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Australia & New Zealand

*We don't just go there, we know there*



# Welcome to Australia & New Zealand



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There are few places in the world that offer as much diversity as Australia & New Zealand. Between the captivating city highlights, the immensity and sheer beauty of the land reveals itself. Pristine white-sand beaches, arid desert landscapes, spectacular ancient rainforests, majestic alpine peaks and award-winning wine regions are just some of things that come to mind when I think of Australia & New Zealand.

I invite you to witness first-hand the vast contrasting landscapes. To see the fearless wildlife; to sample the world-class cuisine; and to experience the rich indigenous cultures of these two magnificently diverse countries. And no one is better equipped to take you there than APT, the pioneers of guided touring holidays in Australia & New Zealand.

A wealth of options await when you travel with APT, allowing you to shape your holiday to suit your own unique tastes. Whether you're looking for an indulgent getaway, an inspirational adventure or a blend of both, this entrancing region provides a truly unforgettable experience and a range of possibilities.

I hope that you'll be inspired by our tours and make this the time to join us for what's certain to be a life-changing experience.

Warm regards

Geoff McGeary  
APT Company Owner

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**El Questro Wilderness Park**

Explore the majestic scenery of this one million acre unspoiled wilderness park.



**The Bungle Bungle Range**

Discover this World Heritage-listed natural wonder in the Purnululu National Park.



**Great Barrier Reef**

Be enchanted by the breathtaking wonders of the world's largest coral reef.



**Fraser Island**

Witness the exceptional beauty of nature on World Heritage-listed Fraser Island.



**Red Centre**

Marvel at the vast sweeping plains and iconic landmarks of the Red Centre.



**Monkey Mia**

Meet the friendly resident dolphins of Monkey Mia and Shark Bay.



**Cradle Mountain**

View the dramatic landscapes of Tasmania's Cradle Mountain.



**Melbourne**

Uncover surprises at every turn in this cultured southern city.



**Sydney Harbour**

Get up close to the instantly recognisable icons of this spectacular harbour.



### Auckland

Explore the delights of this beautiful harbour city.



### Bay of Islands

Cruise the stunning Bay of Islands – an aquatic wonderland.



### Rotorua

Experience one of the world's most active geothermal regions.



### Wellington

Enjoy plenty of time to explore the sights of New Zealand's capital city.



### Queenstown

New Zealand's premier alpine resort offers both adventure and relaxation.



### Milford Sound

Soak up the atmosphere on a full length cruise of majestic Milford Sound.



### Mt Cook

Absorb the beauty of Mt Cook and its dramatic surrounds.

# The APT Difference

## Experience – it's what sets APT apart

### No one knows Australia & New Zealand like we do

From humble beginnings in suburban Melbourne, APT has grown into Australia & New Zealand's leading operator of guided tours. And over 85 years on, we are still proudly Australian family-owned.

### Unrivalled expertise

Our years of touring experience in Australia & New Zealand have given us the expertise that few others possess. Our intimate knowledge of these destinations and our established partnerships with regional experts means that you gain a local's insight into every location we visit.

### Tour Director & local guides

Enjoy the services of our professional Tour Directors throughout your adventure. In addition, expert local guides will join you in select locations.

### Expertly planned itineraries

APT's travel professionals have created holidays that ensure a leisurely, insightful, rewarding and care-free experience.

### Freedom & flexibility

Enjoy a variety of choice in destinations and touring styles; sightseeing activities and dining options; and so much more. You really can design your own dream journey with APT.

### 98% satisfaction rating

We're proud of the 98% satisfaction rating we receive from our travellers, and we're committed to maintaining it.

### Your holiday is protected

You will always enjoy complete peace of mind when you book with APT as we are a member of ABTA, and our air-inclusive packages are fully bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority's ATOL scheme.

# Australia & New Zealand

Discover Australia & New Zealand's spectacular natural beauty and relish the journey as much as the destination.



Admire the world-famous icons of Sydney Harbour

Boasting a number of the world's most iconic and liveable cities, yet still remarkably remote and pristine, Australia & New Zealand are equally astonishing holiday destinations. Vibrant cities, incredible landscapes and memorable landmarks continue to capture the imagination of travellers the world over.

Young nations with ancient backyards, the land here was intended for exploration. The wild and rugged geography means travelling off the beaten track is akin to being transported into a primitive landscape, perfect for enthralling road trips, and enchanting discoveries by the air and the sea. Similar though they may be, these trans-Tasman neighbours provide an intriguing contrast for travellers – as you'll discover when you travel to Australasia with APT.

## Australia

From vast expanses of desert to lush tropical rainforests and miles of unspoilt beaches, Australia offers a truly diverse landscape. It is a vibrant and friendly country with a rich multicultural heritage. A stunning contrast of bustling civilisation and remote wilderness which is enhanced by a superlative food and wine scene.

We give you the opportunity to witness some of the world's most picture-perfect panoramas in an ever-changing landscape, as well as discover Australia's indigenous population, with their rich storytelling culture and inherent values that are characterised by a reverence for the land. Experience life on tropical islands with palm tree-lined beaches and crystal-clear waters, and gain an





insight into a prosperous nation with visits to Australia's best-loved cities. Glorious natural wilderness areas provide ample opportunities for spontaneous wildlife encounters. And not just on the land. Below the surface of the shimmering waters of the Great Barrier Reef lies a bustling centre of colourful marine life just waiting to be discovered.

## New Zealand

The Kiwi's pride themselves on their hospitality and friendliness, and you'll feel instantly welcome here. Covering an area slightly larger than the UK, yet with a population of just four million people, New Zealand is gloriously uncrowded, allowing its

spectacular landscapes to take centre stage. And with some of the most scenic touring routes in the world, it is crying out to be explored. See snow-capped alps, tranquil fiords and luxuriant rainforests. Visit river-laced lowlands, active volcanoes and pristine beaches. Traverse rolling green hills, subterranean caves and gargantuan rivers of crackling ice.

Studded between these pristine wilderness areas are polished cities sporting world-class eateries, architectural marvels and sights that need to be seen to be believed. Thus, by nature, New Zealand is both a haven for those seeking peace and quiet and a playground for the adventurous. So join us and experience the diversity of 'The Land of the Long White Cloud' for yourself.

# Australia & New Zealand Experts

Passionate and dedicated people.



Our dedicated Tour Directors ensure you enjoy an insightful and comprehensive holiday experience

## Unprecedented passion

We have a clear understanding of what makes the perfect tour because we have over 85 years experience providing life enriching holidays in Australia & New Zealand. So no matter which journey you choose, you can rest assured you are travelling with the true experts.

## Getting you there from the UK

It may be just about the farthest holiday destination from the UK, but we've made travelling to Australia or New Zealand easier and more flexible than ever before with a choice of holiday packages. Enjoy the convenience of return scheduled flights from London Heathrow when you choose a Flight Inclusive package. Or select a Tour Only option and join your group in Australia or New Zealand.

## Care-free, seamless travel

We consider the enjoyment of our travellers to be of utmost importance for us at APT, which is why our people are constantly going that extra mile to ensure your holiday is the very best it can be. From the moment you call our reservations team in the UK, until your safe arrival back home, you'll benefit from highly personalised service. Be welcomed on arrival with our meet-and-greet service, and for ease of travel we've include airport transfers on your first and last day in Australia or New Zealand. Plus you can relax on holiday knowing your Tour Director will take care of you every step of the way. We even look after the small and often overlooked details, such as luggage portorage, allowing you to enjoy every minute of your journey.





Explore Australia & New Zealand with the experts

### Friendly & professional tour leaders

One of the most common comments from our guests is how friendly, knowledgeable and professional our Tour Directors, drivers and guides are when leading our journeys. It's the small things like a friendly smile in the morning and enjoying a laugh with guests on the road that make your holiday with APT truly special.

### Expert local guides

We understand that it can often take an insider's perspective to uncover the hidden gems that only residents know about. That's why, in select destinations, you'll gain a deeper insight and enjoy the added benefit of in-depth commentary from local guides.

### Kimberley Wilderness Adventures

As an isolated frontier, travelling into Australia's Kimberley region requires specialist local knowledge and expertise. No other operator can offer the experience, network of lodges or access that we do – so you can experience the real Kimberley, rather than merely brushing the surface. When APT first began escorting travellers around this remote region over 40 years ago, there was no permanent accommodation or network of staff – so we created them, with minimal impact on the environment and in conjunction with local indigenous communities. Today, we offer expertly-crafted itineraries featuring all the spectacular sights and hidden secrets that we've been discovering ever since. See pages 84–89 for more details.

# Choose Your Dream Holiday

At APT, we offer a range of touring styles to suit every taste.



Stunning natural wilderness abounds in Lake Tekapo



## Luxury inclusions, ultimate touring

Nowhere is APT's expertise more evident than in our luxury collection of holidays. Perfect for the first-time traveller or for those seeking a comprehensive discovery, our luxury tours take care of every detail from the very moment you book your holiday. You'll enjoy magnificent accommodation, a host of unforgettable culinary experiences, enriching sightseeing and exceptional service.

But it's the finer details that tell the real story – the added extras such as view rooms in key locations and a comprehensive range of included sightseeing covering all the iconic highlights, as well

as the lesser-known attractions unique to each region. And, when you travel with APT on a luxury tour, there are no hidden extras. Your fully-inclusive price covers everything you need for the holiday of a lifetime.

In addition, we understand that travellers have different interests, which is why we offer APT's Freedom of Choice™ Inclusions – a wide range of included touring and dining choices featured at no extra cost. This innovation, together with APT's Signature Experiences, ensures a genuine insight into the essence of Australia & New Zealand.





### **Premium inclusions, exceptional value**

Our Travelmarvel tours bring the splendour of Australia & New Zealand at outstanding value. As part of the APT Group, Travelmarvel offers you our trademark exceptional service while featuring hand-picked accommodation, quality meals and included sightseeing, along with the security and confidence of travelling with the region's leading cruise and tour operator.

Every Travelmarvel holiday is designed with your enjoyment in mind, providing the perfect balance of inclusions and leisure time. So while we'll take you to the must-see sights and the hidden gems,

you'll also enjoy the freedom and flexibility to explore more of Australia & New Zealand the way you like, at your own pace. What's more, our expert Tour Directors and local guides have the insight and knowledge to take you where the guidebooks can't – providing a true insider's perspective and a holiday experience you simply could not have on your own.

Superbly complementing your journey, Travelmarvel's Insider Experiences allow you to delve deeper into the local traditions and tastes through unique touring activities – and all are included at no additional cost.

## Discover the world with APT, and become the centre of ours.

As part of the APT family, you'll enjoy exclusive privileges each time you travel with us. From the very moment you book your first holiday of seven days or more, we welcome you to the APT Club. As a member, you can be certain that you'll always be treated as a prestigious guest of APT. We're delighted to take you above and beyond, in even more luxury and style as an APT Club member.

### *silver membership*

1 APT HOLIDAY OF 7 DAYS OR MORE

Once you have booked your first holiday of seven days or more, you automatically qualify for complimentary Silver Membership. Silver Membership entitles you to the following benefits:

- A Welcome Home voucher\* valued at £100 at the completion of your trip
- Invitations to special events
- Access to our dedicated APT Club Hotline
- Exclusive member communications featuring the latest news from APT
- Last Minute Travel Club membership (upon request)

### *gold membership*

2 APT HOLIDAYS OF 7 DAYS OR MORE

Once you have booked your second holiday of seven days or more, you automatically qualify for complimentary Gold Membership. Gold Membership entitles you to all the APT Club benefits of Silver Membership, plus:

**Freedom of Choice™ savings – choose 1 of the following:**

- Complimentary home-to-airport transfers by private car\*
- A £100 credit per person towards your booking\*

**Freedom of Choice™ merchandise\* – choose 1 of the following travel items:**

- Toiletry bag • Worldwide travel adaptor • Packing cells • Tote bag

### *platinum membership*

3 APT HOLIDAYS OF 7 DAYS OR MORE

Once you have booked your third holiday of seven days or more, you automatically qualify for complimentary Platinum Membership. Platinum Membership entitles you to all the APT Club benefits of Silver Membership, plus:

**Freedom of Choice™ savings – choose 2 of the following:**

- Complimentary home-to-airport transfers by private car\*
- A £100 credit per person towards your booking\*
- One night's complimentary accommodation before or after your tour\*

**Freedom of Choice™ merchandise\* – choose 1 of the following travel items:**

- Toiletry bag • Worldwide travel adaptor • Packing cells • Tote bag

\*For further information and conditions, see pages 90–91.



