

# Olympia Fields Park District

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## Discover the Outback to the Glaciers

with optional 3-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension

Departing

February 18, 2019

**Highlights....** Cairns • Great Barrier Reef • Melbourne • Alice Springs Ayers Rock • Sydney • Sydney Opera House • Choice on Tour • Christchurch Franz Josef Glacier Region • Queenstown • Skyline Restaurant • Milford Sound Mt. Cook National Park • Dine with a New Zealand Family



**21 Days • 29 Meals: 18 Breakfasts • 2 Lunches • 9 Dinners**

**Per Person Rates: Double \$7,999; Single \$9,949; Triple \$7,899**

**Included in Price:**

Roundtrip Airfare, Attraction, \$350 Offer (Air Booking Bonus ORD - (Dollar amount per person)), Air Taxes, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:**

Insurance (\$360.00)

**COLLETE EXPERIENCES**

- ★ Meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme.\*
- ★ 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.

**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. *Today dinner will be included.*

**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. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

**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 up-close 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. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**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. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### **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. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### **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. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### **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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### **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 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. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### **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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### **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. *Today breakfast will be included.*

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

Take in marvelous snow capped peaks, rugged mountains, and beautiful river gorges as you cross the Southern Alps. You may choose to take the Franz Alpine 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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### **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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### **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. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

#### **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! *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### **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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### **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. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### **Day 21: Christchurch - Tour Ends**

Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful vacation. *Today breakfast will be included.*

## *Experience It!*

## **Great Barrier Reef**

Experience one of the seven wonders of the natural world when you climb aboard a high speed catamaran and set off for the Great Barrier Reef. As the world's largest living organism, you'll find over 2,800 individual coral reef systems which are home to amazingly diverse marine life. Their bright colors look remarkable against the turquoise waters. Jump in the water to snorkel and really experience the Reef in an immersive way! Stroll along the walking trails with a reef expert, simply relax on the beach, or meet with a marine biologist during an informative presentation. It's a truly good day at the Reef, mate.

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day	1, 2	Overnight Flight
Day	3 – 5	Pullman International
Day	6, 7	Mercure Melbourne Treasury Gardens
Day	8, 9	Doubletree by Hilton
Day	10	Desert Gardens
Day	11 –	The Tank Stream Hotel
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Day	14	Pavilions Hotel
Day	15	Scenic Franz Josef Glacier Hotel
Day	16 –	Novotel Lakeside
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Day	19	The Hermitage
Day	20	Pavilions Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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**Please Note:**

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

**Extend Your Vacation With...**

**Optional 4 Days 3-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension**  
**Rate: \$1,399.00 USD per person, double, land & air inclusive**  
**4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner**

**Day 21: Christchurch - Nadi, Fiji**

Today you will arrive in the beautiful tropical paradise of Fiji. Fijians are warm and friendly, with a welcoming, vibrant South Pacific culture. The expansive sandy beaches and clear ocean waters draw visitors from around the world.

**Day 22: Fiji**

Your day is free to explore everything that your resort has to offer. Relax by the beach and pool, or choose one of the many fun, adventurous activities available to you from the hotel activities desk. Tonight, enjoy a lovely dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 23: Fiji**

Enjoy another day of rest and relaxation. The friendly concierge and activities staff will help you get the most out of your time. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 24: Fiji - Tour Ends**

Your time in Fiji comes to an end today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Due to flight schedules, on some departures the optional Fiji extension is 2 nights and is slightly lower priced.

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

A minimum of 6 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

This extension operates at a very leisurely pace. Minimal physical activity is required, such as climbing some stairs, boarding a motorcoach, and walking from the hotel reception area to hotel rooms and dining areas.

**IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION**

**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](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad 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.

**\*Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation 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.

**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.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. 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 non-refundable airline tickets, the Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of cancellation. This air ticket is 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 Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. 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. Cancellation waiver 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. Cancellation waiver

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