

# R.J.'s Tours Ltd

March 3 to March 28, 2006



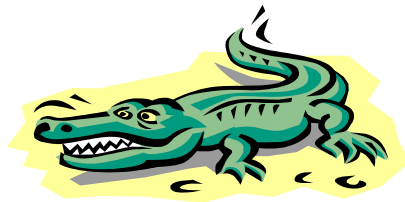
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Holiday of a Lifetime in.....



## Australia & New Zealand

### DOWNUNDER®

Hobart, Tasmania  
Sydney  
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Great Barrier Reef  
Rotorua  
Auckland  
Sydney Harbour Cruise  
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Glow Worm Caves  
Alice Springs - Ayers Rock  
Franz Josef Glacier Region  
Farwell Dinner Cruise



*Come with us Downunder  
for a fabulous 26 day  
Holiday of a Lifetime!*

*So much to see, so much to do,  
so much to enjoy and we  
invite you to take it all in  
with us!*

*From the Outback to  
The Glaciers and much more!!*



**And so much more**  
*See enclosed day by day itinerary*

### INCLUDED

All required Airfare  
Airline taxes  
1<sup>st</sup> class Hotel Accommodations In  
Australia & New Zealand  
Transfers  
23 Breakfasts, 4 lunches,  
13 dinners  
All sightseeing & Excursions as per  
itinerary  
Baggage Handling (1 bag per person)  
Electronic Travel Authority

### NOT INCLUDED

Health & Travel Insurance  
Gratuities  
Meals not listed in itinerary  
CURRENT DEPARTURE TAXES:  
New Zealand \$25.00 (Local Currency)  
Australia \$53.00 (Local Currency)  
Passport Required - must be valid for 6  
months after return date.  
September 30, 2006.

Escorted by  
**Patricia Tomkins**

**\$9995.00** per person in Canadian funds based on double occupancy

Taxes are included in price. Single Rate \$11,798.00.

*For information or Reservations Call*

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Or while seats last.

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## **Australia & New Zealand Itinerary**

### **March 3-28, 2006**

### **Escorted by Patricia Tomkins**

#### **DEPART CANADA FOR AUSTRALIA**

##### **Day One - Friday March 3**

Today we begin our fabulous South Pacific Vacation by flying from Canada to Hobart, Tasmania via Los Angeles and Melbourne.

#### **CROSS THE INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE**

##### **Day Two - Saturday March 4**

Today we lose a day on our way to our Holiday of a Lifetime

#### **ARRIVE IN HOBART**

##### **Day Three - Sunday March 5**

Upon arrival in Hobart, Tasmania we will be met and transferred to our hotel. Tonight we'll all enjoy a "Welcome to Australia" dinner at Muirs Seafood Restaurant

Accommodation at Hotel Grand Chancellor – 3 nights

(Dinner)

#### **HOBART**

##### **Day Four - Monday March 6**

A full day tour takes us to the ruins of the infamous Port Arthur Penal Settlement where we learn how Australia's early convicts lived. We will also visit Bush Mill with its Tasmanian Devils. Enroute there are magnificent views of the sea. Dinner will be at our hotel tonight.

(Breakfast & Dinner)

#### **HOBART**

##### **Day Five - Tuesday March 7**

Today is at your leisure.

(Breakfast)

#### **HOBART TO MELBOURNE**

##### **Day Six - Wednesday March 8**

Following breakfast we will be transferred to the airport for our flight to Melbourne. Upon arrival we will be transferred to our hotel. The afternoon is at your leisure. Dinner tonight will be served at our hotel.

(Breakfast & Dinner)

Hotel Grand Chancellor – 2 Nights

#### **MELBOURNE TOURING**

##### **Day Seven - Thursday March 9**

This morning explore the city of Melbourne, the heart of Australia's classic south. Learn the history and experience the city's compelling charm and character. See the famous city square, St. Paul's Cathedral, Flinders Street Station, the Shrine of Remembrance, World Trade Centre and Crown casino and other highlights. Visit the Royal Botanic Gardens and Fitzroy Gardens and see Captain Cook's Cottage. At the conclusion of this part of the tour we will be returned to the city for an hour of shopping or lunch. The rejoin the coach for the second part of the tour – The Penguin Parade. Travel to Phillip Island Nature Park – a natural home of Koalas, Shearwaters, seals and little Penguins. Witness the Penguin Parade – the nightly ritual of these little flightless birds as they come home from the sea. Visit the Koala Conservation Centre and watch the Koalas in their Natural habitat. See seals near the sea, basking in the late sunlight of halftide rocks – home to Australia's largest colony of seals. Tonight we'll enjoy a delicious Lobster Dinner.

(Breakfast & Dinner)

## **MELBOURNE TO ALICE SPRINGS**

### **Day Eight Friday March 10**

This morning we will be transferred to the airport for our flight to Alice Springs. Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel. This afternoon enjoy a tour of Alice Springs including the Royal Flying Doctor Base, Old Telegraph Station and the School of the Air. This evening experience the real Outback as we head into the bush for dinner and entertainment.

(Breakfast & Dinner)

Alice Springs resort – 1 night

## **ALICE SPRINGS TO AYERS ROCK**

### **Day Nine Saturday March 11**

We depart Alice Springs and travel through rugged outback landscapes via the West MacDonnell Ranges. Stop at the Outback Camel Farm to learn about these animals which have played such an important role in the development of remote Central Australia. Back aboard the coach, we continue on to Ayers Rock resort. We have an early afternoon tour to the 36 giant rocky domes of Kata Tjuta. Walk into Olga Gorge and keep an eye out for the ancient petroglyphs (stone carvings) in the rock floor. As the sun starts to sink in the desert sky, enjoy a complimentary glass of wine at Uluru (Ayers Rock). Watch the magnificent sunset show of light and ever changing color on the monolith.

(Breakfast)

Desert Gardens Hotel – 1 night

## **AYERS ROCK TO CAIRNS**

### **Day Ten Sunday March 12**

Following breakfast we will be transferred to the airport for our flight to Cairns. Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel. The afternoon is at leisure. Tonight we will be taken to “The Red Ochre Grill” to try some of the untapped traditional native fruits, berries, game meats and fresh seafood for tonight’s dinner.

(Breakfast & Dinner)

Mercure Hotel Harbourside – 2 nights

## **GREAT BARRIER REEF**

### **Day Eleven Monday March 13**

Today we will be taken by high-speed Catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. From our base on Green Island we are able to explore the reef.

(Breakfast & Lunch)

## **KURANDA TRAIN, RAINFOREST STATION AND FLY TO SYDNEY**

### **Day Twelve Tuesday March 14**

We transfer to the Kuranda Scenic Train for a spectacular narrow gauge ride to charming Kuranda, famous for its markets. Travel into the towering rainforest on an amphibious army duck. Enjoy an authentic aboriginal cultural performance under the canopy of the rainforest. Experience a “Dreamtime” walk with an aboriginal guide. Throw a boomerang! We will also see and touch Australian native animals including Koalas and Kangaroos. Then we’ll be transferred by coach to the airport for our flight onward to Sydney. Upon arrival we will be transferred to our hotel. Tonight enjoy a bird’s eye view of Sydney while we dine at Sydney Tower Restaurant (One of Sydney’s towering revolving restaurants)

(Breakfast & Dinner)

Travelodge Wynward – 3 Nights

## **SYDNEY**

### **Day Thirteen Wednesday March 15**

Transfer from the hotel to Darling Harbour wharf for a morning coffee cruise on Sydney Harbour. Commentary will be provided throughout the cruise. See Sydney’s foreshore suburbs and the upper and lower reaches of Sydney Harbour. Cruise past Fort Denison, a fortress Island also known as “Pinchgut”, where convicts prone to escaping were detained on a diet of bread and water. Looking back at the city skyline you gain a totally different perspective of Sydney’s best known landmarks – The Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Don’t forget your camera!. This afternoon we 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. We return to the city and our hotel via famous Bondi Beach and Paddington, the trendy Victorian suburb of restored terrace houses richly decorated with cast-iron lace.

(Breakfast)

## **BLUE MOUNTAINS**

### **Day Fourteen Thursday March 16**

Departing the city, we travel to Featherdale Wildlife Park where a breakfast of fresh croissants, bread rolls, cheese, spreads, fresh fruits, juice, and tea/coffee is served. After breakfast meet Australian animals including kangaroos, emus, wombats, dingo's and more.... All while the park is quiet and free of other visitors. Depart Featherdale Park and travel to the Blue Mountains – ascend Bells Line of Road and pause at Bilpin where there is a chance to purchase fresh fruit from the gardens. Leaving here continue past Tomah Botanic Gardens and further up the mountains for a stop near Mt. Wilson for a short nature walk where the native flora is described in an informative and interesting manner. At this stop view the wonderful Blue Mountains valley and wall scenery. From this point cross the mountains to Mt. Victoria and turn east to travel to Govetts Leap for magnificent valley and waterfall views followed by a gourmet picnic lunch at Cahills Lookout picnic area (Adverse weather alternative is a 2 course lunch at the Imperial Hotel). The picnic lunch consists of cold roast chicken, marinated beef, ham, garden and pasta salads, cheese, bread rolls and complimentary wine, beer or soft drinks. After lunch drive to see the views of Megalong Valley from amazing Narrawoneck Plateau – hear the guide demonstrate a “cooe call and echo”. Travel along Cliff Drive and stop for views of the 3 sisters at a little used location (away from the crowds). The guide will relate an aboriginal Dreamtime story about the 3 sisters. Travelling down the mountains head into the national park and Euroka Clearing for one of the most memorable highlights of the day – view kangaroos in their natural environment, while enjoying a complimentary glass of champagne or fruit juice and Australian cheese and cracker platter. Depart the mountains and drive to the Olympic site for a short tour then down to the Homebush Bay Wharf to board the River Cat for the ferry trip down the river into Sydney Harbour.

(Breakfast & Lunch)

## **SYDNEY TO CHRISTCHURCH**

### **Day Fifteen Friday March 17**

Today we will be transferred to the Sydney Airport for our flight to Christchurch. Upon arrival we'll be met and transferred to our hotel. This afternoon our coach will take us on a sightseeing tour of Christchurch that will include the tree lined Avon River, the Cathedral Museum, and the Botanical Gardens. Enjoy a leisurely drive through beautiful suburbs, parks and gardens.

(Breakfast)

Hotel Grand Chancellor -1 Night

## **CHRISTCHURCH TO FRANZ JOSEF**

### **Day Sixteen Saturday March 18**

Today we'll be taken by private coach to Franz Josef.

(Breakfast & Dinner)

Franz Josef Glacier Hotel – 1 night

## **FRANZ JOSEF TO QUEENSTOWN**

### **Day Seventeen Sunday March 19**

Following breakfast we'll travel past rocky headlands, rainforests and lakes via the Haast Pass across the Southern Alps. Nestling beside the deep blue waters of Lake Wakatipu, at the foot of the remarkable range, Queenstown is the south Island's year-round prime resort, where you can be as active as you want or just leisurely soak up the magnificent scenery. Tonight we'll be taken by Gondola to the Skyline Restaurant for dinner.

(Breakfast & Dinner)

Copthorne Resort Lakefront – 3 Nights

## **MILFORD SOUND**

### **Day Eighteen Monday March 20**

Fiordland has some of the highest rainfall in the world. With this rain come its lakes, and countless waterfalls. The weather also brings thick forests of giant Totara, Rimu, Matai and forest birds including Tui, Bellbirds, Cuckoos and the rare flightless Takahe, which only lives in a single valley near Lake Te Anua. Travel between massive peaks and bluffs and through the 1200 metre Homer Tunnel to reach the sound – or Fiord. The journey up the Sound to the sea entrance of the fiord is made by a large luxury craft, spacious enough for all to enjoy the fascinating sights of this beautiful area. It's an area rich in natural flora and fauna. See the incredibly high waterfalls, spectacular rock formations, fur seals, and even Dolphins and Penguins. Lunch will be served on board.

(Breakfast & Lunch)

## **QUEENSTOWN**

### **Day Nineteen Tuesday March 21**

Today is at our leisure

(Breakfast)

## **QUEENSTOWN TO MOUNT COOK**

### **Day Twenty Wednesday March 22**

Travelling past Lake Wanaka and over historic Lindis Pass, we stop to view Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest mountain. Of the 27 mountains in New Zealand measuring over 10 thousand feet, 22 are in this park. Mount Cook known by the Maoris as Aorangi "Cloud Piercer" has been the training ground for many world famous climbers, including Sir Edmund Hillary. We continue on to tonight's hotel.

(Breakfast & Dinner)

The Hermitage – 1 Night

## **MOUNT COOK TO CHRISTCHURCH**

### **Day Twenty one Thursday March 23**

After breakfast we continue on to Christchurch with stops at Lake Tekapo and the Church of the Good Shepherd before crossing the Canterbury Plains. This afternoon visit JK's Woolshed. An original New Zealand Woolshed that has been converted to house an authentic New Zealand experience of sheep-shearing demonstrations, different breeds of sheep, fleeces and wool products and sheepdog demonstrations. Tonight enjoy fresh Canterbury cuisine in the Botanical gardens at the Curator's House restaurant.

(Breakfast & Dinner)

Hotel Grand Chancellor – 1 Night

## **CHRISTCHURCH TO ROTORUA**

### **Day Twenty Two Friday March 24**

Today we will be transferred to the airport for our flight to Rotorua. Upon arrival we will be transferred to our hotel.

(Breakfast)

Lake Plaza Rotorua – 2 Nights

## **ROTORUA**

### **Day Twenty Three Saturday March 25**

This morning we see the sights of Rotorua, New Zealand's Thermal Wonderland. We'll visit the Agrodome to learn more about all those sheep and Waka Thermal reserve to view active geysers and steaming mud pools and Rainbow Springs to learn more about New Zealand's unique flora and fauna. Continue on to visit a jade factory to learn how the raw product is transformed. The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure. This evening we transfer to an authentic Maori Marae and enjoy a Hangi Feast and concert.

(Breakfast & Dinner)

## **ROTORUA TO AUCKLAND VIA WAITOMO**

### **Day Twenty Four Sunday March 26**

This morning we head north by coach traveling through lush agricultural lands to Waitomo where we stop to tour the famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves. Lunch is included today at Roseland's Restaurant. After lunch, we continue north to Auckland and our hotel.

(Breakfast & Lunch)

Sky City Hotel 2 Nights

## **AUCKLAND**

### **Day Twenty Five Monday March 27**

Today is at your leisure until tonight when we are transferred to the harbour for our farewell dinner cruise

(Breakfast & Dinner)

## **AUCKLAND FOR HOME**

### **Day Twenty Six Tuesday March 28**

Transfer to the airport for our flight to Canada via Los Angeles.