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Outstanding, superb, magnificent and any other superlatives that you can think of. This holiday was everything we hoped it would be and more.

Mr & Mrs Todd, Lincolnshire.



A Warm Welcome Awaits

Australia. It's big, it's bold, it's undeniably a dream holiday destination for many. Vibrant coastal cities, tropical rainforests, the endless outback, the world's largest coral reef, the most iconic harbour and the most famous monolith, Uluru. Or maybe New Zealand is the place for you, considered one of the most naturally beautiful countries you can visit. Think glistening blue lakes, majestic snow-capped mountains and temperate forested valleys.

Come and discover two truly amazing countries with Distant Journeys, and wake up every day in a place where something new and exciting is waiting for you to discover.

Over 60 years creating incredible touring holidays
The directors at Distant Journeys have over 60 years combined experience designing escorted touring holidays all over the world. Using our extensive knowledge, we have created an exciting style of flexible touring holiday combining the delights and camaraderie of group travel, with the flexibility to allow for personal tastes.

Our tours operate at a leisurely pace, offer exceptional value for money without compromising on quality or inclusions and provide you with unrivalled flexibility, ensuring your holiday is perfect for you.

Our aim is simple – to make every moment of your holiday as memorable as it should be.

Book With 100% Confidence

Our Price Promise

All Distant Journeys touring holidays come with our Price Promise*. This is our guarantee to give early bookers the best price, to never offer your holiday at a cheaper price or add surcharges once your holiday booking is confirmed, and to match the price of any identical holiday you may find.

Award-winning service

Our friendly travel professionals are experts in the places we visit and are happy to share their passion with you at any time. Exceptional customer service means not only has Distant Journeys been awarded 'Best Small Holiday Company to Australasia' two years running at the prestigious British Travel Awards, but also we have won Feefo's 'Gold Trusted' rating.

Financially protected

Distant Journeys are fully bonded by ATOL meaning you can book knowing your money is 100% safe.

* For more information on our Price Promise, please see our booking conditions on pages 104-107.



Richard Hanson, Simon Whittle & Andrew Laycock
Directors, Distant Journeys



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Call to book

Our award-winning team of travel experts is happy to answer any questions you may have, and to help you book your holiday with Distant Journeys.

Call us on 01695 577 961

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm

Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Should you prefer, please feel free to email us with your enquiry.

Email: enquiries@distantjourneys.co.uk





Why Choose Distant Journeys?

1. **Exceptional value, uncompromising quality**
Our aim is to offer exceptional value for money without compromising on the quality of your holiday. You'll find included all you would expect from a touring holiday, along with a few special extras you might not expect such as hotel portorage and a welcome drink.
2. **Meticulously designed tours**
With over 60 years combined experience, our directors understand just what it takes to design the perfect touring holiday. Many months of planning go into every detail of the holiday, and each element is carefully chosen with our customers' enjoyment in mind.
3. **Personal knowledge and expert advice**
Distant Journeys has a team of professional travel specialists with personal knowledge of the countries we visit, our selected hotels and the fabulous experiences we offer.
4. **Leisurely paced itineraries**
Our holidays operate at a relaxed pace, as we aim to give you plenty of time to fully explore and savour each area as well as giving you some time to unwind.
5. **Hand-picked hotels**
You'll be delighted by your hotels, as Distant Journeys only select accommodation which meets the high standards of quality, service and location our guests have come to expect.
6. **Once in a lifetime experiences**
From exciting rail journeys to exploring lesser known gems, our holidays feature many incredible experiences which will stay in your memory forever.
7. **Experienced Tour Managers and Coach Captains**
Our Tour Managers, Coach Captains and local guides are all greatly experienced in their field, and have the right balance of organisational skills and local knowledge, coupled with a warm, friendly personality.
8. **Personalise your travel arrangements**
Flying from regional UK airports at no extra cost, choosing the stopover you want, upgrading your flight and extending your holiday are just a few of the ways in which you can personalise your tour so it's perfect for you.
9. **Freedom to explore**
We know our customers rightly expect to have all the must-see excursions included, but we understand they also want to tailor their holiday to their own tastes. That's why each tour has several Freedom Days to allow you the flexibility and choice to decide how you wish to spend your time.
10. **Our Price Promise**
We want you to have the peace of mind you are paying the best price for your holiday, so Distant Journeys guarantees this through our Price Promise*.
 - ◆ We'll reward you for booking early. The earlier you book the better the offer you'll receive.
 - ◆ We never offer last minute discounts, so you can be confident you'll never see your holiday cheaper.
 - ◆ We will never add surcharges onto the cost of your holiday, once you have booked.
 - ◆ We're so confident our tours represent excellent value for money, should you find the same tour at a cheaper price not only will we match that price, we will also give you £200 off a future booking.
11. **Award-winning holidays**
We are delighted to have been awarded the 'Best Small Holiday Company to Australasia' in both 2016 and 2017 at the British Travel Awards.
12. **99% customer satisfaction**
We are so proud that our customers really love what we do. So much so, Distant Journeys has achieved an incredible 99% satisfaction rating with independent reviews provider Feefo.
13. **Gold standard service**
The exceptional service provided by Distant Journeys has led to us being awarded Feefo's 'Gold Trusted' rating.
14. **Financially protected**
All Distant Journeys holidays are fully bonded by the Civil Aviation Authority, ATOL number 10913, meaning you can book in the confidence your money is 100% safe.

* For more information on our Price Promise, please see our booking conditions on pages 104-107.



Uncompromising Quality with exceptional value

We are passionate about what we do, passionate about the countries we visit, the experiences we include, the service we offer and the value for money we deliver to our guests without compromising on the quality of the holiday experience.

With Distant Journeys, value does not mean cheap. Value for money means we will provide you with the opportunity to discover a destination in comfort and style, with so much flexibility and so many experiences included in the itinerary, and without it costing the earth.

So much included

From start to finish, each Distant Journeys holiday is meticulously planned. As you would expect from a touring holiday, we include return international flights from the UK on award-winning scheduled airlines, with all your on-board meals and drinks included. What you might not expect is having a choice of five regional UK airports, without paying any extra. Not only that, on the majority of our tours you have a choice of included stopovers, which gives you a chance to explore a new and exciting destination.

All your touring holiday essentials are included, such as overseas transport in modern air-conditioned coaches, a porter service for your luggage, all pre-payable airport and resort taxes, and all the entrance fees to the many incredible places and monuments you will visit. What's more, to help you make the most of your time, you will be accompanied by a knowledgeable Tour Manager in Australia and Coach Captains in New Zealand.

Comfort and convenience

Hotels are carefully selected to make the most of each location, and offer quality and comfort so you can unwind and relax when returning from a day's exploring. Daily breakfast is included, in addition to a selection of other meals.

Unforgettable experiences

To make your holiday extra special, along with all the must-see excursions already included, Distant Journeys includes a number of once in a lifetime experiences and visits to lesser known hidden gems. These are all included to create memories you will treasure forever.

Our Price Promise



Early booking offers

Our philosophy is simple - the earlier you book the better the offer you will receive.

No last minute discounts

Distant Journeys never discount our holidays, so you can be confident you will never see your holiday at a lower price than the one you paid.

No surcharges

Irrespective of any additional costs incurred by Distant Journeys as a result of currency fluctuations, air fare increases or other costs associated with your holiday, surcharges will never be added once you have confirmed a booking.

Price match

We want you to have the peace of mind when booking a Distant Journeys holiday that you are receiving the best possible price. So, if you see the same holiday cheaper, not only will we match that price, we will also give you £200 off the price of a future holiday with Distant Journeys.

For more information on our Price Promise, please see our booking conditions on pages 104-107.



Hand-Picked Hotels perfectly located

Distant Journeys appreciate the hotels in which you stay are an integral part of your holiday enjoyment, which is why we take great care in hand-picking all the accommodation featured in our itineraries.

Location and quality are always paramount considerations, and we strive to provide the best of both.

Hotel ratings

Each property has been inspected whilst planning our holidays, and you can be confident the hotels featured in this brochure have been carefully selected for their location, quality, facilities and level of service.

We understand from many years of experience that accommodation ratings may vary from country to country. We therefore provide our own ratings, which are based on the expectations of guests from the UK, alongside the official hotel rating. Please review our hotel directory on pages 90-95 for more information regarding the hotels included.

Location, location, location

Relax in the knowledge that every hotel has been carefully chosen to allow you to make the most of each destination you visit. In Cairns for instance you will enjoy four nights at the superbly located DoubleTree by Hilton, situated close to Cairns Esplanade and just a few minutes stroll to the many attractions and eateries this cosmopolitan town has to offer.

Rural charm

When staying in more rural areas, Distant Journeys has selected accommodation that really makes the most of the surrounding landscapes. For instance, the Scenic Hotel in Franz Josef enjoys a secluded location, with lovely views of the nearby mountains and rugged terrain.





Freedom & Flexibility

holidays styled just for you

Imagine being able to enjoy all the benefits of travelling with a group of like-minded people; the laughs, the camaraderie, the friendships, the hassle-free organisation - and at the same time being able to personalise your holiday so that it's perfect for you.

When it comes to having the freedom to tailor your touring holiday to suit your tastes and wishes, the flexibility provided by Distant Journeys cannot be beaten.

Freedom Days

For an escorted tour to be truly memorable, we believe you should have the freedom to customise your touring experiences to match your interests. That is why we ensure all Distant Journeys tours have a selection of 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 on holiday. Sail an America's Cup yacht in Auckland, dine in an elegant tramcar, or climb Sydney Harbour Bridge - the choice is yours.

A choice of included stopovers

A two night outbound stopover is included on the majority of our holidays to Australia and New Zealand. Your options, dependent on your choice of holiday, include Singapore, Bangkok or Dubai - you decide and we'll take care of the rest.

Travel to suit you

To get your journey off to the best possible start, Distant Journeys offer you flights with Qantas / Emirates from a choice of regional UK airports, at no extra cost. Choose from London Heathrow, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle or Glasgow. Or if you are booking one of our New Zealand holidays, you can also choose to fly with award-winning Singapore Airlines from London Heathrow or Manchester.

If you would like to treat yourself to a little more comfort on your flights, Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are available on selected routes. Please see pages 100-101 for more details.

Extend your holiday

Should you wish to extend your time in Australia or New Zealand we will be delighted to arrange your flights for you - it's all part of the Distant Journeys service. What's more, you have the opportunity to extend your holiday with a homebound stopover in a choice of amazing cities. Early bookers will be eligible for a fantastic offer on our homebound stopovers. Please see pages 96-99 for more details.





Once in a Lifetime Experiences which are truly unforgettable

Distant Journeys offers touring holidays to a selection of truly magical countries, offering an incredible array of holiday experiences.

When you travel with Distant Journeys, you can be confident that not only will all the memorable must-see sights be included, but you will also enjoy several extra special experiences to make your holiday as memorable as it should be.

A new adventure every day

The reasons to discover Australia & New Zealand are endless. Nevertheless, here is just a small selection of the highlights you may enjoy as Distant Journeys helps you to explore these spectacular countries.

Great Barrier Reef

The largest living organism on Earth, and even visible from outer space; cruise, snorkel or dive the Great Barrier Reef, home to countless colourful fish, beautiful coral and marine life.

Uluru (Ayers Rock)

In the heart of Australia's Red Centre and a site of aboriginal significance, watch the sun set over Uluru, the world's largest monolith. Sip a glass of sparkling wine and have your camera at the ready as you witness the rock's ever-changing colours.

The Ghan

Imagine Australia's fabled outback unfolding before you as you enjoy a leisurely dining experience on-board The Ghan. As guests in Gold Service carriages, you will enjoy the romance of a bygone era with every modern comfort, on this all-inclusive rail adventure.

Milford Sound

Get your camera ready as you cruise one of the most beautiful places on earth. Explore the enigma of New Zealand's stunning Milford Sound and discover spectacular waterfalls, temperate rainforest, towering mountains and abundant wildlife.

The TranzAlpine Express

Traverse 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.





Essential Australia

19 days from only £3,995 per person

Australia is a land of dreams, a land of world-famous landmarks and experiences, a land rich with Aboriginal culture. It's a land with an historic past that will always tie us closely together. For many, a holiday to Australia is 'a holiday of a lifetime'.

Let Distant Journeys show you this amazing country on our 19 day Essential Australia tour.

Experience the colourful, cosmopolitan cities of Melbourne, Sydney and Perth; indulge in the beauty of tropical Northern Queensland and be mesmerised by stories of Dreamtime in Australia's Red Centre.

Essential Australia offers exceptional value for money and takes you to all of Australia's must-see locations. Locally escorted by your Distant Journeys Tour Manager and operated at a leisurely pace, welcome to our new tour for 2019/2020 - Essential Australia.



② = Number of nights

Your holiday includes

Flights with award-winning scheduled airlines

- ◆ Return economy class flights
- ◆ Fly with Qantas / Emirates from London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow
- ◆ All domestic flights within Australia
- ◆ All airport charges, security charges and any applicable fuel surcharges
- ◆ UK Air Passenger Duty

Carefully selected hotels

- ◆ Superior hotels in great locations
- ◆ All hotel portorage
- ◆ Applicable hotel taxes

Many meals

- ◆ Daily breakfast, worth £293 per person
- ◆ Buffet lunch on the Great Barrier Reef
- ◆ Lunch cruise around Sydney Harbour

Unforgettable experiences

- ◆ Sightseeing tours in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth
- ◆ Experience Uluru (Ayers Rock) at sunset and sunrise
- ◆ Full day on the Great Barrier Reef

On the ground

- ◆ Services of an experienced local Tour Manager
- ◆ All overseas transfers
- ◆ Modern, air-conditioned coaches throughout

100% confidence

- ◆ Your holiday is covered by our Price Promise*
- ◆ Your holiday is fully ATOL protected

* For more information on our Price Promise, please see our booking conditions on pages 104-107.



Essential Australia

Days 1 to 5: UK - Melbourne - Sydney

Day 1: Depart UK

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

Day 2: Melbourne, 3 nights

All flights with Qantas / Emirates to Melbourne travel via Dubai. After clearing customs and collecting our luggage we board our waiting coach and transfer to the four star Parkview Hotel, located between Albert and Fawkner Parks, just a tram ride away from Melbourne's CBD. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 3: Melbourne

We take our 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. This evening there is the option to enjoy dinner on an historic tramcar. **Breakfast included**

We recommend

The Colonial Tramcar Restaurant

Glide along the scenic streets of Melbourne while enjoying a seasonally-selected menu, fine Australian wine, and a fully stocked bar.



Day 4: Melbourne Freedom Day

This is our first Freedom Day, where we can choose to relax or explore as we please. Our Distant Journeys Tour Manager will be on hand with advice on things to do, where to eat, make any arrangements and book excursions to further explore the area. 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 a trip to Phillip Island, home to the world's largest colony of little penguins, to view the 'Penguin Parade'. **Breakfast included**

Day 5: Sydney, 3 nights

Tour Highlight

This morning we make our way to Melbourne Airport in time for our flight to Sydney. We begin our tour of Sydney 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. Later, our tour takes us 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, an exposed sandstone rock cut into the shape of a bench by convicts in 1810, as a gift to Governor Macquarie's wife. Here we stop for the 'classic' photo opportunity of the world famous Opera House and Harbour Bridge. We finish at the North Sydney Harbourview Hotel, superbly located on Sydney's north shore overlooking Sydney Harbour, where we stay for three nights.

Breakfast and lunch included





Essential Australia

Days 6 to 11: Sydney - Cairns

Day 6: Sydney Freedom Day

Your first of two Freedom Days to spend as you please. 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 7: Sydney Freedom Day

A second Freedom Day in Sydney to further explore this wonderful city. 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. Enjoy! **Breakfast included**

Day 8: Cairns, 4 nights

Sadly, we must say goodbye to Sydney, but our sadness is short-lived as we know the beauty of tropical Queensland awaits. We return to Sydney Airport in time for our flight to Cairns. Upon arrival we shall transfer to the centrally located four-star DoubleTree by Hilton, which will be our home for the next four nights. **Breakfast and in-flight drinks included**

Day 9: The Great Barrier Reef Tour Highlight

A holiday to Australia would not be complete without a visit to the Great Barrier Reef. Its vibrantly coloured marine life and breathtakingly 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-bottomed 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 10: Cairns Freedom Day

Although today has been left free you may wish to take an optional trip to Kuranda. Our tour begins with traditional Tjapukai aboriginal culture including authentic music, dance and storytelling by the Tjapukai people. We ascend to Kuranda by the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, a beautiful experience gliding over the rainforest canopy. 'The village in the rainforest' Kuranda awaits. It's a lovely place to while away a few hours visiting the markets, butterfly sanctuary or the Koala Gardens. Travel back to Cairns along one of the most unique rail journeys in Australia, the Kuranda Scenic Railway. See how the track clings to the rockface along a narrow coastal strip. During our journey we encounter no fewer than 40 bridges and 15 tunnels as we make our way back to Cairns. **Breakfast included**

Day 11: Cairns Freedom Day

Another Freedom Day to enjoy 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, we suggest a 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 walk with an aboriginal guide and a cruise spotting saltwater crocodiles. **Breakfast included**





Essential Australia

Days 12 to 17: Uluru - Alice Springs - Perth

Day 12: Uluru (Ayers Rock), Overnight Tour Highlight

An early start today as we make our way to Cairns Airport in time for our flight to Australia's Red Centre and the next leg of our exciting journey. Upon arrival we visit the impressive series of rounded sandstone domes known as the Olgas. Later in the day we travel to Uluru where we can enjoy a glass of sparkling wine whilst witnessing 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 13: Alice Springs, 2 nights

Uluru is the icon of Australia's outback, and the world's largest monolith. For early risers, a dawn visit to the rock has been arranged. Seeing Uluru at sunrise, from a different position and a different light, offers a totally new perspective on the ever-changing colours and character of the rock. This afternoon we travel east through amazing landscapes as we journey along the scenic Lasseter and Stuart Highways and make our way to the outback town of Alice Springs. Upon arrival, we shall transfer to the four-star Mercure Hotel, situated on the banks of the Todd River. **Breakfast included**

Day 14: Alice Springs Freedom Day

Nestled within the MacDonnell Ranges, Alice is the geographical centre of Australia, made famous by its rich pioneering history and ancient indigenous culture. This morning you may wish to take an adventure in slow motion with an optional hot air balloon trip over the outback landscapes. After breakfast, there are a choice of optional tours available. Perhaps join a half day sightseeing tour of this 'Town Called Alice'. 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. Alternatively, you may wish to take a trip to the Western MacDonnell Ranges; 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 15: Perth, 3 nights

This morning we make our way to Alice Springs Airport in time for our flight to Perth, the capital of Western Australia. Upon our arrival we shall transfer to the Pan Pacific Hotel, overlooking the beautiful Swan River. This afternoon take a stroll by the river and get yourself acquainted with this stunning city. **Breakfast included**

Day 16: Perth

Named the 'friendly city' by tourists from all over the world, Perth is the world's most isolated city. This morning we have arranged a tour to explore its beauty further. Visit King's Park, with its captivating wild flowers and bushland, and a location affording incredible views over the city. We also travel to the nearby port town of Fremantle and enjoy a visit to the fascinating Shipwreck Gallery. Later, we see the Millionaire Mansions as we return to the hotel with a cruise along the Swan River. **Breakfast included**

Day 17: Perth Freedom Day

Your final Australian Freedom Day allows you to spend the day as you please. Perhaps take an optional trip to the Nambung National Park to visit the fascinating limestone formations known as the Pinnacles. Alternatively, make the short journey to Rottnest Island, a protected nature reserve with white-sand beaches and secluded coves, and home to the small wallaby-like marsupial, the quokka. **Breakfast included**





Essential Australia

Days 18 to 19: Perth - UK

Day 18: Depart Perth

The day is your own until it's time to depart for the airport. Our flights to our chosen UK airport operate via Dubai where there will be a change of aircraft. London Heathrow passengers may be able to take advantage of the non-stop Qantas flight from Perth. **Breakfast and in-flight meals & drinks included**

Day 19: Arrive UK

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

Extend your holiday in Singapore or Dubai from £245 per person

Why not extend your holiday with a stopover in either Singapore or Dubai on your homeward journey? Your stopover package includes return airport transfers, two nights accommodation and daily breakfast. Please see pages 98-99 for more details.



Copthorne Kings Hotel, Singapore
Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★

Located close to an array of shopping, dining and entertainment venues. Rooms offer all the modern amenities you would expect. Guests can dine in Tien Court Restaurant or Princess Terrace Café and enjoy a drink in Connections Lounge.

Two nights £245 per person
Single occupancy £385

Your stopover includes return airport transfers, two nights at your chosen hotel and daily breakfast.

Please note, a tourism tax of 21AED (approx £4.50) per room per night is payable locally in Dubai.



Mariott Hotel Al Jaddaf, Dubai
Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★

Located within easy reach of Dubai Mall, the Marriott Al Jaddaf, is the perfect alternative to a beachside hotel. With an outdoor swimming pool, deluxe spa and a choice of seven restaurants it's a great location from which to explore downtown Dubai.

Two nights £345 per person
Single occupancy £545

Departure Dates & Prices

2019 Departures

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| 04 October 2019 | £4,295 per person |
| 01 November 2019 | £4,295 per person |

2020 Departures

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| 17 January 2020 | £4,295 per person |
| 14 February 2020 | £4,295 per person |
| 13 March 2020 | £4,195 per person |
| 17 April 2020 | £3,995 per person |

Prices

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

Supplements

Single occupancy supplement £1,195

Deposit

£1,000 per person if travelling Economy Class, £1,950 per person if travelling Premium Economy, and £3,750 per person for Business Class.

Homebound stopovers

Extend your holiday with a stopover in Singapore or Dubai on the return journey. Prices from £245 per person. Stopovers may be on special offer, please call for details.

Flight upgrades

Upgrade to Premium Economy on selected routes from £1,495 per person. Upgrade to Business Class from £3,655 per person.

Important information

Prices are subject to the availability of flights in the lowest available booking class and may change, however the correct price will always be confirmed before you book.

To enter Australia, British Citizens require an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA). Our processing fee is £25 per person and will be added to your confirmation invoice.

Full booking conditions are available on pages 104-107.

To book, call us on 01695 577 961

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Should you prefer, please feel free to email us with your enquiry. **Email:** enquiries@distantjourneys.co.uk





Your holiday includes

Flights with leading scheduled airlines

- ◆ Return economy class flights
- ◆ Fly with Qantas / Emirates from London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow
- ◆ All domestic flights within Australia
- ◆ All airport charges, security charges and any applicable fuel surcharges
- ◆ UK Air Passenger Duty

Choice of outbound stopover

- ◆ Three night outbound stopover; choose from Singapore or Dubai

Carefully selected hotels

- ◆ Superior hotels in great locations
- ◆ Overnight train journey onboard the legendary Ghan
- ◆ All hotel portorage
- ◆ Applicable hotel taxes

Many meals

- ◆ Daily breakfast, worth £334 per person
- ◆ Buffet lunch on the Great Barrier Reef
- ◆ Lunch cruise around Sydney Harbour

All-inclusive on The Ghan

- ◆ All meals
- ◆ Selected alcoholic and soft drinks

Unforgettable experiences

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

On the ground

- ◆ Services of an experienced local Tour Manager
- ◆ All overseas transfers
- ◆ Modern, air-conditioned coaches throughout

100% confidence

- ◆ Your holiday is covered by our Price Promise*
- ◆ Your holiday is fully ATOL protected

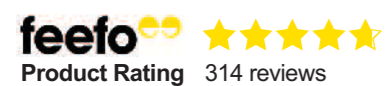
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Wonders of Australia

22 days from only £4,995 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 visit the Great Barrier Reef.

Including a choice of three night outbound stopovers, an overnight journey on-board 'the legendary Ghan', and guided throughout Australia by your experienced Distant Journeys Tour Manager, you can be sure the Wonders of Australia will create memories that will last a lifetime.



② = Number of nights

It was just all round BRILLIANT. So well organised and I would recommend Distant Journeys in a heartbeat (and have already done so to several friends).

Mr & Mrs Turner, Hampshire



Wonders of Australia

Days 1 to 6: UK - Singapore - Melbourne

Day 1: Depart UK

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

Day 2: Singapore, 3 nights

Flights from London Heathrow may travel direct to Singapore. All UK regional flights 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**

Alternative stopover: Dubai

We have based days 2-5 of this itinerary on a stopover in Singapore. If you prefer, you may choose to stop in Dubai for the same price. Your stopover includes transfers, accommodation, daily breakfast and a city sightseeing tour. Flight timings will vary. Please speak with one of our personal travel experts for more details.

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 and the impressive views of Marina Bay. We continue to 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: Singapore Freedom Day

A Freedom Day in Singapore to further explore the city. Possibly visit historic Raffles for high tea or to savour a Singapore Sling. Discover the wonderful Gardens by the Bay, visit Singapore Zoo or maybe indulge in some of the amazing shopping opportunities that can be found around the city. **Breakfast included**

Day 5: Melbourne, 3 nights

After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our flight to Melbourne. With a late arrival into Melbourne we transfer directly to our hotel, the four star Savoy Hotel on Little Collins, situated in the heart of the city. **Breakfast, in-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 6: Melbourne

A leisurely start this morning before our 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, returning to our hotel later in the day. This evening there is the option to enjoy dinner on an historic tramcar. **Breakfast included**

We recommend

The Colonial Tramcar Restaurant

Glide along the scenic streets of Melbourne while enjoying a seasonally-selected menu, fine Australian wine, and a fully stocked bar.





Wonders of Australia

Days 7 to 10: Melbourne - Cairns

Day 7: Melbourne Freedom Day

Today we can choose to relax or explore as we please. Our 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 for you 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 little penguins, to view the 'Penguin Parade'. Alternatively, take the Puffing Billy steam train through the Blue Dandenong Ranges, explore the city's most famous sporting landmarks or tour along one of the world's most spectacular coastal drives, the internationally renowned Great Ocean Road. **Breakfast included**

Day 8: Cairns, 4 nights

Late in the morning, we make our way to the airport for our flight to Cairns. Upon arrival we shall transfer to the centrally located four-star DoubleTree by Hilton, which will be our home for the next four nights. **Breakfast included**

Day 9: Great Barrier Reef

Tour Highlight

A holiday to Australia would not be complete without a visit to the Great Barrier Reef. Its vibrantly coloured marine life and breathtakingly 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-bottomed boat, or the 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 10: Cairns Freedom Day

Although today has been left free you may wish to take an optional trip to Kuranda. Our tour begins with traditional Tjapukai aboriginal culture including authentic music, dance and storytelling by the Tjapukai people. We ascend to Kuranda by the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, a beautiful experience gliding over the rainforest canopy. 'The village in the rainforest' Kuranda awaits. It's a lovely place to while away a few hours visiting the markets, butterfly sanctuary or the Koala Gardens. Travel back to Cairns along one of the most unique rail journeys in Australia, the Kuranda Scenic Railway. See how the track clings to the rockface along a narrow coastal strip. During our journey we encounter no fewer than 40 bridges and 15 tunnels as we make our way back to Cairns. **Breakfast included**

We recommend

Kuranda Railway & Skyrail

A journey to Kuranda by the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, returning on the Kuranda Scenic Rail journey.





Wonders of Australia

Days 11 to 15: Cairns - Uluru - Alice Springs - The Ghan

Day 11: Cairns Freedom Day

Another Freedom Day to enjoy 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, 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 walk with an aboriginal guide and a cruise spotting saltwater crocodiles. **Breakfast included**

Day 12: Uluru (Ayers Rock), Overnight

Tour Highlight

Leaving Cairns on an early flight, we head 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 glass of sparkling wine whilst witnessing 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 13: Alice Springs, 2 nights

This morning there's an opportunity to see the sunrise over Uluru for those of us who wish to do so. A little later, we take a tour of the impressive series of rounded sandstone domes known as the Olgas. This afternoon we travel east through amazing outback landscapes as we journey along the scenic Lasseter and Stuart Highways and make our way to the outback town of Alice Springs. Our home for the next two nights is the four-star DoubleTree by Hilton. **Breakfast included**

Day 14: Alice Springs Freedom Day

Our day is free to relax or explore the outback. You may wish to take a trip to the Western MacDonnell Ranges; 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 15: The Ghan, Overnight

This morning, we board our coach and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Alice Springs. 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.

Tour Highlight

Then it's time to make our way to Alice Springs Rail Terminal ready for our magnificent overland rail journey to Adelaide, on Australia's southern coastline. Known for being one of the world's iconic rail journeys, The Ghan was named after the Afghan cameleers who once traversed this route. Our twin accommodation is in Gold Service cabins, featuring air-conditioned, private sleepers, all with upper and lower bunk beds, en-suite shower, wash basin and toilet. Single travellers will be accommodated in Gold Service single cabins, which are configured as a lounge chair by day, 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. During lunch, marvel at the ever-changing landscape as we journey south. Later enjoy an off-train experience as The Ghan makes a short stop in Manguri. This evening following dinner, sleep to the rhythm of the rails. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner PLUS selected onboard drinks included**





Wonders of Australia

Days 16 to 20: Adelaide - Sydney

Day 16: Adelaide, 2 nights

In 25 hours aboard The Ghan we will have covered 1,555 kilometres and passed golden wheat fields, vast sheep stations, rugged mountain ranges, salt lakes and the fierce Simpson Desert. Following breakfast this morning, we arrive into Adelaide. Surrounded by grassy parkland, picturesque hills and the Mount Lofty Range, Adelaide could scarcely present a more captivating aspect. We shall take a sightseeing tour and be introduced to Adelaide's streets, fine Victorian buildings and attractive parks and gardens that surround the city. Later, we arrive at the excellent Stamford Plaza for our next two nights.
Breakfast included

Day 17: 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, which offers a unique touring experience combining friendly, native wildlife with natural, unspoilt wilderness.
Breakfast included

Day 18: Sydney, 3 nights

This morning we make our way to Adelaide Airport in time for our flight to Sydney. Upon arrival we head to the four-star Novotel Darling Square Hotel, or North Sydney Harbourview Hotel.

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 cafés, 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: Sydney Tour Highlight

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**

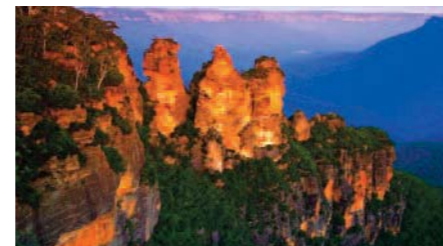
Day 20: Sydney Freedom Day

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

Day 21: Depart Sydney

The day is yours until it's time to depart for the airport. Our flights to our chosen UK airport operate via Dubai where there will be a change of aircraft. Breakfast, 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 combine with a tour of New Zealand?



If you wish to make the ultimate journey to Australasia, combining the Wonders of Australia with either the Magnificent New Zealand or Very Best of New Zealand tours makes perfect sense.

Please see pages 84-89 for more details.

Homebound stopovers from £195 per person

Why not extend your holiday with a stopover on your homeward journey? Choose from the captivating Asian cities of Singapore, Bangkok or Hong Kong, a beach stay in Bali or a stay in fashionable Dubai. Your stopover package includes return airport transfers, accommodation and daily breakfast. Please see pages 98-99 for more details.

Dubai - Two nights from £345 per person

To take in the magic, mystery and culture of Arabia perhaps consider a stopover in Dubai, home to the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa.

Hong Kong - Two nights from £345 per person

The Far East's number one stopover destination. Be sure to take in a Victoria Harbour cruise and indulge yourselves in the very best street markets, vibrant shops and excellent dining.

Bangkok - Two nights from £195 per person

Why not consider a stopover in Bangkok, with its glittering temples, buzzing street markets, indulgent spas and graceful service?

Singapore - Two nights from £245 per person

Possibly a two night break in the Lion City of Singapore might be on your wish list? A former British trading colony, Singapore perfectly blends ancient eastern with modern western cultures.

Bali - Three nights from £395 per person

For a truly relaxing homeward stopover, a stay in this beachside resort with its large private pool and many on-site dining options, is a must.



Departure Dates & Prices

2019 Departures

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| 02 August 2019* | £5,495 per person |
| 04 October 2019* | £5,195 per person |
| 17 October 2019 | £5,195 per person |
| 31 October 2019 | £5,195 per person |
| 14 November 2019 | £5,195 per person |
| 11 December 2019^ | £6,195 per person |

Prices

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

Supplements

Single occupancy supplement £1,195
Single occupancy supplement 11 December 2019, £1,795

Deposit

£1,000 per person if travelling Economy Class, £1,950 per person if travelling Premium Economy, and £3,750 per person for Business Class.

Homebound stopovers

Extend your holiday with a stopover on the return journey. Prices from £195 per person. Stopovers may be on special offer, please call for details.

Flight upgrades

Upgrade to Premium Economy on selected routes from £1,495 per person. Upgrade to Business Class from £3,655 per person.

2020 Departures

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| 23 January 2020 | £5,195 per person |
| 13 February 2020 | £5,195 per person |
| 06 March 2020* | £5,195 per person |
| 03 April 2020* | £4,995 per person |
| 31 July 2020* | £5,495 per person |

Christmas departure^

An altered 24 day itinerary including Christmas Dinner and drinks in tropical Cairns and New Year's Eve Dinner, drinks, live band and views over the Harbour Bridge in Sydney. The Ghan does not operate on this date. Please call for full itinerary and details.

Important information

Prices are subject to the availability of flights in the lowest available booking class and may change, however the correct price will always be confirmed before you book.

To enter Australia, British Citizens require an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA). Our processing fee is £25 per person and will be added to your confirmation invoice.

* These dates operate a variation of the tour as shown and may use alternative hotels of the same standard. Please call for details.

Full booking conditions are available on pages 104-107.

To book, call us on 01695 577 961

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Should you prefer, please feel free to email us with your enquiry. Email: enquiries@distantjourneys.co.uk





Your holiday includes

Flights with leading scheduled airlines

- ◆ Return economy class flights
- ◆ Fly with Qantas / Emirates from London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow
- ◆ All domestic flights within Australia
- ◆ All airport charges, security charges and any applicable fuel surcharges
- ◆ UK Air Passenger Duty

Choice of outbound stopover

- ◆ Two-night outbound stopover; choose from Singapore or Dubai
- ◆ Alternatively, add two nights to the beginning of your stay in Perth

Carefully selected hotels

- ◆ Superior hotels in great locations
- ◆ Overnight train journey onboard the legendary Ghan
- ◆ All hotel portorage
- ◆ Applicable hotel taxes

Many meals

- ◆ Daily breakfast, worth £443 per person
- ◆ Lunch on Kangaroo Island
- ◆ Buffet lunch on the Great Barrier Reef
- ◆ Lunch cruise around Sydney Harbour

All-inclusive on The Ghan

- ◆ All meals
- ◆ Selected alcoholic and soft drinks

Unforgettable experiences

- ◆ Sightseeing tours in Singapore (or Dubai), Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Alice Springs and Sydney
- ◆ Full day touring Kangaroo Island
- ◆ Experience Uluru (Ayers Rock) at sunset and sunrise
- ◆ Cruise down the scenic Katherine Gorge
- ◆ Full day on the Great Barrier Reef
- ◆ Lunch cruise around Sydney Harbour

On the ground

- ◆ Services of an experienced local Tour Manager
- ◆ All overseas transfers
- ◆ Modern, air-conditioned coaches throughout

100% confidence

- ◆ Your holiday is covered by our Price Promise*
- ◆ Your holiday is fully ATOL protected

* For more information on our Price Promise, please see our booking conditions on pages 104-107.

The Very Best of Australia

29 days from only £5,995 per person

If you're going to travel all the way to the other side of the world, you will really want to make the most of your holiday.

So, to make sure you don't miss out on the country's many highlights and hidden gems, we've put together the ultimate Australian adventure, The Very Best of Australia tour.

What makes this tour magical is the diversity of the destinations you'll visit, which allow you to experience all of the country's different cultures and traditions. The incredible cities will give you a taste of modern 'down under', whilst your visit to the outback offers an authentic insight into the country's rugged natural beauty and ancient culture.

As always with a Distant Journeys tour, you'll also enjoy a number of once in a lifetime experiences. For example, you'll have the chance to discover the Great Barrier Reef; explore the wonderful wildlife on Kangaroo Island; spend a night on the legendary Ghan; and enjoy an enchanting cruise through Katherine Gorge.



② = Number of nights





The Very Best of Australia

Days 1 to 12: UK - Singapore - Perth - Kangaroo Island - Adelaide - Melbourne

Day 1: Depart UK

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

Day 2: Singapore, 2 nights

Flights from London Heathrow may travel direct to Singapore. All UK regional flights 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**

Alternative stopovers: Dubai or Perth

We have based days 2-4 of this itinerary on a stopover in Singapore. If you prefer, you may choose to stop in Dubai or spend an extra two nights in Perth for the same price. Your stopover includes transfers, accommodation, daily breakfast, and if choosing Dubai a city sightseeing tour. Flight timings will vary. Please speak with one of our personal travel experts for more details.

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. Visit Singapore's Merlion and the botanical gardens before returning to the hotel, where the rest of our day is free to spend as we please. **Breakfast included**

Day 4: Perth, 3 nights

A day at leisure in Singapore until it's time to leave for our evening flight to Perth. Possibly visit nearby Sentosa Island or enjoy high tea at Raffles. Upon arrival into Perth later tonight, clear customs and transfer to the Pan Pacific Hotel for our first three nights in Australia. **Breakfast, in-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 5: Perth

Named 'the friendly city' by tourists from all over the world, Perth is the world's most isolated city and is the capital of Western Australia. Today, we have arranged a tour to explore the city and its surrounds. Visit King's Park, with its enchanting wild flowers and bushland, and amazing views over the city's skyline. We will also travel to the nearby port town of Fremantle and enjoy a visit to the fascinating Shipwreck Gallery. Later, we see the Millionaire Mansions as we return to the hotel with a cruise along the Swan River. **Breakfast included**

Day 6: Perth Freedom Day

Our first Australian Freedom Day allows us to spend the day as we please. Our Distant Journeys Tour Manager will be on hand with advice on things to do, where to eat, make any arrangements and book excursions for you to further explore the area. Perhaps take an optional trip to the Nambung National Park to visit the fascinating limestone formations known as the Pinnacles. Alternatively, make the short journey to Rottnest Island, a protected nature reserve with white-sand beaches and secluded coves, and home to the small wallaby-like marsupial, the quokka. However you choose to spend your day – enjoy! **Breakfast included**

We recommend

Nambung National Park

Take an optional tour to the Nambung National Park to visit the fascinating limestone formations known as the Pinnacles.



Day 7: Kangaroo Island, 2 nights

Following breakfast this morning, we board our flight to Adelaide, capital of South Australia. Upon arrival, meet our waiting coach and continue to the Fleurieu Peninsula, where we board a ferry to Penneshaw on Kangaroo Island. We make our way to the Aurora Ozone Hotel, situated in a prime position on Kangaroo Island, where we spend two nights. **Breakfast included**

Day 8: Kangaroo Island Tour Highlight

Our Kangaroo Island adventure commences with a scenic drive to Seal Bay Conservation Park. Here we will walk on the beach amongst a colony of rare Australian sea lions with a National Parks Ranger. Our next stop is Hanson Bay Sanctuary, where we stroll among eucalypti looking for koalas. Spend the afternoon at Flinders Chase National Park, renowned as a sanctuary for native Australian animals including kangaroos, wallabies, koalas and echidnas. The tour of the park will also take us to the rugged southern coastline for a walk on the Remarkable Rocks, providing us with great photographic opportunities and stunning sea views. We continue to Admirals Arch boardwalk, which takes us down a rugged cliff face to reveal a spectacular rock archway, a natural nursery and safe haven for playful Long-Nosed Fur Seals. After a wonderful day spent amongst Australia's very best wildlife, we return to our hotel for a second night. **Breakfast and lunch included**

Day 9: Adelaide, 2 nights

After meeting a variety of Australia's wildlife up close and personal, it's time to make our way back to the mainland by ferry. En route to Adelaide, we visit Australia's oldest surviving German settlement in the quaint village of Hahndorf, with its tree-lined streets and original 'Fachwerk' buildings. Surrounded by grassy parkland, picturesque hills and the Mount Lofty Range, Adelaide could scarcely present a more captivating aspect. During this afternoon's sightseeing tour we will be introduced to Adelaide's streets, fine Victorian buildings and the attractive parks and gardens that surround the city. Later, we arrive at the Peppers Waymouth Hotel for our next two nights. **Breakfast included**

Day 10: 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 a lunch cruise along the Murray River is a lovely way to spend a few hours. **Breakfast included**

Day 11: Melbourne, 3 nights

This morning we make our way to the airport in plenty of time for our flight to Melbourne, 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 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. Home for the next three nights is the four star Clarion Suites, situated in a wonderful location, just a short stroll from Melbourne's fashionable Southbank. **Breakfast included**

Day 12: Melbourne Freedom Day

This is our first Freedom Day in Melbourne, where we have the opportunity to take a trip to Phillip Island, home to the world's largest colony of little penguins, to view the '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 an historic tramcar. **Breakfast included**



The Very Best of Australia

Days 13 to 17: Melbourne - Uluru - Alice Springs - The Ghan

Day 13: 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 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

Day 14: Uluru (Ayers Rock), Overnight

Following breakfast this morning, we board our flight via Alice Springs to Uluru (Ayers Rock) in Australia's Red Centre. Before landing we may have the opportunity to view the world's largest monolith from our aircraft. Rising from the flat surrounding scrubland, Uluru is a site of deep cultural significance to the Aboriginal communities of the Northern Territory. Upon arrival we make our way to the four star Desert Gardens Hotel.

Tour Highlight

Later, we depart for a rock base tour enabling us to discover more about its historical and cultural importance. Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine with your travelling companions whilst witnessing the changing colours of Uluru as the sun begins to set. It's truly a photographer's delight. **Breakfast included**

Day 15: Alice Springs, 2 nights

This morning, we have the option of viewing Uluru at sunrise. After breakfast we leave for a tour of the impressive series of rounded sandstone domes known as the Olgas, before travelling along the scenic Lasseter and Stuart Highways to Alice Springs. Upon arrival we make our way to the four star DoubleTree by Hilton. **Breakfast included**

Day 16: Alice Springs Freedom Day

Our day is free to relax or explore the outback. You may wish to take a trip to the Western MacDonnell Ranges; 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 17: The Ghan, Overnight

Nestled within the MacDonnell Ranges, Alice Springs is an iconic town made famous by its rich pioneering history and ancient indigenous culture. This morning you may wish to take an adventure in slow motion on an optional hot air balloon trip over the outback landscapes. Later, we 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.

Tour Highlight

Later in the afternoon it's time to make our way to Alice Springs Rail Terminal ready for our magnificent overland rail journey to Darwin, on Australia's northern coastline. Known for being one of the world's iconic rail journeys, The Ghan was named after the Afghan cameleers who once traversed this route. Our twin accommodation is in Gold Service cabins, air-conditioned, private sleepers, all with upper and lower bunk beds, en-suite shower, wash basin and toilet. Single travellers will be accommodated in Gold Service single cabins, which are configured as a lounge chair by day, 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 onboard drinks included**





The Very Best of Australia

Days 18 to 21: Darwin - Cairns - Great Barrier Reef

Day 18: Darwin, 2 nights

Following 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 the 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, return to The Ghan in time for lunch as we continue our journey to Darwin. Upon arrival we transfer to the Mantra Esplanade, situated on Darwin's striking esplanade. **Breakfast and lunch included**

Day 19: 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 sites of Litchfield National Park. For those wishing to venture further afield, a full day overland or flightseeing excursion to 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 20: Cairns, 4 nights

An early start, as we leave for the airport in time for our one-stop flight to Cairns. Upon arrival we shall transfer to the ideally located four star DoubleTree by Hilton, which will be our home for the next four nights. **Breakfast included**

Day 21: Great Barrier Reef Tour Highlight

A holiday to Australia would not be complete without a visit to the Great Barrier Reef. Its vibrantly coloured marine life and breathtakingly 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-bottomed 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**



Wonderful holiday from beginning to end. Jenni our tour guide is simply the best. I will highly recommend Distant Journeys to friends and family. Their organisational skills are second to none. I will definitely book with them again in the future.

Mr & Mrs Thurland, North Yorkshire



The Very Best of Australia

Days 22 to 27: Cairns - Sydney

Day 22: Cairns Freedom Day

Although today has been left free, you may wish to take an optional trip to Kuranda. Our tour begins with traditional Tjapukai aboriginal culture including authentic music, dance and storytelling by Tjapukai people. We ascend to Kuranda by the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, a beautiful experience gliding over the rainforest canopy. 'The village in the rainforest' Kuranda awaits. It's a lovely place to while away a few hours visiting the markets, butterfly sanctuary or the Koala Gardens. Travel back to Cairns along one of the most unique rail journeys in Australia, the Kuranda Scenic Railway. See how the track clings to the rockface along a narrow coastal strip. During our journey we encounter no fewer than 40 bridges and 15 tunnels as we make our way back to Cairns. **Breakfast included**

Day 23: Cairns Freedom Day

Another Freedom Day to enjoy 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, we suggest a 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 the rainforest's unique flora and fauna, including a walk with an aboriginal guide and a cruise spotting saltwater crocodiles. Enjoy your day! **Breakfast included**

Day 24: Sydney, 4 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 North Sydney Harbourview Hotel, overlooking Sydney Harbour Bridge. 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 cafés, 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 included**

Day 25: Sydney Tour Highlight

This morning, 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. We complete our tour in the best possible way – enjoying a luncheon cruise around Sydney's beautiful harbour. The views of

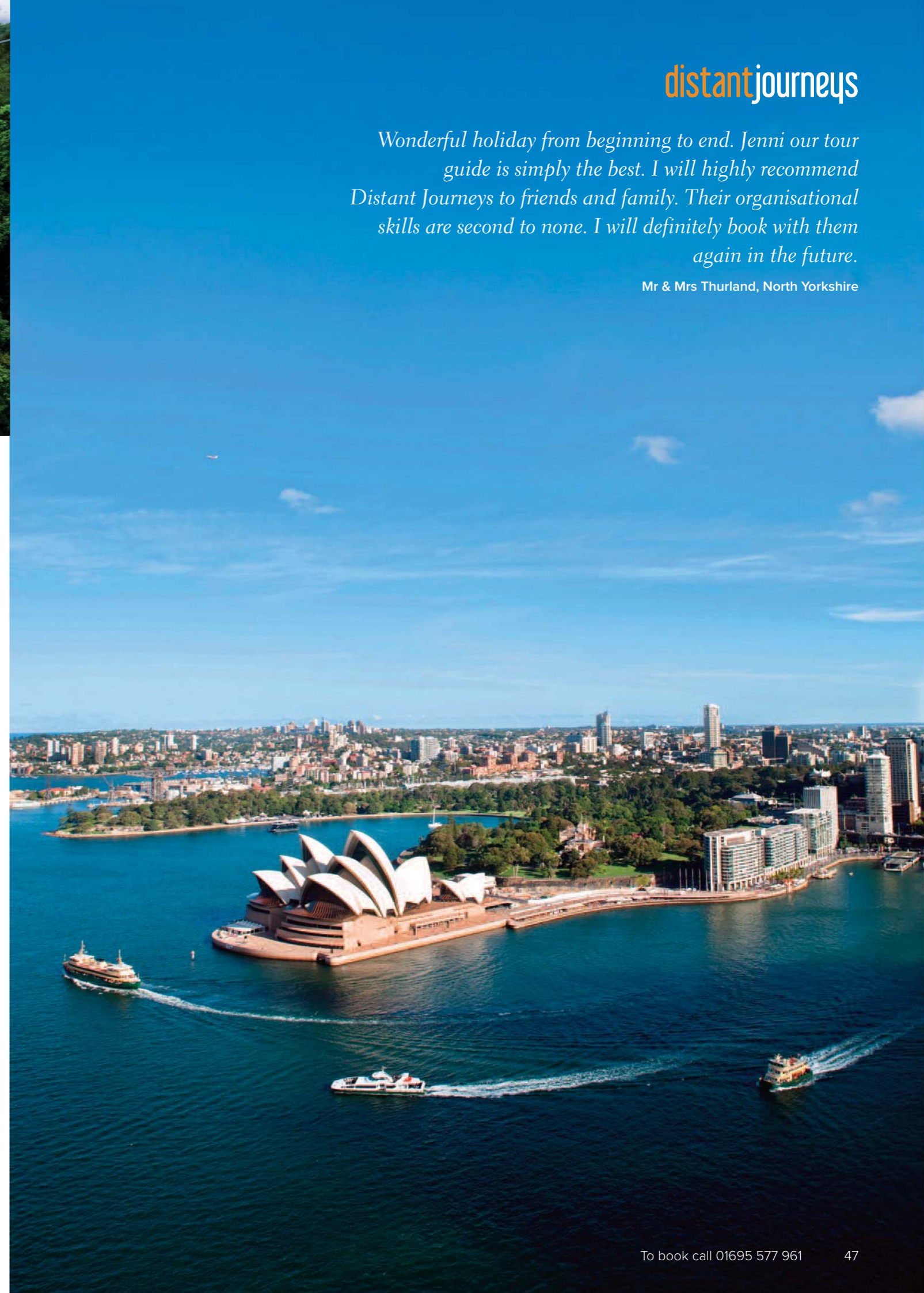
the Opera House, the Harbour Bridge and the many dream homes nestled along the edge of the water are truly amazing. The afternoon has been left free to spend as we please. **Breakfast and lunch included**

Day 26: Sydney Freedom Day

A Sydney Freedom Day to spend as you please. Although today has been left free, 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: Sydney Freedom Day

A further Freedom Day to experience Sydney in a way that suits you. Take an optional behind the scenes tour of Sydney Opera House, visit fascinating Kuringai National Park, catch up on some shopping or possibly climb the impressive Harbour Bridge. Whatever you wish to do, our Tour Manager will be very happy to help. **Breakfast included**





The Very Best of Australia

Days 28 to 29: Sydney - UK

Day 28: Depart Sydney

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

Day 29: Arrive UK

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

Why not combine with a tour of New Zealand?



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Homebound stopovers from £195 per person

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| 02 November 2019 | £6,195 per person |
| 06 December 2019 [^] | £6,995 per person |

Prices

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Supplements

Single occupancy supplement £1,595
Single occupancy supplement 06 December 2019, £2,195

Deposit

£1,000 per person if travelling Economy Class, £1,950 per person if travelling Premium Economy, and £3,750 per person for Business Class.

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Flight upgrades

Upgrade to Premium Economy on selected routes from £1,495 per person. Upgrade to Business Class from £3,655 per person.

2020 Departures

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| 25 January 2020 | £6,195 per person |
| 08 February 2020* | £6,195 per person |
| 14 March 2020 | £6,195 per person |
| 18 April 2020 | £5,995 per person |

Christmas departure[^]

An altered itinerary including Christmas Dinner and drinks in tropical Cairns and New Year's Eve Dinner, drinks, live band and views over the Harbour Bridge in Sydney. The Ghan does not operate on this date. Please call for full itinerary and details.

Important information

Prices are subject to the availability of flights in the lowest available booking class and may change, however the correct price will always be confirmed before you book.

To enter Australia, British Citizens require an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA). Our processing fee is £25 per person and will be added to your confirmation invoice.

* This date operates a variation of the tour as shown and may use alternative hotels of the same standard. Please call for details.

Full booking conditions are available on pages 104-107.

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Choice of outbound stopover

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Carefully selected hotels

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- ◆ All hotel portage
- ◆ Applicable hotel taxes

Many meals

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Unforgettable experiences

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- ◆ Scenic rail journey on board the TranzAlpine Express
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100% confidence

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Magnificent New Zealand

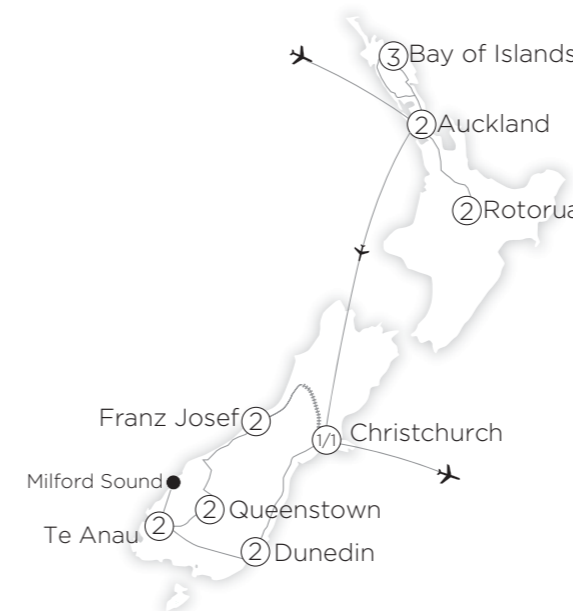
23 days from only £3,995 per person

New Zealand is like no other place on earth – packed full of amazing and diverse landscapes. New Zealand's North Island is dominated by ancient volcanoes, stunning coastal scenery and pristine beaches.

South Island possesses high mountain peaks, deep fiords, lush rainforests and magnificent glaciers.

Distant Journeys' leisurely touring holiday visits all the must-see attractions during our comprehensive 23 day tour. We explore the country's breathtaking scenery, vibrant cities and rich Maori culture – and experience an unforgettable cruise along spectacular Milford Sound.

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



② = Number of nights

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This is one of the best holidays we have had. We couldn't have been looked after better and so much was included in the price. We had a fantastic time. We would not hesitate to recommend a holiday in New Zealand, travelling with Distant Journeys.

Mr & Mrs Griscti, West Sussex



Magnificent New Zealand

Days 1 to 7: UK - Singapore - Auckland - Bay of Islands

Day 1: Depart UK

Depart from the UK airport most convenient for you with Qantas / Emirates. Choose from London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow. Alternatively, fly direct to Singapore with Singapore Airlines from London Heathrow or Manchester. No matter which airline or airport you choose, there will be no additional cost. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 2: Singapore, 2 nights

Flights from London Heathrow may travel direct to Singapore. All UK regional flights 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**

Alternative stopover: Dubai or Bangkok

We have based days 2-4 of this itinerary on a stopover in Singapore. If you are flying with Qantas / Emirates, you may choose to stop in Bangkok or Dubai for the same price. Your stopover includes transfers, accommodation, daily breakfast and a city sightseeing tour. Flight timings will vary. Please speak with one of our personal travel experts for more details.

Day 3: Singapore

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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, in-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 5: Auckland, 2 nights

We change aircraft in Australia (Singapore Airlines passengers will fly direct to Auckland). On arrival into Auckland we meet our local Coach Captain, who will be our driver and guide during our time in New Zealand. Transfer to the centrally located Grand Millennium Auckland, where we spend our first two nights in New Zealand. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 6: Auckland

This morning, we 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 stunning 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 breathtaking. **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 Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands, located in the picturesque seaside town of Paihia. **Breakfast included**



Magnificent New Zealand

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

Day 8: Bay of Islands Tour Highlight

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 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 Maori tradition, as the place where Maori spirits return to their traditional homeland, Hawaiiki-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 Paki 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 four star Millennium Rotorua, superbly situated close to the shores of beautiful Lake Rotorua. **Breakfast included**

Day 11: Rotorua

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, at our hotel, 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 Jetstar flight to Christchurch. Enjoy a brief sightseeing tour, prior to our arrival at the Distinction Hotel, Christchurch. **Breakfast included**

Day 13: Franz Josef, 2 nights Tour Highlight

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 Lanthe and Mapourika before reaching Franz Josef and entering the Westland National Park. Our next two nights are at the Scenic Franz Josef Glacier Hotel. **Breakfast included**





Magnificent New Zealand

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

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

We recommend

Scenic flight over Franz Josef Glacier

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



Day 15: Queenstown, 2 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 two 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 lake front 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. For a 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 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: Te Anau, 2 nights

This morning we take a tour to visit the nearby historic mining town of Arrowtown. The heart of its history is Buckingham Street, a procession of small town heritage buildings that stretch into a tree-lined avenue of tiny miners' cottages. Be sure to try a cream tea in one of the quaint tea rooms. Afterwards, depart through high country landscapes and trout fishing rivers and travel onwards to the shores of Lake Te Anau, the biggest of South Island's many lakes. We stay the next two nights at the Distinction Luxmore Hotel, Te Anau or Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas. **Breakfast included**

Day 18: Milford Sound Cruise

Tour Highlight

An early start this morning as we embark on a stunning scenic drive into the heart of Fiordland National Park to join our morning cruise on spectacular Milford Sound. By choosing to cruise early in the morning, we will experience a quieter environment in which to enjoy all the wonders this beautiful fiord has to offer. See towering cliffs and peaks, including the iconic and much photographed Mitre Peak, rising more than a kilometre straight out of the sea. Waterfalls cascade into the fiord and luxuriant rain forest clings to sheer rock faces. Later we return to Te Anau where there is time to enjoy the delights of this quaint township.

Breakfast included

Day 19: Dunedin, 2 nights

This morning after a hearty breakfast we say goodbye to Fiordland. 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 Scenic Dunedin City Hotel. **Breakfast included**

Day 20: Dunedin

Enjoy a city sightseeing tour this morning travelling past Otago University, New Zealand's first. 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. Later in the day we arrive at the Distinction Hotel in Christchurch for our final night in New Zealand.

Breakfast included



Magnificent New Zealand

Days 22 to 23: Christchurch - UK

Day 22: Depart Christchurch

All good things must come to an end, and this morning we transfer to Christchurch Airport. Our flights to our chosen UK airport operate via Australia and Dubai if travelling with Qantas / Emirates, or via Singapore if travelling with Singapore Airlines. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 23: Arrive UK

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

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The Very Best of New Zealand

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Distant Journeys' Very Best of New Zealand tour takes in all the sights that would top anyone's wish list with the addition of some less well known gems that many itineraries just wouldn't have time to visit. For instance, we discover the Art Deco city of Napier; as well as arty, bohemian Nelson.

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Day 4: Depart Singapore

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We change aircraft in Australia (Singapore Airlines passengers will fly direct to Auckland). On arrival into Auckland we meet our local Coach Captain, who will be our driver and guide during our time in New Zealand. Transfer to the centrally located Grand Millennium Auckland, where we spend our first two nights in New Zealand. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 6: Auckland

This morning, we 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 stunning 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 Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands, located in the picturesque seaside town of Paihia. **Breakfast included**

Day 8: Bay of Islands Tour Highlight

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 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 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 Paki sand dunes and a drive along Ninety Mile Beach. **Breakfast included**

We recommend

Cape Reinga

Take a tour to Cape Reinga, at the top of North Island, where the Pacific and Tasman meet, followed by a drive along Ninety Mile Beach.



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 four star Millennium Rotorua, superbly situated close to the shores of beautiful Lake Rotorua. **Breakfast included**

Day 11: Rotorua

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, at our hotel, 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**



The Very Best of New Zealand

Days 12 to 17: Napier - Wellington - Nelson - Franz Josef

Day 12: Napier, Overnight

This morning we make our way along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Lake Taupo, New Zealand's largest lake. Visit the impressive Huka Falls where the Waikato River suddenly narrows to a chasm less than 15 metres across and heaves its vast bulk over an 11 metre ledge to boil furiously in a deep semi-circular basin below. Our destination today is the Art Deco city of Napier, located in an area dominated by orchards and vineyards. Take time this afternoon to explore the city. The seamless line of 1930s architecture is quite extraordinary and one of the best ways to experience the town is on a self-guided walk. We stay overnight at the delightful Scenic Hotel Te Pania, superbly situated on Napier's sea front. **Breakfast included**

Day 13: Wellington, 2 nights

This morning our journey continues south via Hastings and the Kapiti Coast as we make our way to Wellington, New Zealand's capital. Upon arrival we make our way to Wellington's Copthorne Hotel Oriental Bay, where our evening is at leisure. **Breakfast included**

Day 14: Wellington

Wellington is compact, cultured and full of character. Its interesting and varied architecture provides the ideal starting point for our orientation tour this morning. We visit Wellington's administrative area, taking in Parliament House, 'the Beehive'

(you'll understand the name when you see it) and the government buildings. We then continue to the top of Mount Victoria for the finest view of the city and its picturesque harbour. Your afternoon is at leisure – a visit to Te Papa museum is highly recommended, as it offers a fascinating insight into New Zealand's rich history and cultural heritage. Alternatively, ride a cable car to Wellington's beautiful botanical gardens. **Breakfast included**

Day 15: Nelson, 2 nights

This morning we leave North Island in our wake as we board the ferry for our inter-island cruise to New Zealand's South Island. During the cruise, enjoy spectacular views as we approach Queen Charlotte Sound. With the possibility of birds and dolphins following, we make our way across the Cook Strait to Picton. Upon arrival we re-join our coach and make our way to Nelson where the remainder of our day is at leisure. Our next two nights are spent at the Rutherford Hotel Nelson. **Breakfast included**

Day 16: Nelson Freedom Day

Nelson is a delight for explorers on foot. Scattered throughout the city are art galleries and workshops, historic buildings and street cafés. Today has been left as a Freedom Day so you can spend it any way you choose. Perhaps consider a trip to Abel Tasman National Park, New Zealand's smallest national park, blessed with golden beaches,

sculptured granite cliffs, and its world-famous coast track. A cruise along the coast will take you to the very best scenery this region has to offer. Alternatively, you may wish to take a tour to some of the region's wonderful wineries. **Breakfast included**

Day 17: Franz Josef, 2 nights

Journey south this morning along the Heritage Highway to the rugged west coast. Visit Punakaiki (Pancake Rocks), an incredible maze of limestone rocks with booming blow-holes stacked high above the sea. Our travels continue southbound taking us via Hokitika and Hari Hari travelling alongside striking wild scree-scarred terrain with forests of Crimson Rata and Kahikatea. Just a few miles further south we pass Lakes lanthe and Mapourika before reaching Franz Josef and entering the Westland National Park. Our next two nights are at the Scenic Franz Josef Glacier Hotel. **Breakfast included**



From the moment I phoned and booked until departure, we received excellent and first class service from the office in Ormskirk. Nothing was too small or too large to deal with, they were superb.

Mr & Mrs Lamb, Cumbria



The Very Best of New Zealand

Days 18 to 21: Franz Josef - Queenstown - Te Anau

Day 18: 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**

We recommend

Scenic flight over Franz Josef Glacier

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



Day 19: Queenstown, 2 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 two nights, the four star Millennium Hotel, situated only a short walk from the centre of town. **Breakfast included**

Day 20: Queenstown Freedom Day

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. For a fabulous view across the lake to the Remarkables, why not take a gondola ride to the top of Bob's Peak? There is also an opportunity to take an optional leisurely cruise 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**

We recommend

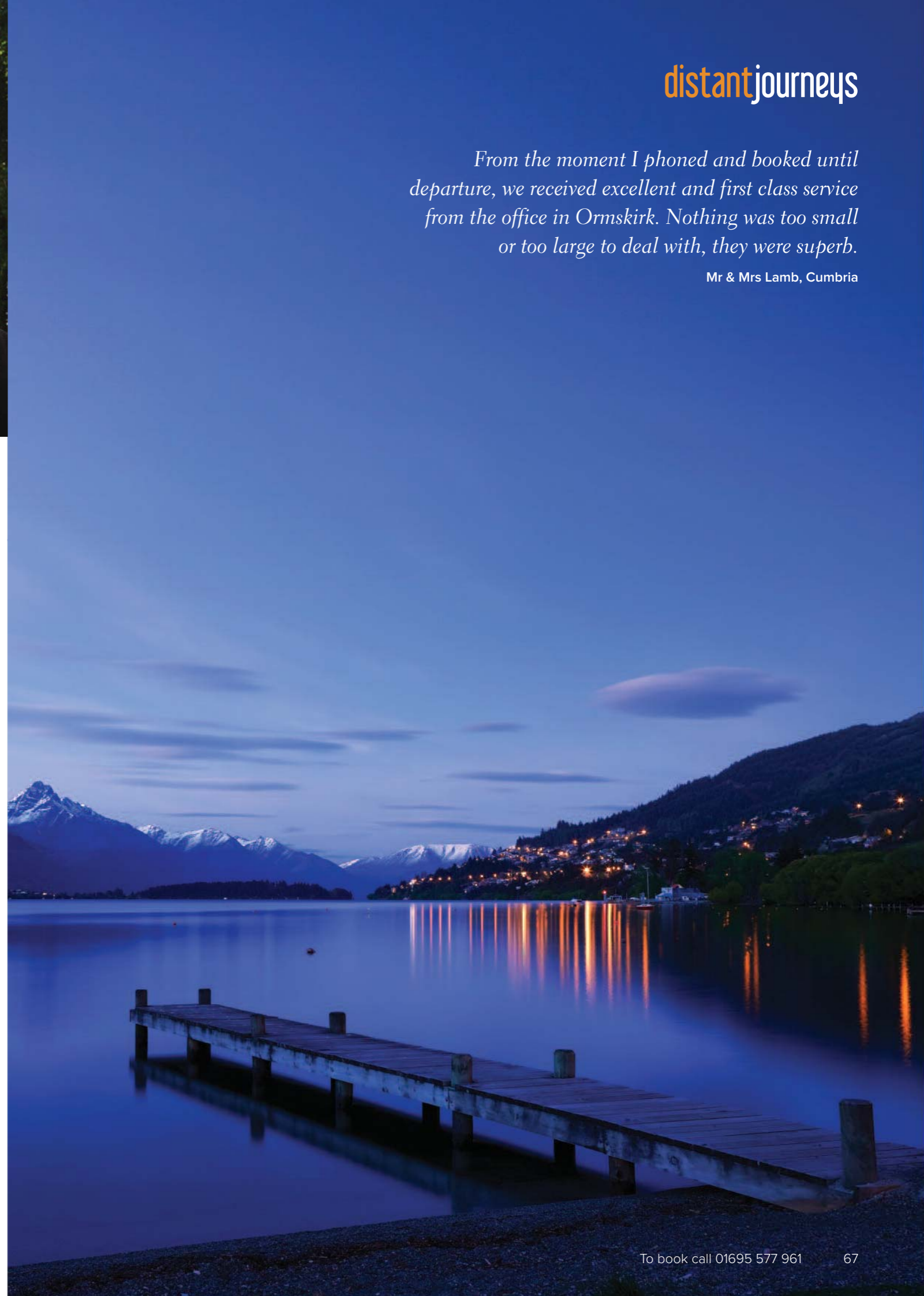
Queenstown TSS Earnslaw

Enjoy a cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw, including a sheep shearing show at Walter Peak homestead.



Day 21: Te Anau, 2 nights

This morning we take a tour to visit the nearby historic mining town of Arrowtown. The heart of its history is Buckingham Street, a procession of small town heritage buildings that stretch into a tree-lined avenue of tiny miners' cottages. Be sure to try a cream tea in one of the quaint tea rooms. Later on, we depart through high country landscapes and trout fishing rivers and travel onwards to the shores of Lake Te Anau, the biggest of South Island's many lakes. We stay the next two nights at either the Distinction Luxmore Hotel or Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas. **Breakfast included**





The Very Best of New Zealand

Days 22 to 26: Milford Sound - Te Anau - Dunedin - Christchurch

Day 22: Milford Sound Cruise

Tour Highlight

An early start this morning as we embark on a stunning scenic drive into the heart of Fiordland National Park to join our morning cruise on spectacular Milford Sound. By choosing to cruise early in the morning, we will experience a quieter environment in which to enjoy all the wonders this beautiful fiord has to offer. See towering cliffs and peaks, including the iconic and much photographed Mitre Peak, that rises more than a kilometre straight out of the sea. Waterfalls cascade into the fiord and luxuriant rain forest clings to sheer rock faces. Later we return to Te Anau where there is time to enjoy the delights of this quaint township. **Breakfast included**

Day 23: Dunedin, 2 nights

This morning after a hearty breakfast we say goodbye to Fiordland. 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. **Breakfast included**

Day 24: Dunedin

Enjoy a city sightseeing tour this morning travelling past Otago University, New Zealand's first. 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 25: Christchurch, 2 nights

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. Later in the day we arrive at the Distinction Hotel Christchurch for our final two nights in New Zealand. **Breakfast included**

Day 26: Christchurch

Considered the most English of New Zealand's cities, today in the aftermath of the 2011 earthquake, Christchurch is in the midst of an epic rebuild that has completely reconstructed the city centre. This morning we take a tour to see what this exciting developing city has to offer. We start our day with a visit to the Sign of the Takahe, an historical building on the edge of the city before continuing to view the key landmarks of the city centre, including the transitional 'Cardboard Cathedral'. From here we take a visit to the Botanic Gardens. Founded in 1863 with the planting of an English oak tree, the Christchurch Botanic Gardens contain an impressive array of flora and fauna. Our afternoon is at leisure to continue exploring this delightful city. **Breakfast included**



The Very Best of New Zealand

Days 27 to 28: Christchurch - UK

Day 27: Depart Christchurch

All good things must come to an end, and this morning we transfer to Christchurch Airport. Our flights to our chosen UK airport operate via Australia and Dubai if travelling with Qantas / Emirates, or via Singapore if travelling with Singapore Airlines. Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included

Day 28: Arrive UK

Breakfast is served shortly before our arrival into London Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow. 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 the Wonders of Australia or Very Best of Australia tours with The Very Best of New Zealand tour makes perfect sense.

Please see pages 86-89 for more details.

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Why not extend your holiday with a stopover on your homeward journey? Choose from the captivating Asian cities of Singapore, Bangkok or Hong Kong, a beach stay in Bali or a stay in fashionable Dubai. Your stopover package includes return airport transfers, accommodation and daily breakfast. Please see pages 98-99 for more details.

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Hong Kong - Two nights from £345 per person

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Why not consider a stopover in Bangkok, with its glittering temples, buzzing street markets, indulgent spas and graceful service?

Singapore - Two nights from £245 per person

Possibly a two night break in the Lion City of Singapore might be on your wish list? A former British trading colony, Singapore perfectly blends ancient eastern with modern western cultures.

Bali - Three nights from £395 per person

For a truly relaxing homeward stopover, a stay in this beachside resort with its large private pool and many on-site dining options, is a must.



Departure Dates & Prices

2019 Departures

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| 09 October 2019* | £5,195 per person |
| 31 October 2019 | £5,395 per person |
| 10 December 2019^ | £5,495 per person |

2020 Departures

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| 02 January 2020 | £5,495 per person |
| 22 January 2020* | £5,495 per person |
| 13 February 2020 | £5,495 per person |
| 04 March 2020* | £5,395 per person |
| 30 April 2020 | £4,495 per person |

Prices

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

Supplements

Single occupancy supplement £1,795
Single occupancy supplement 30 April 2020, £1,495

Deposit

£1,000 per person if travelling Economy Class, £1,950 per person if travelling Premium Economy, and £3,750 per person for Business Class.

Homebound stopovers

Extend your holiday with a stopover on the return journey. Prices from £195 per person. Stopovers may be on special offer, please call for details.

Flight upgrades

Upgrade to Premium Economy on selected routes from £1,495 per person. Upgrade to Business Class from £3,755 per person.

Christmas departure^

The Christmas and New Year tour includes Christmas dinner in Nelson and a celebratory dinner on New Year's Eve in the Bay of Islands. Please call for details on this altered itinerary.

Important information

Prices are subject to the availability of flights in the lowest available booking class and may change, however the correct price will always be confirmed before you book.

To enter Australia, British Citizens require an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA). Our processing fee is £25 per person and will be added to your confirmation invoice.

* These departure dates operate in reverse, beginning in Christchurch and finishing in Auckland. All hotels and experiences are the same as featured in the brochure.

Full booking conditions are available on pages 104-107.

To book, call us on 01695 577 961

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Should you prefer, please feel free to email us with your enquiry. Email: enquiries@distantjourneys.co.uk





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- ◆ Flights between New Zealand and Australia
- ◆ All domestic flights in Australia
- ◆ All airport charges, security charges and any applicable fuel surcharges
- ◆ UK Air Passenger Duty

Choice of outbound stopover

- ◆ Two-night outbound stopover; choose from Singapore, Bangkok or Dubai

Carefully selected hotels

- ◆ Superior hotels in great locations
- ◆ All hotel portorage
- ◆ Applicable hotel taxes

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- ◆ Daily breakfast, worth £407 per person
- ◆ Dinner in Rotorua
- ◆ Buffet lunch on the Great Barrier Reef
- ◆ Lunch cruise around Sydney Harbour

Unforgettable experiences

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- ◆ Maori concert
- ◆ Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve
- ◆ Cruise on Milford Sound
- ◆ Experience Uluru (Ayers Rock) at sunset and sunrise
- ◆ Full day on the Great Barrier Reef, including lunch
- ◆ Luncheon cruise around Sydney Harbour

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- ◆ Services of experienced Coach Captain in New Zealand and Tour Manager in Australia
- ◆ All overseas transfers
- ◆ Modern, air-conditioned coaches throughout

100% confidence

- ◆ Your holiday is covered by our Price Promise*
- ◆ Your holiday is fully ATOL protected

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The office staff were always very helpful, both on the telephone and via email. Always polite and knowledgeable. Would definitely recommend Distant Journeys, in fact have already done so.

Mrs Rugg, Essex

Highlights of Australia & New Zealand

Days 1 to 7: UK - Singapore - Auckland - Rotorua

Day 1: Depart UK

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

Day 2: Singapore, 2 nights

Flights from London Heathrow may travel direct to Singapore. All UK regional flights 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**

Alternative Stopover: Dubai or Bangkok

We have based days 2-4 of this itinerary on a stopover in Singapore. Should you prefer, you may choose to stop in Bangkok or Dubai for the same price. Your stopover includes transfers, daily breakfast and a city sightseeing tour. Flight timings will vary. Please speak with one of our personal travel experts for more details.

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. See 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, in-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 5: Auckland, 2 nights

We change aircraft in Australia (Singapore Airlines passengers will fly direct to Auckland). On arrival into Auckland we meet our local Coach Captain, who will be our driver and guide during our time in New Zealand. Transfer to the Adina Apartment Hotel, Auckland, where we spend our first two nights in New Zealand. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

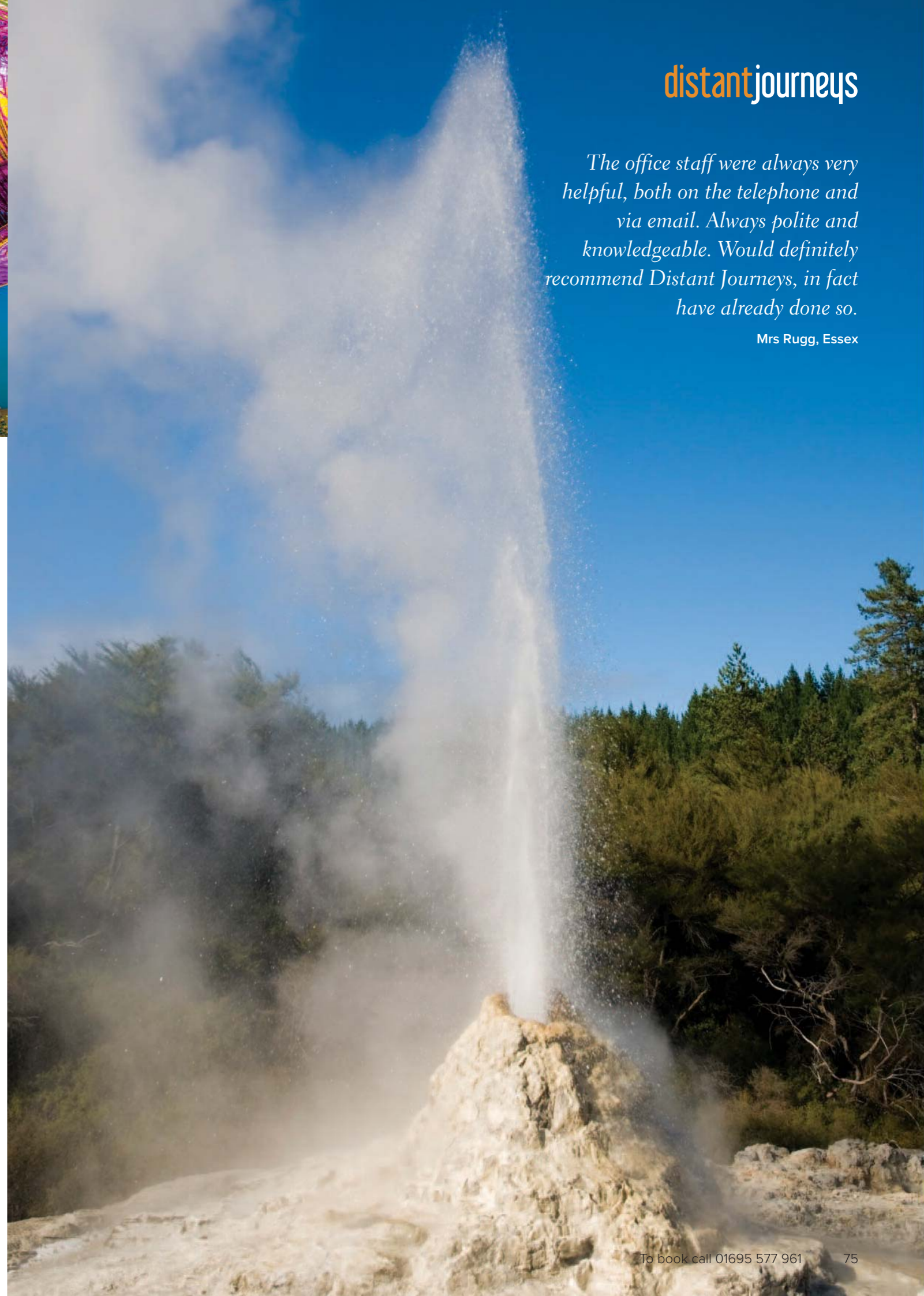
Day 6: Auckland

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Day 7: Rotorua, 2 nights

Departing Auckland this morning we travel to the world-famous thermal region of Rotorua. The next two nights are spent at the four star Distinction Hotel Rotorua, superbly situated close to the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve. Later in the day we enjoy a welcome drink to become better acquainted with our fellow travelling companions.

Breakfast included





Highlights of Australia & New Zealand

Days 8 to 17: Rotorua - Christchurch - Franz Josef - Queenstown - Milford Sound - Melbourne

Day 8: Rotorua

Sightseeing this morning takes us to Te Puia, home to the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, with its spurting geysers and boiling mud pools. Later we visit the Maori Arts and Crafts institute. In the early 1920's traditional Maori art such as weaving and carving were in danger of extinction. Established in 1926 to protect and preserve this unique art form, today the institute provides a vital role in the teaching of these skills to the next generations. 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 Polynesian Spa may be more appealing? Rotorua is the heart of New Zealand's rich Maori culture and this evening, at our hotel, 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 9: Christchurch, Overnight

After breakfast, we head to Auckland Airport in plenty of time for our flight to Christchurch. Considered the most English of New Zealand's cities, today in the aftermath of the 2011 earthquake, Christchurch is in the midst of an epic rebuild that has completely reconstructed the city centre. We view the key landmarks of the city centre, including the transitional 'Cardboard Cathedral' and the Botanic Gardens. We stay overnight at the Distinction Hotel Christchurch, ideally located in the heart of the city. **Breakfast included**

Day 10: 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 Scenic Franz Josef Hotel. **Breakfast included**

Day 11: Franz Josef

The Westland National Park has some of the most spectacular scenery in New Zealand and this morning we 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. This afternoon is at your leisure to enjoy. **Breakfast included**

Day 12: 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**

Day 13: 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. 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. Wine-lovers may wish to follow Queenstown's wine trail – an enjoyable afternoon of wine tasting and sightseeing. **Breakfast included**

Day 14: Milford Sound Cruise Tour Highlight

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. Remember to keep a look out for dolphins as well as seals and penguins. **Breakfast included**

Day 15: Melbourne, 3 nights

This morning we take a tour to visit the nearby historic mining town of Arrowtown. The heart of its history is Buckingham Street, a procession of small town heritage buildings that stretch into a tree-lined avenue of tiny miners' cottages. Be sure to try a cream tea in one of the quaint tea rooms. It's time now to leave New Zealand. We head for Queenstown Airport for our flight to Melbourne, Australia. Upon arrival, we meet our Australian Tour Manager and make our way to the centrally located four star Clarion Suites for the next three nights. **Breakfast included**

Day 16: Melbourne

We take our 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. In the afternoon, why not take a trip to Phillip Island, home to the world's largest colony of little penguins, to view the 'Penguin Parade'? **Breakfast included**

Day 17: Melbourne Freedom Day

Our first Freedom Day in Australia, so we may 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. This evening there is the option to enjoy dinner on an historic tramcar. **Breakfast included**

We recommend

The Colonial Tramcar Restaurant

Glide along the scenic streets of Melbourne while enjoying a seasonally selected menu, fine Australian wine, and a fully-stocked bar.





Highlights of Australia & New Zealand

Days 18 to 23: Cairns - Alice Springs

Day 18: Cairns, 4 nights

This morning we return to the airport in time for our flight to Cairns where the afternoon is free to become acquainted with tropical Queensland. Centrally located in the heart of Cairns, our hotel for the next four nights is the four star DoubleTree by Hilton. **Breakfast included**

Day 19: Great Barrier Reef Tour Highlight

A holiday to Australia would not be complete without a visit to the Great Barrier Reef. Its vibrantly coloured marine life and 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-bottomed 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 20: Cairns Freedom Day

Although today has been left free you may wish to take an optional trip to Kuranda. Our tour begins with traditional Tjapukai aboriginal culture including authentic music, dance and storytelling by the Tjapukai people. We ascend to Kuranda by the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, a beautiful experience gliding over the rainforest canopy. 'The village in the rainforest' Kuranda awaits. It's a lovely place to while away a few hours visiting the markets, butterfly sanctuary or the Koala Gardens. Travel back to Cairns along one of the most unique rail journeys in Australia, the Kuranda Scenic Railway. See how the track clings to the rockface along a narrow coastal strip. During our journey we encounter no fewer than 40 bridges and 15 tunnels as we make our way back to Cairns. **Breakfast included**

Day 21: Cairns Freedom Day

Another Freedom Day to enjoy 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 walk with an aboriginal guide and a cruise spotting saltwater crocodiles. Enjoy your day! **Breakfast included**

Day 22: Alice Springs, 2 nights

This morning we make our way back to Cairns Airport in time for our flight to Alice Springs in the Northern Territory and Australia's Red Centre. Upon arrival, 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 is 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 our hotel, the four star DoubleTree by Hilton. **Breakfast and in-flight drinks included**

Day 23: 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 fiery red earth. 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**





Highlights of Australia & New Zealand

Days 24 to 26: Uluru - Sydney

Day 24: Uluru (Ayers Rock), Overnight Tour Highlight

Leaving Alice, we head west through amazing outback landscapes as we journey along the scenic Lasseter and Stuart Highways and make our way to Uluru. Rising from the flat surrounding scrubland, Uluru is a site of deep cultural significance to the Aboriginal communities of the Northern Territory. It is the icon of Australia's outback, and is also the world's largest monolith. This afternoon we take a gentle stroll around certain areas of the rock to learn more about its historical and cultural importance. Later, we have the opportunity to witness the changing colours with a glass of sparkling wine, as the sun begins to set. It's truly a photographer's delight. Overnight at the four star Desert Gardens Hotel. **Breakfast included**

Day 25: Sydney, 3 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 in time for breakfast. Afterwards, we visit the impressive series of rounded sandstone domes known as the Olgas. Later this morning we must say a fond farewell to the Red Centre as we board our Jetstar flight to Sydney. Upon arrival we head to the four star North Sydney Harbourview Hotel, overlooking Sydney's magnificent 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 cafés, 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 included**

Day 26: Sydney Tour Highlight

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**



Highlights of Australia & New Zealand

Days 27 to 29: Sydney - UK

Day 27: 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 28: Depart Sydney

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

Day 29: Arrive UK

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**

Homebound stopovers from £195 per person

Why not extend your holiday with a stopover on your homeward journey? Choose from the captivating Asian cities of Singapore, Bangkok or Hong Kong, a beach stay in Bali or a stay in fashionable Dubai. Your stopover package includes return airport transfers, accommodation and daily breakfast. Please see pages 98-99 for more details.

Dubai - Two nights from £345 per person

To take in the magic, mystery and culture of Arabia perhaps consider a stopover in Dubai, home to the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa.

Hong Kong - Two nights from £345 per person

The Far East's number one stopover destination. Be sure to take in a Victoria Harbour cruise and indulge yourselves in the very best street markets, vibrant shops and excellent dining.

Bangkok - Two nights from £195 per person

Why not consider a stopover in Bangkok, with its glittering temples, buzzing street markets, indulgent spas and graceful service?

Singapore - Two nights from £245 per person

Possibly a two night break in the Lion City of Singapore might be on your wish list? A former British trading colony, Singapore perfectly blends ancient eastern with modern western cultures.

Bali - Three nights from £395 per person

For a truly relaxing homeward stopover, a stay in this beachside resort with its large private pool and many on-site dining options, is a must.



Departure Dates & Prices

2019 Departures

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| 13 September 2019 | £5,995 per person |
| 11 October 2019 | £6,195 per person |
| 08 November 2019 | £6,195 per person |

2020 Departures

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| 03 January 2020 | £6,195 per person |
| 24 January 2020 | £6,195 per person |
| 07 February 2020 | £6,195 per person |
| 06 March 2020 | £6,195 per person |
| 24 April 2020 | £5,495 per person |

Prices

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

Supplements

Single occupancy supplement £1,795
Single occupancy supplement 24 April 2020, £1,595

Deposit

£1,000 per person if travelling Economy Class, £1,950 per person if travelling Premium Economy, and £3,750 per person for Business Class.

Homebound stopovers

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Flight upgrades

Upgrade to Premium Economy on selected routes from £1,495 per person. Upgrade to Business Class from £3,755 per person.

Important information

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Magnificent New Zealand & Wonders of Australia

40 days from £8,695 per person

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| Day 1: Depart UK | Day 16: Queenstown | Day 31: Alice Springs |
| Day 2: Singapore | Day 17: Te Anau | Day 32: Alice Springs |
| Day 3: Singapore | Day 18: Te Anau | Day 33: The Ghan |
| Day 4: Depart Singapore | Day 19: Dunedin | Day 34: Adelaide |
| Day 5: Auckland | Day 20: Dunedin | Day 35: Adelaide |
| Day 6: Auckland | Day 21: Christchurch | Day 36: Sydney |
| Day 7: Bay of Islands | Day 22: Melbourne | Day 37: Sydney |
| Day 8: Bay of Islands | Day 23: Melbourne | Day 38: Sydney |
| Day 9: Bay of Islands | Day 24: Melbourne | Day 39: Depart Sydney |
| Day 10: Rotorua | Day 25: Melbourne | Day 40: Arrive UK |
| Day 11: Rotorua | Day 26: Cairns | |
| Day 12: Christchurch | Day 27: Cairns | |
| Day 13: Franz Josef | Day 28: Cairns | |
| Day 14: Franz Josef | Day 29: Cairns | |
| Day 15: Queenstown | Day 30: Uluru | |

For full itinerary details please refer to the Magnificent New Zealand tour on pages 50-59 and the Wonders of Australia tour found on pages 26-37.

Departure Dates & Prices

2019 Departures

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| 13 October 2019 | £8,695 per person |
| 27 October 2019 | £8,695 per person |

2020 Departures

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| 05 January 2020 | £8,795 per person |
| 26 January 2020 | £8,795 per person |
| 13 February 2020* | £8,695 per person |

Prices

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

Supplements

Single supplement £2,595

Deposit

£1,000 per person if travelling Economy Class, £1,950 per person if travelling Premium Economy, and £3,750 per person for Business Class.

Homebound stopovers

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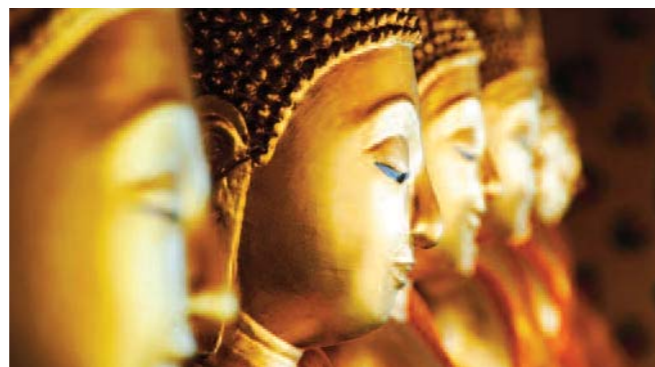
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* Please note, this tour visits Australia before New Zealand and will include three nights in Melbourne and four nights in Sydney. Please call for a full itinerary and more details.

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The Very Best of New Zealand & Wonders of Australia

44 days from £8,995 per person

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| Day 1: Depart UK | Day 17: Wellington | Day 33: Cairns |
| Day 2: Singapore | Day 18: Wellington | Day 34: Uluru |
| Day 3: Singapore | Day 19: Napier | Day 35: Alice Springs |
| Day 4: Depart Singapore | Day 20: Rotorua | Day 36: Alice Springs |
| Day 5: Christchurch | Day 21: Rotorua | Day 37: The Ghan |
| Day 6: Christchurch | Day 22: Bay of Islands | Day 38: Adelaide |
| Day 7: Dunedin | Day 23: Bay of Islands | Day 39: Adelaide |
| Day 8: Dunedin | Day 24: Bay of Islands | Day 40: Sydney |
| Day 9: Te Anau | Day 25: Auckland | Day 41: Sydney |
| Day 10: Te Anau | Day 26: Auckland | Day 42: Sydney |
| Day 11: Queenstown | Day 27: Melbourne | Day 43: Depart Sydney |
| Day 12: Queenstown | Day 28: Melbourne | Day 44: Arrive UK |
| Day 13: Franz Josef | Day 29: Melbourne | |
| Day 14: Franz Josef | Day 30: Cairns | |
| Day 15: Nelson | Day 31: Cairns | |
| Day 16: Nelson | Day 32: Cairns | |

Please call for full itinerary details.

Departure Dates & Prices

2019 Departures

09 October 2019 **£8,995** per person

2020 Departures

22 January 2020 **£9,395** per person
 13 February 2020* **£9,395** per person

Prices

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

Supplements

Single supplement £2,895

Deposit

£1,000 per person if travelling Economy Class, £1,950 per person if travelling Premium Economy, and £3,750 per person for Business Class.

Homebound stopovers

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Homebound stopovers from £195 per person

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The Very Best of New Zealand & The Very Best of Australia

52 days from £9,995 per person

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| Day 2: Singapore | Day 21: Te Anau | Day 40: The Ghan |
| Day 3: Singapore | Day 22: Te Anau | Day 41: Darwin |
| Day 4: Depart Singapore | Day 23: Dunedin | Day 42: Darwin |
| Day 5: Auckland | Day 24: Dunedin | Day 43: Cairns |
| Day 6: Auckland | Day 25: Christchurch | Day 44: Cairns |
| Day 7: Bay of Islands | Day 26: Christchurch | Day 45: Cairns |
| Day 8: Bay of Islands | Day 27: Perth | Day 46: Cairns |
| Day 9: Bay of Islands | Day 28: Perth | Day 47: Sydney |
| Day 10: Rotorua | Day 29: Perth | Day 48: Sydney |
| Day 11: Rotorua | Day 30: Kangaroo Island | Day 49: Sydney |
| Day 12: Napier | Day 31: Kangaroo Island | Day 50: Sydney |
| Day 13: Wellington | Day 32: Adelaide | Day 51: Depart Sydney |
| Day 14: Wellington | Day 33: Adelaide | Day 52: Arrive UK |
| Day 15: Nelson | Day 34: Melbourne | |
| Day 16: Nelson | Day 35: Melbourne | |
| Day 17: Franz Josef | Day 36: Melbourne | |
| Day 18: Franz Josef | Day 37: Uluru | |
| Day 19: Queenstown | Day 38: Alice Springs | |

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Departure Dates & Prices

2019 Departures

09 October 2019* **£9,995** per person

2020 Departures

02 January 2020 **£10,395** per person

22 January 2020* **£10,595** per person

Prices

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

Supplements

Single supplement £3,295

Deposit

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Homebound stopovers

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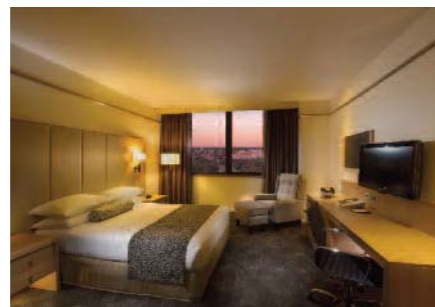
Australia Hotel Directory



Adelaide
Peppers Waymouth

Embracing charm and sophistication, the Peppers Waymouth Hotel is located right in the city centre. The hotel's restaurants, Essay Kitchen and Barketta, offer exceptional food, both perfectly pairing local South Australian produce and wines. Each of the hotel's spacious and modern rooms offer floor-to-ceiling windows, affording great views of Adelaide's sparkling skyline.

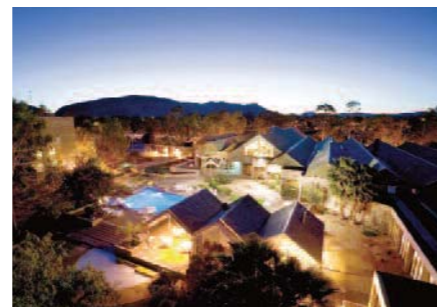
Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Adelaide
Stamford Plaza

Set in the city centre, the hotel is located close to Adelaide's beautiful parks, stylish shopping and lively entertainment facilities. Food and drink options at the Stamford Plaza Hotel include La Boca Bar and Grill featuring flame grilled Argentinian meats and the Cascade Cocktail Lounge for a fine selection of cocktails and South Australian wines. The hotel has an outdoor rooftop pool.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Alice Springs
DoubleTree by Hilton

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, which has won awards 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.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Darwin
Mantra on the Esplanade

Overlooking Darwin Harbour, the Mantra on the Esplanade has the tropical city of Darwin right on its doorstep. Mitchell street is just a short stroll from the hotel and Cullen Bay with its breath-taking views of the harbour and waterside dining is just a five minute taxi ride. The hotel features an outdoor swimming pool and the tropical and Asian inspired Telegraph Eating House and Bar.

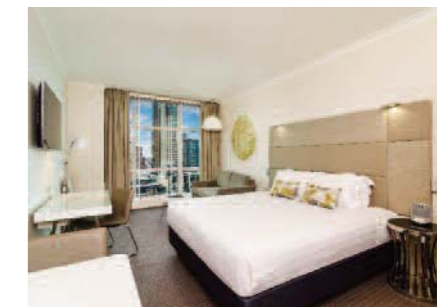
Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Kangaroo Island
Aurora Ozone Hotel

Situated opposite the beach and overlooking Nepean Bay on stunning Kangaroo Island, the friendly and comfortable Aurora Ozone Hotel has an outdoor pool and barbecue area for al fresco relaxation and dining. Indoors, Zone Restaurant features locally sourced food in a casual environment and the walls are adorned with artwork created by a local Kangaroo Island artist.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Melbourne
Clarion Suites Gateway

Just a gentle stroll from the banks of the Yarra River, Clarion Suites Gateway is ideally located within 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, offering modern international cuisine served in a relaxed environment. Rooms are spacious and very well equipped.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Alice Springs
Mercure Hotel

Offering modern and stylish rooms, the Mercure Alice Springs is perfectly placed on Todd River, just five minutes from the town centre. Sitting within lush native landscaping, the hotel fits perfectly into its surroundings and features a swimming pool, bar and restaurant. The Barra on Todd Restaurant delivers friendly service and the poolside Barra Bar offers a great range of beers, wines and cocktails.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Ayers Rock
Voyages Desert Gardens

Located within Ayers Rock Resort, the Voyages Desert Gardens is set in lovely grounds of magnificent ghost gums and flowering native shrubs. It's only a short stroll to the resort's numerous lookouts, to view arguably Australia's finest sunset. Once the sun has set, dine at Arnguli Grill and savour an à la carte flame-grilled menu.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Cairns
DoubleTree by Hilton

Overlooking Cairns Esplanade and centred around a unique rainforest atrium, the charming DoubleTree by Hilton is just a few minutes walk from Cairns city centre and Cairns Lagoon. The hotel sits in lush gardens and facilities include an outdoor pool with waterfront views and The Atrium Restaurant, offering guests Mediterranean inspired dishes and an extensive wine list.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Melbourne
Parkview Hotel

Boasting a rooftop spa and a heated indoor swimming pool, the Parkview Hotel Melbourne is located along the famous tree lined boulevard of St Kilda Road's and is just a tram ride from Melbourne's CBD. Guests can enjoy a leisurely meal in Woods Cafe, Bar & Restaurant.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Australia Hotel Directory



Melbourne The Savoy Hotel on Little Collins

The Savoy Hotel on Little Collins offers sophistication in the heart of cosmopolitan Melbourne. Designed to pay tribute to the original Art Deco building of 1928, the décor is modern and warming. The level two restaurant revolves around a spectacular ten storey atrium, which fills the space with natural light and is complemented by magnificent chandeliers.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Perth Pan Pacific

The Pan Pacific Hotel is located just a short stroll from the Swan River and Perth's main shopping and entertainment hub. Rooms are bright, spacious and modern, perfect for a stay in the city. The hotel features an award-winning dinner buffet at Monterey's Restaurant offering fresh Australian seafood and dishes inspired by the hotel's Asian heritage.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Sydney North Sydney Harbourview

As the name suggests, the North Sydney Harbourview Hotel boasts an excellent location overlooking the Harbour Bridge on the north side of Sydney Harbour, and is just minutes away from the main shopping areas, the Botanic Gardens, the Opera House and Circular Quay. The hotel offers live entertainment in the Blues Bar and contemporary cuisine in LB's Harbourview Restaurant.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Sydney Novotel Darling Square

In the heart of Darling Harbour, the Novotel Darling Square has the Darling Quarter, Chinatown and the CBD all just a short walk away. The hotel enjoys an indoor heated pool and Pier St. Kitchen is the hotel's restaurant with a delicious menu. The Pumphouse Bar is one of the first microbreweries in Darling Harbour, complete with 60 craft and premium beers.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★

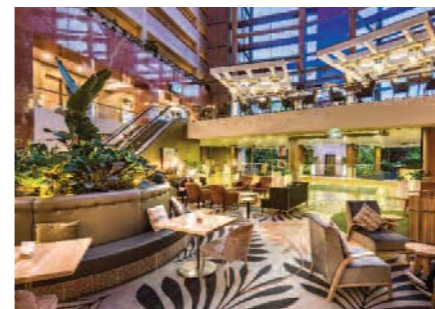


The Ghan Gold Service

Regarded as one of the world's greatest rail journeys, The Ghan offers a wonderful experience across the Australian outback. Travel is in Gold Service which includes all meals, and a wide selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. The comfortable twin cabins figure as a three seater lounge during the day and convert to upper and lower berths at night, with a compact en suite. Single cabins are configured as a lounge chair, converting to a bed at night, with shared bathroom facilities at the end of the carriage. The Queen Adelaide Restaurant showcases the finest regional flavours. Open for breakfast, two-course lunch and three-course dinner enjoy Top End barramundi, Margaret River cheeses, and native Australian fare all complemented by a range of all-inclusive wines, beers and non-alcoholic beverages.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★

New Zealand Hotel Directory



Auckland Grand Millennium

Superbly located with some of the city's finest dining, shopping and entertainment venues on its doorstep, the Grand Millennium Auckland offers stylish rooms, chic décor and floor to ceiling windows. Guests can enjoy the hotel's many facilities including the indoor heated pool, Atrium Bar, the Grand Millennium Brasserie or the Katsura Japanese Restaurant.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Auckland Adina Apartment Hotel

The Adina Apartment Hotel Auckland has The Britomart precinct, a superb shopping and dining district in the heart of downtown Auckland, right on its doorstep. Rooms are spacious and light with modern amenities. With a wide range of locally sourced food and wine guests can relax and enjoy a leisurely bite to eat in the on-site restaurant and relax in the bar.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Paihia Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands

With its welcoming atmosphere, island-influenced architecture and beautifully landscaped grounds, The Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands hotel is situated at the entrance to the seaside town of Paihia, with a pleasant stroll to the main wharf, bars, restaurants and shopping. Dining options are Nikau Restaurant and Natural Northland.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Christchurch Distinction Hotel

Located right in the heart of Christchurch in the famous Cathedral Square. The Distinction Hotel is a short stroll to Oxford Terrace, home of some of Christchurch's best restaurants and bars. The hotel enjoys stylish and modern rooms and features an on-site gym, sauna, restaurant and bar.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



New Zealand Hotel Directory



Dunedin Distinction Hotel

Formerly the 1930's Chief Post Office, the Distinction Hotel Dunedin had been elegantly resorted. Located in the rejuvenated Warehouse Precinct in the heart of the city the hotel offers guest rooms that are spacious and modern. Guests can enjoy drinks in the stylish Post Bar and dine in the popular Parcels Restaurant which is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Dunedin Scenic Hotel

The stylish Scenic Dunedin is located right in the heart of the city. Just blocks from the Octagon and a short stroll to many of Dunedin's many restaurants and shopping streets. Spacious rooms are equipped with modern facilities and attractive local artworks, showcased around the hotel. Boldini Cafe & Wine Bar offers a large range of local wine or dine in Ports O'Call Restaurant.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Franz Josef Scenic Hotel Franz Josef, Graham Wing

Nestled on 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. The hotel offers two delicious restaurants; Canavans, or The Glasshouse, serving hearty, West Coast fare. Moa Bar with its open fireplace, is located in the heart of the hotel.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Rotorua Distinction Hotel

The Distinction Rotorua Hotel is situated just a few minutes drive from the centre of Rotorua, in a peaceful garden setting adjacent to the Whakarewarewa Forest. There is a heated outdoor swimming pool, and a choice of dining options, ranging from the casual poolside Pavilion Café & Restaurant to Mr Yakitori's, for flame-grilled meats and fish.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Rotorua Millennium Hotel

The Millennium Hotel takes full advantage of Rotorua's unique qualities by using its natural geothermal resources to heat the hotel and indoor pool. The location couldn't be better, right alongside Lake Rotorua and an easy walk into the city centre. As well as the pool and spa, the hotel's facilities include Restaurant Nikau, for locally sourced New Zealand dishes and Bar Zazu.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Te Anau Distinction Luxmore

With Fiordland-themed décor, the Distinction Luxmore Hotel is located in the heart of town and just a short stroll from Lake Te Anau. The hotel offers modern guest rooms as well as a choice of two dining experiences, Bailiez Cafe & Bar with its cafe style menu, bar and fireplace and Hilights Restaurant known for its carvery buffet dinners.

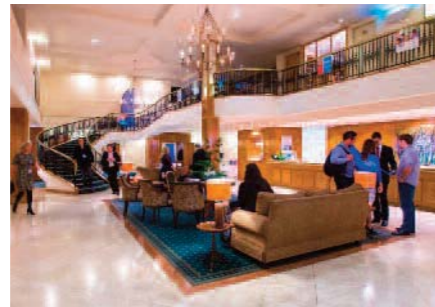
Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Napier Scenic Hotel Te Pania

Wake up to beautiful views of Hawkes's Bay at the superbly positioned Scenic Hotel Te Pania. Just a short walk away from Napier's famous art-deco area and many restaurants and bars. Dine alfresco at the Exchange Brasserie and admire the tranquil ocean vistas. Sample wines from the Napier region and take your pick from the enticing menu filled with local delicious produce.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Nelson Rutherford Hotel

Centrally located in a prime location from which to visit the many sights of Nelson. All guest rooms enjoy modern décor and internet access. The hotel features a gym, sauna and an outdoor swimming pool. The hotel's Oceano Restaurant serves fresh New Zealand produce and the award-winning Miyazu Japanese Restaurant is always popular.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Queenstown Millennium Hotel

This welcoming 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. The Millennium Hotel 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.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Te Anau Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas

Located on the Te Anau lakefront, Distinction Te Anau Hotel and Villas not only offers spectacular views of the serene lake, but is also surrounded by acres of colourful gardens. While at your accommodation, you can indulge in some of the very best South Island cuisine at MacKinnon Room Restaurant, or enjoy a drink on the Lakefront Terrace with uninterrupted views of Lake Te Anau.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



Wellington Copthorne Hotel Oriental Bay

Perfectly situated in Wellington's famous Oriental Bay, the Copthorne Hotel offers a great and comfortable base. The hotel is just a few minutes walk from the city's main shopping and dining areas. All guest rooms are modern and spacious. The hotel has a heated indoor swimming pool and offers local fayre in the stylish One80° Restaurant and Cocktail Bar.

Local rating: ★★★★★
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★





Stopover Information Guide

Over many years of designing tours to Australia and New Zealand, we have always appreciated the long journeys involved and therefore the need to make your journey not only convenient, but as comfortable as possible too.

On all our holidays you have a choice of regional UK departures and (with the exception of Essential Australia) a choice of outbound stopover. It's all included and all at no extra cost.

Included with your outbound stopover

We include airport transfers, accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis and a comprehensive city tour to give you a fascinating insight into the culture and attractions of your chosen stopover.

Homebound stopover

Should you also wish to break your journey on your way home we are more than happy to arrange this on your behalf. To help guide you on the stopovers available, please refer to our simple charts shown on the page opposite. Your homebound stopover includes airport transfers and accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis. Stopovers may be on special offer, you will be advised at the time of booking. Please refer to pages 98-99 for more details on our stopover hotel options and prices.



Flying with Qantas and Emirates

Qantas' partnership with Emirates means you can depart from a choice of five UK regional airports. Choose from London Heathrow, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle or Glasgow, all at no additional cost. Dependant on your chosen tour, you have a choice of included outbound stopover as detailed below.



| Tour | UK Airport | Outbound Stopover (included) | Inbound Stopover (see pages 98-99 for prices) |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Essential Australia | London Heathrow, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle, Glasgow | Not included | Singapore, Dubai |
| Wonders of Australia | | Singapore, Dubai | Singapore, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Dubai, Bali |
| The Very Best of Australia | | Singapore, Dubai, Perth [†] | |
| Magnificent New Zealand | | Singapore, Bangkok, Dubai | |
| The Very Best of New Zealand | | | |
| Highlights of Australia & New Zealand | | | |

Flying with Singapore Airlines

In addition to offering Qantas and Emirates, on our tours to New Zealand you also have the option of flying with Singapore Airlines. If you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines, you will have the choice of flying from London Heathrow or Manchester and you will be able to enjoy the delights of a stopover in the delightful city of Singapore.



| Tour | UK Airport | Outbound Stopover (included) | Inbound Stopover (see pages 98 for prices) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Magnificent New Zealand | London Heathrow, Manchester | Singapore | Singapore |
| The Very Best of New Zealand | | | |

Important information

[†] Customers staying in Perth will enjoy their city tour as part of the Very Best of Australia itinerary on Day 5.

Choose your Homebound Stopover

Singapore • Hong Kong • Dubai • Bangkok • Bali

A holiday to Australia or New Zealand provides the perfect opportunity to see a little more of the world to break up the long journey home.

In keeping with Distant Journeys flexible philosophy, you have the choice of where to stopover. Possibly the Lion City of Singapore, a former British trading colony, or maybe Bangkok with its glittering temples and buzzing street markets. Then of course there is Hong Kong and the magnificent Victoria Harbour, or delightful Bali where relaxation is the order of the day. Or take in Arabia's most vibrant hub, Dubai.

Whichever destination you choose, your price includes accommodation, daily breakfast and all airport transfers.

Singapore

Copthorne Kings Hotel

Local rating: ★★★★★

Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★

Standing proud near the historic and picturesque Singapore River, Copthorne King's Hotel Singapore is close to a dazzling array of shopping, dining and entertainment venues. Tantalise your taste buds in Tien Court Restaurant, enjoy relaxed dining in Princess Terrace Café or savour cocktails, beers and wines in Connections Lounge.

Homebound stopover prices

Two nights £245 per person
Single occupancy £385



Hong Kong

Regal Kowloon Hotel

Local rating: ★★★★★

Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★

Regal Kowloon Hotel is conveniently located in Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong's renowned shopping and entertainment district and features tastefully-designed guest rooms with fantastic views of this city. The property offers a choice of restaurants, serving a range of Chinese, American, Italian and international dishes.

Homebound stopover prices

Two nights £345 per person
Single occupancy £545



Bangkok

Amari Watergate Hotel

Local rating: ★★★★★

Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★

Amari Watergate Bangkok puts you in the heart of vibrant Bangkok. Just steps away from Central World Plaza, the hotel features an outdoor pool, spa and five different dining options. Start your morning with fresh dishes at Amaya Food Gallery, revitalise and awaken the senses at Breeze Spa or take pictures of the sun sinking beneath the skyscrapers from the outdoor garden terrace.

Homebound stopover prices

Two nights £195 per person
Single occupancy £295



Dubai

Marriott Al Jaddaf

Local rating: ★★★★★

Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★

Located within easy reach of Dubai Mall, the Marriott Al Jaddaf, is the perfect alternative to a beachside hotel. With an outdoor swimming pool, deluxe spa and a choice of seven restaurants it's a great location from which to explore downtown Dubai.

Homebound stopover prices

Two nights £345 per person
Single occupancy £545



Bali

Meliá Hotel

Local rating: ★★★★★

Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★

The Meliá Hotel in Nusa Dua is an oasis of calm surrounded by lush tropical gardens, boasting five restaurants, an expansive freeform pool and its own private stretch of beach. Make your stopover even more enjoyable by opting for an all-inclusive stopover including all meals, drinks and a wide range of water sports. Upgrades available from £67 per person per night.

Homebound stopover prices

Three nights £395 per person
Single occupancy £645



Important information Please note, a tourism tax is payable locally in Dubai of 21 Dirham (approx £4.50) per room per night. If stopping in Bali and travelling from New Zealand your flight may transit in Australia. If your transit is longer than eight hours you will require an Australian ETA.

Our Airline Partners

Fly with award-winning scheduled airlines

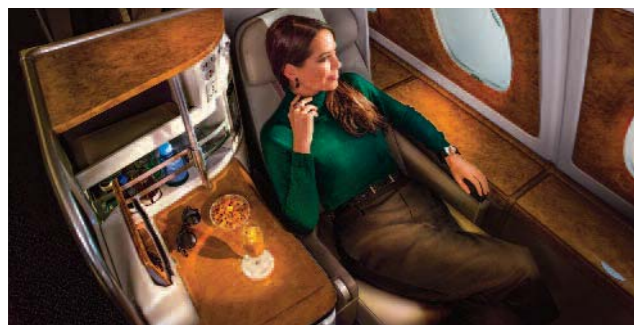


Our tours are with Qantas from London Heathrow in Economy Class. Qantas' partnership with Emirates means you can also choose from four UK regional airports most convenient to you: Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle or Glasgow. Furthermore, if you're taking one of our New Zealand tours, you have the option of flying with Singapore Airlines from London Heathrow or Manchester. All at no extra cost.

Why not make your holiday even more memorable with a flight upgrade? With priority check-in, lounge access and spacious comfortable seats, it takes your flying experience to a new level of comfort and service. Let your holiday start here.

Emirates Economy Class

Sit back and relax in Emirates' spacious Economy Class, which has a typical seat pitch of 32***. Enjoy your own personal in-seat widescreen TV with a wide selection of world movies and music. Enjoy regionally inspired multi course meals served with a selection of complimentary beverages.



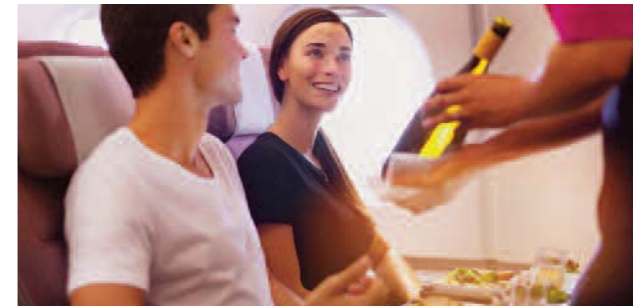
Upgrade to Business Class from £3,655 return

Your holiday starts the moment you step outside your front door with a complimentary chauffeur drive to the airport*. Taste your way around the world with fine dining complemented with exclusive wines and spirits. Stretch out and relax in lie-flat Business Class seats and enjoy the onboard lounge (A380 only).

- ◆ Complimentary chauffeur drive*
- ◆ Fully flat bed seat with a seat pitch of up to 79***
- ◆ Large in-seat entertainment screen
- ◆ Fine dining meals served on Royal Doulton China
- ◆ Complimentary champagne, wines and spirits
- ◆ On board lounge, serving snacks and drinks (A380 only)
- ◆ Priority check-in and priority boarding
- ◆ Lounge access

Qantas Economy Class

Experience warm hospitality onboard your Qantas flight and relax in your ergonomically-designed seats with a typical seat pitch of 31*** which also includes a personal inflight entertainment system. From welcome drinks, award-winning wines to menus that reflect the freshest seasonal ingredients - you'll be spoilt for choice.



Upgrade to Premium Economy^ from £1,495 return

Stretch out and relax in the award-winning Premium Economy^ cabin. With luxurious levels of space, attentive service and seated in an intimate and private cabin, you'll enjoy dedicated check-in, priority boarding, refreshed menu and extensive wine list.

- ◆ Priority check-in and boarding
- ◆ Pre take-off drinks including sparkling wine
- ◆ Wider seat with a typical seat pitch of 42***
- ◆ Integrated leg rest with fold out foot rest
- ◆ Noise cancelling headsets
- ◆ Amenity kits on international flights
- ◆ Premium quilted blanket and pillow

Upgrade to Business Class from £3,655 return

Fly with ease in the superior surrounds of Business Class. Comfort, space and style have been thoughtfully considered from the moment your trip begins. Sit back and relax with spacious seats that convert into fully-flat beds* and enjoy menus made from the freshest seasonal ingredients.

- ◆ Complimentary chauffeur drive*
- ◆ Priority check-in counters and dedicated boarding
- ◆ Lounge access
- ◆ Private Business Suite or Skybed that convert to a fully-flat bed**
- ◆ Signature Qantas pyjamas and amenity kits
- ◆ Turndown service with mattress, pillow and quilted blanket
- ◆ On board lounge (A380 only)

Singapore Airlines Economy Class

Singapore Airlines' economy seats are designed to give you more personal space with a typical seat pitch of 32**. Enjoy KrisWorld inflight entertainment with over 1,000 options of film, television, music and games and enjoy generous, complimentary meals and refreshments.



Upgrade to Premium Economy from £1,795 return

From check-in to boarding and baggage handling, to reserving your main meal before you fly, you will enjoy priority treatment throughout your journey. In an exclusive, spacious cabin, Premium Economy Class seats are designed for your enhanced comfort, including a calf and foot rest built right into your seat.

- ◆ Priority check-in and boarding
- ◆ Typical seat pitch of 38***
- ◆ Personal 13.3" widescreen LCD
- ◆ Option to pre-book meals with Book the Cook
- ◆ Integrated calf and foot rest
- ◆ Noise cancelling headsets

Upgrade to Business Class from £3,995 return

A seat that seamlessly reclines into a bed. An 18" touchscreen monitor in high definition paired with noise-cancelling headphones. Personalise dinner time with Book the Cook meal options, served on the finest porcelain and paired with champagne and wines from the finest vineyards around the world.

- ◆ Dedicated check-in and boarding
- ◆ Typical 50*** seat pitch which converts into 78*** long bed
- ◆ 18" widescreen LCD
- ◆ Option to pre-book exquisite meals with Book the Cook
- ◆ Lounge access
- ◆ Premium champagne, wines and spirits

Important information: All prices shown are for return flights, and are subject to the availability of flights in the lowest available booking class and may change, however the correct price will always be confirmed before you book. Images shown are representative of the product and may vary dependant of the aircraft type. * Complimentary chauffeur service is available on selected routes. Restrictions may apply. ** Seat pitch is dependent on the aircraft type. ^ Premium Economy with Qantas is only available on selected flights. Please call for details.



Helpful Information

A quick information guide from Distant Journeys

Time zone: Perth GMT +8hrs,
Sydney GMT +10hrs,
Auckland GMT +12hrs

Currency: Australia Dollars,
New Zealand Dollars

Weather

Australia's and New Zealand's seasons are opposite to those in the northern hemisphere. Weather patterns around the world are also becoming less predictable, however, as a general guide; Australia enjoys temperate weather for most of the year. The tropical northern states (Cairns and Darwin) typically experience very warm weather and can be very humid in the Australian summer. The southern states are typically warm and sunny. New Zealand is blessed with mild temperatures, moderate rainfall, and many hours of sunshine. The Bay of Islands in the far north has subtropical weather during summer.

Clothing

Dress for our tours is generally relaxed and informal during the day, dressing to suit the weather conditions and the activity you are undertaking. It's likely there will be occasions when exploring you'll be walking on uneven surfaces, so we recommend sturdy and comfortable walking shoes. Wearing layers of clothing means it's much easier to deal with potentially varied weather conditions and it's always advisable to carry a waterproof. Any included evening dinners are also informal, with smart casual dress being the norm. We would also

recommend taking good insect repellent, a high factor sun-screen lotion and a hat for protection from the sun. When visiting Australia's Red Centre, some guests appreciate taking a fly net which can be placed over a hat to keep the flies away. It is always worth being aware of local customs when visiting sacred places. As a general rule when visiting such places, it is recommended that arms and legs are covered. Women may also wish to take a shawl to cover their shoulders and all visitors should wear long trousers, skirts or shorts that reach below the knee.

Money

Major credit cards and cash machines are widely available throughout your tour and your tour manager will be on hand to help you find the best places to exchange your money. 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. For more information please see <https://partners.caxtonfx.com/currency-cards/distant-journeys>. We also recommend advising your bank of your travel plans in advance so you do not encounter potential problems when trying to withdraw cash.

Tipping

It is not customary to tip in Australia or New Zealand however, as in the UK, if dining in restaurants you may wish to tip up to 10% for good service. Tipping for taxi drivers is not expected however, rounding up the final fare is appreciated. If you have received great service from your Tour Manager, guides or driver you may wish to tip them for their service. We are frequently asked for guidance on this and would suggest a minimum of £2-3 per person per touring day, dependent on your level of satisfaction.

Freedom Days

During your tour, you can book onto a range of additional excursions. These tours are at an additional cost, subject to availability and seasonal operations, and may be subject to minimum / maximum numbers. Where possible we allow for these to be booked locally with your Tour Manager, however, in some instances pre-booking will be required. You will be advised in advance of your departure from the UK if any excursions require pre-booking. All Freedom Day experiences may be found on our website alongside the itineraries of each individual tour.

Travel documents

Your full travel documents which include electronic tickets, a final itinerary, luggage labels and holiday information booklet will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to your departure.

Entry requirements

The following information on entry requirements, passports and Visa's is for British citizens only. Holders of a British Subject passport, non-British citizens and holders of a passport endorsed in any way should check immigration requirements with the relevant embassy or consulate of the country to be visited, as should clients with dual nationality or renounced citizenship.

Passports

A valid ten-year British passport is required for all holidays, valid for a minimum of six months after your return date to the UK. If you are not currently in possession of a valid passport please make sure you leave plenty of time before your holiday to apply for this document. Our recommendation is that you should apply at least three months before your holiday.

Visas

Currently no visa is required to enter New Zealand. Visitors to Australia 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. An ETA is equivalent to a visa but there is no stamp or label in your passport. For more information on passport information and entry requirements please visit the Government Passport Office website www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports and the Foreign Office website www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice It is important to note entry requirements may change and it is your responsibility to ensure you are in possession of all necessary travel, passport, visa, other entry requirements 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 obtain and carry all required documentation.

Health & vaccinations

Health facilities, hygiene and disease risk vary worldwide. You should take health advice from your GP or local travel clinic 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.

For more information on health and vaccinations please visit the Foreign Office website www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice and NHS Before you Travel website on

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/before-you-travel/>

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.

Medication and pre-existing conditions

If you have any pre-existing medical conditions or walking difficulties, you should inform us at the time of booking. It is your responsibility to ensure that any medication you are carrying is permitted to be taken into the countries you are visiting. We recommend you consult with your GP and relevant embassy before booking or travelling. Always carry medicines in their original, labelled packaging and in your hand-luggage along with a copy of your prescription. Whilst we recommend only carrying enough for the duration of your time away, a small spare supply can be useful. Check that the expiry dates of your medicines will be valid for the duration of your visit abroad.

Travel insurance

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

The Reciprocal Health Care Agreement

The Reciprocal Health Care Agreement (RHCA) between the Australian Government and the United Kingdom Government, 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.

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). In some instances, this may be less than the airlines' permitted allowance. Luggage is

restricted to accommodate for coach capacity, domestic flights and where applicable local health and safety laws. Personal and valuable items such as 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. If travelling on our Wonders of Australia or Very Best of Australia tours it is important to note that due to space restrictions on The Ghan passengers are required to carry an overnight bag for all your requirements whilst on board. The remainder of the luggage will be checked into a dedicated luggage compartment.

Airline seats

With many airlines you can pre-book your seats prior to check in to guarantee your seating and give you a wider choice of seat selection. Please note, many airlines now charge for this service.

Domestic flights

All domestic flights within our tours are booked on a group basis. Your tour manager will fully assist with the check in process for these flights.

Smoking

Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is not allowed at any time onboard our coaches or any flight. Within hotels, smoking and the use of electronic cigarettes may be restricted to designated areas. We'll endeavour to ensure there are frequent stops on any coach trip, however we can't guarantee smoking facilities will always be available. It is also worth noting some countries are beginning to ban the use of electronic cigarettes. We recommend you check for up-to-date information before you travel.

Seat rotation on coaches

We offer a fair system of seat rotation to allow all passengers to experience a variety of views. Exceptions cannot be made to this policy.

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

Further information

The information provided here is as a general guide only. For more detailed information please refer to our FAQ section on our website. We also recommend this Helpful Information guide is read alongside our full Booking Conditions before booking.

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

- All bookings are made pursuant to these terms and conditions.
- 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. Passengers with disabilities or walking difficulties may find access to certain attractions restricted, due to the number of stairs, distance or uneven ground. Please note for customers taking their own wheelchair, when travelling on the Ghan, you will be required to use one of their wheelchairs.

- 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 21 and 22. 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.
- If you are a single passenger, the applicable single supplement will be added to your invoice at the time of your booking.
- We will aim to accommodate single passengers in twin or double rooms, with single occupancy.
- For reservations which include The Ghan single passengers will be accommodated in single berth sleeper cabins with wash basin. Shared showers and toilets are available at the end of each compartment.
- If you have any special requests (including dietary requirements) you must notify us 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

- 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. Where fares are higher than our standard rates, an additional deposit may be required. 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.
- 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.
- 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 25 depending on the date we reasonably treat your booking as cancelled.

Your contract

- 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.
- 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?

- (a) You must follow the Tour Manger’s or where applicable, 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

- Prices shown in our brochures and on the website are believed correct at the time of publication. We reserve the right to alter our advertised (brochure or website) tour prices, introduce supplements or correct pricing errors at any time before your booking is confirmed. We also reserve the right to correct any errors in any tour price and not be legally bound in the case of incorrect pricing and acknowledgement of such an error does not mean acceptance of it. We will advise you of any error of which we are aware and of the revised applicable price at the time of booking. Once the tour price has been confirmed at the time of booking, clause 15 below will apply.

Price Promise

- Our Price Promise is designed to provide peace of mind; Early booking offers: Whilst we may offer promotional discounts and/or additional inclusions on some tours, these offers reduce in value closer to the departure date meaning the earlier you book the better offer you will receive. Last minute discounts: It is our policy never to sell any holiday cheaper than originally advertised. In the unlikely event we reduce the price of your holiday to below what you have already paid (after any discounts have been applied), we will contact you to refund the difference. No surcharges: 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 included economy 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. Price match: Price match applies to an identical holiday operated by another tour operator (excluding travel agents and arrangements made independently) at the same or a lower price within 7 days of booking with us. By ‘identical holiday’, we mean one which: Departs on the same day from the same airport, with the same flight number and carrier. Visits the same destination(s) for the same duration and offers the same number of included excursions/meals. One which features the same accommodation and board basis; and utilises the same services of a Tour Manager/Coach Captain. If this happens we will refund the difference between the cost of the holiday you have booked with us and the price of the identical holiday offered by the competitor. Plus, we will give you £200 per person towards a future booking. Our Price Promise applies once a booking is confirmed and a contract exists between us. It applies to tour prices only and does not include ad hoc or optional services such as airline upgrades, holiday additions, extended stays or regional connecting flights. Additionally, 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

- The features of the tour are set out in the tour brochure.
- 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

- 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

- Subject to clauses 20, 21 and 22, 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.
- 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).
- 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.

- 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 21, 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 21 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 21, 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 50-53 “Flights”), type of aircraft (if advised) or destination airport will all be treated as minor changes.
- 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

- 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 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.
- 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 departure 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

- 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).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 26. 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.
- 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 31 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 31 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.

31. 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.
32. 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.

33. 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

34. 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.
35. 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

36. 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

37. 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.

38. 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 37 or any other risk which you should have reasonably recognised as being inherent to your tour.
39. 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

40. 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.
41. Your safety is our first consideration and if the Foreign Office advises against travel to a certain country, we act on this advice. The Foreign Office issues regular advice and updates on its website www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

Smoking

42. Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is not allowed at any time onboard our coaches, on any flight and such other places as are prohibited by us or our suppliers from time to time. Within hotels, smoking and the use of electronic cigarettes may be restricted to designated areas. We will take 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

43. 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

44. 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

45. 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

46. 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 should you choose to have a stopover, and airline flight schedules and the itineraries in this brochure should be used as a guide only.

Included in your fare

47. All airfares from the UK in economy class (unless specified at the time of booking), coach travel and overseas transfers whilst travelling as part of the group or on one of our organised stopover programmes, service of a Tour Manager or Coach Captain (if applicable), portage whilst on tour, airport transfers, meals as specified, accommodation as specified (please note, the third bed in a triple room may be a rollaway bed), sightseeing and admissions and other services as expressly indicated in the itinerary.

NOT included in your fare

48. Meals not specified in the itinerary, drinks unless specified in the itinerary, laundry, passport and visa fees, Dubai Tourism tax (if stopping over), 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

49. Your Distant Journeys travel expert 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. Any costs for ticket changes due to an incorrect name on paperwork which has been sent to you, will result in the cost being incurred by you.

Flights

50. 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. As flights only become available to book around 11 months in advance, we are only able to confirm upgrade prices at time of booking your flights. 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. Distant Journeys has no control over the allocation of seats by the airline, and even if you have requested or made payment directly with the airline to pre-book seats, no guarantees can be made. The provision of such seats does not constitute a term of your contract with Distant Journeys.
51. 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. 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 21 to 22 will apply.

52. 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 27 (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on the flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time).

53. 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 or see www.caa.co.uk – Referring Your Complaint to the CAA.

Passports and visas

54. 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.

55. A full British passport presently takes approximately two to six weeks to obtain. If you are 16 or over and have not yet arranged 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.

Your financial protection

56. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists 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

57. 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.
58. If you suffer from travel sickness, you should arrange medication or other alternatives to treat symptoms as we cannot make allowances for this.

Clothing

59. We recommend casual and comfortable clothing. Please bring comfortable walking shoes for sightseeing. Dinner attire is generally smart casual. It is always worth being aware of local customs when visiting sacred places. As a general rule, when visiting such places, it is recommended that arms and legs are covered. Women may also wish to take a shawl to cover their shoulders and all visitors should wear long trousers, skirts or shorts that reach below the knee. Taking off your shoes is also a prerequisite before entering many sacred places.

Currency and credit cards

60. 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

61. An experienced English-speaking Tour Manager OR Tour Managers OR Coach Captains accompany every tour. In New Zealand your Coach Captain will also be your guide. They are there to ensure your comfort, answer your questions and make your holiday relaxed and memorable.

Sightseeing tours

62. Many of itineraries include sightseeing tours which may involve walking for medium to long periods of time and over uneven surfaces. Steps may also feature, either as part of a tour or within your accommodation. On some tours we use jeep and safari vehicles. A reasonable level of fitness is therefore required for all tours.
63. Optional activities and dining are subject to availability, seasonal / operational factors and minimum / maximum numbers. More details on optional tours may be found on our website. On occasion, it may not be possible to arrange an included activity. Suitable alternatives will be arranged. Inclusions may also be subject to change.

Vaccines, medication and medical services

64. Health facilities, hygiene and disease risks vary worldwide. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions for the countries you are visiting and ensure that vaccinations or preventative measures are taken early enough to be fully effective by the date of travel. You should take health advice about your specific needs as early as possible and recognise that advice may change, prior to your departure. Please see the Foreign Office website www.gov.uk/foreign-traveladvice and NHS Before you Travel website on www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthybody/before-you-travel/ for up to date information. It is your responsibility to ensure that any medication you need to carry is permitted to be taken into the countries you are visiting. We recommend you consult with your GP and relevant embassy before booking and review in good time before your departure as advice may change. Any medical services and costs required on tour are at your expense. We strongly recommend suitable and adequate travel insurance.

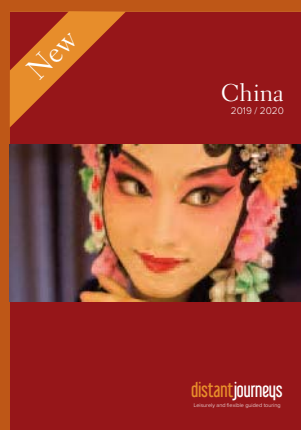
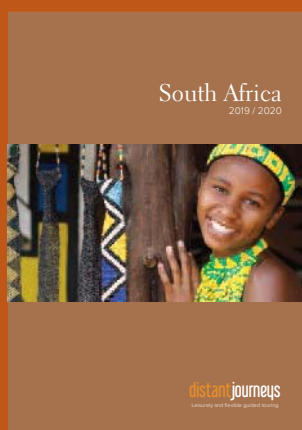
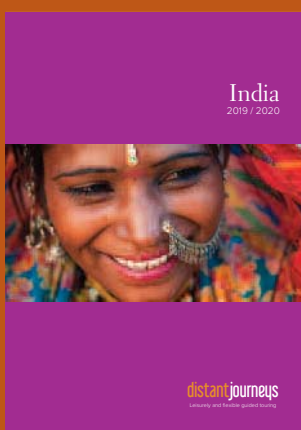
Images, photographs, maps and information

65. 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.
66. All offers and pricing are subject to availability at the time of booking.
67. 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

68. 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.

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