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EXOTIC AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

2023



15
Nights

16
Days

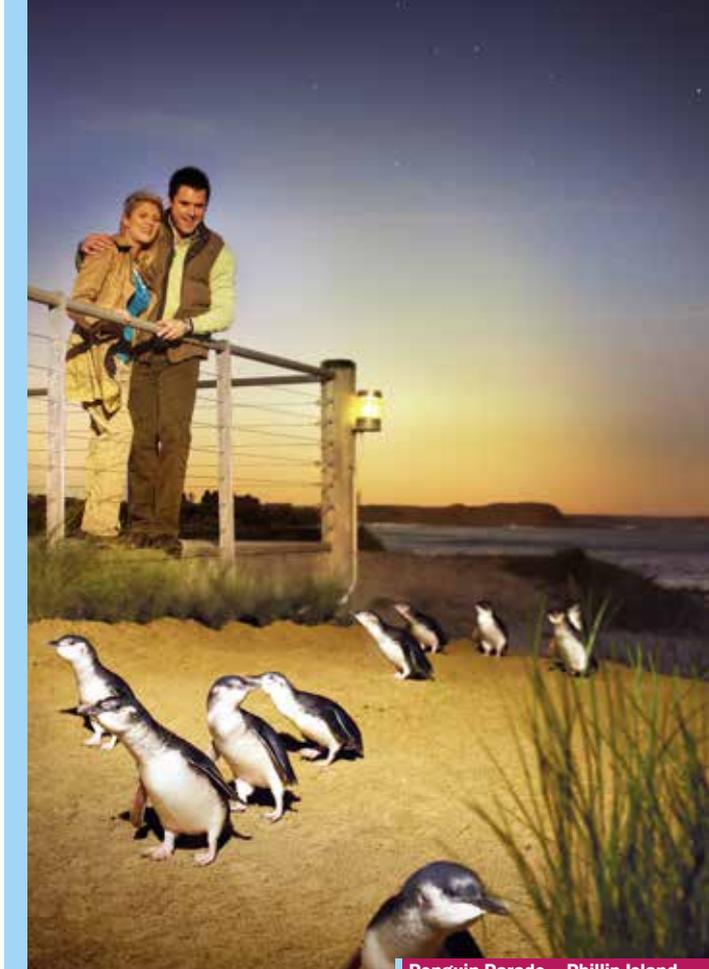




- Melbourne
- Cairns
- Sydney
- Christchurch
- Franz Josef
- Wanaka
- Queenstown
- Rotorua
- Auckland

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

- A complete all-inclusive value for money tour with maximum quality sightseeing and minimum travelling time
- Stay at comfortable and conveniently located hotels
- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotels except on Day 01
- Local Veg/Non-Veg lunches - as per the itinerary
- Local or Indian Veg/Non-Veg dinners - as per the itinerary
- Stay 3 nights in Melbourne
- Visit the Phillip Island and enjoy the famous "Penguin Parade"
- Full day excursion to the Great Ocean Road. Travel on one of the most scenic roads and home to the 12 Apostles.
- Enjoy a guided city tour of Melbourne
- Entrance to the world famous Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)
- Stay 2 nights in Cairns - one of the best tropical cities in the world.
- Visit Kuranda - a village in the rain forest
- Enjoy the Pamagirri Aboriginal experience
- Experience the Army Duck rainforest Tour.
- An unforgettable experience to Green Island - a beautiful coral cay on Australia's Great Barrier Reef.
- Stay 3 nights in Sydney - the most vibrant of all cities.
- Enjoy an Indian dinner on board the showboat dinner cruise.
- Enjoy a guided tour of Sydney.
- A guided tour inside the famous Opera House in Sydney.
- Visit the famous Sydney tower, the tallest tower in the southern hemisphere + the 4D experience.
- Full day Blue Mountain tour.
- Visit the Featherdale wildlife park and Scenic world with Skyway / Cableway / Railway.
- Stay 1 night in Christchurch - the Garden city of New Zealand.
- Visit the Antarctic Centre in Christchurch.
- Ride the Trans Alpine express train through the most scenic route in New Zealand from Christchurch to Arthur's Pass.
- Stay 1 night at the Franz Josef / Fox Glacier.
- Stay 3 nights at Queenstown - the adventure capital of New Zealand.
- Visit Lake Wanaka en route to Queenstown.
- Visit the Puzzling World in Wanaka.
- Experience the steepest gondola ride in the southern hemisphere in Queenstown at Bob's peak.
- Enjoy full day excursion to Milford Sound with lunch on board the cruise.
- Visit lake TeAnau and pass through the Homer tunnel in Ellington valley en route to Milford Sound.
- Stay 1 night in Rotorua.
- Witness the Agro Dome agricultural show in Rotorua.
- Visit the Thermal reserves and see the Geysers.
- Marvel at nature's display on your visit to the Waitomo Glow Worm Caves.
- Stay 1 night in Auckland.
- Enjoy a city tour of Auckland.
- Visit Sky tower in Auckland.
- Services of a professional, friendly, multilingual, and experienced Tour Manager travelling with you throughout your tour



Penguin Parade – Phillip Island

DAY 01

Welcome aboard! Today enter the world of Air Tours as you begin your memorable journey to the Land Down Under – Australia. City tour of Melbourne – the sporting and cultural capital of Australia.

Today, you are off on your exciting tour to Australia. Get set as you board your flight to the most spectacular part of the world. Arrive in Melbourne, upon arrival you will be met by our professional and experienced tour manager in the arrival area outside the customs hall. After a **local lunch**, proceed for a guided city tour of Melbourne. Visit the famous and beautiful Royal Botanical Gardens, Town Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, National Tennis center, the 1956 Olympic venue, the Shrine of Remembrance, Bourke Street Mall, and some beautifully restored Victorian houses. Tonight, enjoy a delicious Indian dinner in the hotel. Check into the hotel.

Overnight at Hotel in Melbourne (LL,D)

Join us on an unforgettable excursion to the Great Ocean Road – Australia's most spectacular coastal drive.

DAY 02

After an early American breakfast at the hotel, get ready to spend the entire day at the Great Ocean Road. Enjoy the spectacular views over golden surf beaches, sheer cliffs faces, and magnificent stands of Eucalyptus. The Great Ocean Road hugs the coastline along the entire length of Port Campbell National Park. The coastline with its twisted shapes of amazing rock formation, the famous 'Twelve Apostles' – huge stone pillars rising from the surf, remnants of the London Bridge, a rocky promontory arch carved out by the continual force of the sea, the Loch Ard Gorge (site of the dramatic shipwreck of the 'Loch Ard' – over 100 years ago), will give a photographer some spectacular pictures this evening. Enjoy a **local lunch**. Tonight, enjoy an Indian dinner at the hotel.

Overnight at Hotel in Melbourne (B, LL, D)

DAY 03

Guided tour of Melbourne Cricket Ground. Excursion to Phillip Island – the area is a reserve designed to protect and promote awareness of Little Penguins (previously called Fairy Penguins).

After Breakfast, proceed for guided tour of Melbourne Cricket Ground. Enjoy a **local lunch** at an Indian restaurant. Later, drive to Phillip Island, home to Australia's most popular wildlife attractions, the Penguin Parade, featuring dozens of fairy penguins which shuffle up from the sea at dusk on their way to underground burrows. After this beautiful spectacle, return back and enjoy an Indian vegetarian / non-vegetarian dinner.

Overnight at Hotel in Melbourne (B,LL,D)

Fly to Cairns – one of the best tropical cities in the world. Visit Kuranda – a village in the rainforest.

DAY 04

After a boxed/ buffet breakfast at the hotel, check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairns. (**Flight cost is not included**). On arrival, proceed to Kuranda – a village in the rainforest. Enjoy a **local lunch**. Here experience the Skyrail – a unique rainforest experience taking you on an unforgettable journey through Australia's world heritage listed Tropical Rainforest. Tonight enjoy a delicious Indian / Jain / vegetarian / non-vegetarian dinner at an Indian restaurant. Check into hotel.

Overnight at Hotel in Cairns. (B, LL, D)

DAY 05

An unforgettable experience to Green Island – a beautiful coral cay on Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

After an early American breakfast at your hotel, proceed to board the cruise liner to the Green Island – a Marine National Park with unique rainforests, surrounded by white sandy beaches and magnificent coral reefs and abundant marine life. Green Island is a true coral atoll and is one of the most picturesque island resorts on the Queensland coast. The scenic beauty of the region attracts many visitors and the local national parks and islands are a tourist paradise. There are a million and one activities to partake in. Snorkel, dive and swim in the warm waters, view the spectacular reef from the coral viewing tours, explore Green Island National Park or just relax on the sandy beach. Green Island coral cay is readily identified from the air by its emerald rainforest surrounded by white sandy beaches and beautiful coral reefs. Enjoy a delicious **continental lunch** on board the cruise liner. After spending the entire day at the reef, you return with a lifetime of memories. Tonight, enjoy an Indian dinner.

Overnight at Hotel in Cairns (B, LL, D)

Melbourne Cricket Ground





Sydney Opera House

DAY 06

Fly to Sydney – the most famous of all cities on the banks of the Darling River.

After a boxed/ buffet breakfast at the hotel, check-out and proceed to the airport to board your flight to Sydney. **(Flight cost is not included).** On arrival check-in to the hotel. Tonight, enjoy an Indian dinner.

Overnight at Hotel in Sydney. (B,D)

Guided city tour of Sydney – Enjoy a tour of the world-famous Sydney Opera House. Also, visit the famous Sydney Tower. Enjoy a spectacular dinner cruise along the famous Sydney harbor.

DAY 07

After an American breakfast at the hotel, proceed on an exciting, guided city tour of Sydney. Visit the famous Sydney Tower, the tallest tower in the southern hemisphere, enjoy a visit to the observatory deck for the

most spectacular 360° aerial view of Sydney. Later enjoy a **local lunch**. Also included is a guided tour of one of the world’s most spectacular landmarks – the Sydney Opera House. Tonight, get set for the time of your life on board the Showboat dinner cruise. Enjoy a three – course Indian dinner, followed by a spectacular cabaret show, with a cavalcade of glamorous Australian and International artistes to entertain you.

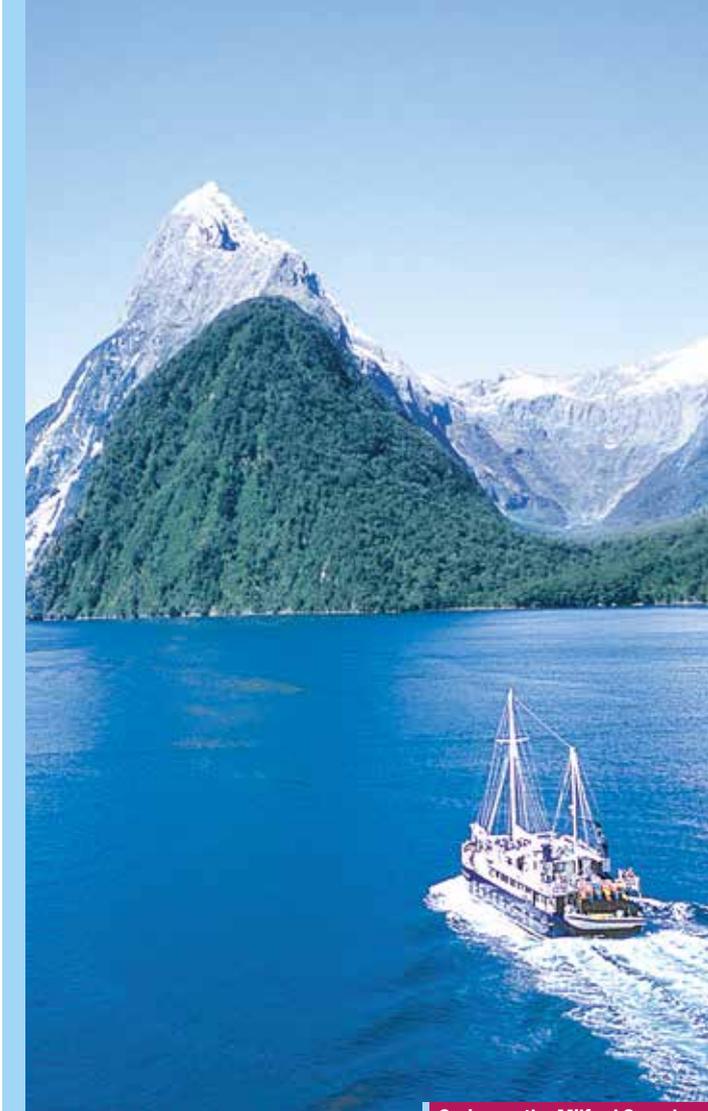
Overnight at Hotel in Sydney. (B,LL,D)

Full day Blue Mountain tour, visit Featherdale wildlife park.

DAY 08

Today, after an American breakfast in your hotel, proceed for the full day Blue Mountain tour. Visible on a clear day from Sydney’s observation towers, the UNESCO World Heritage listed Blue Mountains region is a popular destination for idyllic day trips away from the urban hustle. Visitors are rewarded with outdoor activities, memorable experiences, and the natural beauty found in Blue Mountains National Park, including rugged sandstone outcrops, cavernous valleys, and towering eucalyptus forests. Visit Featherdale wildlife park and enjoy the scenic world with an ultimate discovery pass with the Skyway / Cableway / Railway. Tonight, enjoy a **local dinner**.

Overnight at Hotel in Sydney. (B,LL,LD)



Cruise on the Milford Sound

DAY 09

Fly to Christchurch – the Garden city! Visit the International Antarctic center.

Today, after a boxed / buffet breakfast at your hotel, transfer to the airport to board your flight to Christchurch. **(Flight cost is not included).** Enroute to the hotel, visit the International Antarctic center – get as close as possible to the real South Pole. This interactive experience takes you on a journey of discovery, into the harshness of early Antarctic explorations, and the beauty of Antarctica's scenery and wildlife. (The Antarctic centre will be done subject to the Sydney – Christchurch flight timing as the last entry is at 3:30 pm. Or, we will visit the Kelly Tarlton's Under Water World in Auckland). Tonight, enjoy an Indian dinner.

Overnight at Hotel in Christchurch. (B, D)

DAY 10

Get set for the ride of your life on the Trans Alpine Express – the most scenic route in New Zealand.

After a boxed / buffet breakfast this morning, check out of the hotel and board the Trans Alpine Express for Arthur's Pass. On this train you will pass through the most scenic sights of South Island. Alight from the train on reaching Arthur's Pass and proceed on your journey to Franz Josef by bus. Enjoy a **local lunch**. Evening is free to experience the scenic views here. Enjoy dinner tonight.

Overnight at Hotel in Franz Josef. (B,LL,D)

Onto scenic Queenstown – New Zealand's adventure capital. Visit the Puzzling World in Wanaka.

DAY 11

After an American breakfast at the hotel check out and drive to Queenstown via The Haast Pass. En route, visit the Puzzling World at Wanaka. Enjoy a **local lunch**. Enjoy an Indian dinner at night.

Overnight at Hotel in Queenstown (B,LL,D)

DAY 12

Set out for a picturesque cruise to the Milford Sound – a spectacular experience.

After an American breakfast at the hotel, travel via TeAnau through the awe-inspiring Homer Tunnel and the stunning glacier-carved Elington Valley, to arrive at Milford Sound. Enjoy the day on the unforgettable Milford Sound cruise, which sails right up to the mouth of the Tasman Sea (weather permitting). Enjoy Indian lunch on board the cruise. Experience the untouched paradise of Milford Sound and explore the natural wonders and history surrounding the deep fjord. Enjoy an Indian dinner tonight.

Overnight at Hotel in Queenstown. (B,L,D)

Queenstown City Sightseeing's

DAY 13

This morning after an American breakfast, depart for a city tour of Queenstown. Later, experience the famous Gondola ride, which is the steepest lift in the Southern Hemisphere and carries visitors high above Queenstown to the Skyline complex located at Bob's peak. Enjoy a **local lunch**. Later this evening, enjoy a delicious dinner at an Indian restaurant.

Overnight at Hotel in Queenstown. (B,LL,D)





Waitomo Glow Worm Caves

DAY 14

Onto Rotorua – a beautiful town well-known for geothermal activity. Visit the Waitomo Glow worm caves.

After a boxed / buffet breakfast, proceed to the airport for your flight to Auckland. **(Flight cost not included)**. On arrival at Auckland, proceed for transfer to Waitomo. Enjoy a **local lunch** at The Waitomo Caves Homestead.

After lunch, we take you to visit the Waitomo Caves through the lush Waikato region. Marvel at Mother Nature's light display, as you glide silently through the starry wonderland caves of Glow-worm situated underground along the Waitomo River and gaze in silence at the myriad of glow-worm lights that make up the Glow-worm Grotto. Later, proceed to Rotorua. Enjoy an Indian dinner tonight.

Overnight at hotel in Rotorua (B,LL,D)

Visit the living Thermal village – Whakarewarewa. Agrodome Sheep Show. Onto Auckland. City tour of Auckland. Visit the Sky Tower.

DAY 15

After an American breakfast this morning, visit the Agro dome for a New Zealand farm show featuring sheep dogs demonstrations, and

more. Later, visit the TePuia Thermal Reserve and wander around the bubbling mud pools and see the famous 'Pohutu' Geyser. Experience the Whakarewarewa Cultural experience including a guided tour and concert. Set amidst a landscape of erupting geothermal activity, hot thermal springs and bubbling hot pools in the living thermal village of Whakarewarewa. Discover the unique lifestyle and traditions by joining a guided tour. Sit back and relax as TePakira Maori culture group entertain you with song and dance. After an Indian lunch, drive to Auckland. On arrival, proceed on a city tour. Visit Mt. Eden from where you have spectacular views of the city, harbor and many more interesting sights. Drive past the Victoria Park market, the West Haven Marina, the War Memorial Museum and through the Parnell, onto Bastion Point, Auckland's most expensive residential area. Also included is a visit to the Sky Tower. At 328 metres, the Sky Tower offers views in every direction. Enjoy an Indian dinner tonight.

Overnight at hotel in Auckland. (B,L,D)

DAY 16

Fly back home with wonderful memories of your holiday.

This morning after a boxed / buffet breakfast, proceed to the Airport for your flight back home. Return home with wonderful memories of your holiday with 'AirTours'. **(B)**

TOUR COST 2023

Land Cost (15 Nights 16 Days)

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| Per Person on Twin Share | : USD 5,599 |
| Single Room Supplement | : USD 1,850 |

Note:

- As a 3rd person in a triple room, most hotels use rollaway beds and room size may be the same as the double bed. There will be no reduction for triple sharing.
- Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case two different people are sharing a room and one of them cancels the tour.

DEPARTURE DATES 2023

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| 2023 - October: 07 | November: 15 | December: 02 |
| 2024 - January: 16 | February: 17 | March: 16 |

Note:

- Tour starts in Melbourne, Australia on the above-mentioned dates
- There could be possibility of flight departure on the previous evening.
- On certain departure dates the itinerary may be operated in reverse order. However, all services and inclusions will remain the same.

(Abbreviation - **B**: Breakfast, **L**: Indian Lunch, **LL**: Local Lunch, **PL**: Packed Lunch, **D**: Indian Dinner, **LD**: Local Dinner)

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

SIGHTSEEING AND EXCURSIONS

AUSTRALIA

- Melbourne** : Visit Phillip Island and enjoy the 'Penguin Parade'
: Full Day excursion to the famous Great Ocean Road
: Guided city tour of Melbourne
: Entrance to the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)
- Cairns** : Visit the Kuranda rainforest. Enjoy the Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience . Experience the Army Duck Rainforest Tour.
: Visit Green Island – a beautiful coral cay on Australia's Great Barrier Reef
- Sydney** : Guided city tour
: Showboat dinner cruise
: Entrance to the Sydney Opera House – guided tour
: Go up to the Sydney Tower to the observatory deck
: Full day Blue Mountain Tour, Featherdale Wildlife Park and Scenic World with Skyway / Cableway / Railway.

NEW ZEALAND

- Christchurch** : City tour of Christchurch
: Visit the Antarctic Center
- Franz Josef** : Ride the famous Trans Alpine Express
- Wanaka** : Visit the Puzzling World
- Queenstown** : City tour of Queenstown
: Cruise on the Milford sound right upto the mouth of the Tasman Sea with lunch
: Gondola ride to the sky line complex on Bob's peak
- Rotorua** : Visit the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve
: Visit the Waitomo Glow Worm Caves
: Agrodome Show
- Auckland** : City tour of Auckland

HOTELS

- 03 nights at Hotel Novotel Melbourne Preston or similar in Melbourne
- 02 nights at Pacific Hotel Cairns or similar in Cairns
- 03 nights at Hotel Holiday Inn Sydney or similar in Sydney
- 01 night at Quality Hotel Elms or similar in Christchurch
- 01 night at Scenic Hotel or similar in Franz Josef / Fox Glacier
- 03 nights at Hotel Holiday Inn Express and Suites or similar in Queenstown
- 01 night at Hotel Rydges Rotorua or similar in Rotorua
- 01 night at Auckland City Hotel or similar in Auckland

MEALS - AS SPECIFIED IN THE ITINERARY

- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotel except on Day 01
- Local Veg/Non-veg lunches
- Local or Indian Veg/Non-Veg dinners

TIPS, PORTERAGE & WATER

- Tips to driver and guides
- Porterage of 01 bag (20 kg) per person at hotels only
- 2 bottles mineral water (500 ml each) per person per day

TRANSFERS

- All transfers and extensive excursions with entrance fees (as specified in the itinerary) by deluxe air-conditioned coach

TOUR MANAGER

- Services of a professional and experienced tour manager or a local representative throughout your tour.

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- **COST OF INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL AIR TICKETS**
- **Cost of deviation:** In case you wish to deviate from the group departure dates mentioned in the brochure i.e. either travel before the departure date of your tour or would like to come back on a later date after the tour ends, there will be an additional charge that will be applicable which will be advised to you by our sales team. The same is subject to availability of seats & class for the given dates & ticket validity. Kindly also note, the deviation request is to be made at the time of booking.
- **Cost of Transfer:** The individual arrival & departure transfer in case you are not arriving / departing as per group ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE timings.
- **Cost of visas to travel on the tour.**
- Medical/ Travel insurance.
- Any expenses of personal nature such as laundry, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menu provided by us, mini bar, telephone calls, pay channels, cruise shore excursion and any type of beverages in cruise etc. Anything not specified under inclusions.
- Meals other than what is mentioned in your itinerary
- Cost of excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees and local guides availed of by the passengers, other than that mentioned in 'What your tour price includes'
- Departure taxes except where included.

VISAS REQUIRED TO TRAVEL ON YOUR TOUR

You would be required to possess the following visas:

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| USA Citizens | : Australia / New Zealand ETA required |
| Green Card Holders | : Single Entry Australia Visa : Single Entry New Zealand Visa |
| Indian Nationals | : Single Entry Australia Visa : Single Entry New Zealand Visa |

- Cost of above mentioned Visas is **not included** in your Tour Price.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL INSURANCE

- It's very important to find out before you leave whether your medical insurance will cover you overseas. Your regular U.S. health insurance may not cover doctors' and hospital visits in other countries. ALWAYS LOOK INTO THE ASPECTS OF COVERING YOUR TRIP FOR UNFORESEEN EVENTS.

BOOKING TERMS & CANCELLATION POLICY

All services such as Airline seats/Hotels accommodation/ground transportation for group tours are pre-blocked well in advance. We are liable to pay penalties to all our suppliers/vendors if these services are released within the below mentioned time frame. If circumstances make you cancel the tour, the cancellation must be intimated to us in writing. Such cancellation will attract the following cancellation charges:

Booking Terms & Cancellation Policy

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| Non-Refundable deposit to book your tour | US\$ 1000 Per Person |
| Full payment to be made | 75 Days prior to Departure date |
| Cancellation of Tour due to border closure in Origin or Destination, 60 days prior to Departure date | Administrative Fees US\$ 100 Per Person |
| 59 Days to 45 Days | 30% of Total Tour cost Per Person |
| 44 Days to 30 Days | 60% of Total Tour cost Per Person |
| 29 Days to 15 Days | 75% of Total Tour cost Per Person |
| 14 Days till Tour date | 100% of Total Tour cost Per Person |

Mandatory travel requirements: Keeping in view the safety of all travelers and as per the requirement of various countries, only fully vaccinated people who have taken the last shot / jab / dose at least 14 days before the travel date will be allowed on the tour.

Cancellation due to Border Closures: In case we are unable to operate a tour due to Border Closure, Air Tours Holidays LLC will refund the deposit amount after deducting the administrative fees of US\$ 100 per person. In the event that the entire tour cost has been paid by you and we in turn have paid our overseas tour operators, after which the tour gets cancelled due to Border Closure, then it is possible that we are not able to get the amount back, then we will try and get the refund, or a credit note for a later travel date. Any loss due to the exchange rate will affect the refund amount. The company reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to the departure, without assigning any reason. All monies paid by you will be fully refunded in USD only, and no compensation will be payable. In case of cruises, 100% of the cruise cost paid will be forfeited in case of any cancellations irrespective of time of cancellation. The company cannot assume responsibility for any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other arrangements not done through the company.

IMPORTANT

- Only fully vaccinated persons are eligible to travel on this tour over and above the prevailing covid protocols outlined by the respective countries
- Passengers taking early morning flights will be provided with boxed breakfast.
- All tours will be operated subject to a minimum of 25 full paying passengers traveling together. In case there are less than 25 full paying passengers the clients will be given an option of travelling on another departure date.
- Keeping in view the luggage compartment of coach & internal flight regulations, we strongly recommend you carry only a medium size bag of 20 kg and 1 carryon bag of 5 kg per person.
- The dates and granting of Visas is at the sole discretion of the concerned consulate. Air Tours Holidays is not responsible for granting of visas and are only a facilitator in the visa application process and any situation arising out of delay in granting visa by the consulate/embassy.
- Air Tours shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any delay in flights or change in schedule by the airline and any situations arising out of the same. Any damages caused to the hotel rooms/coach during your stay, shall be payable by the passengers. Air Tours will not be liable for the same.
- Air Tours shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any damages, loss, injury, accident, death, delay, breakdown, or irregularity which may occur in carrying out of the tour arrangement.
- Air Tours will not be liable in any loss of baggage by the Airline. However, we will aid in tracing any lost baggage.
- Air Tours reserves the right to claim any additional expenses due to delay or changes in train, plane, bus, ship or other services, weather conditions, strikes, war, quarantine, and any other cause whatsoever and all such losses or expenses must be borne by the passengers.
- Air Tours reserves the right to amend, alter, vary or withdraw any particular departure, excursion advertised or substitute a hotel of similar class if deemed advisable or necessary.
- For the convenience of our passengers, Air Tours will sometimes amend the itinerary. However, all the other services will remain the same.
- Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case two different people are sharing a room and one of them cancels the tour.
- The Tour Cost is a combination of all the arrangements and hence cannot be calculated on an individual service basis. Tour cost is one component and not calculated individually.
- Standard check-in at hotels is 1400-1500 hours and check out is 1100-1200 hours.
- Updating of mileage is subject to Airlines terms & conditions in group fare.
- We request the airlines for your preferred seats however this is as per their policy and at their discretion.
- Please refer to the booking form for detailed cancellation policy and 'Terms and Conditions'.