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# The Complete South Pacific

featuring the Best of Australia & New Zealand

**Guaranteed Departure Date: January 19, 2012**

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upon request, from  
any Canadian  
gateway!

**27 Days • 36 Meals: 21 Breakfasts • 2 Lunches • 13 Dinners**



**COLLETTE**  
VACATIONS



**Highlights...** Cairns • Great Barrier Reef • Ayers Rock • Alice Springs • Darwin • Kakadu National Park • Melbourne • Tasmania • Sydney • Queenstown • Milford Sound • Mt. Cook • Christchurch • Wellington • Rotorua

Starting At Per Person Rates: **Double \$5,999.00 \***

\*per person, land only, double occupancy. Call for airfare from your gateway.  
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**Complimentary Door to Door Sedan Transfers are available with any air inclusive vacation.**

\*\*Passengers must purchase land & air from Collette Vacations to qualify for transfers.

- Learn about the education of the children in the Outback during a visit to the School of the Air.
- Take a Yellow Waters Cruise in Kakadu National Park where you are sure to see crocs and plentiful bird life.
- See a Tasmanian Devil during a visit to the Tasmanian Devil Conservation Park and learn about the efforts to save these great creatures.

**Day 1: Depart from Home**

Today you board your Qantas flight and begin the adventure of a lifetime to Australia and New Zealand. Crossing the International Dateline, you skip a day ahead.

**Day 2: Cairns (Northern Beaches), Australia - Tour Begins**

Your tour begins in the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, the northern beaches of Queensland. Tonight, enjoy a special welcome dinner with your new mates. *Today dinner will be included.*

**Day 3: Cairns**

This morning you board the Skyrail Rain Forest Cableway for an unforgettable ride above the rain forest canopy. There are two stops where you may get off the cableway and experience the forest floor from

specially designed boardwalks. The amazing diversity of plants, animals and birds will astound you. Your evening is at leisure to enjoy your tropical surroundings. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 4: Great Barrier Reef**

Board a high speed catamaran for an exciting tour of the Great Barrier Reef - the most biologically diverse ecosystem in the world. From your base on Green Island, you are able to explore the reef in many ways. Enjoy a glass bottom boat ride\*, take a stroll in the rain forest, relax on the beaches, snorkel or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. For a more adventurous encounter with the reef, optional scuba diving and an outer reef tour\* are also available. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

**Day 5: Cairns - Ayers Rock**

Fly to the heart of the Outback, arriving at Ayers Rock. Tour the sandstone domes of the Olgas and the area around the base of "The Rock." Later, witness a stunning sunset as the colours of the Rock change dramatically. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 6: Ayers Rock - Alice Springs**

This morning you depart for Alice Springs, located in the heart of the Australian Outback. A sightseeing tour of the area includes the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill. Gain insight into the educational system in the Outback with a visit to the School of the Air - you may even see a class

in session! A special experience is in store for you this afternoon as you will 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, enjoy dining and entertainment during a traditional dinner in the bush.** You'll experience Outback hospitality and entertainment under the Southern Hemisphere's stars. *Today dinner will be included.*

**Day 7: Alice Springs - Darwin - Kakadu National Park**

Begin your day with a Dreamtime Tour. Experience the culture of the Australian Aborigines and learn about their ancient culture, folklore, customs and the concept of Dreamtime. You will have the opportunity to taste some of their traditional Aboriginal food. Later, board your flight to the northern tip of Australia and the city of Darwin. Then, drive into the heart of Kakadu National Park. *Today breakfast will be included.*



#### **Day 8: Kakadu National Park**

Today, experience the beauty and culture of Australia's "Top End." Kakadu National Park is home to wallaroos and wallabies, monitors and lizards, birds of every imaginable colour, and crocodiles. See ancient Aboriginal rock art at Nourlangie Rock and enjoy an audio-visual show at the Visitors Centre. During your afternoon Yellow Waters cruise you may see crocodiles as they bask in the sun, as well as waterfowl such as jabiru, egrets, herons and eagles. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### **Day 9: Kakadu National Park - Darwin - Melbourne**

Fly to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### **Day 10: Melbourne**

This morning enjoy a city tour which includes Fitzroy Gardens, the Shrine of Remembrance and Parliament House. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore Melbourne independently. You may visit the elegant parks and gardens in this friendly city, take a ride on a streetcar or enjoy lunch at an outdoor café in the quaint Italian neighbourhood of Carlton. This afternoon visit Phillip Island, a renowned nature reserve and home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins. The Little Penguin is protected on Phillip Island and rangers diligently study them. View the Little Penguin Parade as hundreds of them waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their burrows in the dunes. You will also visit the interpretation centre to learn about the life of the Little Penguins and their significance to the area. Dinner is included at a favourite Phillip Island restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### **Day 11: Melbourne - Hobart**

A flight to Hobart, Tasmania brings you to Australia's second oldest city. The rugged and pristine beauty of Tasmania provides the backdrop to your 2-night stay here. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### **Day 12: Hobart**

This morning you will get to see the Tasmanian Devil! Learn about this great creature and their plight for survival and the great efforts to save them from extinction. **Later, take a guided tour of the Port Arthur Historic Site, the best-preserved example of Australia's penal colonies.** Dating back to 1833, the site features a large number of stabilized ruins and restored buildings. This afternoon, visit the interpretive centre for a glimpse into the lives of the convicts. Later, witness the spectacular coastal rock formations known as Tasman Arch, Devil's Kitchen and the Blow Hole. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### **Day 13: Hobart - Sydney**

Return to mainland Australia today and arrive in the bustling city of Sydney.

#### **Day 14: Sydney**

A city tour of Sydney, where modern-day Australia was born, highlights Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, and the fashionable suburb of Paddington. **Discover one of the world's greatest architectural achievements as you take a guided tour through the Sydney Opera House.** Dinner is included at one of Sydney's revolving restaurants which offers spectacular views of the city. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### **Day 15: Sydney**

This morning, visit Sydney Wildlife World which showcases Australia's fascinating flora and fauna with three floors of exhibits. Within its walls, over 6,000 native animals are protected. Walk amongst the wallabies and birds when you experience Sydney Wildlife World's new interactive walk-through. Visit the koala sanctuary where you can see Australia's most famous animal species in its natural habitat. Next, enjoy a unique opportunity to learn first-hand about opals during a special presentation at the National Opal Collection, one of Australia's top jewellery companies. **An amazing evening begins with a sail on Sydney Harbour's glistening waters during a**

**dinner cruise offering spectacular views of Sydney's greatest icons - the Harbour Bridge and world-famous Opera House.** *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### **Day 16: Sydney - Queenstown, New Zealand**

Travel to New Zealand, arriving in the gorgeous town of Queenstown. **Dinner is included at the Skyline Restaurant overlooking Queenstown, the Remarkable Mountains and Lake Wakatipu.** *Today dinner will be included.*

#### **Day 17: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown**

Journey through beech forest into the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley via the Homer Tunnel to Milford Sound. Enjoy a cruise of Milford Sound fjord. Following your 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**

A leisurely day in this charming village offers several options to enhance your vacation. An optional thrilling jet boat ride on the Shotover River, or the 'Safari of the Rings' adventure into the spectacular Tolkien landscape, are two favourite ways to spend time here. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### **Day 19: Queenstown - Mt. Cook National Park**

Travelling through New Zealand's picturesque countryside you will learn about the 19th century gold rush when you stop in Arrowtown. Later today you will arrive at Mt. Cook National Park where you may take nature walks or, if weather permits, enjoy an optional flightseeing tour to the top of the rugged mountain range. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 20: Mt. Cook - Christchurch**

A drive through the Southern Alps, which line the western side of New Zealand's South Island, brings you to the beautiful English city of Christchurch. Located on the Avon River, Christchurch is considered to be "the most English city outside of England." Upon arrival, enjoy a sightseeing tour along the Avon River and view magnificent gardens, the Neo-Gothic Cathedral, and the downtown park district. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 21: Christchurch**

Today is yours to explore the historic city of Christchurch at your leisure. This afternoon you may choose to take an optional tour to the International Antarctic Centre, the gateway for expeditions to Antarctica. **Tonight, experience the elegance of Canterbury as you dine in a restored mansion and learn the history of the first family to settle in Christchurch.** *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 22: Christchurch - Wellington**

Travelling north along the coast you'll pass scenic river valleys and vineyards. Arriving in Picton, you will ferry to the North Island on one of the most scenic trips the world has to offer. Cruising through the Marlborough Sounds and across the Cook Strait, your final destination is Wellington, the harbour

capital of New Zealand. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 23: Wellington**

According to Maori legend, Wellington Harbour was founded in the 10th century by the Polynesian navigator Kupe and first named Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui - or "head of Maui's fish." A tour of this city showcases the Beehive Parliamentary buildings and views from atop Mt. Victoria. Later, experience Te Papa Tongarewa Museum, New Zealand's national museum which has won worldwide acclaim for its innovative, exciting and diverse range of artwork and exhibitions which relay the captivating stories of the indigenous people. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 24: Wellington - Rotorua**

Depart for the centre of Maori culture - the city of Rotorua. Here you'll see a unique landscape of bubbling and steaming geothermal springs. Tonight you will enjoy a home stay\*\*\* and dinner with a New Zealand family. This is a great way to meet the Kiwis and perhaps form lifelong friendships. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 25: Rotorua**

This morning visit Te Puia, New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. You'll be truly amazed by the landscape of erupting geysers, bubbling mud pools and other geothermal wonders. Here, the Maori keep their culture alive by teaching the tribal youth traditional carving, weaving and dancing. Learn about this unique culture as you partake in a demonstration about the importance of the Maori dress and the weaving process. Before leaving you will get to view the national bird - the Kiwi. A visit to the Agrodome will give you insight into how wool, one of New Zealand's premier products, is processed. You will also view a special sheep shearing demonstration. Later this afternoon, meet jade carvers and discover how jade is transformed to make beautiful jewellery. **This evening you receive a traditional Maori welcome at a Hangi meal followed by a traditional performance of songs, dances and other festivities.** *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 26: Rotorua - Auckland - Tour Ends**

Travel through the majestic countryside of the North Island, arriving in New Zealand's largest city, Auckland, "The City of Sails." Your tour ends in Auckland. *Today breakfast will be included.*

## Experience It!

## The Little Penguin Parade

There are no fancy costumes or ornate floats...no festive music or marching bands. But still the audience gathers, waiting patiently for the performers to arrive. As the sun sets over the Pacific, the show harmoniously begins. Just off the coast of Melbourne, Australia lies breathtaking Phillip Island. Over the years, travellers have flocked to this happy haven for one tiny reason: the Little Penguin. Measuring a mere one-foot high and weighing a meagre two pounds, the justly named bird has captured the attention and imagination of millions. At dusk, hundreds of Little Penguins return from their day-long feeding in the sea and parade up the beaches into their nests located in the sand dunes - seemingly unaffected by the many onlookers. This is a performance you will never forget.

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day	3 - 5	Rydges Esplanade, Cairns
Day	6	Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock
Day	7	Crowne Plaza Alice Springs, Alice Springs
Day	8, 9	Gagudju Crocodile, Kakadu
Day	10, 11	Rendezvous Hotel, Melbourne
Day	12, 13	Mercure Hotel, Hobart
Day	14 - 16	Novotel Rockford Darling Harbour, Sydney
Day	17 - 19	Mercure Queenstown Resort, Queenstown
Day	20	Hermitage Lodge, Mt. Cook Region
Day	21, 22	Chateau on the Park, Christchurch or Rydges, Christchurch
Day	23, 24	Novotel Capital, Wellington
Day	25	Home Stay Hotel***, Rotorua or Rydges Rotorua, Rotorua
Day	26	Rydges, Rotorua

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

The "Collette Foundation" is a 5-year, \$2-million dollar investment focused on improving the quality of life of children in our partner communities worldwide. This employee-run, global initiative connects Collette employees, its partners, travellers and communities worldwide toward a common good. The foundation will touch twenty countries, including the United States, Peru, Mexico, Kenya, South Africa, China, Cambodia, Australia, Italy and Ireland.



**Please Note:**

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

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

**\*\*Please note that Collette Foundation sites may not be available for visit due to school holidays or programming challenges.**

Due to changes in air schedules while on tour, the order of days in the itinerary may change.

The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your vacation. These flights need to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Internal flights are included with the air portion of your holiday if you purchase air through Collette Vacations.

Due to early arrival times into some cities, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

\*If you purchase the outer reef option in the Great Barrier Reef, the glass bottom boat ride will be replaced by a semi-submersible boat on the outer reef pontoon.

\*\*\*Your home stay will take place in the greater Rotorua area. Your host family will pick you up at your hotel and return you to meet up with your group the following morning. If you prefer not to stay in a private home, you may choose to stay at your Rotorua hotel with dinner included. Please make your decision known at the time of booking.

Previous clients have indicated that a small gift from your area is appropriate and appreciated the night of your home stay in New Zealand.

Due to tour scheduling, return flights home should not be booked prior to 5:00 PM.

Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed with the exception of visits to wildlife parks.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

**Extend Your Vacation With...**

**Optional 3 Days 2-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension**  
**Rate: \$638 CAD per person, double, land and air included**  
**3 Meals, 2 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner**

**Day 27: Rotorua - Auckland - Nadi, Fiji**

Today you will arrive in the beautiful paradise island of Fiji. Fiji retains all the primitive cultural fascination of the South Pacific and boasts expansive sandy beaches and clear ocean waters. Tonight, enjoy a lovely dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

**Day 28: Fiji**

Today, your day is free to explore what the resort has to offer on this tropical paradise. There are a number of relaxing and fun, adventurous activities you can engage in. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 29: Fiji - Tour Ends**

Before your tour ends today in Fiji, an optional island tour is offered. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Please Note:** Subject to change pending air schedule.

Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

This extension will be hosted by a local representative.

## IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

### IDENTIFICATION

Obtaining the proper proof of citizenship for entry to destination countries is the responsibility of each client. Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside Canada.

**NOTE:** Passports must be valid for up to eight months beyond the travel date to their destination country(ies). Some countries require a visa in addition to a passport. Please check with the appropriate consulate for specific information on passport/visa and entry requirements. Visit [www.voyage.gc.ca](http://www.voyage.gc.ca) for the latest details.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients travelling 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.

When travelling outside of Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more information.

**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 waivers have 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. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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