

# AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

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#### DEAR TRAVELER,

#### Welcome to Collette's 2018-2019 Australia & New Zealand brochure.

Get ready to indulge in a chance to dream about exploring Australia and New Zealand.

Collette has been fortunate to share the land "down under" with thousands of guests. Some of my favorite locations include Milford Sound, Ayers Rock and of course, the Sydney Opera House.

As Collette celebrates our 100th year, we find ourselves reflecting on how very special our travelers are to us. We consider everyone who travels with us our personal guest.

This year, our team of experts has outdone themselves. Each day is carefully crafted to share more with you. Now is the time to go beyond the surface and enjoy a richer and more meaningful experience. Now is the time for you to dream and for us to make it all come true.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jullian J

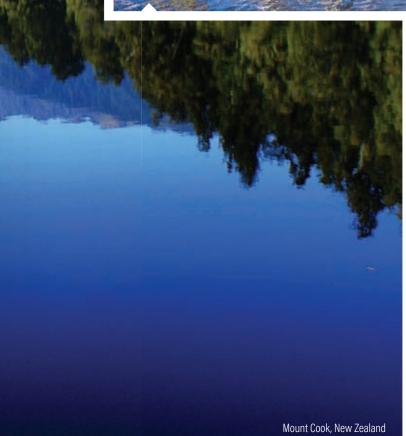
**Daniel J. Sullivan, Jr.**President and CEO











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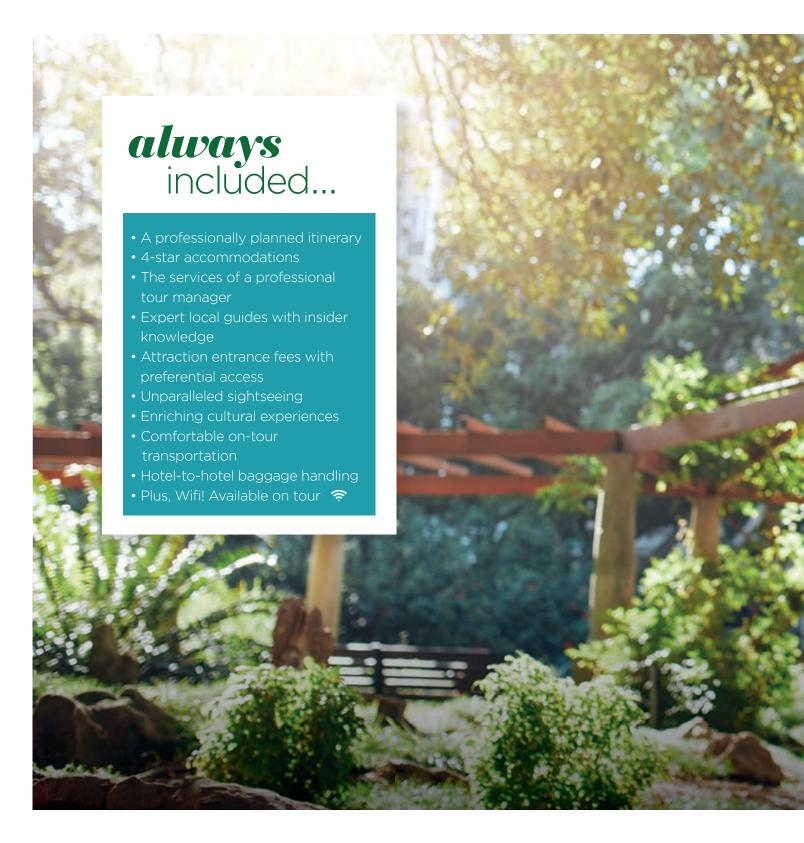
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#### MORE PEACE OF MIND

Every moment of your travel experience is important to us. Whether it's helping you select a destination, taking you to and from the airport, offering the security of our unrivaled Travel Protection plan or 24-7 support, we are there for you every step of the way.

#### **MORE EXPERTISE**

Backed by nearly a century of experience, Collette (a family-owned and award-winning leader in travel) is proud to show you the world. Our passionate tour design team travels the globe, creating new experiences and staying ahead of the latest travel trends. Plus, with a professional Tour Manager at your service and local guides by your side you'll never miss a thing.



#### **MORE FLEXIBILITY**

Every traveler is different. From pre and post nights in the world's greatest cities, to tour extensions to built-in free time in your destination, you can make every trip your own. With more customization choices, and optional excursions throughout your journey, every moment feels like your own personal adventure.

#### MORE ON TOUR

Our commitment to exceeding expectations begins with including more iconic must-see's and cultural inclusions that deliver a deeper experience. And that's just the beginning. We also include more meals in local restaurants and more menu choices. Add in carefully selected 4-star accommodations and the stage is set for a truly amazing journey.



# OUR STORY begins

Jack Collette establishes Collette and runs a 21-day trip to Florida for \$61.50.

#### **NEW DESTINATIONS**

NYC, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard join the travel roster.

#### **CHANGING THE STORY**

Dan Sullivan, Sr. purchases Collette in 1962. The World's Fair in 1964 ushers in a new generation of travelers to Collette.



## INNOVATING EVERY DAY

#### As we celebrate 100 years in business,

we think back to that first jitney bus carrying New Englanders to Florida. For Jack Collette, it all started with the idea to make travel more accessible. From 1918 to the present, Collette has set out to create new ways to deliver amazing travel experiences.

Our promise to you is that we will continue to innovate. As we create tours, travel styles and experiences tailor-made to the needs of our diverse guests, our experts look ahead, carving out a new path.

#### THANK YOU

Our 100 year story starts with our travelers, who are at the heart of everything we do. We would not be celebrating this milestone without you.

Thank you for taking this journey with us.



#### **SECOND GENERATION**

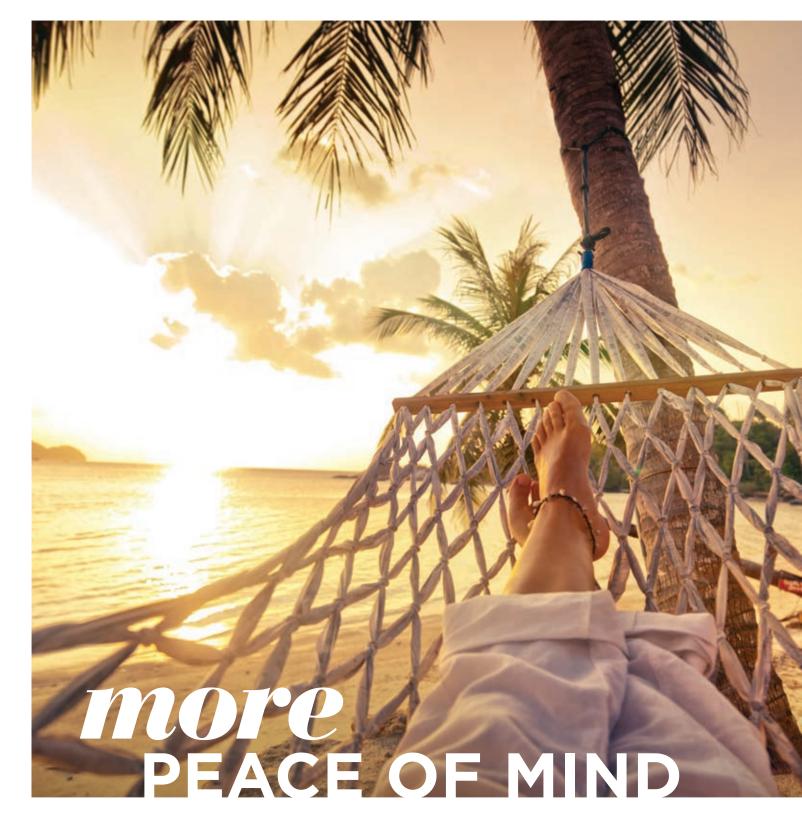
The second generation of Sullivans joins the company, and Collette begins offering travel to Canada. The Canadian Rockies becomes Collette's first tour with airfare instead of a local motorcoach departure.

#### **EXPANDING**

Collette expands with new tours to Australia, New Zealand, Japan and China. The company opens its first global office in Canada. Soon after, tours to Switzerland, Italy, Ireland, the UK, France, Greece, Spain, Portugal and Scandinavia make Collette a leader in escorted tours worldwide.

#### THIRD GENERATION

Collette becomes truly global after adding Antarctica to its tour offerings. Additional global offices open in England and Australia, and the third generation of Sullivans join the Collette workforce.



# With you every step of the way

Of all the things Collette delivers, one of the most valuable is the knowledge that everything is taken care of. Wake each morning on tour with a new experience in front of you and do it all without having to worry about a thing.

# relax, we're on it...



#### TRAVEL PROTECTION

Peace of Mind

Our industry-leading, worry-free travel protection plan offers you a full refund unlike many plans that only offer a voucher. Cancel for any reason right up to the day prior to departure.

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#### **PRIVATE SEDAN SERVICE**

Included Personal Touches

Open your tour the right way and leave the hassle of getting to the airport behind. Enjoy round trip home to airport sedan service. It's the perfect way to begin (and end) your journey. (See page 45)



#### **GUARANTEED TO GO**

Book with Confidence

Choose from thousands of guaranteed departure dates. Reserve with complete confidence as these select departures are guaranteed to operate.



# loyalty program

Members of Travel Loyalty by Collette earn a \$150 credit every time they travel. Save more as you get ready for your next adventure. (See page 45 for more details.)

**THANK YOU!** 



# Unmatched experience

Our team of experts has built relationships all over the world. It could be the time spent crafting the perfect local experience, the ability to include more in each itinerary, or simply knowing the destinations better than anyone else but those connections (and years of experience) allow us to pass the value on to you.



#### **TOUR MANAGERS**

Collette's Tour Managers are the best trained and most respected in the world. Drawing on their own rich backgrounds and extensive training, they enhance each journey. Whether it's offering a bit of historical information, suggesting a special local restaurant or sharing a laugh, these travel aficionados are at your service.



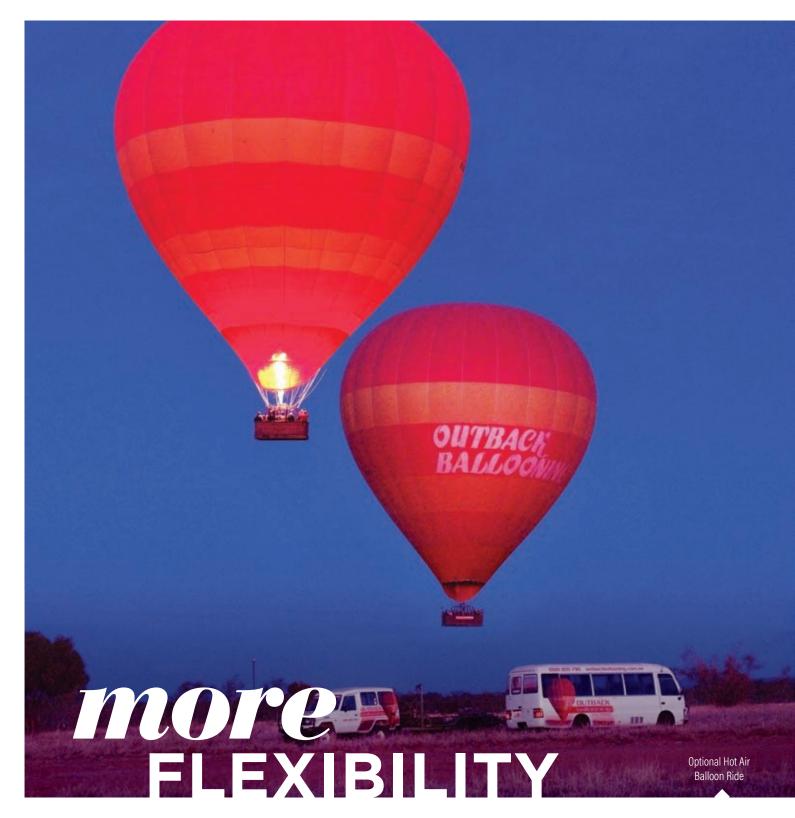
#### **LOCAL EXPERTS**

Get a local's perspective! Having a local guide at your side enhances your experience. They know the ins and outs of the destination. These friendly faces love to share an insider's view of the places they call home.



#### **TOUR DESIGN TEAM**

It all starts with perfectly planned itineraries. Our tour design team travels the globe, seeking out new and authentic inclusions. Along the way they vet each element of their tours – from the accommodations to the menu choices – ensuring you have the best possible experience.



# Personalize your adventure

Every traveler is different, so make your trip your own. We offer more ways to customize your tour. With features such as pre and post nights stays, It's Your Choice, dine arounds and on-tour options, you can make every day a personal adventure!

# customize your tour...



#### **PRIVATE SEDAN SERVICE**

As one of the Collette differences, our private sedan service is available when you reserve an air-inclusive tour. It's the perfect way to begin and end your adventure. See pg. 45



#### **ELITE AIRFARE**

Collette's Elite Airfare allows you to travel in ultimate comfort and convenience. Treat yourself to a wealth of amenities that come with a business, premium economy, or first-class ticket. Land rested, refreshed, and ready for the world's wonders. See pg. 46



#### **PRE-NIGHTS**

Collette can easily add a pre-night stay to your existing itinerary and with a single phone call we can reserve tickets to your host city's best attractions. Enjoy the benefits of an early arrival and a streamlined booking process.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE

Everyone's road is different and that's why this year, Collette is expanding It's Your Choice. Many of our itineraries now feature different paths you can take.



#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES**

Every tour offers a collection of optional excursions, carefully selected to offer you a different perspective on your destination. Enhance your experience and make the most of your time out in the world.



#### **DINING EXPERIENCES**

On select tours and evenings, our Diner's Choice feature allows you to choose where to enjoy your included dinner. Find just the right spot from a list that includes the city's restaurants.



#### **POST-NIGHTS**

Collette can also add a post-night stay to your existing itinerary along with tickets to your host city's best attractions. Stay a little bit longer and enjoy more of some of the world's best cities.



#### **TOUR EXTENSIONS**

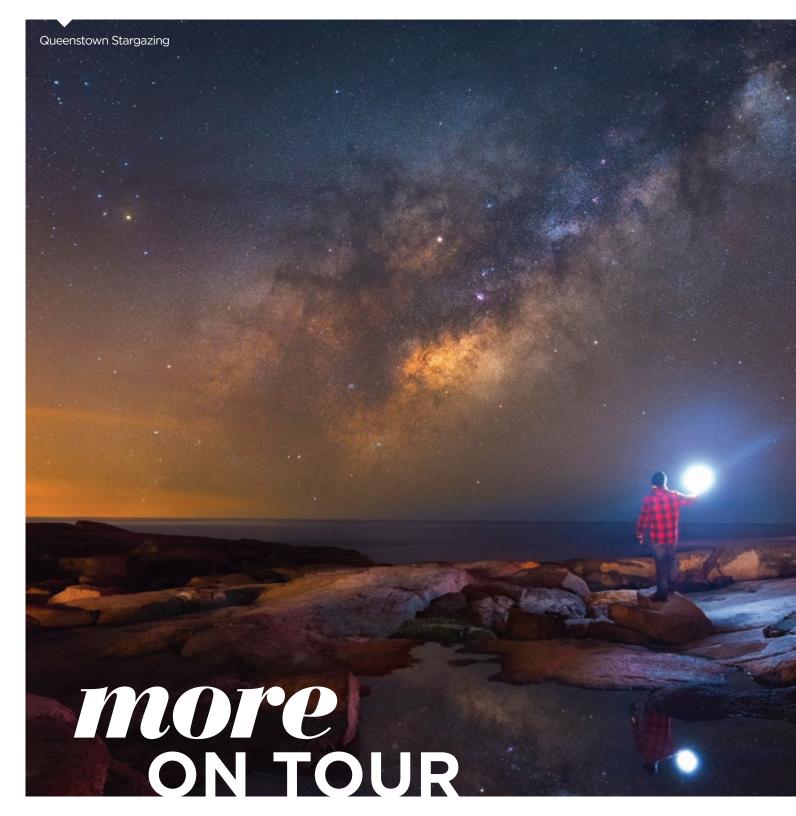
Our list of tour extensions reads like the logbook of a great adventure. These shorter excursions (which you can add before and after your tour) are the perfect way to add a few more memories.



#### **GO BACK-TO-BACK**

Collette can help you combine two tours into one grand experience. Many of our dates line up perfectly to allow you to discover more of the world.

Call for details.



# It's Your Choice

Everyone's road is different and that's why this year, Collette is expanding It's Your Choice. Many of our itineraries now feature different paths you can take. On select days, choose the included experience that best suits your interests.



# **the freedom** to explore



Queenstown Luge

With It's Your
Choice, either activity
is included, you
simply choose one
and personalize your
adventure!

#### QUEENSTOWN REVEALED

After soaking in the breathtaking views from the Skyline Restaurant, enhance your evening your way. Experience star gazing with an expert guide, sit down for a cultural Kiwi Haka show, or, for the more adventurous – the luge park awaits with a downhill thrill!



Blue Mountains



Sydney Cruise Pass

#### FROM MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA

Visit the Blue Mountains of New South Wales, a stunning UNESCO World Heritage site. Experience sandstone plateaus, valleys, river gorges and pristine wilderness among other natural wonders during this journey. **Or,** enjoy the freedom to explore Sydney by the Sea on high-speed boats that provide commentary on the sights you see and a 24 hour timetable that allows you to experience the best of the area at your pace!

# more on tour



The cultural experiences you'll find as part of each itinerary are travel moments both large and small. These are the special inclusions (selected by our experts) that allow you to truly come to know a destination and, more importantly, the people who call that place home.





**We loved everything** about our Collette tour! It was well planned with a perfect combination of free time and excursions. The tour included all the highlights of New Zealand and Australia that we had hoped to see and experience. This was our 3rd tour with Collette and every one has been superb.

- Camille W.

# Must-Sees

Every destination has its iconic locations that are simply a must for visitors. Collette's inclusive itineraries interweave what we call the "must-sees" with immersive experiences to create a richer portrait of the destination.

# more on tour



Whether it's the amenities, the history, the view or the location, your accommodations become highlights all their own. We carefully select each hotel to best fit into your inclusive itinerary.



# Culinary Inclusions

Food is a wonderful window on new cultures. Our authentic culinary experiences take you into the destination, inspiring both your understanding & your taste buds.







# Collette variety

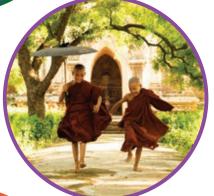
No matter how you want to see the world, Collette can take you there. Whether you want to travel across an entire country, dive into a local culture, or come to know one of the world's great cities, Collette has the travel experience that's right for you.

# find your travel style



**CLASSIC**Collette's Flagship

Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.



#### **EXPLORATIONS**

Immersive Small Group Touring

Smaller groups lead to bigger experiences. Explorations gives travelers access to the world in a new way, venturing off the beaten path for more adventure and immersive cultural connections. The small group size opens the door to magnificent sights, unique accommodations and exclusive culinary events. Your senses come alive as you capture the true essence of each destination.



#### **SPOTLIGHTS**

Single-hotel Stays

Unpack just once and explore the world's most iconic cities during Spotlight's single-hotel stays. The leisurely pace offers you the chance to get to know these destinations like a local. Must-see cultural highlights are always included, plus there's plenty of time to explore independently, creating your own unique adventure.



#### **RIVER CRUISE**

Taking the River Less Traveled

Collette's River Cruises are a slower, more intimate way to explore the world. These adventures, on small 4-star vessels, are an easy way to travel through the world's beautiful waterways. Plus, when you step off your ship with a Tour Manager by your side, you'll truly come to know the people and places along the river.



**FAITH**Spiritual Journeys

Collette's collection of religious tours has been created with our faith-based travelers in mind. The focus is on creating inspiring travel experiences in world-famous spiritual locations, and these itineraries are designed utilizing more modest accommodations that capture the reflective surroundings in which they sit.



# THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO DOWN UNDER...

**Let us show you more of Australia and New Zealand.** In a part of the world where every day brings another extraordinary experience, your journey blends the iconic, the cultural and the captivating moments that make travel special.

see it on

From the Outback to the Glaciers The Complete South Pacific Exploring Australia



#### TASMANIA/HOBART

see it on:

The Complete South Pacific

# Let us be your guide...

The South Pacific offers up a wealth of experiences. These are just a few of the amazing places Collette can take you!



#### **GREAT BARRIER REEF**

From the Outback to the Glaciers The Complete South Pacific South Pacific Wonders South Pacific Wonders with New Zealand's North Island Exploring Australia



FIJI Add to any South Pacific tour!

#### **BLUE MOUNTAINS**

see it on: Exploring Australia



#### **SYDNEY**

From the Outback to the Glaciers The Complete South Pacific South Pacific Wonders South Pacific Wonders with New Zealand's North Island Exploring Australia

#### **BAY OF ISLANDS**

**Exploring New Zealand** 



#### **AUCKLAND** & ROTORUA

The Complete South Pacific South Pacific Wonders with New Zealand's North Island **Exploring New Zealand** 

#### WELLINGTON

see it on:

The Complete South Pacific Exploring New Zealand



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#### **CHRISTCHURCH**

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#### FROM the **OUTBACK to** the GLACIERS

21 DAYS · 29 MEALS FROM \$4999



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, an architectural wonder.
- · Visit Hartley's Croc Farm for a chance to get up-close and personal with crocodiles.
- · Access the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour."
- Watch a skilled New Zealand "strong eye" sheep-herding dog at a working farm.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the **Great Barrier Reef**
- · Explore Kata Tjuta and the base of Ayers Rock (Uluru).



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

DAY 12 | Choose to experience the area on a 24-hour hop-on hop-off Sydney Harbour cruise pass or visit two attractions - the Sydney Tower Eye and Sea Life Sydney Aguarium.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- Behold Ayers Rock at sunset while you sip champagne.
- · Take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- A New Zealand family welcomes you in their home for dinner.
- · Enjoy a tasting and tour at one of New Zealand's famous wineries.



# captivating scenery, personalized experiences and diverse wonders

an Australia and New Zealand adventure you will never forget.

#### START EARLY



Cairns: Take more time in this sunny gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. CALL FOR DETAILS

#### Day 1 - Day 2: Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline (skipping a day ahead) for an adventure discovering the treasures of Australia and New Zealand, including its unparalleled beauty and captivating culture.

#### Day 3: Cairns, Australia - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions - the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO World Heritage site). Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (D)

#### Day 4: Great Barrier Reef

Board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef. Choose how you want to spend your day in paradise by making your time on the reef as educational or as laid back as you like. Perhaps you will relax and independently explore the pristine shores of this tiny sand island located on the outer reef. Or maybe you are a bit more adventurous and will go snorkeling, revealing a wealth of vibrant sea life. You also have the opportunity to meet with a marine biologist during an informative presentation. Or you may opt to join an expert for a beach and heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

#### Day 5: Cairns

The morning is yours to explore the town at your own pace or simply relax and soak up the tropical atmosphere. Perhaps you will take an optional tour on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable







experience that takes you above the rainforest canopy for a bird's-eye view of unspoiled natural beauty. This afternoon, visit Hartley's Croc Farm for a chance to get upclose with crocodiles in their natural habitat. Boardwalks take you on a path of adventure through rainforests and woodlands to see animals such as wild birds, reptiles and wallabies. You may meet some of the local koalas and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these cuddly creatures. (B)

#### Day 6: Cairns - Melbourne

Fly to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. Set around the shores of Port Phillip Bay and the Yarra River, the city exudes a lively and cosmopolitan atmosphere. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Melbourne

Set out on a city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens, valued for their historic and horticultural significance, and the bustling "laneways" of Melbourne. Later you may participate in an optional tour to Phillip Island, a renowned nature reserve and home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins; protected and studied by rangers, hundreds of them waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their burrows in the dunes; at the interpretation center, you have a chance to learn about the lives of the Little Penguins and their significance to the area. (B)

#### Day 8: Melbourne - Alice Springs

It's on to the vast landscapes and tranquility of the Outback. Your flight takes you to Alice Springs, the perfect place to begin exploring this unique land. A special experience is in store this evening as you have the opportunity to meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. Supported by the Collette Foundation, Drum Atweme is a musical group comprised of at-risk youth from the local community. Tonight, continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Alice Springs

Access the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour." A specialist guide shares Aboriginal creation stories and explains everyday life. This afternoon, discover a more modern side to Outback life when you visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, a lifeline to thousands across the vast terrain of Central Australia. Later, tour the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill with its excellent views of Alice Springs and the surrounding area. (B)

#### Day 10: Alice Springs - Uluru

Traverse the "Red Centre" as you drive to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock) in the heart of the

Australian Outback. This huge monolith and the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta were created through the process of upheaval and erosion. Learn about their geology and significance to Aboriginal culture. Prepare for a truly majestic sunset as you witness the changing colors of Uluru accompanied by a champagne toast. (B)

#### Day 11: Uluru - Sydney

Say farewell to the quiet of the rugged Outback and fly to Sydney, an energetic metropolis. Upon arrival in Sydney, enjoy dinner in the bustling Darling Harbour restaurant area. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Sydney 😯

Join a local resident for a tour of Sydney. Begin on a driving tour of the landmarks of Sydney before disembarking for a walking tour. See Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and fashionable Paddington. Then it's time for a stroll through the Rocks, Sydney's oldest district. Next, discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural sights on a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then you're in for a unique experience as you learn firsthand about opals

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#### FROM the **OUTBACK** to the GLACIERS

(CONTINUED) 21 DAYS · 29 MEALS FROM \$4999



#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Days 1, 2 Overnight Flight Days 3 - 5 Pullman International, Cairns Days 6, 7 Mercure Melbourne Treasury Gardens, Melbourne Days 8, 9 Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs Day 10 Desert Gardens, Uluru Days 11 - 13 The Tank Stream Hotel, Sydney Day 14 Pavilions Hotel, Christchurch

Franz Josef Days 16 - 18 Novotel Lakeside, Queenstown **Day 19** The Hermitage, Mount Cook Day 20 Pavilions Hotel, Christchurch

**Day 15** 

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Scenic Franz Josef Glacier Hotel,

#### **COLLETTE CARES**

Australia - Drum Atweme was formed in the early '90s as an answer to the needs of the aboriginal at risk youth, particularly girls ages 6-13 years old. The focus of the program is to create a positive influence and healthy atmosphere through cultural immersion and musical engagement. The group was originally established as an attendance-raising program but later grew into a performance group providing an environment for confidence and education. The at-risk youth are also active in the decision-making of the group regarding performances, creativity and budgeting which ultimately results in giving the girls a strong sense of self-worth and esteem.





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during a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. This afternoon the choice is yours! Experience the area at your own pace with a Sydney cruise pass. Travel by high-speed boat to a variety of spots on Sydney Harbour. Visit the famous beach resorts of Manly and Watson's Bay, historic Fort Denison or Taronga Zoo. Hop off to explore places of interest or stay on and relax during a narrated cruise -OR- choose to ascend the Sydney Tower Eye for incredible views and then explore the renowned Sea Life Sydney Aquarium. (B)

#### Day 13: Sydney

Deepen your exploration of Sydney's many wonders with a day at leisure. Tonight, say your farewell to Australia by chatting with new friends and taking in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas the harbour has to offer including Sydney's magnificent skyline and iconic attractions: the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Sydney - Christchurch, New Zealand

Leave Australia behind and fly to the historic city of Christchurch, New Zealand. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the "Garden City" is recreating itself during a sightseeing tour that highlights the city's magnificent gardens and elegant park district. (B)

#### Day 15: Christchurch - Franz Josef Glacier

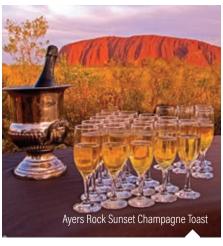
Take in marvelous snowcapped peaks, rugged mountains, and beautiful river gorges as you cross the Southern Alps. You may choose to take the TranzAlpine train (optional) for a truly inspiring train ride through this glorious scenery. Arrive in the Franz Josef Glacier Region, which offers travelers a rare opportunity to experience a living glacial landscape in a temperate environment. (B, D)

#### Day 16: Franz Josef - Queenstown

Before departing Franz Josef, if the dynamic New Zealand weather cooperates, you may opt to see this beautiful glacier region from a bird's-eye view during a flightseeing tour. En route to Queenstown, watch as the amazing landscape unfolds before your eyes as you pass through the rainforest, bordered by the Southern Alps and the twisting coastline. Cross jade green glacial rivers, view thundering waterfalls and enjoy dramatic changes in scenery. After crossing the Haast Pass, arrive in Queenstown, one of New Zealand's prettiest towns. Tonight, ascend the mountainside on a cable car for dinner at the Skyline Restaurant. Enjoy sweeping views of the valley. (B, D)

#### Day 17: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown Journey to Milford Sound. Soak in the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley. You'll travel through ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. During a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound, you'll see









why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4,000 feet on either side, the scenery will take your breath away. Following the cruise, you return to Queenstown. You may choose to return via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

#### Day 18: Queenstown

Enhance your free day with a variety of optional activities. Shop in the charming village center or enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River. Perhaps you will join the optional "Journey through Middle Earth" tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the spots where *The Lord of the Rings* movies were filmed. Or...just relax! (B)

#### Day 19: Queenstown - Mt. Cook

Set off for the beautiful 19th-century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown, a boomtown during the 1860s gold fever. Next, enjoy a tasting and tour at one of New Zealand's famous wineries. Then, sample the freshness of the Central Otago region with a stop at a local fruit stand. Follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before

arriving in New Zealand's most famous national park, Mt. Cook. Savor some free time in this Alpine paradise. You may choose to take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting) or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

#### Day 20: Mt. Cook - Christchurch

As you return to Christchurch this morning, pay a visit to a working farm. Watch a skilled New Zealand "strong eye" sheep herding dog at work, followed by a sheep shearing demonstration. Get to know these New Zealand farmers over morning tea. A special treat is in store for you tonight as you dine with a New Zealand family in their home. Meet and talk with a friendly Kiwi family who is delighted to share their culture, traditions and home with you. (B, D)

#### Day 21: Christchurch - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful vacation. (B)

#### STAY LONGER



Christchurch: Enjoy the chance to relax in the most English city outside of Britain. CALL FOR DETAILS

#### **DATES & PRICES**

January – April 2018 (different itinerary – see note)	Twin	Solo	<b>May 2018 - April 2019</b> August 6, 20	Twin \$5499	<b>Solo</b> \$7249
January 8, 15, 22, 29	\$5149	\$6949	September 3, 10	\$5499	\$7249
February 5, 12, 19, 25, 26	\$5149	\$6949	September 24	\$5799	\$7849
March 5, 12, 19, 26	\$5149	\$6949	October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	\$5799	\$7849
April 2, 8, 9, 16, 23	\$4999	\$6499	November 5, 12	\$5799	\$7849
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour		January 14, 21, 28	\$5799	\$7849	
departures. Departures prior to this confirm at time of reservation.	date will va	ry. Please	February 4, 11, 18, 25	\$5799	\$7849
	<b>.</b>	0.1	March 4, 11, 18, 25	\$5799	\$7849
May 2018 – April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Twin	Solo	April 7, 8, 15	\$5599	\$7499
May 7	\$4999	\$6799	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$100	
May 28	\$5499	\$7249	Rates are land only, per perso	n, and do no	ot
June 4, 25	\$5499	\$7249	include the internal flights on	tour. Call at	out
July 9, 23	\$5499	\$7249	additional dates.		

This trip requires a passport and visa. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

#### THE COMPLETE **SOUTH PACIFIC**

27 DAYS · 38 MEALS FROM \$6999



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Tour the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta at the base of Avers Rock.
- · Feel at home when overnighting at a New Zealand family's home.
- · See koalas in a natural setting during a stop at a koala conservation center.
- · Visit Te Puia, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Board a catamaran to explore the Great Barrier Reef.
- · Explore the beauty of Mt. Cook National Park.
- · Witness the Little Penguins on the beach at Phillip Island.
- · Take a guided tour of Tasmania's Port Arthur Historic Site.
- · Marvel at the wonders (and wildlife) of Kakadu National Park.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

DAY 15 | Experience Sydney on a 24 hour hop-on hop-off Sydney Harbour cruise pass, or visit two attractions - the Sydney Tower Eve and Sea Life Sydney Aguarium.

DAY 17 | Experience life in Queenstown. Attend a cultural show, go stargazing with a naturalist, or give the luge at try!



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · Savor a memorable bush dinner in the Australian Outback.
- Take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- Choose from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour.

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## the Down Under that dreams are made of

a sweeping, grand tour of Australia and New Zealand's best.

#### START EARLY



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#### Day 1 - Day 2: Depart from Home

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#### Day 4: Great Barrier Reef

Board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef. Choose how you want to spend your day in paradise by making your time on the reef as educational

or as laid back as you like. Perhaps you will relax and independently explore the pristine shores of this tiny sand island located on the outer reef. Or maybe you are a bit more adventurous and will go snorkeling, revealing a wealth of vibrant sea life. You also have the opportunity to meet with a marine biologist during an informative presentation. Or you may also opt to join an expert for a beach and heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

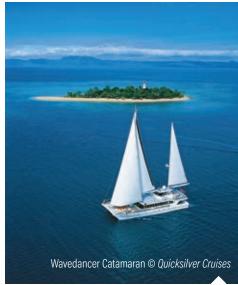
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#### Day 6: Cairns - Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Fly to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock) in the heart of the Australian Outback. Tour the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta and the beautiful area surrounding the base of "The Rock." Later, witness a stunning sunset over a glass of champagne as the Rock's hues change dramatically with the setting sun. (B)







#### Day 7: Uluru - Alice Springs

Hop over the "Red Centre" on a short flight to Alice Springs. Tour the area and learn how people once communicated in the remote Outback at the Old Telegraph Station, dating back to the 1800s. Visit the School of the Air to find out more about the educational system of the Outback. There's even a chance of witnessing a class in session! Become locally invested as you have the opportunity to meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. Supported by the Collette Foundation, Drum Atweme is a musical group comprised of at-risk youth from the local community. Tonight, continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Alice Springs - Darwin - Kakadu National Park

Access the history and culture of the Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour." A specialist guide shares Aboriginal creation stories and explains everyday life. You'll even taste native cuisine. Later, board your flight to the city of Darwin on the northern edge of Australia and drive into the heart of Kakadu National Park. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Kakadu National Park

Soak in the natural beauty of the "Top End." Kakadu National Park is home to crocodiles, wallaroos and wallabies, monitors and lizards, and birds of every imaginable variety. Witness artwork dating back thousands of years as you view Nourlangie Rock. During an afternoon cruise, be on the lookout for crocodiles as they bask in the sun, as well as waterfowl such as jabiru, egrets, herons and eagles. (B, D)

**Day 10:** Kakadu National Park - Darwin - Melbourne Transfer to Darwin for your flight to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. (B)

#### Day 11: Melbourne

Set out on a city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens, the Shrine of Remembrance and bustling "laneways" of Melbourne. There is time at leisure to explore the city independently. Later, see koalas in their natural setting during a stop at a koala conservation center before arriving at Phillip Island, a renowned nature reserve and home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins. Protected and studied by rangers, hundreds of them waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their burrows in the dunes. At the interpretation center, you have a chance to learn about the lives of the Little Penguins and their significance to the region. (B)

#### Day 12: Melbourne - Hobart

A flight to Hobart, Tasmania brings you to Australia's second oldest city. The rugged and pristine beauty of Tasmania provides the backdrop to your 2-night stay. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Hobart

Brace yourself for the Tasmanian Devil! Visit the Tasmanian Devil Conservation Center and learn about this unique marsupial, its fight for survival, and the efforts in place to save it from extinction. Later, take a guided tour of the Port Arthur Historic Site, the best-preserved example of Australia's original penal colonies and home to stabilized ruins and restored buildings dating back to 1833. En route, witness the spectacular coastal rock

formations known as Tasman Arch, Devil's Kitchen and the Blow Hole. (B)

#### Day 14: Hobart - Sydney

Return to mainland Australia today and arrive in the bustling city of Sydney. This evening it's Diner's Choice as you choose from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour. (B, D)

#### Day 15: Sydney 😯

Join a local resident for a tour of Sydney. Begin on a driving tour of the landmarks of Sydney before disembarking for a walking tour. See Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and fashionable Paddington. Then it's time for a stroll through the Rocks, Sydney's oldest district. Next, discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural sights on a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Next, you're in for a unique experience as you learn firsthand about opals during a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. This afternoon the choice is yours! Experience the area at your own pace with a 24 hour hop-on hop-off Sydney Harbour cruise pass...hop off to explore places of interest or stay on and relax during a narrated cruise -OR- you may choose to visit two of Sydney's unique attractions...ascend the Sydney Tower Eye for incredible views before exploring the renowned Sea Life Sydney Aquarium. (B)

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#### THE COMPLETE SOUTH PACIFIC

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#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Days 1, 2 Overnight Flight Days 3 - 5 Pullman International, Cairns Day 6 Sails in the Desert, Ayers Rock Day 7 Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs Days 8, 9 Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Kakadu Days 10, 11 The Swanston Grand Mercure, Melbourne

Days 12, 13 Hadley's Orient Hotel, Hobart Days 14 - 16 Hyatt Regency Darling Harbour, Sydney

Days 17 - 19 Crowne Plaza, Queenstown Day 20 The Hermitage (Mt. Cook Region), Mount Cook

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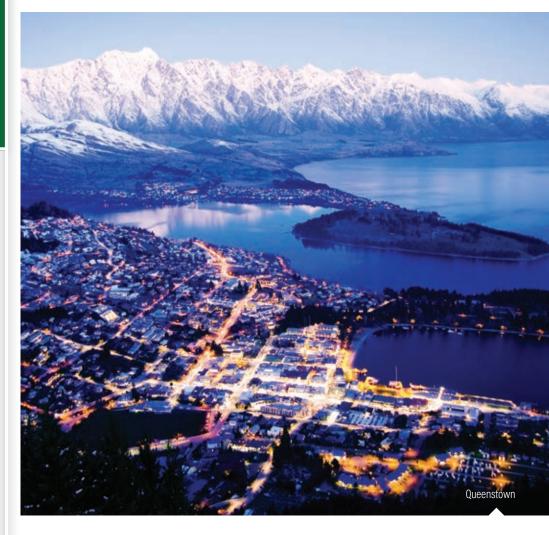
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#### Day 17: Sydney - Queenstown, New Zealand 😵

Fly to one of the world's best-kept secrets - New Zealand! Arrive in gorgeous Queenstown. Dinner is at the famous Skyline restaurant overlooking Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkable Mountains. After dinner this evening the choice is yours! Take a seat at a cultural show, enjoy star gazing with a naturalist -OR- if you are feeling more adventurous, give the luge a try! (B, D)

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#### Day 19: Queenstown

A free day in Queenstown offers limitless diversions set amidst breathtaking Alpine scenery. Shop in the charming village center or enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River. Or, perhaps you will join the optional "Journey through Middle Earth" tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the spots where *The Lord of the Rings* movies were filmed. (B)

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Set out for the beautiful turn-of-the-century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown. Take time to explore independently and stroll its quaint, historic streets. Next, follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand's most famous national park, Mt. Cook. There will be time to enjoy the Alpine paradise of Mt. Cook - a larger-than-life experience. You may choose to take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting) or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

#### Day 21: Mt. Cook - Christchurch

Travel to the historic city of Christchurch, the "Garden City". Enjoy some free time to explore. Stroll the city's magnificent gardens or view cutting-edge examples of post-earthquake architecture in the central district. (B)









#### Day 22: Christchurch - Picton - Wellington

On your journey to Picton, admire the coastal views, scenic river valleys and vineyards. From there, sail across Cook Strait to experience what has been called "the most beautiful ferry ride in the world." Your final destination is Wellington, New Zealand's capital city. (B, D)

#### Day 23: Wellington

Come to know Wellington on a tour viewing the Beehive, New Zealand's Parliament; historic St. Paul's Church; and the Old Government Building - the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. Explore the National Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongawera, a fascinating center dedicated to art, history and the Maori culture. (B)

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Drive to Rotorua with its dramatic geothermal landscape. Over one-third of its population boasts Maori roots making it known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. You'll feel right at home this evening when a New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for the night! This is sure to be an unforgettable experience as you make new friends, learn about the customs of the "Kiwis," and enjoy a home-cooked meal. (B, D)

#### Day 25: Rotorua

Discover Te Puia - New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Witness how the Maori keep their culture alive by teaching the tribal youth traditional carving and weaving. Enjoy the chance to see the Kiwi bird and learn about the preservation efforts being made to remove this marvelous creature from the endangered species list. Next, meet the skilled carvers who work with pounamu, New Zealand greenstone, at a jade factory. At the Agrodome, see a sheep shearing demonstration and learn about the importance of agriculture to the nation. (B)

#### Day 26: Rotorua - Auckland

Travel through the majestic countryside of the North Island, arriving in New Zealand's largest city, Auckland, "The City of Sails." A panoramic city tour features the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, vibrant Queen Street, the Auckland Harbour Bridge, and spectacular views from the harbourside. Tonight, join your fellow travelers at a local restaurant for a farewell dinner where you will toast the end of a wonderful trip! (B, D)

#### Day 27: Auckland - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Auckland. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

**ADD** A DAY Auckland: Reward yourself with another night to enjoy the "City of Sails," CALL FOR DETAILS

#### **DATES & PRICES**

January – April 2018 (different itinerary – see note)	Twin	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019 September 1	Twin Solo \$7499 \$10299
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February 3, 10, 17, 24 March 3, 10, 17	\$6999 \$6999	\$9399 \$9399	September 22, 29 October 6, 13, 20	\$7999 \$10799 \$7999 \$10799
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May 2018 – April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Twin	Solo	April 6, 25, 27	\$7999 \$10799
May 26	\$6999	\$9999	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$100 - \$200
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This trip requires a passport and visa. Your home stay will take place in the greater Rotorua area. Your host family will pick you up at your hotel and return you to meet up with your group the following morning. If you prefer not to stay in a private home, you may choose to stay at your Rotorua hotel with dinner included. Please make your decision known at the time of booking as no changes are allowed on tour. If your preference is not made known, your stay in Rotorua will default to the home stay. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

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#### Day 17: Queenstown

A free day offers a variety of optional activities to enhance your tour. Shop or people-watch in the village; partake in an optional, exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River; or join the optional "Journey through Middle Earth" tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains showcasing many of the spots where *The Lord of the Rings* movies were filmed. This evening, take in the city of Queenstown from above. A breathtaking gondola ride takes you to dinner at the Skyline Restaurant overlooking Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkable Mountains. (B, D)

#### Day 18: Queenstown - Tour Ends

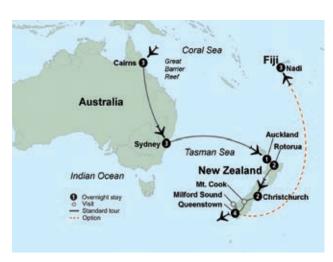
Your adventure ends, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**



Queenstown: Relax after your tour in this most 'English' of cities. CALL FOR DETAILS

October 16, 23







#### DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 (different itinerary – see note)	Twin S	Solo	September 2018 - April 201 November 13	<b>9 Twin</b> \$4899	<b>Solo</b> \$6749
February 5, 12	\$4249 \$5	5699	February 5, 12	\$4899	\$6749
March 5, 12	\$4249 \$5	5699	March 5, 12	\$4899	\$6749
April 16, 23	\$4099 \$5	5399	April 16, 23	\$4699	\$6399
Itinerary featured is for September 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50-\$100		
September 2018 – April 2019 Twin Solo (featured itinerary)		Rates are land only, per person, and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.			
September 25	\$4899 \$6	6749			

This trip requires a passport and visa. Due to frequent flight schedule changes, a post-night in Queenstown may be required (at an additional cost). Please inquire at the time of booking. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

# **EXPLORING AUSTRALIA**

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Come to know the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour."
- Take a guided tour of the fascinating Sydney Opera House.
- · Tour Kata Tjuta and the base of Uluru (Ayers Rock).

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Hop aboard a catamaran to explore the Great Barrier Reef.
- Experience Australia's most famous wine region, Barossa Valley.
- Tour Sydney, the birthplace of modern-day Australia.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 16 | Travel to the stunning Blue Mountains of New South Wales or explore Sydney at your own pace with a Sydney cruise pass.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- Enjoy a delightful dinner in the bush in the Australian Outback.
- Dine at the famous Colonial Tramcar Restaurant.
- Take in the sights during a dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- Visit the Hutton Vale Farm, home to a winery set on 2,000 picturesque acres.



#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

- Days 1, 2 Overnight Flight
- Days 3, 4 The Swanston Hotel Grand Mercure, Melbourne
- **Days 5, 6** Novotel Barossa Valley Resort, Barossa Valley
- Days 7, 8 Doubletree by Hilton, Alice SpringsDay 9 Desert Gardens, Uluru, Ayers Rock
- Days 10 13 Pacific Hotel, Cairns
- Days 14 17 Hyatt Regency Darling Harbour or The Tank Stream Hotel, Sydney

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 45 for details.





# Australia's iconic experiences

tour the Sydney Opera House, sip Barossa's wine, snorkel the Great Barrier Reef and soak in Ayers Rock's dramatic sunset.

#### START EARLY

ADD A DAY **Melbourne:** Settle into your hotel in this lively seaside city as you get ready for the adventure of a lifetime. CALL FOR DETAILS

#### Day 1 - Day 2: Depart from Home

The adventure of a lifetime awaits. Cross the International Dateline, skipping a day ahead as you set out to see Australia's vibrant cities, coastal gems, captivating Outback, and so much more!

#### Day 3: Melbourne, Australia - Tour Begins

Arrive today in Melbourne, a Victorian city with an energetic modern vibe. You're in for a treat tonight as you dine aboard the famous Colonial Tramcar Restaurant, the first traveling tramcar restaurant in the world! (D)

#### Day 4: Melbourne

Get to know Melbourne on a tour that features the historic Fitzroy Gardens. Later, you may join an optional tour to Phillip Island, the home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins. Protected and studied by rangers, hundreds of them waddle out of the sea and cross the

beach to their burrows in the dunes. At the interpretation center, you have a chance to learn about the lives of the Little Penguins and their significance to the area. (B)

#### Day 5: Melbourne - Adelaide - Barossa Valley

Fly to Adelaide and explore this lovely coastal city before proceeding to the Barossa Valley, Australia's most famous wine region. Renowned among connoisseurs, the valley's award-winning winemakers attract visitors from around the world. Tonight, enjoy a scenic dinner overlooking the vineyards. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Barossa Valley

Set out for the 19th-century Hutton Vale Farm, an 8th generation working farm and winery set on 2,000 acres of picturesque countryside. Caretakers John and Jan Angas will welcome you and share their family's story that extends back to the founding of Australia. Tour the farm's historic buildings, see their livestock and one of the many vineyards before partaking in some tea and homemade specialties. Perhaps you'll give their sweet crisp Riesling a try. Next, travel to the Seppeltsfield winery for a private tour, followed by a tasting of their world-class wines. Quench your palate with varietals

ranging from fruit-forward Chardonnays to earthy Pinot Noirs. (B)

#### Day 7: Barossa Valley - Alice Springs

Welcome to the Outback. Your Alice Springs tour highlights the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill, with amazing panoramas of the area. Gain insight into the educational system in the Outback at the School of the Air; you may even see a class in session. Meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. Supported by the Collette Foundation, Drum Atweme is a musical organization comprised of at-risk youth from the local community. Tonight, savor a memorable bush dinner set against the desert backdrop. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Alice Springs

Come to know the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour." A specialist guide shares Aboriginal creation stories and explains everyday life. Take the rest of the day to explore this quintessential Outback town. (B)

#### Day 9: Alice Springs - Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Traverse the "Red Centre" as you drive to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock). This huge monolith and the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta were created through the process of upheaval and erosion. Prepare for a truly majestic sunset as you witness the changing colors of Uluru while enjoying a champagne toast. (B)

#### Day 10: Uluru - Cairns

Set off in the cool of the morning for Kata Tjuta and the base of "The Rock" to learn about its geology and significance to Aboriginal culture. Later, fly to Cairns - the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions - the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO World Heritage site). Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Cairns

Board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable ride above the rainforest canopy. There are two stops where you may get off and experience the forest floor's diversity of plants, birds and animals from specially designed boardwalks. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the tropical surroundings. (B)

#### Day 12: Great Barrier Reef

Hop aboard a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the reef's fascinating underwater world. Relax and independently explore the pristine shores of this tiny sand island located on the outer reef. Or, for the more adventurous, go snorkeling, revealing a wealth of vibrant sea life. You also have the opportunity to learn from a marine biologist. Maybe you will opt to join an expert for a beach and heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

#### Day 13: Cairns

This morning, explore the town at your own pace or simply relax. Later, set out for Hartley's Croc Farm. Get up close and personal with crocodiles in their natural habitat! Boardwalks take you

on a path of adventure through rainforests and woodlands, home to birds, reptiles and wallabies. You may meet some of the local koalas and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these cuddly creatures. Then, take an exciting cruise on the lagoon and watch for crocodiles before enjoying an authentic Aussie barbecue. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Cairns - Sydney

After a leisurely morning, fly to Sydney, Australia's largest city, where British settlers first dropped anchor in 1788. This evening it's Diner's Choice as you choose from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour. (B, D)

#### Day 15: Sydney

Join a local resident for a tour of Sydney. Begin on a driving tour of the landmarks of Sydney before disembarking for a walking tour. See Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Circular Quay. the Botanic Gardens and fashionable Paddington. Then it's time for a stroll through the Rocks, Sydney's oldest district. Next, discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural sights on a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then you're in for a unique experience as you learn firsthand about opals during a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. Later, uncover the wonders of Sydney during free time. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. (B)

#### Day 16: Choice of the Blue Mountains or Sydney by Sea 😯

The choice is yours! Travel to the stunning Blue Mountains of New South Wales (UNESCO). Come to know its countless geological wonders sandstone plateaus, rich valleys, river gorges and endless pristine wilderness. See the Three Sisters sandstone rock formations, the region's most notable attraction **-OR-** further experience Sydney at your own pace with a Sydney cruise pass. Travel by high-speed boat to a variety of spots on Sydney Harbour. Visit the famous beach resorts of Manly and Watson's Bay, historic Fort Denison or Taronga Zoo. Hop off to explore places of interest or stay on and relax during a narrated cruise. (B)

#### Day 17: Sydney

Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps you will explore more of Sydney's fascinating attractions, do some shopping or find yourself relaxing at a local café. This evening, say farewell to Sydney and take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas of the harbour showcasing Sydney's magnificent skyline, the iconic Sydney Opera House, and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

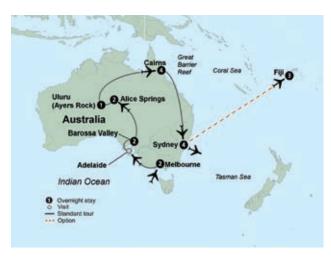
#### Day 18: Sydney - Tour Ends

You depart for home with wonderful memories of this inspiring country. (B)

#### STAY LONGER



Sydney: There's always more to do in exciting Sydney. Reward yourself with one more day 'Down Under.' CALL FOR DETAILS





#### **DATES & PRICES**

January – April 2018 (different itinerary - see note)	Twin	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019 September 7	Twin Solo \$4649 \$6349
January 19	\$4299 \$4299	\$5699 \$5699	September 14	\$4899 \$6599
February 2, 16 March 2, 9	\$4299	\$5699	October 12, 19	\$4999 \$6699
April 6, 13	\$4299	\$5699	November 2 January 18, 25	\$4899 \$6599 \$4899 \$6599
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – departures. Departures prior to this confirm at time of reservation.	April 2019 to	ur	February 1, 15 March 1, 8 April 26	\$4899 \$6599 \$4899 \$6599 \$4799 \$6299
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July 13	\$3999	\$5699	additional dates.	tour. Gail about
August 10	\$3999	\$5699		



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Australia - Drum Atweme creates a positive environment for at-risk Aboriginal girls through traditional music.

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Get to know a local New Zealand family during dinner with the opportunity for an overnight home stay.
- Explore Te Puia, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience.
- · Visit the Royal Albatross Centre.
- Stop at the Kauri Museum where you will come to know the stories surrounding the giant kauri tree.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Cruise through the Bay of Islands' famous Hole in the Rock.
- Relish a breathtaking cruise through Milford Sound fjord.
- Explore spectacular Mt. Cook National Park.
- Watch the Queenstown landscape unfold, passing through the rainforest bordered by the Southern Alps and twisting coastline.
- Spend two nights in the beautiful Bay of Islands.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE

DAY 15 | Experience life in Queenstown. Attend a cultural show, go stargazing with a naturalist, or give the luge at try!



# the ultimate New Zealand adventure

an epic tour of the North and South Island. Modern cities, rugged coastline, fjords, glaciers, and Maori culture.

#### START EARLY



Auckland: Upon arrival you'll be glad you have more time in this stunning "City of Sails." CALL FOR DETAILS

#### Day 1 - Day 2: Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline and begin the adventure of a lifetime by skipping a day ahead.

#### Day 3: Auckland, New Zealand - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Auckland, the "City of Sails," consistently rated one of the best places in the world to live. Auckland's Polynesian population instills into its chic atmosphere the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 4: Auckland - Bay of Islands

Come to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War

Memorial, bustling Queen Street, and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Next, depart Auckland and travel north to the Bay of Islands, your home for the next two nights. This sun-soaked region boasts more than 144 islands and warm waters with abundant marine life. Visit the Waitangi Treaty House where Maori and British leaders signed the 1840 treaty establishing New Zealand as a nation. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Bay of Islands

We begin the day with a cruise that features the bay's famous Hole in the Rock and a stop off at picturesque Urupukapuka Island. Relax on the beach or walk to a higher elevation to enjoy 360° views. Look out at the Cape Brett Lighthouse which stands nearly 500 feet above sea level at the edge of the Cape Brett Peninsula. The rest of the day is yours to independently explore Paihia – the quaint town known as "the jewel of the Bay of Islands." (B)

**Day 6:** Bay of Islands - Matakohe - Home Stay
Leave the sparkling waters of the Bay of Islands behind











and head to Matakohe in the heartland of the North Island. Make a stop at the Kauri Museum where you will come to know the stories surrounding the giant kauri tree that can live for 2,000 years. Discover how the early settlers used this abundant tree to build a life for themselves. Later, make yourself right at home when a New Zealand family welcomes you for the night! This is sure to be an unforgettable experience as you make new friends, learn about the customs of the "Kiwis" and enjoy a home-cooked meal. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Rotorua

Today, find yourself amid the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua. With over one-third of its population boasting Maori roots, this city is known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. Visit Te Puia, New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. The National Carving School and National Weaving School are located here, passing on age-old customs by teaching the tribal youth these traditional skills. Enjoy the chance to view the Kiwi bird and learn what is being done in an effort to remove this marvelous creature from the endangered species list. Tonight, experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration where you learn about the warm-hearted Maoris and their lives before European colonists arrived in Aotearoa (New Zealand) and since. Enjoy an immersive experience featuring authentic entertainment such as the poi dance and the famous "Haka" war challenge. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Rotorua - Napier

Journey into the Hawke's Bay region. After arriving in the city of Napier, which boasts some of the greatest Art Deco architecture in the world, enjoy a guided tour and learn why Napier took on such an eclectic design style. This afternoon, take advantage of time at leisure to stroll the oceanfront promenade and simply soak up the atmosphere. (B)

#### Day 9: Napier - Wellington

Travel through the rolling countryside of the North Island. The rural vistas and the rugged Rimutaka Range slowly give way to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Wellington

This morning we embark on a walking tour of Wellington. See the Beehive, New Zealand's Parliament; historic St. Paul's Church; and the Old Government Building – the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. Following the tour, visit the Te Papa Tongawera Museum, a fascinating center dedicated to art, history and the Maori culture. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

#### Day 11: Wellington - Picton - Blenheim, Marlborough

Board a ferry and sail across Cook Strait. This has been called "the most beautiful ferry ride in the world." Arrive in Picton on the South Island where you will have free time for lunch. Next, drive along the coast to the picturesque village of Havelock where you will have free time to enjoy the quaint colonial buildings in a town that bills itself as

the "green-lipped mussel capital of the world." Upon arrival in Blenheim, relax at your hotel before heading to a local winery where you will see the vineyard, enjoy a tasting, and dine at the cellar door bistro. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Blenheim

The morning is yours to enjoy the town of Blenheim. Next, we continue our introduction to the world-famous wine region of Marlborough with a visit to another of the family-owned wineries in the region for a tasting and tour. The area is famous for its Chardonnays, Pinot Noirs, and late harvest Riesling wines, all of which you will taste today. (B)

#### Day 13: Blenheim - Punakaiki

Today we drive through the heart of the South Island and further along the rugged coast to Punakaiki. Stop and gaze in wonder at the Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and blowholes. Here columns of water shoot skyward from rocks that resemble giant stacks of hotcakes. Upon arrival at your hotel you will have free time to explore the area before dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Punakaiki - Franz Josef Region

We continue our journey along the stunning coastline. Our destination is the glacially carved landscape of the Franz

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#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- Experience an authentic Hangi dinner and learn about Maori culture.
- In Blenheim, enjoy a local winery where you will see the vineyard, enjoy a tasting, and dine at the cellar door bistro.
- Celebrate during a farewell dinner at Riccarton House, the region's earliest home.



#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Days 1, 2 Overnight FlightDay 3 Rydges, Auckland

**Days 4, 5** Scenic Bay of Islands, Paihia or Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of

Islands, Waitangi

Day 6 Home Stay or Millennium Hotel,

Rotorua

Day 7Millennium Hotel, RotoruaDay 8Scenic Te Pania, NapierDays 9, 10Amora Hotel, Wellington

Days 11, 12 Scenic Hotel Marlborough,

Blenheim

Day 13 Punakaiki Resort, Punakaiki

**Day 14** Scenic Franz Josef Glacier, Franz Josef

**Days 15 - 17** Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown

Queenstowi

Day 18 Distinction Hotel & Villas, Te Anau

Days 19, 20 Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin

Day 21 The Hermitage Hotel, Mount Cook or Mackenzie Country Hotel (Mt.

Cook Region), Twizel

Days 22, 23 Pavilions Hotel, Christchurch

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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Josef Region. Along the way, make a stop in Hokitiki to meet the skilled carvers who work with the West Coast pounamu – New Zealand greenstone – at a local jade shop. (B, D)

#### Day 15: Franz Josef - Queenstown 😯

Before departing Franz Josef – if the dynamic New Zealand weather cooperates – you may opt to see this beautiful glacier region from a bird's-eye view during a flightseeing tour. En route to Queenstown, watch as the amazing landscape unfolds before your eyes as you pass through the rainforest, bordered by the Southern Alps and the twisting coastline. After crossing the Haast Pass, arrive in Queenstown, one of the country's prettiest towns. Tonight is sure to be a highlight as you board the cable car for a ride up to the Skyline restaurant where you will enjoy dinner and fantastic views of Queenstown. After dinner this evening, **the choice is yours!** Take a seat at a cultural show; enjoy star gazing with a naturalist **-OR-** if you are feeling more adventurous, give the luge a try! (B, D)

#### Day 16: Queenstown

Set off for the beautiful 19th century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown. Take time to explore its quaint, historic streets. The Central Otago region is where some of New Zealand's best wines are grown and produced. During a stop at a local winery, visit the underground

storage cave – the largest in New Zealand – for a tasting of their award-winning wine. Follow this unforgettable experience with lunch at the winery's fabulous restaurant. Later, return to Queenstown and enjoy some leisure time. (B, L)

#### Day 17: Queenstown

A full day of leisure in Queenstown offers several options to enhance your dream trip. You may shop or people-watch in the village. Or, join the optional "Journey through Middle Earth" tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the spots where *The Lord of the Rings* movies were filmed. (B)

#### Day 18: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Te Anau

En route to Milford Sound, enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley. You'll travel through ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. During a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound you will see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4,000 feet on either side, the scenery will take your breath away. Following your cruise, enjoy an overnight stay on the southern shores of Lake Te Anau, the largest lake on the South Island. Indulge in a special "Taste of Fiordland" dinner showcasing the bountiful local produce. (B, L, D)

#### Day 19: Te Anau - Dunedin

Travel to Dunedin, on the southeast coast of New Zealand.









One of the earliest European settlements on the islands, Dunedin holds proudly to its Scottish heritage and traditions. Visit the Royal Albatross Centre, the only mainland breeding location in the world for these magnificent birds. Their epic wingspan can reach nearly 10 feet! (B)

#### Day 20: Dunedin

This morning's panoramic drive reveals Larnach Castle as well as Baldwin Street, the world's steepest public road. Later you may choose to embark on an optional trip on the spectacular Taieri Gorge Railway; this line was begun in 1879 to serve the inland region of Otago and includes 10 tunnels and 35 bridges. (B)

#### Day 21: Dunedin - Mt. Cook Region

The Maori word for Mt. Cook is Aoraki, which means "cloud piercer." Journey through New Zealand's unspoiled wilderness and arrive at Mt. Cook National Park, where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks. This is where famed New Zealand mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary honed his skills before conquering Everest. You may choose to take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting) or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

#### Day 22: Mt. Cook - Christchurch

As you travel to Christchurch this morning, pause to pay a visit to a working farm. Watch a skilled New Zealand "strong eye" sheep herding dog at work, followed by a sheep shearing demonstration. Get to know these New Zealand farmers over a home-made morning tea. Stroll the city's magnificent gardens or view cuttingedge examples of post-earthquake architecture in the central district. (B)

#### Day 23: Christchurch

This morning enjoy a short tour of Christchurch. Afterwards, you have free time to enjoy the sights on your own or perhaps join in an optional excursion. Tonight, visit the region's earliest home, Riccarton House, and enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 24: Christchurch - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to a close, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful trip. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**



Christchurch: Enjoy a bit more of this 'English' city tucked away in the South Pacific. CALL FOR DETAILS

#### **DATES & PRICES**

January - April 2018	Twin	Solo	May 2018 - April 2019	Twin	Solo
(different itinerary - see note)			August 25	\$4999	\$7199
January 6, 13, 27	\$5499	\$7099	September 22	\$5999	\$8199
February 3, 17, 24	\$5499	\$7099	October 27	\$6499	\$8799
March 3	\$5499	\$7099	November 3, 17	\$6499	\$8799
April 21	\$4999	\$6599	January 12, 26	\$6499	\$8799
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 - April 2019 tour			February 2, 16, 23	\$6499	\$8799
departures. Departures prior to this date will vary.			March 2, 23	\$6499	\$8799
Please confirm at time of reservation			April 27	\$5999	\$8199
May 2018 – April 2019 (featured itinerary)	Twin	Solo	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$100	
May 19	\$4999	\$7199	Rates are land only, per pers	on. Call abou	t
June 23	\$4999	\$7199	additional dates.		
July 28	\$4999	\$7199			



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This trip requires a passport. Your home stay will take place in the region of Rotorua. Your host family will pick you up and return you in the morning, when you will be transferred to your hotel. If you prefer not to stay in a private home, you may choose to stay at your Rotorua hotel with dinner included. Please make your decision known at the time of booking as no changes are allowed on tour. If your preference is not made known, your stay will default to the home stay.

# Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Accommodations**

What is the difference between a twin room and a double room? In certain countries, hotel rooms tend to be smaller than U.S. standard accommodations. A double room is designed to accommodate two people, but may not have two separate beds. A twin bedded room has two separate beds of any size, and is the type most commonly utilized.

What size is a triple room? A triple room is the same size as a twin bedded room and beds will accommodate three people, but we cannot guarantee that there will be three separate beds. If there are only two beds, a rollaway may be requested but cannot be guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes. Please inquire at time of reservation.

**Can my children travel on tour?** Children over the age of 5 may travel on a Collette tour accompanied by an adult. Child land rates are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

Are single and triple rooms always available? On many tours, triple and single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Be advised that single rooms are often smaller.

When can I check into my hotel? Normal check-in time is late afternoon in most locations. Due to early arrival times into some cities, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

#### Air

Can Collette book our airline reservations? Collette is happy to assist you in accommodating your flight needs. Due to tour scheduling and limited availability, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of Collette's air packages. We are not responsible for air arrangements you have made on your own. On occasion, it is necessary to change tour dates. In this case, we can only protect air reservations booked through Collette. For all air reservations, it is strongly recommended to reconfirm flights before departure, in the event that the airline has an unexpected schedule change. We cannot assume responsibility for schedule changes, routings or flight cancellations involving the airlines. Not all airlines offer pre-assigned seats. Some charge a fee for seats which will be at the guests' expense. Where pre-assigned seats are not offered, the guests must contact the airline directly to arrange seat assignments.

## **Attractions & Sightseeing**

Are attractions always available? Access to some attractions or Collette Foundation sites may be affected by the observance of holidays, weather conditions or other circumstances. As a result, the days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour. Boat rides are weather permitting. Some attractions may not be available during the "off-season" months. When attractions are unavailable, other similar attractions will be substituted. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

Is there a lot of walking on tour? We pride ourselves on bringing travelers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. Some hotels/lodges in remote locations may not have elevators. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. Review each tour's "Tour Activity Level" and "Tour Pacing" (pg 45) for details.

Can you tell me more about the safaris? In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be traveling by custom-built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and sometimes travels on bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully, we recommend that all travelers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly.

**How can I plan for shore landings?** Special clothing is required for the shore landings (Antarctica, Galapagos); please refer to your predeparture documents for important details.

**Are all theater performances suitable for children?** Some theater performances may be unsuitable for children – consult your tour manager.

#### **Documentation**

**Do I need a passport?** Government-issued identification is required for all air travel. A valid passport is required for all trips outside the USA. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements. We recommend that your passport has six months validity, and at least 3 blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each client.

**International Borders** Any child under age 16 (traveling without a parent or legal guardian to Canada) must have written permission from a parent or legal guardian.

Please be advised that if you have been convicted of an offense, or have committed a criminal act that is an offense under the laws where it occurred and would be an offense in Canada, you may be inadmissible into Canada. You will need to apply for a Minister's Permit of Approval of Rehabilitation at a Canadian Consulate. All other travelers should contact the appropriate consulate for entry requirements in other international destinations.

In South Africa, children are required to have a passport as well as additional documentation to travel with you into and out of the country. Please consult the South African Embassy for the current specific requirements related to your travel dates.

If travelling internationally with a child under the age of 18, please check directly with the airline for the legal documentation that is required. It is the sole responsibility of the guest to procure the proper documentation to travel and many requirements vary by airline and destination.

Collette will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation.

## **Extending Your Stay**

Can I extend my tour to see more of a region? Yes! You may enhance your tour by purchasing either an extension or pre/post hotel stays, offered on select tours. Extensions may be "hosted" rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will provide all included services and be available on-call during the duration of the extension. A minimum number of passengers may be required to operate some extensions. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Collette also offers pre and post hotel nights before and/or after a tour for you to explore the destination independently. Should you purchase additional nights, please be advised that your tour manager will not be available during this time.

#### **Extras**

What is not included in the tour price? The land price does not include air travel, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, and any incidental charges.

## **Late Bookings**

**Do you accept late bookings?** Tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. All late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with a credit card if within 60 days of departure date.

## **On-Tour Experience**

Where do I meet my Tour Manager? Your tour will begin at your first hotel. The Tour Manager will make contact with you at the hotel and will provide details relating to your tour. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.

Can I prepurchase optional excursions/activities? Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase for applicable tours provided that you make your options purchase prior to 15 days of the tour departure. Collette makes it convenient to reserve presold options by visiting our website for a full listing of activities and excursions or when your reservation is made with our reservations staff. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full. So, while the cost of an optional activity may change from the time you book your tour, once payment is received in full, your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette at their original price. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure. Any presold options canceled while on tour are nonrefundable.

## What do these symbols mean?



Leisure Stay tours are designed to allow for multiple night stays at each hotel. This allows you a more leisurely pace and more time to explore the destinations on your own.



Cruise-Land tours combine the best of both land and sea. These tours feature all the qualities of our traditional escorted tours, including a Tour Manager, and also include an ocean vessel and a portion on land.



River Cruise tours feature small, intimate vessels for a more personal experience as you travel through a variety of beautiful waterways that are inaccessible to larger cruise ships, and sometimes include a portion on land.

#### **Revisions/Changes**

**Would my tour date ever be changed?** While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel a tour prior to departure. Should this happen, Collette will make every effort to put you on another departure date. If an alternate cannot be found, a full refund will be made. Air booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you have secured your own air.

Can I make changes to my reservation? Should you decide to change your reservation after initial booking, a handling fee of \$25 per transaction will be charged. A change of tour date, tour itinerary or passenger name, within the guidelines of the cancellation policy, will be treated as a cancellation and regular cancellation fees may apply.

Revisions to air tickets are subject to the rules and regulations of the airline. See our Cancellation Policy for more details.

#### **Tour Pacing**

How can I be best prepared for the pacing and physical requirements on a Collette tour? Tour pacing varies by itinerary, and each destination's sightseeing and activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. At Collette, we do include the best a destination has to offer, enhancing your overall tour experience. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the "Accommodations" section on each tour page and on the tour map. These describe the number of nights you will stay in each hotel during your tour. The day-by-day descriptions will provide additional detail about the number of activities included in each day.

The Tour Activity Level Ranking is featured on each tour itinerary in a circle. The definition of each activity level is listed here. If you have additional questions regarding a specific tour, please inquire at time of reservation. For your comfort, we recommend packing comfortable walking shoes so you can fully enjoy every aspect of your tour.

**Level 1:** At a very leisurely pace, this tour involves minimal physical activity, such as climbing some stairs, boarding a motorcoach, and walking from the hotel reception area to hotel rooms and dining areas.

**Level 2:** This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestoned streets.

**Level 3:** This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

**Level 4:** To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

**Level 5:** This tour is very active, requiring participants to be physically fit to fully enjoy all the experiences. This itinerary has more strenuous activities which may include such things as: extensive walking tours, transfers over uneven and dusty terrain, high altitudes, early morning departures, late night activities, or extreme temperatures. All conditions do not apply to all days, so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our travel counselors to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this program to individuals who are physically fit. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. If this trip is not ideally suited for you, our travel counselors can help determine the perfect trip for you.

#### **Transfers**

Are airport and hotel transfers available? Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers do not apply to pre- and post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase transfers (for the first and last day of the tour) at an additional cost of \$100 per person, roundtrip. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times.

Are airport transfers available for pre/post hotel stays? All passengers who purchase pre and post hotel nights through Collette may also purchase transfers to/from the airport and the pre or post hotel. Please inquire at time of booking.

What is Roundtrip Home to Airport Sedan Service? It's your ticket to and from the airport. This service is available for all air-inclusive tour bookings. This personalized service is included in many U.S. cities within a 50 mile radius from more than 90 airport gateways.\* Service is available between 51 and 75 miles for a small fee. Not valid on group travel.

\*One transfer per room booking. Additional stops are not permitted on route.

## **Travel Loyalty**

What is Travel Loyalty by Collette or TLC? It allows you to automatically receive a \$150 travel credit for each trip you take.† It's our way of saying thank you for making us your #1 choice in guided travel. Be sure to enroll in TLC to take advantage of this benefit.

†Full credit is valid for your next tour when you travel within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months, and the entire credit expires 24 months after the original trip.

#### **Our Awards**









**Partnerships** 



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# The choice is yours. **3** great air options.

Enjoy the benefits of air-inclusive bookings. Allow us to be your liaison with the airlines and to handle all the details. Choose Flex Airfare, Instant Purchase, or Elite Airfare.

	Flex Airfare	Instant Purchase Airfare <sup>3</sup>	Elite Airfare⁴
Receive roundtrip home to airport sedan service – your journey begins at home!	•	•	•
Free roundtrip airport to hotel transfers included <sup>2</sup>	•	•	•
Dedicated Concierge Service			•
Lounge Passes <sup>5</sup>			•
Express Check-In <sup>5</sup>			•
Eligible for Collette's Travel Protection Plan	•	<ul><li>part b</li></ul>	<ul><li>part b</li></ul>
Benefit from our flexible change and refund policies	•		<i>(</i> //
Deposit now, pay the balance later	•		<b>(</b> //
Eliminates future surcharges by locking in price		•	
All the perks of upgraded air (more leg room, comfort, and space)			•













This roundtrip home to airport sedan service is included in many U.S. cities within a 50 mile radius from more than 90 airport gateways when you purchase an air-inclusive tour. Service is available between 51 and 75 miles for a small fee. One transfer per room booking, Additional stops not permitted on route. Not valid on group travel. These transfers are available on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are traveling on select flights (not applicable to pre & post nights). Land only clients may purchase transfers on the first and last day of the actual tour dates for an additional cost of \$100 per person, roundtrip (some restrictions may apply). Clients who purchase pre/post hotel nights may purchase transfers to/from the pre/post hotel. Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. Elite Airfare status is only included with the purchase of a First Class, Business Class or Premium Economy ticket with either Flex or Instant Purchase air; only on the international/long-haul portion of your journey. Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class passengers only; Premium Economy tickets do not qualify. Lounge passes are not available for travel from North America to destinations within North America or the Caribbean. Not applicable with Instant Purchase Airfare.

# Reservation Information

#### **Land Rates**

Land rates are per person, double occupancy, unless otherwise noted. Availability of departures at the prices noted in the brochure is limited. For current prices, please see our website. Government taxes and fees are additional. Land rates are guaranteed at time of deposit.

The land price includes those land based items delineated as included in the package itinerary and does not include any other items such as air travel, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end of trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, and any incidental charges.

#### **Payments**

#### Land Package Deposit

- A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica and Cruises only reservations, a non-refundable \$500 deposit is required.
   An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

#### Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation. If you purchase our Travel Protection Plan, the air inclusive deposit required is only \$250 plus the cost of the Travel Protection Plan.
- For Antarctica and Cruise air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$750 deposit is
  required. If you purchase our Travel Protection Plan, the air inclusive deposit required is
  only \$500 plus the cost of the Travel Protection Plan. An additional \$1,000 is due 180
  days prior to departure for Antarctica.

#### Instant Purchase Air

 If you have selected Instant Purchase Air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus a \$500 deposit (or \$250 with the Travel Protection Plan), all of which is nonrefundable

Should you decide to purchase our per-person Travel Protection Plan, you must do so at the time of booking. Payment of this Plan includes the Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver which protects you from penalties in the event you have to cancel your entire tour package for any reason up to the day prior to departure (see Part A for more details). If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details).

#### **Final Payment**

Unless otherwise noted, the balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises. Payment may be made by charging to clients' Mastercard, Visa, American Express, or Discover (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a check or money order. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit. Payment may also be made online at https://reservations.gocollette.com/payment.aspx.

#### TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:

Collette: 1-800-611-3361

PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:

Collette Travel Service, 162 Middle Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

Attn: Accounts Receivable

#### **Revision Fees**

A handling fee of \$25.00 per transaction will be assessed for any change or revision made to a reservation. A change of departure date within 11 months of departure will be treated as a cancellation, and cancellation charges will apply.

#### **Cancellation Charges**

Cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates both result in penalties and fees assessed by travel suppliers. If you need to transfer or cancel for any reason prior to tour departure, the following cancellation fees will be assessed on your land or cruise product. Air is 100% nonrefundable once paid in full. If canceled prior to being paid in full, the following cancellation fees will also apply to air.

- More than 60 days prior to departure: a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 60 16 days prior to departure: 30% of land or cruise price
- 15 1 day prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- Day of departure and after: 100% of land or cruise price

#### Exceptions:

#### Ocean Cruises:

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 61 days prior to departure: 35% of land or cruise price
- 60 31 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 30 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

#### River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China

• More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.

- 90 61 days prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- 60 31 days prior to departure: 85% of land or cruise price
- 30 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

#### Galapagos & Antarctica:

- More than 120 days prior to departure: nonrefundable deposits will be retained.
- 120 90 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 89 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price
- Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% nonrefundable at time of reservation.

Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%.

#### **Airfare**

For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air-inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Instant Purchase Nonrefundable Airfare includes roundtrip airport/hotel transfers (excluding pre- or post-days and extensions). Instant Purchase nonrefundable airfare requires full payment at the time of booking. If you purchase the Travel Protection Plan, the Instant Purchase nonrefundable airfare may be covered, if you cancel your trip for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). Tickets will be issued immediately and once issued are nonrefundable, and may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline. These tickets include an administration fee and roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers, of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once issued, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges. Therefore, any such fees or airport-to-hotel transfers are not refundable under any circumstances.

#### Aircraft Cabin Disinsection Disclaimer

Some countries may require aircraft cabin insecticide treatment for inbound foreign flights. Information about aircraft disinsection requirements and a list of countries requiring such disinsection are available online at http://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements.

#### **Travelers Needing Special Assistance**

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made.\* Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities.

\*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom.

#### **Holiday and Museum Closures**

Museum visits and personal shopping time may be disrupted due to unforeseen circumstances or many religious, state and local holidays observed throughout the world.

#### **Motorcoach Washrooms**

Most motorcoaches used on our tours are equipped with washrooms except safari vehicles, exotic locations, and some of our Explorations tours. These are typically for emergency use, as we make plenty of comfort stops, allowing you the opportunity to use public restrooms and/or stretch your legs.

#### **Seat Rotation**

Seats are rotated onboard the coach for all Collette tours under the direction of the tour manager. So that we do not show partiality among passengers, exceptions cannot be made.

#### **Maps and Photos**

Maps shown on tour pages are current at the time of printing and may not reflect actual tour routing should the tour change. Photos shown on tour pages are reflective of the area(s) visited, but may not be included in the actual tour itinerary and the conditions you experience may be different than depicted in the photograph(s).

#### **Baggage Disclaimer**

Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Collette is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through hotel and group carrier handling. It is recommended for your own self-interest and protection that you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. Check with your sales agent for low-cost insurance to cover these risks.

There are limitations by coach and air carrier as to the number and size of bags which can be carried onboard and in bulk storage. Be sure to ask your travel professional about such restrictions before departing for your tour.

#### **Checked Baggage Charges:**

Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies. Please be advised there is a \$25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most transborder flights between U.S. & Canada. This is a fee levied by the airlines, not Collette, and may be subject to change.

#### Explanation of Responsibilities and Tour Conditions for Collette

Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. If you decide to make a reservation, you acknowledge and agree that you are physically well enough to travel and understand that medical facilities may not be similar to what you are accustomed to at home. You must bring enough medication with you for the trip. Any person reserving or purchasing any Collette product published in this brochure accepts the condition that Collette reserves to itself the exclusive right to change or cancel itineraries, hotels, and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary, including for tours designated as "guaranteed departures." If this occurs, every effort will be made to offer alternate dates and/or programs. Published times on itineraries are as accurate as possible but subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions beyond Collette's control that prevent Collette from operating as scheduled. Collette expressly disclaims any liability for any damages that may be incurred for any changes, cancellations or delays on any itinerary on any Collette tour.

All rates on foreign tours are subject to fluctuations of currency and may be changed when necessary without advance notice prior to deposit.

All rates published are per person as indicated and are based on double occupancy when only one rate is shown. Reservations will be accepted subject to availability at the time of request and will be considered confirmed only upon receipt of a minimum deposit. Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

Collette does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier's overbooking of a flight. All cancellation charges, fees and refunds for any tour within this brochure are in effect as of the effective date as indicated on page 45 and supersede any other previously printed policies relating to these same charges.

#### GENERAL DISCLAIMER

Collette montiors security situations around the world as well as government travel advisories. Conditions may require Collette to change or even cancel trips. You accept the risks involved in travel, both foreign and domestic, and accept responsibility for your own travel decisions. Guests may be required to review and sign a participation agreement prior to engaging in certain activities on the trip.

Neither Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively "Collette"), own or operate any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for these trips. You agree to be bound by the conditions of carriage for all transportation providers. Collette does not maintain control or operate the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers it uses and as such Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers or other employees or agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of these suppliers, or (3) any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party.

Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, agents, shareholders, officers, successors and assigns (collectively "Collette"), from all suits, actions, losses, damages, claims or liability for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity which is occasioned by any negligent acts or omissions of Collette arising out of any goods or services provided for this or these trips.

Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. Other risks may arise such as,

but not limited to, hazards of traveling in foreign countries including undeveloped areas, the hazards of travel by aircraft, bus, van, train, automobile or other motorized vehicle, differing safety standards, sickness, criminal acts committed by others, allergic reactions, and/or animal encounters. You are voluntarily participating in the tour and Collette, and as lawful consideration for the agreement to travel with Collette, you agree not to make a claim against Collette, its related companies, officers and employees for injuries, death, or any other claim and agree to release Collette, its related companies, officers and employees from any such claim. This release is binding on all members of your traveling party, as well as your Estate and heirs and this provision shall be enforceable even after your trip has ended. If you make your own air reservations, Collette is not responsible and shall provide no refund if your flight schedule changes so that you are not able to enjoy the entirety of your tour. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Collette reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if Collette deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. Collette reserves the right to withdraw any tour announced. Collette reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the Tour Manager to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. If you are traveling with children, you are solely responsible for their behavior and monitoring them throughout the tour. Neither does Collette accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline or other ticket to the tour departure city and return or otherwise. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owner at all times.

Collette is not responsible, and will not be bound by, representations made by third party representatives, travel agents, unaffiliated websites, or any other party.

Participants may be photographed for the promotional purposes of Collette. In addition, any comments that you submit as a review or your social media posts may be used for Collette's promotional purposes.

Payment of the deposit to Collette constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Collette reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions at any time, without notice.

#### FORUM SELECTION AND CHOICE OF LAW

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED AND INTERPRETED PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES HERETO AND THE FEDERAL AND STATE COURTS IN RHODE ISLAND SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE AND SOLE JURISDICTION OVER ANY DISPUTE, CONTROVERSY OR SUIT ARISING RELATIVE TO THIS AGREEMENT.

#### **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of information in our brochures, on our website or communicated by our reservation staff, errors or omissions are possible and Collette is not responsible for such error. If a mistake is made in billing, we reserve the right to correct the invoice and you will be responsible for proper payment.

#### **SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any clause in this agreement is determined to be invalid, the remaining provisions are valid and enforceable. The invalid provision shall be replaced by Collette by a clause as similar as practicable.

#### Consumer Protection Plans

Collette is a member of the following organizations: the National Tour Association, the United States Tour Operators Association, the Alliance of Canadian Travel Associations, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, and the Association of British Travel Agents. Some of these associations operate a consumer protection plan to cover deposits placed with any tour operator member.

Collette is proud to be a member of USTOA (United States Tour Operators Association), an association that represents the tour operator industry. The USTOA logo on our brochures signifies that Collette is a member in good standing and is backed by their \$1 Million Travelers Assistance Program. Collette, as an Active Member of USTOA, is required to post \$1 million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program, the advance payments of Collette customers in the unlikely event of Collette's bankruptcy, insolvency or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the \$1 million posted by Collette may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by Collette. Complete details of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program may be obtained by email to information@ustoa.com or by visiting their website at www.USTOA.com.

Collette is pleased to give this additional protection to our clients.







#### **Collette's Travel Protection Plan**

Following is an outline of the Non-Insurance Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver, Insurance Benefits and non-insurance assistance services that make up the Travel Protection Plan

Part A Waiver Only provided by Collette Travel Service, Inc.: The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company. Payment of a per person Travel Protection Plan fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan fee with air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette.

Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, this Part A Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. This air ticket may be covered by Collette's Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons (see Part B for more details).

The Part A Waiver portion of Collette's Travel Protection Plan protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. The Part A Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan does not indemnify you from penalties if you choose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you choose to partially cancel your tour, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation.

Collette's Part A Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (However, the Part B Benefits referenced below include a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons, as detailed in Part B.) Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

Payment of the Travel Protection Plan Fee (if chosen) must be received by Collette with your deposit. The fee is nontransferable and valid for each applicant only.

Collette can assume no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any wrongful, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions of any travel agent or travel agency other than that of Collette Travel Service, Inc. itself, and its own employees.

#### Where to Present Part A Claims

To request a refund under the Part A Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan, please call Collette and send any unused airline tickets to:

Collette

ATTN: Customer Service Department

162 Middle Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

If cancellation occurs prior to departure, contact the Collette Reservations Department. When a client cancels prior to departure, any refunds are processed through the booking agent.

Following is an outline of the Services and Insurance Plan Benefits provided.

#### PART A - Benefits Provided By Collette:

Pre-departure Cancellation Fee Waiver up to Trip Cost

The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company.

Part B Insurance Benefits provided by United States Fire Insurance Company: On tour, insurance benefits are provided if you: must interrupt your trip or return home early for a covered reason; incur medical expenses for a covered sickness or injury; need medical assistance or evacuation; suffer a baggage loss or delay of more than 24 hours; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS	MAXIMUM BENEFIT AMOUNT
Trip Cancellation	Amount Purchased*
Trip Interruption	150% of Trip Cost
<ul> <li>Single Supplement</li> </ul>	\$1,000
<ul> <li>Missed Connection</li> </ul>	\$1,500
<ul> <li>Travel Delay (Up of \$100 per Day)</li> </ul>	\$1,500
<ul> <li>Medical Expense/Emergency Evacuation</li> </ul>	
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation	\$50,000
<ul> <li>Accidental Death &amp; Dismemberment</li> </ul>	\$25,000
<ul> <li>Baggage and Personal Effects</li> </ul>	\$1,500
Baggage Delay	\$200

\*This benefit is only applicable to Instant Purchase (nonrefundable) air tickets and does not cover any other land, air or water travel arrangements.

#### PART B Insurance Benefit Exclusions & Limitations

1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; 2. an act of declared or undeclared war; 3. participating in maneuvers or training

exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; 4. riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; 5. mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); 6. participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; 7. participating in skydiving or parachuting except parasailing, hang gliding, bungee cord jumping, extreme skiing, skiing outside marked trails or heli-skiing, any race, speed contests, spelunking or caving, or scuba diving if the depth exceeds 120 feet (40 meters) or if You are not certified to dive and a dive master is not present during the dive; 8. piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; 9. being Intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; 10. the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; 11. normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; 12. dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); 13. due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Plan. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; 14. any amount paid or payable under any Worker's Compensation, Disability Benefit or similar law; 15. a loss or damage caused by detention, confiscation or destruction by customs; 16. Elective Treatment and Procedures; 17. medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment, 18. failure of any tour operator, Common Carrier, or other travel supplier, person or agency to provide the bargained-for travel arrangements for reasons other than Bankruptcy or Default; 19. a mental or nervous condition, unless hospitalized for that condition while the Plan is in effect for You: or 20, a loss that results from a Sickness, Injury, disease or other condition, event or circumstance which occurs at a time when the Plan is not in effect for You.

**The Part B Insurance Benefits are underwritten by:** United States Fire Insurance Company, 5 Christopher Way, 2nd Flr, Eatontown, NJ 07724 under Policy Form Series T-210 MP.

Non-Insurance Services	
One Call 24-Hour Assistance Services	Included
Global Xpi Medical Records Services	Included

Non-Insurance Services: are not insurance benefits underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company. One Call 24-Hour Assistance Services are provided by: One Call Worldwide Travel Services Network, Inc. and Global Xpi Medical Records Services are provided by Trip Mate.

**INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW:** Benefits on this page are described on a general basis only. There are certain restrictions, exclusions and limitations that apply to all insurance coverages. This advertisement does not constitute or form any part of the Plan Description or any other contract of any kind. Plan benefits, limits and provisions may vary by state jurisdiction. To review full plan details online, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF430C.

Plan Administrator: Trip Mate, Inc. (in CA & UT, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency) 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64114, 1-800-888-7292.

#### Collette's Travel Protection Plan Pricing (per person)

The Cost of the Travel Protection Plan includes a Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver Provided By Collette Travel Service, Inc., insurance benefits underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, as well as non-insurance assistance services provided by One Call Worldwide Travel Services Network, Inc. and Trip Mate.

#### Land Only Clients:

- \$99 adult/\$99 child for all domestic escorted tours under 6 days
- \$210 adult/\$110 child for all domestic escorted tours of 6 days or more
- \$260 adult/\$135 child for all international tours (except cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours)
- \$310 adult/\$160 child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand. Africa. South Africa & Egypt tours

When purchasing pre- and post-night accommodations, including optional extensions, the number of days will be added to the total number of tour days, and may subsequently alter your Travel Protection Plan fees. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

Air-Inclusive Clients (Collette Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- \$110 adult/child for all domestic tours under 6 days
- \$250 adult/child for all domestic tours of 6 days or more
- \$290 adult/child for all international tours (except cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours)
- \$360 adult/child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours

Collette's Travel Protection Plan can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare or Instant Purchase nonrefundable air through Collette. Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% nonrefundable. This air ticket may be covered by Collette's Travel Protection Plan under Part B if you cancel your trip for covered reasons. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.

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Global hunger is a central part of our mission at Collette Cares. We're thrilled to celebrate 100 years of service by giving **1 million meals** to those in need globally through volunteering, meal programs and partnerships with Rise Against Hunger, Edesia and No Kid Hungry.

## **100 WAYS TO CARE**

We celebrate the children we have helped through global programs in India, Cambodia, Australia, Fiji, Kenya, Ecuador, Peru, Poland, Costa Rica and South Africa.

## **100 ACTS OF KINDNESS**

Employees volunteer over 5,000 hours of service each year. Travelers are rolling their sleeves up by joining us on Impact Tours.

For more information, visit collettecares.org or collette.com/collettecares



For reservations, seek out the expert advice of your travel professional.

# For reservations, contact your Travel Professional or call Collette at 800.611.3361

\*Mention source code for savings. Offers can expire earlier due to space or inventory availability. Space is limited and savings are only available on select departures. Space is on a first come, first served basis. Offers are not valid on group or existing bookings or combinable with any other offer. Promotional pricing may remain in effect after the expiration date. Offer amounts vary by tour and departure date. Other restrictions may apply. Call or visit collette.com/offers for more details.

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