

TRAVEL TO REMEMBER

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AUSTRALIA – EAST to WEST

September 24 – October 5, 2019

with New Zealand Extension.

Escorted by Bob Zehr

Wednesday, Sept. 24.. Depart US for our international flight to Perth

Thursday, Sept. 26 Arrive into Perth International airport where your driver will meet you and transfer you to the hotel. This evening enjoy a 3-course included welcome dinner at the hotel as we settle in for a good nights rest.

Friday, Sept. 27 Enjoy Breakfast at the hotel and then we set out on a city tour with our driver-guide who will give a commentary and take you around the city. We will see the city highlights of Perth including the Botanic Gardens at Kings Park, WACA cricket ground, historic Perth Mint, Swan Bell Tower, Royal Yacht club and St Georges Road before heading to Fremantle.



Lunch is on you own along with some time to peruse the shops and markets or soak up the charming sandstone buildings. We will return to the city by joining the river cruise from Fremantle to Perth.

Highlights of the day:

- Barrack Street Jetty
- Swan Bell Tower
- See the Western Australia cricket ground
- Visit Kings Park and the Botanic Gardens

- Historic Perth Mint with colonial architecture – **Entrance and tour included**
- Upmarket suburbs of Peppermint Grove and Dalkeith
- The Royal Perth Yacht Club - once home to the America's Cup
- Stunning Cottesloe Beach on the Indian Ocean coastline
- Some time to explore historic Fremantle with it's relaxing atmosphere
- Captain Cook River Cruise - **Cruise from Fremantle to Perth Included**

Saturday, Sept 28 After breakfast at the hotel, we will set off for a tour of the Pinnacles-



a fascinating day of spectacular natural contrasts. Take in big sky plains, koalas and kangaroos, massive sand dunes and emerald waters lapping pristine white sandy beaches. Then we see the dramatic Pinnacles Desert - arid, vast seemingly lifeless yet inhabited by strange limestone pillars rising through the sand. We will enjoy an included winery visit with lunch before we head back to Perth.

Highlights of today include:

- Caversham Wildlife Park - an opportunity to see koalas, wombat and kangaroo close up

Enjoy a Winery Lunch with wine tasting

See Nambung National Park - home of the Pinnacles



**Sunday,
Sept 29**

Enjoy an early breakfast and then we check out and proceed to the train station to check in for the Indian Pacific.



Like a 3 day riverboat cruise, you watch as the scenery goes by and then have a chance to get off the train for the included off train excursions that are more completely described in the attachment. Our three days on the train include all meals and drinks. We will travel over 2700 miles across the Australian continent from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific.

Our journey from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean begins as we pull away from the platform in Perth mid-morning. Enjoy a superb, modern Australian lunch as we glide through the picturesque rolling hills of the Avon Valley. Take in the views and perhaps a glass of fine wine before indulging in a three-course dinner prior to our late-night arrival in the famed Wild West township of Kalgoorlie. Here guests will enjoy an Off-Train Excursion and gain an insight into the town's history before retiring to the comfort of their cabin.



Monday Sept. 30 Awake to the spectacular expanse of the Nullabor Plain before enjoying a breakfast off the train. A selection of regionally inspired meals from the lunch menu is yours to choose as an ever-changing landscape passes by your window and you reflect on the harshness, remoteness but captivating beauty of the region, before experiencing the charms of the once thriving community and now ghost town of Cook. Another mouth-watering dinner is followed by relaxed conversation in the Lounge before a restful night's sleep and subsequent arrival into the graceful and picturesque city of Adelaide.

Tuesday, October 1 Today, you have a choice of a city walking tour where you can enjoy a feast for every sense at the extraordinary Adelaide Central Market or a bus tour taking in the world-famous Adelaide Oval and Adelaide Hills. Back aboard the train, the journey continues and lunch is



served while in the distance the magnificent Flinders Ranges passes by and the rugged, rocky landscape gives way to outback scrub as we arrive into Broken Hill in the early evening. Here there is again a choice of cultural Off Train Excursions before dining back on the train and taking time out to socialize with fellow guests in the Lounge.



Wednesday, October 2

Wake up to breakfast in the spectacular Blue Mountains before arriving at Sydney Central Station. The Off-Train excursion at the Blue Mountains includes tea at Scenic World and a 2-course lunch at Look Out Echo Point restaurant. After lunch, we arrive into Sydney Central, where we will be taken by bus to our hotel.

Sydney enjoys a relaxed outdoor and beach lifestyle, combined with arts and culture, fine food and wine, nature and cosmopolitan shopping and nightlife. Catch a ferry at Circular Quay for views of the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge from the water. Darling Harbour is a favourite family leisure and entertainment precinct.

In the city centre, historic arcades such as the Queen Victoria Building and The Strand are packed with designer fashion stores. In Newtown, find vintage fashion and quirky boutiques; while Mosman and Double Bay have more upmarket boutiques and cafes.



Unwind in tranquil spaces such as Centennial Parklands, Hyde Park or the Royal Botanic Gardens. Don't miss the world-famous beaches of Bondi and Manly. The city's coastal walks are a perfect way to take in the golden beaches, dramatic headlands, sandstone cliffs and national parks. Sydney is bordered by the Pacific Ocean to the east, the Blue Mountains to the west, the Hawkesbury River to the north and the Royal National Park in the south.



Thursday, October 3 This morning, we meet our guide and set off on a full day city tour of Sydney. We start with a 1-hour tour of the Opera House. When the Sydney Opera House became a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site in 2007, it was hailed as "one of the indisputable masterpieces of human creativity, not only in the 20th century but in the history of humankind".

Now it's our turn to step inside this iconic landmark and discover the stories behind Danish architect Jorn Utzon's remarkable achievement. What inspired him to base his revolutionary design on ships' sails? How did he solve an engineering challenge considered one of the most difficult attempted anywhere in the world? We will find out on this very special one-hour guided tour into the intricate workings of a living, breathing Opera House. We will explore the hallowed theatres and foyers where more than 1600 concerts, operas, dramas and ballets take place each year and your experienced guide will be on hand to lead you through every aspect of the building's 14-year creation and 58-year history.

You will run your hands over the world-famous shell tiles, take a seat in the elegant custom-made white birch timber chairs and marvel at the vaulted ceilings of one of the biggest pillar-free chambers in the world. Once you've visited areas off limits to the general public and captured photographs from rare vantage points inside the majestic Sydney Opera House, you'll realize that from the outside you're only getting half the story.

Later we visit Macquaries Chair, pass the Town Hall, Hyde Park, and take a short walk in the Rocks area, view the Harbour Bridge, Darling Harbour and the world famous Bondi Beach. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Friday, Oct. 4 After breakfast at the hotel, you have a free day to relax or take an optional tour. (extra cost of \$150.00 per person)

Optional Tour: Full-day Wilderness and Outback Explorer private tour.

Located just 45 minutes north of central Sydney, the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park is one of Australia's most picturesque and diverse landscapes.

Your tour begins deep in the heart of Sydney's iconic **Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park**, home to one of the world's most concentrated collection of recorded Indigenous Heritage Sites, and its remarkably peaceful waterways. Here, you will enjoy a world-class lookout from West Head and your expert guide will share the rich history of a sacred, largely unknown yet extensive Aboriginal Heritage site abundant in rock engravings.



Your first stop is West Head lookout where you can take in incredible views of the Tasman Sea, Pittwater and the historic sandstone lighthouse on Barrenjoey Headland. Gazing across Broken Bay, see the beaches of the Central Coast and Lion Island, which shelters the largest population of little penguins in the Sydney area.

The Park is home to the world's most concentrated area of Indigenous sites and you will enjoy interpretation at several ancient Aboriginal sites (some only accessible by water).

You will enjoy a 2.5 hour scenic cruise through pristine National Park waterways, admiring the Aussie bush and imagine what Sydney Harbour looked like prior to the arrival of the Europeans in the late-1700s.

Lunch is included and is your choice of salmon, chicken, ham and beef rolls.

In addition:

- a mixture of apples, bananas and mandarins is offered in the morning.
- a fruit platter consisting watermelon, strawberries and citrus is offered after lunch on the boat.
- juice, (real) coffee and tea is available on the boat
- Double Choc Tim Tams
- water is provided all day.

Return to the city around 4:30pm.

This evening we have a 3-course farewell dinner at a restaurant with a glass of wine

Saturday Oct. 5 After Breakfast, we will transfer to the airport. For those not on the extension, you will board your flight home!

EXTENSION to NEW ZEALAND



You will board your flight from Sydney to Auckland and will be met by our driver/guide. En route to the hotel, enjoy an Auckland City Sightseeing Tour including visits to Parnell Village, Auckland Domain, Mt Eden (please note coaches can't drive up to Mt Eden and guest will have to walk to the summit), view the Harbour Bridge, Auckland Viaduct, and Queen Street.

Enjoy a visit to Auckland's Domain Gardens and to the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Housed in one of New Zealand's outstanding historical buildings, you'll see the monumental carvings, canoes and taonga (treasures) of the Maori people along with an impressive collection of artefacts and exhibits depicting the growth of the country. This tour includes admission to, and guided tour of, the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

Later this afternoon, we will then be transferred to our hotel for check-in, where you can enjoy the rest of your afternoon at leisure. We will have time to relax at the hotel later this afternoon, before taking an easy walk over to the Sky Tower, to the Orbit Restaurant for our 3 course included dinner.

After dinner, guests can choose to travel back up to the Observation Deck of the Sky Tower for views of Auckland City by night, or you may wish to continue your night at one of the many pubs or bars along Federal Street, with a leisurely stroll back to the hotel.



Sunday, October 6 We enjoy a full breakfast at the hotel before we leave for our day tour from Auckland down to the Waitomo Glowworm Caves then on to Rotorua. Follow the meandering path of the Waikato River, through the Bombay Hills, Huntly, farmlands of the Waikato region and the small settlements of Taupiri and Horotiu.

Our first stop today will be at the fascinating Waitomo Caves. We tour the amazing limestone caverns and sail through the still waters of the sparkling Glowworm Grotto

After our visit to the caves, we make our way across the Waikato Region to the Bay of Plenty city of Rotorua. Rotorua has an immense tourism presence in New Zealand, representing history, tradition and culture. Surrounded by the unmistakable smell of bubbling sulphuric geysers, Rotorua is a hydrothermal experience of a lifetime. We will have an orientation tour of the city before transferring to your hotel for check in.

This evening is an opportunity to be immersed in the culture and traditions of New Zealand's native people, the Maori. The bus will take us to the Maori Village Experience and Hangi Dinner. Upon completion, you will be transferred back to your hotel.



Monday, October 7 After breakfast at the hotel we head out for a day of sightseeing around the Rotorua region. Begin your morning with the hilarious antics of New Zealand sheep, farm dogs, geese and lambs at the Agrodome Farm Show, then visit Rainbow Springs, abundant with Rainbow Trout and native fauna including the kiwi, including a behind-the-scenes Kiwi Encounter experience.



After our visit to Rainbow Springs, you will make your way over to the Skyline Gondola and take the gondola to the summit of Mt Ngongotaha where you will enjoy an included buffet lunch taking in breath-taking views of Lake Rotorua, the city and steaming geothermal vistas.

Discover Te Puia Thermal Reserve with a guided tour of the Whakarewarewa Geothermal Valley. Venture into a landscape unlike any other, where you will see bubbling mudpools and active geysers. Watch the world-famous Pohutu geyser unleash vapor jets up to 30 metres high.

Enjoy the remainder of your afternoon, and evening at leisure.

Tuesday, October 8

Have breakfast at the hotel and then head out for our last day with a tour up to 'The Shire' – Hobbiton in Matamata. We will travel through the rolling green hills of Waikato farmland to Matamata where we will visit the fascinating Hobbiton Movie Set and enjoy a Marquee Festival Feast Lunch – fare fit for a Hobbit! The feast includes a selection of fresh breads, hot meat dishes, pastas, vegetable dishes and salads, followed by cake and slices of fresh fruit.



After our lunch and adventures in Hobbiton, we head to the Auckland Airport and check in for our flight home

Price: The price for the Australian adventure is currently estimated at \$5700.00 including international airfare. This price may fluctuate depending the rate of exchange with the Australian Dollar.

Included: All International flights from Indianapolis to Perth, Auckland to Indianapolis
All local transportation
3 nights accommodation in Perth (Hyatt Regency or similar)
3 nights accommodations on Indian Pacific Railroad
3 nights accommodations in Sydney (Hyatt Regency/Park Royal or similar)

Daily Breakfast,
5 Lunches
5 Dinners
Full day city tour of Perth
Captain Cook Cruise back from Freemantle to Perth
Full day tour to Pinnacles
Winery tour with a wine lunch
All meals and drinks on the train
All excursions on the train (see attachment)
Full day guided tour of Sydney
1 hour Opera House tour

The 3 night extension to New Zealand is estimated at an additional \$1700.00 per person (dbl occupancy) including airfare from Sydney to Auckland.

The Extension to Auckland/New Zealand includes:

Local Transportation.
3 Nights 4-5 star hotels.
Day tours as indicated
Daily Breakfast
1 Lunch
1 Dinner

Does not include:

Items of a personal nature
Souvenirs
Travel Insurance
Optional Tours

Payments: To hold a spot on the trip, a payment of \$2000 per person is required by March 15, 2019. with the final balance due July 15, 2019. Other payment plans can be arranged.

Flights: We endeavor to book flights, using economy class seats, that provide the best schedule at lowest price. Upgrades to Business Class on the same itinerary may be available. For a price quote, please let me know. You may choose to book your own airfare because you are traveling on a different itinerary or using Frequent flyer miles, please let me know that you will not be using the group fare. If you would like to alter either your departing flight or your return flight and leave early or return later, we can make that change with the group fare. Please let me know the specifics of your itinerary so I can get a quote. For all flights, You will need to provide information from your passport, your name, exactly as it appears on your passport along with your date of birth, passport number and the passport expiration date.

Cancellation:

Once you have made a payment, If you must cancel before 120 days prior to the trip, you will be entitled to a full refund. Between 120 days and 30 days prior to the trip, you will be entitled to a refund of the total trip cost less the cost of the airline ticket and any non refundable deposits paid to hotels and other vendors plus a handling fee of \$200.00. If you cancel less than 30 days prior, there will be no refund. If you cancel after 120 days prior and the airfare has been paid, you may be entitled to an airline credit less the change fee assessed by the airline. Usually you have one year to use the value of the ticket minus the change fee set by the airline, currently at \$300.00.

Trip Insurance:

You may wish to purchase trip insurance to protect your cost of the trip in case of a last minute emergency. Upon receipt of your deposit, you will receive an application for trip insurance. Please note that insurance will only cover pre-existing conditions if it is purchased within 14 days of your initial deposit. You can also purchase and compare insurance plans on the website www.insuremytrip.com. You can purchase trip insurance to cover limited situations or you can purchase insurance that will allow you to cancel for any reason. Prices and various plans are available.

Baggage: Most carriers allow for one free checked bag on international flights. You may be charged for a second checked bag. You will be allowed a small carry-on and one personal bag. Please be sure you meet the specifications for the carry on bag so you are not surprised with a charge at check in.

Selection of Vendors: Travel to Remember, LLC will use the following guidelines for the selection of international and domestic land and air suppliers. All suppliers will be chosen from those recommended by other known and trusted vendors in our industry. We will look for suppliers that have a proven track record for safety and a reputation for being the most experienced local receptive operators. Suppliers will be expected to comply with all local insurance and licensing regulations. One of the tour managers from Travel to Remember will accompany all excursions to make sure that the suppliers provides the best in service and customer response.

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#1 Passport Expiration Date _____ #2 Passport Expiration Date _____

Please register me for single occupancy ____ Please help me find a roommate ____

I/We are also interested in the Extension to New Zealand _____

Payment Schedule

Checks made out to: "Travel to Remember" Memo: "Australia 2019"

Deposit of \$2000 per person – by March 15, 2019

Final Payment of balance –July 15, 2019

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