# Amber-Travels presents...

## **Discover South Pacific Wonders**

March 10 - 28, 2026



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19 Days • 29 Meals: 16 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 9 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Auckland, Rotorua, Christchurch, Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu Cruise & Sheepdog Demonstration, Choice on Tour: Kiwi Birdlife Park or Skyline Gondola, Milford Sound, Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Sydney Opera House

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Days 1, 2 Overnight Flight

Days 3, 4 Rydges Auckland, Auckland

Days 5, 6 Sudima Lake Rotorua Hotel, Rotorua

Days 7, 8 Distinction Christchurch Hotel, Christchurch

Days 9 – 12 Millennium Hotel Queenstown, Queenstown

Days 13 – 15 Bailey Hotel by Crystalbrook, Cairns

Days 16 – 18 Novotel Sydney Darling Square, Sydney

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Day 1 – 2: March 10 – 11, 2026 Depart from Home Cross the International Dateline, skipping a day ahead, and begin your adventure of a lifetime.

Day 3: Thursday, March 12, 2026 Auckland, New Zealand Arrive in one of the world's most inspiring and sought-after destinations due to its clean air, stunning scenery, and friendly culture - New Zealand. Arrive in Auckland, the "City of Sails." Auckland has the highest Polynesian population in the world, imbuing its chic atmosphere with the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands.

**Day 4: Friday, March 13, 2026 Auckland, New Zealand** Get to know Auckland on your own today. Meet your travel companions at this evening's welcome dinner. (*B, D*)

Day 5: Saturday, March 14, 2026 Auckland - Rotorua Get to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, vibrant Queen Street and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Next, travel to the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua. Known as the Maori capital of New Zealand, over one-third of Rotorua's population has Maori roots dating back over 1,000 years. Tonight, experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration and learn about the warmhearted Maoris as well as their lives before European colonists arrived in Aotearoa (New Zealand) and since. (B, D)

Day 6: Sunday, March 15, 2026 Rotorua This morning you visit Whakarewarewa Thermal Village, New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Witness a landscape of erupting geysers, bubbling mud pools and other geothermal wonders. Take part in an interactive demonstration on the art of weaving. You will also view the Kiwi bird and learn what is being done in an effort to remove the Kiwi from the endangered species list. Then, visit the Agrodome for a fun sheep shearing demonstration and learn about the importance of agriculture to the nation. After dinner, relax or explore this lovely city on your own. (B, D)

**Day 7: Monday, March 16, 2026 Rotorua - Christchurch** A short flight brings you to the historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the city known as "the Garden City" is recreating itself. (*B, D*)

**Day 8: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 Christchurch** Start your morning with a city tour of Christchurch. Pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. A leader in the conservation of New Zealand species, Willowbank offers the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" - the Kiwi, the Kea, the Tuatara, the Kaka, and the Takahe - up close and personal. Then, learn about the local Indigenous culture of the Maori with a paddle on the Avon River in a traditional *waka* (canoe). *(B)* 

**Day 9: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 Christchurch - Queenstown** Depart Christchurch and make your way south to Queenstown. Known as the "Adventure Capital of the World," Queenstown is nestled against a picturesque bay and snowcapped mountains. Arrive in Queenstown in the afternoon and have time to explore independently before dinner. (*B, D*)

**Day 10: Thursday, March 19, 2026 Queenstown** Cruise Lake Wakatipu surrounded by Queenstown's stunning landscape. Then, enjoy a BBQ lunch lakeside followed by a sheepdog demonstration before sailing back. Later, **it's your choice!** Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park **-OR-** take a gondola to the top of Bob's Peak for stunning panoramic views of the area. This evening is yours to enjoy charming Queenstown. (*B, L*)

Day 11: Friday, March 20, 2026 Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley as you travel through an ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. Cruise the Milford Sound and see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, you may choose to return to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)







## **Book Now & Save \$400 Per Person:**

Double \$10,599\* **Double \$10,599**\* Single \$12,734 **Single \$12,334** 

For bookings made after Sep 13, 2025 call for rates.

**Included in Price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$699 per person, Round Trip Air from OHare Intl Airport, Inter-flights from Rotorua, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from ORD

## Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Premium Economy \$3,990; Business Class \$9,990

- \* Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.
- † Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS**: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

**Day 12: Saturday, March 21, 2026 Queenstown** A free day offers an optional tour taking you through the majestic Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the locations where blockbuster movies have been filmed, or perhaps you'll want to shop and people-watch in the village. Gather for a "farewell to New Zealand" dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Sunday, March 22, 2026 Queenstown - Cairns, Australia Fly to Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions and a World Heritage site - the Great Barrier Reef. 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)

Day 14: Monday, March 23, 2026 Cairns Come to know the history of Australia's original inhabitants at the Rainforestation Nature Park where an Indigenous Pamagirri guide will show you through some of their oldest customs and traditions. Enjoy an "Aussie" BBQ lunch before visiting Hartley's Crocodile Adventures to see crocodiles on a nature cruise. Head through rainforests on boardwalks to see animals such as birds, reptiles, and wallabies. Visit with a koala and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these furry creatures. (B, L)

Day 15: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns Board a high-speed catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. Explore the reef from your base on Green Island. Enjoy a glass-bottom boat ride, stroll the island's walking trails, relax on the beach, snorkel or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. For a more adventurous

encounter with the reef, an optional outer reef tour is also available. (B, L, D)

**Day 16: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 Cairns - Sydney** The morning is yours. Enjoy your last few hours in Cairns by relaxing and taking in the tropical atmosphere and surrounding neighborhood. Then, this afternoon, fly to the bustling city of Sydney. (B, D)

Day 17: Thursday, March 26, 2026 Sydney See where English colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney, featuring Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, and the Botanic Gardens. Take an expert-led tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then, have the chance to join a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. (B)

**Day 18: Friday, March 27, 2026 Sydney** Embrace the exciting city of Sydney during a day of independent exploration. Tonight, say farewell to Australia while on a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas of the harbor, showcasing Sydney's magnificent skyline, the iconic Sydney Opera House, and the Harbour Bridge. *(B, D)* 

**Day 19: Saturday, March 28, 2026 Sydney - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure. *(B)* 

For more information on options for this tour visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1330234

#### **Important Tour Information:**

Book Now rates valid until Sep 13, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

#### Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Due to changes in air schedules while on tour, the order of days in the itinerary may change.

Your experience to Milford Sound will require a departure from your hotel at 7:00 am and return at 8:00 pm.

Due to early arrival times in some cities, rooms may not always be ready for immediate check-in.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, firstserved basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

#### **Travel Requirements:**

**IDENTIFICATION** 

Passports and visas are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

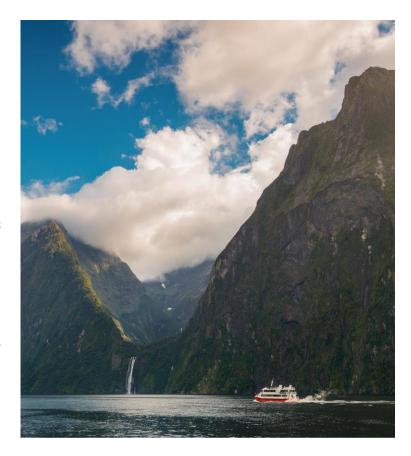
IMPORTANT: We recommend that our travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

#### Visa Requirements:

US and Canadian citizens: ETA's (Electronic Travel Authority) are required for this tour.

For travel to Australia: Your ETA must be processed in advance of travel through the Australian Immigration website by visiting

https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-



travel-authority-601#HowTo or by downloading the Australian ETA app on a smartphone. The approximate cost of the ETA application is \$20 Australian Dollars. Please allow for up to 72 hours for processing. In most cases, you will be notified of the result of your ETA application immediately.

For travel to New Zealand, your NZeTA must be processed in advance through the New Zealand Immigration online system by visiting https://nzeta.immigration.govt.nz/ (approximate cost of \$23 NZD) or through their mobile app NZeTA (approximate cost of \$17 NZD) in addition to Tourism Levy of \$100 NZD. Please allow for up to 72 hours for processing. Many requests are processed in a timely manner.

Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semicontrolled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <a href="https://mohap.gov.ae/en/services/issue-of-permit-to-">https://mohap.gov.ae/en/services/issue-of-permit-to-</a> import-medicines-for-personal-use to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required.

A deposit of \$1,397 per person (which includes cancellation waiver and insurance) is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of September 06, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by December 11, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until September 13, 2025.

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**BOOKING NUMBER: 1330234** 

TOUR: Discover South Pacific Wonders including New Zealand's North Island
GROUP NAME: Amber-Travels

DEPARTURE DATE: March 10, 2026

## **Available Options**

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

## Cairns



### The Outer Reef Experience

\$150 USD

Jump in and explore a vibrant, colorful world teeming with life at the Moore Reef at the very center of the Great Barrier Reef. This massive reef system, the largest in the world, can actually be seen from space. Cruise across the water by catamaran to the Great Adventures pontoon where a diverse, bountiful ecosystem is yours to discover. You may enjoy the fish feeding from the unique underwater platform. You're sure to have a once-in-a-lifetime experience exploring one of the seven natural wonders of the world. *Duration: Approximately 9 hours.* Please note a minimum of 1 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

## Queenstown



## Gold Seeker - Metal and Movie Discovery Tour

\$170 USD

Embark on a four-wheel drive off-road adventure through the primeval, mystical landscapes of the New Zealand high country. In the vastness of an unspoiled wilderness, become lost in the grandeur of New Zealand's South Island – a world immortalized on film in "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy. Trek to the place where the word "otherworldly" was tailor-made, the Remarkable Mountains, and the entrance to Skipper Canyon. Across roads created by pioneers 150 years ago, follow the miner's old wagon trail along the Arrow River, and stop to try your hand at panning gold. Discover something incredible around every dramatic turn, narrow and twist of this thrilling safari tour. If you choose to cancel this option within 48 hours of the excursion date, payment is non-refundable. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours*. Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

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