, you have a choice of UK departure airports and will travel with an award-winning scheduled airline, with all on-board meals and drinks included. It continues with a choice of included two night stopovers on the way to Australia and New Zealand, which not only provides a welcome break in your journey, but also gives you a chance to explore a new and exciting destination.

Each hotel on a Distant Journeys holiday has been carefully selected by our Directors to make sure you make the most of each destination and enjoy comfortable surroundings. A daily breakfast is included along with a selection of other meals, and all transfers, hotel portorage and the services of an experienced Tour Manager or Coach Captain are included too.

## 'Once in a lifetime' experiences

On a Distant Journeys holiday, you'll see all the sights you would hope for - plus you'll enjoy experiences you might not expect to find on such a reasonably priced holiday.

For example, you would not expect to find an all-inclusive overnight rail journey on-board The Ghan or Indian Pacific. Nor would you expect to enjoy a wonderful overnight cruise on-board Milford Mariner, as it sails spectacular Milford Sound. These amazing experiences are all included in your holiday price and are part of our commitment to provide you with memories you will treasure forever.

## Happy to Share - single traveller savings

If you are travelling on your own, a Distant Journeys holiday not only gives you an opportunity to meet like-minded people and enjoy plenty of 'me time', it also provides great savings through our Happy to Share option.

Guests taking our Happy to Share option will share a room on holiday with a single traveller of the same gender and will avoid paying a single room supplement. Simply choose our Happy to Share option at the time of booking where it's available, and if there isn't another single traveller of the same gender on your departure, you'll enjoy a single room on your own, at no extra cost.

## Rewarding early bookers

Our philosophy is simple: the earlier you book, the better the offer you will enjoy. We will never discount our holidays at the last minute, so by booking early you can relax in the knowledge that you are enjoying the best possible price.



## What's included

- ✓ International and overseas domestic scheduled flights
- ✓ A choice of UK departure airports
- ✓ A selection of two night outbound stopovers
- ✓ Overseas airport transfers
- ✓ Superior hotels in great locations
- ✓ Daily breakfasts worth between £220 - £320 per person
- ✓ Experienced local Tour Managers or Coach Captains
- ✓ Amazing excursions and extra meals as detailed
- ✓ All pre-payable airport taxes
- ✓ All hotel portorage
- ✓ No surcharge guarantee
- ✓ ATOL protection for your holiday





# Hand-picked hotels

*perfectly located*

All Distant Journeys hotels are carefully selected by our Directors, who over many years have gained a wealth of experience in understanding and appreciating exactly what elements of a hotel work best on a touring holiday. Location and quality are always paramount considerations. We strive to provide the best of both without it costing the earth.

## *Location, location, location*

When you travel with Distant Journeys, you can relax in the knowledge that each of your hotels has been chosen to allow you to make the most of each destination you visit. Where many other operators may select hotels in a city's outlying districts, Distant Journeys will always accommodate you at the very heart of the attractions.

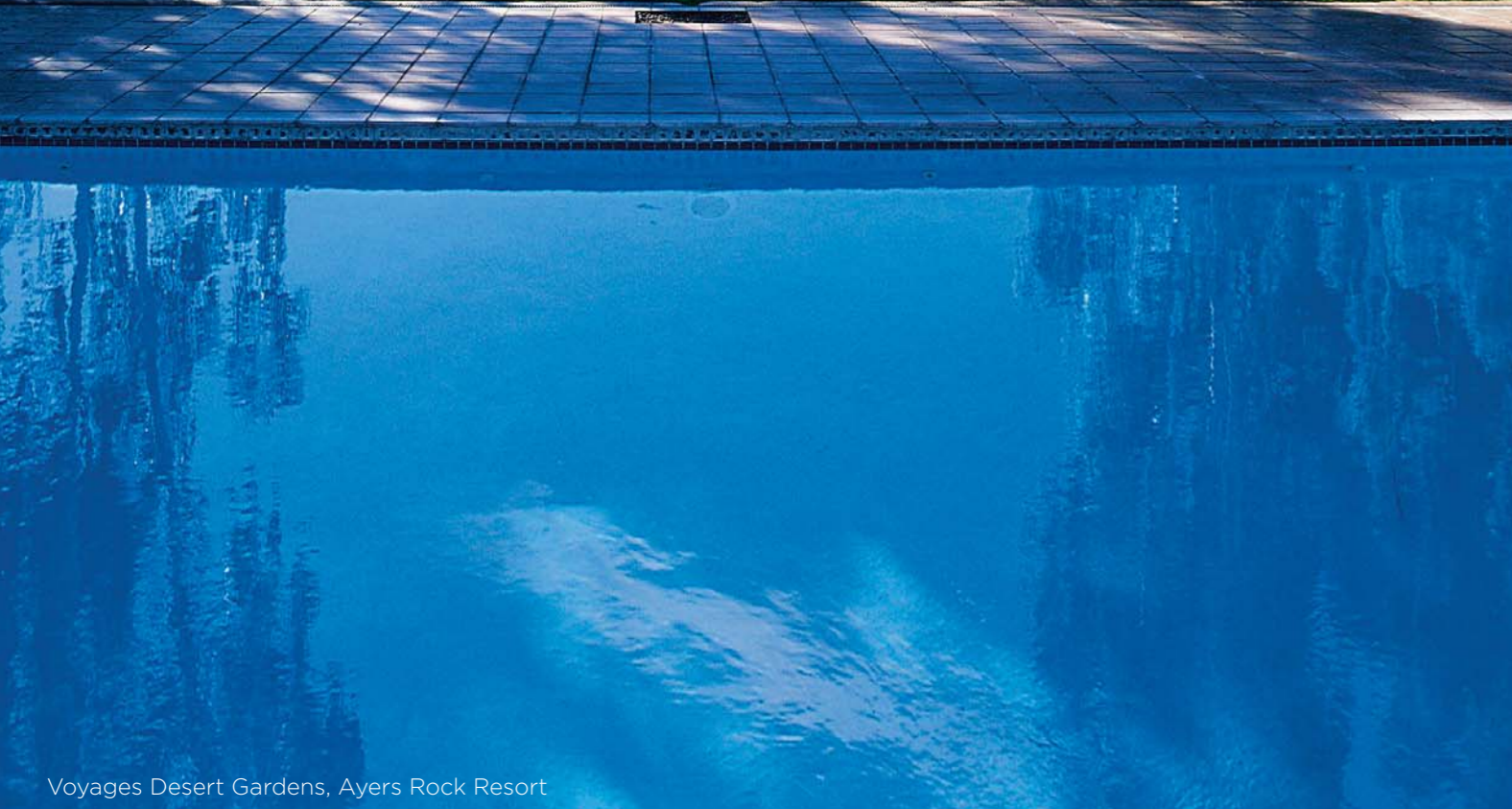
Take Cairns for instance and the fabulous DoubleTree by Hilton, located right on Cairns Esplanade and a few minutes stroll to all the attractions and eateries this cosmopolitan town has to offer. On the Magnificent New Zealand tour for example, you will stay in the wonderfully situated Crowne Plaza, just minutes away from vibrant Viaduct Harbour in Auckland.

When staying in more rural areas, Distant Journeys has selected accommodation that really makes the most of the surrounding landscapes. Such as the DoubleTree by Hilton in Alice Springs, which enjoys a secluded resort location away from the town centre, with lovely views of the surrounding MacDonnell mountain range.

## *Excellent quality and exceptional value*

The majority of your hotels have official four star ratings, but as we tell you the name of each hotel you will stay in, why not take a look at the hotel websites for more details? We're sure you'll be delighted by their quality and great locations.

You will notice as you view the list of hotels in our hotel directory, found on pages 60 - 63, we have added our own personal rating next to the official star rating. As quality ratings vary from country to country, we feel it is important to provide you with our own opinion, based on our experience and understanding of UK guests' expectations.



Voyages Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock Resort



Scenic Hotel, Bay of Islands



Crowne Plaza, Auckland



# Unforgettable experiences

memories that will last a lifetime

Australia and New Zealand are spectacular destinations for your holiday, and Distant Journeys include a series of amazing experiences and journeys to help you fully appreciate these incredible countries.

## A new adventure every day

In Australia for example, you will explore vibrantly coloured marine life and the beautiful coral of the Great Barrier Reef and discover Sydney's spectacular harbour during a lunch or dinner cruise. And while in New Zealand you will cross the imposing Southern Alps on a remarkable TranzAlpine rail journey; undoubtedly the most scenic train ride in New Zealand, and arguably one of the most scenic rail journeys anywhere in the world.

## The Ghan and Indian Pacific

Imagine Australia's fabled outback unfolding before you as you enjoy a leisurely dining experience on-board either The Ghan or Indian Pacific. As guests in the Gold Service carriages, you will enjoy the romance of a bygone era with every modern comfort. The journey is all-inclusive, with fine à la carte meals freshly prepared by the on-board chefs, served in the delightful Queen Adelaide Restaurant. At any time of day or evening, you are more than welcome to head to the relaxing lounge to enjoy a wide selection of complimentary drinks and chat with your fellow travellers.

The comfortable twin cabins configure as a three seater sofa during the day and convert to upper and lower berths at night, with a compact en-suite bathroom. If you're travelling alone, single cabins are configured as a lounge chair, converting into a bed at night, with shared bathroom facilities at the end of each carriage.

## Milford Mariner

With Distant Journeys, you enjoy the ultimate Milford Sound experience, spending a night aboard the Milford Mariner and waking up to a new day in one of the most beautiful places on earth. The relaxing cruise allows plenty of time to explore Milford Sound's spectacular waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife, with a chance to join the ship's nature guide and discover the fiord in tender craft (small boat) and kayaks.

As evening falls, you will enjoy a delicious carvery buffet in the dining saloon, prepared freshly by the on-board chef. Then relax in the company of fellow travellers or indulge in some star-gazing before retiring to your private cabin.





# Freedom & flexibility

*styled just for you*

*Freedom and flexibility combined with the benefits of an organised tour.*

*Truly the best of both worlds!*



Marina Bay, Singapore



Katherine Gorge, Northern Territory



Barossa Valley, South Australia

When it comes to tailoring your guided touring holiday to the way you want it, Distant Journeys provides freedom and true flexibility at no extra cost. Imagine being able to enjoy all the benefits of travelling with a group of like-minded people; the laughs, the camaraderie, the security and peace of mind. On top of this, you also have a huge number of ways in which you can tailor your holiday to Australia or New Zealand so that it's perfect for you.

## *Fly from your local airport*

To get your holiday off to the best possible start, Distant Journeys offers a selection of UK airports for your scheduled international flights at no extra cost. On our Wonders of Australia, Visions of Australia and Highlights of Australia & New Zealand tours, you may choose to travel with the Qantas and Emirates partnership from London Heathrow, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle or Glasgow, without paying a penny extra. And on our Magnificent New Zealand tour you have all these options, plus a choice of flights from Heathrow or Manchester with Singapore Airlines.

## *A choice of included stopovers*

A two night outbound stopover is included on all our holidays to Australia and New Zealand, so whichever holiday or airline you choose, there's nothing extra to pay. Your options, dependent on your choice of holiday, include Singapore, Bangkok or Dubai - you decide and we'll take care of the rest. What's more, early bookers will also enjoy a fabulous offer on a homebound stopover. More information may be found on pages 65 - 67.

## *Freedom Days*

For an escorted tour to be truly memorable, we believe you should have the freedom to personalise your touring experience to suit your interests. From adventurous activities like sailing an America's Cup yacht in Auckland, to a hot air balloon flight over Alice Springs or sampling wines in New Zealand's Central Otago region, Distant Journeys provides Freedom Days for you to spend as you please. And you don't have to decide now - for most activities and excursions you can make your choices whilst you are on tour.

## *Extend your holiday*

You may wish to combine your holiday with a visit to see family and friends, or explore another destination within Australia or New Zealand. We will be happy to arrange your flights for you - it's all part of the service.



# Wonders of Australia

22 days from only £3,895 per person

Australia – a land so vast and timeless, where ancient Aboriginal cultures blend with modern life to create one of the most cosmopolitan and friendly nations on earth. Australia is a country of great contrasts and immense beauty and the Wonders of Australia tour offers a fabulous way to explore this amazing country at a relaxed pace. From the glitter of Sydney and Melbourne, to the haunting splendour of the outback – we visit all the must-see sights, including four nights in tropical Cairns, the ideal base to discover the Great Barrier Reef.

Including a choice of stopovers on the way to Australia, an overnight rail journey onboard the legendary Ghan, and guided throughout Australia by your experienced Distant Journeys Tour Manager, you can be sure the Wonders of Australia will take you to see the very best.



## Tour Highlight

The Ghan



This tour includes a fabulous overnight journey through the Australian outback on-board the legendary Ghan, with all meals and selected drinks included.

## What's included

### Flights with leading scheduled airlines

- Return economy class flights with Qantas / Emirates
- Depart from London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow at no additional cost
- All domestic flights within Australia
- Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are available on selected international routes for a supplement

### Great choice of included stopovers

- Your choice of two night outbound stopover in Singapore or Dubai
- Your stopover includes airport transfers, accommodation, daily breakfast and a sightseeing tour

### Carefully selected hotels

- Superior hotels in great locations, as detailed in the itinerary
- All-inclusive overnight accommodation on-board The Ghan

### Many meals included

- Daily breakfast included, worth £230 per person
- Buffet lunch on the Great Barrier Reef
- Luncheon cruise around Sydney Harbour

### All-inclusive on the Ghan

- Dinner, breakfast and lunch included
- A wide selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks included
- Cruise on Katherine Gorge

### Unforgettable experiences included

- Sightseeing tours in Singapore, Melbourne, Alice Springs and Sydney
- Uluru (Ayers Rock) at sunset and sunrise
- Full day on the Great Barrier Reef
- Luncheon cruise around Sydney Harbour

### We include even more

- Services of an experienced local Tour Manager
- All hotel portage
- All overseas transfers and transport in modern air-conditioned coaches
- All airport charges, security charges and applicable fuel surcharges
- UK Air Passenger Duty
- No surcharge guarantee
- ATOL protection for your holiday



Uluru

To find out more visit [www.distantjourneys.co.uk](http://www.distantjourneys.co.uk)

To book your holiday call 01695 577 961



# Wonders of Australia

Days 1 to 7 Singapore - Melbourne



Melbourne



Orchid Gardens, Singapore

## Day 1 - Depart UK

Depart from the UK airport most convenient for you with Qantas / Emirates, at no extra cost: London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 2 - Singapore, 2 nights

All flights to Singapore will travel via Dubai. Arrive into the wonderful city of Singapore and transfer to the four star Copthorne Kings Hotel, situated in an enviable position close to the banks of the Singapore River. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 3 - Singapore

Known as 'the crossroads of Asia', Singapore is a city where east meets west; a cosmopolitan melting pot with an inspirational identity. This morning enjoy a tour of this wonderful city. Included is a stop at Merlion Park with impressive views of Marina Bay, the historic Civic District, Thian Hock Keng Temple and the fabulous orchid gardens set within Singapore's botanical gardens. Return to the hotel where the rest of our day is free to spend as we please. **Breakfast included**

## Day 4 - Depart Singapore

A day at leisure in Singapore until it's time to leave for our evening flight to Melbourne. Possibly enjoy high tea at Raffles or explore the wonderful Gardens by the Bay. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**

## Alternative Stopover - Dubai

We have based days 2 - 4 of this itinerary on a stopover in Singapore. Alternatively you may choose to stop in Dubai for the same price. All stopovers include transfers to and from the hotel, daily breakfast and a city sightseeing tour. If choosing Dubai, flight timings vary - please speak with one of our personal travel experts for more details.

## Day 5 - Melbourne, 3 nights

After clearing customs and collecting our luggage this morning, we take a city tour of Melbourne. Sights include Captain Cook's Cottage (optional entry at own expense), Victoria Markets, Federation Square, the MCG and Rod Laver Arena. We also head out of the city to see the waterside suburbs of St. Kilda and Port Melbourne. We spend our first three nights in Australia at the four star Mercure Treasury Gardens, situated in a wonderful location, opposite Fitzroy Gardens. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 6 - Melbourne Freedom Day

This is our first Freedom Day, where we can choose to relax or explore as we please. The Distant Journeys Tour Manager will be on hand to help with advice on things to do, where to eat, make any arrangements and book excursions to further explore the area. For example, we have the opportunity to take a trip to Phillip Island, home to the world's largest colony of Fairy Penguins, to view the Fairy Penguin

Parade. Alternatively, take the Puffing Billy steam train through the Blue Dandenong Ranges, explore the city's most famous sporting landmarks or take dinner on the city's historic tramcar. **Breakfast included**

## Day 7 - Melbourne Freedom Day

With so much to do and see in and around Melbourne, a further Freedom Day is an opportunity to enjoy an optional tour along one of the world's most spectacular coastal drives, the internationally renowned Great Ocean Road. The full day optional tour begins in Torquay (home to the surfing paradise of Bells Beach) and meanders along the dramatic southwest coastline of Victoria to the impressive Twelve Apostles. **Breakfast included**

## We recommend

Great Ocean Road



Journey along one of the world's most spectacular coastal roads, the internationally renowned Great Ocean Road.





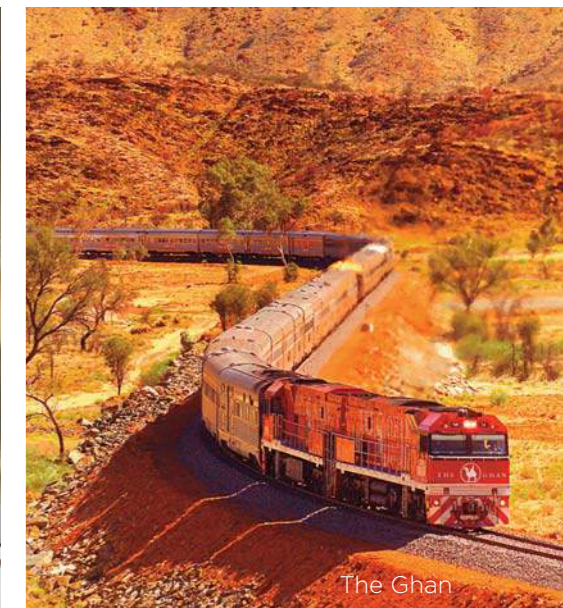


# Wonders of Australia

Days 8 to 12 Uluru (Ayers Rock) - Alice Springs - The Ghan - Darwin



Queen Adelaide Restaurant, The Ghan



The Ghan

## Day 8 - Tour Highlight

Uluru (Ayers Rock), Overnight

This morning we board our Jetstar flight to Australia's Red Centre. Upon arrival we make our way to the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and Uluru, the icon of Australia's outback, and the world's largest monolith. Rising from the flat surrounding scrubland, Uluru is a site of deep cultural significance to the Aboriginal communities of the Northern Territory. Following lunch we will have the opportunity to visit the impressive series of rounded sandstone domes known as the Olgas. Later in the day we return to Uluru to enjoy a refreshing glass of sparkling wine whilst witnessing the ever changing colours of Uluru as the sun begins to set. It's truly a photographer's delight. Overnight at the four star Desert Gardens hotel.

**Breakfast included**

## Day 9 - Alice Springs, 2 nights

For early risers, a dawn visit to the rock has been arranged. Seeing Uluru at sunrise, from a different position and in a different light, offers a totally new perspective on the changing colours and character of the rock. We return to the hotel for breakfast, prior to a gentle stroll around certain areas of the rock to learn more about its historical and cultural importance. Afterwards we make our way along the scenic Lasseter and Stuart Highways to Alice Springs. Upon arrival into Alice we make our way to the four star DoubleTree by Hilton.

**Breakfast included**

## Day 10 - Alice Springs Freedom Day

An Alice Springs Freedom Day gives the perfect opportunity for a trip to the Western MacDonnell Ranges which provides a real insight into life in the outback. The full day optional excursion takes us through the wondrous and picturesque scenery of Simpson's Gap and the towering granite walls of Standley Chasm. **Breakfast included**

## Day 11 - Tour Highlight

The Ghan, Overnight

Our morning is free to relax or explore the outback. You may wish to take an adventure in slow motion on an optional hot air balloon trip over the outback landscapes. Alternatively relax by the hotel pool. Later, we board our coach and enjoy a sightseeing tour of the outback's largest town. Visits include the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the School of the Air, and the Old Telegraph Station, now a museum and the site of the old springs from which Alice gets its name.

Later in the afternoon it's time to make our way to Alice Springs Rail Terminal in time for a magnificent overland journey to Darwin, on Australia's northern coastline. Known for being one of the world's most iconic train journeys, The Ghan was named after the Afghan cameleers who once traversed this route. Our twin accommodation is in Gold Service, air-conditioned, private sleepers, all with upper and lower bunk beds, en-suite shower, wash basin and

toilet. Single travellers will stay in single cabins, which are configured as a lounge chair, converting into a bed at night, with shared bathroom facilities at the end of each carriage. Whilst on board, all our meals are included as are a wide selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Following dinner in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant, enjoy drinks with your travelling companions in the Outback Explorer Lounge. **Breakfast and dinner PLUS selected on-board drinks included**

## Day 12 - Darwin, 2 nights

After breakfast, The Ghan arrives into Katherine. Here we have the opportunity to visit nearby Nitmiluk National Park, home to the spectacular Katherine Gorge. The gorge is a series of 13 sandstone gorges carved over many millions of years by the Katherine River. As we cruise up Katherine River, calls of the cicada resonate across the water between the towering sandstone cliffs. Listen to stories of how the gorge was named, whilst marvelling at the sheer walls, etched by time and the elements, and home to a myriad of plant and animal life. Afterwards we return to The Ghan in time for lunch and continue our journey to Darwin. Upon arrival we transfer to the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade situated on Darwin's pretty esplanade. **Breakfast and lunch PLUS selected on-board drinks included**



# Wonders of Australia

Days 13 to 20 Darwin - Cairns - Sydney



Katherine Gorge, Northern Territory



Hot air ballooning, Atherton Tablelands



Great Barrier Reef

## Day 13 - Darwin Freedom Day

Darwin is the capital of Australia's Northern Territory and is known for its laid-back fusion of frontier outpost and modern city. Your day has been left totally free to spend in your own particular way. Perhaps visit The Defence of Darwin Experience, an immersive, interactive, multimedia experience telling the story of Darwin's role in World War II - a very important time in Northern Territory history. Alternatively visit the thundering waterfalls, rainforest pockets and sacred sights of Litchfield National Park. For those wishing to adventure further afield a full day overland tour or flightseeing excursion over Kakadu National Park can be arranged. **Breakfast included**

### We recommend

Litchfield National Park



Explore the spectacular beauty of the national park, with its impressive waterfalls and expanses of rainforest.

## Day 14 - Cairns, 4 nights

After another full day at leisure in Darwin, we leave for the airport in time for our evening flight to Cairns. Upon arrival we transfer to the centrally located four star DoubleTree by Hilton, which will be our home for the next four nights. **Breakfast included**

### Day 15 - Tour Highlight

#### Great Barrier Reef

A holiday to Australia would not be complete without a visit to the Great Barrier Reef. Its vibrantly coloured marine life and breath-takingly beautiful coral make this World Heritage site a must see for all visitors. During our full day Great Barrier Reef excursion, we board our high-speed catamaran and journey out to the Marine World platform located on the Outer Reef. Snorkel in the sheltered coral lagoon, or if you prefer to stay dry, view the reef from the semi-submersible reef viewer, glass bottom boat or underwater observatory. With five hours at the reef there is plenty of time to do it all. For the more adventurous, there are a number of activities available at an additional cost, including scuba diving (no experience necessary), joining the marine biologist on a guided snorkel safari, or soaring above the reef on a spectacular scenic helicopter flight. **Breakfast and lunch included**

## Day 16 - Cairns Freedom Day

Although today has been left free, you may wish to take an optional trip to Kuranda. Beginning with a scenic railway journey to the picturesque market town of Kuranda, 'the village in the rainforest' is a lovely place to while away a few hours visiting the daily markets, the butterfly sanctuary or the Koala Gardens. The tour returns to Cairns by the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, a beautiful experience gliding over the rainforest canopy. To finish the day, guests are able to immerse themselves in traditional Tjapukai aboriginal culture with authentic music, dance and storytelling by the Tjapukai people. **Breakfast included**



Kuranda Scenic Railway

## Day 17 - Cairns Freedom Day

Another free day to enjoy and relax in tropical northern Queensland. Surrounded by rainforest and mountains, Cairns boasts over 200 walking tracks; there are also numerous interesting museums and art galleries to explore, as well as the option to take a hot air balloon ride over the Atherton Tablelands. If you prefer to venture further afield, a day trip to the nearby World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest, which is the oldest rainforest in the world, is a fascinating experience. The tour gives a wonderful insight into rainforest's unique flora and fauna, including a guided walk with an aboriginal guide and a cruise spotting saltwater crocodiles. **Breakfast included**

## Day 18 - Sydney, 3 nights

This morning we make our way to Cairns airport in time for our flight to Sydney. Upon arrival we head to the four star Rendezvous Central Hotel, conveniently located just a short walk from Darling Harbour. Sydney is a city that takes full advantage of its natural setting - its sparkling harbour is host to the world famous Sydney Harbour Bridge and the spectacular Sydney Opera House. Sydney's suburbs are blessed with lush native bushland and pristine sandy beaches.

Add to this the excellent restaurants and cafes, endless shopping opportunities and a vibrant culture and it's very easy to understand why Sydney is one of the world's favourite cities. **Breakfast and in-flight drinks included**

### Day 19 - Tour Highlight

#### Sydney - Sightseeing & luncheon cruise

This morning's sightseeing tour begins with a drive through some of Sydney's most fashionable inner-city suburbs en route to Bondi Beach. Travel by Double Bay and Rushcutters Bay as we make our way back to the city centre. We journey via Hyde Park and Parliament House to Mrs Macquarie's Chair in the Royal Botanical Gardens, where we stop for the classic photo opportunity of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge. We complete our tour in the best possible way - enjoying a luncheon cruise around Sydney's beautiful harbour. The views of the Opera House, the Harbour Bridge and the many dream homes nestled along the edge of the water are truly amazing. The afternoon has been left free to spend as we please. **Breakfast and lunch included**

## Day 20 - Sydney Freedom Day

Today has been left free, but for those that so desire, we shall be taking an optional trip to the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains. The Blue Mountains are a perfect example of

native Australian bushland, with gum trees, majestic peaks and deep gorges stretching as far as the eye can see. Experience the panoramas from a series of lookouts, including Echo Point - the prime position to view the Three Sisters rock formation.

The excursion also visits Wentworth Falls and the pretty village of Leura, famous for their annual garden festivals and playing host to many of the region's local artists. **Breakfast included**

### We recommend

World Heritage Blue Mountains



Experience the panoramas from a series of lookouts, including Echo Point - the prime position to view the Three Sisters rock formation.



# Wonders of Australia

Days 21 to 22 Sydney - UK



Sydney Harbour

## Day 21 - Depart Sydney

The day is yours until it's time to depart for the airport, early afternoon. Our flights to our chosen UK airport operate via Dubai where there will be a change of aircraft. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 22 - Arrive UK

This morning we arrive into our chosen airport (London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow) bringing to an end our incredible adventure. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Why not add the Magnificent New Zealand tour?



If you wish to make the ultimate journey to Australasia, combining the Wonders of Australia and Magnificent New Zealand tours makes perfect sense. Please see pages 58-59 for more details.

## Homebound stopovers

Two nights from £195 per person

If you would like to stop over on your way home, we have a selection of fabulous stopovers for you to choose from: The beautiful city of Singapore or neighbouring Sentosa Island, Hong Kong, Bangkok or alternatively, enjoy a stay in Dubai, leaving a relatively short flight back to the UK.

Further information on these stopovers may be found on pages 65 - 67. For full details on flight timings and any special offers on homebound stopovers, please call your personal travel expert.



**Dubai – 5\* Marriott al Jaddaf**  
Two nights from only £295 pp  
Special offers may apply



**Hong Kong – 4\* Regal Kowloon**  
Two nights from only £295 pp  
Special offers may apply



**Bangkok – 4\* Arnoma Hotel**  
Two nights from only £195 pp  
Special offers may apply



**Sentosa Island – 4\* Amara Sanctuary**  
Two nights from only £295 pp  
Special offers may apply

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**Single supplement:** £895

When travelling overnight on The Ghan, passengers booked in a room for single use will be accommodated in single sleeper cabins with wash basin. Showers and toilets are available at the end of each compartment.

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Including a choice of stopovers on the way to Australia, an overnight journey onboard the Indian Pacific, and guided throughout Australia by your experienced Distant Journeys Tour Manager, you can be sure Visions of Australia will provide you with memories you will treasure forever.



## Tour Highlight

Indian Pacific



This tour includes a fabulous overnight journey from Adelaide to Sydney on-board the incredible Indian Pacific with all meals and selected drinks included.

## What's included

### Flights with leading scheduled airlines

- Return economy class flights with Qantas / Emirates
- Depart from London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow at no additional cost
- All domestic flights within Australia
- Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are available on selected international routes for a supplement

### Great choice of included stopovers

- Your choice of two night outbound stopover in Singapore or Dubai
- Your stopover includes airport transfers, accommodation, daily breakfast and a sightseeing tour

### Carefully selected hotels

- Superior hotels in great locations, as detailed in the itinerary
- All-inclusive overnight accommodation on-board the Indian Pacific

### Many meals included

- Daily breakfast included, worth £230 per person
- Buffet lunch on the Great Barrier Reef
- Early evening dinner cruise around Sydney Harbour

### All-inclusive on the Indian Pacific

- Lunch, dinner and breakfast included
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# Visions of Australia

Days 1 to 7 Singapore - Melbourne



Flinders Street Station, Melbourne



Merlion, Singapore



## Day 1 - Depart UK

Depart from the UK airport most convenient for you with Qantas / Emirates, at no extra cost: London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 2 - Singapore, 2 nights

All flights to Singapore will travel via Dubai. Arrive into the wonderful city of Singapore and transfer to the four star Furama Riverfront hotel, situated in an enviable position close to the banks of the Singapore River. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 3 - Singapore

Known as 'the crossroads of Asia', Singapore is a city where east meets west; a cosmopolitan melting pot with an inspirational identity. This morning enjoy a tour of this wonderful city. Witness the intriguing ethnic quarters where Chinese, Malay and Indian influences fuse to produce Singapore's unique culture. Also visit Singapore's Merlion and the botanical gardens. Return to the hotel where the rest of our day is free to spend as we please. **Breakfast included**

## Day 4 - Depart Singapore

A day at leisure in Singapore until it's time to leave for our evening flight to Melbourne. Possibly visit nearby Sentosa Island or enjoy high tea at Raffles. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**

## Alternative Stopover - Dubai

We have based days 2 - 4 of this itinerary on a stopover in Singapore. Alternatively you may choose to stop in Dubai for the same price. All stopovers include transfers to and from the hotel, daily breakfast and a city sightseeing tour. If choosing Dubai, the departure day and flight timings vary - please speak with one of our personal travel experts for more details.

## Day 5 - Melbourne, 3 nights

After clearing customs and collecting our luggage this morning, we board our waiting coach. The capital of Victoria state and Australia's second largest city, Melbourne's allure lies in the fabulously preserved Victorian architecture of its many public buildings and gracious homes. Enjoy a sightseeing tour this morning including Captain Cook's Cottage (optional entry at own expense), Victoria Markets, Federation Square, the MCG and Rod Laver Arena. We also head out of the city to see the waterside suburbs of St. Kilda and Port Melbourne. We spend our first three nights in Australia at the four star Mercure Treasury Gardens, situated in a wonderful location opposite Fitzroy Gardens. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 6 - Melbourne Freedom Day

This is our first Freedom Day, where we can choose to relax or explore as we please. The Distant Journeys Tour Manager will be on hand to help with advice on things to do, where to eat, make any arrangements and book excursions to further explore the area.

For example, we have the opportunity to take a trip to Phillip Island, home to the world's largest colony of Fairy Penguins, to view the Fairy Penguin Parade. Alternatively, take the Puffing Billy steam train through the Blue Dandenong Ranges, explore the city's most famous sporting landmarks or take dinner on the city's historic tramcar. **Breakfast included**

## Day 7 - Melbourne Freedom Day

With so much to do and see in and around Melbourne, a further Freedom Day is an opportunity to enjoy an optional tour along one of the world's most spectacular coastal drives, the internationally renowned Great Ocean Road. The full day optional tour begins in Torquay (home to the surfing paradise of Bells Beach) and meanders along the dramatic southwest coastline of Victoria to the impressive Twelve Apostles. **Breakfast included**

## We recommend

Fairy Penguin Parade



Take a trip to Phillip Island, home to the world's largest colony of Fairy Penguins, to view the Fairy Penguin Parade.





# Visions of Australia

Days 8 to 12 Alice Springs - Uluru (Ayers Rock) - Cairns - Great Barrier Reef



Pontoon on the Great Barrier Reef



Turtle, Great Barrier Reef

### Day 8 – Alice Springs, 2 nights

Following breakfast this morning, we board our flight to Alice Springs, in Australia's Red Centre. Nestled between the MacDonnell Ranges, this iconic town is the geographical centre of Australia, made famous by its rich pioneering history and ancient indigenous culture. Upon arrival, we shall board our coach and enjoy a sightseeing tour. Visits include the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the School of the Air and the Old Telegraph Station, now a museum and the site of the old springs from which Alice gets its name. Later in the afternoon we arrive at the four star DoubleTree by Hilton. **Breakfast included**

### Day 9 – Alice Springs Freedom Day

Our day is free to relax or explore the outback. You may wish to take an optional hot air balloon trip over the outback landscapes. Alternatively a trip to the Western MacDonnell Ranges is an excellent opportunity to get a real picture of life in the outback. The full day excursion takes us through the wondrous and picturesque scenery of Simpson's Gap and the towering granite walls of Standley Chasm. **Breakfast included**

### Day 10 - Tour Highlight Uluru (Ayers Rock), Overnight

Leaving Alice Springs, we head west through amazing outback landscapes as we travel along the scenic Stuart and Lasseter Highways and make our way to Uluru, the icon of Australia's outback

and the world's largest monolith. Rising from the flat surrounding scrubland, Uluru is a site of deep cultural significance to the Aboriginal communities of the Northern Territory. Relax and enjoy a refreshing glass of sparkling wine whilst witnessing the changing colours as the sun begins to set. It's truly a photographer's delight. Stay overnight at the four star Desert Gardens hotel. **Breakfast included**

### Day 11 – Cairns, 4 nights

For early risers, a dawn visit to the rock has been arranged. Seeing Uluru at sunrise, from a different position and in a different light, offers a totally new perspective on the ever-changing colours and character of the rock. We return to the hotel for breakfast, prior to a gentle stroll around certain areas of the rock to learn more about its historical and cultural importance. Later, we visit the impressive series of rounded sandstone domes known as the Olgas. Afterwards we leave for the airport in time for our flight to Cairns. Upon arrival we transfer to the superbly located four star DoubleTree by Hilton, which will be our home for the next four nights. **Breakfast and in-flight drinks included**

### Day 12 - Tour Highlight Great Barrier Reef

A holiday to Australia would not be complete without a visit to the Great Barrier Reef. Its vibrantly coloured marine life and breath-takingly beautiful coral make this World Heritage site a must see for all visitors. During our full

day Great Barrier Reef excursion, we board our high-speed catamaran and journey out to the Marine World platform located on the Outer Reef. Snorkel in the sheltered coral lagoon, or if you prefer to stay dry, view the reef from the semi-submersible reef viewer, glass bottom boat or underwater observatory. With five hours at the reef there is plenty of time to do it all. For the more adventurous, there are a number of activities available at an additional cost, including scuba diving (no experience necessary), joining the marine biologist on a guided snorkel safari, or soaring above the reef on a spectacular scenic helicopter flight. **Breakfast and lunch included**

### We recommend

Hot air ballooning



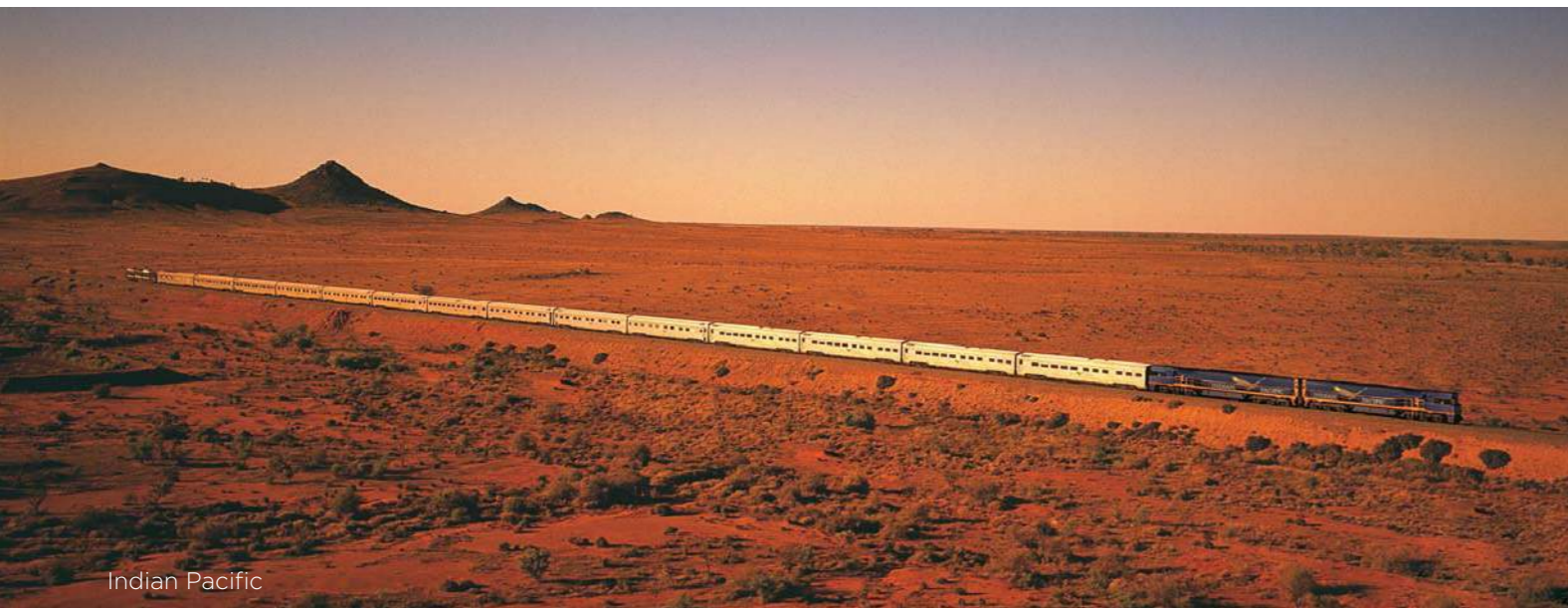
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# Visions of Australia

Days 13 to 20 Cairns - Adelaide - Indian Pacific - Sydney

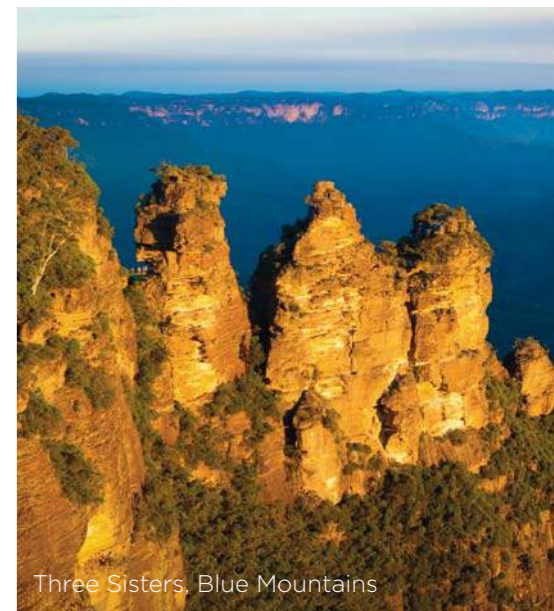
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Indian Pacific



Sydney Opera House



Three Sisters, Blue Mountains

## Day 13 - Cairns Freedom Day

Although today has been left free, you may wish to take an optional trip to Kuranda travelling along the scenic Kuranda railway. We encounter no less than 40 bridges and 15 tunnels as we make our way to the picturesque market town of Kuranda. 'The village in the rainforest', Kuranda is a lovely place to while away a few hours visiting the daily markets, the butterfly sanctuary or the Koala Gardens. The tour returns to Cairns by the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, a beautiful experience gliding over the rainforest canopy. To finish the day, guests are able to immerse themselves in traditional Tjapukai aboriginal culture with authentic music, dance and storytelling by the Tjapukai people. **Breakfast included**

## We recommend

Daintree Rainforest



A wonderful insight into the rainforest's unique flora and fauna, including a guided walk with an aboriginal guide and a cruise spotting saltwater crocodiles.

## Day 14 - Cairns Freedom Day

Another free day to enjoy and relax in tropical northern Queensland. Surrounded by rainforest and mountains, Cairns boasts over 200 walking tracks; there are also numerous interesting museums and art galleries to explore. If you prefer to venture further afield, why not take an optional day trip to the nearby Daintree Rainforest, where the oldest rainforest in the world meets the reef at the World Heritage listed Cape Tribulation? The tour gives a wonderful insight into rainforest's unique flora and fauna, including a guided walk with an aboriginal guide and a cruise spotting saltwater crocodiles. Enjoy your day! **Breakfast included**

## Day 15 - Adelaide, 2 nights

Following breakfast this morning, we board our Jetstar flight to Adelaide. Surrounded by grassy parkland, picturesque hills and the Mount Lofty Range, Adelaide could scarcely present a more captivating aspect. Upon arrival, we shall take a sightseeing tour and will be introduced to Adelaide's streets, fine Victorian buildings and attractive parks and gardens that surround the city. Included is a drive along Brabham Straight, a section of Australia's first international grand prix circuit. Later, we arrive at the four star Grand Chancellor on Hindley for our next two nights. **Breakfast included**

## Day 16 - Adelaide Freedom Day

A Freedom Day to spend as you please. Take a look around Adelaide on foot or

perhaps take an optional tour to the famous wine growing region of the Barossa Valley. Alternatively visit Kangaroo Island, situated off the Fleurieu Peninsula, some 80 kilometres from Adelaide, which offers a unique touring experience combining friendly, native wildlife with natural, unspoilt wilderness. **Breakfast included**

## Day 17 - Tour Highlight Indian Pacific, Overnight

This morning we make our way to Adelaide Parklands Rail Terminal in time for a magnificent overland rail journey to Australia's harbour city, Sydney. Named after the two great oceans it joins, and symbolised by the magnificent wedge-tailed eagle that so often soars above it, the mighty Indian Pacific traverses 4,352km (2,698 miles) between Perth and Sydney. Undeniably, one of the world's great train journeys, we join the Indian Pacific for the final leg of its great traverse from Adelaide to Sydney. Our twin accommodation is in Gold Service, air-conditioned, private sleepers, all with upper and lower bunk beds, en-suite shower, wash basin and toilet. Single travellers will stay in single cabins, which are configured as a lounge chair, converting into a bed at night, with shared bathroom facilities at the end of each carriage. Whilst on board, our meals are included as are a wide selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

Departing Adelaide relax in the Outback Explorer Lounge car with your new found friends, viewing the passing

scenery. Enjoy lunch in the Queen Adelaide Restaurant as we make our way to Broken Hill, with its countless tales of riches won and lost. Enjoy an included tour of this former mining town; known as Silver City, sitting amidst distinctive desert landscapes and an oasis of lakes. Later, we continue through some of Australia's most productive farming country and into the arid outback as the sun sets. Following dinner this evening, sleep to the rhythm of the rails. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner PLUS selected onboard drinks included**

## Day 18 - Tour Highlight

**Sydney - 3 nights including sightseeing and dinner cruise**

This morning wake to witness the sandstone cliffs, forested valleys, escarpments and waterfalls of the spectacular Blue Mountains. In just 25 hours aboard Indian Pacific we will have covered 1,693 kilometres and following your journey you will be left in little doubt that this is one of the most memorable train journeys in the world. On arrival into Sydney, our sightseeing tour begins with a drive through some of Sydney's most fashionable inner city suburbs en route to Bondi Beach. Travel by Rushcutters Bay and Double Bay as we make our way back to the city centre. Travel via Hyde Park and Parliament House to Mrs Macquarie's Chair, an exposed sandstone rock cut into the shape of a bench by convicts in 1810, as a gift to Governor Macquarie's

wife, Elizabeth. Here we stop for the classic photo opportunity of the world famous Opera House and Harbour Bridge.

Following the tour, we head to the four star Novotel Central hotel, within easy reach of Darling Harbour, to check-in and freshen up. We complete our first day in Sydney in the best possible way - enjoying an early evening dinner cruise around Sydney's beautiful harbour. The views of the Opera House, the Harbour Bridge and the many dream homes nestled along the edge of the water are truly amazing. **Breakfast and dinner included**

## Day 19 - Sydney Freedom Day

Sydney is a city that takes full advantage of its natural setting - its sparkling harbour is host to the world famous Sydney Harbour Bridge, affectionately known as 'the coat hanger' and the spectacular Sydney Opera House. Sydney's suburbs are blessed with lush native bushland and pristine sandy beaches. Add to this the excellent restaurants and cafes, endless shopping opportunities and a vibrant culture and it's very easy to understand why Sydney is one of the world's favourite cities. Your day has been left completely at leisure to explore the 'World's Friendliest City' as you please. **Breakfast included**

## Day 20 - Sydney Freedom Day

Today has been left free, but for those that so desire, we shall be taking an optional trip to the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains. We witnessed the splendour of the Blue Mountains just two days ago, but today we can return to take a closer look. The Blue Mountains are a perfect example of native Australian bushland, with gum trees, majestic peaks and deep gorges stretching as far as the eye can see. Experience the panoramas from a series of lookouts, including Echo Point - the prime position to view the Three Sisters rock formation. The excursion also visits Wentworth Falls and the pretty village of Leura, famous for their annual garden festivals and playing host to many of the region's artists. **Breakfast included**



Outback Explorer Lounge, Indian Pacific



# Visions of Australia

Days 21 to 22 Sydney - UK



Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge

## Day 21 - Depart Sydney

The day is yours until it's time to depart for the airport, early afternoon. Our flights to our chosen UK airport operate via Dubai where there will be a change of aircraft. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 22 - Arrive UK

This morning we arrive into our chosen airport (London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow) bringing to an end our incredible adventure. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Why not add the Magnificent New Zealand tour?



If you wish to make the ultimate journey to Australasia, combining the Visions of Australia and Magnificent New Zealand tours makes perfect sense. Please see page 57 for more details.

## Homebound stopovers

Two nights from £195 per person

If you would like to break your journey on the way home, we have a selection of fabulous stopovers for you to choose from: The beautiful city of Singapore or neighbouring Sentosa Island, Hong Kong, Bangkok or alternatively, enjoy a stay in Dubai, leaving a relatively short flight back to the UK.

Further information on these stopovers may be found on pages 65 - 67. For full details on flight timings and any special offers on homebound stopovers, please call your personal travel expert.



**Dubai - 5\* Marriott al Jaddaf**  
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**Hong Kong - 4\* Regal Kowloon**  
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Dining on-board the Indian Pacific



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Including a choice of stopovers on the way to Australia in Singapore, Dubai or Bangkok, and guided throughout New Zealand and Australia by your experienced Distant Journeys Coach Captains and Tour Manager, you can be sure this holiday will provide you with highlight after highlight.



## Tour Highlight

Great Barrier Reef



Snorkel in the sheltered coral lagoon or marvel at the colourful sealife from the comfort of the underwater observatory or the semi-submersible vessel.

## What's included

### Flights with leading scheduled airlines

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### Great choice of included stopovers

- Your choice of two night outbound stopover in Singapore, Dubai or Bangkok
- Your stopover includes airport transfers, accommodation, daily breakfast and a sightseeing tour

### Carefully selected hotels

- Superior hotels in great locations, as detailed in the itinerary

### Many meals included

- Daily breakfast included, worth £320 per person
- Maori Hangi dinner in Rotorua
- Buffet lunch on the Great Barrier Reef
- Luncheon cruise on Sydney Harbour

### Unforgettable experiences included

- Sightseeing tours in Singapore, Christchurch, Rotorua, Auckland, Melbourne, Alice Springs and Sydney
- Full day excursion and cruise on Milford Sound
- Franz Josef Glacier
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# Highlights of Australia & New Zealand

Days 1 to 8 Singapore - Christchurch - Franz Josef - Queenstown



Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown

## Day 1 - Depart UK

Depart from the UK airport most convenient for you with Qantas / Emirates, at no extra cost: London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 2 - Singapore, 2 nights

All flights to Singapore will travel via Dubai. Arrive into the wonderful city of Singapore and transfer to the four star Copthorne Kings hotel, situated in an enviable position close to the banks of the Singapore River. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 3 - Singapore

Known as 'the crossroads of Asia', Singapore is a city where east meets west; a cosmopolitan melting pot with an inspirational identity. This morning enjoy a tour of this wonderful city. Included is a stop at Merlion Park with impressive views of Marina Bay, the historic Civic District, Thian Hock Keng Temple and the fabulous orchid gardens set within Singapore's botanical gardens. Return to the hotel where the rest of our day is free to spend as we please. **Breakfast included**

## Day 4 - Depart Singapore

A day at leisure until it's time to leave for the airport and our flight to Christchurch. Possibly enjoy high tea at Raffles or visit the wonderful Gardens by the Bay. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**

### *Alternative Stopover - Dubai or Bangkok*

We have based days 2 - 4 of this itinerary on a stopover in Singapore. Alternatively you may choose to stay in Dubai or Bangkok for the same price. All stopovers include transfers to and from the hotel, daily breakfast and a city sightseeing tour. Flight timings vary dependent on your choice of stopover - please speak with one of our travel experts for more details.

## Day 5 - Christchurch, Overnight

We transit through Sydney and continue our journey to Christchurch, New Zealand. Christchurch is a charming city renowned for its many gardens and parks. Overnight at the delightful Rendezvous hotel. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 6 - Franz Josef, 2 nights

Today we embark on one of the most stunning drives in New Zealand. Travel through the Canterbury Plains, heading towards the imposing Southern Alps and across Arthur's Pass. We make the spectacular descent down the western side of the Southern Alps, towards the rocky beaches of the untamed west coast. Our route takes us along striking wild scree-scarred terrain with forests of Crimson Rata and Kahikatea. Pass Lakes lanthe and Mapourika before entering the Westland National Park. Our next two nights are at the Franz Josef Glacier hotel. **Breakfast included**

## Day 7 - Franz Josef Freedom Day

Today is left completely free to absorb the beauty of Franz Josef. For those that so wish, we shall drive to the Franz Josef Glacier terminal where we will have the opportunity to walk towards the glacier. Weather permitting we may also take an optional scenic flight (at an additional cost) over the awe-inspiring Alpine region. **Breakfast included**

## Day 8 - Queenstown, 3 nights

Witness incredible scenery today as we travel through Mount Aspiring National Park, and across the Haast River Bridge on one of the most exciting scenic roads ever built. We journey along the shores of Lakes Hawea and Wanaka as we enter New Zealand's Central Otago region. Later in the afternoon we arrive at the four star Millennium hotel in the stunning alpine resort of Queenstown, which will be home for the next three nights. **Breakfast included**

### *We recommend*

Scenic flight over Franz Josef Glacier



Enjoy an optional helicopter flight over awe-inspiring Franz Josef Glacier.





# Highlights of Australia & New Zealand

Days 9 to 20 Queenstown - Rotorua - Auckland - Melbourne - Alice Springs - Uluru - Cairns

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Whakarewarewa, Thermal Reserve, Rotorua



Uluru (Ayers Rock)



Melbourne

## Day 9 - Tour Highlight

### Milford Sound

Today we travel to the magnificent Fiordland National Park and to Milford Sound, which will undoubtedly prove to be one of your tour highlights. The scenic drive takes us through a variety of landscapes - farmland, native tussock grasslands, lush beech forests and impressive glacial valleys - before arriving at Milford Sound to begin our cruise. Only when out cruising on Milford Sound can the sheer scale of the dramatic scenery be fully appreciated: towering peaks rise all around and spectacular waterfalls cascade into the calm waters below. Our cruise takes in the impressive Mitre Peak and Bowen Falls; and remember to keep a look out for dolphins as well as seals and penguins. **Breakfast included**

### Day 10 - Queenstown Freedom Day

Our day is free to take advantage of the incredible variety of activities available in and around New Zealand's most glamorous alpine resort. Maybe go horse riding or take a four wheel drive safari over old mining tracks. For those requiring a more tranquil day, there is also an opportunity to take an optional leisurely cruise (at an additional cost) across Lake Wakatipu aboard the vintage steamboat TSS Earnslaw. The cruise includes a visit to Walter Peak Homestead and a sheep shearing show, before returning to Queenstown aboard Earnslaw. **Breakfast included**

### Day 11 - Rotorua, 2 nights

After breakfast we make our way to Queenstown Airport in time for our

Jetstar flight to Auckland. Upon arrival we board our waiting coach and make our way to the world famous thermal region at Rotorua for our next two nights at the Sudima Hotel, situated on the shores of beautiful Lake Rotorua. **Breakfast included**

## Day 12 - Tour Highlight

### Rotorua sightseeing and Maori Hangi

Sightseeing this morning takes us via Rotorua's famous Bath House, a Tudor-style building situated within the Government Gardens. We continue to Te Puia, home to the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve with its spouting geysers and boiling mudpools. Your afternoon is at leisure to relax. For those that so wish, optional activities include a float plane journey over Mount Tarawera, or perhaps an afternoon enjoying the healing properties of the thermal pools at the nearby Polynesian Spa may be more appealing? Rotorua is the heart of New Zealand's rich Maori culture and this evening we attend a concert featuring traditional song and dance, including the world famous war dance - The Haka. Also included is a Hangi buffet dinner, cooked using traditional Maori methods. **Breakfast and dinner included**

### Day 13 - Auckland, 2 nights

After breakfast it's time to leave Rotorua as we make our way to the beautiful city of Auckland, the 'City of Sails'. Our sightseeing tour this afternoon begins with a drive along the beautiful coastline of the famous Waitemata Harbour. In the distance you can see Rangitoto Island, an extinct volcano, dominating the horizon. We

continue to the stylish Viaduct Harbour, host to many America's Cup celebrations. Our final two nights in New Zealand are spent at the centrally located four star Amora Hotel, Auckland. **Breakfast included**

### Day 14 - Auckland Freedom Day

A day at leisure in New Zealand's largest city. Auckland enjoys a beautiful waterside setting, and sailing an America's Cup yacht (at your own expense) around Waitemata Harbour offers the fun and pleasure of a real sailing experience and at the same time providing magnificent views of the city's skyline. Alternatively take a lunch cruise, visit the boutique shops of nearby Parnell or take a trip to the top of Sky Tower. The panoramic views from the tallest building in the southern hemisphere are truly breath-taking. **Breakfast included**

### Day 15 - Melbourne, 2 nights

After an early start, we make our way to Auckland airport for our flight to Melbourne, Australia. Once our luggage has been collected, we'll meet our local Australian Tour Manager and take a first look at Melbourne on a sightseeing tour. Sights include Captain Cook's Cottage (optional entry at own expense), Victoria Markets, Federation Square, the MCG and Rod Laver Arena. We also head out of the city to see the waterside suburbs of St. Kilda and Port Melbourne. We stay at the impressive Clarion Suites Gateway, situated in a wonderful location, within easy reach of Melbourne's Southbank. **Boxed breakfast included**

### Day 16 - Melbourne, Freedom Day

This is our first Freedom Day in Australia, where we can choose to relax or explore as we please. We have the opportunity to enjoy an optional tour along one of the world's most spectacular coastal drives, the internationally renowned Great Ocean Road. The full day optional tour begins in Torquay (home to the surfing paradise of Bells Beach) and meanders along the dramatic southwest coastline of Victoria to the impressive Twelve Apostles. Alternatively, take the Puffing Billy steam train through the Blue Dandenong Ranges or take a trip to Phillip Island, home to the world's largest colony of Fairy Penguins, to view the Fairy Penguin Parade. **Breakfast included**

### Day 17 - Alice Springs, 2 nights

Our morning flight takes us from Victoria to the Northern Territory and Australia's Red Centre. Upon arrival we board our coach and enjoy a sightseeing tour of the outback's largest town. Alice Springs was originally established in the 1870's as a staging post for the overland telegraph line between Darwin and Adelaide. During our sightseeing tour we relive a bygone era at the Old Telegraph Station historic reserve, which faithfully recreates the settlement's earliest years. Also included are the remarkable Royal Flying Doctor Service and the School of the Air. These unique institutions

provide real insight into life in the vast Australian outback. Later in the afternoon we arrive at the four star DoubleTree by Hilton. **Breakfast included**

### Day 18 - Alice Springs Freedom Day

Our day is free to relax in the outback town of 'Alice'. You may wish to take an optional hot air balloon ride over the outback. Alternatively a visit to the Western MacDonnell Ranges is an excellent opportunity to get a real picture of life in the outback. The full day excursion takes us through the wondrous and picturesque scenery of Simpson's Gap and the towering granite walls of Standley Chasm. **Breakfast included**

## Day 19 - Tour Highlight

### Uluru (Ayers Rock), Overnight

Leaving Alice Springs, we head west through amazing outback landscapes as we journey along the scenic Stuart and Lasseter Highways as we make our way to Uluru, the icon of Australia's outback, and the world's largest monolith. Rising from the flat surrounding scrubland, Uluru is a site of deep cultural significance to the Aboriginal communities of the Northern Territory. Relax and enjoy the changing colours as the sun begins to set. It's truly a photographer's delight. Overnight at the four star Desert Gardens hotel. **Breakfast included**

### Day 20 - Cairns, 4 nights

For early risers, a dawn visit to the rock has been arranged. Seeing Uluru at sunrise, from a different vantage point and in a different light, offers a totally new perspective on the ever changing colours and character of the rock. We return to the hotel for breakfast, prior to a gentle stroll around certain areas of the rock to learn more about its historical and cultural importance. Later, we visit the impressive series of rounded sandstone domes known as the Olgas. Afterwards, we leave for the airport in time for our flight to Cairns. Centrally located in the heart of Cairns, our home for the next four nights is the four star DoubleTree by Hilton. **Breakfast and in-flight drinks included**

## We recommend

Great Ocean Road



Journey along the dramatic southwest coastline of Victoria to the impressive Twelve Apostles.



# Highlights of Australia & New Zealand

Days 21 to 25 Cairns - Sydney



Great Barrier Reef, Queensland

## Day 21 - Tour Highlight

### Great Barrier Reef

A holiday to Australia would not be complete without a visit to the Great Barrier Reef. Its vibrantly coloured marine life and breath-takingly beautiful coral make this World Heritage site a must see for all visitors. During our full day Great Barrier Reef excursion, we board our high-speed catamaran and journey out to the Marine World platform located on the Outer Reef. Snorkel in the sheltered coral lagoon, or if you prefer to stay dry, view the reef from the semi-submersible reef viewer, glass bottom boat or underwater observatory. With five hours at the reef there is plenty of time to do it all. For the more adventurous, there are a number of activities available at an additional cost, including scuba diving (no experience necessary), joining the marine biologist on a guided snorkel safari, or soaring above the reef on a spectacular scenic helicopter flight. **Breakfast and lunch included**

### Day 22 - Cairns Freedom Day

Although today has been left free, you may wish to take an optional trip to Kuranda. Beginning with a scenic railway journey to the picturesque market town of Kuranda, 'the village in the rainforest' is a lovely place to while away a few hours visiting the daily markets, the butterfly sanctuary or the Koala Gardens. The tour returns to Cairns by the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, a beautiful experience gliding over the rainforest canopy. To finish the day, guests are able to immerse themselves in traditional Tjapukai

aboriginal culture with authentic music, dance and storytelling by the Tjapukai people. **Breakfast included**

### Day 23 - Cairns Freedom Day

Another free day to enjoy and relax in tropical northern Queensland. Surrounded by rainforest and mountains, Cairns boasts over 200 walking tracks; there are also numerous interesting museums and art galleries to explore. If you prefer to venture further afield, a day trip to the nearby World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest, the oldest rainforest in the world, is a fascinating experience. The tour gives a wonderful insight into the rainforest's unique flora and fauna, including a guided walk with an aboriginal guide and a cruise spotting saltwater crocodiles. Enjoy your day! **Breakfast included**

### Day 24 - Sydney, 3 nights

This morning we make our way back to Cairns airport in time for our flight to Sydney. Upon arrival we head to the four star Holiday Inn Darling Harbour, ideally located a short stroll from the heart of Darling Harbour. Sydney is a city that takes full advantage of its natural setting - its sparkling harbour is host to the world famous Sydney Harbour Bridge and the spectacular Sydney Opera House. Sydney's suburbs are blessed with lush native bushland and pristine sandy beaches. Add to this the excellent restaurants and cafes, endless shopping opportunities and a vibrant culture and it's so very easy to understand why Sydney is one of the world's favourite cities. **Breakfast and in-flight drinks included**

## Day 25 - Tour Highlight

### Sydney - Sightseeing and lunch cruise

This morning's sightseeing tour begins with a drive through some of Sydney's most fashionable inner-city suburbs en route to Bondi Beach. Travel by Double Bay and Rushcutters Bay as we make our way back to the city centre. Travel via Hyde Park and Parliament House to Mrs Macquarie's Chair in the Royal Botanical Gardens, where we stop for the classic photo opportunity of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge. We complete our tour in the best possible way - enjoying a luncheon cruise around Sydney's beautiful harbour. The views of the Opera House, the Harbour Bridge and the many dream homes nestled along the edge of the water are truly amazing. The afternoon has been left free to spend as we please. **Breakfast and lunch included**

## We recommend

### World Heritage Blue Mountains



Experience the panoramas from a series of lookouts, including Echo Point - the prime position to view the Three Sisters rock formation.





# Highlights of Australia & New Zealand

Days 26 to 28 Sydney - UK



Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge

## Day 26 - Sydney Freedom Day

Today has been left free, but for those that so desire, we shall be taking an optional trip to the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains. The Blue Mountains are a perfect example of native Australian bushland, with gum trees, majestic peaks and deep gorges stretching as far as the eye can see. Experience the panoramas from a series of lookouts, including Echo Point - the prime position to view the Three Sisters rock formation. The excursion also visits Wentworth Falls and the pretty village of Leura, famous for their annual garden festivals and playing host to many of the region's local artists.

**Breakfast included**

## Day 27 - Depart Sydney

The morning is yours until it's time to depart for the airport, soon after lunch. Our flights to our chosen airport operate via Dubai where there will be a change of aircraft. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 28 - Arrive UK

This morning we arrive into our chosen airport (London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow) bringing to an end our incredible adventure. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

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Two nights from £195 per person

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Our unhurried itinerary generally includes two or three night stops in each destination, allowing plenty of Freedom Days to fully explore each area at your own pace.



## Tour Highlight

Overnight cruise on Milford Sound



Distant Journeys have included an overnight cruise on Milford Sound, undoubtedly a once in a lifetime experience.

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- Farm visit including barbecue lunch

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- Private en-suite cabins aboard Milford Mariner
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# Magnificent New Zealand

Days 1 to 7 Singapore - Auckland - Bay of Islands



Auckland skyline

## Day 1 - Depart UK

Depart from London Heathrow or Manchester with Singapore Airlines. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 2 - Singapore, 2 nights

Arrive into the wonderful city of Singapore and transfer to the four star Furama Riverfront hotel, situated in an enviable position close to the banks of the Singapore River. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 3 - Singapore

Known as 'the crossroads of Asia', Singapore is a city where east meets west; a cosmopolitan melting pot with an inspirational identity. This morning, enjoy a tour of this wonderful city. Included is a stop at Merlion Park with impressive views of Marina Bay, the historic Civic District, Thian Hock Keng Temple and the fabulous orchid gardens set within Singapore's botanical gardens. Return to the hotel where the rest of our day is free to spend as we please. **Breakfast included**

## Day 4 - Depart Singapore

A day at leisure in Singapore until it's time to leave for our evening flight to Auckland. Perhaps explore the impressive Gardens by the Bay or enjoy high tea at Raffles. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**

## Alternative Stopover - Dubai or Bangkok

We have based days 2 - 4 of this itinerary on flights with Singapore Airlines and a stopover in Singapore. Alternatively you may choose to travel with Qantas / Emirates with a choice of UK departure points: London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow. Stopover options with Qantas / Emirates are Dubai, Singapore or Bangkok at no extra cost. All flights operate via Dubai.

All stopovers include transfers to and from the hotel, daily breakfast and a city sightseeing tour. Flight timings vary dependent on your choice of stopover. Please speak with one of our travel experts for more details.

## Day 5 - Auckland, 2 nights

On arrival into Auckland we board our waiting coach and transfer to the four star Crowne Plaza hotel, where we spend our first two nights in New Zealand. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 6 - Auckland

This morning, we will take an orientation tour of the city. Known as the 'City of Sails', Auckland is New Zealand's most populous city, with a beautiful waterside setting and a landscape dotted with

volcanic hills. We drive along the beautiful coastline of the famous Waitemata Harbour. In the distance see Rangitoto Island, an extinct volcano, dominating the horizon. We continue to the stylish Viaduct Harbour, host to many America's Cup celebrations. Your afternoon is free to enjoy as you please. Perhaps take a trip to the top of Sky Tower; the panoramic views from the tallest building in the southern hemisphere are truly breath-taking. **Breakfast included**

## Day 7 - Bay of Islands, 3 nights

Our travels today commence with a drive over the impressive Waitemata Harbour Bridge. Journey past dairy farms and rolling hills as we make our way north. We continue to the Waipoua Kauri Forest Reserve, where we stop to view the gigantic kauri tree Tane Mahuta, 'Lord of the Forest.' We then travel across country to the beautiful Bay of Islands and our home for the next three nights, the four star Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands, located in the beautiful seaside town of Paihia. **Breakfast included**





# Magnificent New Zealand

Days 8 to 13 Bay of Islands - Rotorua - Christchurch - Franz Josef



TranzAlpine Express

## Day 8 - Tour Highlight

### Bay of Islands cruise

Visiting this stunning area wouldn't be complete without a cruise around the Bay of Islands, no doubt one of your tour highlights. Cruise via Red Head Passage to Cape Brett and Piercy Island and on to the famous 'Hole in the Rock'. In these world-famous deep-fishing grounds dolphins and schools of fish are frequently seen. Our return trip visits historic Russell, once known as 'the Hell Hole of the Pacific', but now a peaceful and picturesque township. Our free afternoon provides an excellent opportunity (at an additional cost) to visit the grounds of the Waitangi National Reserve where, in 1840, the British and Maori chiefs signed the Waitangi Treaty. **Breakfast included**

### Day 9 - Bay of Islands Freedom Day

Although our day has been left at leisure, we have the opportunity to join a fantastic optional trip (at an additional cost) to Cape Reinga. This full day excursion visits the northern tip of New Zealand, where the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific Ocean. The area holds special spiritual significance in the Maori tradition, as the place where Maori spirits return to their traditional homeland, Hawaiki-A-Nui, via the roots of a lone (and still standing) 800 year old pohutukawa tree. Highlights of today's tour include magnificent coastal landscapes, the Te Pahi sand dunes and a drive along Ninety Mile Beach. **Breakfast included**

### Day 10 - Rotorua, 2 nights

We travel south this morning via Auckland as we make our way to the world-famous thermal region of Rotorua. The next two nights are spent at the Sudima Hotel, superbly situated on the shores of beautiful Lake Rotorua. **Breakfast included**

## Day 11 - Tour Highlight

### Rotorua sightseeing and Maori Hangi

Sightseeing this morning takes us via Rotorua's famous Bath House, a Tudor-style building within the Government Gardens. We continue to Te Puia, home to the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, with its spurting geysers and boiling mud pools. Your afternoon is at leisure to relax. For those that so wish, optional activities include a float plane flight over Mount Tarawera, or perhaps an afternoon enjoying the healing properties of the thermal pools at the nearby Polynesian Spa may be more appealing? Rotorua is the heart of New Zealand's rich Maori culture and this evening we attend a concert featuring traditional song and dance, including the world famous war dance - The Haka. Also included is a Hangi buffet dinner, cooked using traditional Maori methods. **Breakfast and dinner included**

### Day 12 - Christchurch, Overnight

This morning we make our way to Auckland Airport for our flight to Christchurch. Upon arrival, we take a brief sightseeing tour, before arriving at the Rendezvous hotel, located just a short stroll from Cathedral Square. **Breakfast included**

## Day 13 - Tour Highlight

### Franz Josef - 2 nights and TranzAlpine Express

After breakfast we transfer to Christchurch railway station in plenty of time to catch the TranzAlpine Express, arguably one of the most scenic rail journeys in the world. Cross the fertile farmlands of the Canterbury Plains, and enjoy thrilling vistas over deep gorges as we travel alongside the ice-fed Waimakariri River. We climb the mighty Southern Alps, where at every turn, spectacular views of the chiselled alpine landscape will take our breath away. At Arthur's Pass we join our waiting coach to make the spectacular descent down the western side of the Southern Alps through thick native beech forest. Our travels continue southbound taking us alongside striking wild scree-scarred terrain with forests of Crimson Rata and Kahikatea. Just a few miles further south we pass Lakes Ianthe and Mapourika before reaching Franz Josef and entering the Westland National Park. Our next two nights are at the Franz Josef Glacier hotel. **Breakfast included**

## We recommend

Scenic flight over Franz Josef Glacier



Enjoy an optional helicopter flight over awe-inspiring Franz Josef Glacier.





# Magnificent New Zealand

Days 14 to 21 Franz Josef - Queenstown - Milford Sound - Dunedin - Christchurch



Queenstown



Milford Mariner on Milford Sound

## Day 14 - Franz Josef Freedom Day

Today is left completely free to absorb the beauty of Franz Josef. For those that so wish, we shall drive to the Franz Josef Glacier terminal where we will have the opportunity to walk to view the glacier. Weather permitting we may also take an optional scenic flight (at an additional cost) over the glacier and the awe-inspiring Alpine region. **Breakfast included**

## Day 15 - Queenstown, 3 nights

Incredible scenery today as we travel across the Haast River Bridge and via Clark Bluff along one of the most exciting scenic roads ever built. Travel along the shores of Lakes Wanaka and Hawea as we enter New Zealand's Central Otago region. We continue via Lake Dunstan, created by the mighty Clyde hydro dam in 1994. Later in the afternoon we reach beautiful, cosmopolitan Queenstown, and our home for the next three nights, the four star Millennium hotel, situated only a short walk from the centre of town. **Breakfast included**

## Day 16 - Queenstown Freedom Day

Queenstown smiles south across Lake Wakatipu into an incomparable alpine scene. Poplars and willows surround the lakefront and the lake seems to glisten every shade of blue. Today has been left free to take advantage of the incredible variety of activities available in and around New Zealand's most glamorous alpine resort. The thrill seekers amongst

us may wish to try the Shotover Jet – an exhilarating boat ride amongst the crags and boulders of the Shotover River canyon. Alternatively, for a more relaxing experience, follow Queenstown's wine trail, an enjoyable day excursion of wine tasting and sightseeing. There is also an opportunity to take an optional leisurely cruise (at an additional cost) across Lake Wakatipu aboard the vintage steamboat TSS Earnslaw. The cruise includes a visit to Walter Peak Homestead and a sheep shearing show, before returning to Queenstown aboard Earnslaw. **Breakfast included**

## Day 17 - Queenstown Freedom Day

Your final day in Queenstown has again been left free to spend as you please. Stroll by the lakeside or take a gondola ride to the top of Bob's Peak for a magnificent view of Queenstown. **Breakfast included**

## Day 18 - Tour Highlight Milford Sound, Overnight

Today we visit the magnificence of Fiordland National Park and Milford Sound. The scenic drive takes us through Te Anau, and a variety of landscapes – farmland, native tussock grasslands, lush beech forests and impressive glacial valleys – before arriving at Milford Sound.

In the height of summer Milford Sound attracts thousands of tourists each day; but when the day ends, visitors depart

and a silence descends. Distant Journeys have included an overnight cruise along Milford Sound, undoubtedly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. On board the wonderful Milford Mariner we cruise the full length of New Zealand's most spectacular fiord to the Tasman Sea, before anchoring for the night in sheltered Harrison Cove. Our night aboard Milford Mariner will be a truly memorable experience, with nature guides on hand to assist, and the option to go exploring in the tender craft or kayaks, or simply relax on deck. After the day's activities, enjoy a sumptuous evening buffet in the spacious dining saloon before retiring to your private cabin with en-suite facilities. **Breakfast and dinner included**

## We recommend

TSS Earnslaw



Take a leisurely cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the vintage steamboat TSS Earnslaw.

## Day 19 - Dunedin, 2 nights

After a truly wonderful experience as well as a hot breakfast, it's time to make our way back to the jetty ready for the next part of our journey. A morning drive takes us via Mossburn and Lumsden to Gore. Fresh, green farm scenery will accompany us to Balclutha, which has a distinctive arched concrete bridge. Milton is the last sizeable settlement before we reach Dunedin. Known as the 'Edinburgh of the South', Dunedin is South Island's second largest city and is considered New Zealand's architectural heritage capital, with its lovingly restored Victorian and Edwardian buildings. Our next two nights are spent at the Distinction Hotel Dunedin, conveniently located close to the Octagon. **Breakfast included**

## Day 20 - Dunedin

Enjoy a city sightseeing tour this morning travelling past Otago University, New Zealand's first university. Our sightseeing also takes in the city's neo-Gothic churches, town hall, opulent theatres, and other 19th century buildings. We have time to admire the beautifully landscaped trees and plants of Dunedin Botanical Gardens and the spectacular views of the Otago Peninsula and Harbour before we return to our hotel. Our afternoon is at leisure to spend as we please. **Breakfast included**

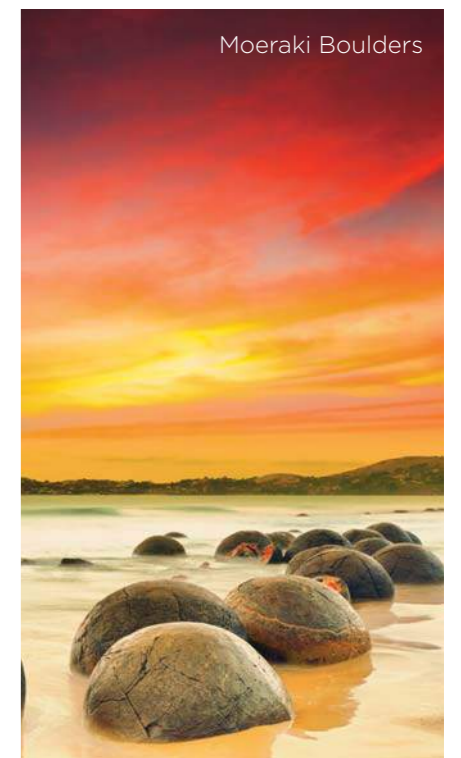
## Day 21 - Christchurch, Overnight

This morning, our travels take us north once more. We stop at Hampden Beach to witness the geological curiosities known as the Moeraki Boulders, huge spherical boulders which are scattered along the beach, whilst others can be seen emerging from the sandstone cliffs. Each boulder weighs several tonnes and is up to two metres in diameter. According to Maori legend, the boulders are gourds washed ashore from the great voyaging canoe Araiteuru when it was wrecked upon landfall in New Zealand hundreds of years ago. Scientists explain the boulders as calcite concretions formed about 65 million years ago. The soft mudstone containing the boulders was raised from the seabed around 15 million years ago and waves, wind and rain are excavating them one by one.

## Tour Highlight

Hosted farm visit and lunch

We continue our journey to a working farm in Fairlie, where we enjoy the warm hospitality from our hosts, who will provide an insight into farming life in New Zealand, and a barbecue lunch served within the farm grounds. Later in the day we arrive at the Rendezvous hotel in Christchurch for our final night in New Zealand. **Breakfast and lunch included**



Moeraki Boulders



# Magnificent New Zealand

Days 22 to 23 Christchurch - UK



Canterbury Plains

## Day 22 - Depart Christchurch

All good things must come to an end, and this morning we transfer to Christchurch Airport for our flights via Singapore to Heathrow or Manchester Airport. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 23 - Arrive UK

Breakfast is served shortly before our arrival into London Heathrow or Manchester. **In-flight drinks and breakfast included**

## Why not combine with a tour of Australia?



If you wish to make the ultimate journey to Australasia, combining either the Wonders or Visions of Australia tours with the Magnificent New Zealand tour makes perfect sense. Please see pages 56-59 for more details.

## Homebound stopovers

Two nights from £195 per person

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Milford Sound

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Uluru (Ayers Rock)

# Visions of Australia & Magnificent New Zealand



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Day 2 Singapore (or alternative stopover)	Day 21 Sydney to Auckland
Day 3 Singapore	Day 22 Auckland
Day 4 Depart Singapore	Day 23 Bay of Islands
Day 5 Melbourne	Day 24 Bay of Islands cruise
Day 6 Melbourne Freedom Day	Day 25 Bay of Islands Freedom Day
Day 7 Melbourne Freedom Day	Day 26 Rotorua
Day 8 Alice Springs	Day 27 Rotorua
Day 9 Alice Springs Freedom Day	Day 28 Christchurch
Day 10 Uluru (Ayers Rock)	Day 29 TranzAlpine and Franz Josef
Day 11 Cairns	Day 30 Franz Josef Freedom Day
Day 12 Great Barrier Reef	Day 31 Queenstown
Day 13 Cairns Freedom Day	Day 32 Queenstown Freedom Day
Day 14 Cairns Freedom Day	Day 33 Queenstown Freedom Day
Day 15 Adelaide	Day 34 Milford Sound and Milford Mariner
Day 16 Adelaide Freedom Day	Day 35 Dunedin
Day 17 Indian Pacific	Day 36 Dunedin
Day 18 Sydney sightseeing and luncheon cruise	Day 37 Christchurch
Day 19 Sydney Freedom Day	Day 38 Depart Christchurch
	Day 39 Arrive UK

For the full Visions of Australia itinerary, see pages 26 - 35  
For the full Magnificent New Zealand itinerary, see pages 46 - 55

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## Departure Dates & Prices

2017	
15 Jan	£7,145
05 Feb	£7,095

Prices: Prices are per person based on two people sharing a twin or double room.

Single supplement: £1,795

When travelling overnight on the Indian Pacific, passengers booked in a room for single use will be accommodated in single sleeper cabins with wash basin. Showers and toilets are available at the end of each compartment.

**Deposits:** £1,000 per person if travelling in economy class, £1,950 per person if travelling in premium economy, and £3,750 per person for business class.

**Happy to Share:** Happy to Share is not available when combining two tours.

**Visa:** £25 per person. To enter Australia, you need an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA). We will obtain this on your behalf and the cost will be added to your confirmation invoice.

**Homebound stopovers:** Homebound stopovers in Hong Kong, Singapore, Sentosa Island, Bangkok or Dubai are available on all dates. The stopovers may be on special offer - please call our travel experts for the most up to date prices and offers.

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# Wonders of Australia & Magnificent New Zealand



The Ghan

39 days from only £6,995 pp

Day 1 Depart UK	Day 20 Sydney Freedom Day
Day 2 Singapore (or alternative stopover)	Day 21 Sydney to Auckland
Day 3 Singapore	Day 22 Auckland
Day 4 Depart Singapore	Day 23 Bay of Islands
Day 5 Melbourne	Day 24 Bay of Islands cruise
Day 6 Melbourne Freedom Day	Day 25 Bay of Islands Freedom Day
Day 7 Melbourne Freedom Day	Day 26 Rotorua
Day 8 Uluru (Ayers Rock)	Day 27 Rotorua
Day 9 Alice Springs	Day 28 Christchurch
Day 10 Alice Springs Freedom Day	Day 29 TranzAlpine and Franz Josef
Day 11 The Ghan	Day 30 Franz Josef Freedom Day
Day 12 Darwin	Day 31 Queenstown
Day 13 Darwin Freedom Day	Day 32 Queenstown Freedom Day
Day 14 Cairns	Day 33 Queenstown Freedom Day
Day 15 Great Barrier Reef	Day 34 Milford Sound and Milford Mariner
Day 16 Cairns Freedom Day	Day 35 Dunedin
Day 17 Cairns Freedom Day	Day 36 Dunedin
Day 18 Sydney	Day 37 Christchurch
Day 19 Sydney sightseeing and luncheon cruise	Day 38 Depart Christchurch
	Day 39 Arrive UK

For the full Wonders of Australia itinerary, see pages 16 - 25  
For the full Magnificent New Zealand itinerary, see pages 46 - 55

Don't forget, if you would like to break your journey on the way home, we have a selection of fabulous stopovers for you to choose from; Singapore, Sentosa Island, Hong Kong, Bangkok or Dubai. See pages 65 - 67 for further details.

# Magnificent New Zealand & Wonders of Australia



Milford Mariner on Milford Sound

39 days from only £7,145 pp

Day 1 Depart UK	Day 20 Dunedin
Day 2 Singapore (or alternative stopover)	Day 21 Christchurch
Day 3 Singapore	Day 22 Christchurch to Melbourne
Day 4 Depart Singapore	Day 23 Melbourne Freedom Day
Day 5 Auckland	Day 24 Melbourne Freedom Day
Day 6 Auckland	Day 25 Uluru (Ayers Rock)
Day 7 Bay of Islands	Day 26 Alice Springs
Day 8 Bay of Islands cruise	Day 26 Alice Springs Freedom Day
Day 9 Bay of Islands Freedom Day	Day 28 The Ghan
Day 10 Rotorua	Day 29 Darwin
Day 11 Rotorua	Day 30 Darwin Freedom Day
Day 12 Christchurch	Day 31 Cairns
Day 13 TranzAlpine and Franz Josef	Day 32 Great Barrier Reef
Day 14 Franz Josef Freedom Day	Day 33 Cairns Freedom Day
Day 15 Queenstown	Day 34 Cairns Freedom Day
Day 16 Queenstown Freedom Day	Day 35 Sydney
Day 17 Queenstown Freedom Day	Day 36 Sydney sightseeing and luncheon cruise
Day 18 Milford Sound and Milford Mariner	Day 37 Sydney Freedom Day
Day 19 Dunedin	Day 38 Depart Sydney
	Day 39 Arrive UK

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2016  
23 Sep £6,995  
21 Oct £6,995

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Single supplement: £1,795

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2017  
10 Jan £7,145  
31 Jan £7,145

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Single supplement: £1,795

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# Hotel directory

## Australia

Each hotel on a Distant Journeys holiday has been carefully selected by our Directors to make sure you make the most of each destination on your travels, and enjoy comfortable surroundings so you'll always feel right at home.

All your hotels have an official four star rating, but as we name each hotel you will stay in, why not take a look at the hotel websites for yourselves? We're sure you'll be delighted by their quality and great location.

### Mercure Treasury Gardens Melbourne

The Mercure Treasury Gardens is located close to the centre of Melbourne, overlooking Treasury Gardens. The perfect place to stay while exploring Melbourne's attractions, such as Federation Square, the MCG and Parliament House. This four star hotel also features Lime Restaurant and Bar, serving Modern Australian cuisine.

**Official rating 4 Star**  
Distant Journeys rating 4 Star



### Clarion Suites Gateway Melbourne

Just a gentle stroll from the Yarra River, Clarion Suites Gateway is ideally located close to Melbourne's CBD, just minutes from the city's world-class shopping and restaurants. The hotel boasts an indoor swimming pool and William's Bar & Café offers the traveller a pleasurable dining experience. Rooms are spacious and very well equipped.

**Official rating 4.5 Star**  
Distant Journeys rating 4 Star



### Voyages Desert Gardens Ayers Rock Resort

A superior hotel set in lovely grounds of magnificent ghost gums and flowering native shrubs. It's only a short stroll to the resort's numerous lookouts, where you can view what is arguably Australia's best sunset. Once the sun has set, dine at Arnguli Grill and savour an à la carte flame grilled menu.

**Official rating 4 Star**  
Distant Journeys rating 4 Star



### DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs

Located between the Todd River and Alice Springs Golf Club, and with the MacDonnell Ranges as a backdrop, the DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs is a lovely resort awarded for its environmentally friendly innovations. The DoubleTree features a sauna, outdoor swimming pool, a complimentary bike-hire service (subject to availability) as well as a choice of eateries.

**Official rating 4 Star**  
Distant Journeys rating 4 Star



### The Ghan and Indian Pacific, Gold Service

The comfortable twin cabins configure as a three seater lounge during the day and convert to upper and lower berths at night, with a compact en suite. If you're travelling alone, single cabins are configured as a lounge chair, converting to a bed at night, with shared bathroom facilities at the end of the carriage. Gold Service guests dine in the exclusive Queen Adelaide Restaurant and enjoy a wide selection of drinks, which are all included.



### DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin

Overlooking the Esplanade, the welcoming DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade is within walking distance of Darwin's city centre and historic attractions including the War Memorial and Parliament House. Cool down with a dip in the impressive outdoor swimming pool. The hotel's poolside restaurant and bar, Aqua, offers dishes prepared with Mediterranean and Territory influences.

**Official rating 4 Star**  
Distant Journeys rating 4 Star



### DoubleTree by Hilton Cairns

Centred around a unique rainforest atrium, the charming DoubleTree by Hilton Cairns includes an outdoor swimming pool, restaurant and bar. The DoubleTree is just a few minutes walk from Cairns' shopping and entertainment centre. The Atrium restaurant offers Mediterranean-inspired dishes and an extensive wine list.

**Official rating 4 Star**  
Distant Journeys rating 4 Star



### Rendezvous Hotel Sydney Central Sydney

The Rendezvous Hotel Sydney Central is a vibrant hotel conveniently located in the heart of Sydney. At the Rendezvous Central, the best of Sydney is on your doorstep. Some of the city's most popular sites are within walking distance including Darling Harbour, Chinatown, and fashionable Surry Hills. The Rendezvous features a rooftop pool and offers modern Australian cuisine at Straits Café.

**Official rating 4 Star**  
Distant Journeys rating 4 Star



### Novotel Sydney Central Sydney

Conveniently located within Sydney's CBD within walking distance of Darling Harbour's attractions, bars and restaurants. The hotel features spacious and well-appointed guest rooms, and the heritage-listed Field House Restaurant and Bar serves contemporary Australian cuisine and seafood.

**Official rating 4.5 Star**  
Distant Journeys rating 4 Star



### Holiday Inn Darling Harbour Sydney

The contemporary Holiday Inn is a former 1890s wool store, and is located just a short walk from the heart of Darling Harbour. When it comes to dining you will be spoilt for choice. The hotel's Shipley's Restaurant is open Tuesday to Saturday evenings and features some of the country's best local produce and wines, and the many restaurants of Darling Harbour are just a short stroll away.

**Official rating 4 Star**  
Distant Journeys rating 4 Star



### Grand Chancellor on Hindley Adelaide

The hotel's central location and friendly staff are just waiting to show off their city, making Grand Chancellor the perfect hotel for touring guests. The Bistro Sixty5 restaurant bustles with diners for breakfast and dinner, while Sebastyan's Bar sports a mix of locals and hotel guests sipping drinks and socialising.

**Official rating 4 Star**  
Distant Journeys rating 4 Star





# Hotel directory

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### Crowne Plaza Auckland

Located in the heart of Auckland's entertainment hub. Offering superior comfort, personal service and contemporary style accommodation. The fantastic city location means you are only two minutes from being on your way up the Sky Tower or enjoying dinner at any of the nearby restaurants.  
**Official rating 4.5 Star**  
**Distant Journeys rating 4 Star**



### Amora Hotel Auckland

An oasis of calm in central Auckland, the Amora hotel offers a home away from home. Centrally located amongst splendid park surroundings, the Amora Hotel Auckland is ideally positioned within easy walking distance to the major shopping and entertainment areas. The Amora has a convivial bar and The Grill Restaurant offers a delectable seasonal dinner menu.  
**Official rating 4 Star**  
**Distant Journeys rating 4 Star**



### Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands Paihia

The Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands enjoys island-influenced architecture with beautifully landscaped grounds and light airy rooms. Situated at the entrance to the seaside town of Paihia, it's a pleasant stroll to the main wharf, visitor activities, bars, restaurants and shopping.  
**Official rating 4 Star**  
**Distant Journeys rating 4 Star**



### Sudima Hotel Rotorua

Offering comfort, charm and convenience in an ideal location. Set on the shores of beautiful Lake Rotorua and adjacent to the world famous Polynesian Spa, Rotorua Museum and Government Gardens. The hotel is a short stroll from Rotorua's city centre.  
**Official rating 4 Star**  
**Distant Journeys rating 3.5 Star**



### Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch

Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch is just one block from Cathedral Square. Each of the modern guest rooms features high-speed broadband access and all the modern comforts one would expect from a quality city hotel.  
**Official rating 4 Star**  
**Distant Journeys rating 3.5 Star**



### Scenic Hotel Franz Josef, Graham Wing Franz Josef

Nestled at the edge of the Westland World Heritage Park, and just moments from one of New Zealand's most spectacular natural attractions. The Scenic Hotel Franz Josef makes the most of its alpine location and offers quality accommodation in the Graham Wing.  
**Official rating 4 Star**  
**Distant Journeys rating 3.5 Star**



### Millennium Hotel Queenstown

This welcoming Queenstown hotel captures the essence of a truly unique region and is the perfect restful haven from the rigours of Queenstown's many outdoor adventure pursuits. Millennium Hotel Queenstown is only minutes from Queenstown's central shopping, entertainment and outdoor activities. The hotel enjoys spacious guest rooms, a gym, sauna, spa, bar and restaurant.  
**Official rating 4.5 Star**  
**Distant Journeys rating 4 Star**



### Milford Mariner Milford Sound

For the ultimate Milford Sound experience, spend the night aboard the Milford Mariner and wake up to the dawn of a new day in one of the most beautiful places on earth. Sleeping only 60 guests, the ship has spacious viewing decks, a dining room serving meals prepared on-board, and a fully licensed bar. Private cabins are fitted with en-suite facilities.



### Distinction Hotel Dunedin

Formerly the 1930's Chief Post Office, the Distinction Hotel Dunedin is an elegant hotel located in the rejuvenated and vibrant exchange area in the heart of the city. The hotel features a fitness centre and its restaurant and bar offers the traveller a venue to unwind and enjoy.  
**Official rating 4.5 Star**  
**Distant Journeys rating 4 Star**





# Partner airlines

Award-winning Scheduled airlines

At Distant Journeys, we appreciate how important it is to make sure your holiday starts and ends on a high. That's why we have chosen only high quality, award-winning airlines. Qantas' partnership with Emirates means you can choose from five convenient departure airports: London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow, all at no extra cost. Additionally, if you're taking one of our New Zealand tours, you have the option of flying with Singapore Airlines from either London Heathrow or Manchester.



### International Economy Class

(included in your holiday price)

- Up to 18.1" seat width, 31" seat pitch and 6" seat recline
- Ergonomic seat cushioning optimised for long haul flights
- A unique "footnet" to elevate the feet
- A widescreen digital 10.6" touch screen entertainment monitor
- Over 1,500 entertainment options
- 2 x self service snack bars (A380 only)
- Premium wines

### International Premium Economy Class\*

(from £1,495pp supplement for a return trip)

- Priority check-in and boarding
- Pre take-off drinks including champagne served in premium glassware
- Dedicated cabin crew experience
- Extra-wide up to 19.5", ergonomically designed seat, up to 42" seat pitch and 9" seat recline
- Integrated leg rest with foldout foot rest
- In-arm entertainment, noise cancelling headsets
- Restaurant style meal service Q-Eat
- Premium quilted blanket and pillow

### International Business Class

(from £3,195pp supplement for a return trip)

- Complimentary chauffeur drive\*
- A seat that transforms into a fully flat, extra-long bed with an increased seat pitch of 80"
- Turndown service with rolled mattress, full pillow and quilted blanket
- Pyjamas and amenity kits
- On board lounge with large comfortable sofa and self-service bar (A380)
- Priority check-in, lounge access and priority boarding
- Large electronic privacy screen
- A larger 12.1" in-arm entertainment screen
- Room service breakfast and Express meal options



### International Economy Class

(included in your holiday price)

- Typical seat pitch of 32"
- Seats may be pre-selected at no charge
- In-flight entertainment system ICE offers up to 2,000 channels of entertainment
- Choose from a menu of old favourites and new dining creations
- A range of complimentary beers, spirits, and hot and cold beverages
- Premium wines

### International Premium Economy Class

(not available on Emirates aircraft)



### International Business Class

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- Turndown service
- Pyjamas and amenity kits
- On board lounge with large comfortable sofa and self-service bar (A380)
- Priority check-in, lounge access and priority boarding
- Large electronic privacy screen
- A larger 12.1" in-arm entertainment screen
- Room service breakfast and Express meal options
- Fine dining meals all presented on Royal Doulton fine bone china, with complimentary champagne and vintage wines



### International Economy Class

(included in your holiday price)

- 32" seat pitch, 18" seat width & 6" recline
- Seats may be pre-selected at no charge
- Over 1,000 entertainment options available on KrisWorld
- Great selection of Asian and international dishes
- A range of beverages to enhance your meals
- Premium wines

### International Premium Economy Class

(from £1,345pp supplement for a return trip)

- Priority check-in and boarding
- In-flight champagne with curated red and white wines
- Leather-upholstered seats with 38" pitch, 18.5-19.5" seat width & 8" recline
- Separate cabin
- Premium Economy Book the Cook service
- Active noise-cancelling headphones
- More than 1,000 on-demand entertainment options

### International Business Class

(from £3,995pp supplement for a return trip)

- 28" wide seat converts to a fully-flat bed, 78" in length
- An impressive 15.4-inch wide HD resolution LCD screen and noise-cancellation headphone
- Turndown service and amenity kits
- Priority check-in, lounge access and priority boarding
- A wide range of dishes created exclusively for Singapore Airlines by the world's most sought-after culinary masters from an International Culinary Panel
- Champagne and a selection of red and white wines, specially selected by renowned wine consultants



# Choose your airline and stopover



Tour	Airline	Choose your UK airport	Choose your INCLUDED outbound stopover	Choose your inbound stopover (additional cost)
Wonders of Australia		London Heathrow, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle or Glasgow	Singapore or Dubai	Singapore, Sentosa Island, Bangkok, Hong Kong or Dubai
Visions of Australia		London Heathrow, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle or Glasgow	Singapore or Dubai	Singapore, Sentosa Island, Bangkok, Hong Kong or Dubai
Highlights of Australia & New Zealand		London Heathrow, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle or Glasgow	Singapore, Bangkok or Dubai	Singapore, Sentosa Island, Bangkok, Hong Kong or Dubai
Magnificent New Zealand		London Heathrow or Manchester	Singapore	Singapore or Sentosa Island
Magnificent New Zealand		London Heathrow, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle or Glasgow	Singapore, Bangkok or Dubai	Singapore, Sentosa Island, Bangkok, Hong Kong or Dubai

### Airline and stopover information

Flight costs are based on a specific booking class of seats, which are limited on each flight. We recommend booking early to avoid paying a supplement. Stopover accommodation is based on a specific category of room and is subject to availability. Please note not all flights are direct and may transit through other points. Please call our travel experts for further information.

### Airline information

Prices in Premium Economy and Business Class are based on travel in certain periods and will be higher at other times of the year. The supplement price is subject to the availability of flights in the lowest booking class. \*Premium Economy with Qantas is only available from London Heathrow and the only stopover option is Dubai - please call for more details. †Chauffeur drive is available on selected routes within 70 miles of the airport. ‡Singapore Airlines do not currently have a Premium Economy cabin on flights between Singapore and Christchurch.



# Choose your stopover

Singapore • Hong Kong • Dubai • Bangkok • Sentosa Island

Over many years of designing tours, we have always appreciated the long journeys involved in reaching the far flung corners of the globe, so we have always tried to make the journey as comfortable and relaxing as possible by including a choice of fascinating stopovers.

## Outbound stopover

Distant Journeys offers a fantastic choice of outbound stopovers to some wonderful places, all included in your holiday price. We include airport transfers, accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis and we even include a comprehensive city tour to give you a fascinating insight into the culture and attractions of your chosen stopover. Dependent on your choice of airline and tour you can visit Singapore, Dubai or Bangkok on your way down to Australia or New Zealand at no additional cost.

## Homebound stopover

Should you wish to break your journey on your way home we are more than happy to arrange this for you. Prices for the two night inbound stopover options can be found on the following pages and include airport transfers and accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis. Early bookers may be able to take advantage of a special early booking price on the homebound stopover. Please call one of our travel experts for more details.

## Singapore Furama Riverfront Hotel

A fascinating fusion of modern skyscrapers, beautifully manicured parks and gardens and incredible dining and shopping. Known as the greenest city in the whole of Asia, no matter how many times you visit this cosmopolitan city you will always want to return time and time again.

Distant Journeys includes a two night outbound stopover at the four star Furama Riverfront hotel on the Visions of Australia and Magnificent New Zealand tours.

**Optional inbound stopover**  
Two nights for only £245pp  
Single room price £395



## Singapore Copthorne Kings Hotel

Known as 'the crossroads of Asia', Singapore is a city where east meets west; a cosmopolitan melting pot with an inspirational identity, with modern skyscrapers and grand colonial buildings, blending with elegant temples and fragrant medicinal shops and beautifully manicured parks and gardens.

Distant Journeys includes a two night outbound stopover at the four star Copthorne Kings hotel on the Wonders of Australia and Highlights of Australia & New Zealand tours.

**Optional inbound stopover**  
Two nights for only £245pp  
Single room price £395



## Dubai Marriott al Jaddaf

Marvel at the incredible skyline that has risen so rapidly from the desert over the past couple of decades. This is the gateway to Arabia at its best and it knows it! Enjoy the views from the top of the world's tallest building Burj Khalifa or shop until you drop in Dubai's numerous malls.

Distant Journeys includes the option of a two night outbound stopover at the five star Marriott al Jaddaf.

**Optional inbound stopover**  
Two nights for only £295pp  
Single room price £495

Please note, a tourism tax is payable locally in Dubai of 20 Dirham (approx £3.50) per room per night.



## Bangkok Arnoma Hotel

Thailand's rich heritage, ancient traditions and its 400 glittering Buddhist Temples and palaces makes a stay in Bangkok a fascinating experience.

As well as being a tourist treasure it is also home to many shopping malls and a huge variety of dining options.

Distant Journeys includes the option of a two night outbound stopover at the four star Arnoma Hotel on the Magnificent New Zealand and the Highlights of Australia and New Zealand tours.

**Optional inbound stopover**  
Two nights for only £195pp  
Single room price £295



## Hong Kong Regal Kowloon Hotel

Hong Kong is a modern city and one of the world's largest financial hubs; yet its modern face hides a surprisingly traditional culture. The city is bursting with energy and its panorama of sky-scrapered Hong Kong Island, seen across the harbour from Kowloon, is simply stunning.

The four star Regal Kowloon hotel is based on the Kowloon Peninsula - which offers a wide array of shopping and dining possibilities.

**Optional inbound stopover**  
Two nights for only £295pp  
Single room price £495



## Sentosa Island Amara Sanctuary Resort

The island of Sentosa is only 15 minutes from downtown Singapore but arriving there is like visiting another country. As the city disappears tall trees and lush gardens replace skyscrapers and busy streets.

Your two night stay on the island is at the fabulous four star Amara Sanctuary Resort, an award winning boutique resort nestled beautifully on a hillside, surrounded by 3.8 hectares of lush landscaped gardens and natural tropical rainforest.

**Optional inbound stopover**  
Two nights for only £295pp  
Single room price £495





# Helpful travel information

We've compiled some helpful travel information to answer your questions and help you prepare for your holiday. You will be able to find more detailed information on the subjects covered below and other frequently asked questions on the FAQ section of our website [www.distantjourneys.co.uk](http://www.distantjourneys.co.uk). Alternatively, feel free to call one of our travel experts on 01695 577 961.

## Weather

Australia enjoys temperate weather for most of the year but the climate varies hugely from state to state due to the vast size of the country. The northern states typically experience very hot weather much of the time, with the southern states experiencing cooler winters. Australia is also one of the driest countries on earth with an average annual rainfall of less than 600 millimetres. Like all countries in the southern hemisphere, Australia's seasons are opposite to those in the northern hemisphere. No matter what time of year you visit Australia, the sun can be extremely powerful and it's important to guard against sunburn and dehydration. A high factor sunscreen, a sun hat, sunglasses and plenty of water are essential.

New Zealand is blessed with mild temperatures, moderate rainfall, and many hours of sunshine. While the Bay of Islands in the far north has subtropical weather during summer, inland alpine areas of the South Island can be relatively cold in winter. As most of the country lies close to the coast, temperatures are generally mild. During summer months, daylight can last up until 9.30pm and as New Zealand experiences relatively little air pollution compared to many other countries, this makes the UV rays in their sunlight very strong. A high factor sunscreen, a sun hat and sunglasses are essential, regardless of the time of year you visit New Zealand.

For a more detailed guide to temperatures, rainfall and general weather patterns, please refer to the FAQ section on our website.

## Clothing

Dress in Australia and New Zealand is generally relaxed and informal during the day, dressing to suit the weather conditions and the activity you are undertaking. Evening dinners are also informal, with smart casual dress being the norm. Exploring Australia and New Zealand will mean some walking on uneven surfaces, so we recommend sturdy and comfortable walking shoes. Wearing layers of clothing means it's easier to deal with potentially varied weather conditions you might experience and it's always advisable to carry a waterproof.

## Passports

We can only advise of the requirements for British and Irish citizens holding a full British or Irish passport. For passports endorsed in any way and all other passport holders, requirements should be checked with the relevant embassy. You should ensure that you have a valid ten year passport and, as many countries require expiry dates on passports to be a considerable length of time after the return from holiday. Your passport should be valid for at least 6 months after your return to the UK. Requirements may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. A full British passport presently takes approximately 2 to 6 weeks to obtain. General passport information may be found on the Identity and Passport Service website: [www.ips.gov.uk](http://www.ips.gov.uk)

## Visas

It is your responsibility to ensure you are in possession of all necessary travel, passport, visa, other entry requirements and health documents before departure. All costs incurred in obtaining such documentation must be paid by you. We regret we cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure on your part to carry all required documentation. At the time of going to print (September 2015), British and Irish Citizens do not require a visa for entry into Dubai, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong or New Zealand. Visitors to Australia however, will require an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA).

Applications for ETAs will be processed by Distant Journeys for a charge of £25 per ETA. An ETA is valid for 12 months and allows you multiple entries into Australia with a maximum duration of three months per entry. When you arrive at your departure airport, the airline check-in team can electronically confirm you have the necessary authority to board the flight to Australia. An ETA is equivalent to a visa but there is no stamp or

label in your passport. Please note: if you don't hold a British or Irish passport you may require a full visa. Please contact the Australian consulate for details.

## Health & vaccinations

Health facilities, hygiene and disease risk vary worldwide. You should take health advice about your specific needs as early as possible and ensure that vaccinations or preventative measures are taken early enough (which may be a month or more prior to departure) to be fully effective by the date of travel. Information on health is contained in the Department of Health leaflet T7 (Health Advice for Travellers) available from the Department of Health on 0870 1555 455, via its website [www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk), and from most Post Offices. Advice may change and you should check the most up to date position with your GP or local health / travel clinic in good time before departure. If you have any pre-existing medical conditions or walking difficulties, you should inform us at the time of booking.

## Travel insurance and the RHCA

It is a condition of travelling with Distant Journeys that you take out sufficient and appropriate travel insurance. We recommend you do this at the time of booking so that your deposit (less any applicable excess) is covered in the event of a cancellation covered by the policy.

Distant Journeys works alongside Avanti Travel Insurance to offer you comprehensive single trip and annual multi-trip Travel Insurance Schemes. Avanti Travel Insurance are specialists in travel insurance for over 50s, and those with medical conditions. They have also been awarded a five star rating by the independent agency defaqto, in recognition of their excellent product with a range of features and benefits.



**For a no obligation quote from our travel insurance partners Avanti Insurance, call 0800 677 1055 or visit [www.distantjourneys-travelinsurance.co.uk](http://www.distantjourneys-travelinsurance.co.uk)**

We'd also like to bring to your attention a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement (RHCA) between the Australian Government and the United Kingdom Government, which covers visitors for any medical treatment required due to ill-health or injury occurred during your stay in Australia only. While this agreement means visitors may receive treatment in Australia, we'd like to emphasise that this should not replace the need for having adequate travel insurance to cover potential medical expenses. Please note there are certain requirements that you must fulfil before departing from Australia: you'll need to discuss any charges with the hospital staff or doctor that is treating you, and you must enrol at a Medicare office in Australia at the earliest opportunity. To enrol in Medicare you will need your passport with a valid visa and identification to prove that you're enrolled in your country's national health scheme. If you receive treatment before you enrol, you may be required to pay for treatment costs in advance.

## Currency, credit cards and currency cards

The currency of New Zealand is the New Zealand Dollar. The currency of Australia is the Australian Dollar. For small purchases, local currency is advantageous. Many locations accept major credit cards. Cash machines are located at many stops. The currency for stopover destinations vary, please check the best currency for your destination before departure. When travelling to Australia or New Zealand, a currency card is a simple way to buy currency and lock in a great exchange rate before you travel. Distant Journeys

recommends the 'Global Traveller' MasterCard, provided by Caxton FX, for our guests' currency requirements. The MasterCard is a convenient way to pay at over 35 million outlets worldwide, and is 'chip and PIN' secure. It is also simple to set up and use. Australian Dollars or New Zealand Dollars (or both) may be added to the card before travel using a debit card. The exchange rate is then locked in and will not change, irrespective of fluctuations in exchange rates before or during your holiday.

More details on the Caxton FX currency cards may be found in the FAQ section on our website.

## Travel extras

To help you put the finishing touches to your Australia & New Zealand holiday, Distant Journeys works in partnership with A2B Travel Extras, who supply a range of UK airport hotels, UK airport lounges, UK airport parking and airport transfers.

More details on A2B Travel Extras may be found in the FAQ section on our website.

## Baggage allowance

You're entitled to carry one suitcase per person with the total sum of its length, width and height not exceeding 160cm (63 inches) and weight 20kg (44lbs) dependent on which airline you choose. Personal and valuable items such as make-up, cameras, medication, money / credit cards etc. should be carried in a travel bag or on your person. You must ensure that luggage meets the weight requirements as overweight or oversize items will not be carried.

## Baggage on The Ghan or Indian Pacific

Due to space restrictions on The Ghan or Indian Pacific, passengers are required to carry overnight hand luggage onto the train. The remainder of the luggage will be checked into a dedicated luggage compartment.

## Smoking

Smoking is not permitted inside tourist coaches and hotels. We'll endeavour to ensure there are frequent stops on any coach trip, however we can't guarantee smoking facilities will be available.

## Seat rotation on coaches

We offer a fair system of seat rotation to allow all passengers to experience a variety of views from different parts of the touring coach. Exceptions can't be made to this policy.

## Porterage and tipping

Hotel porterage for one piece of luggage per person is included in the price of your holiday. In general, it's not customary to tip in restaurants in Australia and New Zealand. If you have received great service from your Coach Captain, Tour Manager or guides, you may wish to tip them for their service. We are frequently asked for guidance on this, and would suggest £1-2 per person per touring day, dependent on your level of satisfaction.

## Optional tours

During your tour, you can book onto a range of optional activities through your Coach Captain / Tour Manager during your Freedom Days. Optional tours are at an additional cost, subject to availability and seasonal operations, and may be subject to minimum/maximum numbers.

Full details on optional excursions may be found alongside the itineraries of each individual tour.

## ATOL protection

Our ATOL number is 10913. All the flight-inclusive holidays in this brochure or on our website are financially protected by the ATOL scheme. When you book, you will be supplied with an ATOL Certificate. For more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate go to [www.atol.org.uk/ATOLCertificate](http://www.atol.org.uk/ATOLCertificate)

## BOOKING CONDITIONS

**IMPORTANT:** The following terms and conditions together with the general information contained in our tour brochure form the basis of your contract with Distant Journeys Limited. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations.

By asking us to confirm your booking, we are entitled to believe that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions and agree to them. Except where otherwise stated, these booking conditions only apply to the tour arrangements shown in this brochure (including accommodation required both before and after your main holiday and activities and other services) which you book with us and pay for before departure from the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you.

All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such tour arrangements unless otherwise stated. Please be aware that your deposit is non-refundable.

## In these booking conditions:

"Force Majeure" means any event which we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events are likely to include, but are not limited to (whether actual or threatened) war, terrorism, fire, flood or any other unusual weather conditions, loss of power, epidemics or pandemics, industrial disputes, slow-downs or other strike activities, riots or civil disturbances, acts of government, government agencies or other authorities, inability to obtain any necessary licence or consent through no fault of ours and any other event or circumstances beyond the control of us or any supplier of any part of your tour.

"You", "your" and "yourself" means each person who makes a booking with us for a tour and/ or who is named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later stage) and, where appropriate, all such persons. "We", "us" and "our" means Distant Journeys Limited trading as Distant Journeys.

## Bookings

1. All bookings are made pursuant to these terms and conditions.  
2. It is a condition of booking that you are fit and able to take care of yourself for the duration of the tour. We welcome passengers with disabilities or special needs provided they are accompanied by a companion capable of providing all assistance required. If you have any medical condition or disability which may affect your tour or any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/or making the booking. We reserve the right to refuse to carry any person who we deem cannot fully care for themselves on tour without assistance or whenever we reasonably feel unable to accommodate the needs or restrictions of any particular passenger. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a passenger for walking, dining, pushing their wheelchair, getting on and off motor coaches or other transportation vehicles or other personal needs. Passengers who need such assistance must be accompanied by a companion who is capable of providing all assistance required.

You must also notify us of any changes or deterioration in the disability or medical condition or development of any disability or medical condition after booking. We further reserve the right to cancel your booking and impose cancellation charges if we are not fully advised of any relevant disability or medical condition at the time the booking is made and/or promptly notified of any development, change or deterioration occurring after booking. On occasions, the decision to cancel can only be made at the time the person concerned joins the tour as it may only be apparent at this stage that their disability or medical condition cannot be accommodated. Any passenger affected by a disability or medical condition must ensure they have notified this to their travel insurers and that their travel insurance will cover it. We may refuse to allow you on the tour or may have to terminate your participation in your tour if your mental or physical condition is such as to render you, in the reasonable opinion of any representative of ours or any carrier or other person in authority, incapable of caring for yourself or a hazard to yourself or other passengers. We will not be liable for any expenses arising from your being precluded from joining or completing the tour for any such reason and no refunds or compensation will be paid. Please note, the Milford Mariner overnight cruise on the Magnificent New Zealand tour is unable to accommodate wheelchair bound passengers.

3. The operation of all tours is conditional on us securing the minimum number of bookings required to operate the tour and to ensure an enjoyable group atmosphere. Where sufficient numbers cannot be achieved, we reserve the right to cancel or change a scheduled tour. Please also see clauses 22 and 23. We will endeavour to make any decision to cancel or significantly change a tour no less than 60

days prior to the scheduled departure date of the tour but in any event will notify you no less than 30 days prior to the departure date of the tour.

4. If you are a single passenger and your booking is not a 'Happy to Share' booking, the applicable single supplement will be added to your invoice at the time of your booking.  
5. If you are a single passenger and you have booked a 'Happy to Share' reservation and we have been unable to accommodate you with another passenger of the same gender we will accommodate you in a room by yourself throughout the tour at no additional cost.  
6. For reservations which include The Ghan or Indian Pacific single passengers and those 'Happy to Share' passengers that we have been unable to pair you with another passenger of the same gender will be accommodated in single berth sleeper cabins with wash basin. Showers and toilets are available at the end of each compartment.'Happy to Share' passengers who have been paired up may be accommodated in either a twin share cabin or two single sleeper cabins.  
7. If you have any special requests (including dietary requirements) you must notify us in writing at the time of booking. Please note special requests cannot be guaranteed. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract by us. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier of any service(s) or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed by us in writing, all special requests are subject to availability. We cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as "standard" bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

## Payment

8. To secure any booking, you must pay the applicable deposit or full payment if booking 90 days or less before the start of the tour. The deposit is £1,000 per person if travelling in economy flight class, £1,950 per person if travelling in premium economy class or £3,750 per person if travelling in business flight class. The deposit or full payment, as applicable, must be received by us within 7 days of booking to ensure your place on the tour is held. Bookings will be automatically cancelled if the applicable deposit or full payment, as applicable, is not received by us within this 7 day period and we will have no further liability to you. A payment supplement may apply to credit card transactions.

9. Deposits are non-transferable and non-refundable except as expressly set out in these terms and conditions. We therefore recommend that you have adequate insurance to cover this.

10. The balance of the tour price (after deduction of the applicable deposit) must be received by us no less than 90 days prior to the start of your tour. If we do not receive all payments due (including any surcharge where applicable) in full and on time, we are entitled to believe that you wish to cancel your booking. In this case, we will be entitled to keep all deposits paid or due at that date. If we do not cancel straight away because you have promised to make payment, you must pay the cancellation charges shown in clause 7 depending on the date we reasonably treat your booking as cancelled.

## Credit card surcharge

11. If you pay us by debit card or credit card, the following surcharges will be added to your tour price

Card type	Fee on deposit	Fee on all other payments
Debit Card	0%	0%
Credit Card	2.0%	2.0%

## Your contract

12. Subject to availability we will confirm your booking by issuing our confirmation invoice. This invoice will be sent to the lead name on the booking ("Lead Name"). Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We cannot accept any liability if not notified of any inaccuracy in any document within 14 days of our sending it out (5 days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so.  
13. A binding contract between you and us comes into existence when we dispatch our confirmation invoice for all bookings. We both agree that English law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us ("claim") (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings must either be brought in the courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have

your contract and any claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

## What are your tour obligations?

14. (a) You must follow the Tour Director's or Coach Captain's instructions at all times to ensure on tour safety. You acknowledge that failure to do so may result in restricted access to places of interest on tour, or if necessary for your own safety and/or that of other passengers, withdrawal from the Tour. (b) If we, or our staff or suppliers are of the view you are negatively affecting your own health, safety or environment or that of other passengers, we can oblige you to withdraw from the tour immediately. We will not be liable to you for any loss, cost or damage resulting from your withdrawal. If you are withdrawn from the tour, you must make your own return travel arrangements at your own expense. (c) You must make your own enquiries regarding your tour, including being aware of any relevant government travel or safety warnings.

## Tour price

15. We reserve the right to increase/decrease our advertised tour prices at any time before your booking is confirmed. We also reserve the right to correct any errors in any tour price. We will advise you of any error of which we are aware and of the then applicable price at the time of booking. Once the tour price has been confirmed at the time of booking, clause 16 below will apply.

## No surcharge guarantee

16. We guarantee that no surcharge will be added to the basic price of your holiday once your booking has been confirmed, irrespective of any fluctuation in currency exchange rates, increases in international air fares, or increases in other costs associated with your holiday. In return for this guarantee and its risk to us, we shall not be able to make any refunds in the event of favourable exchange rate variations or other decreases in costs which would otherwise result in the reduction of the selling price. This price promise does not apply to optional services including, but not limited to: visa charges, excursions and amendment fees. The price promise excludes increases in airport or other taxes imposed by British or overseas governments, increases in Air Passenger Duty, or any increases by British or overseas governments relating to improved passenger security. For bookings made within the balance due date and prior to confirming your holiday we reserve the right to notify you of any price increases to your holiday as a result of any additional costs we may incur.

## Tour features

17. The features of the tour are set out in the tour brochure.  
18. We make no representations about the features of any tour other than those expressly set out in the tour brochure and these terms and conditions.

## Brochure validity

19. The tour brochure and these terms and conditions are valid for the departure dates as stated in the tour brochure, or additional departure dates we may introduce, unless otherwise expressly advised by us.

## Variation or cancellation by us

20. Subject to clauses 21, 22 and 23, we reserve the right to alter or change the accommodation, carriers, vehicles, vessels or any other service(s) which form part of any tour at any time for any reason and cancel or alter the itinerary and/or tour at any time without notice as we consider necessary for any reason whatsoever including road, weather or traffic conditions, non-performance of suppliers, industrial action, operational conditions and requirements, water level problems, excessive winds or Force Majeure. Errors in the details of advertised and/or confirmed tours and/or other details occasionally occur and we reserve the right to correct these whenever they occur.  
21. In the event of industrial action affecting air, rail, cruise or other tour related transportation we will make every effort to contact the lead name and advise of alternative arrangements (if any).

22. Most changes made to a confirmed tour are minor. Occasionally, we have to make a significant change to or cancel a confirmed tour and we must reserve the right to do so. A significant change is a change made before departure which, taking account of the information you give us at the time of booking or which we can reasonably be expected to know as a tour operator, we can reasonably expect to have a significant effect on your tour. If we have to make a significant change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible. If there is time to do so before departure, you will be offered the following options: (a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or (b) purchasing alternative arrangements from us, of a similar standard to those booked if available, with you paying a supplement if the alternative arrangements are more expensive than those originally booked or (c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation and receiving a full refund of all monies you have paid to us. Please note, the above options are not available where any change made is a minor one.



23. If we have to make a significant change to or cancel a confirmed tour, we will in addition to the options set out in clause 22 pay you reasonable compensation if and as appropriate subject to the following exceptions. Compensation will not be payable and no liability beyond offering the options set out in clause 22 can be accepted where (1) we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care or (2) we have to cancel because the minimum number of bookings necessary for us to operate your tour has not been reached – see clause 3. No compensation will be payable and the options set out in clause 22 will not be available if we have to cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these terms and conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time). A change of flight time of less than 12 hours, airline (except as specified in clauses 51-54 “Flights”), type of aircraft (if advised) or destination airport will all be treated as minor changes.

24. Very rarely, we may be forced by Force Majeure to change or terminate your tour after departure but before the scheduled end of your time away. This is extremely unlikely but if this situation does occur, we will be unable to make any refunds (unless we obtain any refunds from our suppliers which we do not use to pay for alternative services), pay you any compensation or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result.

#### Amendment or cancellation by you

25. If you wish to make any amendments to your confirmed booking you must notify us in writing as soon as possible. It may not always be possible to make such amendments. Where we can, an amendment fee of £75 per person, per booking will be payable together with any costs incurred by ourselves and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. A change of tour dates will normally be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and rebooking in which case cancellation charges will apply. Changes may result in the recalculation of the tour price where, for example, the basis on which the price of the original tour was calculated has changed.

26. You may cancel your booking by notice to us in writing and payment of the applicable cancellation fee as shown below. Cancellation notifications are not effective until received by us in writing (if received by us on a weekend day or public holiday the notification will be treated as having been received by us on the next working day). The following cancellation fees apply to each individual person who cancels and where shown as a percentage are based on the total cost of the arrangements which are being cancelled excluding any insurance premiums, amendment fee or previously incurred cancellation charges which are all non-refundable in the event of your cancellation:

#### CANCELLATION FEES

Period before your tour commences within which written notification of cancellation is received by us:

Tour cancellation period	Fee per person
91 days and over	Loss of Deposit
90 days to 75 days	50% of holiday price
74 days to 60 days	60% of holiday price
59 days to 30 days	75% of holiday price
29 days or less	100% of holiday price

**NB** Transferring to another departure date is treated as a cancellation and the cancellation fees above will apply. Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned.

#### Our liability

27. We will ensure that the tour arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as applicable as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these terms and conditions, we will accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted tour arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result of the failure of us, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted tour arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

28. We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (including loss of enjoyment or possessions), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your tour and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or

- Force Majeure.

29. We cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract with you. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which any hotel or other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised in our tour brochure as part of your tour and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract and any excursion or other services you purchase during your tour. Where any such excursion or services are purchased through or with our assistance, please note that we act only as booking agent. Your contract will be with the operator or provider of the excursion or services in question. We have no liability in relation to the same. In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any of our brochures or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

30. The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract and the laws and regulations of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred will be used as the basis for deciding whether the tour arrangements in question had been properly provided. If the particular arrangements which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with the then applicable local laws and regulations, the services will be treated as having been properly performed or provided. This will be the case even if the arrangements did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those arrangements been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable tour participant to refuse to take the tour in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 25. We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations, and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

31. Where we are found liable for loss of and/ or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,000 per person affected unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 32 below. For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is twice the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment fees) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 32 below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your tour.

32. Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea or rail carrier to which any international convention or EU regulation applies, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unedited and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on

Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea (as amended by the 2002 Protocol with effect from 31st December 2012) and COTIF, the Convention on International Travel by rail. Please note: where a carrier or hotelier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under and in accordance with the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

33. Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses including Self-employed loss of earnings.

34. You must provide ourselves and our insurers with all assistance we may reasonably require. You must also tell us

and the supplier concerned about your claim or complaint as set out below. If asked to do so, you must transfer to us or our insurers any rights you have against the supplier or whoever else is responsible for your claim or complaint (if the person concerned is under 18, their parent or guardian must do so). You must also agree to co-operate fully with us and our insurers if we or our insurers want to enforce any rights which are transferred.

#### Carriers

35. The carriers (including airlines, rail carriers and sea carriers used in association with the tours) are not responsible for statements in the tour brochure or any of its features.

36. The applicable conditions of sale / carriage in use by the carriers will apply to you. These may limit or exclude the carriers' liability to you, usually in accordance with international conventions. Copies of these are available on request.

#### Force Majeure

37. Except where otherwise expressly stated in these terms and conditions we regret we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of Force Majeure.

#### Risk and travel insurance

38. You acknowledge and accept that there are inherent risks associated with our tours for example events of Force Majeure, hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas, travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation particularly in underdeveloped countries or more remote locations, forces of nature, political unrest and accident, illness, epidemics or pandemics in regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. Baggage is entirely at your risk during the tour. We cannot accept any liability regarding the provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered.

39. Except as expressly set out in these terms and conditions you agree that we cannot accept any liability for, and you discharge and release us from all claims arising from or connected with any loss or harm suffered by you arising from any risk referred to in clause 38 or any other risk which you should have reasonably recognised as being inherent to your tour.

40. Distant Journeys cannot accept bookings for any persons without adequate travel insurance. We insist you take out appropriate travel insurance to cover as a minimum cancellation by you, loss of luggage, early return following death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms or emergency repatriation in the event of accident or illness for example. Please read your policy details carefully and take them with you on your tour. It is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover you purchase is suitable and adequate for your particular needs.

#### Itinerary changes and travel advice

41. During local or national holidays, certain facilities such as museums and restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered if possible.

42. Health facilities, hygiene and disease risks vary worldwide. You should take health advice about your specific needs as early as possible. Please see <http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/travel-and-living-abroad/> or call the Foreign Office Travel Bureau on 0845 850 2829 for up to date information. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office may have issued information about your tour destination. You are advised to check this information before you travel

#### Smoking

43. Smoking is not permitted inside tourist coaches and such other places as are prohibited by us or our suppliers from time to time. We will use reasonable endeavours to ensure there are frequent stops on any coach trip which are available for smoking, however we cannot guarantee these facilities will be available.

#### Baggage allowance

44. You are entitled to carry one suitcase per person with the total sum of its length, width and height not exceeding 160cm (63 inches) and weight 20kg (44 lbs). Hand luggage must have a total sum of its length, width and height not exceeding 115cm (45 inches) and weight 5kg (11lbs). Personal and valuable items such as make-up, cameras, medication, passport, money/credit cards etc. should be carried in a travel bag or on your person. You must ensure that luggage meets the weight requirements as overweight or oversize items will not be carried. Some carriers may impose a small surcharge per day for a second suitcase per person. Excess baggage is always at your cost.

#### Young travellers

45. Travellers who are less than 18 years old on the departure date must be accompanied by and share a room with an adult aged 18 or over. Children under 8 years of age cannot be accepted.

#### Complaints

46. If a problem occurs during your tour, you must advise our representative immediately so that steps can be taken to resolve the matter and you can continue to enjoy the remainder of your tour. You must also advise the supplier concerned. If you remain dissatisfied, any complaint must be made in writing to us giving full details within 30 days of the end of the tour. If you fail to follow this procedure, your right to claim compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

#### Tour price and duration

47. All prices in this brochure are quoted in English pounds (Sterling). All prices in this brochure are believed to be correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing but errors may occur and prices are subject to change. You must therefore ensure you check all details of your chosen tour (including the price) with us at the time of booking. The number of days duration stated in each itinerary includes day of departure and day of return. Tour durations may vary dependent on your choice of stopover and airline flight schedules and the itineraries in this brochure should be used as a guide only.

#### Included in your fare

48. All airfares from the UK in economy class (unless specified at the time of booking), coach travel and overseas transfers, service of a Tour Manger or Coach Captain (if applicable), portorage whilst on tour, airport transfers, meals, accommodation, sightseeing and admissions and other services as expressly indicated in the itinerary.

#### NOT included in your fare

49. Meals not specified in the itinerary, drinks, laundry, passport and visa fees, Dubai Tourism tax, expenses of a personal nature and any other items which are not expressly included in the cost of your tour. Changes to flight schedules may require additional overnight accommodation at either commencement or completion of tour which is at your own expense.

#### Airfare conditions

50. Your reservations consultant will book the most appropriate fare for your tour. Full details and conditions may be obtained from your travel consultant. Changes to original tickets will incur amendment or cancellation fees, are subject to availability and surcharges may apply. Please see clauses 24 and 25 above. Please note: all airfares are subject to routing restrictions. Airfares and applicable taxes are subject to increase without notice due to fare and tax changes, surcharges dependent on class available at time of booking and other factors outside our control.

Please contact your travel consultant for the applicable rules and regulations. At the time of booking please ensure you supply your first name and surname as they appear on your passport, as both of these must be stated on your flight ticket. You may not be able to travel if the name on your passport and documents do not match.

#### Flights

51. For flight inclusive tours, the flight timings given on booking are for general guidance only and are subject to change. The latest timings will be shown on your confirmation invoice. However, the actual flight times will be those shown on your tickets which will be dispatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been dispatched - we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs.

52. In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a “Community List” which contains details of air carriers that are subject to an operating ban within the European Union. The Community list is available for inspection at [http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list_en.htm). We are also required to advise you of the carrier(s) (or, if the carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s)) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible. Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (where advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these terms and conditions. If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 22 to 23 will apply.

53. If you suffer a delay in your outbound travel arrangements, we will do our best to ensure you make the start of your tour or, if this cannot be achieved, join it as soon as possible. Any costs we incur in making any alternative arrangements in this situation will be your

responsibility. In the event of a flight delay, the airline concerned may provide refreshments and/or other assistance depending on factors such as the length of the delay, time of day and number of passengers affected. We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 28 (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on the flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time).

54. If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and/or provide you with accommodation and/or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment, distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations or in respect of any flight cancellation or delay, downgrading of any flight ticket or denial of any boarding as the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline's obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If for any reason, we make any payment to you or a third party which the airline is responsible for in accordance with the Denied Boarding Regulations, you must, when requested, assign to us the rights you have or had to claim the payment in question from the airline. If the airline does not comply with these rules, you may complain to the CAA on 020 7453 6888 or by e-mail to [passengercomplaints@caa.co.uk](mailto:passengercomplaints@caa.co.uk) or see [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk) - Referring Your Complaint to the CAA.

#### Passports and Visas

55. You must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity following your return date. It is your responsibility to ensure any visas required for countries to be visited on the tour have been obtained prior to the tour departure date. Failure to obtain correct documentation will mean you may be unable to participate in particular excursions and may be denied boarding and/or entry into certain countries. Passport and visa entry requirements and costs are your sole responsibility. We cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure on your part to carry correct documentation. If failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us accordingly.

#### Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) - Australia

All foreign travellers to Australia, other than New Zealand citizens, require an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) to travel and enter Australia. We are able to obtain this on your behalf, if requested, at a cost of £25 per person. If you do not require us to obtain the ETA, you must make your own arrangements, as you will not be able to travel without one.

56. A full British passport presently takes approximately four to six weeks to obtain. If you are 16 or over and have not yet got a passport, you should apply for one at least six weeks before your departure from the UK. The UK Passport Service has to confirm an applicant's identity before issuing their first passport and will ask them to attend an interview in order to do this. If you are not a British citizen or hold a non-British passport, you must check passport and visa requirements with the Embassy or Consulate of the country(ies) to or through which you are intending to travel. Please note, all requirements may change and all clients must check the up to date position in good time before departure with the Embassy or consulate of the country(ies) you are travelling through and to.

57. Information on health is contained in the Department of Health leaflet T71 (Health Advice for Travellers) available from the Department of Health on 0870 1555 455 or via its website [www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk) and most Post Offices. Advice may change and you should check the up to date position with your GP or local health / travel clinic in good time before departure.

#### Your Financial Protection

58. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This checks what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the

supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

#### Coaches

59. Seat Rotation. To ensure all passengers have the opportunity to enjoy front and window seats, a daily seat rotation system is employed on all of our coaches and you must follow the seat rotation system.

60. If you suffer from travel sickness, you should arrange medication or other alternatives to treat symptoms as we cannot make allowances for this.

#### Clothing

61. We recommend casual and comfortable clothing. Please bring comfortable walking shoes for sightseeing. Dinner attire is generally smart casual.

#### Currency and credit cards

62. Currency will vary depending on your destination, please refer to your bank or local foreign exchange bureau. For small purchases in small towns, local currency is advantageous. Many locations accept major credit cards (fees may apply) and cash machines are located at some stops. Prior to departure you should confirm that your card and PIN will work in your destination countries.

#### Tour Manager

63. An experienced English-speaking Tour Manager OR Tour Managers OR Coach Captains accompany every tour. They are there to ensure your comfort, answer your questions and make your holiday relaxed and memorable.

#### Sightseeing tours

64. A number of towns and cities will be visited by way of walking tours and accordingly, a reasonable level of fitness is required as the sightseeing tour may involve steps and some walking over uneven surfaces.

65. Optional activities and dining are subject to availability, seasonal / operational factors and minimum / maximum numbers. On occasion, it may not be possible to arrange an included activity. Suitable alternatives will be arranged. Inclusions may also be subject to change.

#### Medical services

66. Medical services can usually be called rapidly. Medical costs are at client's own expense. Australia has a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement (RHCA) with the UK Government which helps to cover visitors' medical treatment within Australia. This can only be obtained whilst you are in Australia. Further details can be found at [www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/re-ciprocal-health-care-agreements](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/re-ciprocal-health-care-agreements). Distant Journeys is not responsible for the medical care provided. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND SUITABLE AND ADEQUATE TRAVEL INSURANCE.**

#### Images, photographs, maps and information

67. The photographs in the brochure and information provided represent typical scenes and descriptive detail for each tour, but it is possible that the subject matter may not be seen or experienced whilst on the tour itself. Some pictures may have been digitally enhanced.

68. All offers and pricing are subject to availability at the time of booking.

69. Maps or tour depictions contained in this brochure or any other brochures issued by Distant Journeys, are intended as an indication only and should not be relied upon as the actual route taken during the tour. Distant Journeys are not liable to you for any variation to the tour.

#### Amendments to terms and conditions

These terms and conditions may be subject to amendment from time to time. Amendments will be posted on the Distant Journeys website - [www.distantjourneys.co.uk](http://www.distantjourneys.co.uk).

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