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Wonders of Australia & New Zealand



EXCLUSIVE GUEST SPEAKERS

NOVA PERIS AND NGAHIHI O TE RA BIDOIS

WONDERS OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

From Sydney's glittering skyline and white, sandy beaches to the spectacular mountainous fjords of New Zealand's Milford and Dusky sounds and on to the "thermal city" of Rotorua, the unique biodiversity and cultural riches of the Southern Hemisphere are like no other on Earth.

Our 15-day land and sea journey to Australia and New Zealand's North and South islands reveals each nation's distinct indigenous heritage and the stark contrasts of their natural and architectural landscapes.

Isolated from the rest of the world until the arrival of European explorers in the 18th century, the flora and fauna that developed in New Zealand and Australia includes some species that can't be found anywhere else. This unique micro-climate is also home to some of the finest wine regions in the world, including the famous Hawke's Bay.

Completing your experience are opportunities to learn about Australian Aboriginal and New Zealand Maori culture from two prominent guest speakers—Olympian Nova Peris and Ngahihi o te ra Bidois, known as "The Face of New Zealand."

Cover Page: Sydney Opera House and Milford Sound. Current Page: Dusky Sound.





Night life in
Circular Quay



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My fellow Hoyas,

Experience inimitable natural history of Australia and New Zealand from January 11 to 25 on a 12-night luxury tour. Travel in the company of alumni and friends while enjoying three nights in cosmopolitan Sydney, Australia, and a nine-night cruise of New Zealand.

Begin your journey in Sydney to discover wonders of this spectacular city and the country's proud Aboriginal culture on an itinerary that includes a stop at the famous Bondi Beach and a visit to the iconic Sydney Opera House. From there, you will fly from Sydney to Auckland, New Zealand, to explore that country's spectacular landscapes and native Maori heritage.

Cruise from Auckland to Christchurch through the awe-inspiring UNESCO World Heritage designated Fiordland National Park aboard LE LAPÉROUSE, a five-star vessel featuring only 92 suites and staterooms, each with a private balcony. See glacier cut fjords, cascading waterfalls, and valleys hung with kapua whakapipi clouds in spectacular Milford Sound and while on a Zodiac excursion through Dusky Sound.

Enhance your voyage with the Great Barrier Reef Pre-Program Option and/or the Post-Program Option in Queenstown. Reserve now while early booking savings and space are available. Please contact the Georgetown Travel Society at 866-525-8664 or GeorgetownTravelSociety@Georgetown.edu for more details and to confirm your place today.

Hoya Saxa,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Farr".

Julie Farr C'88, Parent '19, '21, '24
Executive Director
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GUEST SPEAKERS



NOVA PERIS

Nova Peris is an Australian treasure, renowned for both athletics and politics. She was not only the first Aboriginal Australian to win Olympic gold but one of the elite few athletes to represent their country in two different sports (hockey and athletics) in separate Olympic Games. Peris also served as the first Olympic torchbearer for the Sydney 2000 Games. A passionate campaigner for Aboriginal rights and reconciliation in Australia, Peris became the first Aboriginal woman to be elected to Federal Parliament in 2013, serving as Senator for the Northern Territory. She is the author of two books, *Nova-My Story*, and *Nova-Finding My Voice*.



NGAHIHI O TE RA BIDOIS

New Zealand native Ngahihi o te ra Bidois is a modern-day warrior who translates ancient wisdom from his Maori culture into modern solutions. Often referred to as “The Face of New Zealand,” this former businessman embraced the Maori culture in his 20s and shifted his focus to indigenous education and health care. An award-winning inspirational speaker, Ngahihi o te ra is currently chair of New Zealand’s Eastern Fish and Game Board and Manager of a large Maori Land Trust. His book *Ancient Wisdom Modern Solutions* outlines his “why” for helping people on their journeys.



Aboriginal and Maori Culture

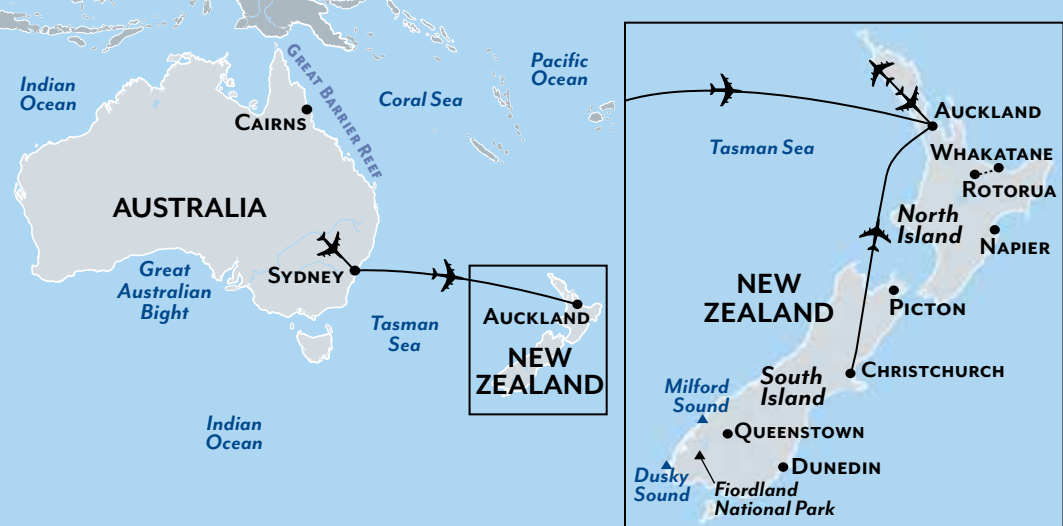
While exact dates remain unknown, it is believed that Aboriginal people have been living in Australia for at least 50,000 years. Prior to the arrival of the first European explorers in 1788, northern Sydney was home to several different Aboriginal clans—a hunter-gather population that cultivated a rich indigenous heritage rooted in connections between land and spirit. The Maori people came to New Zealand more than 1,000 years ago from their ancestral homeland of Hawaiki, arriving in waka hourua canoes to bring their native tribal language and ancient traditions. The natural beauty of the islands and rich volcanic soil that first attracted them also drew Dutch, English, and French explorers in the early 19th century. Today, both the Aboriginal Australians and the Maori of New Zealand work diligently to keep their respective legacies intact and preserve their proud history for future generations. Our itinerary offers unique opportunities to immerse yourself in each culture, including a guided tour of the inspiring Yiribana Aboriginal Gallery at the Art Gallery of New South Wales in Sydney and a visit to the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute in Rotorua, New Zealand—an enriching excursion that culminates with a Maori performance of the ceremonial haka dance.



INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).





15-DAY/12-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City/ International Date Line

Day 1 and Day 2

Depart home city and cross the International Date Line.

Sydney, Australia

Day 3

Arrive in cosmopolitan Sydney and check into the SHANGRI-LA SYDNEY. Enjoy lunch on your own and a walk through the historic “Rocks” district, which marks the place where Australia was first founded.

Sydney, Australia

Day 4

Explore the city on a sightseeing tour that includes visits to The Royal Botanic Garden, the Yiribana Aboriginal Art Gallery, and the renowned Bondi Beach. Conclude your evening with the

Sydney Harbour Cruise, featuring cocktails and incredible views. (B,L)

Sydney

Day 5

Visit the iconic Sydney Opera House, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and architectural marvel. Attend an evening reception with special guest speaker Nova Peris. (B,R)

Sydney/Fly to Auckland, New Zealand/Embark

Day 6

Fly from Sydney to Auckland before boarding LE LAPÉROUSE and sail to Waiheke Island. (B,D)

Auckland

Day 7

Enjoy visiting the island’s famed vineyards, including wine samples, a food pairing, and a honey and olive oil tasting. (B,L,R,D)

Whakatane/Rotorua

Day 8

Journey to the “thermal city” of Rotorua to experience rich Maori culture and other spectacular marvels. Visit Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and cascading Pohutu geyser that make Rotorua famous. Finish your tour with a lively Maori performance, which includes the world-famous haka dance. (B,L,D)

Napier

Day 9

Two options await as you arrive in Napier. You may embark on the city’s Art Deco Tour, which begins with a drive to suburban Marewa to see Napier’s legendary Art Deco homes from the 1930s and 1940s and other architectural landmarks such as the Municipal Theatre, the former Hotel Central, and the Masonic Hotel. From there, you will visit the Art Deco Trust building to watch a short film that documents the Hawke’s Bay earthquake in 1931 and the determination that resulted in the city being rebuilt over the course of two years.

A second option is to immerse yourself in the 1850s-era wine-making history of Hawke’s Bay, which includes tastings. (B,L,D)

Picton, South Island

Day 10

Choose from three excursion options as the ship arrives in Picton. You may opt for



The Rocks



Larnach Castle

a guided sea kayak adventure on the west end of Queen Charlotte Sound, cruise to Arapawa Island for a tour of a Blue Pearl farm, or visit three wineries in the Marlborough Wine Region, with tastings. (B,L,D)

Cruising the Tasman Sea Day 11

Cruise the Tasman Sea and attend educational lectures. (B,L,D)

Milford Sound Day 12

Milford and Dusky Sounds comprise Fiordland National Park, which is a part of the UNESCO-inscribed Te Wahipounamu. Look for New Zealand fur seals, the Bottlenose Dolphin, and the Little Blue Penguin from the ship and spectacular scenery as the ship enters Milford Sound—which author Rudyard Kipling referred to as the Eighth Wonder of the World. (B,L,D)

Cruising Dusky Sound Day 13

Cruise through Dusky Sound for views of sheer cliffs, dramatic wilderness, and tumbling waterfalls. Look for cormorants, seagulls, and New Zealand fur seals on Zodiac excursions. In 1773, the British navigator James Cook spent a few weeks at Dusky Sound, which is noted by a plaque that can be seen at Astronomer's Point. (B,L,D)

Dunedin Day 14

Arrive in Victorian-era Dunedin and choose from several included excursions. The first is a city tour to see such landmarks as its famous Octagon city center, St. Paul's Cathedral, the First Church of Otago, and the Dunedin Rail Station. You will also visit Olveston House, a 35-room, early 20th century Jacobean-style mansion. Another option is to journey to the Otago Peninsula

for a visit to a private working farm where you will board an 8-wheel drive vehicle known as an Argo for a scenic off-road journey. Along the way, look for some of the peninsula's most spectacular wildlife, including the New Zealand seal.

Be on deck with a team of naturalists as the ship continues from Otago Peninsula to cruise past a rookery of Northern Royal Albatross. (B,L,R,D)

Lyttelton/Christchurch/ Auckland/Return to home city

Day 15

Spend your final day in New Zealand in the storied city Christchurch for a tour that showcases the highlights—including the Mona Vale Gardens and the Canterbury Earthquake Memorial. Enjoy lunch before returning to your home city. (B,L)

Hawke's Bay vineyard near Napier





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2024 DEPARTURE DATE: January 11 to 25 (Tour Begins: January 13)

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <i>per person, based on double occupancy, excluding taxes</i>	Early Booking Savings through July 27, 2023	Rate after July 27, 2023
8	Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 3, midship. (limited availability)	\$8,595	\$9,550
7	Prestige stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. Deck 4, midship.	\$9,295	\$10,330
6	Prestige stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . Deck 5, midship and aft.	\$9,995	\$11,105
5	Prestige stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . Deck 6, midship and aft	\$10,595	\$11,770
4	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . Deck 3, midship. (limited availability)	\$11,595	\$12,885
3	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . Deck 4, midship. (limited availability)	\$12,495	\$13,885
2	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . Deck 5, midship.	\$13,395	\$14,885
1	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . Deck 6, midship.	\$14,295	\$15,885
Prestige Suite II	Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony , two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship. (limited availability)	\$14,895	\$16,550
Prestige Suite I	Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony , two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship. (limited availability)	\$15,495	\$17,215
Privilege Suite	Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony , sitting area with sofa. Decks 5 and 6, aft. (limited availability)	\$15,795	\$17,550
Grand Deluxe Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace , full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. Deck 6, aft. (limited availability)	\$16,795	\$18,660
Owner's Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. Deck 6, aft. (limited availability)	\$17,195	\$19,105

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.

Included airfare from Sydney to Auckland.

Port taxes are an additional \$650 per person. Customers will be notified of any fuel surcharge fee prior to final payment.

This fee will then be charged and collected by the vessel operating company while on board. Deck plans available upon request.

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PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Great Barrier Reef

January 8 to 13, 2024 (Tour Begins: January 10)

Begin your journey with a three-night stay on Queensland, Australia's tropical north coast, which includes a full day at the UNESCO-designated Great Barrier Reef—a natural wonder like no other. Explore a virtual kaleidoscope of marine life with a variety of water activities on the edge of Australia's Continental Shelf, from pontoon snorkeling to an underwater observatory. Continue the adventure with either a rain forest excursion to see crocodiles, snakes, and birds along the Daintree River or a visit to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures. Accommodations are in an ideally located Port Douglas hotel. **Cairns to Sydney airfare is included in your Pre-Program package price.**

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$2,195

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POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Queenstown

January 25 to 28, 2024 (Tour Ends: January 28)

Discover New Zealand's interior in Queenstown with a three-night tour extension. Enjoy views of Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu, and the Southern Alps on the Skyline Gondola from Bob's Peak. Continue to the historic mining settlement of Arrowtown, once rich with gold, for a glimpse into the town's 1860s Gold Rush days. Visit the Lakes District Museum to see exhibits that celebrate the region's early Maori life and settler history. Cruise Lake Wakatipu aboard the legendary T.S.S. EARNSLAW, a 1912 coal-powered steamship, to visit the Walter's Peak high country sheep station. Accommodations are in the centrally located, luxury hotel, ST. MORITZ. **Christchurch to Queenstown airfare is included in your Post-Program package price.**

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$2,195

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Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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