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Personalized Experiences

The Best of Down Under

Australia & New Zealand
Experience

February 21 - March 14, 2027

Discover Australia and New Zealand with Direct Travel's exclusive small-group journey Down Under—a thoughtfully curated experience where two extraordinary countries unite in one seamless adventure.

Your custom-crafted tour begins in vibrant Brisbane and concludes in the iconic harbour city of Sydney, before you take a front-row seat aboard an unforgettable 14-day cruise from Sydney to Auckland.

Join us as we reveal the depth and beauty of these remarkable regions, blending land and sea into an immersive journey rich in culture, natural wonder, and truly memorable moments.



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22 DAYS, 21 NIGHTS
FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 14, 2027

ITINERARY:

B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner denotes meals included with the package

DAY 1: FEB 21, 2027 – ARRIVE IN BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

Arrive in Brisbane and meet your local representative for transfer to your hotel. Spend the day at leisure recovering from your journey and exploring the city's riverfront precincts or relaxing at your hotel. Join the group for a relaxed, yet lively, welcome dinner at Joey's. Enjoy 3 nights at Hotel Indigo Brisbane City Centre (or similar). (D)

DAY 2: FEB 22, 2027 – BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

Enjoy a full day in Brisbane at your own pace. You may visit South Bank, the Botanic Gardens, and the cultural precinct, or explore the city's shopping and dining. Your guide is available to help craft a personalized day of sightseeing and local experiences. Enjoy a relaxed riverside lunch experiencing May Maes Bar & Kitchen, featuring modern Australian dishes alongside scenic views. (B, L)

DAY 3: FEB 23, 2027 – BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

Meet your guide for a full-day city tour and coach charter. Highlights include Brisbane's CBD, Kangaroo Point, and Fortitude Valley. Continue to Australia Zoo, where you can enjoy wildlife experiences including koalas, Sumatran tigers, and crocodile displays. (B)

DAY 4: FEB 24, 2027 – BRISBANE TO SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Transfer by coach to Brisbane Domestic Airport for your flight to Sydney. Upon arrival, meet your Southern World representative and transfer to your hotel. Spend the afternoon at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a VIP Sydney Opera House tour and two-course dinner at Midden by Mark Olive with harbor side views. Enjoy 4 nights at Swissotel Sydney (or similar). (B, D)

DAY 5: FEB 25, 2027 – SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Your guide will take you on a half-day city sights tour. Visit The Rocks, Botanical Gardens, Conservatorium of Music, and Mrs. Macquarie's Chair. Pass through Darling Harbour, Kings Cross, and exclusive bays, then stop at Bondi Beach. In the afternoon, enjoy a Sydney Harbour luncheon cruise with a BBQ buffet. (B, L)

DAY 6: FEB 26, 2027 – SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Full-day excursion to Sydney Zoo and the Blue Mountains. Explore Sydney Zoo's diverse habitats and native wildlife, then travel to Scenic World to see the Three Sisters and Jamison Valley. Take Skyway, Cableway, and Railway rides, and enjoy a two-course lunch with spectacular views. (B, L)

DAY 7: FEB 27, 2027 – SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Enjoy a day at leisure in Sydney allowing you to explore the city independently. Visit The Rocks Markets, Circular Quay, or nearby beaches, or simply enjoy shopping, dining, and harbor walks. (B)

DAY 8: FEB 28, 2027 – SYDNEY, AUS./CRUISE EMBARKATION

Transfer to Sydney's inner city to embark on your 14-day cruise, departing at 6:30 PM. Take in the iconic Sydney Harbour and Opera House as your journey begins. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: MARCH 1, 2027 – AT SEA

DAY 10: MARCH 2, 2027 – MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Dock in Melbourne, a cosmopolitan hub famed for laneways, cafes, galleries, and historic sites. Optional excursions include a visit to Yarra Valley wineries or Phillip Island to see little penguins. (B, L, D)

DAY 11: MARCH 3, 2027 – AT SEA

Spend a leisurely day at sea, enjoying the ship's entertainment, dining, and panoramic ocean vistas. (B, L, D)

DAY 12: MARCH 4, 2027 – HOBART, TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA

Arrive in Hobart, Tasmania's creative capital. Explore Salamanca Place, Battery Point, and the Botanical Gardens. Discover local arts, markets, and waterfront dining against the backdrop of Mount Wellington. (B, L, D)

DAY 13 + 14: MARCH 5 - 6, 2027 – AT SEA

DAY 15: MARCH 7, 2027 – MILFORD SOUND, NEW ZEALAND

Cruise into Milford Sound, known as Piopiotahi. Marvel at fjord cliffs, waterfalls, and native wildlife including seals and dolphins within Fiordland National Park. (B, L, D)

DAY 16: MARCH 8, 2027 – PORT CHALMERS (DUNEDIN), NEW ZEALAND

Arrive in Dunedin, a Scottish-influenced city with grand Victorian architecture. Explore the Otago Peninsula, home to rare birdlife, or visit historic sites such as Larnach Castle. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: MARCH 9, 2027 – TIMARU, NEW ZEALAND

Explore Timaru's Edwardian streets, parks, and gardens. Optional excursions include Te Ana Maori Rock Art Centre or Caroline Bay's scenic waterfront. (B, L, D)

DAY 18: MARCH 10, 2027 – LYTTTELTON (CHRISTCHURCH), NEW ZEALAND

Discover Christchurch and its historic port of Lyttelton. Explore gardens, markets, and cultural attractions, or venture into the Canterbury region for outdoor activities. (B, L, D)

DAY 19: MARCH 11, 2027 – WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

Wellington, New Zealand's capital, offers a vibrant waterfront, Te Papa Museum, Cuba Street cafes, and panoramic hills. Enjoy culture, cuisine, and walking trails throughout the city. (B, L, D)

DAY 20: MARCH 12, 2027 – NAPIER, NEW ZEALAND

Visit Napier, famous for Art Deco architecture and the Hawke's Bay wine region. Explore the historic district, gardens, and nearby coastal wildlife habitats. (B, L, D)

DAY 21: MARCH 13, 2027 – TAURANGA (ROTORUA), NEW ZEALAND

Arrive in Tauranga on the Bay of Plenty. Optional excursions include Rotorua's geothermal parks, Waitomo glowworm caves, Hobbiton Movie Set, or Skyline Rotorua for panoramic views. (B, L, D)

DAY 22: MARCH 14, 2027 – AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND /

Conclude your cruise in Auckland. Explore the waterfront, trendy neighborhoods, volcanic trails, and the iconic Sky Tower. Enjoy world-class dining and final scenic views. (B)

THE BEST OF DOWN UNDER TOUR PACKAGE

Staterooms starting at \$7,999

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Arrival group transfers for guests arriving on February 21
- 7 nights of accommodations in Australia
- Meals on land as outlined in the itinerary
- All included sightseeing and excursions (on land per the itinerary)
- One-way flight from Brisbane to Sydney
- Transfer from hotel to cruise ship
- 14 night cruise aboard the Holland America Noordam, including accommodations

- All onboard meals during the cruise
- Two (2) specialty dining experiences onboard
- Signature Beverage Package (includes alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, up to 15 drinks per day, maximum value \$12 per drink)
- \$200 USD shore excursion credit per stateroom
- Surf Wi-Fi package onboard
- Group transfer from the ship to the airport
- Hosted by a Direct Travel representative (with a minimum of 20 participants)

All prices are in US dollars unless otherwise indicated. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,500.00 per person is required to confirm your booking. Final payment is October 16, 2026. Please see website for full terms & conditions.



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