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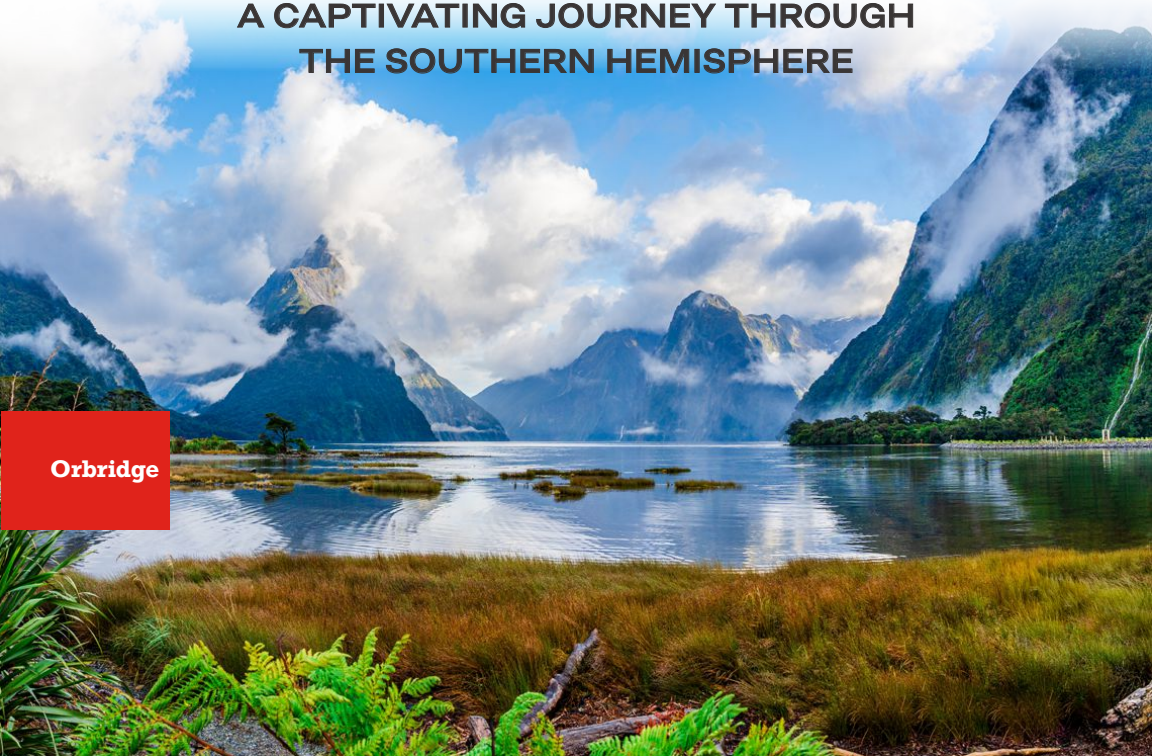
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

A CAPTIVATING JOURNEY THROUGH THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE



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Dear Northwestern University alumni and friends,

We invite you to embark on an extraordinary journey to two of the world's most captivating destinations—Australia and New Zealand. This rewarding itinerary highlights the unique charm and beauty of these diverse countries.

Australia is a land of iconic landmarks including the Sydney Opera House and Bondi Beach. Explore the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef and the Kuranda rainforest before reaching lush vineyards in the Yarra Valley.

In New Zealand, the majestic landscapes of the South Island await. Known for its breathtaking fjords, soaring mountains and serene lakes, this region is a nature lover's paradise. Discover the vibrant city of Queenstown and admire the remarkable landscapes of Milford Sound and Lake Tekapo.

Your adventure concludes in Auckland where the rich Māori culture and heritage offer meaningful insights into this beautiful region. A farewell dinner commemorates the unforgettable experiences and friendships formed along the way.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be sure to reserve your spot today. Please share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you. Make your reservation today at northwestern.orbridge.com or call 866-639-0079.

Sincerely,

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Australia and New Zealand | Itinerary Highlights *(subject to change)*

Days 1-2 EN ROUTE FROM U.S. • FULL DAY IN FLIGHT ✈

Day 3 ARRIVE IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (L) Upon arrival an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel. En route enjoy a panoramic tour showcasing the city's landmarks followed by lunch at a local restaurant. After check-in the remainder of the day is at leisure to recharge at the hotel or explore Sydney independently.
Overnight: Paradox Sydney

Day 4 SYDNEY (B,D) Take a drive to Watsons Bay for leisure time to explore the harbor, shops and cafés at your own pace. Later visit Bondi Beach and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening gather for an unforgettable dinner cruise around Sydney Harbour. The city's skyline provides for incredible photography opportunities.
Overnight: Paradox Sydney

Day 5 SYDNEY (B) Head across the Harbour Bridge to Manly Beach, where the first official World Surfing Championship was held in 1964. Continue to the North Head Quarantine Station for a guided tour and commentary of early immigration experiences. Return to the hotel for time at leisure and lunch on your own. Later visit the Sydney Opera House for a special docent-led tour.
Overnight: Paradox Sydney

Day 6 SYDNEY • FLY TO CAIRNS (B,L,D) Transfer to the airport for the flight to Cairns. This afternoon visit Rainforestation Nature Park for immersive exploration and discovery. Enjoy the unique opportunity to connect with the local Indigenous community during the Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience. Witness a traditional dance performance before setting off on a guided walk where you'll learn about hunting with spears and boomerangs. Later board the Kuranda Scenic Railway for a journey through the tropics of Queensland.
Overnight: Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns

Day 7 CAIRNS • GREAT BARRIER REEF (B,L) Spend a full day exploring the Great Barrier Reef, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Cruise to Michaelmas Cay where you can snorkel or view the colorful coral gardens from a glass-bottom boat. The day is yours to experience the reef at your own pace.
Overnight: Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns

Day 8 CAIRNS • FLIGHT TO MELBOURNE (B) Board your flight to Melbourne. En route to your hotel after arrival enjoy a panoramic city tour passing by the Melbourne Cricket Ground and lush parklands, the Shrine of Remembrance and lively Federation Square.
Overnight: Pan Pacific Melbourne

Day 9 MELBOURNE • YARRA VALLEY (B,L,D) Visit Healesville Sanctuary, home to native Australian wildlife. This non-profit specializes in breeding and recovery programs dedicated to preserve and protect local wildlife as well as their native habitats. Continue to Rochford Vineyard for a tasting and leisurely lunch. Tonight gather for a special multi-course degustation dinner at Eureka Tower's Melbourne Skydeck with breathtaking views.
Overnight: Pan Pacific Melbourne

Day 10 MELBOURNE • FLY TO QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND (B,D) Board your flight across the Tasman Sea to Queenstown, New Zealand's adventure capital that blends its frontier past with a modern and lively dining and arts scene. Take advantage of leisure time at the hotel before a group dinner.
Overnight: Millennium Hotel Queenstown

Day 11 QUEENSTOWN • GLENORCHY (B,D) Visit the small settlement of Glenorchy for a jet boat tour through Mount Aspiring National Park. Next transfer to a historic steamship for a relaxing cruise through Lake Wakatipu. Continue to Walter Peak High Country Farm for a demonstration of sheep shearing and herding followed by a barbecue dinner.
Overnight: Millennium Hotel Queenstown

Day 12 QUEENSTOWN (B) Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Queenstown independently or choose to join a variety of optional excursions that will be presented in the morning.
Overnight: Millennium Hotel Queenstown

Day 13 QUEENSTOWN • TE ANAU (B,D) Board a motor coach for the scenic drive to Te Anau. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure at the hotel. Tonight features a guided tour of the Te Anau caves. Traverse through an intricate network of narrow limestone passages before boarding a boat that glides deeper into the grotto where thousands of glowworms emit soft blue-green light across the ceiling.
Overnight: Distinction Luxmore Hotel Te Anau



Day 14 **MILFORD SOUND** (B,L) Discovered by the Māori people more than 1,000 years ago this diverse landscape of towering peaks, waterfalls and glacial valleys is a haven for wildlife including fur seals, penguins and dolphins as well as unique coral and other marine life that thrive in the water.
Overnight: Distinction Luxmore Hotel Te Anau

Day 15 **TE ANAU • LAKE TEKAPO** (B,L,D) Journey north to Lake Tekapo. Before arriving to your resort hotel, venture into Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park, named for a sacred Māori ancestor whose legend is linked to the creation of the South Island. This evening join the optional stargazing activity at Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve. Hear about Māori astronomy and mythology while spotting for celestial objects.
Overnight: Peppers Bluewater Resort Lake Tekapo

Day 16 **LAKE TEKAPO • CHRISTCHURCH** (B,L) Meet with a local family for a pavlova baking demonstration. Continue to Christchurch. En route stop at Trotts Gardens, a seven-acre property featuring more than 40 varieties of trees, intricate knot gardens and a spectacular 360-foot perennial border. After check-in the evening is at leisure.
Overnight: Crowne Plaza Christchurch

Day 17 **CHRISTCHURCH • FLY TO AUCKLAND** (B,L) Join a local guide for a panoramic city tour passing by the River Avon, Christchurch Art Gallery, the Bridge of Remembrance, the Canterbury Earthquake National Memorial and the Spanish Mission-inspired New Regent Street. Next visit the Christchurch Botanic Gardens for lunch before boarding a late afternoon flight to Auckland.
Overnight: JW Marriott Auckland

Day 18 **AUCKLAND** (B,D) Meet with a local guide for a panoramic sightseeing tour of Auckland. Continue to the Auckland Museum to peruse its many natural history and military exhibits plus artifacts of New Zealand's geology, mineralogy, entomology and ornithology. This evening gather for a farewell dinner.
Overnight: JW Marriott Auckland

Day 19 **AUCKLAND • DEPART FOR U.S.** (B) After breakfast guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home.

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Activity Level: Tour days tend to be long and include many full-day excursions via various modes of transportation. Excursions may require standing and walking to city centers where coaches are prohibited, along with extended periods of walking and standing on uneven or unpaved surfaces. Guests are expected to board transportation without assistance. Elevators are not always available at accommodations or sites visited.

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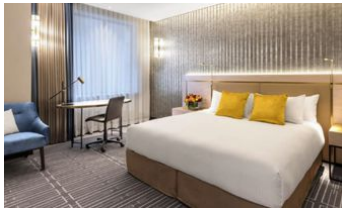
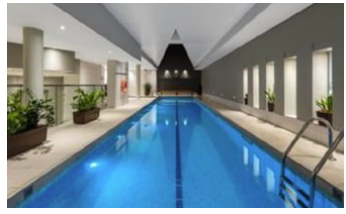
Accommodations *(subject to change)*

PARADOX SYDNEY

This property is situated within a beautifully restored sandstone building in the heart of Sydney's business district.

SHANGRI-LA THE MARINA, CAIRNS

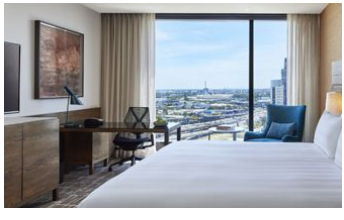
This hotel features colorful tropical gardens and Trinity Inlet views.





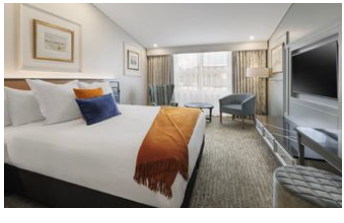
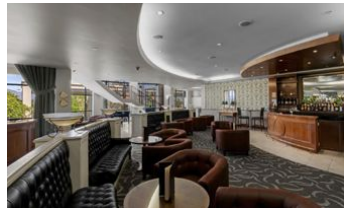
PAN PACIFIC MELBOURNE

Located in the South Wharf precinct, you are steps from dining, luxury shopping and entertainment.

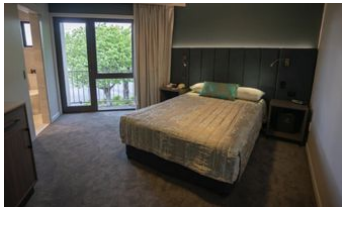

MILLENNIUM HOTEL QUEENSTOWN

The hotel's modern guest rooms feature stylish décor with modern amenities.

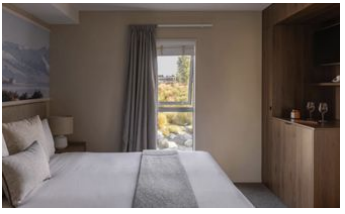
DISTINCTION LUXMORE HOTEL TE ANAU

Enjoy this property's recently renovated guest rooms, two on-site restaurants and proximity to the waterfront.

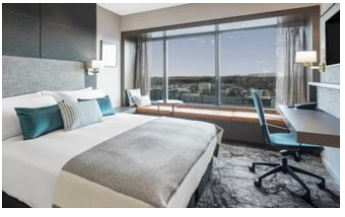

PEPPERS BLUEWATER RESORT LAKE TEKAPO

This tranquil property sits near the shores of Lake Tekapo providing remarkable panoramic views.

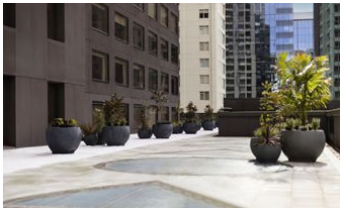

CROWNE PLAZA CHRISTCHURCH

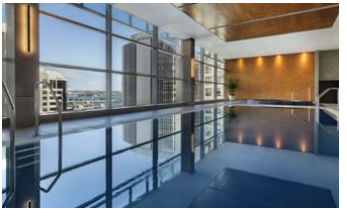
Overlooking historic Victoria Square, this modern hotel offers spacious guest rooms and incredible views.


JW MARRIOTT AUCKLAND

Enjoy the comforts and sophistication of this five-star tranquil retreat in the heart of Auckland.





What's Included

- 16 nights accommodations at 4- and 5-star properties
- 16 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 8 dinners including special welcome and farewell dinners
- All excursions described in the itinerary including admission and park fees
- Local guides throughout plus an Orbridge Travel Director
- Internal airfare for flights between Sydney, Cairns, Melbourne, Queenstown, Christchurch and Auckland
- Transfer and excursion transportation aboard air conditioned motor coaches
- Gratuities for Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, porters, attendants and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

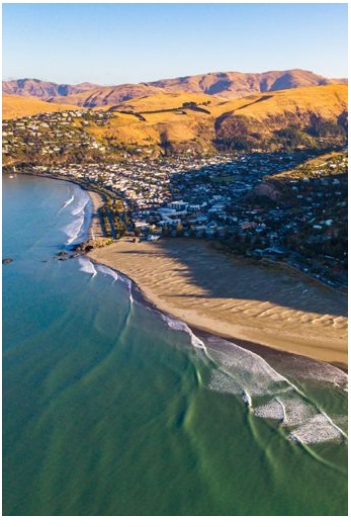




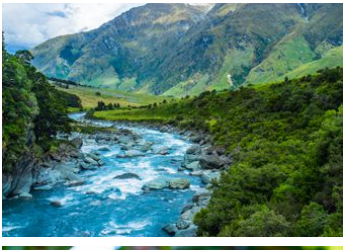
















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