



AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND: FROM AYERS ROCK TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF & BEYOND

Your 21-night journey includes: 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Melbourne; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Ayers Rock; 4 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Cairns; 4 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Sydney; 4 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Queenstown; 3 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Auckland

Simply thinking of Australia and New Zealand is sure to conjure up thoughts of the vast Outback, the kaleidoscopic Great Barrier Reef, and the iconic roof of the Sydney Opera House. Join Vantage Deluxe World Travel on this epic adventure to see all of this and more.

This small-group adventure features 22 included features and Cultural Discoveries, as well as 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. You'll explore desert landscapes and major cities, plus learn how the South Pacific's Indigenous communities live in harmony with the land. You'll also have the opportunity to dive into the crystal-clear waters of the outer Great Barrier Reef as we spend a full day swimming, snorkeling, and learning about this unique ecosystem.

You'll also visit the vibrant cities of Melbourne, Sydney, and Auckland, where world-famous architecture and exquisite cuisine await. This Vantage adventure afford you a more rewarding experience, through meaningful interactions and engaging activities. You'll also enjoy leisure time to explore at your own pace. Once you visit Australia and New Zealand with Vantage, you'll understand why these destinations are loved by travelers the world over.

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ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHTS

OUTER GREAT BARRIER REEF



Embark on a full-day excursion that includes a presentation by a marine biologist and options to swim, snorkel, and view marine life from an

ULURU/AYERS ROCK



Marvel at this UNESCO World Heritage Site, immense in size and sacredness to its Aboriginal traditional owners

MILFORD SOUND



Enjoy a picnic lunch surrounded by nature's breathtaking beauty during a full-day Milford Sound cruise

SYDNEY



Discover the city's cosmopolitan highlights, from the storied Sydney Opera House to Bondi Beach

SYDNEY HARBOR EXPERIENCE



View Sydney Harbor's iconic skyline and be regaled with tales of the city on a scenic cruise

MOSSMAN GORGE



Follow a local indigenous Australian through Queensland's Mossman Gorge and get a firsthand experience of their cultural heritage

BOB'S PEAK



Take in a bird's-eye view of Queenstown and the Southern Alps as you ride the Skyline Gondola up to Bob's Peak

WINE TASTING



Take a tour of Gibbston Valley Winery, one of Central Otago's founding wineries, and sample its vintages

MAORI CONCERT



Attend a special concert at the Auckland War Memorial Museum and get a glimpse of traditional Maori culture

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Accommodations for 19 nights**
- **39 meals:** 19 breakfasts, 10 lunches, and 10 dinners, including a home-hosted meal in Queenstown
- **22 included features and Cultural Discoveries**
- **6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, the Great Barrier Reef, Kuranda (Wet Tropics of Queensland), Sydney Opera House, the Greater Blue Mountains Area, and Milford Sound
- **Complimentary services of a Destination Manager** to assist with all your personal requests
- **Guaranteed small group size**— limited to 24 travelers!
- **The services of an Adventure Leader** and regional experts from Australia and New Zealand to accompany you throughout your tour
- **All transportation on tour**, including 5 flights within Australia and New Zealand, and travel by Deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach
- **All transfers and baggage handling** overseas, beginning with your first hotel
- **Vantage's 5% Travel Reward**, received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage Adventure or Vantage Memorable Journey®

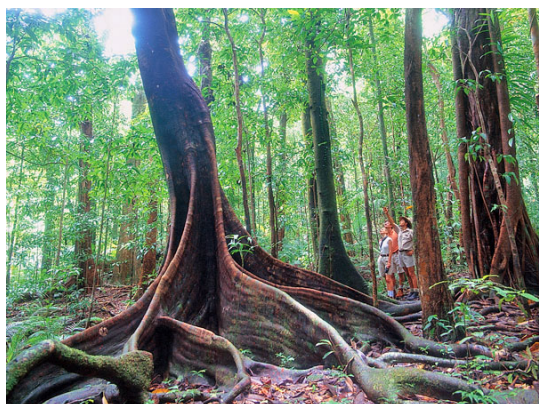
SPECIAL INTEREST



WINE HIGHLIGHTS

The wine in this region — and particularly on New Zealand's South Island — is among its many splendors. The delightful vintages are reason enough for a visit, but the breathtaking beauty of the wine regions add an entire other dimension to your experience.

Queenstown: We'll visit Gibbston's Winery, enjoying an opportunity to immerse ourselves in wine culture while sampling wine. On this excursion, we'll also get a chance to admire the region's beauty, as we pass vast fields of vineyards in the Central Otago wine region amidst dramatic slopes.



NATURE HIGHLIGHTS

The natural landscapes and wildlife in Australia and New Zealand are sure to leave you in awe. During this comprehensive journey across the region, you can look forward to these experiences:

- Watch the sunset and sunrise at Uluru, a massive sandstone formation and sacred indigenous site
- Visit the lush rainforests of Daintree National Park, in Queensland
- Cruise to the Outer Great Barrier Reef aboard a wave-piercing catamaran
- Cruise Milford Sound, one of the world's most famous destinations and a UNESCO World Heritage Site



UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

You'll visit 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites during this journey, along with some of Australia and New Zealand's most important landmarks.

- Visit Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, known informally as Uluru or Ayers Rock, to experience its breathtaking size and appreciate its sacred place in the Aboriginal culture
- Attend a marine biology presentation about the Great Barrier Reef
- Visit the world-famous Sydney Opera House, a UNESCO World

Heritage Site

- Cruise magnificent Milford Sound, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Take a walk through the historic rocks area of downtown Sydney
- Visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum in New Zealand, one of the country's most important museums and war memorials



ART & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

The long, harrowing histories of the Aboriginal and Maori peoples have shaped the regional culture on this adventure. Your sojourn across Australia and New Zealand will explore the history and traditions of these indigenous groups, as well as offer eye-opening connections with locals. Here's how:

- At Bastion Point, overlooking the blue waters of Waitemata Harbor, we pay a visit to the site of the 1970s Maori protests
- At the Auckland War Memorial Museum, we'll discover Maori tradition and custom during a Maori concert
- Embark on a guided tour of the world-famous Sydney Opera House
- Learn about opal, Australia's natural gemstone, at the Altmann + Cherny
- At Daintree National Park, attend a guided "Dreamtime" walk with a local Aborigine, visiting important cultural sites and learning about the special relationship between the Kuku Yalanji people and the Daintree region



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

Bring an extra memory card — the scenery you'll encounter on this trek through Australia and New Zealand will keep your camera quite busy. Here's a sampling of what to expect:

- The spectacular landscapes of Milford Sound, Southern Hemisphere's longest fjord
- Snap memories of a lively Maori concert, in Auckland
- Capture the soaring sights over Bob's Peak
- Take some video footage of your 90-minute wave-piercing catamaran cruise to the Outer Great Barrier Reef, a less

frequently visited stretch of the 1,500-mile-long living organism. Tip: If you're a snorkeler or diver, the Outer Great Barrier Reef will be a highlight, and you'll have a chance to do some snorkeling from the boat. You may want to invest in an underwater camera or investigate cheaper alternatives, such as plastic cases for phones and cameras, that work just as well

- Don't forget to photograph your home-cooked meal at a local family home in Queenstown!



BIRDWATCHING HIGHLIGHTS

There's never a bad time to visit Australia and New Zealand for birdwatching — the summers may lure more migrants, but the winters offer comfortable temperatures to stay outdoors longer. Whatever time of the year you go, here are a few birdwatching highlights to pursue:

- Discover Daintree National Park, where the birdlife is comprised of more than 430 species, including cassowary, Australian brush turkey, orange-footed scrub fowl, barred cuckoo-shrike, silvereye, leaden flycatcher, and more
- While visiting the wet tropics of Queensland, check out more than 400 species, including the tooth-billed bowerbird, golden bowerbird, Victoria's riflebird, sooty owl, bridled and Macleay's honeyeaters, fernwren, and more
- Keep an eye (and ear) out for native species like bell miners, laughing kooraburras, and superb lyrebirds — famous for their mimicry of other birds and even machines — when visiting the Blue Mountains
- In New Zealand's Milford Sound, be on the lookout for the once-extinct South Island takah



ACTIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Whether you're biking in Queenstown or snorkeling the Great Barrier Reef, this active adventure will leave you breathless with awe. While your regular itinerary offers plenty of activities and options for getting in a little more exercise, there's even more adventure to be found in Australia and New Zealand. Here are a few suggestions:

- On your visit to the Great Barrier Reef, ditch swimming and snorkeling for scuba diving or even a walk along the ocean floor
- Queenstown, the "adrenaline capital of the world," offers plenty of options for jet boating and bungee jumping in your free time. There are also opportunities for walking, trekking, and a quick visit to the nearby ski resorts
- The popular Queenstown Trail links a series of biking paths from Queenstown Bay to the historic gold-mining town of Arrowtown to the Gibbston wine region, while Sydney offers flat, dedicated paths in the Centennial

Park



SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS Your land adventure has been enhanced with special features catering to independent travelers, including:

- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer to get to know your fellow travelers
- Explore and make more intimate discoveries in a small group of just 24 or less like-minded travelers
- The services of a complimentary Destination Manager to

enhance your adventure with added sightseeing excursions, hotel stays, restaurant reservations, and more



CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Customize your adventure Down Under with these top Concierge suggestions:

- Excursion to Phillip Island from Melbourne
- Walter Peak High Country Farm Tour & Cruise on the TSS Earnslaw from Queenstown
- Visit the New Cairns Aquarium

MELBOURNE TO AUCKLAND

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| DAY 1: | Depart home for Melbourne, Australia | DAY 16: | What a day: Views from Bob's Peak, Arrowtown, and a winery tour <i>Hilton Queenstown or similar</i> |
| DAY 2: | Cross the International Date Line | DAY 17: | Experience the idyllic beauty of UNESCO-listed Milford Sound <i>Hilton Queenstown or similar</i> |
| DAY 3: | Arrive in Melbourne, one of Australia's most beloved cities <i>Pan Pacific Melbourne or similar</i> | DAY 18: | Free time in the mountain-fringed town of Queenstown <i>Hilton Queenstown or similar</i> |
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| DAY 5: | Venture from Melbourne to Uluru/Ayers Rock, the heart of Australia's "Red Center" <i>Sails in the Desert or similar</i> | DAY 20: | Explore Auckland on a panoramic tour <i>Pullman Auckland Hotel or similar</i> |
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DAY 1: Depart home for Melbourne, Australia

Board your overnight trans-Pacific flight to Australia.

DAY 2: Cross the International Date Line

Your journey will take you across the International Date Line today. Your excitement builds as you begin imagining the adventure to come.

DAY 3: Arrive in Melbourne, one of Australia's most beloved cities

Arrive in Melbourne, regularly called one of the world's most livable cities. What makes it such a

great place to be? Perhaps its pastiche of cultural influences — from Greek and Lebanese to Chinese and Italian — blended with the Australian spirit. The result is a vibrant, cosmopolitan, fun-loving city, and a true pleasure to explore. After time on your own this afternoon, join your group for an orientation tour, followed by a Welcome Briefing and Dinner at your hotel.

Included meals: Dinner
Pan Pacific Melbourne or similar

DAY 4: Get to know Melbourne on a tour of its highlights

Embark on a city tour of Melbourne, including a visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens. We take a

stroll amidst the beautiful blooms and majestic arbors of this splendid site before continuing our tour at the Parliament House and the Anzac Memorial, which honors those who sacrificed their lives at the Battle of Gallipoli during World War I. You'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and have the afternoon at leisure. Dinner is on your own this evening.

Included Feature:

- Melbourne city tour
Included meals: Breakfast & lunch
Pan Pacific Melbourne or similar

DAY 5: Venture from Melbourne to Uluru/Ayers Rock, the heart of Australia's "Red Center"

We fly to Australia's "Red Center" today and check in to our hotel. You'll enjoy the day at leisure before we venture to witness the UNESCO-listed star of the show — Uluru, also known as Ayers Rock. Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine as the sun paints the sky and this red sandstone behemoth in dazzling colors. Return for dinner at the hotel this evening.

Included Feature:

- Uluru sunset viewing, with wine
Included meals: Breakfast & dinner
Sails in the Desert or similar

DAY 6: Fall under the spell of this striking red monolith known as Uluru

Your day begins at Talinguru Nyakunytyaku — the best area to watch the sun rise over the desert expanse. As the light spreads across the massive, 1,100-foot rock that is Uluru, the ever-changing colors will enchant you. You can then embark on a base walk to see some of the many sacred Aboriginal sites along the way, including ancient rock art. You'll have lunch at the hotel

before enjoying the rest of your day at leisure.

Included Features:

- Uluru sunrise viewing
- Guided Uluru base walk
Included meals: Breakfast & lunch
Sails in the Desert or similar

DAY 7: Venture to Cairns, the Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef

Enjoy a morning at leisure before making your way to the airport for your flight to Cairns. The sunny heart of Australia's Queensland province, the city is best known as the jumping off point for exploring one of the world's most impressive natural wonders: the Great Barrier Reef.

Included meals: Breakfast
Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns or similar

DAY 8: A Dreamtime tour and exploration of Mossman Gorge

After breakfast, you'll head to Daintree National Park, home to the Kuku Yalanji Aboriginal people. This lush rainforest supports mind-boggling biodiversity, with an extraordinary array of bird species. Explore its incredible beauty by foot during a guided Dreamtime walk with a local Aborigine, visiting important cultural sites and learning about the special relationship between the Kuku Yalanji people and this unique tropical environment. Then, try your hand at lawn bowling, one of Australia's most popular sports.

After an included lunch, return to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Dinner is at your hotel this evening.

Included Features:

- Guided Kuku Yalanji "Dreamtime" walk
- Tour of Mossman Gorge

Cultural Discovery:

- Try lawn bowling

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns or similar

DAY 9: The Great Barrier Reef: Up close and personal with a Natural Wonder of the World

Today, we embark a wave-piercing catamaran for a 90-minute cruise to the Outer Great Barrier Reef, a less frequently visited stretch of this 1,500-mile-long living organism and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival at our observatory, we have the chance to swim, snorkel, or watch the colorful fish and coral from the underwater viewing platform. Lunch is included. During our visit, we meet a marine biologist who will share his expertise about the fragile state of the Great Barrier Reef during a fascinating onboard lecture. After a full and rewarding day, we return to the mainland, where dinner is at your leisure.

Included Feature:

- Full-day Great Barrier Reef excursion, with included lunch

Cultural Discovery:

- Presentation about the Great Barrier Reef by a marine biologist

Included meals: Breakfast & lunch
Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns or similar

DAY 10: Enjoy Cairns at your leisure

Following breakfast at your hotel, you'll have a full day at leisure in Cairns to spend as you wish.

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion.

Head out on a full-day excursion to the Kuranda Rainforest. Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast & lunch
Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns or similar

DAY 11: Travel to Sydney, one of the world's most iconic cities

After breakfast, we have the morning at leisure. Then we fly to Sydney, Australia's free-wheeling and cosmopolitan capital of New South Wales. Upon arrival, we transfer to our Deluxe hotel near the harbor and the soaring "sails" of the Sydney Opera House.

You'll have a free afternoon to explore your new neighborhood before meeting back at the hotel for dinner.

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner
Sofitel Sydney Wentworth or similar

DAY 12: Discover Sydney's charms

Get acquainted with beautiful Sydney on our morning excursion. We begin at the Altmann + Cherny showroom to learn about opal, Australia's national gemstone, before heading to the world-famous Sydney Opera House for a guided tour of this breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage Site. Next, a tour of the city's highlights takes you to the peninsula of Mrs. Macquarie's Point, where a chair carved for the first governor's wife overlooks the harbor. Continue to the mid-19th-century Garrison Church, Dawes Point, Darling Harbor, and Chinatown. You'll also visit Bondi Beach and see for yourself why this stretch of sand and surf ranks among the most spectacular beaches in the world. The rest of the afternoon is free, with lunch on your own. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in bustling Circular Quay.

Included Feature:

- Panoramic tour of Sydney

Cultural Discovery:

- Opal demonstration

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner
Sofitel Sydney Wentworth or similar

DAY 13: Craft your own itinerary in Sydney

You'll enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Sydney at your own pace today.

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Set out to explore the majestic Blue Mountains and

visit the Featherdale Wildlife Park. Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast & lunch
Sofitel Sydney Wentworth or similar

DAY 14: Cruise Sydney Harbor and explore The Rocks

This morning will be an invigorating one, as you enjoy a sightseeing cruise on Sydney Harbor!

This is your opportunity to view the gorgeous homes and capture fabulous shots of the Opera House and Harbor Bridge. Following the cruise, our Adventure Leader guides a walk of The Rocks and the Sydney Harbor area, pointing out some little-known sites and sharing local stories and lore. You'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, then have the rest of the day to explore the city on your own. Dinner is at your leisure this evening.

Included Feature:

- Sydney Harbor cruise

Cultural Discovery:

- Orientation walk of The Rocks and Sydney Harbor

Included meals: Breakfast & lunch
Sofitel Sydney Wentworth or similar

DAY 15: Fly to the Adventure Capital of the World: Queenstown

Following breakfast this morning, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Queenstown. This city,

nicknamed the "Adventure Capital of the World," is set along picturesque Lake Wakatipu and against the backdrop of the mountain range aptly named the Remarkables, besides being one of the South Island's most impressive cities. Your evening is at leisure, with dinner included at the hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner
Hilton Queenstown or similar

DAY 16: What a day: Views from Bob's Peak, Arrowtown, and a winery tour

The South Island is starkly different than its northern neighbor, and we'll experience its unique brand of beauty today. We'll set off on a half-day tour that will take us soaring over the city on a gondola to Bob's Peak, where we'll be rewarded with remarkable views of Queenstown. The mountain draws adventure lovers to its zip line, bungee jumping, and hiking and biking trails. So, along with breathtaking vistas, we get a true sense of the Kiwi love of the outdoors. We'll also visit the former mining hub of Arrowtown, preserved as the heart of the 19th-century Otago Gold Rush. New Zealand is renowned for its wines, and you'll get the chance to visit a local wine producer: the Gibbston Valley Winery, home of New Zealand's largest wine cave and today's lunch spot.

Included Features:

- Half-day tour with gondola ride to Bob's Peak
- Visit Arrowtown
- Wine tour and lunch at Gibbston Valley Winery

Cultural Discovery:

- Taste New Zealand wine at Gibbston Valley Winery

Included meals: Breakfast & lunch
Hilton Queenstown or similar

DAY 17: Experience the idyllic beauty of UNESCO-listed Milford Sound

Today, we visit one of the world's greatest natural wonders. We set out on a full-day excursion to spectacular Milford Sound, the Southern Hemisphere's longest fjord and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our long transfer to the far reaches of Fiordland National Park is rewarded with a luncheon cruise through astonishing vistas of rocky peaks, glassy waters, and silvery waterfalls cascading from great heights into the sound. Dinner back in Queenstown is on your own.

Included Feature:

- Full-day excursion to Milford Sound
Included meals: Breakfast & lunch
Hilton Queenstown or similar

DAY 18: Free time in the mountain-fringed town of Queenstown

Today is free for you to explore more of Queenstown at your leisure. Perhaps you'll join in the adventurous spirit of the locals and arrange a mountain biking or bungee-jumping expedition. If a walk in the woods is more your speed, then you might hit some nearby trails to go "tramping," the local term for hiking. This evening, enjoy a "family-style" shared meal at your hotel

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner
Hilton Queenstown or similar

DAY 19: Fly to Auckland, the "City of Sails"

We'll arrive in Auckland, on New Zealand's North Island today. Check into your hotel upon arrival, then gather later for dinner at the hotel with your fellow travelers.

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner
Pullman Auckland Hotel or similar

DAY 20: Explore Auckland on a panoramic tour

We begin our Auckland explorations with a panoramic excursion that takes in the best of the city. At Bastion Point, overlooking the blue waters of Waitemata Harbor, we pay a visit to the site of the Maori protests of the 1970s. We continue to the Auckland War Memorial Museum, a beautiful neoclassical building, and one of the nation's most important historical and natural history repositories. During our visit, we glimpse a bit of Maori tradition and custom as we attend a lively Maori concert. This afternoon and evening, take the opportunity to see Auckland's landmarks at your own pace and seek out a spot for lunch at your leisure. Your Adventure Leader will have plenty of recommendations! Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

Included Feature:

- Panoramic tour of Auckland and museum visit

Cultural Discovery:

- Attend a Maori concert at the Auckland War Memorial Museum
Included meals: Breakfast & dinner
Pullman Auckland Hotel or similar

DAY 21: Head to Waiheke Island to visit a winery and an olive oil estate

Join a Waiheke Island tour today. We'll explore this island just a short ferry ride from Auckland, delving into the local culture, built around art, food, and wine. We'll savor a delicious lunch as well as a wine tasting and tour at Stonyridge Vineyard, one of the island's oldest and most well-respected winemakers. From there, we venture to Rangihoua (meaning "Day of the Renewal" in Maori), home of award-winning olive oils that we'll get to sample. We then hop on the ferry back to Auckland.

It's easy to see how this cultural capital, flanked by two magnificent harbors, earned the nickname "City of Sails." About 135,000 yachts and launches are registered here. Perhaps you'll check out the America's Cup yachts, formal gardens, and statues in Albert Park. Or browse the shops along Queen Street, the city's trendy commercial district. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for the group's Farewell Dinner.

Included Feature:

- Full-day tour of Waiheke Island
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Pullman Auckland Hotel or similar

DAY 22: Depart for home

Transfer to the Auckland airport and begin your journey home.

Included meals: Breakfast

Please Note: The above day-by-day itineraries and hotels are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Vantage Adventure Leader or regional expert. Although we contract our hotels a year in advance, unforeseen situations do occasionally occur. Should it be necessary to change a hotel, one of equal quality and value will be substituted. You will receive verified hotel information with your final itinerary. That hotel ratings are based on the Hotel and a leading travel industry authority on hotels throughout the world.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Pan Pacific Melbourne ★★★★★

Located on the bustling Yarra River, these chic accommodations offer a premiere experience in style, indulgent amenities and comfort. Sink into cozy rooms, many that boast sweeping cityscape views and Port Phillip Bay, while delighting in large flat-screen TVs, bathrobes, a fully stocked min bar, and tea/coffee. You can also enjoy a cocktail and nibble at the elegant Dock 37 bar or a fresh cappuccino and pastry at Cafe Orr onsite.



Sails in the Desert ★★★★★

The Superior First-Class Sails in the Desert is a three-story hotel located at Ayers Rock Resort. The hotel offers two restaurants, bar, room service, business center, currency exchange, concierge services, laundry/dry cleaning, barber/hair stylist, gift shop, outdoor pool, health club, and lighted tennis courts. Guest rooms have air-conditioning, balcony/terrace, telephone, cable/satellite TV with VCR/DVD, minibar, coffee maker, refrigerator, iron and ironing board, and private bathroom.



Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns ★★★★★

Sit back and enjoy your view of Trinity Bay and downtown Cairns from the Deluxe Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns. Indulging in amenities aplenty — including a flat-screen TV with in-house movie channels, minibar, plush linens and bathrobes, high-speed Internet access, and in-room safe. Step out to explore the Cairns Art Gallery, Cairns Night Markets, and other city highlights, all a short walk away. Or enjoy a stroll along the waterfront before a soak in the hotel's swimming pool and a tasty meal at the onsite restaurant, The Backyard.



Sofitel Sydney Wentworth ★★★★★

One of Sydney's grand hotels, the Superior First-Class Sofitel Sydney Wentworth is located just minutes away from the Opera House, Circular Quay, the Rocks, and the Botanic Gardens. Shopping is also nearby, or visit the two-level shopping arcade within the hotel, featuring boutiques and specialty shops, plus a newsstand, pharmacist, hairdresser, and barber. To add convenience to your Australian vacation, a gym, four restaurants, five bars, and a coffee shop are also available. The well-appointed guest rooms include air-conditioning, TV, radio, telephone, minibar, and private bath with hair...



Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa ★★★★★

Set against a mountainous background along the shores of picturesque Lake Wakatipu, the award-winning Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa is an ideal location from which to launch your discoveries of the "Adventure Capital of the World." With 178 rooms that each feature a balcony, 32-inch LCD TV, lounge area (including fireplace), and private bathroom, you'll enjoy the comfort you'd expect in a postcard-perfect setting you'll love. If you're looking to exercise, head to the on-site fitness center, where you can do laps in the heated indoor pool. Looking to relax? Head to the eforea spa for a...



Pullman Auckland Hotel ★★★★★

Step into a warm and friendly atmosphere at the sleek Pullman Auckland Hotel & Apartments. Recently honored by the World Travel Awards and the Luxury Travel Guide, the hotel offers an intimate environment for exploring Auckland, as well as a suite of amenities, including a 25-meter heated pool, a spa, and several on-site restaurants. A selection of spacious hotel rooms redefines the lifestyle of the modern explorer.



Hilton Fiji Beach Resort and Spa ★★★★

Fronting 1.5 miles of beach on Denanaru Island and just 10 minutes' drive from Nadi Town, the Hilton Fiji Beach Resort and Spa is your very own slice of Fijian paradise. Enjoy the ocean view from your private balcony — standard for all guest rooms — or right on the sand with a cocktail. The hotel also features no less than seven pools, a fitness center, and two beachfront restaurants to complement its award-winning spa. Room amenities include a flat screen TV, Wi-Fi Internet, coffee/tea-making facilities, and more.