



EXPLORING AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

February 4-25, 2019

22 days for \$10,384 total price from Oklahoma City

(\$9,995 air & land inclusive plus \$389 airline taxes and fees)



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Hosted by Dr. Suzette Grillot,
Dean of OU's College of International Studies
*An Exclusive Small Group Tour Sponsored by the OU Alumni
Association Sightseeing Sooners Program*



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow alumni and friends from February 4-25, 2019, on an exciting 22-day tour to Australia and New Zealand. The Lands Down Under offer visitors a wealth of spectacular natural scenery and cultural diversity. We are pleased to have Dr. Suzette Grillot, Dean of OU's College of International Studies, accompany you as OU Host.

Begin in Cairns with an excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. Fly to Alice Springs, where you embark on an Aboriginal "dreamtime" tour and visit fabled Ayers Rock. Enjoy a three-night stay in cosmopolitan Sydney; tour Christchurch, New Zealand; and spend two nights in New Zealand's remarkable Mt. Cook National Park. You will cruise stunning Milford Sound and explore New Zealand's "adventure capital," Queenstown. Experience Maori culture in geothermal Rotorua before concluding your tour in vibrant Auckland. Spend more time in the "City of Sails" with an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

This exclusive OU tour is limited to 24 guests total, so please call today to register!

Sincerely,

Lea Ann Quirk

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Director of Alumni Programs
OU Alumni Association

THE OU RESERVATION FORM: EXPLORING AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$____(\$500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Exploring Australia & New Zealand departing February 4, 2019. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or you may call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour "Auckland - On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Exploring Australia & New Zealand, February 4-25, 2019, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

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Small group touring and the Lands Down Under – they add up to a perfect combination as we travel from Australia’s spectacular Great Barrier Reef and the storied Outback to sophisticated Sydney; from New Zealand’s towering Mt. Cook and breathtaking Milford Sound to high-spirited Queenstown and nautical Auckland.



Days 1 & 2: Depart U.S. for Cairns, Australia

Day 3: Arrive Cairns This afternoon we arrive in Cairns, gateway to Australia’s Far North and the Great Barrier Reef. We transfer to our hotel where tonight we enjoy a briefing and dinner. *D*

Day 4: Cairns/Kuranda We take an orientation tour of Cairns then board a historic railway to the mountain village of Kuranda. After time to explore here, we descend via the gondolas of Skyrail. We return to our hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Cairns independently. *B*

Day 5: Great Barrier Reef This morning we board a boat for a day-long excursion to the Great Barrier Reef, at 1,200 miles long the world’s largest living organism and richest marine resource. We pull up at Michaelmas Cay where we can swim, snorkel, or view the reef from a semi-submersible vessel. *B,L*

Day 6: Cairns/Alice Springs We take a morning flight to Alice Springs, where we see the Anzac Hill Monument to Australian and New Zealand soldiers, the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and School of the Air, which provides schooling to widely scattered Outback children. Tonight we enjoy a traditional dinner in the “bush.” *B,D*

Day 7: Alice Springs This morning we embark on an Aboriginal “dreamtime” tour, to meet Walpiri tribespeople and learn about their ancient culture. Then we visit Simpsons Gap and Standley Chasm, where we enjoy a picnic lunch and see the sheer rock walls aglow in reflected sunlight. *B,L*

Day 8: Alice Springs/Ayers Rock We reach our Ayers Rock hotel early afternoon. After lunch on our own, we visit Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site that is the traditional land of the Anangu Aboriginal peoples and home to the Olgas rock formations and Uluru (Ayers Rock). We watch the sun set over this fabled sandstone monolith that rises to a height of 1,114 feet. *B,D*

| Avg. High (°F) | Feb | Mar |
|----------------|-----|-----|
| Sydney | 78 | 76 |
| Alice Springs | 95 | 90 |
| Queenstown | 70 | 67 |

Small Group Tour Highlights

Ride aboard vintage Kuranda steam train and Skyrail gondolas • Great Barrier Reef excursion • Aboriginal “dreamtime” experience • Sunset at Ayers Rock • Sydney touring and Harbour cruise • Leisure time in Sydney • Christchurch touring • Two-night stay at Mt. Cook National Park • Milford Sound cruise • Geothermal Rotorua • Maori cultural experience • Auckland touring

| Day | Itinerary | Hotel | Rating |
|-------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1-2 | Depart U.S. for Cairns | | |
| 3-5 | Cairns | Pullman Reef Casino | Deluxe |
| 6-7 | Alice Springs | DoubleTree by Hilton | Sup. First Class |
| 8 | Ayers Rock | Sails in the Desert | Sup. First Class |
| 9-11 | Sydney | Sir Stamford | Deluxe |
| 12 | Christchurch | Rydges Latimer Christchurch | Sup. First Class |
| 13-14 | Mt. Cook | Hermitage Hotel | First Class |
| 15-17 | Queenstown | Hotel St. Moritz | First Class |
| 18-19 | Rotorua | Regent of Rotorua | First Class |
| 20-21 | Auckland | Stamford Plaza | Sup. First Class |
| 22 | Depart Auckland for U.S. | | |

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: Serene Milford Sound ranks as New Zealand’s most popular destination.



We tour Sydney's iconic Opera House on Day 12.

Day 9: Ayers Rock/Sydney This morning we visit the base of Uluru and the interesting museum here. Mid-day we fly to Sydney, arriving late afternoon. *B,D*

Day 10: Sydney Today's tour features the breathtaking Royal Botanic Gardens, Darling Harbour and Mrs. Macquarie's Point, Rose and Watson's bays, and popular Bondi Beach. Then we board a catamaran for a lunch cruise around Sydney Harbour. *B,L*

Day 11: Sydney This morning we tour Featherdale Wildlife Park, where wombats, dingos, and koalas reside. Then the afternoon is at leisure to explore Sydney as we wish. Tonight we enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 12: Sydney/Christchurch, New Zealand After a late morning tour of the iconic Sydney Opera House, this afternoon is free for independent exploration. This evening we board a flight to Christchurch, New Zealand's "Garden City." *B*

Day 13: Christchurch/Mt. Cook National Park This morning's orientation tour features the acclaimed Botanic Gardens and "Re:START Mall," the vibrant civic area that rose from the rubble of the 2011 earthquake. Then we board our motorcoach for the journey south to Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park, in the Southern Alps. We dine tonight at our hotel. *B,D*

Day 14: Mount Cook This morning's tour of alpine Mount Cook Village includes a visit to the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Center, where we see a 3D planetarium movie about the region. We also visit the Hillary Gallery, commemorating Sir Edmund's achievements, including the first ascent of Mount Cook's difficult South Ridge in 1948. At 12,316 feet, Mount Cook is New Zealand's tallest mountain. After time in the

village for lunch on our own, this afternoon is at leisure to relax amid the breathtaking scenery, hike, or take an optional scenic flight (weather permitting). *B,D*

Day 15: Mount Cook/Queenstown We depart this morning for Queenstown, stopping en route in historic Arrowtown for lunch on our own followed by a visit to Kawarau Bridge Bungy, the world's first bungy jump operation open to the public. Mid-afternoon we reach Queenstown, New Zealand's "adventure capital." We dine tonight at our hotel. *B,D*

Day 16: Milford Sound Our day-long excursion to Milford Sound includes a nature cruise through the breathtaking fjords. We have lunch on board then later have the opportunity to return to Queenstown on an optional scenic flight (weather permitting). *B,L*

Post-Tour Extension

February 25-27, 2019

AUCKLAND – ON YOUR OWN

3 days/2 nights
for \$325 total price

Single Supplement: \$245

*Enjoy additional time in the sparkling
"City of Sails," at your own pace.*

Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Stamford Plaza (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport

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IS A BETTER THING
THAN TO ARRIVE.”

– ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Day 17: Queenstown We board the *Spirit of Queenstown* this morning for a scenic cruise to Mt. Nicholas High Country Farm. At this working ranch, we watch a sheepdog demonstration and learn about the wool industry then explore on foot and on a four-wheel drive excursion into the breathtaking high country. *B*

Day 18: Queenstown/Rotorua We depart today for the Maori center of Rotorua, with its geysers, bubbling mud pools, and hot thermal springs. Upon arrival, we take a panoramic tour of this city on the shores of Lake Rotorua. This evening we visit Te Puia Thermal Reserve and Cultural Centre for a traditional *hangi* dinner and Maori performance. *B,D*

Day 19: Rotorua This morning we visit Rainbow Springs Nature Park, a popular showcase of native flora, fauna, and birdlife, and where we also tour the National Kiwi Trust, which rehabilitates injured kiwis, the national bird. *B*

Day 20: Rotorua/Auckland En route to Auckland, we stop this morning at Ruakuri Caves to see the unique glowworms that illuminate the underground grottoes and caves. We reach Auckland late this afternoon; we're on our own for dinner tonight. *B*

Day 21: Auckland Our half-day tour of this city set atop 48 volcanic hills features glittering Auckland Harbour and the America's Cup Village. We also visit the War Memorial Museum, with its prized Maori and Pacific Islander collections. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel. *B,D*

Day 22: Depart for U.S. Very early this morning we depart for the airport for the flight to Los Angeles (via Sydney) and our return flights home. *B*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 19 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 33 meals: 19 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

OU Faculty Host



Dr. Suzette Grillot was named Dean of OU's College of International Studies in 2012. She previously served as the College's associate dean from 2008–2012 and was essential to its creation and development.

Additionally, Dean Grillot serves as the William J. Crowe, Jr. Chair in Geopolitics, and the Vice Provost of International Programs. Dean Grillot is a prolific author, with articles published in the *British Journal of Political Science*, *International Politics*, and *Contemporary Policy*, among many others. In June 2012, Dean Grillot returned from a 10-month appointment as Faculty-in-Residence at OU's satellite campus in Arezzo, Italy. She has hosted two tours for the Sightseeing Sooners program: the sold-out *Portrait of Italy* tour in 2014, and the *South American Tapestry* tour in 2016. Dean Grillot received bachelor's and master's degrees from Oklahoma State University and earned her PhD in Political Science from the University of Georgia. She joined the faculty at the University of Oklahoma in 1999.

Tour Departs: February 4, 2019

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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| Los Angeles | \$9,884 |
| Dallas, Houston, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle | \$10,184 |
| Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Tampa | \$10,284 |
| Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, New York, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, Washington, DC | \$10,384 |
| Land Only (transfers not included) | \$8,795 |

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$389, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,995. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Pacific flight: Business Class – \$6,995 per person; Premium Economy – \$2,995 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrades are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves full days of sightseeing and significant amounts of walking on stairs and uneven surfaces. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

For information about logistics or registration, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at

888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Responsibility

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Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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