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Discover South Pacific Wonders

with Optional 3-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension

March 4 – 18, 2026



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15 Days • 22 Meals: 12 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 6 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Christchurch, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Lake Wakatipu Cruise & Sheepdog Demonstration, Choice on Tour: Kiwi Birdlife Park or Skyline Gondola, Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Sydney Opera House

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1, 2 Overnight Flight
 Days 3, 4 Distinction Christchurch Hotel, Christchurch
 Days 5 – 8 Millennium Hotel Queenstown, Queenstown
 Days 9 – 11 Bailey Hotel by Crystalbrook, Cairns
 Days 12 – 14 Novotel Sydney Darling Square, Sydney
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1 – 2: March 4 – 5, 2026 Depart from Home Cross the International Dateline, skipping a day ahead, and begin your adventure of a lifetime.

Day 3: Friday, March 6, 2026 Christchurch, New Zealand Arrive in the historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the city known as "the Garden City" is recreating itself. Meet your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner and start your South Pacific journey off on the right foot. (D)

Day 4: Saturday, March 7, 2026 Christchurch Start your morning with a city tour of Christchurch. Then, pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. A leader in the conservation of New Zealand species, Willowbank offers the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" - the Kiwi, the Kea, the Tuatara, the Kaka, and the Takahe - up close and personal. Then, learn about the local Indigenous culture of the Maori with a paddle on the Avon River in a traditional *waka* (canoe). (B)

Day 5: Sunday, March 8, 2026 Christchurch - Queenstown Depart Christchurch and make your way south to Queenstown. Known as the "Adventure Capital of the World," Queenstown is nestled against a picturesque bay and snowcapped mountains. Arrive in Queenstown in the afternoon and have time to explore independently before dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Monday, March 9, 2026 Queenstown Cruise Lake Wakatipu surrounded by Queenstown's stunning landscape aboard an iconic coal-fired steamship. Then, enjoy a "Kiwi" BBQ lunch lakeside followed by a sheepdog demonstration before sailing back. This evening is yours to enjoy charming Queenstown. (B, L)

Day 7: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley as you travel through an ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. Cruise the Milford Sound and see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, you may choose to return to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

Day 8: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 Queenstown A free morning offers an optional tour taking you through the majestic Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the locations where blockbuster movies have been filmed, or perhaps you'll want to shop and people-watch in the village. Later, **it's your choice!** Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park **-OR-** take a gondola to the top of Bob's Peak for stunning panoramic views of the area. Gather for a "farewell to New Zealand" dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Thursday, March 12, 2026 Queenstown - Cairns, Australia Fly to Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions and a World Heritage site - the Great Barrier Reef. Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (B)

Day 10: Friday, March 13, 2026 Cairns Come to know the history of Australia's original inhabitants at the Rainforestation Nature Park where an Indigenous Pamagirri guide will show you through some of their oldest customs and traditions. Enjoy an "Aussie" BBQ lunch before visiting Hartley's Crocodile Adventures to see crocodiles on a nature cruise. Head through rainforests on boardwalks to see animals such as birds, reptiles, and wallabies. Visit with a koala and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these furry creatures. (B, L)

Day 11: Saturday, March 14, 2026 Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns Board a high-speed catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. Explore the reef from your base on Green Island. Enjoy a glass-bottom boat ride, stroll the island's walking trails, relax on the beach, snorkel or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. For a more adventurous encounter with the reef, an optional outer reef tour is also available. (B, L, D)



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Day 12: Sunday, March 15, 2026 Cairns - Sydney The morning is yours. Enjoy your last few hours in Cairns by relaxing and taking in the tropical atmosphere and surrounding neighborhood. Then, fly to the bustling city of Sydney. (B, D)

Day 13: Monday, March 16, 2026 Sydney See where English colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney, featuring Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, and the Botanic Gardens. Take an expert-led tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then, have the chance to join a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. (B)

Day 14: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 Sydney Embrace the exciting city of Sydney during a day of independent exploration. Tonight, say farewell to Australia while on a delightful dinner cruise of

Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas of the harbor, showcasing Sydney's magnificent skyline, the iconic Sydney Opera House, and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

Day 15: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 Sydney - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure. (B)

Experience It! The Great Barrier Reef

Experience one of the seven wonders of the natural world: The Great Barrier Reef. As the world's largest living organism, find over 2,800 individual coral reef systems which are home to amazingly diverse marine life. From your base on Green Island, there are many ways to explore the Reef at your fingertips. A glass bottom boat ride takes you out to sea and allows you to almost feel as if you were swimming with the fish. Their bright colors look remarkable against the turquoise waters, and the boat reveals it all. Jump in the water to snorkel and really experience the Reef in an immersive way! Stroll along the walking trails, relax on the beaches, or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier.

EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

Optional 4 Days 3-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,699.00 USD double, \$2,299.00 USD single, land & air inclusive

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Book Now rates valid until Sep 06, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Your experience to Milford Sound will require a departure from your hotel at 7:00 am and return at 8:00 pm.

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

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

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our 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.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

IDENTIFICATION

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 guests 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.

Visa Requirements:

US and Canadian citizens: ETA's (Electronic Travel Authority) are required for this tour.

For travel to Australia: Your ETA must be processed in advance of travel through the Australian Immigration website by visiting <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601#HowTo> or by downloading the Australian ETA app on a smartphone. The approximate cost of the ETA application is \$20 Australian Dollars. Please allow for up to 72 hours for processing.



For travel to New Zealand, your NZeTA must be processed in advance through the New Zealand Immigration online system by visiting <https://nzeta.immigration.govt.nz/> (approximate cost of \$12 NZD) or through their mobile app NZeTA (approximate cost of \$9 NZD) in addition to Tourism Levy of \$35 NZD.

Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <https://mohap.gov.ae/en/services/issue-of-permit-to-import-medicines-for-personal-use> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required.

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

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of August 30, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by December 04, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until September 06, 2025.

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