



New Zealand & Australia 2012

Auckland – Rotoura – Waitomo Caves – Sydney
Blue Mountains – Canberra – Melbourne

Tour Date: 14 Apr 2012 – 26 Apr, 2012

Price: \$3,985.00* per person + Taxes

** (Price based on US dollars and double occupancy and includes New Zealand – Australia visas)*



Schedule

DAY 01: Depart from Los Angeles airport in the evening

DAY 02: Fly over the Pacific Ocean

**DAY 03: AUCKLAND - THE CITY OF SAILS
MOUNT EDEN - PARNELL VILLAGE (L,D)**

Arrive in Auckland, the centre of commerce and industry, nicknamed "the City of Sails". Visit Auckland Domain - the city's oldest park, situated on a 62,000-year old volcano with fabulous views of the harbor. Visit the famous Auckland landmark Mt Eden, where from this fantastic vantage point you will see evidence of Auckland's volcanic history. Continue onto Kelly Tarlton's Antarctic Encounter and Underwater World and see King and Gentoo penguins on your snow cat ride through the Antarctic Encounter. In the Underwater World come face-to-face with giant stingrays, moray eels, schools of fish and sharks. Finish your Auckland experience at the top of the Sky Tower, the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere.

DAY 04: AUCKLAND - WAITOMO - ROTOURA - MAORI (B,L,D)

Visit Hamilton Gardens, the most popular visitor attraction in the region, covers an area of 58 hectares. Drive to Rotoura. Visit Te Puia - the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute, home of the world famous Pohutu geyser. Visit the Rainbow Springs Nature Park which offers a unique showcase of native flora and fauna while the Agrodome Sheep Show is an entertaining 'hands on' experience - an animated insight into New Zealand farming.

DAY 05: WAITOMO CAVE - HAMILTON GARDEN – AUCKLAND (B,L)

Back to Auckland. On the way, stop to visit the Waitomo Glowworm Caves, where you will take a guided tour through the long galleries and lofty chambers to view stalactites formed over thousands of years by the constant dripping of water. Your caves tour includes a magical boat ride through the glowworm grotto, illuminated by thousands of glowworms suspended from the cave ceiling. Continue to visit the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, to see how traditional carvings and weavings record history and customs in the Maori sacred meeting houses.

DAY 06: Fly Auckland – Sydney. DARLING HARBOUR - OPERA HOUSE – ART GALLERY (B,L,D)

Sydney, the fast paced city of cosmopolitan character is one of the world's most beautiful places. Visit the Spectacular Darling Harbour, Sydney Entertainment Center, Chinatown, the Sydney Aquarium and the Monorail, The Rock's...Drive to Bondi Beach, passing through the affluent eastern suburbs. Visit Milson's Point for the best possible photo opportunity of the Sydney Opera House, view the beautiful Middle Harbour area and Spit Bridge from Seaforth Lookout. Stop for afternoon tea at Manly Beach then travel



along Sydney's northern coastline, white sandy beaches. **Enjoy the dinner cruise Captain Cook around the city.**

DAY 07: CANBERRA – CAPTAIN COOK – BONDI BEACH – EMBASSY STREET (B,L)

Drive to visit Canberra, the nation's capital - a purpose built city, ultra modern, with imposing architecture yet a rural charm of lakeside, gardens and open spaces.

DAY 08: WOLLONGONG SIGHTSEEING – NAN TIEN TEMPLE – FIVE ISLAND BREWERY (B,L)

The Nan Tien Temple is the largest Buddhist temple in the southern hemisphere. It is very beautiful and serene to wander around and look at the museum, temples and buildings. Visit an Australian Wildlife Park where you can hand-feed kangaroos, experience an emu encounter and walk through rainforest aviaries. We will walk through koala enclosures and have your photo taken with a cuddly koala.

DAY 09: BLUE MOUNTAIN – KOALA PARK – CABRAMATTA TOWN (B,L,D)

Depart to visit **Blue Mountains**. Stop by Echo Point to see the Three Sisters rock formation towering over Jamison Valley. There will also be magnificent views over Megalong Valley as we follow the scenic Cliff Drive. Continue with a walk on the valley floor boardwalk under a canopy of tall tree ferns and get breathtaking views over the Grose Valley from Govetts Leap. There will also be a tour through mountain towns of Medlow Bath and Mt. Victoria. Wonder at the ruggedness of the Blue Mountains from Bells Line.

DAY 10: Fly Sydney – Melbourne. MELBOURNE QUARIUM – CAPTAIN COOK COTTAGE (B,L,D)

Melbourne, heart of Australia's classic south, has compelling appeal in its gardens, its history, its character and its charm. Visit Fitzroy Gardens and see Captain Cook's Cottage. Visit the Royal Botanic Gardens - perhaps enjoy a Devonshire Tea or walk by the lake. Continue to visit Chinatown, Parliament House and Princess Theatre.

DAY 11: SOVERNIGN HILL – CROWN ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX (B,L)

Puffing Billy, enjoy the ride on Australia's most notable narrow gauge railway through the spectacular Blue Dandenong Ranges with bellbirds and kookaburras echoing the steam train's whistle. Visit Sherbrooke Forest - tall eucalyptus & bellbirds

DAY 12: DANDENONG – PHILIP ISLAND (B,L,D)

Drive to the Dandenong Ranges which offer some of the most magnificent countryside in Victoria, recapture the romance and charm of the bygone days of steam as you enjoy a ride on Puffing Billy. Built in 1900, Puffing Billy is Australia's oldest steam railway. Continue to Westernport Bay - water birds and mangroves & Philip Island Nature Park - a natural home for Koalas, Seals & little Penguins.

DAY 13: MELBOURNE – LOS ANGELES (B)

Transfer to the airport for flying back to Los Angeles airport

Tour includes:

- Roundtrip international air transportation from Los Angeles International airport (LAX) to destination countries. All tickets are in economy class.
- 4 - 5 stars hotel room based on double occupancy.
- Deluxe coach between cities.
- Meals as scheduled.
- All entrance sightseeing fees.
- Daily sightseeing tours with professional English and Vietnamese speaking local guides.
- International travel insurance.
- The assistance of AV Travel tour director escorts from LAX.