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Australia & New Zealand tour, 27 days





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Itinerary

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Day by day

On the Road with Djoser

Djoser's active journeys offer an ideal balance of guidance and freedom. Our guide-assisted adventures cover the globe and feature wildlife, beautiful natural settings, historic sights and authentic cultural experiences. During Djoser travels, the daily schedule is not rigidly set.

The day-to-day descriptions describe the anticipated, or possible daily activities. Our travel days are obviously fixed, but each day the program may deviate depending on the preferences of the group, in consultation with the tour leader. The tour guide offers a program daily, with planned excursions. You are never obligated to participate. Those who desire more freedom may go out exploring or may dine on their own. Your tour leader can offer suggestions for safe explorations and fun restaurants. You will find that Djoser participants will take advantage of this flexibility. We believe a sense of discovery is an integral element of a great trip.

We offer the land program only. Below, you will find the day-to-day description days numbered to correspond with that of the Dutch participants (which includes their transit days from/to Amsterdam). This is so that when you are traveling and refer to this day-to-day description, all travelers will be "on the same page" or the same day number.

Day 1 Travel day

Day 2 Adelaide - (Dutch arrive in evening)

Day 3 Adelaide

Day 4 Adelaide - Borosso Valley - Horsham

Day 5 Horsham - Grampians NP - Warrnambool

The journey starts in the south of Adelaide. You will meet your tour leader and fellow travelers at the first hotel. The tour leader will organize a Welcome Meeting to introduce the group and to get an overview of the days to come. Adelaide, also called the 'city of churches', has about one million inhabitants and is the capital of South Australia. Beach lovers can take the historic tram from the center to the popular Glenelg beach. Especially in the summer months the blue water of the Indian Ocean is appealing. Anyone walking through the city will encounter many churches and a large cathedral. Adelaide is also a very green city. A visit to the beautiful botanical gardens is therefore a must.

From Adelaide it is about seven hours to Horsham. This can of course be longer if we are delayed in the wine region, Barossa Valley. If the group wants, we can stop for a wine tasting in one of the many



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wineries for which the area is famous. Grampians National Park in the state of Victoria includes a sandstone mountain range and is covered with mountain forests such as the gum tree. In this area beautiful walks can be made to, for example, the rock formation 'Pinnacle' or the Mac Kenzie waterfall. You can also find rock paintings of the original inhabitants of Australia, the 'Aboriginals'.

Great Ocean Road

Day 6 Warrnambool - Melbourne (Great Ocean Road)

Day 7 Melbourne

Day 8 Melbourne - Beechworth

Via the town of Warrnambool we come to the Great Ocean Road , one of the most beautiful car routes in the world. This area owes its name to the magnificent views of the rugged Australian coast. Here you get the famous rock formation Twelve Apostles for your lens of which the 'Twelve Apostles' are the best known.

Then we drive to Melbourne, the artistic heart of Australia. Here you will find many art galleries, museums and 'graffiti street art'. Melbourne also has a real coffee culture. The trendy coffee shops are numerous and all serve an excellent espresso, cappuccino or 'flat white'. Highly recommended is a visit to the world-famous botanical gardens. After a short tram ride, beach lovers come to the Bohemian district of St. Kilda where you can enjoy a breath of fresh air by the sea. Just outside Melbourne we find Beechworth, a former gold city. Partly because of the historic houses there is still a wild-game atmosphere here.

Day 9 Beechworth - Cooma via Alpine Way

Day 10 Cooma - Canberra - Abercrombie - Bathurst

Via the beautiful and spectacular route 'Alpine Way' we finally arrive in Cooma where we spend the night. Then we drive to Canberra , a 'planned' city, rich in broad avenues, green parks and beautiful monumental buildings with the high Parliament House as the most famous building. Through the caves of Abercrombie we drive to Bathurst which has a center with beautiful streets and cozy restaurants.

Sydney

Day 11 Bathurst - Blue Mountains - Sydney

Day 12 Sydney

Day 13 Sydney - flight to Auckland

From here we drive towards the Blue Mountains National Park. This area owes its name to the many eucalyptus forests that exude a blue glow. The view over deep ravines, waterfalls and unexplored bushes is breathtaking. Two hours away from all this natural violence you are in the middle of the metropolis, Sydney.



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We stay two nights in the largest city in the country. You have plenty of time to discover this colorful metropolis from the centrally located hotel. With almost four million inhabitants, Sydney is the largest city on the continent. The symbol of the city and of Australia, the Opera House, is located on the bright blue water of the harbor, with its gleaming sail-like roofs and beautiful location; it is one of the most striking buildings in the world. From here you have a magnificent view of the famous Harbor Bridge. By far the best and most exciting way to get to know this bridge is an ascent. The most daring can don a 'bridge suit' - camouflaged so as not to distract the drivers below - and tied to a cable, you can enjoy a breathtaking view of the port and the city.

In 'Darling Harbor' on the quiet waters of the Cockle Bay you will find numerous restaurants, gardens, parks and cafes. Here you can end your day in a beautiful way as the Sydney skyline stands out against the setting sun. From the 305 meter high Sydney Tower you have a fantastic view of the cosmopolitan center of the city and if it is very clear you can even see the Blue Mountains. You can interrupt city life with a visit to Toronga Zoo, the best place for an introduction to the native animals and a large collection of exotic species. After discovering Sydney we will fly to New Zealand (you will need to book this connecting flight on your own, as it is not included in the land package).

Auckland

Day 14 Auckland

Day 15 Auckland - Rotorua

On arrival in New Zealand, you will notice that the aircraft is treated with a spray treatment. The country has very few plant and animal diseases and wants to keep it that way. Nature is clean, there are very strict rules on nature conservation and the New Zealanders are proud of the unique flora and fauna that the country owes to the isolated position. National symbols are the (tree) fern and the kiwi, the bird that only resides in New Zealand.

Auckland, the first destination in New Zealand, is with over one million inhabitants the largest Polynesian city in the world, but because of the vastness it does not have the atmosphere of a big city. We stay in the heart of this 'City of Sailing', so called because of its location on two bays where there is always a large number of sail boats. Auckland has many interesting museums, beautiful viewpoints and a beautiful aquarium. Also worthwhile are the beaches, which are a short distance from the city. In the many restaurants and cafes of the city you can recover from the first impressions and get used to the relaxed lifestyle of the 'Kiwis'. The next day we drive with a number of stops en route from Auckland to Rotorua.

Rotorua and Tongariro national park

Day 16 Rotorua - Tongariro NP

Day 17 Tongariro NP

Rotorua is located in one of the largest thermal areas of New Zealand. Our hotel is located in a



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beautiful area about 20 minutes walk from the center and close to the Whakarewarewa park with pools full of bubbling, hot mud and active geysers. This park also has an interesting cultural Maori center where young Maori learn about their culture.

In the 'Polynesian Pools' you can relax in the naturally warm water. In and around the lake at Rotorua several optional activities are possible as rafting, fishing and a helicopter flight or jeep safari to the top of a volcano. Of course you can also make beautiful walks in this area. As an important Maoric center, Rotorua offers the opportunity to visit a marae and to attend a singing and dancing performance. You can also take part in a traditional 'hangi' meal.

On our way to Taupo and Tongariro national park we stop first in the colorful thermal park Wai-o-tapu. This park also has several volcanic sights, such as the colorful Champagne Pool and the jet-black 'Inkwell of the Devil'. After a short drive we visit the spectacular Hukawa Falls and land in Taupo, a quiet town on the largest inland lake in New Zealand, with the tops of the volcanoes of Tongariro National Park as background. This lake, created around the beginning of the era by a gigantic volcanic eruption, lends itself perfectly to boat trips.

Tongariro, the oldest national park of New Zealand, has some huge volcanoes that are still active, given an eruption in 1995. The impressive environment of this oldest protected area of New Zealand has something to offer every nature lover, from a walk of one hours to a spectacular eight-hour day trip, the Tongariro Crossing. This steep walk is known as one of the most beautiful in the world with its more than 19 kilometers and takes you past deep craters and turquoise-blue crater lakes.

Art Deco in Napier

Day 18 Tongariro NP - Napier

Day 19 Napier - Wellington

From Tongariro National Park we drive through a wooded area eastwards to the coast to Napier. This city is also known as the Art Deco capital of the world. After an earthquake and fire in 1931 almost completely demolished the entire center, it was decided to rebuild the city completely in Art Deco. This gives the city a pleasant atmosphere, which is enhanced by the wonderful Mediterranean climate in Hawke's Bay. You can make a city walk along the Art Deco buildings or learn more about the history of the area in the city museum. After the earthquake, large vineyards were laid out on the fertile soil where delicious tastings are held today. Also a visit to the beautiful cliffs of Cape Kidnappers where you will find a large Jan van Gent colony, is definitely worth it!

Crossing to the South Island

Day 20 Wellington - ferry to Picton - Nelson

Day 21 Nelson, optional excursion Abel Tasman National Park

We drive from Napier to the southernmost tip of the North Island. Wellington, the capital of New



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Zealand, iwedged between hills. On one of the hills you have a beautiful view and in good weather you can see the South Island.

Even if the wind blows in 'windy' Wellington, the well-organized center of this modern, cultural city is attractive, with interesting museums, the parliament, a pleasant entertainment center and a very large choice of international restaurants, from Japanese to Mexican and from Italian to Thai. You can take a cable car to the botanical gardens that offer a beautiful view of the city and surroundings.

In Wellington we take the ferry that takes us to the South Island in about three hours. As we approach halfway the rugged coast of the Marlborough Sounds, you get a good picture of the beauty of the South Island. We moor in Picton and drive along the rugged coast in a few hours to Nelson, a quiet little town with, according to the residents, the most pleasant climate in New Zealand.

From Nelson we can make a full-day excursion to the Abel Tasman National Park , an area with numerous small bays and a forest with flora characteristic of New Zealand. You can enjoy walking along pristine golden sandy beaches, or in a kayak along the beautiful bays. In the evening you can enjoy the laid back life on the South Island in one of the atmospheric restaurants and cafes in Nelson.

Day 22 Nelson - Pancake Rocks - Greymouth

We continue our way south, along the west coast and through the splendor of the Southern Alps, the high mountain range on the South Island. The untouched nature and the often beautiful skies require many photo stops. We stop at Cape Foulwind's sea lion colony and pass several old, partly deserted, gold digger towns, because in a large area on the west coast a lot of gold was found at the end of the 19th century.

pancake rocks punakaiki new zealand DjoserJust north of Greymouth lies the town of Punakaiki , famous for the tropical vegetation and the 'pancake rocks', layered rocks that spray the water of the hard and often very high waves with great force like a kind of geyser into the air. Greymouth, a quiet town of miners, fishermen and beer brewers, breathes an atmosphere that has not changed in 100 years.

Fox Glacier and Queenstown

Day 23 Greymouth - Fox Glacier
Day 24 Fox Glacier - Queenstown
Day 25 Queenstown

Winding roads along high peaks and clear lakes bring us, via the Franz Joseph glacier, to Fox Glacier, a small village at the foot of the glacier of the same name. This gigantic ice lump comes out in the dense subtropical rainforest, a fascinating sight.

We can, on hiking shoes with steel soles and with an expert guide, make a trip on the daily moving



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glacier. You can also join a helicopter flight where you are dropped off on the glacier to search for the natural tunnels and crevices in the ice. Those who prefer quieter walks can take a short walk through the Minehaha Forest, which is about five minutes outside the village.

Through vast rainforest and along fast flowing rivers, big glacial lakes and snowy peaks, we drive further south and stop along the way in the sweet-looking Wanaka near the lake of the same name. Just before Queenstown we stop at the most famous bridge in New Zealand, legendary because here the 'bungee jumping' was invented and thus the place for those who want to jump on an elastic of the 43 meter high bridge.

Queenstown is the center of outdoor activities, because you have besides bungee jumping, numerous other possibilities: boat trips, skiing, rafting, horseback riding, hiking, golf, paragliding or a ride in the spectacular 'shot-over jet', a speed boat on the fast Shotover River. Furthermore, the city has many restaurants and a lively evening and nightlife.

Christchurch

Day 26 Queenstown - Christchurch

Day 27 Christchurch

Day 28 Christchurch

We end the journey in the city of Christchurch. On the way there we hopefully have a view of Mount Cook, the highest peak in New Zealand, and we pass the beautiful Lake Tekapo. Christchurch itself is doing pretty English. Her nickname 'the Garden City' owes the city to the many gardens and parks that you can visit. From the city you can make a day trip to Kaikoura. From this quiet fishing town you can, if the weather conditions allow, take a boat trip on the sea to spot whales or swim with wild dolphins. Our trip comes to an end in the afternoon.

If you are able to organize your flight to leave at the same time or within a couple of hours after the Dutch participants' flight, you can join them on the bus for the group transfer, free of charge.



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Practical information

Accommodations & Meals

Accommodations - During our Australia and New Zealand tour we overnight in various types of accommodation in the tourist class category: Hotels, motels, hostels and lodges. The accommodations have double rooms, which are equipped with shower and toilet. Some rooms have kitchen facilities, so you have the choice to cook for yourself. Often you are provided with coffee and / or tea in your room. The hotel in Rotorua is has a small pool and a spa pool.

In Napier we stay in a property in the Art Deco style, which is typical for this town. In the three major cities are the hotels within walking distance of downtown.

Some examples of our usual hotels (subject to change)

Sydney	Macleay Apartments (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g255060-d256576-Reviews-Macleay_Apartments-Sydney-New_South_Wales.html)
Beechworth	Armour Motor Inn (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g552137-d1743317-Reviews-Armour_Motor_Inn-Beechworth-Victoria.html)
Melbourne	Bayview on the Park (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g255100-d256815-Reviews-Bayview_on_the_Park-Melbourne-Victoria.html)
Warnambool	City Heart Motel (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g255100-d256815-Reviews-City_Heart_Motel-Melbourne-Victoria.html)
Queenstown	Queenstown Lakeview Holiday Park (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g255122-d256815-Reviews-Queenstown_Lakeview_Holiday_Park-Queenstown-South_Island-New_Zealand.html)
Rotorua	Alpin Motel (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g255111-d255931-Reviews-Alpin_Motel-Rotorua-South_Island-New_Zealand.html)
National Park Village	Discovery Lodge (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g939991-d1018029-Reviews-Discovery_Lodge-National_Park-Victoria.html)
Nelson	Kingsgate Hotel Beachcomber (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g255678-d3002-Reviews-Kingsgate_Hotel_Beachcomber-Nelson-South_Island-New_Zealand.html)
Christchurch	Southern Comfort Motel (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g255118-d296514-Reviews-Southern_Comfort_Motel-Christchurch-South_Island-New_Zealand.html)
Wellington	Comfort Hotel Wellington (http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g255115-d283908-Reviews-Comfort_Hotel_Wellington-Wellington-South_Island-New_Zealand.html)

Single room - Djoser is single friendly! If you are traveling solo, we will match you with a same-sex roommate. If we cannot match you, there will be no additional room charge. For a reasonable charge, you may request single accommodations, subject to availability. Just indicate this preference on your booking form. You will find pricing for single accommodations on the "Dates & Prices" page page.

Hotel extensions - It is always great to be well rested when you begin a journey such as this. If you would like to book an extension hotel night upon arrival in the city where the land program begins, let us know on your booking form. You will find the prices for extension nights listed on the "Dates & Prices" page.

Meals - Meals during the Australia and New Zealand tour are not included in the fare. During the trip, you can then decide where and what to eat. Of course you can eat with the group, but you are also free to find a restaurant to dine independently.



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The tour guide can often give you tips for a good restaurant or a nice cafe. Almost all international cuisines are represented so you always have a choice of restaurants. Seafood is great in Australia. Usually you can get a huge bowl, which is filled with all sorts of delicacies from the ocean. Meat lovers may enjoy a tasty kangaroo steak. The food in New Zealand reflects the multicultural composition of the country. So you will find the English 'fish and chips, Indian, Chinese and Vietnamese cuisines, as well as pancakes. Naturally the American burger giants are well-represented. But try at least one lamb dish as it is a specialty here. One thing for sure, you will never starve! The portions are quite large here.

Flights & Transportation

Booking your international flight - We provide the land program so you will need to arrange your flights to Australia (Adelaide) and return from New Zealand (Christchurch). You will also need to book your flight from Australia to New Zealand (Sydney to Auckland). We will provide recommended flight times for you.

When scheduling your flights, keep the following times in mind:

Plan to arrive in Adelaide by or before 8::30PM (you may check in earlier)

Plan your departure from Christchurch for early evening.

The Dutch will arrive on Emirates flight arriving 8:50 PM

The Dutch flight departs 6:45 PM. If your flight departs between 6:30PM - 9:30PM you can join the Dutch travelers on the bus for a group transfer to the airport, at no additional charge.

Before you book your flight - To avoid flight change or cancellation costs get email confirmation from our office that the trip has enough participants to be a "GO".

Verify the spelling of your name-within 24 hours - When you book your flights, double check your flight records to confirm that your name is spelled on your ticket exactly as it appears on your passport. Some companies (for example, ORBITZ) will only allow a 24 hour window to correct any errors without penalty. You may incur heavy fees for changes, forfeiture of your flight ticket, or even worse, you could be denied entry to a border upon arrival.

Send us a copy of your flight itinerary - We will forward to the tour leader so they will know when to expect you at the hotel and when you will be departing.

Keep in mind hotel extensions - If the Dutch travelers arrive early in the morning, we recommend that you arrange to fly in the day or night before so you will be meet the group. Some trips involve an immediate transfer from airport to the next town so make sure you will arrive before the others so you don't miss the first meeting or transfer to the next location. We can arrange an extension hotel night



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for you. Prices for hotel extensions can be found in the "Dates & Prices" section

If the Dutch participants arrive in the late evening - Should they arrive very late in the evening, the group will have their first meeting in the morning in the hotel lobby. You can check in earlier and relax or explore on your own.

Airport transfer to/from hotel – not Included - If you will be arriving and or departing on the same flight as the Dutch travelers let us know. Then you can join them on the bus for the group transfer at no additional charge. Notify us in advance so we can alert the tour leader. If you schedule your flight at the same time as theirs, or later, you can join them on the group transfer to the airport at no additional charge. Otherwise, you can take an authorized taxi to the first hotel on the list we have provided for you. Private airport transfers can be very costly . If your flight is delayed, they are difficult to reschedule or cancel. With a taxi, you are not charged for waiting time or cancellations.

Useful Links for booking your flights

Orbitz.com (<http://www.orbitz.com/>)

Expedia.com (<http://www.expedia.com/>)

Kayak.com (<http://www.kayak.com/>)

Local transportation - For transport in Australia we use air-conditioned busses. They are simple, mid-sized buses with luggage trailer. With their modest size, they are very suitable to drive on the often unpaved roads. The buses are driven by experienced Australian drivers who know the route well. Because the bus is entirely at our disposal, we can stop at the many beautiful view points. In New Zealand we visit both the South Island and the North Island, each with their own buss with driver. Buses have more than enough room for all participants. The distances on the travel days are not particularly great and the roads are good. From Wellington, the southernmost tip of the North Island, we sail across Cook Strait to Picton on the South Island. This route is sometimes bumpy but it is a beautiful journey. You can often spot dolphins in the scenic Marlborough Sounds.

Money Matters

A summary of all trip costs can be found on our "Dates & Prices" page. Prices may fluctuate throughout the year depending on currency exchange, gas costs, etc.

Included in price of our Australia and New Zealand tour package

- Land Package
- 'Hotel nights
- Transport by comfortable bus
- Ferry Wellington - Picton
- Excursions according to program
- English speaking tour guide in Australia
- Dutch tour guide in New Zealand (Speaks Dutch & English)



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Excluded

- International flights to Australia / from New Zealand
- Flight Australia to New Zealand
- Travel insurance,
- visa,
- meals,
- entrance fees,
- optional excursions,
- tips,
- personal expenses,

When you book a trip

- Deposit of 20% of the minimum land price due upon booking - Non-refundable
- Payments by charge card or check are accepted
- Balance is due 60 days prior to departure date

While you are traveling

Local Currency:	Australia - Dollar	New Zealand - Dollar
ATM Machines:	Widely available	
Cash accepted:	Local currency	
Credit Cards:	Accepted most places	

Tipping - It is customary to tip for services rendered. The tour leader will organize a tip jar at the beginning of the trip, from which tips to drivers, guides, hotel staff are paid. Depending on the size of the group, each participant will be asked to contribute \$40 to \$50. This does not include a tip for your tour leader. Tipping the tour leader is appreciated and the amount up to your discretion.

** You will find a list of all trip costs in the "Dates & Prices" section, including your estimated out of pocket costs.

Excursions

Freedom and choice are important elements of a Djoser trip. In addition to scheduled group activities, wherever possible, you may decide which attractions you wish to visit, and with whom. Unless otherwise indicated, entrance fees are not included in the price, so you have the freedom to make your own choices. One person may prefer to stroll through the market in search of bargains, while



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someone else may want to relax by the pool, go to a museum, or take a bike ride. Join the guide or break off with others in the group to explore on foot or with the local transport. Some attractions should not be missed, or they are not easily accessible, or are en route to our next overnight location and are therefore built into the program. In the "Dates & Prices" section you will find the estimated out-of-pocket, weekly expenses that have calculated in typical entry fees in addition to meals and other costs.

During our Australia and New Zealand group tour, the following excursions are included in the program:

- Of course, the scenic route on The Great Ocean Road should not be missed and is included in this trip. There are beautiful views. On the rugged Australian coast we see the rock formations 'Twelve Apostles'
- National Park Blue Mountains. Here you are surrounded by natural beauty with numerous eucalyptus trees which vaporize oils and therefore create a beautiful blue mist that hangs over the mountains
- Along the way, it's nice to stop at one of the most colorful thermal parks of New Zealand: Wai-o-tapu.
- Enjoy the beautiful passage from the North to the South Island. On clear days, with luck, you can see dolphins swimming at the bow of the ship
- When we leave Nelson we ride through the rugged west coast along the Pancake Rocks. These rocks look like huge stacks of petrified pancakes

In addition, there are many other possibilities, such as:

- In major cities such as Auckland, there are many possibilities such as a visit to the Skytower or view Auckland from the water on the ferry. During the stay in Rotorua there are opportunities to learn about the Maori culture or visit hot mineral pools and geysers
- If the weather permits you in Tongariro National Park you can take beautiful walks. The Tongariro Crossing is for experienced walkers It is a walk of 6 to 8 hours to the top of one of the volcanoes
- Abel Tasman National Park offers the opportunity to take walk beautiful barks and to go kayaking. Furthermore, on the South Island there are numerous excursions such as Fox Glacier. You can take a helicopter ride to view ice tunnels. Also in Queenstown you can go bungee jumping or attend a fun wine tasting

Travel Documents

When you book a trip we will provide you with more details about necessary documents. Passports should be current and valid for at least 6 months beyond your departure date. If a visa is required, you may need extra pages in your passport for your stamps. Check all visa requirements carefully and leave yourself plenty of time to send and receive documents before your trip.



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Travel documents needed

New Zealand tourist visa needed – NO Consulate link (<http://www.nzembassy.com/usa-washington>)
Australia tourist visa needed – NO Consulate link (<http://www.usa.embassy.gov.au/whwh/home.html>)

Visa expeditor - If you are anxious about the visa process, or if you are short of time, you can pay an additional fee for an expediting service. They will look over your paperwork and should be able to guaranty a swift return of your visa or passport. We can recommend TRAVISIA.
(<http://www.travisa.com/>)

Health Issues & Insurance

Health - Check for the Center for Disease Control – Travelers information (<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>) for recommendations. Keep in mind that they may recommend an inoculation or medication such as malaria pills, which may be necessary for one specific part of a country but not another, or for a particular season. Shots are expensive. Make sure to get only what is needed. We recommend asking your doctor for a prescription to combat a more serious intestinal disorder.

When you book a trip we will provide you with information regarding the usual recommendations for the region we will visit. You will be responsible to check with your travel clinic or physician to review your plans and to find out the most up-to-date recommendations and needs for your particular situation. Plan to get your inoculations four to six weeks in advance of your trip. Some offices may need to preorder the medicines so call in advance. It is wise to pay careful attention to what you eat. Also, we recommend you bring medicines such as pain-killer and for remedy for intestinal disorders (such as IMMUDIUM). Bring a small first aid kit. Tweezers, band-aids, antiseptic cream, insect repellent , salt rehydration tablets. The tour leader will have a first aid kit.

Climate and altitude changes can sometimes cause illness. Be sure to drink plenty of water. Bottled water is readily available. Excessive alcohol intake contributes to dehydration and makes you more vulnerable to illness. Make sure that you get plenty of rest and enough food and drink during the trip.

No vaccinations needed. Good sanitary conditions throughout these countries.

Insurance - For piece of mind, we recommend that you procure travel insurance. In the event of an illness or injury, an emergency evacuation can be incredibly expensive and you would want access to the best possible facility. Also, lost baggage or missed flights can mean added expenses, Even events at home may prevent you from taking a trip, such as a lost job or ailing family member. It is important to get travel insurance immediately after booking. Most companies have a brief window (within 10 days of booking) for coverage for a preexisting condition. You will be asked to provide us with travel insurance contact information before your departure.



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You are free to choose your own provider. Over the years, we have recommended TRAVELEX. They offer a variety of plans and most importantly, they are responsive. Should you choose to go with TRAVELEX, you will contact them directly and the cost of your coverage will depend on the plan you choose. The cost will be based over the total cost of your trip and flights, and the amount is also subject to your age. Ask about the TRAVEL PLUS plan and the more economical TRAVEL LITE plan. * Arrange for insurance immediately after booking your trip so that you are covered for any pre-existing situation. [TRAVELEX \(http://www.travelexinsurance.com\)](http://www.travelexinsurance.com) 1-800-228-9792

Group Composition

Djoser travelers are active, enthusiastic travelers of all ages. Join an international group with travelers from the Netherlands, Belgium and North America, who will be the minority group on these trips. Most of our trips range from a minimum of eight participants to a maximum of 20 or 22. You will find couple and singles on our trips. Feel free to call us if you wish to know the demographic make-up of a particular trips (number of singles and age range).

Minimum group size: 10

Maximum group size: 20

What to expect when traveling with an international group - Djoser, Inc. (the United States office) has been an Australia and New Zealand tour operator for over 10 years. Djoser, B.V. (the Netherlands office) has been an Australia and New Zealand tour operator for over 25 years. So together we bring vast experience. Most of our trips are arranged in cooperation with Djoser, B.V. in the Netherlands. Because they cater to the voracious travel appetites of the Dutch, we can offer a vast number of programs around the world with hard-to-find itineraries, with numerous departure dates.

On our Australia and New Zealand group tour, you will travel with an international group, with most participants from Holland and Belgium. The international make-up of our groups is the attraction for many regular Djoser travelers and adds another cultural element to the trip. Typically, there are only one to five North Americans per group. You will find that almost all of your fellow travelers have an excellent command of English and most are very willing to socialize. It's a great idea to extend an invitation to a few travel mates for coffee or a drink early in the trip. They will appreciate your effort and this is a great way to break the ice. It will be easier for them to test out their English skills in a quiet, one-on-one setting. Group members tend to warm up to one another in a day or two. As with every tour group, compatibility has most to do with individual personalities.

The Dutch are experienced and hearty travelers. We attract travelers of all ages and we enjoy the mix! You will find our participants welcome opportunities for independent explorations in addition to group activities. No matter their age, Djoser travelers expect, and are up to lots of walking, hiking, biking, or whatever comes our way. The Dutch and Belgian travelers will fly as a group from Amsterdam. You will meet the group and tour leader at the hotel where you will begin the land program with the group.



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Tour Leaders & Support Staff

In Australia and New Zealand, the journey is accompanied by an English speaking guide or driver who is responsible for the organizational aspects of the journey; he/she tells extensively about local customs and cultural backgrounds of Australia.

In Sydney, a local tour guide representative is ready to assist. He / she also provides practical information on different places and assists in the booking of the numerous possible excursions.

Our experienced land representatives are situated in the destination country you will visit. We work closely with them and they function as the liaison between our office, the guide, drivers and hotels. They are also available in the case of an emergency and their number will be provided on your emergency contact list.

Climate & Geography

Our trips are organized with weather conditions in mind. On our website, we will provide you with a weather summary of the region: Check temperature and rainfall for specific cities on your trip, during your month of travel at [worldweather.org](http://www.worldweather.org) (<http://www.worldweather.org>).

The climate in Australia features four seasons. Due to its location in the southern hemisphere, the distribution of the seasons is opposite to ours. In our summer months, it is winter in Australia. Within the country there can be large climatic differences between the north, center and south of Australia. The climate in the south that we visit during this tour has relatively cold winters with snow in the Snowy Mountains and warm, dry summers. But even within this area there are regional differences. Sydney's climate is very mild so it has a subtropical character. New Zealand is also located in the southern hemisphere, which means that the summer runs from November to March and in July it's the middle of winter. This makes it even hotter as you go north. In the cities, the temperatures are between a minimum of 32 ° F in winter and 77 ° F in summer. The chance of precipitation is greatest in July, but a hard rain is unlikely. We also go to higher elevations, where it obviously is colder. The whole year take account different types of weather. In New Zealand, the weather can change in a short time, and given the high altitude you can stand on glacier in the morning and on the beach in the afternoon.