

# SOUTH PACIFIC WONDERS

Presented by Maryanke Tour & Travel



**COLLETTE**  
VACATIONS

## YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

**February 28 - March 14, 2011**

### Highlights...

**Cairns • Great Barrier Reef •  
Sydney • Christchurch • Mount  
Cook National Park •  
Queenstown • Milford Sound**

**15 Days • 20 Meals:  
12 Breakfasts • 2 Lunches • 6 Dinners**

### Per Person Rates\*:

**Double \$5059**

**Single \$6059**

**Triple \$5009**

\*Included in Price: Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$230 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers, Round Trip Air from Gerald R. Ford International Airport, and round-trip transfers from mid-Michigan.

\* Not Included in Price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$225 per person.

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### DAY 1 - 2

**Overnight Flight**

### DAY 3 - 5

**Novotel Oasis, Cairns**

### DAY 6 - 8

**Rydges World Square, Sydney**

### DAY 9 - 11

**Novotel Christchurch, Christchurch**

### DAY 12 - 14

**Mercure Queenstown Resort,  
Queenstown**

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### Day 1: Monday, February 28, 2011

##### **Depart From Home**

Today you board your flight and begin the adventure of a lifetime. Crossing the International Dateline, you skip a day ahead.

#### Day 2: Tuesday, March 01, 2011

##### **Arrive Cairns, Australia**

Your tour begins today in Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Don't forget to look up at the Southern Hemisphere's stars this evening after you join your mates for a welcome dinner.

*Today Dinner is included.*

#### Day 3: Wednesday, March 02, 2011

##### **Great Barrier Reef**

Board a high speed catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. This is an immense series of 2,800 coral reefs which are home to amazingly diverse marine life. From your base on

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Green Island, you are able to explore the reef in many ways. Enjoy a glass bottom boat ride\*, a stroll on the walking trail to take in the rain forest, relax on the beaches, snorkel or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. For a more adventurous encounter with the reef, optional scuba diving and an outer reef tour are also available. Whichever way you choose, you'll see some of the world's most fascinating marine and plant life.

*Today Breakfast and Lunch is included.*

## Day 4: Thursday, March 03, 2011

### Cairns

Today visit the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Center. You'll see traditional Aboriginal dances, learn about the Aboriginal lifestyle, and even throw a boomerang or play a didgeridoo, a traditional instrument. Browse the renowned art gallery and visit the interpretation center, which houses a collection of interesting artifacts. This afternoon a great experience awaits as you search for crocodiles in their natural habitat during a visit to Hartley's Croc Farm! Boardwalks take you on a path of adventure through rainforests and woodlands to see animals such as wild birds, reptiles and wallabies. While visiting you also have the chance to meet some of the local koalas and have a private talk with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these cuddly creatures. Then, enjoy an exciting cruise in the lagoon looking for crocodiles before enjoying a delicious Aussie barbecue.

*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

## Day 5: Friday, March 04, 2011

### Cairns - Sydney

Fly to the bustling city of Sydney this morning. Enjoy a city tour of Sydney where the English explorer James Cook first weighed anchor in 1770. Highlights of your exploration include Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and the fashionable Paddington suburb.

*Today Breakfast is included.*

## Day 6: Saturday, March 05, 2011

### Sydney

Enjoy a leisurely day to explore Sydney your way. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Tonight, experience the best of Sydney. Chat with new friends and take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour during

which you'll pass by two of Australia's most famous icons: the renowned Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge.

*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

## Day 7: Sunday, March 06, 2011

### Sydney

This morning discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural wonders during a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House. Next, enjoy a unique opportunity to learn first-hand how raw opals are transformed from the dark mine shafts to beautiful works of art. This evening is free to explore Sydney's many famous restaurants!

*Today Breakfast is included.*

## Day 8: Monday, March 07, 2011

### Sydney - Christchurch, New Zealand

You leave Australia behind and fly to New Zealand and the historic city of Christchurch. Upon arrival enjoy a short sightseeing tour of "the most English city outside of England". Highlights include magnificent gardens, the Neo-Gothic Cathedral and the downtown park district.

*Today Breakfast is included.*

## Day 9: Tuesday, March 08, 2011

### Christchurch

This morning visit a Canterbury farmyard where you'll enjoy a sheep shearing demonstration and see the herding of the farm's animals! It's a great opportunity to learn how a New Zealand family farm operates. This afternoon you are free to explore Christchurch independently before a truly special evening. Tonight you are the guest of honor at a private dinner inside the restored Riccarton House mansion. Step back in time and experience a world of Victorian and Edwardian splendor during a guided tour that teaches you the history of the first family of Christchurch. Then, relax in the elegant dining room and enjoy a sumptuous dinner.

*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

## Day 10: Wednesday, March 09, 2011

### Christchurch

Today, enjoy a day of exploration on your own in beautiful Christchurch. This English city – the charming international gateway to New Zealand's South Island – boasts countless cafes and boutiques.

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Stroll its cobblestone streets and enjoy the many sights that “the Garden City” has to offer. Make yourself right at home this evening when a New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for dinner! This is sure to be an unforgettable evening during which you will make new friends, learn about the customs of the “Kiwi’s” and enjoy a home-cooked meal.  
*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

## **Day 11: Thursday, March 10, 2011**

### **Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region - Queenstown**

Traverse the spectacular countryside to New Zealand’s most famous national park, Mt. Cook. Mt. Cook is one of the most impressive mountains in the world. You may choose to view the massive glaciers and extensive snow-covered mountain top terrain on an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting), or perhaps enjoy the park during a nature walk. Continue to Queenstown and enjoy a stop at a local fruit stand to gain an inside look at the produce of New Zealand.  
*Today Breakfast is included.*

## **Day 12: Friday, March 11, 2011**

### **Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown**

En route to Milford Sound, enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley. You’ll travel through 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 sites 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, 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.  
*Today Breakfast and Lunch is included.*

## **Day 13: Saturday, March 12, 2011**

### **Queenstown**

A leisurely day in Queenstown offers several options to enhance your vacation. Shop or people watch in the village or perhaps take the optional “Safari of the Rings” which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside where the Lord of the Rings movies were filmed. This evening, take in the city of Queenstown from above and soak in the breathtaking views during a gondola ride to dinner at the Skyline Restaurant overlooking Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu

and the mountains.

*Today Breakfast and Dinner is included.*

## **Day 14: Sunday, March 13, 2011**

### **Queenstown - Tour Ends**

Your tour ends today.

*Today Breakfast is included.*

### **3-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension**

Rate: \$649 USD per person, double, land and air included

4 Meals 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinners

### **Experience It! Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park**

Born of the need to portray Aboriginal culture with dignity and pride, the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park is a stunning theatrical and symbolic interpretation of a 50,000-year-old society. Five theatres, a museum, an art gallery and a traditional Aboriginal camp combine to give you a complete and meaningful glimpse into this rich and ancient culture. The Fine Art Gallery features paintings and works by local Aboriginal artists available for purchase. In the tribal encampment area, the most interactive area of the park, you can interact with Tjapukai people as they teach you the art of throwing a boomerang or playing a didgeridoo. After watching a short demonstration on bush food and medicine, you can even taste their edible samples!

### **Please Note:**

- Visa is required.
- Passport is required.
- Taxes/fees to be paid in local currencies upon exiting New Zealand are approximately 25 NZD (approx. \$15 USD).
- To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette

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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.

- Due to changes in air schedules while on tour, the order of days in the itinerary may change. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your vacation. These flights need to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Internal flights are included with the air portion of your vacation if you purchase air through Collette Vacations. Previous clients have indicated that a small gift from your area is appropriate and appreciated the night of your home hosted dinner in New Zealand. Due to early arrival times in some cities, rooms may not always be ready for immediate check-in. \*If you purchase the outer reef option in the Great Barrier Reef, the glass bottom boat ride will be replaced by a semi-submersible boat on the outer reef pontoon. Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed with the exception of visits to wildlife parks.

- This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.