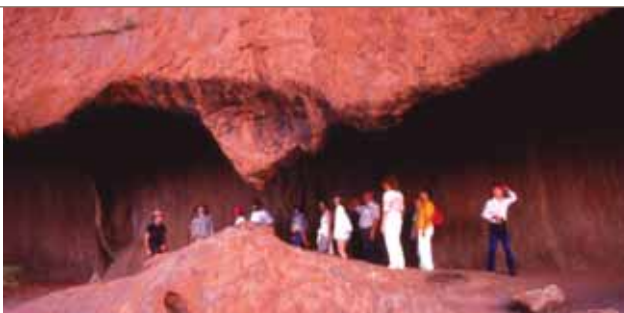


Ultimate Australia & New Zealand

17 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS FOR THE INDEPENDENT TRAVELER

SYDNEY • AYERS ROCK • LIZARD ISLAND

THE GREAT BARRIER REEF • NEW ZEALAND LODGES



Explore the mysterious Uluru (Ayers Rock) caves on your small group tour (Days 5-7)



An awesome Seaplane flight to the Cottage Point Inn for lunch



Private dining by the river at Huka Lodge



Wharekauhau Country Estate



Hyatt Residence Auckland

Experience all the land down under has to offer on this exciting visit to Australia and New Zealand. See the sights of cosmopolitan Sydney. Enjoy paradise on the Great Barrier Reef. In Cairns, gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, stay at the Sofitel Reef Casino and enjoy tropical luxury in the heart of Cairns. Travel to the rugged outback and see magnificent Ayers Rock. Admire the stunning beauty of New Zealand's countryside and stay in luxurious lodge estates. This "Ultimate Australia & New Zealand" vacation includes accommodations in some of Australia's most hospitable and luxurious hotels, resorts and lodges. The charming nature of these elegant accommodations rivals that of the beautiful landscapes in which they are set.

A perfect blend of planned activity and relaxing days at leisure ensures this itinerary will suit all tastes. Enjoy activities like hiking around Ayers Rock and swimming in the waters of the Great Barrier Reef. Spend a leisurely day as you snorkel or dive at Lizard Island Resort, located right in the waters of the Great Barrier Reef.

In New Zealand, your 1 bedroom suite at Hyatt's 5-Star Residence in Auckland will delight you. Huka Lodge's international reputation for fishing and gourmet dining will surpass your expectations. Wharekauhau Country Estate is beautifully located on 5,000 acres of lush pasture and ancient rainforests and is a working sheep station.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Nights at Destination:
 Sydney (3), Alice Springs (1),
 Kings Canyon (1), Ayers Rock (2),
 Cairns (1), Lizard Island (3),
 Auckland (1), Huka Lodge (2),
 Wharekauhau Country Estate (2)



Lizard Island R & R

DEPARTURES

Tuesday
 Friday

If you choose a private tour on
 Days 5-7, departures are daily.

DAY 1: WELCOME TO SYDNEY

Start your vacation in Australia's most spectacular harbor city. Travel by private car to the Shangri-La Hotel Sydney where you'll have a breathtaking view overlooking Sydney Harbour. Afternoon at leisure. *Overnight: Shangri-La Hotel Sydney, Deluxe Grand Harbour View Room for 3 nights*

DAY 2: SYDNEY CITY SIGHTS

You'll see the historic Rocks area, Macquarie Street, Kings Cross, Sydney Harbour National Park and the southern beaches. The tour ends at Circular Quay at noon. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: SCENIC SEAPLANE FLIGHT & GOURMET LUNCH

Fly from Rose Bay to one of Sydney's best kept secrets – The Cottage Point Inn! This award-winning restaurant offers sumptuous food in a serene location. A 20-minute seaplane flight whisks you away from the vibrant City of Sydney to a peaceful, stunning destination. You'll land at the restaurant's jetty where a friendly welcome awaits at The Cottage Point Inn. Enjoy a three course a-la-carte lunch with ample time to savor both the food and ambience of such a unique location. Re-board your aircraft for the return to Sydney with more views to enjoy and a circuit of Sydney Harbour to culminate an outstanding day! Complimentary hotel pick-up is included. (B,L)

DAY 4: SYDNEY—ALICE SPRINGS

Transfer by private car to the airport to connect with your flight to Alice Springs (flight, own expense). Upon arrival you will be transferred to your first class hotel. *Overnight: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs for 1 night (B)*

DAY 5: PALM VALLEY AND KINGS CANYON

This morning you'll be met by your friendly and knowledgeable guide and a small group of like-minded travelers. Today visit Hermannsburg Historical Precinct to view Albert Namatjira's famous watercolor art display. Travel by 4WD tracks along the oldest riverbed on earth to beautiful Palm Valley in Finke Gorge National Park containing botanical relicts. Journey onwards towards Watarrka National Park, featuring the spectacular Kings Canyon. *Overnight: Kings Canyon Resort for 1 night (B,L)*

DAY 6: KINGS CANYON AND ULURU-KATA TJUṬA NATIONAL PARK

Undertake the Rim Walk through the beehive like domes and oases of vegetation. Arrive at Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and an afternoon tour to Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), a very sacred place to the Aboriginal people. Return to Ayers Rock Resort. This evening, experience the romance of the desert and sunset behind the domes of Kata Tjuta and Uluru (Ayers Rock), the didgeridoo's haunting sound, sumptuous outback fare and the star-filled heavens. Includes dinner, resident astronomer and wine with canapés. *Overnight: Ayers Rock Resort, Sails in the Desert, Deluxe Suite for 2 nights (B,L,D)*

DAY 7: ULURU

Walk one of the oldest walking tracks on earth as you follow the Ancestral stories of the creation theories of Uluru on the famous Uluru Walk. Experience the incredible ecology that this rock hosts and learn why this National Park is World Heritage listed. Transfer back to your hotel at the end of this fascinating small group journey through the Red Center. (B,L)

DAY 8: AYERS ROCK—CAIRNS

Transfer to the airport today and board your flight to Cairns (flight, own expense). Upon arrival in Cairns, travel by private car to the Sofitel Reef Casino Cairns. Afternoon at leisure to explore the seaside city of Cairns. *Overnight: Sofitel Reef Casino Cairns, Deluxe Room for 1 night (B)*

DAY 9: ARRIVE LIZARD ISLAND

Travel via private car to the airport and fly to Lizard Island (flight included), one of the few islands located directly on the Great Barrier Reef. Enjoy a gourmet dinner at Osprey's Restaurant. *Overnight: Lizard Island, Anchor Bay Suite for 3 nights (B,D)*

DAY 10: ACTIVITIES AT LIZARD ISLAND

Take advantage of all the activities Lizard Island offers. From water sports like snorkeling, scuba diving, sailing and fishing to land-based activities such as tennis and hiking, Lizard Island has it all (some activities own expense). (B,L,D)

DAY 11: R & R AT LIZARD ISLAND

Relax and rejuvenate at the Azure Spa, a serene health spa overlooking the pool, take a gourmet picnic in your very own dinghy to one of the 24 sandy white beaches or engage in any activity that strikes your fancy. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: DEPART CAIRNS, ARRIVE AUCKLAND—NEW ZEALAND

Fly to Cairns Airport via a charter flight (included). Then fly to Brisbane or Sydney and connect with your flight to Auckland, New Zealand (flights not included). Take a private car transfer from the airport to your hotel and spend the evening at leisure. *Overnight: Hyatt Residence Auckland, 1 Bedroom Suite for 1 night (B)*

DAY 13: TRAVEL TO HUKA LODGE

Arrive via private car at Auckland Airport for your short flight to Taupo (flight not included), then on to Huka Lodge. Spend the evening in this world-class resort where rustic charm meets luxurious service. Enjoy drinks and dinner in the main lodge. *Overnight: Huka Lodge, Lodge Room for 2 nights (B,D)*

DAY 14: RELAX AT HUKA LODGE

Spend the day exploring the serene landscape of Huka Lodge. Set amid rich forest and the Huka Falls, the lodge offers an array of outdoor pursuits. Enjoy a gourmet dinner in the company of fellow guests or in private on the riverside terrace. (B,D)

DAY 15: TRAVEL TO WHAREKAUHAU COUNTRY ESTATE

Leave Taupo and fly onward to Wellington (flight not included), pick up your rental car and drive two hours to Wharekauhau Country Estate. Experience magnificent ocean views while relaxing in front of your private fireplace. *Overnight: Wharekauhau Country Estate, Cottage Suite for 2 nights (B,D)*

DAY 16: RELAX AT WHAREKAUHAU COUNTRY ESTATE

Explore the nearby Martinborough wine region, an area of world-renowned vineyards where you can taste excellent Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs. Or spend the day at leisure enjoying a game of tennis, hiking or horseback riding. Return to the main house in the evening for a gourmet dinner. (B,D)

DAY 17: DEPART WHAREKAUHAU COUNTRY ESTATE

Return to Wellington Airport for your onward flight. (B)

INCLUDES

- 16 nights of accommodation
- 3 days deluxe Red Center touring
- Domestic flight Cairns—Lizard Island
- Private scenic charter flight Lizard Island—Cairns
- 16 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 8 dinners
- Private car transfers
- Sydney city highlights
- Seaplane flight to Cottage Point Inn and lunch
- 3 days Auto A/C car rental

Priced from \$8937 p/p, double occupancy

Note: International and domestic airfare not included (unless otherwise stated). Baggage restriction on Lizard Island—Cairns flight.