# Exploring Australia & New Zealand

## 22 days for \$12,484 total price from Detroit

## (\$11,795 air & land inclusive plus \$689 airline taxes and fees)

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.



#### **Physical Activity Level**



#### Moderate

Refer to page 5 for more information.

#### 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 Auckl	and for U.S.	

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel

industry standard reference.



On Day 16, we cruise on Milford Sound surrounded by towering peaks, waterfalls, and rainforests.

#### 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 Odysseys 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 Tjutja 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* 

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



#### Tour limited to 24 Alumni Association members and friends

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



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

Edmund Hillary

Alpine Center,

Aboriginal site of Uluru (Ayers Rock)

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* 

#### **Post-Tour Extension** -

March 11-13, 2026

#### 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

The entire trip was memorable.

The variety of activities and locations gave a good perspective of Australia and New Zealand."

– Michigan Alumni Traveler

**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* 

**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 Te Puia Thermal Reserve and Cultural Centre for a traditional *hangi* dinner and Maori performance. *B*,*D* 

**Day 20: 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* 

Day 21: 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

#### **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
- $\bullet$  Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- $\bullet$  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
- \$100 frequent traveler credit towards your next U-M/Odysseys Unlimited tour (\$200 after 3 tours; \$300 after 10 tours)



Sydney's signature Opera House and Harbour Bridge

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

**Day 22: Depart for U.S.** This afternoon we transfer to the Auckland airport for our flights to the U.S., where we connect with our return flights home. *B* 

# Tour Departs: February 18, 2026 Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees Los Angeles \$12,084

Los Angeles	\$12,084
Dallas, Houston,	\$12,384
San Francisco, Seattle	\$12,30 <del>-</del>
Atlanta, Chicago,	
Cleveland, Denver,	\$12,484
Detroit, Minneapolis,	\$12,707
Phoenix, Portland (OR)	
Baltimore, Boston,	
Charlotte, Cincinnati,	
Miami, New York,	\$12,584
Orlando, Philadelphia,	
Tampa, Washington, DC	
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$10,595

Please call if your city is not listed Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$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 – \$3,195 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).





THE SMALL GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

#### Important Information About Your Tour

### General Terms and Conditions

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

#### Tour Prices

Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2026, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

#### Gratuities

Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional pre- and post-tour extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) are not included. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on "On Your Own" optional extensions.

#### Not Included in Your Tour Price

Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; immunizations and inoculations; communications charges; airport

transfers when purchasing a land-only package or when selecting alternate tour arrival and/or departure dates; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10–\$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

#### Registration and Payment

A deposit of \$500 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

#### Cancellations and Refunds

If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

#### For all tours (except as noted)

Prior to departure	Charge	
95 days or more:	\$200	
94-65 days:	25% of tour price	
64-45 days:	50% of tour price	
44-30 days:	75% of tour price	
29-0 days:	No refund	

### For Egypt & the Eternal Nile, Machu Picchu to the Galapagos

Prior to departure	Charge
95 days or more:	\$200
94-65 days:	50% of tour price
64-30 days:	75% of tour price
29-0 days:	No refund

Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package, should you or your travel companion cancel your participation in the tour. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

#### Pre-Departure

Upon reservation, you will be able to access all information regarding your tour in My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal. This material includes your invoice, a detailed day-by-day itinerary, visa requirements (if applicable), and more. Your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers), will be available in the portal two to three weeks before departure.

#### Single Travelers

We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. We will endeavor to keep single supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

#### Changes to Your Reservation

A fee of \$50 per person will apply to all air-inclusive guests who have chosen an alternate arrival or departure date. Once inside the final payment date for your tour, additional hotel night(s) and/or transfer(s) that you may have added to your reservation are non-refundable. From 94 to 30 days before departure, an administrative fee of \$100 per person will apply to any changes you make to your reservation, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy

to single occupancy for any reason or at any time, you will be charged the single supplement. Please note that no changes to your name(s) or departure date are allowed within 95 days of departure. No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.

#### Required Information

Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program (for details, please visit www.tsa.gov), as well as for our international travel partners: your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender; for domestic tours - your full name as it appears on the accepted form of government-issued photo identification that you plan to use, date of birth, and gender. In addition, airlines may require that we provide them with your contact information prior to departure. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

#### Travel Documents

A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all of our international tours. For all domestic tours, where we fly into a U.S. city to begin the tour or out of a U.S. city at the end, you must present a valid U.S. government-issued photo identification. Starting on May 7, 2025, your government-issued photo ID must be REAL ID-compliant (or you can present an alternate form of ID, such as a passport). Visit www.dhs.gov/real-id or contact your local DMV for more information. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you specific visa and entry requirements after you make a reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you need to obtain a visa, we recommend our preferred provider G3 Global Services. If you are traveling with a minor, please contact us for special entry requirements. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

#### Health and Medical Issues

We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own as well as keep pace with the tour group. We regret that we cannot provide 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 ask that all guests review our guidelines for health on tour, which can be found on our website: www.odyssevs-unlimited.com/travel-health.

We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, Michigan Alumni Travel and Odysseys Unlimited assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour. While we do our best to accommodate food allergy concerns, we cannot guarantee zero cross-contamination.

#### Air Transportation

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated departure cities as shown (except for National Parks of the Southwest) 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 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, booking the tour "Land Only" is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that 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.

#### Responsibility

The liability of Michigan Alumni Travel as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Michigan Alumni Travel and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase 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. Michigan Alumni Travel 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. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.

#### Association Disclaimer

The Association is not the Tour Operator. • The Association is not responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel, or car-rental reservations, delays, losses, injuries, inconveniences, cessation of operations, airline or tour operator bankruptcies, acts of God, or any other event beyond our control. • The Association acts only as an independent contractor and not as a principal, agent, or joint venture for the airline, hotel, car-rental company, cruise line, and/or tour operator named in the catalog. As a result, the Association is not responsible for their acts or omissions. • The Association acts only as agent for the participants with respect to travel services, and it shall not be responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel, or other reservations, injury, damage, loss of baggage, accidents, or for the acts or defaults of any person or entity engaged in conveying participants or in carrying out other arrangements of the tour. Further, the Association shall not be responsible for losses or additional expenses of the participant due to sickness, weather, strike, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, quarantine, acts of God, or other causes beyond its control. • The Association shall not be responsible for alteration in the itinerary as deemed necessary for carrying out the tour and the right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality.

The right is further reserved to cancel the tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment may be refunded without further obligation on its part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of the tour should such person's health, actions, or general deportment impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare of the other participants. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour. • Applicants for participation on this tour accept in full all of the conditions set forth above.

#### MICHIGAN ALUMNI TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM

To reserve your place on tour, **please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765.** Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and mail it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Upon receiving your request, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to review the tour information and provide you with a secure link to enter your credit card information. 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. If paying by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

For more information, please call the Alumni Travel team at 855-764-0064.

Send to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300

Newton, MA 02458

Tour Name Departure Date							
I/we would like to request place(s).	(Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)						
Full Passport Name	Date of Birth	Gender					
Full Passport Name	Date of Birth	Gender					
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Home Phone ()	Cell Phone ()						
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 (li	mited availability) 🗖					
I/We request an upgrade to a Highland Villa (Ma	achu Picchu to the Galapagos only) 🗖						