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WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND & FIJI



22 DAYS \$7,995

THE SOUTH PACIFIC IS ONE OF OUR PLANET'S MOST MAGICAL DESTINATIONS. YOUR LOCAL GUIDES TAKE YOU BEHIND THE SCENES TO EXPERIENCE EACH CULTURE UP-CLOSE TO FIND A PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR THE WORLD DOWN UNDER.

DAY 1

Departure day. Depart the USA for our flight to Fiji.

2 Jump the dateline. As we wing our way to Fiji we cross the international dateline and lose a day. Don't worry, we'll get it back upon our return.

3 Life is for the birds. Upon arrival, our Fijian guide will greet us with a traditional Fijian lei. Change money into the local currency before heading to our first activity, and then let's head to Kula Eco Park where distressed animals are rescued and cared for. Want to hold an iguana? You'll learn all about Aussie snakes, and you'll feed birds as we encounter Fijian wildlife. Later, welcome to our beachfront accommodations!

4 Visit a Fijian village. Our visit to the Fijian village will begin with a time-honored Kava ceremony. Traditional Fijian Kava is a drink made with ground pepper-tree root and water. After sharing Kava with the locals, village elders will welcome their visitors. Soon after, we'll journey by longboat up-river to a spectacular waterfall where we will have chance to swim in crystal clear water below the cascade.

5 Fragile eco systems, sand dunes and dry forests. This morning we make the spectacular drive east to the Coral Coast. Destination: Sigatoka Sand Dunes National Park. We'll explore the dunes, spot birds and marine wildlife as guides explain the archaeological history of the region. Learn about the environmental changes that threaten this fragile environment. We'll assist with conservation by transplanting seedlings in the fragile Fijian Dry forest.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit a Fijian village and attend school with local children
- Sail to Fiji's Mystery Island for a day of snorkeling and fun in the sun
- Take center stage in Hobbiton—set of the *Lord of the Rings* movies
- Stay in a Maori Marae See day 13!
- Abseil with Full On
- Explore Sydney's Opera House and Harbor Bridge
- Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef in North Queensland



DAY 6

- 6 Attending School—Fijian style!** This very special day is enjoyed with local students at a Fijian school. After meeting the Principal, the students will greet us and show us their school. We'll spend the day getting to know the students, and understanding what they're learning. If your group brings them, this is an excellent time to present donations for the school.
- 7 Sailing to a tropical paradise.** Journey early to Denarau Marina, gateway to the stunning, sun-drenched tropical isles off Fiji's West coast. We'll board the 110-foot yacht from the Governor General's Brigantine "Ra Marama" for Mystery Island (Tivua). Bask in the sun and enjoy the music & entertainment as we sail. On the beautiful island, glass bottom boat tours, snorkeling the magnificent coral reefs and local games await.
- 8 Aotearoa awaits!** Get a leisurely start and enjoy the amenities of the hotel before heading to the airport for our flight to New Zealand. New Zealand is known as "the land of the long white cloud." In Maori, this is "Aotearoa." We arrive in the largest city, Auckland, known as the City of Sails. You'll see why.
- 9 Hobbitsis, Hobbitsis everywhere!** We'll travel south through the beautiful farmlands of Waikato to Rotorua, stopping at Hobbiton! Prepare yourself to enter the actual set from *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* film saga. No visit would be complete without a cider at the Green Dragon Pub. This is huge fun! Later, meet your homestay family as you begin to experience life Kiwi style.
- 10 School in New Zealand.** Join your homestay host by attending school with them in their hometown. Kiwi students are always interested in making new friends and learning about life in your hometown. Be sure to bring pictures of your hometown and school to share!
- 11 Thermal reserves and a luge.** Bid farewell to your homestay families and journey to Rotorua. Here, we'll ascend Mount Ngongotaha via a gondola and enjoy a birds-eye view. Hang on to your hat as you careen down the side of the mountain by alpine luge (on concrete, not ice). After lunch, explore Waimangu Thermal Valley's amazing thermal pools and volcanic craters.
- 12 Go Full On, mate!!** Prepare to be challenged in this 1-day, exclusive-to-Quo program. Full On is designed to stimulate your mind and challenge ideas that block your success, provoking thought and creating more questions than answers. You will learn powerful tools and strategies to support you in answering some of those questions! You'll work with the Full On crew (they're Full On by name and nature) to understand and put into practice strategies for getting more out of the rest of your life. Your Full On day will be one to remember for years to come. The climax of the day is an abseil from a cliff!
- 13 Maori culture.** This morning, soak in the warm waters of the thermal valley before enjoying English style tea and lunch at the beautiful Blue Baths. This afternoon, transfer to the Marae, a traditional Maori meeting house. A special welcome awaits, as we join the local Maori for a Hangi, or feast. Following an evening of story, song, and dance, we will be invited to sleep in the meetinghouse. This is a great honor, and a very special part of your journey.
- 14 Journey back to Auckland.** Back to Auckland to settle into our hotel and reflect on our time in New Zealand.
- 15 Practice saying g'day, mate!** Bid farewell to your Kiwi Delegation Manager and board your flight across the Tasman Sea to Sydney, Australia. Upon arrival, we'll dive right into Australian culture by learning about some of the most popular Australian sports; Aussie rules football and cricket. Learn the basics, then give it a go with some locals! This evening, Sydney's spectacular skyline forms the backdrop for our evening dinner cruise, sailing under Sydney Harbor Bridge and past the world famous Opera House as we enjoy our meal.
- 16 The wonders of the Blue Mountains.** Let's discover the Blue Mountains, which lie west of Sydney. See the spectacular Three Sisters rock formation and learn about Aboriginal culture as we participate in a traditional dance. Try your hand at playing the didgeridoo, or see if you can get a boomerang to return to you. This evening, we'll explore Darling Harbor and try kangaroo!
- 17 Hang ten and sing an Aria if you like!** Prepare to brag to your friends; today you'll learn to surf at the world famous Bondi Beach. Then, get an up-close look inside the Sydney Opera House. Plus, ever heard of Opals? They're a gemstone that's unique to Australia. We'll visit an Opal expert who explains where they originate and how they're mined. Tonight, Australian families host dinner so we can experience a taste of Australian life.
- 18 Tropical North Queensland!** Next, we'll catch a flight to Cairns in Northern Queensland. A warm climate awaits, and we'll enjoy a swim at the Esplanade Lagoon before heading to dinner where we can try barramundi, a tasty local fish.
- 19 The Great Barrier Reef.** The Great Barrier Reef is so large that it can be seen from space. Board a high-speed catamaran and journey into the ocean for our reef adventure. Biologists will introduce us to the many species we will see today. Then we'll snorkel, enter the underwater observation room and have a glass-bottom boat adventure. There is much to learn from the abundance of marine life on this beautiful reef.
- 20 The rainforest canopy.** Rainforests, like the one you'll visit today in Northern Queensland, are an important and delicate ecosystem. Learn what threatens its survival and the consequences of its destruction. Then, experience it from a unique perspective—traverse the canopy on an elevated walkway at the Wooroonooran National Park!
- 21 Port Douglas—for lunch with the birds.** Our journey takes us north to Port Douglas where we visit a wildlife sanctuary. Lunch with parrots and rainbow lorikeets in a unique aviary restaurant. Then it's our chance to pose with a koala—you'll want a photo of that! Later, join the Kubirri Warra bothers who will teach us about coastal Aboriginal life. On our last night, a final shopping opportunity at the Cairns Night Market.
- 22 Homeward bound.** Time to reflect on our journey through the South Pacific before our long flight home.