

**PITMAR TOURS**  
*Presents*  
**AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**



**OCTOBER 10 - NOVEMBER 06, 2012**

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*Bob and Teresa invite you to join them on this trip of a life time Downunder. Experience the wonders of Australia on a 13 day deluxe tour then discover the spectacular beauty of the Northern and Southern islands of New Zealand with a 13 day cruise on the Dawn Princess.*

*Call us to receive more information and to register for our free presentation January 10, 2012.*

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## **DAY 01 – OCT 10 DEPART CANADA**

On board Air Canada we depart our hometown to Los Angeles and catch our international flight on board Qantas.

## **DAY 02 – OCT 11 INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT**

We will lose a day crossing over the International Dateline.

## **DAY 03 – OCT 12 MELBOURNE**

G'Day and Welcome to Australia! After the usual customs formalities our local representatives will be waiting to greet and assist the group. Board your awaiting coach for a sightseeing tour of Melbourne on the way to your hotel. Explore the cosmopolitan city with wide boulevards and fine historic buildings. View Bourke Street Mall and the tree-lined beauty of Collins Street – the ultimate shopping strip and business centre. View fine examples of Melbourne's architectural splendour, including St. Paul's Cathedral, Princess and Regent Theatres. See Melbourne Town Hall, the Royal Exhibition Buildings and Federation Square. See the beautiful Royal Botanic Gardens and Fitzroy Gardens followed by the Queen Victoria Markets. See the world renowned sporting arena's including the MCG and Rod Laver Arena and finally drive past the Shrine of Remembrance.

Simply stated, Melbourne is friendly elegance. It has an Old World charm, a sophisticated elegance, as you stroll through formal gardens, boat on the lazy Yarra River, wander down broad, tree-lined avenues, admire stately buildings, or shop in fine boutiques.

*Accommodations: Crowne Promenade including daily breakfast (3 nights)*

## **DAY 04 – OCT 13 MELBOURNE (B/L)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Following breakfast, board your coach and leave Melbourne for the scenic Dandenong Ranges. Ride

the restored Puffing Billy Steam Train for a memorable journey on Australia's most notable narrow gauge railway. Tour the Yarra Valley's beautiful verdant hills and prosperous vineyards and enjoy lunch at Fergusson's Winery. We finish the day at Yering Station, a historic winery built in 1859, where you can taste a few of their fifteen styles of wine before returning to Melbourne for the evening.

Dinner is on your own this evening.

## **DAY 05 – OCT 14 MELBOURNE (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning's tour is an informative and dramatic introduction to the unique wildlife of Australia. In the company of an expert nature guide you will see mobs of free ranging Eastern-grey kangaroos in a natural bush setting. You will also see and learn about many other Australian animals and birds at Serendip open-range sanctuary on the vast Western Plains near Melbourne. Next, head to a nearby national park to see Koalas in the wild. Your nature guide will share the knowledge of these wonderful pouched animals with you. The Koala Research Project ensures you regularly have multiple sightings of these shy creatures in the wild.

In the afternoon you will return back to Melbourne where you will be able to explore the city on your own.

## **DAY 06 – OCT 15 MELBOURNE – CAIRNS (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. You will have some time in the morning to relax before boarding the flight to Cairns.

Cairns city is in the heart of the Tropical North and is the primary gateway to Northern Australia. A modern, sophisticated city, it is an ideal base to explore the wider region with front door access to the Great Barrier Reef, rainforest and outback.

*Accommodations: Holiday Inn Cairns including Breakfast (3 nights)*

## **DAY 07 – OCT 16 CAIRNS - GREAT BARRIER REEF (B/L)**

Breakfast at the Hotel. Today the group will visit the Great Barrier Reef and Green Island.

Cruise to Green Island aboard a modern air-conditioned catamaran & passengers can take part in the many reef activities available or simply relax on the beach.

Green Island is a beautiful coral cay on Australia's Great Barrier Reef with unique rainforests, surrounded by white sandy beaches & magnificent coral reefs and abundant marine life. You will spend 5 hours viewing the coral reef and fish life, relaxing on the white sandy beach and exploring the walking tracks that lead through the National Park.

Includes a glass bottom boat tour and lunch.

Dining in town this evening is on your own.

## **DAY 08 – OCT 17 CAIRNS (B/L)**

Breakfast at the Hotel. For today's adventure the group will visit Kuranda.

Board the Kuranda Scenic Railway which winds through 15 tunnels and past Stoney Creek Falls and Barron Falls. Upon arriving at the famous Kuranda "Village in the Rainforest", explore the markets and art galleries. For lunch, an Aussie BBQ is served at the Kuranda Trading Post before we continue to the "Koala Gardens" which is one of the few places which allow you to cuddle a Koala and a souvenir photo for an additional cost. From the terminal board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway which glides over the rainforest canopy. Enjoy the stunning rainforest scenery, panoramic views of the Cairns' tropical region and stop to walk above the forest canopy en route.

## **DAY 09 – OCT 18 CAIRNS - AYERS ROCK (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we depart for the Red Center.

Board our private transfers to the airport where it will be a 3 hour direct non-stop flight. Upon arrival you will be met by our local representatives who will take your hotel to freshen up. In the afternoon we visit the dome shaped boulders of the Kata Tjuta (The Olgas). To the Aboriginal people this is a serious place, one of dead spirits, its traditional name meaning 'many heads'.

The sunset viewing at the Rock is at its most dramatic. When conditions are right, the Rock glows crimson for a few short minutes providing you the opportunity to photograph the striking colour changes that can take place in this majestic part of Australia.

Optional Dinner: Sounds of Silence Dinner experience (\$160)

A unique outdoor dining experience under a million stars....a spectacular experience not to be missed

*Accommodations: Desert Gardens Hotel including breakfast (2 nights)*

## **DAY 10 – OCT 19 AYERS ROCK (B)**

It will be an early morning wake up to see the spectacular sunrise come up at Uluru/Ayers Rock. Included will be a boxed breakfast for convenience.

Ayers Rock/Uluru rises 348 metres from the desert and has a girth of 9.4 kilometres. These statistics alone assure its star role as the world's most famous monolith, yet it is estimated that at least two-thirds of the Rock lies beneath the surface. The Rock has its moods, changing colour depending on the time of day, cloud over and even where you're standing, but at sunset you can see the whole gamut when Ayers Rock/Uluru puts on a light show that changes its colour from red to orange to lilac in a matter of minutes.

Following the group will go on the Mala Walk to learn the story of the Mala (Hare Wallaby) people visiting the caves with all the ancient paintings and



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the Mutitjulu Waterhole. We tour around the rest of the base of Uluru by motorcoach before continuing to the Cultural Centre and Maruku Arts and Craft Co-operative for an opportunity to see aboriginal artists at work.

Afternoon is free to relax and enjoy.

## DAY 11 – OCT 20

### AYERS ROCK - SYDNEY (B)

Breakfast at the Hotel. This afternoon we depart The Red Center and catch our flight to Sydney.

Sydney, Australia's gateway city and capital of New South Wales, is a vibrant city of unsurpassed, style and variety. Established in 1788 as a convict settlement, Sydney has grown from these humble beginnings to become Australia's biggest, oldest and liveliest city and one of the great international cities of the world.

Optional: Dinner at Cockle Bay Wharf Restaurant

Accommodations: The Grace Hotel including breakfast (4 nights)

## DAY 12 – OCT 21 SYDNEY (B/L)

Breakfast at Hotel.

We depart Sydney for Blue Mountains where we visit ancient Aboriginal sites and outstanding lookouts, examine rock formations and the unusual plants and wildlife that abound the area. From the quaint little village of Leura skirt around Cliff Drive to Katoomba where you will find yourself looking out over the magnificent Jamieson Valley and the Three Sisters. Enjoy a delicious 3 course lunch at the Mountain Heritage Hotel (or similar) while enjoying spectacular views. After lunch we will stop at Scenic World Blue Mountains to enjoy 360° views, taking in the Three Sisters, Katoomba Falls, Mt Solitary and the endless vistas of the Jamieson Valley. We will quietly glide down into the valley floor aboard the steepest aerial cable car in Australia! Our journey takes us on a 545 metre ride down into World Heritage Listed rainforest, and at Euroka Clearing guests will have one of the most memorable highlights of their day – viewing kangaroos in their natural environment. We then depart the mountains to return to your hotel to arrive at approximately 5.30 – 6.00pm.

Dinner on your own.

## DAY 13 – OCT 22 SYDNEY (B/L)

Breakfast at the Hotel. This morning we take a half day guided day city tour.

Drive through the historic 'Rocks' area where Australia was first founded with its maze of terrace houses, restored warehouses, pubs and restaurants. Drive under the famous 'coat hanger', the Sydney Harbour Bridge and view Sydney's famous architectural masterpiece, the Sydney Opera House. Continue through the commercial area of the city passing the historical buildings of Macquarie Street - Parliament House, The Mint and Hyde Park Barracks. Alight at Mrs Macquarie's Chair for breathtaking views of the city and harbour. Proceed through cosmopolitan

Kings Cross and exclusive garden suburbs to the Gap on the ocean headland at Watsons Bay. Return to the city via famous Bondi Beach and Paddington, a Victorian suburb of restored terrace houses richly decorated with cast-iron lace.

Following, there is truly no better way to enjoy Sydney than from the harbour itself. Enjoy a wonderful cruise of Sydney's picturesque waterfront on Captain Cook Cruises with a comprehensive commentary and a delicious seafood buffet lunch.

The rest of the afternoon is free to explore the city.

## DAY 14 – OCT 23 SYDNEY (B)

Breakfast at the Hotel. Today we take a morning tour of the Opera House.

Discover a House of passion, drama & betrayal! More than 60 years ago, Jörn Utzon designed what is now considered one of the greatest buildings of all time. But for Utzon, the Sydney Opera House story was no fairytale. The Essential Tour brings to life the saga behind the making of the world's most famous house. Using state-of-the-art audiovisual technology, your welcoming guide will take you on an emotional journey inside this modern masterpiece.

There will be free time to enjoy the sights and sounds of this beautiful city.

## DAY 15 – OCT 24 SYDNEY (B)

Breakfast at the Hotel. Today we check out of the hotel and board transfer to the Cruiseship terminal.

## DAY 16-27 ON THE CRUISE

## DAY 28 – NOV 06 SYDNEY

Today we pick up the group at the Cruiseship terminal after disembarkation and transfer everyone to catch their flights home on Qantas via LAX.

SEATS ARE LIMITED



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Yarra valley winery tasting & lunch
- Echidna walkabout & nature guide
- Great Barrier Catamaran & Low Isles
- Kuranda Rainforest by Train & Skyrail
- Sunrise viewing Ayers Rock/Uluru & Mala walk
- Sunset viewing Olgas/ Kata Tjuta
- Sydney City tour with harbour cruise seafood buffet
- Sydney Opera House Tour
- Blue Mountains Tour with scenic lunch
- Private transfers to/from cruise terminal including return

### TOTAL COST PER PERSON

**CAD\$8790.00\***

Taxes: **CAD\$780.00**

(subject to changes until issued)

\*Double occupancy, Inside cabin

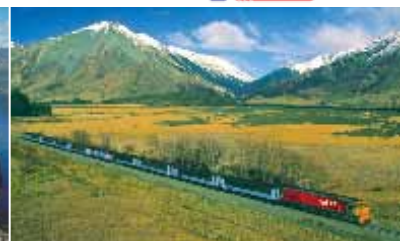
### INCLUSIONS IN PRICING:

- International & Domestic airfares on Qantas from Vancouver
- First Class (4 Star) hotel accommodation as per itinerary based on twin share
- 13 day cruise on board Dawn Princess (see insert info)
- All transfers and transportation by private, luxury air-conditioned coach with driver/guide (Any individuals travelling outside the group arrangement must organize own transportation)
- Arrival Meet & Greet guide assistance, Departure guide assistance
- Sightseeing and admissions as per the itinerary
- Local taxes on accommodation and sightseeing tours, including 10% Australian GST
- Australia Visa
- Meals as indicated on itinerary (B-breakfast/L-lunch/D-dinner)
- Hotel portorage

### EXCLUSIONS IN PRICING:

- All departure taxes
- Personal items
- Meals unless listed in itinerary
- Tips & Gratuities
- Early check-in & late check out of rooms (standard check-in time is 2pm and check out 10am)
- Travel Insurance

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**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:**

A deposit of \$1000 per person is due upon booking, a second deposit and the final payment is due August 10, 2012. Space will be released if the above payments are not made.

**NOT INCLUDED:**

All personal items, daily meals, gratuities to waiters for individual meals, tour guides, drivers, or any individual rendering a personal service.

**SPECIAL REQUESTS:**

At time of booking we will be pleased to request special hotel requirements such as "two beds" or "room near elevator" or "non smoking" room. We cannot guarantee all such requests as they are subject to hotel availability.

**MEDICAL AND CANCELLATION INSURANCE:**

Pitmar Tours strongly recommends all passengers acquire additional Cancellation and Medical Insurance at time of booking. This coverage is available at time of booking.

**DOCUMENTATION:**

60 Days prior to departure – passport copies required as per new US securities measures. Tickets cannot be issued without this information.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

- **CRUISE PORTION: \$2134.00** (PP Dble Inside Cabin) **\$3274.00** (PP Dble Balcony)  
75 Days Prior to Departure: No Penalty  
57 – 74 Days Prior to Departure: 80% Refund  
29 – 56 Days Prior to Departure: 50% Refund  
15 – 28 Days Prior to Departure: 75% Refund  
14 Days Prior to Departure: No Refunds
- **LAND/AIR: \$ 6656.00**  
More than 70 Days Prior to Departure: \$100.00  
31 - 69 Days prior to departure: 25% Refund  
30 Days prior to departure: No Refunds

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**TRIP CANCELLATION:**

Should the required minimum of 10 people not be met, Pitmar Tours reserves the right to cancel this trip, substitute the driver or escort, make, with or without notice, any changes in hotel, transportation, accommodation or schedule for any valid reason without liability on the part of Pitmar Tours, HGBC Leasing Ltd. or any of its agents.

**ALL FARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, SPACE AVAILABILITY, FUEL SURCHARGES, TARIFF REGULATIONS, CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS, FINAL ITINERARY AND DEPARTURE TAXES.**





# New Zealand October 24-November 6 13 Nights



Based in Australian Year-round and using only Australian currency onboard, Dawn Princess offers passengers a unique experience throughout some of the most exotic destinations in the world including New Zealand.

**Day 15 – OCT 24 SYDNEY (B/L/D)** Breakfast at the Hotel. Today we check out of the hotel and board transfer to the Cruise ship terminal. Leave Australia behind and cruise to New Zealand aboard Princess Cruise Line's Dawn Princess. On this journey, you'll visit New Zealand's picturesque waterfront, charming Victorian era cities, Maori culture and breathtaking Fiordland.

**Day 16: OCT 25 At Sea (B/L/D)**  
On your first full day of leisure at sea, enjoy the many amenities on board your ship. The Sea Princess features an outdoor swimming pool, a fitness center, spa and salon, sports, enrichment classes and numerous boutiques.

**Day 17: OCT 26 At Sea (B/L/D)**  
Take advantage of your full day of relaxation at sea. Get acquainted with the many amenities offered aboard the ship, including the casino, pool and spa.

**Day 18: OCT 27 Fiordland National Park (Scenic Cruising) (B/L/D)**  
Fifteen thousand years ago, glaciers carved out Fiordland National Park. Witness what nature perfected over time — its snowcapped mountains, roaring rivers filled with ice, and the lush green grasslands that blanket this famed wilderness landscape in southwest New Zealand.

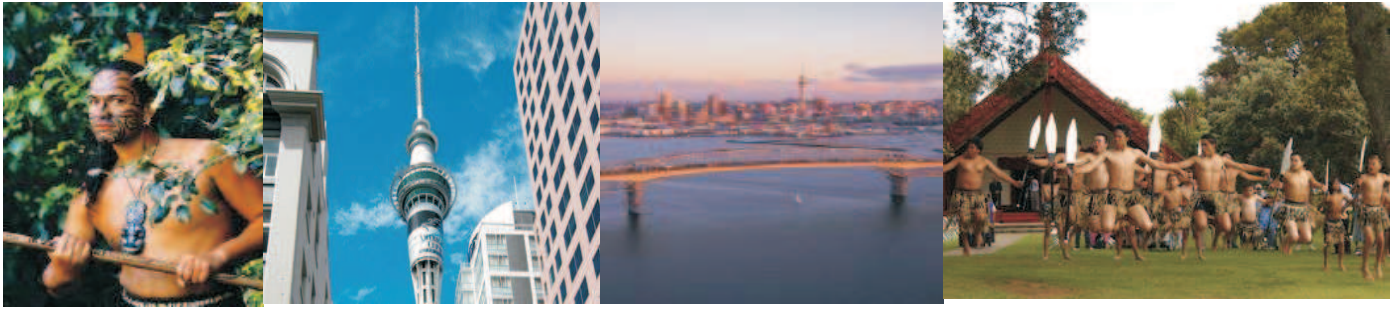
**Day 19: OCT 28 Dunedin (Port Chalmers) (B/ L/D)**  
Dunedin is the old Gaelic name for Edinburgh. Uncover this "kiwi" city's Scottish heritage roots as you meander its octagon shaped streets and quaint Victorian buildings.



**Day 20: OCT 29 Christchurch (Lyttelton) (B/L/ D)**  
Christchurch has a rich history of adventurers who used Christchurch as a gateway for Antarctic explorations. Famed explorers Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton used the port of Lyttelton as a departure point for their expeditions. Lyttelton has a stunning harbor with sparkling aquamarine waters.

**Day 21: OCT 30 Wellington (B/L/D)**  
From the top of Mt. Victoria, New Zealand's capital lies at your feet. It is a stunning vista of forested peninsulas, with a bustling waterfront, dramatic cliff side homes and fine Victorian architecture. Despite its steep hills, the city can easily be explored on foot. Wellington is also home to many museums, gardens, winding streets and even a cable car.

**Day 22: OCT 31 Napier (B/L/D)**  
Napier (Ahuriri in Maori), northeast of Wellington, is known as the — Art Deco City. Along with spectacular architecture, it is the hub of a fertile region, rich in timber, fruit and fine wines. It is also one of the most photographed destinations in New Zealand thanks to a famous statue on Marine Parade Pania of the Reef.



**Day 23: NOV 1 Tauranga (B/L/D)**

Tauranga, meaning "sheltered waters" in Maori, is rich with native culture and tradition. Waterskiing, windsurfing and deepsea fishing abound in Tauranga Harbour. The "Bay of Plenty" was named by Captain Cook after the prosperous Maori villages of the region generously replenished his supplies.

**Day 24: NOV 2 Auckland (B/L/D)**

Shop along Auckland's picturesque waterfront, home to one-third of the country's population. From museums housing Maori artifacts to extinct volcanic peaks, this pedestrian-friendly city, known as the —City of Sails, is the perfect combination of nature and commerce.

**Day 25: NOV 3 Bay of Islands, New Zealand (B/L/D)**

The Bay of Islands has been a center of Maori culture for centuries, with whalers, missionaries and early settlers also leaving their stamp. This glorious part of New Zealand's far north offers broad skies, tranquil bays and numerous aquatic and cultural activities.

**Day 26: NOV 4 At Sea (B/L/D)**

With all the amenities of a fine resort, there is always something to do while on board the Sea Princess. Indulge in abundant activities and choices. Take an enrichment class, go for a swim in the pool up on deck, melt under the spell of a massage in the Spa & Salon, improve your bridge game, or visit the theatre or one of the ships lounges.

**Day 27: NOV 5 At Sea (B/L/D)**

Enjoy your last day at sea as you wish. It's a perfect time to explore areas of the ship you have yet to visit, revisit your favorite spots, or simply relax on deck.

**Day 28: NOV 6 (B) Sydney**

Disembark Cruise Tour Ends

Today you are picked up at the Cruiseship terminal after disembarkation to catch your flights home on Qantas via LAX.

Day	Port / Date	Arrive	Depart
1	Sydney, Australia Wednesday, October 24		4:00 PM
2	At Sea Thursday, October 25		
3	At Sea Friday, October 26		
4	Firdland National Park, New Zealand Saturday, October 27	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
5	Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand Sunday, October 28	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
6	Christchurch (Lyttelton), New Zealand Monday, October 29	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
7	Wellington, New Zealand Tuesday, October 30	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
8	Napier, New Zealand Wednesday, October 31	7:00 AM	2:00 PM
9	Tauranga, New Zealand Thursday, November 1	7:00 AM	5:30 PM
10	Auckland, New Zealand Friday, November 2	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
11	Bay of Islands, New Zealand Saturday, November 3	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
12	At Sea Sunday, November 4		
13	At Sea Monday, November 5		
14	Sydney, Australia Tuesday, November 6	7:00 AM	

Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your vacation. For your convenience, Princess Cruise Lines automatically applies a \$10.00 USD per guest per day service charge to your shipboard account. All of the service personnel on board receive gratuities from this service charge and there is no need for you to think about additional tipping. Separately, a 15% gratuity is added for bar drinks and spa services.

