

Australia & New Zealand

Your Trip of a Lifetime | Jan 5 - 28, 2023

Australia



Join Universal Travel as we take you "Downunder" to Australia! See and enjoy iconic bucket list items such as the Sydney Opera House, Melbourne, Ayers Rock, and the Great Barrier Reef. Cruise through Fiordland National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit some of New Zealand's most beautiful regions on both the South & North Islands.

Jan 5 - 7 | US to Australia. Today board your flight to Sydney, Australia, crossing the International Date Line. Meet your Universal Travel representative and start the day with a brief panoramic city tour. Early this afternoon check into your 5-star hotel located in the heart of Sydney. The remainder of the evening is at leisure to relax and catch up on some sleep!

Overnight: Radisson Blue Plaza, Sydney or similar

Jan 8 | Sydney. Today you are getting to know Sydney on your full day sightseeing tour. Discover why Sydney's sparkling harbor is the jewel of the city's crown. It's flanked by golden beaches and bushland, and is home to one of the most famous bridges in the world. Spend some time at Bondi Beach, an iconic stretch of fine sand and curling waves, and one of the world's most famous beach destinations. Later in the afternoon visit the Royal Botanical Garden. On your private walking tour learn about the diverse history and culture of the indigenous people of the Sydney region with an Aboriginal guide. Uncover the Garden's rich Aboriginal heritage by exploring plant uses, culture, artifacts, and tasting some bush foods. Return to your hotel later in the afternoon. Tonight's dinner is included.

Overnight: Radisson Blue Plaza, Sydney or similar (B, D)

Jan 9 | Ayers Rock / Uluru. Early this morning board your 3.5-hour flight to Ayer's Rock and see Australia's most famous natural landmark - Uluru. You will be met by a local guide and assisted with a transfer to your 5-star resort, located in the heart of the Australian Outback. Early this evening travel a short distance to Ayers Rock to view the sunset over this incredible landmark. The site is sacred to the indigenous people, who have lived around Uluru for more than 10,000 years. This means the indigenous people lived here while mammoths were becoming extinct in Eurasia and North America! Tonight a lavish dinner is served in the hotel's dining room.

Overnight: Sails in the Desert, Ayers Rock or similar (B,D)

Jan 10 | Ayers Rock & Palm Cove. Early today leave for an Uluru Sunrise and Base Tour. See ancient rock-paintings, water holes, and hear stories of Aboriginal legends. Enjoy breakfast at the Uluru Cultural Center while you learn about the people of this sacred area. Midday, check in for your 2.5-hour flight bound for Cairns. Upon arrival you will be met by your local guide and travel to Palm Cove, where you will check into your 5-star hotel for the next four nights. Palm Cove is a tiny beachside village and centered around an esplanade lined with 500-year-old melaleuca trees. Palm Cove was named after the palm trees that can be seen for miles along the beach. Dinner tonight is served at your hotel.

Overnight: Pullman Resort, Palm Cove or similar (B,D)

Jan 11 | Kuranda SkyRail & Tjapukai Culture Park. The day begins with a SkyRail ride on the Cableway. Enjoy superb aerial views of the lush rain forest. Spend time in the village of Kuranda, set in the midst of a spectacular rain forest. The village's shops and markets are filled with exotically handcrafted goods. After an included lunch and free time for shopping, visit the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. Explore the rich history of the world's oldest living culture, dating back over 40,000 years and gain a deeper understanding of Australia's diverse Aboriginal heritage brought to life through traditional dance, art, and interactive demonstrations. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

Overnight: Pullman Resort, Palm Cove or similar (B,L)

Jan 12 | Outer Great Barrier Reef. After breakfast you'll begin the experience of a lifetime as you board a high-speed catamaran cruise bound for the Great Barrier Reef. The world's largest coral reef is an area of extraordinary beauty - an amazing underwater world filled with color and variety! After a buffet lunch, the day is yours to fill with memories; swim, snorkel, or stay dry and ride in a semi-submersible coral viewer. Tonight dinner is on your own.

Overnight: Pullman Resort, Palm Cove or similar (B,L)

Jan 13 | Crocodile Adventure & Palm Cove. After breakfast you are off to yet another adventure. Visit Hartley's, one of Australia's most famous wildlife and eco farms with a reputation for excellence. See crocodiles and local wildlife in Tropical North Queensland and learn about sustainable use and conservation at the farm. Explore over a mile of timber boardwalks and pathways leading you on a journey of discovery through woodlands and rainforest. You will see an array of wildlife, including beautiful tropical birds, reptiles, insects, and other native fauna, or take a boat cruise on Hartley's Lagoon to see crocodiles and other wildlife on the melaleuca wetland. Return to your hotel early this afternoon. The remainder of the day is at leisure to further explore Palm Cove Village. Enjoy small boutique shops and art galleries, take a stroll at the beach, or just relax at the hotel's swimming pool. Tonight's included dinner will be prepared for you at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Pullman Resort, Palm Cove or similar (B,D)

Jan 14 | Sydney. This morning board your motor coach and depart for the Cairns airport where you check in for your 3-hour flight to Sydney. Upon arrival transfer to your 5-star hotel. After some time to freshen up, enjoy a Sunset Dinner Cruise over the magical waters of Sydney Harbor as you marvel at the beautiful sights the city has to offer complete with beer, wine and soft drinks!

Overnight: Radisson Blue Plaza, Sydney or similar (B,D)

Jan 15 | Sydney - Embarkation Day. After checking out of your hotel this morning, be part of what is on most traveler's agenda while visiting Sydney, a tour of the world famous Opera house. Officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II on October 20, 1973, this UNESCO World

Heritage masterpiece is one of Sydney's most famous landmarks. Explore theaters and foyers where more than 1,600 concerts, operas, dramas, and ballets take place each year. Just in time for lunch, embark onto your floating hotel for the next 12 days. Get ready to experience laid-back luxury on the all-new Norwegian Spirit, modernized from bow-to-stern. The Spirit underwent a complete renovation and with a capacity of only 2,018 guests, it is the perfect size for the cruise itinerary that is ahead. The ship sets sail at 6PM.

(B,L,D)

Jan 16 | Day at Sea.

Today is yours to explore the beautiful Norwegian Spirit as you sail toward Melbourne.

(B,L,D)

Jan 17 | Melbourne | 8AM-5PM.

Once the richest city in the world thanks to a gold rush, Melbourne is Australia's cultural capital with striking architecture, chic galleries and boutiques. There are a wide variety of optional excursions offered in this bustling city. Wave at a wallaby or get close to a koala at a wildlife park. Feel closer to the land on a ride on the Puffing Billy steam locomotive through the mountains and countryside. Back in the city, explore a different culture and visit Chinatown – the oldest one in the West. Stop at the magnificent Shrine of Remembrance one of the most stunning and recognizable landmarks of Melbourne. Travel past the modern Crown Casino complex and Convention Center, then proceed through the residential suburbs of South Yarra and Toorak, home of Melbourne's elite. Another highlight of your tour is a visit to the Melbourne Museum. It is one of only two World Heritage listed buildings in Australia, the other being the Sydney Opera House.

(B,L,D)

Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel | Sydney | Jan 7 - 9 & 14 - 15, 2023

Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney is an intimate, boutique style, five-star hotel housed within a stunning heritage-listed building and located in the heart of Sydney, and within minutes of many shops and restaurants. The hotel features 364 stylish guest rooms, the Fax Bar, a Health Club, and complimentary internet access.



4.5 Excellent 6,230 reviews

#16 of 205 hotels in Sydney

Location

Cleanliness

Service

Value



4.0 Very good 4,380 reviews

#2 of 4 hotels in Yulara

Location

Cleanliness

Service

Value

Sails In The Desert | Ayers Rock | Jan 9 - 10, 2023

In Australia's Red Centre, the five star Sails in the Desert hotel beautifully contrasts Uluru's raw natural beauty with a decidedly luxurious outback holiday experience. Soaring white sails crown Ayers Rock Resort's Sails in the Desert hotel, shading 228 luxury five star rooms and suites. Discover the passion behind Aboriginal art at Sails in the Desert's Mulgara Gallery. Sails in the Desert hotel features an expansive gumtree lined heated swimming pool and a diversity of modern dining, bar and lounge options.

Pullman Sea Temple Resort and Spa | Palm Cove | Jan 10 - 14, 2023

The five star Pullman Palm Cove Sea Temple Resort & Spa is an excellent choice for travelers visiting Palm Cove, offering a flat screen TV, air conditioning, and a kitchenette, and free wifi. The resort features a concierge, room service, and a rooftop terrace. The Resort offers a pool and a lounge, providing a pleasant respite from your busy day. While you're here, be sure to check out some of the Mediterranean restaurants, including Vivo Palm Cove, Portofino, and Neptune's on the Cove Restaurant, all of which are a short distance from Sea Temple Resort & Spa Palm Cove Hotel.



4.5 Excellent 1,466 reviews

#4 of 8 hotels in Palm Cove

Location

Cleanliness

Service

Value



4.5 Excellent 3,058 reviews

#4 of 73 hotels in Auckland Central

Location

Cleanliness

Service

Value

The Grand by SkyCity | Auckland | Jan 21 - 22, 2023

Discover an oasis of luxury in the heart of Auckland's vibrant city. The beautifully appointed, modern and spacious rooms are just the start of this five star experience. Stunning views, award-winning dining, complimentary Wi-Fi and the tranquil East Day Spa await you. Ample shops, restaurants and the iconic Sky Tower are within easy walking distance from the hotel.

Kira Ora! Welcome to New Zealand



Jan 18 & 19 | At Sea. Two full days at sea give you time to luxuriate in the spa, watch the sunset, and dine with friends. **(B,L,D)**

Jan 20 | Cruising the Fjordland National Park. At 25 miles in length, and five miles wide at its broadest, Dusky Sound is the largest and most spectacular fjord in Fjordland National Park. Captain Cook named Dusky Sound in 1770, as he sailed past its entrance at twilight.

Carved by ancient glaciers, Milford Sound, (which is really a fjord), is the crown jewel of Fiordland National Park and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Its vertical cliffs covered in verdant rainforests provide a breathtaking backdrop to thundering waterfalls, misty rainbows and the tannin-stained waters of the fjord.

Although technically not a sound (it's a fjord), Doubtful Sound is the second longest in New Zealand and the country's second most famous tourist attraction. It does, however, capture the top spot for being the deepest, at over 1,300 feet. **(B,L,D)**

Jan 21 | Dunedin | 9AM-7PM.

Any optional tour you take today should really include a visit to the iconic railway station! Another iconic landmark to visit is the famous Larnach Castle, sitting at the peak of the peninsula. You will see amazing views from the impressive gardens. Another must see is Baldwin Street, the steepest in the world! **(B,L,D)**

Jan 22 | Lyttleton/Christchurch | 8AM-6PM. Just 20 minutes from the center of Christchurch city, Lyttelton is a charming port town with a long history. Back in 1850, the first European settlers landed in Christchurch before heading over the Port Hills to establish their new home. Today, Lyttelton is accessed by an impressive road tunnel. It's a vibrant town, home to a small community of 3,000 residents, filled with bohemian artists, cafés, restaurants, and unique shops to discover. **(B,L,D)**

Jan 23 | Wellington | 8AM-5PM. You're in Lord of the Rings country, Wellington, New Zealand's capital city. Take a behind-the-scenes look at the making of The Lord of the Rings film trilogy or depart on a picturesque drive along lovely Oriental Bay toward Mount Victoria, which offers a spectacular 360 view of Wellington and its well-protected harbor. Visit the Wellington Botanical Gardens, established in the 1860's. Strolling through this wonderland of exotic and indigenous plants, you'll see rare specimens of begonias, heritage roses, and aromatic herbs. **(B,L,D)**

Jan 24 | Napier | 7AM-5PM.

Optional excursions include a half-day city highlights tour, drive through Napier's Art Deco precinct before heading along the coast to sample some of Hawkes Bay's best wines at a small boutique winery. Maybe visit the Art Deco district of Hastings and view some of the historic buildings rebuilt after the 1931 earthquake and soak in some beautiful countryside. **(B,L,D)**

Jan 25 | Tauranga | 11AM-8PM. Rich with native culture and tradition, you'll enjoy a variety of optional excursions and learn about the Maori, the indigenous people of New Zealand. Their language and culture have had a major impact on all facets of New Zealand life and here you can learn about their traditional art, ranging from carving and weaving to group performances and the well known tattooing! **(B,L,D)**

Jan 26 | Bay of Islands | 9AM-6PM.

Take an excursion to the Kawiti Glowworm Caves or travel to Kawakawa, location of the world famous Hundertwasser Toilets, one of the first public toilets seen as an international work of art. Maybe visit the Makana Chocolate factory; sample hand-made chocolate and visit the wood crafts shop. **(B,L,D)**

Jan 27 | Auckland | 8AM. After disembarkation, meet your local guide for a half-day panoramic city tour of Auckland. On your tour see most important sights such as Mission Bay, Bastion Point, Parnell Village and the Auckland Domain, the city's oldest park situated on a 52,000 year-old volcano, and home to tropical gardens, duck ponds and a glorious winter garden. Head back to city center with free time for lunch and shopping before checking into your hotel. This evening take a trip up the Sky Tower, the tallest tower in the Southern Hemisphere with spectacular views of Auckland! Enjoy a farewell dinner (complete with a glass of wine or beer) at New Zealand's only rotating restaurant offering 360-degree views, a truly unforgettable experience that never ceases to delight. **(B,D)**

Jan 28 | Auckland to US. Late this morning you are assisted with your transfer to the Auckland airport for your international flight home. Memories of your time Downunder, and New Zealand will last forever. **(B)**

*itinerary is subject to change

With sufficient participants, Universal Travel will operate its optional, private and unique shore excursions at each port of call on this cruise itinerary.



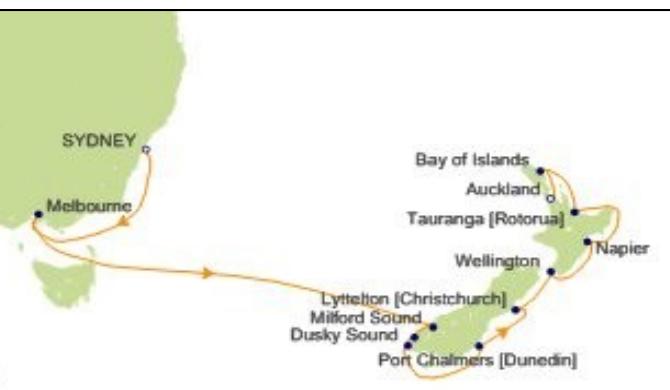
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SPIRIT

	75,904 Gross Register Tonnage		2,018 Guest Capacity double occupancy		880.2ft		121ft		2020 Refurbished Year Built 1998		912 Ship Crew
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When you sail with Norwegian Cruise Line, you are cruising on the most innovative and accommodating fleet on the high seas. NCL's award-winning fleet was built for Freestyle, designed to give you freedom and flexibility for the perfect vacation. Get ready to experience laid-back luxury as you set sail on the **all-new Norwegian Spirit**. The ship has been modernized from bow-to-stern, with its most extensive renovation ever, harmonized to offer the best of Norwegian Cruise Line's exceptional fleet. Every stateroom has been modernized, every bar and lounge redesigned, and every dining experience elevated. The Spirit welcomes you aboard to soak in the stunning views of Australia & New Zealand!



Wave goodbye to the Sydney Opera House as you set sail on your next adventure with twelve days aboard the Norwegian Spirit. On your first port of call explore Melbourne, the coastal capital of the southeastern Australian state of Victoria, before you cross the Tasman Sea. Among Fiordland's spectacular landscapes on the South Island, you can experience the awe of Doubtful Sound's natural beauty. Get the most out of your cruise itinerary by visiting seven ports of call in New Zealand. End your three week adventure with a farewell dinner at the Auckland Sky Tower with spectacular views.

All guests traveling with Universal Travel must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. As government regulations evolve, health and safety protocols will evolve as needed to ensure compliance.

Trip inclusions:

- Roundtrip transfer to the Sioux Falls airport
- Roundtrip International airfare from Sioux Falls to Sydney & from Auckland back to Sioux Falls
- *Services of a Tour Director throughout the itinerary*

Australia Land program:

- 3 flights within Australia (except luggage fees)
- 5 star hotel accommodations
- Luxury motor coach throughout the land itinerary
- 9 Days of sightseeing with local step on guides including Private Sydney Opera House Tour, Private Sydney Botanical Gardens Heritage Tour, Private Uluru Sunset, Sunrise & Base tour, Ayers Rock Cultural Center, One Way Sky Rail Rainforest Cable Car ride, Great Barrier Reef Cruise, Tjapukai Culture Park, Crocodile Adventure at Hartley's Lagoon and Sydney Harbor Dinner Cruise
- 8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners
- Australia & New Zealand Visa Fee
- *All driver & guide gratuities prior your cruise*

New Zealand land program:

- 5 star hotel accommodation in Auckland
- Half Day Panoramic City tour of Auckland (includes Local Step-on guide and luxury motor coach)
- 1 Breakfast & a Farewell dinner at the Auckland Sky Tower
- New Zealand Entrance Fee
- *All driver & guide gratuities while in Auckland*

12 Day Cruise Norwegian Spirit:

- 12 days aboard the Norwegian Spirit in your selected cabin
- All meals on board (exclusions apply)
- 4-night specialty dining (*includes gratuities*)
- Unlimited Beverage & Soda package (exclusions apply) (*includes gratuities*)
- All cruise/port charges, & government taxes
- 250 minutes (per cabin) Internet/WiFi package
- *All Ship Service Fees*

Travel Protection has been purchased on behalf of all travelers. See Plan Document for complete list of covered reasons, including cancellations for medical reasons.

Total per person trip cost Australia & New Zealand Land/Cruise Tour:

**Inside Cabin | Category IB
\$11,295.00 per person**

**Outside Picture Window Cabin | Category OB
\$11,795.00 per person**

**Balcony Cabin | Category BC
\$12,695.00 per person**

**Balcony Cabin | Category BA
\$12,995.00 per person**

Suite Cabins are available upon request

Single occupancy is available upon request

\$1,000.00 deposit is required to confirm reservation

**Final payment is due September 10, 2022
No penalties until September 15, 2022**

Cancellation:

50% non-refundable September 16, 2022

100% non-refundable November 6, 2022

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A valid passport is required for this itinerary and must be valid for at least 6 month after returning back to the USA.

