

Dold World Journeys presents

# *Australia & New Zealand*

with **Alex & Doreen Dold**

**Sat., Oct. 21. Depart Honolulu. (B and L on flight)**

6:00 a.m. Meet at the Air New Zealand Ticket Counter (lobby 06).

8:30 a.m. We depart Honolulu via **Air New Zealand flight #9**. (*9-hour flight*)

At about 1,500 miles west of Hawaii we fly over the International Date Line, the imaginary line at which each calendar day begins. By crossing it we lose 23 hours, which are returned to us on our flight home.

**Sun., Oct. 22. Via Auckland to Melbourne, Australia, Arrival.**

4:30 p.m. Arrive in Auckland and change planes.

6:35 p.m. Depart Auckland via **Air New Zealand flight #729** for Melbourne. (*4-hour, 5-minute flight*).

8:40 p.m. On arrival in Tullamarine Airport, after clearing customs and immigration, we will meet our Local Guide and be transferred to our hotel for the night.

**Accommodation:** **Travelodge Southbank** (3 nights)  
9 Riverside Quay  
Southbank  
Tel: (+61) 3-8698-9600

**Mon., Oct. 23. Exploring Melbourne. (B, L)**

6:30 a.m. Breakfast is served at the hotel restaurant on the ground floor.

9:30 a.m. Meet our Local Guide and commence our morning sightseeing exploration of Melbourne. Included is a visit to Captain Cook's Cottage and St. Patrick's Cathedral.

12:30 p.m. Transfer to Colonial Tramcar Restaurant's tram stop for our **1:00 pm** departure.



Dining in Melbourne can be a fabulous experience, especially aboard the fleet of historical trams that have become The Colonial Tramcar Restaurant. These glossy, burgundy restaurants on wheels are the first traveling tramcar restaurants in the world and ensure a delightful innovative approach to dining.

As we cruise the scenic streets of Melbourne, enjoy fine cuisine and drink the very best of Australian wines or select from the fully stocked bar. The atmosphere is cozy, the service friendly, and the decor as inviting as the colonial period these trams reflect.

The Colonial Tramcar Restaurant officially commenced operation in August 1983 and has since become a star attraction and tourist symbol for the city of Melbourne. Dining aboard the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant is not only a culinary delight, but also a trip into a little piece of Victoria's history.



3:00 p.m. Tram Car lunch concludes. We stroll for approximately 20 minutes back to our hotel. The Crown Casino and Southbank Shopping Centre is located just across the road.

***Remember to organize your bags for Wednesday's early departure.***

## **Tue., Oct. 24. In Melbourne - Victoria Market and Phillip Island Excursion. (B, D)**

6:30 a.m. Breakfast is served at the hotel restaurant at the ground floor.

8:45 a.m. Meet our Local Guide and transfer to the Queen Victoria Market.

9:30 a.m. Queen Victoria Market is Victoria's premier open-air market. It's a thriving and vital place pulsating with life. The vibrant, cosmopolitan atmosphere of this historic site has endeared the Market to Melbournians for 130 years. The Market is probably best known for its huge variety of fresh produce.



And when we're all shopped out, sit back and relax with complimentary coffee!

11:30 a.m. On completion of the visit you have some time at leisure for lunch (*own expense*).

***Bring a warm Jacket and remember your camera!***

12:30 p.m. Meet our Local Guide for our excursion to Phillip Island to see the local little Penguins make their way up the beach at sunset to their burrows. This procession is known as the Penguin Parade. Phillip Island is rich in wildlife, making it a very special place.

A stop will be made at the *Koala Conservation Centre* to see these magnificent marsupials in their natural environment.

4:30 p.m. Arrive at *Harry's Restaurant* in Cowes for a delicious 3 course dinner.

6:30 p.m. Transfer to the Penguin Parade Island Visitors Centre with time to explore the interactive displays and discover more about Phillip Island's little penguins (world's smallest penguin), before heading to the beach to watch the parade.

7:45 p.m. The Penguin Parade is Australia's most popular wildlife attraction and home to the one of the largest Little Penguin colonies in the world. From the Penguins Plus viewing area watch the wild little penguins emerging from the sea and waddle across the beach to their sand dune burrows.



9:00 p.m. Re-join our coach.

10:30 p.m. Arrive in Melbourne and our hotel.

**Wed., Oct. 25. Via Canberra to Sydney. (B, L, Snack on flights)**

5:00 a.m. Please place luggage outside our room for collection.

Pick up Box Breakfast for hotel reception area.

6:00 a.m. Guided transfer to the domestic airport.

8:30 a.m. Depart **Virgin Australia flight #259** to Canberra. (1 hour, *5-minute flight*)

9:35 a.m. Upon arrival, we are met by our Coach Driver and depart on an orientation drive of the Nation's Capital.

12:30 p.m. Head out to the Gold Coast Creek Station, where we will get a taste of life in the Aussie bush. Enjoy a tasty BBQ cooked, watch Australian Kelpie dogs work merino sheep, see the famous sheep shearers at work, and listen to an informative talk about wool classing and the effects of overseas markets on the Australian wool industry.



2:00 p.m. Continue our city exploration after lunch. View the National Library, Black Mountain Tower, the High Court of Australia, and the impressive Diplomatic Embassies. While touring around Lake Burley Griffin see the Captain Cook Fountain and the famous Carillon.

3:30 p.m. Commence our exploration of Parliament House. The home of Australia's Parliament and the meeting place of the nation, Parliament House is located on a 32-hectare site on Capital Hill and is the focal point of Canberra, the capital city of Australia.

Opened on 9 May 1988 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the building was constructed almost entirely of Australian materials.

The unique blend of impressive architecture, a stunning art collection, and a beautiful landscape makes Parliament House one of Australia's most significant and popular cultural attractions.



We'll see both chambers of Parliament (on non-sitting days), Marble Foyer, Great Hall (subject to availability), Members' Hall and highlights of the Parliament House Art Collection.

4:30 p.m. Transfer to the Canberra Airport.

7:05 p.m. Depart on board **Virgin Australia flight #669** to Sydney. (*1-hour flight*)

8:05 p.m. Upon arrival in Sydney, the capital of New South Wales, we will meet our Local Guide and be transferred to our hotel for the night.

**Accommodation:** **Travelodge Wynyard** (3 nights)  
7-9 York Street  
Sydney  
Tel: (+61) 2-9274-1222

**Thu., Oct. 26. Discovering Sydney – Bondi Beach and Sydney Harbor Cruise. (B, L)**

6:30 a.m. Breakfast is served in the hotel restaurant in the Citrus Grove Restaurant located on the ground floor.

8:30 a.m. Meet our Local Guide coach for a half day city tour of Sydney followed by an afternoon cruise on Sydney Harbor.

Commence with a discovery of the Rocks Area and city along Macquarie Street and travel to the world famous Bondi Beach.

10:30 a.m. Experience an interactive Bondi Surf Bathers Life Saving Club visit; History of Bondi presentation; Surfing/Lifesaving demonstration; and a photo opportunity with Bondi lifesaver & rescue board.

12:00 p.m. We will stop for lunch at the North Bondi Returned Serviceman's Club. Hear the story behind this special place and the courageous "Rats of Tobruk" while enjoying sweeping waterfront views and delicious food

1:00 p.m. On completion of lunch we transfer to Jetty No 6, at Circular Quay, for this afternoon's Coffee Cruise departing at 2.15 pm.

1.45 p.m. Board our **Captain Cook Harbor Story Cruise** vessel for our leisurely two-hour cruise to beautiful Middle Harbor. We see all the Main Harbor sights, plus the palatial waterfront homes, marinas and beaches of Middle Harbor, all fully narrated by a friendly commentator.



4:00 p.m. Upon our return, we make our way back to our hotel.

The rest of our day is free for us to explore. Our hotel is located near the historical Rocks area, Darling Harbor, a wonderful variety of restaurants, and a vast selection of major shopping streets, malls, and outlets.

**Fri., Oct. 27. Exploring Sydney – Zoo Rise Breakfast and Opera House. (B)**

7:00 a.m. Meet our coach at the hotel for transfer to Taronga Park Zoo.

7:30 a.m. On arrival a casual breakfast at the Zoo Café.

8:30 a.m. Enjoy exclusive use of the Zoo grounds prior to opening (9:30 a.m.), with an early morning tour of the Australian animal displays by expert guides, visiting the kangaroos, koalas, wombats, dingoes, echidnas, and Australian birds.



11:00 a.m. After breakfast and Zoo visit, rejoin our coach and transfer to Mrs. Macquarie's Chair for a Photo Stop. Then off at Rocks/Circular Quay area for our lunch break (*own expense*).

1:00 p.m. Re-assemble with our group for a short walk to the Sydney Opera House.

1:45 a.m. Guided tour of the Opera House of Sydney commences. This is the most popular guided tour, and it takes us on a journey through the extraordinary history and architecture of the building. See what goes on inside Australia's most famous building and get a brief overview of the Australian performing arts scene, including details of the current Sydney Opera House performances. We will visit at least one of the venues - where a live performance happens every day.

After tour concludes, time to explore Sydney at our leisure as we make our way back to the hotel.



**Sat., Oct. 28. Depart Sydney to Christchurch. (B)**

5:00 a.m. Please place luggage outside our room for collection.

Pick up Box Breakfast for hotel reception area.

6:00 a.m. Transfer to the domestic airport.

9:15 a.m. Depart on **Air New Zealand flight #884** to Christchurch. (3-hour, 10-minute flight)

**"Haere Mai"** Welcome to the "Garden City" of Christchurch.

2:25 p.m. On arrival, after clearing customs and immigration, we will be met and welcomed by a representative of General Travel and transferred by private coach to our hotel.



The adventurous spirit of Christchurch's early English settlers has helped shape the personality and character of the city and province of Canterbury. That spirit will be needed over the next few years as the city rebuilds itself after a large earthquake

The remainder of the day is at our leisure.

Enjoy a walk-through Hagley Park and the Botanical Gardens - a must for flower and tree lovers. Maybe take a tour of the Canterbury Museum; or take a paddling boat down the Avon River. Alex and our driver/guide will have suggestions.

**\*\* Be sure to have New Zealand Dollars for drinks and snacks on our Tranz Alpine Train ride tomorrow.**

**Accommodation:                      Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch (1 night)**  
166 Gloucester Street  
Christchurch  
Tel: (+64) 3943-3888

**Sun., Oct. 29. Via Greymouth to Franz Josef. (B, D)**

Continental breakfast at our hotel this morning.

7:20 a.m. Transfer to the Christchurch Railway Station.

8:15 a.m. *"The Great New Zealand Rail Adventure"* is rated one of the top six scenic train journeys in the world. After crossing the huge and fertile Canterbury Plains, the Tranz Alpine winds its way through spectacular river gorges and the stunning Waimakariri River valley. It tracks its way up and across the spectacular Southern Alps via the alpine village of Arthur's Pass situated 737 metres above sea level, before descending through lush beech forests past the beautiful Lake Brunner to the West Coast town of Greymouth, on the Tasman Sea.



The train features large panoramic windows, an onboard café, and at-seat audio commentary.

1:00 p.m. On arrival in Greymouth we connect with our coach and travel south along the Scenic West Coast. Enjoy views of the Southern Alps and Tasman Sea. Make a stop at Hokitika where we can view greenstone carvers and glass blowers at work. It is a short journey from here to the spectacular mountainous country of the glacier region of Franz Josef and Fox Glacier.

For those interested during our short stay at Franz Josef, time is available for optional flightseeing (weather permitting) and can be booked at the hotel.

7:00 p.m. Dinner is included at our hotel this evening.

**Accommodation:** **Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier** (1 night)  
*State Highway 6*  
*Franz Josef*  
*Tel: (+64) 3752-0729*

**Mon., Oct. 30. Glacier Walk then via Haast to Queenstown. (B, D)**

Cooked breakfast is included at our hotel.

This morning check out of our hotel and transfer to Franz Josef glacier guides.

9:00 a.m.

Depart on our Glacier Valley Walk. This relaxing, interpretive walk to the glacier is the perfect opportunity to learn the role of the Franz Josef Glacier in shaping this remarkable landscape. After a short walk through the regenerating rainforest, the trip continues along the glacier valley with the guide explaining the unique features of the Franz Josef Glacier and its surroundings (UNESCO). We can venture beyond the public barriers and right up to the dramatic terminal face of this advancing glacier with our experienced and knowledgeable guide.



Depart the Glacier Region and travel down the West Coast past spectacular mountain ranges, native forests and lakes to the Haast Pass, gateway to "World Heritage" Westland National Park. Continue into the Kawarau Gorge, rugged and rocky with green and blue waters of the river foaming and swirling below, is the corridor to Queenstown, nestled on the shore of Lake Wakatipu. Follow its shores to the "Alpine Resort" of Queenstown is often referred to as New Zealand's St Moritz. We arrive in the late afternoon.

Queenstown, nestled among glacier rounded hills and dramatic rugged mountain peaks, is one of New Zealand's major resort centres. It offers a host of holiday attractions for the visitor from helicopter flights and trips on jet boats, to walks and tramps. The township is steeped in the history of the goldmining days as is evident from the many relics scattered in and among the surrounding hills.

7:45 p.m.

This evening, take a cable car ride to the summit of Bob's Peak. The breath-taking of the region are found here spread out in a spectacular 220 degree panorama, with Coronet Peak, The Remarkable mountain range – referred to in Maori myths as the "sleeping giant" and across Lake Wakatipu.



8:15 pm

Enjoy Taste of New Zealand buffet dinner at one of Queenstown's most spectacular locations, Stratosfare Restaurant.

On completion of your dinner we will transfer back to our hotel.

**Accommodation:** **Novotel Queenstown Lakeside** (3 nights)  
*Corner of Earl Street & Marine Parade*  
*Queenstown*  
*Tel: (+64) 3442-7750*

## Tue., Oct. 31. **Milford Sound Excursion. (B, L)**

Cooked breakfast is included at our hotel.

7:20 a.m.

Depart Queenstown and follow the southern arm of Lake Wakatipu. Pass the Remarkable Ski field and Kingston at the southern end of the lake towards Five Rivers and Lumsden, before joining SH94 at Mossburn. Continue past tussock covered hills and fertile farmland to reach Lake Te Anau – gateway to the Fiordland region.

The pristine [Milford Sound](#) is part of the World Heritage Fiordland National Park, in the south west of the South Island, and is famed for its remote atmosphere and rugged beauty. It is New Zealand's best-known fiord and the only one that can be reached by road. Maori are believed to have discovered Milford Sound more than 1,000 years ago, returning seasonally to collect the prized *pounamu* (greenstone). In the early 1800's John Grono was the first European settler to land in the sound, which he named Milford Sound after Milford Haven in Wales.

1:30 p.m.

At the deep waters of Milford Sound, board our **Southern Discoveries Cruise**. See the wonders of Mitre Peak, glacier-scarred rock walls and waterfalls that tumble through valleys and crash into the sea far below. Enjoy getting close to nature on this 2hrs 15mins small boat cruise. Delve into the history, geology and wildlife of the Fiord with specialist nature guides on board sharing their local knowledge. Look out for seals basking on the rocks, Bottlenose Dolphins and rare Fiordland Crested Penguins. There will be an opportunity to drink pure glacial water straight from the waterfalls.



Buffet Lunch included on board. The buffet provides a selection of delicious hot and cold international dishes using the freshest of ingredients.

3:15 p.m.

On our return journey make a stops at The Chasm – a 10 minute walking track leading to the impressive Chasm, a series of falls. Continue though Homer Tunnel, pass Cascade Creek and the Mirror Lakes to Te Anau.

From Te Anau travel to Mossburn, where the road turns north across farmland to the popular lake fishing area of Five Rivers. Follow the Mataura River to Kingston at the foot of Lake Wakatipu. The Remarkable Mountain Range towers above you as we drive alongside the lake to Queenstown.

## Wed., Nov. 01. **Exploring Queenstown and Beyond. (B)**

Cooked breakfast at our hotel this morning.

Free morning to do as we please.

12:30 p.m.

We visit the former goldmining village of Arrowtown, now a popular tourist stop and also the location for film scenes in the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Continue to the famous Kawerau Bungy Bridge - home of the original 43m bungy jump. The world's first and most infamous of leaps is still going strong, with tens of thousands bungy each year. At the world's best-loved Bungy site, you can choose from several options: topple over backwards, forwards, with another person, spin, or somersault.

3:30 p.m. Experience a Cave visit and wine tasting at Gibbston Valley vineyard. The underground cave has been blasted out of the solid schist of the Central Otago mountains, and creates an ideal natural environment to mature award-winning wines – stored at a constant 12-14°C (53.6-57.2°F) – and a perfect place to appreciate them. Learn more about the history of the region and the winemaking journey. Savour a taste of three current release wines in the unique ambiance of the wine cave.

On completion return to our hotel and enjoy the rest of the afternoon and evening at our own leisure.

## **Thu., Nov. 02. To Mount Cook. (B, D)**

Cooked breakfast is included at our hotel.

8:30 a.m. Depart Queenstown and travel through the rugged and beautiful landscape of the Central Otago Region. Leave Lake Wakatipu behind, following the winding road and unique surrounds of the Kawarau Gorge to Cromwell. Cross the Lindis Pass into the Mackenzie Country, with its small townships of Omarama and Twizel. The road to Mount Cook is a pretty drive along the edge of Lake Pukaki, a stunning glacial-fed lake. Mount Cook National Park or as known in Maori "Aorangi", the cloud piercer, looms in the foreground.

Mount Cook Village is at the base of New Zealand's highest mountain of an impressive 3754m. Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park was awarded 'World Heritage' status in recognition of its qualities and rare beauty. The Park covers an area of nearly 7,000 hectares of majestic alpine scenery with more than one third being in permanent snow and glacial ice. The park contains 22 of the 27 peaks over 10,000 feet (3,000 metres) in New Zealand.



3:00 p.m. A tribute to Sir Edmund Hillary, humanitarian, ambassador and one of the world's greatest explorers, the centre showcases the Aoraki Mount Cook region, its people and its place in the universe.

The Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre's 126-seat custom-designed theatre is the world's only theatre with 2D, 3D and world-class definiti® Digital Dome Planetarium, contained within the same space. Cutting edge technology allows the 2D screen to raise up for storage while the 3D screen is in use and the Digital Dome Planetarium to lower into place when required.

In the foyer of the theatre we'll find our museum showcasing the history of the Mount Cook region through transport, climbing, The Hermitage Hotel and pioneer extraordinaire, Sir Edmund Hillary himself.

7:00 p.m. Buffet dinner is booked at the hotel restaurant tonight.

**Accommodation:** **Hermitage Hotel** (1 night)  
89 Terrace Road, Mt. Cook Village  
MOUNT COOK  
Tel: (+64) 3435-1809



## **Fri., Nov. 03. Via Takepo to Christchurch. (B)**

Cooked breakfast is included at our hotel.

9:30 a.m. Depart Mount Cook and follow Lake Pukaki to Twizel. Continue through the MacKenzie Country to reach Tekapo famous for the picturesque Church of the Good Shepherd. Stop at the "Tin Shed," a well-known cooperative with fabulous woolen wear, and over the fertile Canterbury Plains to arrive at the Garden City of Christchurch.

Christchurch is the international gateway to the South Island with several major airlines flying direct into the city. It is New Zealand's only predominantly flat major city, and with a population of 300,000, it is the South Island's largest city.

On arrival check in at your hotel and the rest of the evening is at leisure.

**Accommodation:** **Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch** (1 night)  
*166 Gloucester Street  
Christchurch  
Tel: (+64) 3943-3888*

## **Sat., Nov. 04. To Rotorua. (B, L)**

Cooked breakfast is included at our hotel.

8:15 a.m. Transfer to Christchurch Airport.

9:55 a.m. Depart Christchurch on **Air New Zealand flight #5782**. (1-hour, 45-minute flight)

11:40 a.m. Arrive into Rotorua. The "Thermal City" is renowned for its Maori history and unique ongoing thermal activity, including bubbling mud pools, geysers, and steam vents. The city's spirit is expressed by the stunning landscape. Stand on active volcanoes, peer into massive craters, see boiling mud, erupting geysers, and enjoy unspoiled native forests that cloak the land. Throughout this vista are 14 scenic lakes brimming with trout. Lake Rotorua is the largest lake in the district, and windsurfing, kayaking, and trout fishing are favoured pastimes.

12:15 p.m. Arrive at the Skyline Gondola, which will carry us to 487 meters above sea level to a stunning environment providing views of Rotorua City, Lake Rotorua, and the surrounding area.



Enjoy a buffet lunch at Stratosfare Restaurant.

Continue to the Agrodome for an introduction to New Zealand's thriving agricultural industry.

2:30 p.m. The entertaining show features sheep dog demonstrations, cow milking, and an introduction to the stars of our sheep industry – the various breeds that have established New Zealand as one of the foremost farming nations in the world.

Make our way back to Rotorua and enjoy an orientation tour of the city before being dropped off at our hotel for check in.

The rest of the afternoon and evening is at leisure.

**Accommodation:** **Millennium Hotel** (2 nights)  
*Corner Eruera & Hinemaru Streets  
Rotorua  
Tel: (+64) 7347-1234*

## Sun., Nov. 05. **Rainbow Spring and Te Puia Thermal Reserve. (B, D)**

Cooked breakfast is included at our hotel.

9:30 a.m. Depart the hotel and head for Rainbow Springs Nature Park.

10:00 a.m. Explore Rainbow Springs Kiwi Wildlife Park, where hundreds of brown and rainbow trout can be seen swimming in the crystal-clear spring waters. Walk along a level bush walk with many varieties of native ferns and view the resident bird life in the natural surroundings.

Enjoy the Kiwi Encounter program. This guided behind the scenes visit offers us a unique chance to experience a working kiwi nursery and hatchery. Our guide will take us through each of the stages a kiwi chick goes through before being released in to the wild - incubation, hatching and raising.



Head back to Rotorua for some free time to wander the city or soak in the thermal waters of the Polynesian Spa Pools (our expense).

3:45 p.m. Meet our driver and transfer to Te Puia Thermal Reserve.

4:00 p.m. On arrival meet our private guide who will take us around Te Puia to view the boiling mudpools and cascading Pohutu geyser that makes Rotorua famous as New Zealand's "thermal city." Enjoy a visit to the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute and see local Maori carvers in action. On completion of exploration we make our way through to the Marae for our Te Po evening experience.

6:00 p.m. Te Pō evening begins at Te Keketanga-a-Rangi (Heavenly Origins), a space comprising twelve monumental carvings reaching skyward. Hear stories of the past prior to assembling at the waharoa (gateway) of marae. Experience an authentic Māori welcome ceremony, warrior's challenge and kapa haka (performing arts) concert. The Māori Feast is a culinary opportunity like no other. The ranges of traditional and indigenous inspired dishes have been designed to create a memorable cultural experience.



The evening concludes with a visit to the illuminated Te Whakarewarewa Valley and awe inspiring Pohutu geyser where we savour more Māori delicacies and a hot drink.

On completion we will return to our hotel by the Te Pua "waka" (bus).

## Mon., Nov. 06. **Via Waitomo and Matamata to Auckland. (B, D)**

Cooked breakfast is included at our hotel.

8:30 a.m. Depart Rotorua via the forest clad Mamuku Hills. The journey traverses beautiful rolling Waikato farmland to reach the region of Waitomo.

The rugged area around Waitomo and Otorohanga is known as the "King Country," after the Maori King Movement which sought to unite tribes on a national basis. The area is notable for its geological features, especially the distinctive rock formations and complex cave systems.

10:10 a.m. Enjoy a guided tour at the Waitomo Glow-worm Caves.

More than 30 million years ago, the legend of Waitomo began with the creation of Limestone at the bottom of the ocean. Now these limestone formations stand as one of New Zealand's most inspiring natural wonders. Enjoy a guided tour of the cave system, including a boat ride on a subterranean river, while overhead thousands of glow-worms light up the cave walls.

From Waitomo there are a myriad of country roads through some of New Zealand's most productive farming land. Return to Otorohanga and then continue State Highway through the small towns of Te Awamutu and Cambridge. It is a short distance from Cambridge to the Hobbiton Movie Set.

12:15 p.m. On arrival at Hobbiton in time for lunch at the Shires Inn (own expense).

1:25 p.m. Begin our Hobbiton Movie Set visit. The set has been completely rebuilt as it appeared in the films. Enjoy spectacular views across to the Kaimai Ranges from the rolling green hills of the movie set. Since the location is a real New Zealand farm, there is an opportunity to cuddle and bottle feed the pet lambs.



3:30 p.m. Say farewell Middle-earth territory and head north through pasture land before joining the Pacific Coastal Highway. See the market garden area of Pukekohe and the Bombay Hills as we finally reach Auckland, the 'City of Sails'.

Within an area of 360 square kilometres, 48 eruption centres from ancient times have been recognised in the Auckland region with the oldest eruption taking place about 50,000 years ago and the most recent being Rangitoto Island only 600 years ago. The Maori name for the isthmus is "Tamaki Makau Rau" which means "Battle of a thousand lovers" - referring to the tribes that battled over the much-desired land. Auckland is New Zealand's largest city with a population of just over 1 million.

7:10 p.m. Take a leisurely walk from our hotel to the Sky City complex and the Orbit Restaurant where celebrate our farewell dinner.

Prior to dinner visit the Sky Tower Observation Deck with its amazing 360-degree panoramas of the city, the Hauraki Gulf and beyond.



8:00 p.m. Savor a 3-course farewell dinner at the revolving Orbit Restaurant.

**Accommodation:** **City Life Hotel** (1 night)  
171 Queen Street  
Auckland  
Tel: (+64) 9379-9222

**Tue., Nov. 07. In Auckland and returning home. (B, meals on flight)**

Cooked breakfast is included at our hotel.

This morning is at leisure. Please store your luggage at the concierge.

- 11:00 a.m. Official check out time at the hotel.
- 1:30 p.m. Our coach will collect us at the hotel for our sightseeing tour of Auckland.  
On our guided city tour see Mission Bay, Bastion Point, Parnell Village, Auckland Domain, waterfront areas and the Harbour Bridge if time permits.
- 3:45 p.m. Explore the impressive Auckland War Memorial Museum. The Museum located in the city's oldest and most popular park - the Auckland Domain. Enjoy a guided visit and encounter exhibitions that will excite us with the artistic legacy and cultures of the peoples of the Pacific; the monumental carvings, buildings, canoes and taonga (treasures) of the Maori; and the diversity of cultures which now combine to form the rich tapestry of race, nationality and creed which is modern New Zealand.
- 5:00 p.m. Board our coach and transfer to the Airport for our departure flight.
- 8:55 p.m. Depart Auckland, New Zealand, for home on **Air New Zealand flight #10.**  
(8-hour, 35-minute flight)  
“**Haere Ra**” is the Maori call of farewell.
- 6:30 a.m. Arrive in Honolulu in the morning of the same day. (See *flight schedule*.)  
Remember, we need to clear customs at the airport upon arrival.

