



SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND TOUR
With Yoga/Qigong Teacher Lori Furbush
and tour guide Jim Cramer
November 6th to 17th 2012
\$4789.00 Includes Round trip Air
and all flights within New Zealand

DAY 1 Depart USA November 6th 2012

DAY 2 INFLIGHT / AUCKLAND

DAY 3 ARRIVE AUCKLAND NOVEMBER 8TH 2012

TBA Arrive Auckland and board our vans for transfer to the city. You will be taken on an orientation of the city to include downtown Auckland City and a look at Auckland's Waitemata Harbour and Viaduct Basin. Travel up Queen Street enroute to your hotel. This way you will know exactly where your hotel is in the city. To get down town and back again you can catch a city link bus for around \$2.00. The same bus does quite a circuit and can take you to the boutique shopping suburbs of Newmarket and Parnell.



Arrive at your hotel and check-in. We will request early access to your rooms but this is not guaranteed. Leave your bags with the porters and enjoy the comfort of the hotel or explore the area and downtown. Your hotel, a top hotel in the city is in an area that modern day has almost a Pacific Island market mix of shopping and you may prefer to head downtown and get the feel of the city

1400 Your hotel rooms will be ready for those that may wish to rest.

Remainder of today is at leisure.

1900 **Dinner:** We have arranged for you to have a **welcome dinner** tonight at your hotel.

Accommodation: **The Langham Hotel**
88 Symonds Street
Auckland 1110
Phone +64 9 379 5132
2 nights Bed and breakfast
Superior room, share twin / double
1st night Welcome dinner,
2nd night dinner own arrangements

Day 4 Auckland November 9TH

AUCKLAND

0800 American breakfast.

0900 *A Room is available for a morning meeting.*

Tamaki Hikoi Guided walking tour: (Approximately 2.5 - 3 hours)

1000 Transport to the top of Mt Eden.

1030 A guide will meet you here and showcase one of Auckland's most famous iconic landmarks, Maungawhau (Mt Eden). A dormant volcano, Maungawhau was once a fortified village for the Ngati Whatua tribe, the custodians of this sacred site. Expert guides from Ngati Whatua give historical interpretation of the mountain through the many archeological features that manifest Auckland's unique culture and heritage. Become part of the tribe for this walking tour.

The walk begins at Maungawhau (Mt Eden); the site of a majestic Pa (Maori strategic stronghold). You will walk past iconic Auckland landmarks, stopping along the way at places of historical significance to the Maori. After a brief break the journey continues through the heart of the city, before coming to an end at the edge of the Waitemata Harbour on Auckland's waterfront. **Light refreshments are included.**

1230 Your walking tour concludes at the Auckland Museum where we will receive a light lunch. After Lunch we will have the opportunity to do Qi.gong with Lori in the Park on the Musuem Grounds.

Option to visit the museum or alternatively you can do the afternoon option of sailing for 90 minutes on Auckland Harbour. Your coach will be waiting at the Auckland Museum to take you to the Pride of Auckland Jetty at Viaduct Basin for the optional coffee cruise on the Waitemata Harbour or return to your hotel.

Note the restaurants at Viaduct Basin are a good place for lunch. (Own Cost)

1330 Board your coach and travel to the city and the Pride of Auckland Jetty. .

OPTION: Pride Of Auckland Sailing Experience and Coffee Cruise:

1430 Arrive at the Quay Street Pride of Auckland jetty. Here you will board one of your 4 cruising yachts in the Pride of Auckland fleet.

Enjoy an exhilarating harbour sail. This will be a wonderful experience regardless of weather conditions as you sail on the harbour that hosted the 1999 and 2003 Americas Cup Challenge. These keel yachts are specially built for group sailing experiences. All safety equipment is in place and wet weather gear will keep you dry even in wet weather. Take some time to inspect the Maritime Museum either before or after as time permits.



1500 Board your yacht for an instant sail. Try your hand at sailing the yacht or sit back and enjoy. You will see Viaduct Basin and the Super Yachts and cruisers, multi millions of dollars worth of gleaming water craft is often moored here. See also the trial yachts of the

last America's Cup series. "The best yesterday" and superseded by new hi-tech technology of today. The America's Cup is a very expensive business.

are Get some sea air in your lungs and enjoy this experience. *Afternoon coffee and muffins included while sailing.*

1630 Come ashore and reboard your coach for the transfer back to your hotel.

Dinner: Tonight you have the opportunity to try some of the Auckland specialty restaurants. (Own cost)

Day 5 November 10TH 2012

AUCKLAND

0730 **American breakfast.**

0830 *Optional Morning Qi.gong with Lori*

1000 Optional Morning to take a ferry trip to Devonport a marine suburb with a concentration on arts and craft shopping. popular island destination is Waiheke Island, a half hour ferry ride away, which has some pretty beaches as well as olive groves and vineyards (with some excellent vineyard restaurants!).

Another fascinating tourist experience is a trip out to Rangitoto Island – which not only has a large forest of Pohutukawa trees growing out of the volcanic rock (these become a colourful sea of red flowers in summer) but also Auckland's most photographed dormant volcano. The volcano has a cone so symmetrical that one can imagine it having been fashioned by a giant potter on his wheel! A hike to the top takes about an hour and provides some breathtaking views across the water.

1600 Fly to Rotorua "**Nau mai, haere mai**" **Welcome, welcome, welcome to Rotorua** experience Maori culture, geothermal earth forces, spa rejuvenation, thrills and adventure, or any of the other natural assets such as 16 lakes, some of the world's best mountain biking trails, fantastic trout fishing and myriad forest walking tracks.

1730 Arrive and transfer to hotel and after dinner there is an excellent hot spa pool and plunge pools, gymnasium etc on the lower ground floor of your hotel. Of interest for those that want a special bathing experience, walk across the road and have a bathing experience at Polynesian Spa pools. There are many hot pools of various types and heat.

OPTION: Polynesian Spa: Own cost: open 0800 - 2300

Polynesian Spa is a unique world class spa pool complex. Water from the Rachael Springs that emerges in the Government Gardens at boiling point is cooled with town supply water and distributed to the many pools in the complex where the water continually circulates.



lake Spa Rotorua Polynesian Spa. This is a more up mar

The four hot mineral water pools have varying temperatures ranging between 36°C and 43°C (95°F to 110°F). The men's and women's changing facilities each have an additional indoor thermal pool at 40°C.

Admission to Lake Spa Retreat includes:

- Provision of towels
- Provision of clothing and security lockers
- Soap and shampoo
- Use of hair driers
- Luxurious changing facilities
- Private relaxation lounge with full bar service

A large range of massage and beauty treatments are also available. Due to popularity and to avoid disappointment these must be pre-booked and are at your own additional cost.

Accommodation: **Millennium Hotel Rotorua.**
Cnr of Eruera and Hinemoa Streets,
Rotorua
Phone: +64 7 347 1234
2 nights, Share twin /double
Superior lake view rooms.
Bed and breakfast basis
Dinner the 2nd night
at Tamaki Heritage tours



Day 6 November 11TH

ROTORUA

0730 **American breakfast.**

0830 *Optional Morning Qi.gong with Lori at Lakefront*

0915 Travel out through farm land and pine forest to Waiotapu thermal Wonderland.

Waiotapu thermal Wonderland:

1000 Waiotapu is a foremost geothermal attraction with its hot springs and volcanic activity which date back far beyond European settlement. It came into its own after the Tarawera eruption in 1886 because of its large mineral terraces contained in the area. The diverse activities include the champagne pool, the primrose terrace, active volcanic craters and the Lady Knox



Geyser that has a habit of playing daily around 1000 / 1015.

1030 Enjoy a guided walk through the park.

1145 Arrive back at the Kiosk. Time for a break to shop or to buy a snack/cup of coffee etc.

1215. Board your coach and travel to Whakarewarewa .

Whakarewarewa - The Thermally Active Maori “Living” Village;

1300 A Guide will meet you at the Memorial Bridge. *Cross the bridge and look for the Penny Divers. Today the kids who often should be at school will only dive for gold coins.*

Stroll through the Thermal Reserve where **boiling mud pools and view the geysers**. See



the world famous **Pohutu Geyser play**. Learn the culture of the Maori people and see them preserving the ancient crafts which have been passed down through the generations. Learn and understand how these people whose ancestors come here after the Tarawera Eruption in 1886 and have lived here through many generations since.

Walk through the houses, the cemetery and at various times of the day see them doing their **cultural dance, poi and Haka. Real people, Real pride, you will love this place.**

1500 Reboard your coach and travel back into the city. Enjoy some free time around the city. This is a chance for you to do some more bathing in the pools at the hotel or the Polynesian Spa.

Tonight we have something special for you and very different.

Tamaki Maori “Pre European Village”...(A Qualmark endorsed visitor activity)

Includes: A Hangi and Concert experience: *Dress in warm clothing.*
(We will *REQUEST NGATA to be your driver*)

1855 You will be joined in the foyer by a Maori Guide and will enjoy a very different Maori experience. **This is the only Maori Cultural Performance to win a “Supreme New Zealand Tourism Award”.**

Your special “bus” will be turned into a mythical canoe (*Whaka*) and you will row and chant your way to the fortified village deep within a native Tawa forest. Tonight you will feast together on food cooked the Maori way in a "Hangi" - (*a feast cooked in a hole in the ground*). Experience the challenge (*Wero*),* the speeches (*Whaikorero*) the greeting and pressing of noses (*Hongi*). Enjoy the song, dance, poi and war dance (*Haka*) of the Maori. Learn about Maui and the history of these proud people. Enjoy this popular Maori experience as you see them perform their cultural performance in the unique meeting house (*Whareronanga*) in the dense forest.



From the walk

standing grounds (*Taurangawaiwai*) you will be enthralled with the welcome (*Powhiri*), the challenge (*Wero*) and the call of welcome (*Karanga*). You will advance through the recreated pre European village to the meeting house, (*Wharerunanga*) where you will be entertained. The unique performance takes place in a New Zealand native Tawa forest.

moment that you towards their

Dinner: Learn how they set and lift the **Hangi**. Enjoy the food (*kai*) and the after dinner entertainment.

2245 Arrive back at your hotel.

***Note:** *The Wero is a very solemn moment. During this time stand still, do not laugh, cry out or do anything that may upset the challenging warrior. He is there to see that you come in peace and to welcome you. Any attempt to disrupt the seriousness of the welcome may end in a disastrous reaction from the warrior and see you and your friends not admitted to this wonderful cultural evening.*

Day 7 November 12TH
Rotarua/Queenstown

0730 American breakfast.

0830 *Optional Morning Qi.gong with Lori at Lakefront*

0900 This morning is to explore Rotarua on your own. Scenic vistas are everywhere in Rotorua, making it a fantastic place in which to experience nature at its best. The walks around the lakes district are a great way to see the region. Wander down little-walked bush tracks or mingle with other walkers on better-known ones. The 16 stunning lakes also offer kayaking and fishing galore. There are kids' playgrounds and secluded beaches where visitors can soak in natural hot water pools.

TBA Flight time to Queenstown. Your flight south will fly across some very Rugged Mountains and high country sheep Stations. Cross Cook Strait and follow the coastline which provides a view of the Southern Alps and the Mountain Peaks of Mt Cook and Mt Tasman, New Zealand's highest Mountains.

TBA Claim your bags and travel on your coach into the resort village of Queenstown.

Check-in to your hotel down on the lake front of Lake Wakatipu.

Day 8 November 13TH

Queenstown

0730 **American Breakfast**

0830 *Optional Morning Qi.gong with Lori at Lakefront*

09:30 Today is an optional day to explore Queenstown on your own. Arrowtown is nestled beside the Arrow River, and is the home of unique attractions. Visitors can enjoy gold panning, tours around historic buildings, the Chinese Miners Settlement, the district's museum, a boutique cinema and numerous walking trails. Arrowtown is central to the region's best in wineries, artist galleries and golf courses.

OPTION 2:

Gibbston Valley Winery:

Arrive at Gibbston Valley winery. This is a very special winery where the snow places a new flavour into the grapes grown here. Unique to Gibbston Valley Winery is New Zealand's largest and most innovative wine cave. The cave's constant humidity and temperature provides a perfect haven for the maturation of award winning wines. You will be taken on a guided tour of the vineyard and cave and will be able to sample some of the wines and Cheese from the cheese factory. Gibbston Valley has won world awards for their Pinot Noir's and their Chardonnay. Enjoy afternoon tea in the vineyard gardens or in the Gibbston Valley Winery Restaurant.



OPTION 3:

Shotover Jet "Catch the Canyons" Jetboat Ride:

(Qualmark Endorsed Visitor Activity)

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wind chill that arises when you speed... It's exhilarating and adrenalin pumping action for all ages... Yes all ages...

- 1800 **OPTION: Cruise on TSS Earnslaw to dinner at Walter Peak Station: (Own cost)**
Board the vintage steamer TSS Earnslaw for an evening cruise on Lake Wakatipu. You will be able to view the picturesque Lake Wakatipu. This is a journey on a boat of a bygone era.



Purchase pre-dinner drinks as you cruise across the lake. On colder nights, at Walter Peak Station homestead, you can enjoy the open fires and cosy atmosphere. A carvery style

buffet and fine dessert selection is included. Enjoy a sing-along around the piano as you sail home.

- 2200 Ships secure, come ashore and walk through the village and catch some of the atmosphere. Alternatively just walk across the road and walk into your hotel. (Own cost)
We can book this in advance if you wish.

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Queenstown.
Beach Street,
Queenstown
Phone: +64 3 4502 674
1 night, Lakeview Room
Share twin / double.
Bed and breakfast basis



Day 9 November 14TH

QUEENSTOWN / TE ANAU/ MILFORD SOUND (OVER NIGHT)

0730 **American Breakfast.**

Store your main luggage with the hotel.

What to bring:

Non-slip shoes/ boots, waterproof jacket, warm sweater/fleece jacket, change of clothes, sunscreen/sunglasses, insect repellent, swimwear (optional), camera, cash for bar and snacks.
Overnight bag only.

- 0915 Depart early this morning and skirt Lake Wakatipu in the shadow of the famous Remarkable Mountain Range and continue south through rolling sheep country to Five Rivers.

Continue west to Mossburn and across to Te Anau.

- 1145 Stop here opposite the lake front for lunch. (Own Cost) Next door to the tea rooms is a souvenir shop. It is a bit like the 'little old curiosity shop' but, run by two little old ladies, we believe it is a good value souvenir shop. The prices here are very competitive and at a lesser cost than Queenstown.

The Road to Milford:

1300 It is difficult to describe in words the grandeur and beauty of today. It is often referred to as the best in the world. This enchanting land of mountains, forest, fiords and lakes, as it was in the beginning... quiet, serene, haunting and mysterious. This is an uninhabited world heritage park.

Cloud capped mountains, calm waters to untold depths, silent, serene and green. This is beauty never to be exceeded. Standing majestic is Mitre Peak, towering a mile high. Coach through the Eglinton Valley and among mountains, lakes and valleys. It's green! Pass through the avenue of disappearing mountains, see the mirror lakes and pass the entrance to the Hollyford Valley and pass through the Homer Tunnel to reach the Cleddau Valley leading to Milford Sound.



The Chasm:

You will stop at the Chasm and walk into the bush, 5 minutes to observe Natures Sculptor at work. See water pouring from a hole in the rock and some New Zealand rainforest in all its beauty.

Travel on to board your cruise boat.

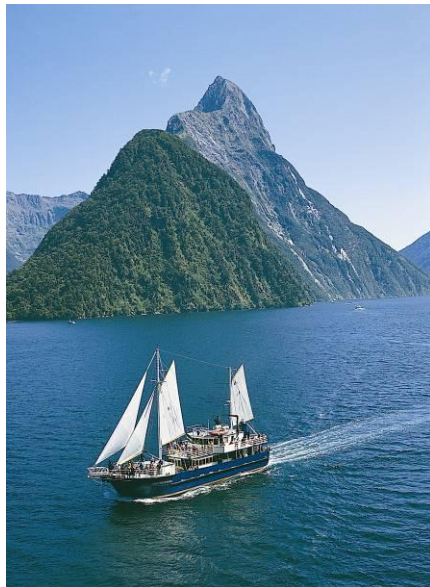
Milford Sound Cruise on MV Mariner:

(A Qualmark Visitor endorsed

activity)

1600 Board your Milford Sound Cruiser.

1630 Your cruise boat MV Marriner departs and cruises out into the Milford Sound. There before you is Mitre Peak, standing Majestic, one mile high almost vertical. Cruise by the various coves in search of Wildlife, particularly seals sunning themselves. Cruise out to



the Tasman Sea to a rocky seal colony before returning and waterfall spotting. If the day is wet the display of falling, tumbling waterfalls abound. The Sterling Falls and the Bowen falls when full are magnificent.

Today will really demonstrate the importance of man and the environment working together to preserve what can never be replaced. You may if a good breeze blowing sail back into Harrison Cove. Here you will anchor for the evening.

All closed up and cleared away as they say at sea; they then break out the Kayaks for those that would like to paddle their way around the bay. The Ships Tender is lowered and passengers are taken to the shoreline and able to get up close and personal with the seals and other wildlife. You will

be joined by the MV Wanderer which will drop anchor close by across the bay. Enjoy the evening as sun sets and the quiet with only the two vessels in the bay.

1900 **Dinner** will be served in the saloon and after that games are put out and you will have a fun night together in this very different southern sound. You are close to 45 degrees south here.

Accommodation:

MV Milford Mariner:

At Anchor in Harrison Cove

Milford Sound

Fiordland, New Zealand.

1 night twin cabin

Dinner, bed and American breakfast

Day 10 November 15TH

MILFORD SOUND / TE ANAU / QUEENSTOWN

0700 Wakey, wakey, rise and shine...Get up, get up the mornings fine. A fine day is something you will wish for but frankly here there are 32 fine days per year. A good wet cloudy morning will change the whole scene and make for such a better tour as you share the mystique of this southern World Heritage region. It is time to up anchor and return to the Tasman Sea and some more cruising. You have the freedom of the ship and can go up to the bridge and chat with the Captain. Watch for more wildlife.

0730 **American Breakfast.**

08:00 You will work your way back through the sound and view the waterfalls. They are best when it rains as they become full and the effect is more spectacular.

0930 Come alongside the Milford Jetty and go ashore. Reboard your coach and work your way back up the zigzag in the Cleddau Valley and back through the Homer tunnel and continue back to Te Anau. Stop here today for lunch (own cost).

14:30 Arrive in Queens town eve and dinner on your own.

Accommodation:

Crowne Plaza Queenstown

Beach Street,

Queenstown

Phone: +64 3 4502 674

1 night, Lakeview Room

Share twin / double.

Bed and breakfast basis

Day 11 November 16TH

0730AM Breakfast

8:30AM *Optional Morning Qi.gong with Lori*

Free day in Queenstown.... Many adventures to choose from. Here are a few options

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and the Canyons you ride through. A lake or a river Jetboat ride does not compare!
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1800 Transfer to the Skyline Restaurant.

The Skyline Gondola, Skyline Restaurant:

1830 Board your coach and travel to the Skyline Gondola and up to Bobs Peak. Great viewing is provided from the lookout.

1900 **Dine together** at this exciting restaurant with its wide range of food. It is one of the best smorgasbord buffets in New Zealand. Enjoy the European, Asian, Kiwi, and seafood among the range of fine and different foods offered.

Enjoy the music and the view as the twilight concludes.



2030 Return to your coach and your hotel.

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Beach Street,

Queenstown

Phone: +64 3 4502 674

1 night, Lakeview Room

Share twin / double.

Bed and breakfast basis

Day 12 November 17TH

RETURN TO USA

This is our final day in New Zealand We are offering two add ons:

1) ROUTEBURN TRACK PACKAGES

The Routeburn Track is second to the Milford Track by fame alone, it is an amazing walk and was featured in the National Geographic as one of the top 11 hikes in the world and is visited by 7500 trampers each summer. Unlike the Milford Track which is booked out sometimes months in advance, the Routeburn Track is a great alternative with better availability and often preferred by locals for the diversity of scenery. It is an easy to medium walk where you experience moss draped forests, energetic streams and busy waterfalls.

Routeburn Track Package Includes

- All track transport to the Routeburn Track (The Routeburn Shelter and at the Divide).
- Pre walk briefing at 3pm.
- All Routeburn Track hut bookings and fees.
- Track map and information.
- Souvenir track book (rrp \$NZ30).
- Booking services of our Queenstown office for optional Queenstown and Fiordland sightseeing & activities.

- NZ Mountain Safety Council approved pack liner.

Itinerary

The track can be walked from either direction however below describes the route from East to West. There is also the option to extend by one more night to include a cruise at Milford Sound - see below

Day 1 - Queenstown

Arrive in Queenstown (hotel accommodation included), free time to explore or book your post hike activities. Pre track briefing held at Kiwi Discovery, 37 Camp Street at 3pm.

Day 1 - Routeburn Track

Pick up at hotel accommodation, travel by bus to the head of Lake Wakatipu through Glenorchy and past Paradise to the Routeburn Shelter for the start of the Routeburn Track. Entering the Mount Aspiring National Park, you have a gentle walk through beech forest and along the Routeburn valley, a short steady climb takes you past waterfalls and up to the first night at the Routeburn Falls Hut. Situated by the Routeburn waterfall overlooking the valley below, it's a stunning location for your first night on the track. Approximately 2½ to 4 hours walk.

Day 2- Routeburn Track

Today you head up over the Harris Saddle where there is an optional side track to the summit of Conical Hill with expansive views across the Hollyford valley and out to the Tasman sea on a clear day. The descent down to Mackenzie hut traverses the Hollyford Valley mountain through alpine vegetation and then down into a 'magical forest' covered in moss and lichen. It's not hard to see why Fiordland was used to film Lord of the Rings. Mackenzie Hut is situated by a lake in a hanging valley, truly photogenic whatever the weather. Approximately 4½ to 6 hours walk.

Day 3 - Routeburn Track/Queenstown

The track starts out to reveal lush forest and waterfalls before opening out to look down the Hollyford valley and beyond. Earland Falls (174m) is a great place to pause and take in the atmosphere before walking onto Howden Hut, approximately 3 - hours walk.

Here you can choose the Milford Sound option (below) or head on out to the Divide for the end of your Routeburn track adventure; approximately 1 to 1½ hours walk. There is a side trip up Key Summit (1 to 1½ hours) if you have time before arriving at the Divide to catch the 4.20pm coach back to Queenstown. (This option is the 4 day/4 night package in the table below).

Milford Sound Option

Day 4 - Routeburn Track

As above except accommodation is booked at Howden Hut for your 3rd night on the track. This option gives you more time to take in the views or enjoy a leisurely morning at Lake Mackenzie, or relax around Howden Hut with ample time the next morning to catch a bus to Milford Sound. Approximately 3 hours walk.

Day 5 - Routeburn Track/Queenstown.

It's a short walk to the Divide with ample time to take the side trip up Key Summit before catching the lunchtime coach to Milford Sound. Approximately 3 hours walk including the side track. It's a short distance to Milford Sound where you board a cruise to take in the sights of the world famous Milford Sound. Complementary tea and coffee and a licensed bar are on board the purpose built vessel and a picnic lunch is included in your package so you have fresh sandwiches after your walking adventure.

After your Milford Sound cruise, your luxury coach returns to Queenstown with a short comfort stop in Te Anau. Reclining seats and ample leg room mean it's hard to stay awake on the journey home. You will arrive back at your hotel in Queenstown early evening for a well deserved shower and choice of dining options

1) SYDNEY AND CAIRNS(GREAT BARRIER REEF)

DAY ONE Visit the Rocks - Sydney's birthplace, and take photos of the Opera House from the base of Sydney's famous Harbour Bridge.

Visit **Sydney Tower at Centrepoint**, and enjoy the magnificent 360 degree view from Sydney's tallest building. You haven't seen Sydney until you've seen it from the Tower. Drive along historical Macquarie Street and see the State Library of N.S.W., Parliament House, the Old Mint, Hyde Park Barracks, and beautiful St. Mary's Cathedral. See Garden Island Naval Base at Woolloomooloo, cosmopolitan Kings Cross and trendy Paddington. Tour through the Eastern Suburbs viewing

Accommodation: Four Points by Sheraton *****

161 Sussex St (Darling Harbour) Sydney

Phone +61 2 92904000

2 nights: Share twin Bed and Breakfast Basis

DAY Two

Day at leisure. Options: Take time to explore Sydney, perhaps visiting the Sydney Opera House – ensure you pre-book for the guided tour or do a show plus dinner package in the evening, take a walking tour exploring The Rocks – Australia's birthplace, climb to the summit of Sydney Harbour Bridge with Bridge Climb or to take lunch at the top of Sydney Tower, all options own cost.

DAY Three

0900 Check out and **transfer by coach** to Sydney Domestic Airport.

0940 Check in for your flight DJ1417 to Cairns.

1040 DJ1417 Departs.

1250 Arrive Cairns and transfer by **coach** to your accommodation.

1330 Arrive in Palm Cove, in Tropical North Queensland, just 20 minutes north of Cairns set right in the heart of where the Rainforest meets the Great Barrier Reef.

Afternoon free time for a dip in the pool, a round of golf, or stroll along the beach and enjoy the café scene.

Accommodation: Novotel Palm Cove Resort ****

Coral Cove Drive

Palm Cove

Queensland 4879

2 nights share twin Bed and Breakfast Basis

DAY Four

PALM COVE / PORT DOUGLAS / GREAT BARRIER REEF / PALM COVE

0815 Your Quicksilver **coach departs your accommodation** for Port Douglas to board "Quicksilver" for the Outer Barrier Reef. Please be out the front of your accommodation.

It is our opinion they offer the "Rolls Royce Tour" of all Barrier Reef tours. When you have come so far, you only want the best and Quicksilver is it.

Cruise out to the Agincourt Reef on the edge of the continental shelf. During the 1.5 hour journey to the reef the **Marine Biologists** will instruct you all in how to wear your special masks and how to snorkel. **All equipment needed, mask, snorkel and fins are all included.**

At the reef visit the pontoon viewing windows, board the submarine viewers for a submerged view of the Great Barrier Reef. **A special seafood and tropical fruit feast is arranged for lunch.**

OPTION 1:

Scuba diving is an option here. No experience is necessary to experience this amazing underwater world with an introductory scuba dive. If you've never dived before, and would like to, Quicksilver offers introductory dives with a highly qualified (PADI) dive instructor. The only requirements are that you are over 12 years, pass the on-board medical questionnaire and participate in our 30 minute dive brief. We can arrange for you to do this dive, (approximately AUD 139.00 with tanks, wetsuits etc supplied). ***This dive at additional expense.***

OPTION 2:

Helmet Diving. Now as a non-swimmer you can see the reef close up during a helmet dive. Breathing fresh air delivered from the surface you will walk underwater on a reef platform – you can even wear your glasses if you wish. The only requirements are that you are over 12 years, pass the on-board medical questionnaire and participate in our short dive brief. (***At additional expense*** approximately AUD 139.00).

We return home.

INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR COST:

The events, locations and pricing in this proposal are subject to change until tour deposit is paid and services are booked and confirmed. It is essential that some key attractions and flights are booked at the earliest possible moment.

1. All sightseeing and transfers in deluxe quality coaches.
2. Accommodation and meals as per itinerary.
3. Guided walking tour of Auckland.
4. Longlands farm tour and lunch.
5. Entry to and guided tour of Wai-O-Tapu Geothermal Wonderland.
6. Entry and Guided tour of Whakarewarewa Village, corn cob and snack.
7. Cultural experience at Tamaki Village Maori Concert and Hangi Dinner (Feast).
8. Overnight cruise on Milford Mariner at Milford Sound.
9. Gondola and buffet dinner Skyline in Queenstown.
10. Management throughout by GROUP EVENTS and their New Zealand Representatives.
11. Goods and services tax (12.5%) in New Zealand due against your tour cost and inclusions.

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR COST:

1. Group Air fares.
2. Taxes, levies and charges as printed on your air tickets.
3. Personal items (passport, visa, excess baggage, phone calls, laundry etc).

4. Meals not included in itinerary or meal plan.
5. Travel Insurance. All members of the group should consider travel insurance.
6. Departure Tax, NZD\$25.00, when leaving New Zealand except from Auckland where this tax is now included on your ticket.
7. Items marked as OPTION, Optional, Own Cost, Own Expense, etc.