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Club Travel**

# EXPLORING AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

September 2-23, 2017

**22 days for \$8,984 total price from San Francisco**  
(\$8,595 air & land inclusive plus \$389 airline taxes and fees)



**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for  
the Commonwealth Club**



**Dear Club Travelers,**

Australia and New Zealand offer visitors a wealth of spectacular natural scenery and cultural diversity – from the Great Barrier Reef to the historic Sydney Opera House to breathtaking Milford Sound.

Your 22-day journey begins in Australia’s Far North – Cairns – with a day-long excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. Fly to Alice Springs where you embark on an Aboriginal “dreamtime” tour and watch the sun set over Ayers Rock. Enjoy a three-night stay in cosmopolitan Sydney then a two-night stay in New Zealand’s remarkable Mt. Cook National Park. You cruise stunning Milford Sound and explore Queenstown. Experience Maori culture in geothermal Rotorua before concluding your tour in Auckland.

Space on this exclusive Commonwealth Club tour is limited to just 24 travelers and will fill quickly. Please call today to reserve your place on this unique and exciting journey!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth, Director of Travel

**COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM: EXPLORING AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) on **Exploring Australia & New Zealand** departing **September 2, 2017**. I/we understand the final payment is due 95 days prior to departure (or by May 30, 2017). Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send to: Commonwealth Club Travel, P.O. Box 194210, San Francisco, CA 94119. For reservations and information, call (415) 597-6720, fax (415) 597-6729, or e-mail travel@commonwealthclub.org.**

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/we request an air upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

**Post-Tour “Auckland – On Your Own” Extension:** Please sign me/us up

The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Exploring Australia & New Zealand, September 2-23, 2017**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:

- I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.
- Please use the credit card information below to sign me up or renew my membership.
- I will visit commonwealthclub.org/membership to sign up for a membership.

**Method of Payment**     Check     American Express     Discover     MasterCard     VISA

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

Tour membership limited to 24 guests

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**S**mall group touring and the Lands Down Under – they add up to a perfect combination as we travel from Australia’s spectacular Great Barrier Reef and the storied Outback to sophisticated Sydney; from New Zealand’s towering Mt. Cook and breathtaking Milford Sound to high-spirited Queenstown and nautical Auckland.



**Saturday & Sunday, September 2 & 3:**  
**Depart U.S. for Cairns, Australia**

**Monday, September 4: Arrive Cairns** This afternoon we arrive in Cairns, gateway to Australia’s Far North and the Great Barrier Reef. We transfer to our hotel where tonight we enjoy a briefing and dinner. **D**

**Tuesday, September 5: Cairns/Kuranda** We take an orientation tour of Cairns then board an historic railway to the mountain village of Kuranda. After time to explore here, we descend via the gondolas of Skyrail. We return to our hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Cairns independently. **B**

**Wednesday, September 6: Great Barrier Reef** This morning we board a boat for a day-long excursion to the Great Barrier Reef, at 1,200 miles long the world’s largest living organism and richest marine resource. We pull up at Michaelmas Cay where we can swim, snorkel, or view the reef from a semisubmersible vessel. **B,L**

**Thursday, September 7: Cairns/Alice Springs** We take a morning flight to Alice Springs, where we see the Anzac Hill Monument to Australian and New Zealand soldiers, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and School of the Air, which provides schooling to widely scattered Outback children. Tonight we enjoy a traditional dinner in the “bush.” **B,D**

**Friday, September 8: Alice Springs** This morning we embark on an Aboriginal “dreamtime” tour, to meet Walpiri tribespeople and learn about their ancient culture. Then we visit Simpsons Gap and Standley Chasm, where we enjoy a picnic lunch and see the sheer rock walls aglow in reflected sunlight. **B,L**

**Saturday, September 9: Alice Springs/Ayers Rock** We reach our Ayers Rock hotel early afternoon. After lunch on our own, we visit Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, a UNESCO

Avg. High (°F)	Sep	Oct
Sydney	67	71
Alice Springs	81	88
Queenstown	56	60

## Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Ride aboard Vintage Kuranda steam train and Sky-rail gondolas ... Great Barrier Reef excursion ... Aboriginal “dreamtime” experience ... Sunset at Ayers Rock ... Sydney touring and Harbour cruise ... Christchurch touring ... Two-night stay at Mt. Cook National Park ... Milford Sound cruise ... Geothermal Rotorua ... Maori cultural experience

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1-2	Depart U.S. for Cairns		
3-5	Cairns	Pullman Reef Casino	Deluxe
6-7	Alice Springs	DoubleTree by Hilton	Sup. First Class
8	Ayers Rock	Sails in the Desert	Sup. First Class
9-11	Sydney	Sir Stamford	Deluxe
12	Christchurch	Rydges Latimer Christchurch	Sup. First Class
13-14	Mt. Cook	Hermitage	First Class
15-17	Queenstown	Hotel St. Moritz	First Class
18-19	Rotorua	Regent of Rotorua	First Class
20-21	Auckland	Stamford Plaza	Sup. First Class
22	Depart Auckland for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover Photo: Serene Milford Sound ranks as New Zealand’s most popular destination.





We tour Sydney's iconic Opera House on September 13.

World Heritage site that is the traditional land of the Anangu Aboriginal peoples and home to the Olgas rock formations and Uluru (Ayers Rock). We watch the sun set over this fabled sandstone monolith that rises to a height of 1,114 feet. **B,D**

**Sunday, September 10: Ayers Rock/Sydney**

This morning we visit the base of Uluru and the interesting museum here. Mid-day we fly to Sydney, arriving late afternoon. **B,D**

**Monday, September 11: Sydney** Today's tour features the breathtaking Royal Botanic Gardens, Darling Harbour and Mrs. Macquarie's Point, Rose and Watson's bays, and popular Bondi Beach. Then we board a catamaran for a lunch cruise around Sydney Harbour. **B,L**

**Tuesday, September 12: Sydney** This morning we tour Featherdale Wildlife Park, where wombats, dingoes, and koalas (among other creatures) reside. Then the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to explore Sydney as we wish. Tonight we enjoy dinner together in the city's popular "Rocks" area at the Waterfront Restaurant, with excellent seafood and a beautiful setting. **B,D**

**Wednesday, September 13: Sydney/Christchurch, New Zealand** After a late morning tour of the iconic Sydney Opera House, this afternoon is free for independent exploration. This evening we board a flight to Christchurch, New Zealand's "Garden City." **B**

**Thursday, September 14: Christchurch/Mt. Cook National Park** This morning's orientation tour features the acclaimed Botanic Gardens and "Re:START Mall," the vibrant civic area that rose from the rubble of the 2011 earthquake. Then we board our motorcoach for the journey

south to Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park, stopping en route at a farm to watch a sheep-shearing demonstration and to see the amazing sheep dogs in action. Upon reaching Mount Cook in the Southern Alps late today, we dine at our hotel. **B,D**

**Friday, September 15: Mount Cook** This morning's tour of alpine Mount Cook Village includes a visit to the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Center, where we see a 3D planetarium movie about the region. We also visit the Hillary Gallery, commemorating Sir Edmund's achievements, including the first ascent of Mount Cook's difficult South Ridge in 1948. At 12,316 feet, Mount Cook is New Zealand's tallest mountain. After time in the village for lunch on our own, this afternoon is at leisure to relax amid the breathtaking scenery, hike, or take an optional scenic flight (weather permitting). **B,D**

**Saturday, September 16: Mount Cook/Queenstown** We depart this morning for

### Post-Tour Extension

September 23-25, 2017

#### AUCKLAND – ON YOUR OWN

3 days/2 nights for \$265 total price  
Single Supplement: \$165

*Enjoy additional time in the sparkling "City of Sails" at your own pace.*

#### Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Stamford Plaza (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport

Queenstown, stopping en route in historic Arrowtown for lunch on our own followed by a visit to Kawarau Bridge Bungy, the world's first bungy jump operation open to the public. Mid-afternoon we reach Queenstown, New Zealand's "adventure capital." We dine tonight at our hotel. **B,D**

**Sunday, September 17: Milford Sound** Our day-long excursion to Milford Sound includes a nature cruise through the breathtaking fjords. We have lunch on board then later have the opportunity to return to Queenstown on an optional scenic flight (weather permitting). **B,L**

**Monday, September 18: Queenstown** Today is free to explore Queenstown independently. Lunch and dinner are on our own and the city boasts a robust dining scene. **B**

**Tuesday, September 19: Queenstown/Rotorua** We depart today for Rotorua, with its geysers, bubbling mud pools, and hot thermal springs; and a center of Maori culture. Our tour here includes the government gardens and the acclaimed Rainbow Springs Nature Park. The park offers an up-close look at New Zealand's biodiversity, featuring native trees and a host of endemic plant and bird species, along with a nursery pool for the noted New Zealand rainbow trout. Here we visit New Zealand's largest kiwi hatchery, where the country's famous birds are nurtured before being released into the wild. **B**

**Wednesday, September 20: Rotorua** This morning and early afternoon are at leisure; late afternoon we visit Te Puia Thermal Reserve and Maori Cultural Center for a traditional *hangi* dinner and performance. **B,D**

**Thursday, September 21: Rotorua/Auckland** En route to Auckland, we stop this morning at Ruakuri Caves to see the unique glowworms that illuminate the underground grottoes and caves. We reach Auckland late this afternoon; we're on our own for dinner tonight. **B**

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 19 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 33 meals: 19 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Educational lecture/study leader with a minimum of 15 guests
- Additional Commonwealth Club representative at 20 guests
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Aboriginal site of Uluru (Ayers Rock)

**Friday, September 22: Auckland** Our half-day tour of this city set atop 48 volcanic hills features glittering Auckland Harbour and the America's Cup Village. We also visit the War Memorial Museum, with its prized Maori and Pacific Islander collections. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel. **B,D**

**Saturday, September 23: Depart for U.S.** Very early this morning we depart for the airport for the flight to Los Angeles (via Sydney) and our return flights home. **B**

### Tour Departs: September 2, 2017

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

San Francisco	\$8,984
Los Angeles	\$8,684
Washington, DC, New York	\$9,184
Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis	\$9,084
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$7,595

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$389, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,995. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: Business Class - \$6,995 per person; Premium Economy - \$2,895 per person (upgrades subject to availability and pricing subject to change). Upgrades are in addition to the costs above.

**Please note: This trip involves full days of sightseeing and significant amounts of walking on stairs and uneven surfaces. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.**

Contact Club Travel

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## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

### Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odyssey's Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion; (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

### Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-85 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

### Eligibility

We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn a bout membership types and to purchase a membership, visit [commonwealthclub.org/membership](http://commonwealthclub.org/membership) or call (415) 597-6720.

### Insurance

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.

### Responsibility

The liability of the Commonwealth Club, as sponsor, and Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Commonwealth Club and Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

### Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Commonwealth Club and Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unspent portion of the tour.

### Air Transportation – Important Information

Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own flight arrangements for an alumni tour and not use those provided by the tour company, we recommend that you not do so until making your final payment to the tour company confirming details of your trip's scheduled departure. However, if you choose to make your own flight arrangements, Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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