

EXPLORING AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

February 8-March 2, 2017

23 days for \$9,357 total price from San Francisco
(\$8,295 air & land inclusive plus \$1,062 airline taxes and fees)



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



Dear Members and Friends of the Commonwealth Club,

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 23-day journey begins in Australia’s Far North – Cairns, with a day-long excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. Fly to Alice Springs and embark on an aboriginal “dreamtime” tour, and watch the sun set over Ayers Rock. Spend four nights in Sydney. Take a catamaran cruise in the harbor and tour the iconic Sydney Opera House. Fly to picturesque New Zealand and drive to Mt. Cook National Park for a two-night stay. Explore New Zealand’s “adventure capital” Queenstown, and visit stunning Milford Sound. Experience the geothermal features of Rotorua and learn about the local Maori culture. Conclude in Auckland, with sightseeing and time on your own.

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 February 8, 2017. I/we understand the final payment is due 95 days prior to departure (or by November 5, 2016). 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, 555 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. For reservations and information, call (415) 597-6720, fax (415) 597-6729, or email travel@commonwealthclub.org.

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____ Badge Name(s) _____

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, February 8-March 2, 2017, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

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

- I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.
 Please renew my membership with the credit card information provided here.
 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 _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

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.

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Small 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 and Ayers Rock to sophisticated Sydney; from New Zealand’s rebuilt Christchurch, towering Mt. Cook, and breathtaking Milford Sound to high-spirited Queenstown and nautical Auckland.



Wednesday & Thursday, February 8 & 9: Depart U.S. for Cairns, Australia

Friday, February 10: 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**

Saturday, February 11: 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**

Sunday, February 12: 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 semi-submersible vessel. **B,L**

Monday, February 13: Cairns/Alice Springs We take a morning flight to Alice Springs, where we see the Anzac Hill Monument to Australian and New Zealand soldiers, Royal Flying Doctors 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**

Tuesday, February 14: 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**

Wednesday, February 15: 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)	Feb	Mar
Sydney	78	76
Alice Springs	95	90
Queenstown	70	67

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Ride aboard Vintage Kuranda steam train and Skyrail gondolas ... Great Barrier Reef excursion ... Sunset at Ayers Rock ... Sydney touring and Harbour cruise ... Koala Sanctuary Park ... Christchurch ... Two-night stay at Mt. Cook National Park ... Milford Sound cruise ... Geo-thermal 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
9-12	Sydney	Sir Stamford	Deluxe
13	Christchurch	Rydges Christchurch	Sup. First Class
14-15	Mt. Cook	Hermitage	First Class
16-18	Queenstown	St. Moritz	First Class
19-20	Rotorua	Regent of Rotorua	First Class
21-22	Auckland	Stamford Plaza	Sup. First Class
23	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 February 20.

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**

Thursday, February 16: 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**

Friday, February 17: Sydney Today's tour features the breath-taking 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**

Saturday, February 18: Sydney This morning we tour Feather-dale Park, where koalas reside. Next we drive along Sydney's Northern Beaches, a string of 18 stunning playgrounds, then stop in fashionable Manly for free time and lunch on our own. **B**

Sunday, February 19: Sydney Today is at leisure to explore Sydney as we wish; tonight we enjoy dinner together in the popular "Rocks" area at the Waterfront Restaurant, with excellent seafood and beautiful harbor views. **B,D**

Monday, February 20: 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**

Tuesday, February 21: 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 Mt. 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 Mt. Cook in the Southern Alps late today, we dine together at our hotel. **B,D**

Wednesday, February 22: 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 face. 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; optional activities include hiking and scenic flight (weather permitting). **B,D**

Post-Tour Extension

March 2-4, 2017

AUCKLAND – ON YOUR OWN

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

*Enjoy 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

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THROUGH.
-ABORIGINAL PROVERB

Thursday, February 23: Mount Cook/Queenstown We depart this morning for 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." *B,D*

Friday, February 24: 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*

Saturday, February 25: Queenstown Today is free to explore Queenstown independently. *B*

Sunday, February 26: Queenstown/Rotorua We depart today for Rotorua, with its geysers, bubbling mud pools, hot thermal springs, and a center of Maori culture. Our tour here includes the new Rotorua Museum. *B*

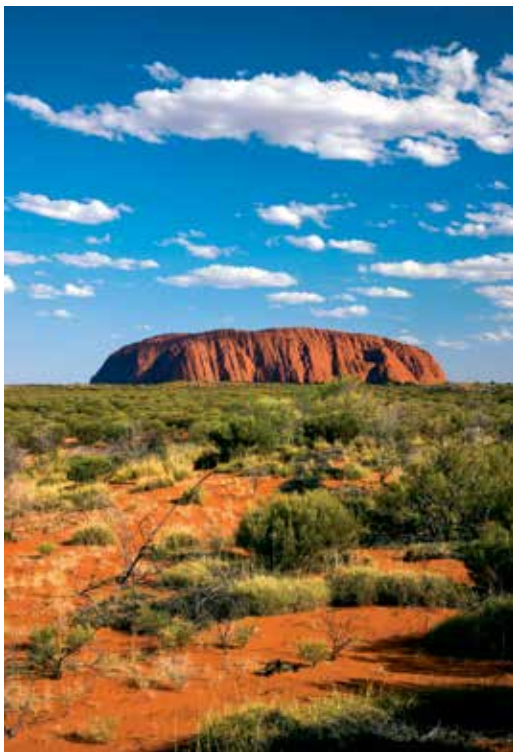
Monday, February 27: Rotorua This morning and early after-noon are at leisure; late afternoon we visit Te Puia Thermal Reserve and Maori Cultural Center for a traditional *hangi* dinner and performance. *B,D*

Tuesday, February 28: 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*

Wednesday, March 1: 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,

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 20 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 34 meals: 20 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of a local Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Services of a Commonwealth Club Host with a minimum of 15 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)

with its prized Maori and Pacific Islander collections. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel. *B,D*

Thursday, March 2: 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: February 8, 2017

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

San Francisco	\$9,357
Los Angeles	\$9,057
Washington, DC, New York	\$9,557
Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis	\$9,457
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$7,795

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$1,062, 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 - \$6,595 per person; Premium Economy - \$1,995 per person (upgrades subject to availability and pricing subject to change). Upgrades are in addition to the costs above.

Contact Club Travel

415-597-6720

travel@commonwealthclub.org

www.commonwealthclub.org/travel

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 tour 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 tour package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10 - \$15 per day, per traveler); travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our 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 a guest makes any changes between 94 and 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys 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 to the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit 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. Information will be sent upon registration.

Responsibility

The liability of the Commonwealth Club, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, 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, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The Commonwealth Club and Odysseys 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 line, 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.

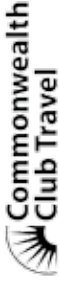
Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited 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 Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation - Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel 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 are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited 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 departure 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, Odysseys 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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