

Day 1 | Depart Los Angeles

Tonight, depart Los Angeles for your flight to Australia.

OPTIONAL: QANTAS BUSINESS CLASS

Imagine starting your Ultimate Journey to the South Pacific in style - enjoy a Qantas SKYBED all the way! The business cabin is all about comfort and you have the flexibility to choose how you spend your time, coupled with the latest technology. Dine on award winning menus and wine at a time that suits you.

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Day 2 | Cross the International dateline

Day 3 | Arrive Sydney, Australia

On arrival in Sydney, you will be transferred to your hotel. This afternoon, discover Sydney's many charms. Tour the birthplace of New South Wales and see some of the bustling city precincts, from the historic Rocks area, the Opera House and the Conservatorium of Music. Enjoy the lively Kings Cross area, admire the white sands of Bondi Beach and other eastern beaches and see the beauty of gracious harborside suburbs. This evening is at leisure to enjoy this spectacular city by night. **Sydney, The Menzies Hotel for 2 nights**

Day 4 | Blue Mountains National Park, Australia

Depart the city and head to Featherdale Wildlife Park and be spoiled with an exclusive Breakfast with the Koalas. See many of the Parks Wildlife before the park is opened to the public. After breakfast we commence our ascent to the Blue Mountains, stopping at remote locations along the way and enjoying some short walks with you knowledgeable guide. As you pass through the historic town of Hartley Vale, search for kangaroos grazing in the pastoral areas. After lunch we make our way to Scenic World, home of the worlds steepest incline railway (own expense). Enjoy uninterrupted views of the famous Three Sisters and take stroll through the rainforest. Before we make our descent back to the city, enjoy a glass of chilled champagne or orange juice at picturesque Wentworth Falls. **(B, L)**

Day 5 | Board your cruise, Sydney, Australia

Today take some time at your own pace, pick up some last minute souvenirs, stroll around The Rocks and Circular Quay areas or take a short tour inside the Opera House (own expense). This afternoon you will be transferred to the cruise terminal to embark on your Princess Cruise ship. Sea Princess, inside cabin for 14 nights (Dependant on departure date you may cruise on the Sea Princess, Dawn Princess or the Sun Princess). **(B, D)**

OPTIONAL: ROOM WITH A VIEW- CABIN UPGRADE

We recommend considering upgrading your cabin. Wake each morning on Sea Princess in anticipation of a new horizon, taking in views from one of nearly 400 balcony staterooms onboard. Additional supplements apply; ask for details and current prices.

Days 6-7 | Cruising the Pacific Ocean

Enjoy time at sea as we cruise the beautiful South Pacific onboard the Sea Princess towards New Caledonia. Take this opportunity to settle in and explore the ship's many bars and restaurants, see a show in the theatre or enjoy a movie under the stars. **(B, L, D)**

Day 8 | Lifou, Loyalty Islands, New Caledonia ^ Lifou is the largest of the Loyalty Islands, and is an ancient Makatea – a fossilized coral atoll raised high above sea level. Whalers were the first Westerners to visit this Melanesian paradise - today visitors are drawn to the island's spectacular scenery and its abundance of Melanesian culture. Visit a Vanilla plantation situated in the lush forest or see Notre Dame de Lourdes Chapel or enjoy time snorkeling or diving at Jinek Beach. **(B, L, D)**

Day 9 | Port Vila, Vanuatu

Port Vila the capital of Vanuatu, situated around a magnificent natural harbor offering stunning views of Iririki and Ifira islands. The island comprises of a rugged coastline, rolling lush countryside and cascading waterfalls. Vanuatu is a relatively new republic, having achieved independence from France and Britain in 1988, and has a mixture of cultures providing a multitude of dining options, including French, Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Mexican, Thai, Melanesian and Mediterranean. Take a trip to the Cascade Waterfalls, enjoy Melanesian culture at Eksasup Village or see what's below the sea in the beautiful crystal waters that surround this island. **(B, L, D)**

Day 10 | Cruising the South Pacific Ocean

Whilst at sea you have the chance to enjoy many of the on-board activities that are available; from basketball, paddle tennis and a state-of-the-art gym equipped with machines that'll keep your heart rate pumping, or simply relax by one of the two swimming pools. **(B, L, D)**

Day 11 | Port Denarau, Fiji

Bula! Welcome to Fiji. Port Denarau is situated on the western side of the largest island in Fiji and is famous for its year round blue sky. The islands' culture is a fascinating combination of Melanesian, Micronesian, Polynesian, Western and Indian influences. Viti Levu, meaning big island, offers some of the finest scenery, from the emerald rainforests of the Nausori Highlands to the reef-fringed coral cays in the Mamanucas along with some of the friendliest locals in the world. **(B, L, D)**

Day 12 | Suva, Fiji

Suva is the capital of Fiji and is the political, administrative, educational and commercial center, with a spectacular backdrop of lush rainforest maintained by the inevitable "tropical downpour". Built around a reef-protected natural harbor, Suva, with its colonial buildings nestled alongside modern commercial venues, shops and local markets, parks and residential sprawl, is home to nearly half of Fiji's urban population. Take a behind the scenes tour of Pure Fiji Cosmetics, enjoy a river cruise or partake in a traditional Kava ceremony (own expense). **(B, L, D)**

Day 13 | Savu Savu, Fiji

Savu Savu boasts one of the most spectacular harbors in the South Pacific. Its serene waters are dotted with islands. Rugged volcanic slopes covered in rainforest, tower above the coastal plains. Coconut palms and old copra plantations line the southern shore. Submerge in the Volcanic Hot Springs, snorkel or dive and see some of the most spectacular marine life or indulge at J. Hunter pearls and pick up a little souvenir of your time in Fiji. **(B, L, D)**

Day 14 | Dravuni Island, Fiji

Dravuni Island is a dramatically rugged volcanic island in the scenic Kadavu group of islands, with a charming village that shelters beneath tall palm trees. Providing near perfect weather both day and night, giving visitors the opportunity to take an adventurous hike up the grassy slopes of the islands highest peak showcasing fantastic views of the surrounding islands. **(B, L, D)**

Day 15 | Cruising the South Pacific

Today at sea cruising the South Pacific towards New Caledonia, try your luck in the casino, partake in game of bingo or you could attend an onboard art auction. **(B, L, D)**

Day 16 | Noumea, New Caledonia

Bonjour! Welcome to Noumea, the capital of New Caledonia, situated on a large peninsula, surrounded by picturesque bays, white sand beaches and home to the second longest barrier reef in the world. Often referred to as the "Paris of the Pacific", Noumea offers a wide selection of fine French restaurants and chic shopping boutiques. **(B, L, D)**

Days 17-18 | Cruising the South Pacific

We are at sea for the next couple of days. Take this opportunity to finish up with some last minute purchases in one of the many boutiques onboard or, for a more relaxing way to conclude your journey, or a visit at the Lotus Spa where you can indulge in a day of pampering. **(B, L, D)**

Day 19 | Disembark Cruise Sydney, Australia - Auckland, New Zealand

Today your cruise concludes early morning, disembark the ship and transfer to Sydney airport for your onward journey to Auckland, New Zealand. Auckland, known as the 'city of sails', is New Zealand's largest city and lies across a 7-mile wide volcanic isthmus separating two harbors. Tonight take a stroll along the picturesque waterfront and enjoy the outstanding food and wine, great shopping and exciting nightlife the city has to offer. **Auckland, SkyCity hotel for 1 night (B)**

Day 20 | Auckland – Rotorua, New Zealand

As you leave the City of Sails, head south to Waitomo Glow-Worm Caves passing through Rangiriri, which was once the site of a Maori fort. At Waitomo, enjoy a guided tour through the long galleries, lofty chambers and see stalactites that have formed over thousands of years. Take a small boat ride through the glow-worm grotto that is illuminated by thousands of tiny lights emitted by glow-worms suspended from the cave ceiling. On arrival into Rotorua check in to

your hotel. Later this afternoon you will be collected from your hotel to be lead back to pre-European times with stories, history and protocols of the Maori people. Travel to their Maori village, set deep in the forest and experience a traditional Powhiri (welcome ceremony), enter the traditional village, see the meeting house and learn about the culture through performances and songs. To conclude the evening, you will enjoy a traditionally cooked feast (Hangi) from our earthen ovens. **Rotorua, Millennium Hotel for 2 nights (B, L, D)**

UPGRADE OPTION:

Set on more than 2500 acres of private wilderness in New Zealand's famed thermal region, Treetops Lodge and Estate is a carefully managed game and wildlife habitat for fly fishermen, sporting enthusiasts and those just looking to get away from it all. With only 12 suites and villas all individual in design yet all comprising exquisite furnishings and stunning views, this is the perfect luxury escape in the New Zealand wilderness.

Days 21 | Rotorua, New Zealand

This morning, experience Rotorua from Maori culture to thermal wonderland of impressive geysers and boiling mud pools. Explore Rainbow Springs Nature Park, which showcases some of the native flora and fauna of New Zealand including the elusive Kiwi bird. Get a taste of New Zealand's agricultural industry with a sheep shearing display and sheep dog trials at the Agrodome before travelling up the Skyline Gondola and enjoy stunning views over Rotorua whilst lunching at the Skyline restaurant. This afternoon is at leisure to further explore Rotorua or relax in one of the Polynesian spas. **(B, L)**

Day 22 | Rotorua – Queenstown, New Zealand

After breakfast, transfer to Rotorua airport for your onward flight to Queenstown, the adventure capital of New Zealand. Set on the shores of Lake Wakatipu and surrounded by The Remarkables mountain range. Take time to meander through the streets of the city enjoying the spectacular scenery everywhere you turn from the shoreline of Lake Wakatipu to the cobbled streets of the city. **Queenstown, Heritage Queenstown for 2 nights (B)**

UPGRADE OPTION:

In the heart of Queenstown located on Lake Wakatipu is Matakauri Lodge. This unique city hotel is a harmonious combination of opulent antique furnishings and modern features. Located in the city center guests can enjoy the abundance of cafes, restaurants and shopping all within a short stroll from your door.

Day 23 | Milford Sound, New Zealand

This morning your unforgettable journey will take you into the heart of Milford Sound. Experience the world famous fiord, rich in dense rainforest, glacier carved valleys and beautiful waterfalls. Cross the Southern Alps and travel deep into the Homer Tunnel, just less than 1 mile of solid rock. Eglinton Valley is a place of ancient alpine forest and gushing waterfalls, you will have the opportunity to take photos of the stunning Mirror Lakes, and walk across the Chasm. At Milford we board a scenic cruise that showcase's the wonders of the sound and Mitre Peak, glacier-scarred rock walls and waterfalls that tumble through valleys and crash into the sea. As we cruise through the heart of the famous sound, enjoy lunch before returning back to Queenstown. **(B, L)**

Day 24 | Queenstown – Dunedin, New Zealand

After breakfast, start your journey to Dunedin weaving through the historic gold mining region of the Kawarau River Gorge through the variable landscapes into the back country of Central Otago and board The Taieri Gorge train. From Pukerangi, journey through the rugged and spectacular Taieri River Gorge, across wrought iron viaducts and through tunnels carved by hand more than 100 years ago. At the end of the scenic two hour rail experience we arrive in Dunedin the South Island's southernmost city, known as the Edinburgh of the south. ***Dunedin, Scenic Hotel Southern Cross for 2 nights (B)***

Day 25 | Dunedin, New Zealand

Today take the scenic peninsula high road with its spectacular ocean, harbor and city views on the journey to Taiaroa headland. Discover the breeding area of the world's largest seabird, the Royal Albatross. Take the opportunity and join the Royal Albatross breeding area tour to watch the Albatross in flight soaring effortlessly around the Taiaroa head cliffs. After experiencing the wonders of the Royal Albatross, we visit a private conservation area situated on the most isolated part of the peninsula. Following a short walk the first animal viewing site is reached, this is where you can see a large breeding colony of New Zealand Fur Seals. From here take a short walk to the yellow eyed penguin conservation area where the penguins arrive from the ocean following their days fishing, and see the Hooker's Sea lions at the beach, both creatures represent the rarest of their kind. ***(B)***

Day 26 | Depart New Zealand – Los Angeles

Farewell New Zealand and the South Pacific at the end of your journey. Transfer to Auckland airport for your flight to Los Angeles. ***(B)***