

From the Outback to the Glaciers

with optional 2-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension



Highlights...

Melbourne • Alice Springs • Ayers Rock • Cairns • Great Barrier Reef • Sydney • Christchurch • Dine with a New Zealand Family • Franz Josef Glacier Region • Queenstown Milford Sound • Mt. Cook National Park

20 Days • 25 Meals: 15 Breakfasts • 2 Lunches • 8 Dinners

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ The origins of the Aboriginal people are conveyed through enchanting stories as you walk through the bush on a 'Dreamtime Tour.'
- ★ Discover the underwater rainbow of coral and fish when you explore the Great Barrier Reef from aboard a glass bottom boat.
- ★ Experience the refined English flavor of the Canterbury region when you dine in a restored mansion.

Day 1 - Day 2: Depart from Home

Today you will board your overnight flight for your trip to Australia and New Zealand. Crossing the International Dateline, you skip a day ahead.

Day 3: Arrive Melbourne, Australia - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne, set around the shores of Port Phillip Bay and boasting a lively and cosmopolitan pulse. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Melbourne

Today's tour of Melbourne features Fitzroy Gardens, valued for their historic, architectural, and horticultural significance. Later, you may like to participate in an optional tour that travels to Phillip Island, arriving at the fascinating home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins. See hundreds of these lovable birds waddling out from the sea as they cross the beach to their burrows in the dunes during the Little Penguin Parade. On this option you will also visit the interpretation center where you will learn about the life of the Little Penguins and their significance to the area. Dinner is included on Phillip Island when you purchase this option. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Melbourne - Alice Springs

You fly to Alice Springs, located in the heart of Central Australia and the Outback. A sightseeing tour includes the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill, with its excellent view of Alice Springs and the surrounding area. Gain insight into the educational system in the Outback with a visit to the School of the Air - you may even see a class in session! A special experience is in store for you this afternoon as you will have the opportunity to meet the young Aboriginal group,

Drum Atweme. Supported by the Collette Foundation, Drum Atweme is a musical group comprised of at-risk youth from the local community. **Tonight, enjoy a memorable dinner in the bush complete with entertainment under the stars.** *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Alice Springs

Discover the culture of the Aboriginal people this morning during the 'Dreamtime Tour.' Your specialist guide, along with members of the Walpiri tribe, will tell you their stories of creation and show you the every day activities of the Aboriginals. You will meet these people at their camp and watch as various dreamtime stories are depicted in paintings. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 7: Alice Springs - Ayers Rock

Today you drive to Ayers Rock in the heart of the Australian Outback. This huge monolith and the sandstone domes of the Olgas were created through the process of upheaval and erosion. **As the sun sets, enjoy a champagne toast and watch as Ayers Rock magically changes color.** *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 8: Ayers Rock - Cairns

This morning, you may take advantage of the option to experience the majesty of sunrise on Ayers Rock as you make your way there via the back of a camel! This afternoon, tour the Olgas and the base of "the Rock," learning about their significance to the Aboriginal culture before leaving behind Australia's Outback. This afternoon you are off to Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. One of the world's most spectacular natural attractions, the reef was established as a marine park in 1975 and is a collective haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. In 1981 the United Nations designated the Great Barrier Reef a World Heritage site. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 9: Great Barrier Reef

Board a high-speed catamaran for an exciting excursion on the Great Barrier Reef. From your base on Green Island, you are able to explore the reef in many ways. Enjoy a trip on a glass bottom boat* where beautifully colored fish swim beneath in their natural habitat. Choose a stroll on the walking trail to take in the rain forest and the beaches,

snorkel or watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. You may also visit the underwater observatory. For a more adventurous encounter with the reef, optional scuba diving and an outer reef tour are also available. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 10: Cairns - Sydney

Explore the rain forest canopy this morning on an optional skyrail tour; make a few stops on the ascent to experience the beauty of this World Heritage Site. Depart for the exciting city of Sydney this afternoon. The evening is yours to independently explore one of the world's friendliest cities. *Today breakfast will be included.*

ROMANTIC TOURS

Day 11: Sydney

Today is a full day exploring the fun-loving city of Sydney. Begin with a tour that includes sights such as Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and the fashionable suburb of Paddington. Discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural sites as you take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. This evening's experience is unforgettable as you dine while cruising the harbour, enjoying views of the city's great icons - the Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 12: Sydney

This morning visit Sydney Wildlife World, located on the shores of Darling Harbour, which showcases Australia's fascinating flora and fauna with three floors of exhibits. Within its walls, over 6,000 native animals are protected. Walk amongst the wallabies and birds when you experience the new interactive walk-through. Visit the koala sanctuary and see Australia's most famous animal species in its natural habitat. Next, enjoy a fascinating opal presentation and learn how raw opals are transformed from the dark mine shafts to beautiful artistic creations. Your discovery of Sydney continues today with time to pursue your own interests. Stroll through the city streets, visit the historic Rocks District, or simply relax. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 13: Sydney - Christchurch, New Zealand

Today you board your flight to begin your exploration of New Zealand. You arrive in Christchurch, a beautiful English city located on the Avon River. Christchurch is considered "the most English city outside of England." A sightseeing tour highlights the city's magnificent gardens, elegant park district and the historic Neo-Gothic Cathedral. **A special treat is in store for you tonight as you dine with a New Zealand family in their home.** Meet and talk firsthand with a friendly Kiwi family who are delighted to share their culture, traditions and home with you. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 14: Christchurch - Franz Josef Glacier Region

Traveling across New Zealand's spectacular Southern Alps, you will marvel at the snowcapped peaks and beautiful river gorges as you wind your way past waterfalls and rugged mountain scenery. You may take a train ride (optional) aboard the Tranz-Alpine Express for a scenic trip through the Southern Alps. You'll end your day in the Franz Josef Glacier Region which offers travellers a rare opportunity to experience a dynamic glacial landscape, in a temperate environment. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 15: Franz Josef - Queenstown

This morning you may choose to view the jagged snow-covered mountaintops by taking an optional flightseeing tour (weather permitting) over New Zealand's beautiful glacier region. Board your coach and journey to Queenstown. An amazing landscape unfolds

before your eyes as you pass through the rain forest, surrounded by the Southern Alps and twisting coastline, revealing New Zealand's most stunning scenery. Cross green glacial lakes, view thundering waterfalls and enjoy dramatic changes in scenery. After crossing the Haast Pass you arrive in Queenstown, one of New Zealand's prettiest towns, nestled beside the mysterious Lake Wakatipu in the Southern Lakes district. This evening enjoy dinner at the Skyline Restaurant where you will enjoy spectacular views overlooking Queenstown, the Remarkable Mountains, and Lake Wakatipu. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 16: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown

Travel through beech forest into the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley via the Homer Tunnel to Milford Sound, where you will enjoy a fascinating cruise. You may choose to return to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 17: Queenstown

Enjoy your day at leisure. Queenstown offers limitless diversions set amidst breathtaking Alpine scenery. Shop in the charming village of Queenstown or enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 18: Queenstown - Mt. Cook

Enjoy a visit to Arrowtown, a boomtown during the 1800's gold rush. Next, enjoy a tasting and tour at one of New Zealand's famous wineries. Stop at a local fruit stand to experience some of the delicious produce that grows in the Central Otago region. Crossing the Kawarau River, you see Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand's most famous national park, Mt. Cook. There will be time to enjoy the Alpine paradise of Mt. Cook – a larger than life experience. You may choose to take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting), or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 19: Mt. Cook - Christchurch

This morning, drive through magnificent landscapes as you return to Christchurch. **Visit a working farm where you will view a demonstration by a skilled New Zealand "strong eye" sheep herding dog, followed by a sheep shearing demonstration. Learn how this New Zealand farm family has survived the changing times.** Tonight, step back in time and experience the true elegance of Canterbury as you dine at a restored mansion and learn about the history of the first settlers of Christchurch. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 20: Christchurch - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today in Christchurch. *Today breakfast will be included.*

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day	1,2	Overnight Flight
Day	3, 4	Rydges Hotel, Melbourne
Day	5, 6	Crowne Plaza, Alice Springs
Day	7	Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock
Day	8, 9	Novotel Rockford Palm Cove, Palm Cove
Day	10 - 12	Novotel Rockford Darling Harbor, Sydney
Day	13	Chateau on the Park, Christchurch
Day	14	Franz Josef Hotel, Franz Josef
Day	15 - 17	Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown
Day	18	Hermitage Lodge, Mount Cook
Day	19	Chateau on the Park, Christchurch

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Please Note:

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Taxes/fees to be paid in local currencies upon exiting New Zealand are approximately 25 NZD (approx. \$15 USD).

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Please note that Collette Foundation sites may not be available for visits due to school holidays or programming challenges.

*If you purchase the outer reef option in the Great Barrier Reef, the glass bottom boat ride will be replaced by a semi-submersible boat on the outer reef pontoon.

Due to changes in air schedules while on tour, the order of days in the itinerary may change.

The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your vacation. These flights need to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Internal flights are included with the air portion of your vacation if you purchase air through Collette Vacations.

Previous clients have indicated that a small gift from your area is appropriate and appreciated the night of your home hosted dinner in New Zealand.

Due to early arrival times in some cities, rooms may not always be ready for immediate check-in.

Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed with the exception of visits to wildlife parks.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

Extend Your Vacation With...

Optional 2-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension Rate: \$599 USD per person, double, land and air included 3 Meals, 2 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 20: Christchurch - Auckland - Nadi, Fiji

Today you will arrive in the beautiful tropical paradise of Fiji. Fijians are warm and friendly, with a welcoming, vibrant South Pacific culture. The expansive sandy beaches and clear ocean waters draw visitors from around the world. Tonight, enjoy a lovely dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 21: Fiji

Today, your day is free to explore what the resort has to offer on this tropical paradise. There are a number of relaxing and fun, adventurous activities you can engage in. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 22: Fiji - Tour Ends

Before your tour ends today in Fiji, an optional island tour is offered. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note: Due to flight schedules, on some departures the optional Fiji extension is 3 nights and is slightly higher priced. *Air inclusive rate is valid for passengers who have purchased Collette's air package for the full tour. Rate will vary for passengers who have purchased their own air. This extension will be hosted by a local representative. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

Visa Requirements:

US and Canadian citizens - ETA (Electronic Travel Authority). Travel agents may do ETAs through their own CRS systems at no charge to the passenger (SABRE - F*TTL/ETAS; WORLDSPAN - HELP ETAS; APOLLO - HELP ETAS). If the travel agent chooses not to process these through their CRS system, they call Qantas at 800-227-4632 no earlier than 30 days prior to departure, between 10 AM - 12 PM Pacific Time, Monday through Friday. They must have a credit card number available. Note: direct clients and group leaders are supplied with ETA form and asked to fax info back to Collette (in care of the Australian ETA Coordinator at fax 401-727-2933 for US passengers and for Canadian passengers fax to 888-882-5820) 45 days prior to departure. The information that is required included: booking number, passport number, expiration date, nationality, country of birth, sex, family name given, first name given, middle name given, and arrival date.

Passports and Visas are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

*Airline Fuel Surcharges: Our air inclusive vacations are priced including airline fuel surcharges valid at time of print. These fuel surcharges are assessed by the airlines and are subject to increase without notice. Government taxes and fees are additional.

Taxes and Fees: Government and Other Authority Taxes and Fees are not included in base fare but are included in the tax amount listed: September 11th Security Fee up to \$10.00, Passenger Facility Charge (PFCs) of up to \$18 per passenger, Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee of up to \$3.50 USD applies per passenger, per segment. US or International Departure and Arrival Fees up to \$350 which vary by itinerary. In order to better serve you, once you complete the booking process your invoice will display your vacation land package, base airfare, fuel surcharge and all taxes and fees as separate line items. Airfares are subject to change. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies, as fees vary by airline and destination.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between

90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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