



VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY  
Alumni Association

# Exploring Australia & New Zealand

March 14-April 4, 2025

**22 days from \$11,284 total price from Los Angeles**  
(\$10,595 air & land inclusive plus \$689 airline taxes and fees)



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Dear Vanderbilt Travelers and Friends,

Join other Vanderbilt alumni and friends on an exclusive 22-day small group journey to Australia and New Zealand. The Lands Down Under offer visitors a wealth of spectacular natural scenery and cultural diversity.

Begin the touring in cosmopolitan Sydney with a three-night stay. Enjoy lunch cruising through Sydney Harbour, followed by a tour of the iconic Opera House. Then, continue to the storied Outback with a two-night stay at Ayers Rock. Watch the sun set over the massive sandstone monolith. From there, continue to tropical Cairns. This is your gateway for a full-day excursion on a semi-submerible vessel out to the Great Barrier Reef. Departing Australia, you'll then fly to New Zealand. Beginning on the south island, you'll tour English-accented Christchurch, New Zealand; and spend two nights in New Zealand's remarkable Mt. Cook National Park. After these explorations, cruise stunning Milford Sound and discover New Zealand's "adventure capital," Queenstown. Experience Maori culture in geothermal Rotorua before the tour concludes in vibrant Auckland. For those who wish to spend more time in the "City of Sails," an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension is available.

With room for only 24 guests in total, and this superb itinerary, we expect that our limited space will fill up quickly. Call today to reserve your place!

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn  
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program  
1-615-322-3673

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents, and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled educational opportunities, many with Vanderbilt professors, for an exclusive "beyond the classroom" experience.

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: EXPLORING AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**

To reserve your place on tour, please call the Vanderbilt Travel Program at 1-615-322-3673. You may also call **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 1-888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with a Vanderbilt Travel Program representative or an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor. *If you prefer*, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit.

Please note that your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

If paying your deposit by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the Reservation Form. Send to:

**Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**  
**Attn: Special Interest Groups**  
**One Newton Place**  
**275 Washington Street, Suite 300**  
**Newton, MA 02458**

**EXPLORING AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND • MARCH 14-APRIL 4, 2025**

I/We would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 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

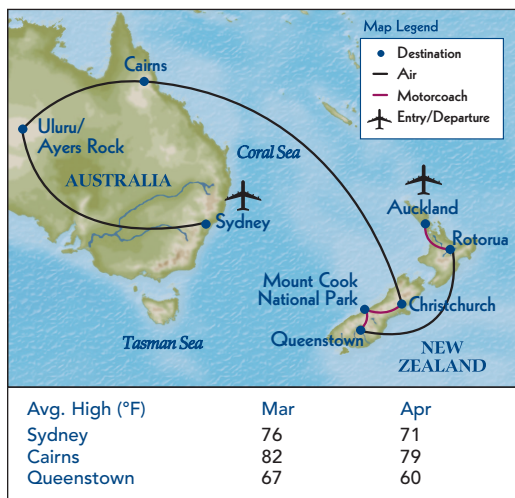
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# Exploring Australia & New Zealand

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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 sophisticated Sydney, sacred Uluru (Ayers Rock), and the wondrous Great Barrier Reef to New Zealand’s towering Mount Cook and breathtaking Milford Sound, plus Rotorua, Queenstown, and Auckland.*



**Days 1 & 2: Depart U.S. for Sydney, Australia**

**Day 3: Arrive Sydney** We arrive in Sydney this morning and transfer to our hotel, where the day is at leisure to relax and refresh. Tonight, we meet our fellow travelers and tour director at a briefing followed by a welcome dinner at our hotel. *D*

**Day 4: Sydney** Today’s tour of this cosmopolitan city features The Rocks historic neighborhood, 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*

**Day 5: Sydney** This morning we tour the iconic Sydney Opera House then visit Featherdale Wildlife Park, where wombats, dingoes, and koalas reside. Our afternoon is at leisure; we dine tonight at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 6: Sydney/Uluru (Ayers Rock)** We fly today to Australia’s Outback, reaching our hotel in time for lunch on our own. Then we depart for Kata Tjuta National Park, site of the Olga Rocks, the dramatic domed rock formations venerated by Aboriginal peoples. Our tour here features sacred Walpa Gorge, the creek that winds through two of the tallest Olgas. Late this afternoon, we watch the sun set over the massive sandstone monolith of Uluru then dine under the stars at a special Sounds of Silence experience. *B,D*

**Day 7: Uluru (Ayers Rock)** Early risers have the option to watch the sun rise over Uluru this morning. Then we all spend time here before returning to our hotel for time at leisure. This afternoon we participate in a traditional Aboriginal dot painting experience where we learn about the Anangu culture and way of life. Late afternoon we return to our hotel, where we dine tonight. *B,D*

**Day 8: Uluru/Cairns** It’s a travel day as we depart Uluru for tropical Cairns, gateway to Australia’s Far North. *B*

## Physical Activity Level

**3** **Moderate**

*Walk 2-4 miles per day, often on uneven terrain in natural settings; steep grades while walking in Sydney, Queenstown, and Auckland; several long days of travel using multiple modes of transportation*

## Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1-2	Depart U.S. for Sydney		
3-5	Sydney	Sofitel Sydney Wentworth	Deluxe
6-7	Uluru	Sails in the Desert	Sup. First Class
8-10	Cairns	Pullman Reef Casino	Deluxe
11-12	Christchurch	Rydges Latimer Christchurch	Sup. First Class
13-14	Mount Cook	Hermitage Hotel	First Class
15-17	Queenstown	Hotel St. Moritz	First Class
18-19	Rotorua	Regent of Rotorua	First Class
20-21	Auckland	Grand Millennium Auckland	Sup. First Class
22	Depart Auckland for U.S.		

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

Cover photo: Sydney’s Harbour Bridge provides a backdrop to the city’s celebrated Opera House.



We visit Milford Sound on Day 16.

**Day 9: Cairns/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*

**Day 10: Cairns** It's a full day, beginning at Mossman Gorge where we embark on a Ngadiku Dreamtime Walk conducted by local Indigenous people. Then we travel to the mountain village of Kuranda, surrounded by the world's oldest living tropical rainforest, where we have time to explore on our own before we descend via the gondolas of Skyrail. *B,D*

**Day 11: Cairns/Christchurch, New Zealand** Today we travel via Sydney to Christchurch, New Zealand's Garden City. *B*

**Day 12: Christchurch** Our morning city tour features the Botanic Gardens; Cathedral Square, the beating heart of the city and site of Christchurch Cathedral; and the memorial to victims of the 2011 earthquake. This afternoon is at leisure for independent exploration; dinner is at our hotel. *B,D*

**Day 13: Christchurch/Mount Cook National Park** We depart by coach this morning for the journey south to Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park in New Zealand's Southern Alps. En route we stop for lunch and a visit to a local farm before we reach our hotel late this afternoon. *B,L,D*

**Day 14: 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*

**Day 15: Mount Cook/Queenstown** We depart this morning for Queenstown, stopping en route in the historic gold mining hamlet of Arrowtown followed by a visit to Kawarau Bridge Bungy, the world's first bungy jump operation open to the public. Mid-afternoon we reach Queenstown. *B,D*

**Day 16: 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*

## Post-Tour Extension

April 4-6, 2025

### Auckland – On Your Own

3 days/2 nights for \$345 total price

Single Supplement: \$225

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

#### Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Grand Millennium Auckland (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport



MAY AS WELL BE HERE,  
WE ARE AS WHERE WE ARE.”

– AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL SAYING

**Day 17: Queenstown** Today is at leisure to enjoy New Zealand’s adventure capital as we wish. *B*

**Day 18: Queenstown/Rotorua** We depart today for the Maori center of Rotorua, with its geysers, bubbling mud pools, and thermal hot springs. Upon arrival, we take a panoramic tour of the city. *B*

**Day 19: Rotorua** This morning we visit Paradise Valley Springs, which showcases New Zealand’s biodiversity with native flora and wildlife, including alpaca, llama, and wallabies. Then we drive to National Kiwi Trust, dedicated to rehabilitating injured kiwis, the national bird. This evening we visit Tè Puia Thermal Reserve and Cultural Centre for a traditional hangi dinner and Maori performance. *B,D*



*Auckland, City of Sails*

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*

**Day 22: Depart for U.S.** This afternoon we depart for the airport for the flight to Los Angeles (via Sydney) and our return flights home. *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
- 34 meals: 19 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 11 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- 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)*

## Tour Departs: March 14, 2025

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Los Angeles	\$11,284
Dallas, Houston, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$11,584
Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Tampa	\$11,684
Baltimore, Charlotte, Nashville, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$11,784
<b>Land Only (transfers not included)</b>	<b>\$9,695</b>

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$689, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$2,495. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: Business Class – \$7,995 per person from Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle; \$9,495 all other cities. Premium Economy – \$2,995 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

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**Or call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 1-888-370-6765**

**Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

*The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve this tour. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on the secure on-line portal, My Odysseys.*

**Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations and inoculations; 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 Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); 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 Closures:** If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 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, 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.**

**Responsibility:** The liability of the Vanderbilt University Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys 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 Vanderbilt University Alumni Association 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 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.

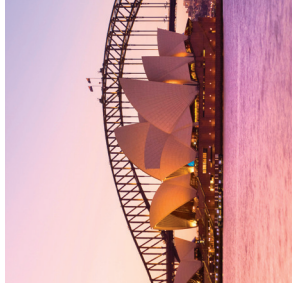
**Health and Medical issues:** We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. 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 Vanderbilt University Alumni Association 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 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 assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our 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, LandOnly 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 air 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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