TRAVEL WITH NO REGRETS

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6 NEW AND IMPROVED TRIPS INCLUDING RHYTHM & ALPS
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Way back in ’62 one guy had a dream: to show young travellers the world and change their lives in doing so. 55 years later and we’ve perfected the secret formula. One of the most important things we’ve learnt along the way is to do things with passion or not at all.

Most companies provide good service. But at Contiki, we go further than that, making sure that every second is one to remember, every trip is one that will change your life and alter your perception of the world. That’s what we live for and what keeps us up at night. Are you ready to become part of the story?

CHECK OUT @CONTIKI AND #CONTIKI FOR MORE OF OUR TRAVELLERS’ PICS.
SWAMPS, RAINFORESTS, WETLANDS, WOODLANDS, PLANTS, INSECTS, AND MAYBE EVEN A CROC OR TWO.

#thebigwalkabout

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*SPOILER ALERT* - PROBABLY THE BEST BEACHES YOU’LL EVER LAY EYES ON, EVER.

#beachesandreefs

GRAB A SLICE OF COUNTRY LIVING.

#sunseeker

O Overnight stops  ★ Special Stays  ● Places visited
WHERE WE TAKE YOU

2 countries, 22 unique itineraries and countless No Regrets travel experiences. Want a taste? We’ve got the crème de la crème.

NEW ZEALAND

THE ADVENTURE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD NEEDS LITTLE INTRODUCTION. #ultimatenzski

BREATHE IN, BREATHE OUT, AND RELAX, AS THE BEAUTY OF LAKE OHAU WORKS ITS MAGIC. #sweetassouth

DOSE UP ON MAORI CULTURE AND TUCK INTO FUSH ‘N’ CHUPS. #thebigtiki

THE HOME OF NZ’S LARGEST ACTIVE VOLCANO. #northernchoice
WHAT IS CONTIKI KNOW-HOW?

There’s something you can’t deny about 55 years of taking people on life-changing travels.

You can’t compete with that sort of experience, that type of skill set, that passion for adventure.

Contiki has something special – but it’s not just magic or fairy dust.

You can’t buy it online for next day delivery, you can’t cheat it, you can’t fake it, it’s not superficial, it’s the substance behind travelling with No Regrets.

And it’s something that once you’ve travelled with us, you’ll just get. Those who have, call it Contiki Know-How.
HERE IS WHAT WE KNOW

WE KNOW THE SIGHTS THAT WILL TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY AND HOW TO SKIP THE LINES

WE KNOW YOU’LL NEED A CHUNK OF FREE WIFI TO ‘GRAM THOSE AMAZING SHOTS

WE KNOW YOU’D SKIP BREAKFAST IF IT WASN’T INCLUDED EVERY SINGLE DAY

WE KNOW TIME TO YOURSELF OR TO EXPLORE WITH NEW TRAVEL MATES IS MIGHTY IMPORTANT

WE KNOW A COMFY NIGHT’S SLEEP IS THE KEY TO MAKING THE NEXT DAY COUNT

WE KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REAL CULTURAL EXPERIENCES & TOURIST TRAPS

WE KNOW OUR TEAM WILL GIVE YOU INSIDER ACCESS TO ALL THE LOCAL HANGOUTS & SECRET SPOTS

WE KNOW WHEN IT COMES TO VALUE IT’S MORE THAN JUST A PRICE & THAT NO-ONE GIVES YOU BETTER VALUE THAN US

WE KNOW HOW TO TRAVEL WITH #NOREGrets
WHY TRAVEL CONTIKI?

1. DESIGNED FOR 18-35 YEAR OLDS
   Our trips are created exclusively for like-minded 18-35 year olds. No younger, no older.

2. TRAVEL EXPERIENCES YOU WANT
   You want the bells and whistles icons but also the coolest little local hangouts? No problem, we do it all.

3. UNRIVALLED VALUE
   Unique accommodation, a world class team, comfy transport, tons of meals and inclusions on every trip. You can’t do what we do for less.

4. MORE FREEDOM
   Buckets of free time to explore independently plus epic ME Time optionals to take your experience to a whole new level.

5. TAILORED TRAVEL STYLES
   6 incredible travel styles to suit every type of traveller. Yes, even you.

6. SUPPORT & FLEXIBILITY
   The flexibility to change your mind and the knowledge that from start to finish, we’ve got your back.

7. MORE FUN, LESS HASSLE
   Enough said. We’ll take care of the detail, you focus on the memory making.

8. AUTHENTIC & LOCAL FOOD
   Locally sourced ingredients, regional meals, foodie experiences to make your tummy smile and trips that put food centre stage.

9. THE ORIGINAL & THE BEST
   As the world’s leading youth travel company we’ve been treading the globe since 1962. We don’t imitate, we just do our thing better than anyone else can.

10. SECURITY
    We are a family-run business who care deeply about the safety of our travellers, and providing incredible experiences and value. We’re financially secure and put our all into delivering excellent trips each and every time.
MORE WAYS TO SAVE

SAVE EVEN MORE

SAVE 5%
Travelled with us or one of our sister companies before? We’ll give you 5% off

SAVE A$50
Plus an extra 5% off
Your 2nd trip when you combine Australian & New Zealand trips of 7+ days

SAVE A$50
Book two trips and get A$50 off your second trip

BOOK EARLY

SAVE UP TO A$405
Pay in full by 11th April 2017 & save up to 7.5%

EVERYONE SAVES 10%
When 10 or more book (or the 11th person goes free)

EVERYONE SAVES 7.5%
When 7 or more book

EVERYONE SAVES 5%
When 4 or more book

BOOK TOGETHER

EVERYONE SAVES 10%
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EVERYONE SAVES 5%
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GOLD SEAL
Our Gold Seal Protection means that if you cancel your trip prior to 30 days before you leave Australia, we won’t charge you a cent. And if you’re ill or have to leave the trip early for personal reasons, Gold Seal will refund you A$90 for each day that you miss.
See more on p.82.

MANAGE MY BOOKING
Use Contiki’s Manage My Booking tool to make partial payments, add travel extras & view our booking breakdown. Pay off your trip over time by budgeting & paying in installments.

CHECK OUT THE LATEST DEALS & OFFERS AT CONTIKI.COM/DEALS

The facts: All these discounts apply to the land portion of your trip price only (this excludes taxes, included flight costs, extra accommodation, festival tickets & optional activities. Your trip price does not include the costs of international flights that start or end your trip). You can combine loyalty discounts (Travelling Again), group discounts (Book with Friends), multi trip discounts (2 or more) & early payment (Pay Early) discounts on trips of 7 days or longer. Pay Early savings do not apply to bookings made within 45 days of trip departure and are not combinable with Last Minute Deals. The Australia + New Zealand 5% discount applies to trips of 7 days or longer, and will be applied to the lowest priced of your two trips. This is not combinable with ‘Travelling Again’ discounts – please contact Contiki directly to apply this discount when booking your trip. Group discounts (‘Book with friends’) is available on all trips. The Pay Early savings of A$405 and A$270 are based on the Big Walkabout with sailing (start Sydney) p.32.

*Discount applied to the less expensive trip.
NEW ZEALAND TEAM

Hayley from Taupo, has been a Trip Manager with Contiki for 3 years

“I LOVE WORKING FOR CONTIKI AS I GET TO SHOWCASE ALL OF THE BEAUTIFUL SCENERY & MAORI CULTURE NEW ZEALAND HAS TO OFFER.”

From Trip Managers to Drivers and Local Guides, meet just a few of the people who make our trips tick.
“Keep eye contact during the traditional Maori war dance ‘the Haka’, you won’t want to because it’s intimidating, but you’ll get some mana (respect) for doing so and it means you accept our welcome to Aotearoa.”
@boyd_steel

“The natural beauty and ancient cultural heritage will have you working overtime on your Instagram account. Visit Nourlangie Rock to learn more about the Aboriginal Australians and to see ancient rock art.”
@aj_zammit

“For those that like their shopping and great coffee, stroll through Sydney’s ‘The Strand Arcade’ for boutique stores and don’t forget to stop at ‘Gumption’ to grab an espresso.”
@mark_heap

AUSTRALIAN TEAM

Adam from Rockhampton, has been a Trip Manager with Contiki for two years

“Working for Contiki gives me the opportunity to share the Aussie way of life with travellers from all over the globe. I enjoy encouraging people to step outside their comfort zone as this offers the opportunity to do something they never thought they would do.”

AUSTRALIAN TEAM

Mark from Sydney, has been a Trip Manager with Contiki since 2006

“I enjoy meeting people from all over the world and being able to share local authentic experiences with them. It’s a great feeling when our travellers tell you that you enhanced their trip by offering some insider knowledge or perhaps you assisted them with something. Travel makes you grow and opens your eyes to the world in multiple ways.”

@mark_heap
WAYS TO STAY

Central hotels, beachside resorts and unique Special Stays. Just some of the ways you could be catching your zzz’s in Australia and New Zealand.

Want to know the key to making every day of vay-cay count? A good night’s snooze. Or at least we think so. That’s why we’re all about crazy comfort, good locations and the occasional OMG pinch yourself moment.

VISIT CONTIKI.COM/STAYLONGER FOR OUR RECOMMENDED HOTELS BEFORE AND AFTER YOUR TRIP

Sailing experience on the crystal clear Whitsunday waters

Sudima Hotel, Rotorua

On-board breakfast, Whitsundays

Kings Hotel Special Stay, Mt Ruapehu

FREE WIFI

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SPECIAL STAYS
As for our Special Stays, this is where the magic really happens. Like the sound of a hotel with spectacular views of Mt Ruapehu, a surf village on the Aussie East Coast with a lesson thrown in for good measure, or maybe snuggling down into a cosy swag at the Kings Creek Cattle Station? We thought you might.

“One of the highlights has got to be the variety of accommodation. From hotels to hostels & even a campsite. The campsite was my favourite, just laying in the swag and staring up and seeing the stars was absolutely breathtaking.”

Oscar, 25 from Brisbane

HOTELS
Hotel-wise we’ll see you sleeping in centrally located digs with all the essential home comforts, plus we’ll mix it up with a few hostel overnights for that authentic traveller feel.
Munch wraps up everything we do with food in Australia and New Zealand. To us, your experience with food is as integral as the destination itself. In just one bite you can get a glimpse of a country’s culture, history, passion and flavour, and for us, food is always the resounding memory from our travels. So, alongside breakfast included every day, we’re dedicated to delivering Munch-worthy included meals; think cook your own steak in Sydney, fresh seafood in Noosa and a traditional Hāngi dinner and Maori show in Rotorua. But not only that, we also offer up mouth-watering ME Time Optional experiences that really get you tasting and learning about the country you’re in. Like what? Well, how about an Ohana winery experience in Childers, a delicious local meal in the heart of Wellington with local craft beers included and a gourmet buffet dinner at the Stratosphere Restaurant in Queenstown, that can only be accessed by gondola.

And when it comes to filling your free time with foodie wanderings, our Trip Managers’ little black book of foodie haunts never lets us (or you) down. These guys know their stuff, because after all, they’re showing you around their back yards, so will only ever recommend places they can personally vouch for. So what do you say? Let the food safari commence.
Our commitment to local, authentic and delicious food experiences.

TO TRAVEL IS TO EAT.
It’s an experience, a memory, a hit of culture and something that undeniably tastes better when shared with friends. Munch brings together our two greatest passions – travel and food.
Contiki Cares is our mission to protect and preserve the places we go to and the people we meet, so that the generations who follow us can see the world with the same wide-eyed wonder as we do. It’s our dedication to treading lightly, acting with respect and recognising when to speak for the planet when it can’t speak for itself.

Advising us on our journey is the TreadRight Foundation, our older, wiser sister on all things sustainable and our guiding force in seeking to make the world a better, more interconnected place. Together with TreadRight, we’re on a journey – to seek out the causes that need support and the traditions and communities that need protection in our ever changing world.

Contiki is proud to be using 100% recycled LEIPA paper for the body of our brochures. By doing so, we proudly save 41,000 trees per year. It is just part of The Travel Corporation way.
NEW ZEALAND
We support the conservation of New Zealand’s iconic native bird, the endangered kiwi. We contribute to the Rainbow Springs Kiwi Breeding Programme in Rotorua to hatch and raise kiwi chicks, as well as fund research into kiwi incubation and rearing, and sponsor a new incubation chamber.

AFRICA
TreadRight works with both WildAid and The Wilderness Foundation to support animal protection and conservation efforts.

AUSTRALIA
We’ve worked with Surfrider Australia on a number of projects and beach clean-ups in an effort to raise awareness and increase understanding about the dangers of plastic pollution and consumption.

LATIN AMERICA
Peru – Our trips visit the Cusco Centre for Textile Traditions which supports over 500 artisanal weavers and helps to keep this ancient tradition alive.
Costa Rica – We support the Sea Turtle Conservancy, an organisation set up to protect turtle breeding and monitor the behaviour of these endangered sea creatures.
ME to WE – You can now extend your stay in the Galapagos with a ME to WE 4-day volunteering excursion into the Amazon jungle. Work with ME to WE on a sustainable development project, connect with members of the Amazon community and explore the tropical rainforest.
Visit metowe.com/contiki to book.

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EUROPE
Greece – TreadRight supports the TRIA ETC to revitalise Greece’s artisan sector by promoting artisanal skills to Greece’s younger generations.
We’re also incredibly proud to support the Rainbow Trust Children’s Charity. Thanks to a combined effort from UK and Europe staff and spare change donated from our Travellers on Contiki coaches, we’ve raised £65,000 to date.

ASIA
Cambodia – Our trips visit the FRIENDS restaurant, which offers a place for disadvantaged youths to work and learn new skills.
India – Our Eternal India trip visits the Dhonk Craft Centre, a cooperative that was set up to serve a dual purpose, to employ those who would otherwise only find income from tiger poaching, and also to preserve traditional artistry.
China & Vietnam – TreadRight works with and supports WildAid to help put an end to the illegal wildlife trade by educating and reducing demand for products.

USA & CANADA
Toronto – We work with and support The Storyboot Project. Our travellers visit the centre that supports the traditional art of mukluk and moccasin making.
LA – Contiki were one of the official sponsors of WE Day, an event that celebrates the youth of today who are making a difference in both local and global communities.

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Contiki is part of The Travel Corporation family of brands. What does that mean? In short, it means that we know what we’re doing. Every year we take over 2 million travellers to 70 different countries across 30 of our award-winning travel brands. Our company isn’t run by a faceless board of executives but instead by a family who care deeply about the safety of their travellers and providing incredible experiences and value. We are financially secure, experienced beyond belief and we won’t tie you down with a strict cancellation policy in case your plans change.

Visit TTC.COM
If you’ve travelled with us before, you’re eligible for 5% off your next trip. If you decide a second Contiki isn’t for you & you’d prefer a luxury cruise down the River Seine on one of our Uniworld boats, or to stay in one of our 5-star Red Carnation Hotels, we won’t be offended (well maybe just a little). You can simply transfer your 5% discount to any of our other 30 travel brands. Same can be said for your deposit. Feel free to put your trip deposit towards a trip with one of our sister brands if your plans change or you blow the candles out on your 36th birthday cake before you got the chance to take your Contiki trip.

Visit [TTC.COM/LOYALTY](TTC.COM/LOYALTY) to learn more

Ensuring that your trip runs smoothly is a pretty big deal to us. Registering your details before your trip ensures we can get in touch with you both prior to your adventure and during it, which basically = a hassle free trip for you. Plus in the unlikely event that something happens on your trip, we’ll have all your essential details so we can get in touch with you.

Visit [CONTIKI.COM/TRIPREGISTRATION](CONTIKI.COM/TRIPREGISTRATION)

It’s a big title but damn right we’re claiming it, and for good reason. When booking with us we’re all about the no-strings-attached approach. Plans can change, as can minds, so we created Freedom Guarantee to give you ultimate flexibility. It’s made up of two parts: you can change your trip for free, or use FlexDeposit to save your paid deposit for when you’re ready to use it.

The world’s greatest change policy

**PART 1**

**CHANGE YOUR TRIP FOR FREE**

If you want to change your chosen trip or departure just drop us a line, let us know which trip or departure you’d like and if there’s space, we’ll do the rest for zero cost.

**PART 2**

**FLEXDEPOSIT**

FlexDeposit is designed to make it easier to travel at a time that works for you. The FlexDeposit guarantee is given for free once you have paid your deposit and works as credit towards your next adventure*, so if your plans change, your deposit isn’t lost – it’s simply transferred instead. FlexDeposit is available until you turn 36 (the maximum age you can travel on a Contiki). After that, it can be used with one of our sister Travel Corporation brands or, if you can’t travel yourself, it can also be gifted to someone else within five years of the original booking date.

*TTC.COM/LOYALTY to learn more

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Do you know what’s better than one South Pacific based adventure? Two of them, that’s what. After all, if you’ve been saving up the big bucks for a trip of a lifetime, it just makes sense, right? Trust us, in years to come you’ll regret not experiencing Contiki in both Australia & New Zealand, because even though you’ll tell yourself you’ll do it later, who knows what the future has in store.
So now you’re convinced, here’s our second pearl of wisdom – Contiki is the way to go for both of these adventures. Not only will you get A$50 off & an additional 5% discount if you book both trips together, but we also offer the widest range of products of any youth travel provider in this region. Plus, with us, you’ll travel in style (and comfort), and you’ve also got the pick of the bunch with our included #noregrets experiences, designed to make sure you really are making every moment count.

* The Australia + New Zealand 5% discount applies to trips of 7 days or longer, and will be applied to the lowest priced of your two trips. This is not combinable with ‘Travelling Again’ discounts – please contact Contiki directly to apply this discount when booking your trip.
Have you secretly (or maybe not so secretly) been harbouring dreams of living the beach bum lifestyle on the East Coast or exploring the magnificent Red Centre?
Who says those dreams can’t become reality? Boasting cities that fuse the cool with the chic, beaches that stretch for mile upon mile, rainforests, waterfalls, deserts, outback, forests (this country basically has every type of terrain going), and of course locals who put you at ease with just one lazy smile, there really is no place in the world quite like Australia. So go on, believe the hype, because this country is totally worth it.
WAYS TO TRAVEL

We all love our friends, but sometimes how you want to travel could be totally different from their travel plans, right? We think so too, which is why we offer 5 different ways of travelling Australia.

READ ON TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR TRAVEL STYLE

For the times when you just want to see and do EVERYTHING, it has to be Discoverer. All of the highlights, all of the best experiences, all of the bucket list ticking.

4 Discoverer trips, from 12-25 days
See p.30

Do you always promise yourself next New Year you’ll celebrate somewhere incredible? Why not keep that promise this year by seeing in NYE under the blanket of Sydney’s fireworks? And as for festivals, we have 4 words for you – Splendour in the Grass.

2 Short Trips & Festivals from 3-4 days,
See p.50
Consider yourself a 24-hour kind of traveller? If so, our High Energy trips will see you hot stepping across Australia’s sweetest spots by day, whilst never missing a beat by night.

2 High Energy trips, from 7-10 days
See p.40

Think Australia is at its most beautiful on land? Go beneath the water’s surface and prepare to have that assumption challenged. Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef on one of our sailing adventures, or learn a new skill with one of our dive packages.

3 Dive packages from 3-5 days
See p.53

Discover Australia’s multicultural past, get to know its locals, explore its world renowned foodie scene and spend longer in each destination. If you want to know what the Aussie way of life really feels like, this one’s for you.

4 In-Depth Explorer trips, from 5-11 days
See p.43
Experience life down on the farm with our outback Cattle Station Special Stay, exclusive to Contiki. Whip cracking, tractor rides and one very large bull called Sausage are just a snippet of what you’ll be getting.

Nestled in the dense rainforest of Litchfield National Park, Florence Falls is the kind of natural spectacle that needs to be seen to be believed. Pounding waterfalls plunge into picture perfect waterpools, aka the ultimate refreshing swimming experience.

Getting out of the city has never been more appealing with the Blue Mountains in your sights. Not actually blue (spoiler) but still ridiculously good looking. Unique to Contiki, this mini adventure is included in the cost of your trip.

1. Stroll through a forest of mangroves in Cairns
2. Hike around magical Kata Tjuta (aka the Olgas)
3. Enjoy sunset views of the world’s most famous Harbour Bridge
4. Swim in crystal clear Lake McKenzie, Fraser Island
There’s no better way to see Sydney than out on the water, cruising your way past the iconic Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge. Hop on board the Manly ferry after spending the day at one of the city’s coolest beaches.

1. See just how big The Outback is as you fly over it on an included flight
2. Hang 10: Included surf lesson in Coffs Harbour
3. Explore Fraser Island in a 4WD
4. Hike around beautiful Katherine Gorge

There are no regrets experiences - the ones we know you just can’t afford to miss. And the best part? They’re included as standard on your trip.

Included entry to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Sydney Harbour ferry cruise from Manly

Sunset at Uluru

Included entry to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Pictures can go some way to capturing the majestic beauty of Uluru, but nothing can beat the feeling of seeing it for real; that massive expanse of rusty red rock, changing colour as the sun sets, as you raise a glass of champagne to toast the moment.

When you think of Australia what springs to mind? Oceans, beaches, KOALAS. Mainly koalas. So go cuddle crazy at Currumbin, where entry fee proceeds go to sustaining the koala hospital.

See p.82 for our Instagram image contributors.
When you look back on your adventures, what is it that you remember? It’s the people, the feelings and the experiences, right?

That’s what ME Time is all about; giving you the freedom to do your own thing, whether that’s napping on the beach, hiking a trail or devouring a fresh seafood lunch. Want more? Good, because it doesn’t stop there. ME Time is also about our delectable suite of OMG inducing Optionals. Like what? Well how about skydiving over Surfers Paradise, 4WDing in the Outback, or walking over the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge, just to tickle your appetite.

Important:
ME Time optional activities are not included in the price of your trip. They are run by 3rd party operators and on occasions, for some of the activities, travellers may be required to sign a waiver to participate.

Before you leave, it’s important that you check your insurance includes your participation in adventure activities and be aware that some of our optionals can be physically demanding and may involve some risk.
**FREE TIME**

*six-two*’s global editor, Ginny Copestake, gives us her insider tips on how to spend a day exploring sunny Sydney.

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**Breakfast**

If there’s one thing Aussies know how to do, it’s breakfast. These guys are the original champions of the avocado, and boy do they know how to use it. Start your day with breakfast at Bills in trendy Surry Hills, where fresh juices and good coffee are the aim of the game. Order the full or fresh Aussie (depending on your love of avocado) and fuel up for the day ahead.

**Coastal Exploring**

Full from breakfast, what better way to work it off than with a leisurely 6km hike, starting at Bondi and ending at Bronte beach. This is without doubt the city’s best trodden path, so prepare to share your walk with plenty a lycra-clad Sydneysider. Incredible views, plenty of swim stops and a cold press juice from Cali Press in Bronte make it all worthwhile.

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**Ice Cream Heaven**

One place you can’t leave Sydney without visiting is Messina. Voted the best gelato in Australia by the Good Food Guide, it’s hard to put into words just how utterly incredible this ice cream really is. Its popularity means there are a whole bunch of branches all across Sydney, but the Darlinghurst branch is my personal fav (plus it’s the original one).

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The adventure of a lifetime for the traveller who wants to see it all, do it all and go home with zero regrets. See beaches, reefs, rainforests and outback as you cover every little inch of Australia, having experiences you’ll remember for years to come.

WHO TRAVELS DISCOVERER?

• Those who want to see it all and do it all, with a mix of iconic sights and unique experiences
• Those who want the perfect balance of organised sightseeing and independent adventuring
• Those who want to make the most of the time they have.

FREE WIFI ON OUR COACHES
CONTIKI.COM/DISCOVERER-AUSTRALIA

Booking today = Save A$59 a week from now to next February (that’s 48 weeks) to travel on an Australian 2018 Discoverer trip. Want to reduce that weekly amount even more? Head to contiki.com/deals for all our latest promotions and money saving shenanigans.
4 TRIPS FROM 12–25 DAYS
Spend almost a month exploring the land Down Under, combining golden beaches, rugged outback, buzzing cities and tropical rainforest. The trip of a lifetime? Oh hell yes...

WHY THIS TRIP?
DAY 1: Sydney. Meet up with your Contiki Team before we head out of the city & into the Blue Mountains to learn about this amazing landscape. hike Wentworth Falls, then it’s back to Sydney for dinner in Darling Harbour. Hotel (D).

• Trip to the Blue Mountains
• See the Three Sisters rock formation
• Visit Wentworth Falls
• Cook your own BBQ steak

DAY 2: Sydney. Today we get the best views of the Harbour Bridge & Opera House. Drive to Manly Beach for lunch & a swim. Harbour Bridge & Opera House (B).

• Sydney orientation tour including Macquarie Street, Darling Harbour & the Rocks
• Take a ferry from Manly across the famous Sydney Harbour
• Climb the Harbour Bridge

DAY 3: Sydney to Coffs Harbour. It’s out of the city & into the cool surf vibes at our Surf Village. (B.D)

• Surf Village Welcome Stay
• Stop in the seside resort town of Port Macquarie
• Pass the famous ‘Big Banana’

DAY 4: Coffs Harbour to Byron Bay. Get yourself onto the waves in our surf lesson! This afternoon we head to legendary Byron Bay. Hotel (B).

• Learn to surf’ lesson
• Visit Australia’s most easterly point & Cape Byron Lighthouse
• Get into Byron’s organic lifestyle & cool night life
• Kayak tour of Byron Bay’s marine Park & spots to watch dolphins, turtles & whales (seasonal)

DAY 5: Byron Bay to Surfers Paradise. Pass through the amazing morning surfer’s experiences to relaxing on the beach & cooling off in the ocean. Byron Bay is full of options. Soak up the vibes & feast experiences to relaxing on the beach & a Kayak tour of Byron Bay’s marine Park.

• Drive along Australia’s only Whitehaven Beach & lunch (weather dependent)

DAY 6: Surfers Paradise. Get your adrenaline pumping with an optional early morning skydive. Then, get ready for some serious kiwi cold water paddling sessions at Currumbin’s Wildlife Sanctuary. Soak up all the cuteness this place has to offer before we head back to Surfers. Resort (B).

• Nightclub entry
• Visit Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
• Relax on some of Australia’s famous beaches

DAY 7: Surfers Paradise to Noosa. Take a peek at Brisbane’s main beach as stroll along the river or hit the shops before we hit the road & head to the Noosa Resort (B).

• Stop off at the Banbor River Botanical Gardens & visit Queen Street Mall
• Check out the shops & cafes in Noosa

DAY 8: Noosa. Today we head to Fraser Island for an incredible day trip by 4WD. Stroll along Rainbow Beach, drive through the rainforests, cruise over sand dunes & dip in the freshwater Lake McKenzie. Bliss Resort (B,D).

• Visit the largest sand island in the world
• Drive Australia’s only sand highway
• Indulge in a delicious lunch
• Drive back / head to Noosa

DAY 9: Noosa to Farmstay. Head over the Great Dividing Range & into Qld country for a unique local overnight stay. you can even flex your skills at whip cracking! Along the way there is an option to visit a local winery & exct fruit orchard for a tour & tasting. (B.D)

• Cattle Station Welcome Stay
• Stop at Childers, known for its heritage & farming history
• Check out the farm & animals on a hay wagon ride & meet the station owners

DAYS 10 - 11: Farmstay to The Whitsundays. Arrive in amazing Airlie Beach & the paradise of The Whitsundays. Resort (B,D,BL)

• Cross the Tropic of Capricorn
• See Rockhampton – the beef capital of Australia
• Daily sailing trip to famous Whitehaven Beach & lunch (weather-dependent)

DAYS 10-11: Sailing Whitsundays option. Want to get on the water in true Whitsundays style? you can choose to hit the blue waters & try your hand at sailing on our private sailing adventure, cruising some of the Whitsundays. 74 islands including Whitsheetheen Beach. See it by air for more info & the price panel for costs.

Multi-share open cabin accommodation. Boat (B,D,L) Codes: ex Esxskk ex Darwin: EKXDXD

DAY 12: The Whitsundays to Cairns. Today, we head to tropical North Queensland & gateway to the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef. Hostel (B).

• Check out Townsville on a city orientation
• Pass the Hinchinbrook Island – Australia’s largest island national park

DAYS 13 - 14: Cairns. With 2 free days, experience Cairns! ‘Best from shopping & night life to adrenaline activities & exploring the reef, you’re spoilt with choices. There’s also your chance to try some kamquga. Hostel (B,D,L)

• Whitehaven rafting

DAY 15: Cairns to Alces Springs. Today we head to the Outback! Check out ‘The Alice’, famous for its Aboriginal art. Maybe hold a snake or lizard at a reptile park. Hotel (B,D).

• See the Macdonnell Ranges from Anzac Hill
• See the stunning Aboriginal site of Sunnans Gap
• See the dry Todd River which hosts the annual Henley on Todd Regatta

• Reptile park experience

DAY 16: Alces Springs to Kungs Creek Station. ‘Bush tucker’, meet members of the Walpi Aboriginal community & learn to throw a boomerang! Later, it’s on to Kings Creek Station – go local like Aussie ‘bushes’ & sleep under the stars in a comfy swing. (B,D)

• Outback Special Stay
• Hike through Kings Canyon to the ‘Lost City’. & desert oasis ‘the Garden of Eden’

DAY 17: Kings Creek Station to Uluru. Next we make tracks to Uluru. Take a walk through its neighbour Kata Tjuta (The Olgas). Lodge (B).

• Enjoy delicious bacon & eggs for breakfast
• See the 700 million year old Mt Conner & Lake Amadeus
• Hike through ‘Kata Tjuta’ (The Olgas)

DAY 18: Uluru. Catch the Uluru sunrise, take a walk around ‘The Rock’. & hear stories of the area & its Aboriginal rock art. Tonight, catch an Uluru sunset with a glass of bubbly. Lodge (B)

• Visit Uluru Cultural Centre
• See Uluru at sunrise & taste it at sunset

DAY 19: Uluru to Alice Springs. Say goodbye to Uluru: Kata Tjuta National Park as we head back to Alice Springs. Hotel (B).

• Indulge in a BBQ ‘Big Brekkie’

DAY 20: Alice Springs to Tennant Creek. Our ‘Top End’ adventure begins today – we cross the Tropic of Capricorn to Australia’s most intriguing terrain. Tennent Creek. Hotel (B.D)

• Keep your eyes peeled for crocs on a wildlife cruise
• See the Aboriginal rock art
• Visit Warakurna Aboriginal Cultural Centre

DAY 21: Tennant Creek to Katherine. Stop at the Territory’s oldest pub, then make a splash in Mataranka thermal pools. Later, it’s on to Katherine & its famous thermal pools. Later, it’s on to Katherine & its famous thermal pools

• Visit the Mataranka thermal pools
• Hear stories from ‘We of the Never Home’

DAY 22: Katherine to Kakadu National Park. Hike, walk, or take an optional boat trip to see the massive Katherine Gorge. Next up: Kakadu National Park via Edith Falls for a swim. Hotel (B,D)

• Keep Katherine Gorge
• Cool off in Edith Falls (seasonal)

IT’S YOUR CHOICE

- It’s your choice - travel from Sydney to Darwin.
- Or save up to A$150 if you travel from Darwin to Sydney (this trip will be 24 days long).
BEACHES & REEFS

WHY THIS TRIP?
Experience the best of the East Coast, with highlights including sailing, skydiving & endless nature based adventures.

WHITSUNDAYS

DON’T MISS:
1. Whitsunday Island
2. Whitehaven Beach
3. Capricorn Coast
4. Fraser Island
5. Cattle Station
6. Noosa
7. Surfers Paradise
8. Byron Bay
9. Coffs Harbour
10. Sydney

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DAY 1: Sydney. Meet up with your Contiki Team & travel buddies this morning. We’ll head out of the city & into the Blue Mountains to learn about this amazing landscape including the Three Sisters rock formation. Frame up some shots as you hike Wentworth Falls, before heading back to Sydney for dinner overlooking Darling Harbour. Hotel (D) • Day trip to the Blue Mountains • See the Three Sisters rock formation • Hike at Wentworth Falls • Cook your own BBQ steak

DAY 2: Sydney. Today we see the icons of Sydney including the best view of the Harbour Bridge & Opera House followed by a drive to Manly Beach for lunch & a swim. If you’re up for it, get a different view & head to the top of the Harbour Bridge! Hotel (B)

CATTLE STATION SPECIAL STAY • Sydney orientation tour including Mackenzies Street, Darling Harbour & The Rocks • Ferry from Manly across the famous Sydney Harbour • M Climb the Harbour Bridge

DAY 3: Sydney to Coffs Harbour. It’s out of the city & into the cool surfers vibe that Day 3 is all about for our Surf Village. (B,LD) • Surf Village Special Stay • Stop in the seaside resort town of Port Macquarie • Pass the famous ‘Big Banana’

DAY 4: Coffs Harbour to Byron Bay. Get yourself onto the waves on our surf lessons! With their tricks of the trade, our pro surfer guides will have you up on a board in no time. So grab your towel, sunscreen & Pos! Oh & hit the beach for the ultimate chill. This afternoon, we head to legendary Byron Bay. Hotel (B) • Learn to surf • Visit Australia’s most easterly point & Cape Byron lighthouse • Get into Byron’s organic lifestyle, galleries, amazing food & cool night life • Kayak tour of Byron Bay’s Marine Park

DAY 5: Byron Bay to Surfers Paradise. From morning sunrise experiences to relaxing on the beach & cooling off in the ocean, Byron Bay is full of options. Soak up the vibes and feast on the adventures this town has to offer before we make our way to our next destination, Surfers Paradise. Resort (B) • Stay at a resort located right by the beach • M Drusillas Cabaret Show

DAY 6: Surfers Paradise. Get your adrenaline pumping with an early morning skydive. Then, get ready for some serious koala cuddling sessions at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Soak up all the cuteness this place has to offer before we head back to Surfer’s Resort (B) • Nightclub entry • Visit Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary & see iconic Aussie animals • Relax on some of Australia’s famous beaches

DAY 7: Surfers Paradise to Noosa. Take a peek at Brisbane’s sights before we make our way to the chic beach town, Noosa. Resort (B) • See the Brisbane River, Royal Botanical Gardens & visit Queen Street Mall • See the stunning Glasshouse Mountains

DAY 8: Noosa. Today we head to Fraser Island for an incredible day trip by 4WD. Stroll along Rainbow Beach, drive through the rainforests, sand dunes & dip in the freshwater Lake McKenzie. Bistro Resort (B,LD) • Dine beachside in Noosa • Visit the largest sand island in the world • Drive along Australia’s only sand highway • Indulge in a delicious lunch

DAY 9: Noosa to Farmstay. Head over the Great Dividing Range & into cattle country for a truly unique local overnight at our Outback Station, where you can even flex your skills at whip cracking! Along the way there is an option to visit a local winery & exotic fruit orchard for a tour & tasting. (B,LD) • Cattle Station Special Stay • Stop at Children, known for its heritage & farming history • Check out the farm & animals on a hay wagon ride & meet the station owners • M Ghana Winery Experience

DAY 10 - 11: Farmstay to The Whitsundays. Arrive in amazing Airlie Beach & the paradise of The Whitsundays. Resort (B,LD) • Cross the Tropic of Capricorn • See Rockhampton – the beef capital of Australia • M Day sailing trip to famous Whitehaven Beach & lunch (weather dependent)

DAYS 10-11: Sailing Whitsundays option. Want to get on the water in true Whitsundays style? You can. Choose to hit the blue waters & try your hand at sailing on our private sailing adventure, cruising some of the Whitsundays’ 74 islands including Whitehaven Beach. See p.24 for more info & the price panel for costs. Multi-share open cabin accommodation. Boat (B,LD,LD) Codes: ex Sydney: BRSYWD ex Cairns: BRCWD

DAY 12: The Whitsundays to Cairns. Today, we’ll head to Tropical North Queensland known for its rainforests & as the gateway to the World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef. Hotel (B) • Check out Townsville on a city orientation • See Magnetic Island • Pass Hinchinbrook Island – Australia’s capital of Australia

DAY 13: Cairns. With a free day, experience Cairns’ best! From shopping, great nightlife & endless adrenaline activities like rafting, skydiving & exploring the reef, you’re spoilt with choices. There’s your chance to try some kitesurfing if you’re up for it. Hotel (B,LD) • M Great Barrier Reef scuba diving for beginners & certified divers

DAY 14: Cairns. Feed your inner adrenaline junkie or relax – it’s your choice with another free day to do what you’re into. Later, it’s time to swap emails & numbers as your trip ends at 5:00pm. (B)
REEF & RAINFORESTS

WHY THIS TRIP?
Flex (or discover) your surfing skills, cuddle koalas, learn the ropes of a working Aussie cattle station and more on this two-week Aussie sortie.

WHITSUNDAYS

#REEFSANDRAINFORESTS

Places visited

Nightstops

1 or more nights at Special Stays

4 World Heritage sites visited
DAY 1: Cairns to Cape Tribulation.
Meet up with your Contiki Team & hit the road! Get an insider’s look at ancient Aboriginal culture & maybe try the unusual flavours offered at the local ice creamery, before reaching lush Cape Tribulation & the Daintree Lodge.
- Aboriginal experience at Mossman Gorge

DAY 2: Cape Tribulation to Cairns.
We visit Cape Tribulation Beach & then check out the mangroves on a walk with our Local Guide. This afternoon it’s back to Cairns. Hostel (B)
- Visit Port Douglas
- Mangrove boardwalk with our expert Local Guide

DAYS 3 - 4: Cairns. With 2 free days, experience Cairns’ best! From shopping, great nightlife & endless adrenaline activities like rafting, skydiving & exploring the reef, you’re spoiled with choices. There’s also a chance to try some kangaroos if you’re up for it. Hostel (B/D)
- Snorkel or dive on an outer Great Barrier Reef cruise with lunch

DAY 5: Cairns to The Whitsundays.
Arrive in amazing Airlie Beach & the paradise of The Whitsundays. Resort (B/D)
- Check out Townsville on a city orientation pass
- Carnarvon Island – Australia’s largest island national park

DAY 6: The Whitsundays. This place is the ultimate way to relax, so take time to chill & let the good times roll. Hostel (B)
- Day sailing trip to Whitehaven Beach with lunch (weather dependent)

DAYS 5-6: Sailing Whitsundays option. Want to get on the water in true Whitsundays style? You can. Choose to hit the blue waters & try your hand at sailing on our private sailing adventure, cruising some of the Whitsundays’ 74 islands including Whitsunday Beach. See p.54 for more info & the price panel for costs. Multi-share open cabin accommodation. Boat (B/D) 

Ex-codes: ex Cairns: BWCWD
ex Sydney: BWSSW

DAY 7: The Whitsundays to Farmstay.
Say farewell to paradise, as we jet through sugar cane country to our true Aussie farmlife overnight. (B/D)
- Cattle Station Special Stay
- Cross the Tropic of Capricorn
- See Rockhampton – the beef capital of Australia
- Check out the farm & animals on a hay wagon ride
- Meet the station owners & try whip cracking!

DAY 8: Farmstay to Noosa. Today we head back to the coast but not before an option to visit a local winery & exotic fruit orchard for a tour & tastings. Later in the day we reach the beach side town of Noosa. Resort (B)
- Stop at Childers, known for its heritage & farming history
- Go & see the famous ‘Big Banana’
- Visit Australia’s most easterly point & Cape Byron lighthouse
- Learn to surf” fun

DAY 9: Noosa. Today we head to Fraser Island for an incredible day trip by 4WD. Stroll along Rainbow Beach, drive through the rainforests & sand dunes & dip in the freshwater Lake McKenzie. Bliss! Resort (B/L/D)
- Visit the largest sand island in the world
- Indulge in a delicious lunch
- Drive along Australia’s only sand highway
- Drone beachside at Noosa Surf Club

DAY 10: Noosa to Surfers Paradise.
Get into the chic vibes of Noosa, then stop & check out Brisbane before reaching the East Coast party capital. Surfers Paradise Resort (B)
- See the stunning Glasshouse Mountains
- See the Brisbane River, Royal Botanical Gardens & visit Queen Street Mall
- Stay at resort located right by the beach

DAY 11: Surfers Paradise. Get your adrenaline pumping with an optional early morning skydive. Then, get ready for some serious koala cuddling sessions at Currumbin’s Wildlife Sanctuary. Soak up all the cuteness this place has to offer before we head back to Surfer’s Resort (B)
- Visit Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- Nightclub entry
- Relax on some of Australia’s famous beaches

DAY 12: Surfers Paradise to Byron Bay. From mesmerising sunshine experiences to an awesome kayak experience, Byron Bay is full of options. Soak up the hippie vibes & feast on the adventures this town has to offer! Hostel (B)
- Get into Byron’s organic lifestyle, galleries, amazing food & cool night life
- Kayak tour of Byron Bay’s Marine Park & waves to spot dolphins, turtles & sea snakes

DAY 13: Byron Bay to Cooffs Harbour.
Get yourself onto the waves on our surf boat! With their tricks of the trade, our pro surfer guides will have you up on a board in no time. So grab your towel, sunnies & earphones & hit the beach for the ultimate chill. Hotel (B/D)
- Visit Byron Bay’s Organic lifestyle, beaches & surf spots
- Learn to surf” fun

DAY 14: Cooffs Harbour to Sydney. Say farewell to the surf action as we head to Fraser Island & check out the mangroves on a walk with our Local Guide. This afternoon it’s time to hit the country.
- Visit the Daintree, Australia’s most easterly point
- Relax & unwind in Byron Bay
- Say farewell to paradise, as we arrive in amazing Airlie Beach & the paradise of The Whitsundays. Resort (B/D)
- Get geared up for 2 days in paradise! With huge mountain ranges & rainforest stretching right into the ocean, the lush Daintree area is where the tropics meets the world famous Great Barrier Reef. This World Heritage Site is packed with ancient plants & animals & is the home of the Kuku Yalanji Aboriginal people – it’s ready to be explored & a must-do in this part of the world. Come see it with us.

YOUR TRIP

CATTLE STATION SPECIAL STAY

THE FINER DETAILS

- Prices above are based on multi-share.
- Single room supplement (trip only) add A$1565/add A$785 for second person twin-share. (Boat cabins multi-share only).
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- Pay Early & Save up to A$295
- CODE: BWCSD 2017/18
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YOUR CHOICE

- It’s your choice: travel from Sydney to Cairns. Or save up to $1100 if you travel from Cairns to Sydney.

TRY OUR RAINFOREST EXPERIENCE

ON DAYS 1 & 2
Get geared up for 2 days in paradise! With huge mountain ranges & rainforest stretching right into the ocean, the lush Daintree area is where the tropics meets the world famous Great Barrier Reef. This World Heritage Site is packed with ancient plants & animals & is the home of the Kuku Yalanji Aboriginal people – it’s ready to be explored & a must-do in this part of the world. Come see it with us.

PAY EARLY & SAVE UP TO A$295

HOW MUCH & WHEN

- Free WIFI
- Pay Early & Save up to A$295
- No regrets experiences
- Locally guided 4WD trip across Fraser Island
- Visit Kuranda Village, the capital of Australia
- Experience Cairns’ best!
- Aboriginal experience at Mossman Gorge
- Aboriginal experience at Mossman Gorge
SUNSETS & SURF

WHY THIS TRIP?
With 12 days and destinations like the Whitsundays, Noosa, Byron & Sydney included, you know it’s gonna be special…

WHITSUNDAYS
Port Lincoln
Cattle Station
Fraser Island
Noosa
Surfers Paradise
Byron Bay
Coffs Harbour
Sydney

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#SUNSETSANDSURF

Places visited
Nightstops
1 or more nights at Special Stays
3 World Heritage sites visited
YOUR TRIP

DAY 1: Sydney. Meet up with your Contiki Team & travel buddies this morning. We’ll head to the Blue Mountains & learn about this amazing landscape including the Three Sisters rock formation. Frame up some shots as you hike Wentworth Falls before heading back to Sydney for dinner overlooking Darling Harbour. Hotel (D)

• Day trip to the Blue Mountains
• See the Three Sisters rock formation
• Hike at Wentworth Falls
• Cook your own beer steak

DAY 2: Sydney. Today we hit the streets & iconic sites of Sydney, including the opportunity to see the city’s best views of the Harbour Bridge & Opera House. If you’re up for it, get a different view & head to the top of the Harbour Bridge! We’ll drive to Manly Beach for lunch & a swim. Hotel (B)

• Sydney orientation tour including Macquarie Street, Darling Harbour & The Rocks Markets
• Visit The Rocks Markets (weekends) or Paddington’s chic shopping area
• Ferry from Manly across the famous Harbour Bridge
• Climb the Harbour Bridge

DAY 3: Sydney to Coffs Harbour. It’s out of the city & into the cool surfer vibes that Oz is famous for at our Surf Village. (B,D)

★ Surf Village Special Stay
★ Stop in the seaside resort town of Port Macquarie
★ Pass the famous ‘Big Banana’

DAY 4: Coffs Harbour to Byron Bay. Get yourself onto the waves with our surf lessons! With their tricks of the trade, our pro surfer guides will have you up on your board in no time. So grab your towel, sunnies & iPod & hit the beach for the ultimate chill. This afternoon, we head to legendary Byron Bay. Hostel (B)

• Learn to surf lesson
• Visit Australia’s most easterly point & Cape Byron lighthouse
• Get into Byron’s organic lifestyle, galleries, amazing food & cool night life

DAY 5: Byron Bay to Surfers Paradise. Embrace the ultimate experience to relaxing on the beach and cooling off in the ocean. Byron Bay is full of options. Soak up the hippie vibes and feast on the adventures this town has to offer before we make our way to our next destination, Surfers Paradise. Resort (B)

• Stay at a resort located right by the beach

DAY 6: Surfers Paradise. Get your adrenaline pumping with an optional early morning skyline. Then, get ready for some serious koala cuddling sessions

WHITUNDAYS

★ Cattle Station Special Stay
★ Stop at Children, known for its heritage & farming history
★ Check out the farm & animals on a hay wagon ride
★ Meet the station owners
★ Charcoal Winery Experience

DAYS 10 - 11: Farmstay to The Whitsundays. Arrive in amazing Arlie Beach & the paradise of The Whitsundays. Resort (B,D,B)

• Cross the Tropic of Capricorn
• See Rockhampton – the beef capital of Australia
• Day sailing trip to famous Whitehaven Beach & lunch (weather dependent)

DAYS 10-11: Sailing Whitsundays option. Want to get on the water in true Whitsundays style? You can. Choose to hit the blue waters & try your hand at sailing on our private sailing adventure, cruising some of the Whitsundays’ 74 islands including Whitehaven Beach. See p.54 for more info & the price panel for costs.

Multi-share open cabin accommodation. Boat (B,D,B,D)

Codes: sydney: SQSWD
ex Whitsundays: SQCWD

DAY 12: The Whitsundays. The trip ends after breakfast, so it’s time to say farewell to your new friends. (B)
Do you consider yourself more of a 24-hour kind of traveller? Oh we hear you and we have just the solution – High Energy. As fast paced and fabulous as it sounds, these trips will see you living it up by day AND night, because who says the fun has to stop when the sun goes down?

WHO TRAVELS HIGH ENERGY?

• Those who want to live Australia 24 hours a day
• Those who want to see their budget go further
• Those who know that sometimes the best adventures happen after dark.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

NIGHTS
Unique Special Stay: 1 night Coffs Harbour Surf Village & 4 nights in hotels & resorts
1 night in a hostel

INCLUDED MEALS
6 breakfasts (B), 2 dinners (D)

INCLUSIONS
See p.82 for more info on our standard inclusions.

ME TIME OPTIONAL
• Climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge

NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES
• Visit the famous Blue Mountains
• Surf lesson or kayak in Coffs Harbour
• Visit Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

FREE WIFI
Available on all Contiki coaches

DAY 1: Sydney. Meet up with your Contiki Team & travel buddies this morning. We’ll head to the Blue Mountains & learn about the amazing landscape including the Three Sisters rock formation. Frame up some shots as you hike Wentworth Falls, before heading back to Sydney for dinner overlooking Darling Harbour. Hotel (D)
• Day trip to the Blue Mountains
• See the Three Sisters rock formation
• Hike at Wentworth Falls
• Cook your own BBQ steak

DAY 2: Sydney. Today we hit the streets & icons of Sydney, including the spot to see the city’s best views of the Harbour Bridge & Opera House. If you’re up for it, get a different view & head to the top of the Harbour Bridge! We’ll drive to Manly Beach for lunch & a swim. Hotel (B)
• Sydney orientation tour including Macquarie Street, Darling Harbour & The Rocks
• Visit The Rocks Markets (weekends) or Paddington’s chic shopping area
• Ferry from Manly across the famous Sydney Harbour
• Climb the Harbour Bridge

DAY 3: Sydney to Coffs Harbour. It’s out of the city & into the cool surfer vibes that Oz is famous for at our Surf Village. (BLD)
• Surf Village Special Stay
• Stop in the seaside resort town of Port Macquarie
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• ‘Learn to surf’ lesson
• Visit Australia’s most easterly point & Cape Byron lighthouse
• Kayak tour of the Marine Park to spot dolphins, turtles & whales (seasonal)

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DAY 6: Surfers Paradise. Get your adrenaline pumping with an optional early morning skydive. Then, get ready for some serious koala cuddling sessions at Currumbin’s Wildlife Sanctuary. Soak up all the cuteness this place has to offer before we head back to Surfer’s. Resort (B)
• Nightclub entry
• Visit Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary & see iconic Aussie animals
• Locally guided 4WD national park rainforest tour

DAY 7: Surfers Paradise. The trip ends after breakfast & it’s time to swap email addresses & say farewell to your new friends. (B)

WHY THIS TRIP?
Seven days of whirlwind East Coast adventure await you on City to Surf. Mountain ranges, koala cuddles & beachy bliss are just the beginning.

HOW MUCH & WHEN

CODE 850BD 2017/2018
Start Sydney Finish Surfers Paradise Total Cost A$ pp*

2017
Sep 24 1555 $1555
Oct 1 1555 $1555
Oct 22 1555 $1555
Nov 19 1629 $1629
Nov 26 1629 $1629
Dec 17 1629 $1629
Dec 24 1629 $1629

2018
Jan 7 1595 $1595
Jan 14 1629 $1629
Jan 21 1629 $1629

* Prices above are based on multi-share.
** Single room supplement add A$705/add A$355 for second person twin share.
▲ These departures are during Australian University holidays.
* For departure points & stay longer accommodation options see contiki.com/staylonger. For travel insurance see p.82.
#CITYTOSURF
Note: This trip is a part of a larger picture – our 16-day Reefs & Rainforests trip. When you jump aboard this trip, you’ll be joining a horde of other travellers who are already geared up in Contiki’s world famous exploration mode. Wait until you see the warm welcome you’ll receive as a new addition to the wolf pack.

7 Days Pay Early & Save up to A$120

HOTEL & MEAL COSTS

7 Days, 1 Country
7 Nights · 1 Country
City

COFFS HARBOUR

NEW SOUTH WALES

SURFERS PARADISE

QUEENSLAND

BYRON BAY
THE SUNSEEKER

WHY THIS TRIP?
Get down on the farm, enjoy the idyllic island life, smile at the crocodiles, snorkel the Whitsundays, dive the Great Barrier Reef... and we’re just getting started.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

NIGHTS
Unique Special Stay: 1 night Langmorn Outback Cattle Station, 6 nights in hotels & resorts & 2 nights hostels.

INCLUDED MEALS
9 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L), 4 dinners (D)

INCLUSIONS
See p.82 for more info on our standard inclusions.

ME TIME OPTIONS
M Tandem skylive
M Whitewater raft the mighty Tully River

NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES
• Noosa Surf Club dinner
• Locally guided 4WD trip across Fraser Island with lunch & drinks

FREE WIFI
Available on all Contiki coaches

DAY 1: Surfers Paradise. Head into the bright lights of Surfers Paradise for a great night out! Resort

DAY 2: Surfers Paradise. Get your adrenaline pumping with an optional early morning skydive. Then, get ready for some serious kola cuddling sessions at Curumbin’s Wildlife Sanctuary. Soak up all the cuteness this place has to offer before we head back to Surfer’s. Resort (B)

M Nightclub entry
M Tandem skylive

DAY 3: Surfers Paradise to Noosa. Take a peek at Brisbane before we make our way to Noosa. Resort (B)

M See the stunning Glasshouse Mountains

DAY 4: Noosa. Today we head to Fraser Island for an incredible day trip by 4WD. Stroll along Rainbow Beach, drive through the rainforests & sand dunes & dip in the freshwater Lake McKenzie. Bli Bli Resort (B.L.D)

M Indulge in a delicious lunch
M Dine beachside at Noosa Surf Club

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Along the way there is an option to visit a local winery & exotic fruit orchard for a tour & tasting. (B.L.D)

M Cattle Station Special Stay
M Check out the farm & animals on a hay wagon ride
M Ohana Winery Experience

DAY 6 - 7: Farmstay to The Whitsundays. Arrive in amazing Arlie Beach & the paradise of The Whitsundays. Resort (B.L.D)(B)

M Cross the Tropic of Capricorn
M Day sailing trip to famous Whitehaven Beach & lunch (weather dependent)

M Night out! Resort

DAY 7: Sailing Whitsundays option. Want to get on the water in true Whitsundays style? You can. Choose to hit the blue waters & try your hand at sailing on our private sailing adventure, cruising some of the Whitsundays’ 74 islands including Whitehaven Beach. See p.54 for more info & the price panel for costs. Multi-share open cabin accommodation. Boat (B.L.D)

Codes: ex Surfers: BTSWD ex Cairns: BTCWD

DAY 8: The Whitsundays to Cairns. Today, we’ll head to tropical North Queensland, known for its rainforests & Great Barrier Reef. Hostel (B)

M Check out Townsville on a city orientation
M Pass Hinchinbrook Island

DAY 9 - 10: Cairns. With 2 free days, experience Cairns’ best! From shopping & great nightlife to endless adrenaline activities, it’s also your chance to try some kangaroo if you’re up for it. Then it’s time to say farewell as your trip ends at 5.00pm. Hostel (B.L.D)(B)

M Snorkel or dive on an outer Great Barrier Reef cruise & lunch, or stay dry with coral viewing by some submersible

YOUR CHOICE
It’s your choice... travel from Surfers Paradise to Cairns. Or save up to A$40 if you travel from Cairns to Surfers Paradise.

HOW MUCH & WHEN

PAY EARLY & SAVE UP TO A$195*
At risk of stating the obvious, Australia is one very big country. So if you’re not so fussed about seeing it all and would rather spend your time kicking back and taking it slow in a few key places, here’s your answer. These trips focus on particular regions and are all about unearthing the little secrets and quirks that really make Australia extra special.

WHO TRAVELS IN-DEPTH EXPLORER?

• Those who want to get to know a particular region in detail
• Those who are all about food, history, local experiences and culture, and getting just a little bit lost
• Those who want to spend less time travelling and more time exploring.

FREE WIFI ON OUR COACHES

CONTKI.COM/IN-DEPTH-EXPLORER-AUSTRALIA

Booking today = Save A$22 a week from now to next February (that’s 48 weeks) to travel on an Australian 2018 In-Depth Explorer trip. Want to reduce that weekly amount even more? Head to contiki.com/deals for all our latest promotions and money saving shenanigans.
Snorkel stops off idyllic white sandy beaches and zipline adventures amidst lush tropical rainforests give you the perfect combination of adrenaline & relaxation in just seven days.

WHY THIS TRIP?
7 DAYS • 1 COUNTRY • FROM A$1579 PP* A$226 P/DAY*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

NIGHTS
2 nights in hotels, 3 nights in hostels & 1 night in a lodge. Sailing option: substitute 2 nights in resort with 2 nights on a boat

INCLUDED MEALS
6 breakfasts (B), 2 dinners (D), Sailing option: 6 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L), 3 dinners (D)

INCLUSIONS
Trip Manager & Driver team
Luxury coach USB points for charging
Sailing Whitsundays to Cairns
Sailing Whitehaven Beach trip
Free WiFi
Available on all Contiki coaches

ME TIME OPTIONS
汛 Sailing trip to Whitehaven Beach & lunch
汛 Cairns tandem skydive
汛 Aboriginal guided experience of Mossman Gorge
汛 Rainforest adventure on days 6 & 7
汛 Mossman Gorge
汛 Whitehaven Beach & lunch
汛 The Whitsundays from Cairns
汛 Cairns to Cape Tribulation
汛 Cape Tribulation to Cairns
汛 Cairns tandem skydive

NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES
汛 Aboriginal guided experience of Mossman Gorge
汛 Rainforest adventure on days 6 & 7
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YOUR TRIP

DAYS 1 - 2: The Whitsundays. Arrive in amazing Airlie Beach & the paradise of The Whitsundays, then meet up with your Contiki Team & new travel buddies. This place is the ultimate way to relax, so take time to chill or get into some watersports & good times. Resort (D/B) M Sailing to Whitehaven Beach

DAYS 1 - 2: Sailing Whitsundays option. Want to get on the water in true Whitsundays style? You can. Choose to hit the blue waters & try your hand at sailing on our private sailing adventure, cruising some of the Whitsundays’ 74 islands including Whitehaven Beach. See p.54 for more info & the price panel is listed Great Barrier Reef. Tonight, there’s a chance to try some kangaroo if you’re up for it. Hostel (D/B)

DAY 6: Cairns to Cape Tribulation. Get an insider’s look at ancient Aboriginal culture & maybe try the unusual flavours offered at the local ice creamery, before heading north to Cape Tribulation Lodge (B)
汛 Aboriginal experience at Mossman Gorge

DAY 7: Cape Tribulation to Cairns. We visit Cape Tribulation beach & then check out the mangroves on a walk with our Local Expert. This afternoon it’s back to Cairns where your trip ends at 5:00pm. (B)
汛 Visit Port Douglas
汛 Mangrove boardwalk with our Local Expert

RAINFOREST EXPERIENCE

ON DAYS 6 & 7
汛 Get geared up for 2 days in paradise! With huge mountain ranges & rainforest stretching right to the ocean, the kuh Darmente area is where the tropics meets the world famous Great Barrier Reef. This World Heritage Site is packed with ancient plants & animals & is the home of the Kuku Yalanji Aboriginal people – it’s ready to be explored & a must-do in this part of the world. Come see it with us.

YOUR CHOICE

It’s your choice – travel from The Whitsundays to Cairns, or from Cairns to The Whitsundays.
OUTBACK
ADVENTURE

WHY THIS TRIP?

Ready to ‘go bush’? That’s what we thought. Welcome to 11 days of lush national parks, hot air balloon rides, thermal pool swims & yep, you guessed it, general outback adventuring.

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Places visited
Nightstops
1 or more nights at Special Stays
2 World Heritage sites visited
DAY 1: Alice Springs. Meet your Contiki Team this afternoon & check out 'The Alice,' famous for its remoteness, classic Aussie locals & Aboriginal art. Maybe hold a snake orizard at our reptile park experience (if you're game). Hotel (D)
  ● Catch a look at the MacDonnell Ranges from Anzac Hill
  ● See the stunning Aboriginal site at Simpsons Gap
  ● See the dry Todd River which hosts the annual Herenly on Todd Regatta
  ● Hands on reptile park experience

DAY 2: Alice Springs to Kings Creek Station. Gear up to try some 'bush tucker,' meet members of the Walpiri Aboriginal community & learn to throw a boomerang! Later, it’s on to Kings Creek Station for our cool overnight – go local like Aussie 'bushies' & sleep under the stars in a comfy swag. (B, D)
  ● Early morning walk to see the huge MacDonnell Ranges
  ● Kings Creek Station Outback Bush Lodge
  ● Hands on reptile park experience
  ● Hands on Aboriginal art

DAY 3: Kings Creek Station to Uluru. Australia's pin-up icon is next as we make tracks to Uluru. Take a walk through its traditional Aussie ‘swag’
  ● Visit Kings Creek Station to Uluru
  ● Kings Creek Station to Uluru

DAY 4: Uluru. Don't miss the changing colours of an Uluru sunrise, then if you’re up for it, take a walk around 'The Rock' for some close up angles & hear stories of this amazing area & its Aboriginal rock art. Tonight, toast the trip & catch a legendary Uluru sunset while sipping a glass of bubbly. Lodge (B)
  ● Visit Uluru Cultural Centre
  ● See Uluru at sunrise
  ● Drink a toast to Uluru at sunset

DAY 5: Uluru to Alice Springs. Say goodbye to Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park as we head back to Alice Springs. Hotel (B)
  ● Indulge in a yummy BBQ ‘Big Brekke’
  ● Overlander Steakhouse Dinner – try kangaroo, emu, crocodile & camel

DAY 6: Alice Springs to Tennant Creek. Our 'Top End' adventure begins today – we'll cross the Tropics of Capricorn to Aussie's old mining town, Tennant Creek. Hotel (B & D)
  ● Keep your eyes peeled for UFDs at Wyndcliffe Well
  ● Visit the ‘Devils Marbles’

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

YOUR TRIP

10 NIGHTS
Unique Special Stay: 1 night Kings Creek Station Outback Bush Camp & 7 nights in hotels, 2 nights in a lodge

14 INCLUDED MEALS
10 breakfasts (B), 4 dinners (D)

INCLUSIONS
Trip Manager & Driver team
Luxury coaches with USB points for charging

ME TIME OPTIONS
M Dawn hot air balloon flight over the desert & MacDonnell Ranges in Alice Springs
M Guided helicopter flight over Uluru & Kata Tjuta

NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES
● Alice Springs Aboriginal Dreamtime ‘Bush tucker’ tour
● Swimming at Florence Falls
● Uluru sunset drinks & nibbles

IN-DEPTH EXPLORER

YOUR CHOICE

HOW MUCH & WHEN

PAY EARLY & SAVE UP TO AS160

HOW MUCH & WHEN

THE FINER DETAILS

YOUR CHOICE

It’s your choice – travel from Alice Springs to Darwin, or from Darwin to Alice Springs.

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TROPICAL WONDER

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

NIGHTS
2 nights hotel & resort, & 2 nights hostel accommodation

Sailing option: substitute 2 nights in resort with 2 nights on a boat

INCLUDED MEALS
4 dinners (D), 1 lunch (L), 4 breakfasts (B), 2 dinners (D)

INCLUSIONS
See p.82 for more info on our standard inclusions.

ME TIME OPTIONS
M Whitewater rafting in Cairns
M Bungy jump in Cairns

FREE WIFI
Available on all Contiki coaches

DAY 1: Cairns. Meet up with your Contiki Team & travel buddies, then take the option to head straight out to the Great Barrier Reef or explore Cairns.

M Bungy jump in Cairns

DAY 2: Cairns. Feed your inner adrenaline junkie or relax? It’s your choice with another free day to do what you like. Shopping, nightlife & endless adrenalin activities like bungy, rafting and skydiving. Tonight is your chance to try Kangaroo for dinner.

Hostel (B,D)

M Bungy jumping

M Whitewater rafting

DAY 3: Cairns to The Whitsundays. Arrive in amazing Airlie Beach & the paradise of The Whitsundays.

M Pass Hinchinbrook Island – Australia’s largest island national park

M Check out Townsville on a city orientation

M Day trips around the Whitsundays.

Whitewater rafting

DAY 4: The Whitsundays. This place is the ultimate way to relax, so take time to chill & get into some good times. Resort (B)

M Sailing trip to Whitehaven Beach & lunch (weather dependent)

DAY 5: The Whitsundays. The trip ends after breakfast & it’s time to say farewell to your new friends. (B)

WHAT TO KNOW

WHY THIS TRIP?
Start on time but big on adventure! You can pack in white water rafting, a catamaran cruise & plenty of after dark mischief on this five-day extravaganza.

VISIT CONTIKI.COM/DEALS

HOW MUCH & WHEN

CODE: NWCWD
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Note: This trip is part of a bigger picture – our 16-day Reefs & Rainforests trip. When you jump aboard this trip, you’ll be joining a horde of other travellers who are already geared up in Contiki’s world-famous exploration mode. Wait until you see the warm welcome you’ll receive as a new addition to the wolf pack.

WHITSUNDAYS

5 DAYS · 1 COUNTRY FROM A$1009 pp* A$202 / Day*
6 DAYS · 1 COUNTRY FROM A$1165** A$195* DAY* 

WHY THIS TRIP? 
Looking for a taste of “real” Australia? How about an emu dinner, Aboriginal art, sleep in a ‘swag’ & champagne sipping while the sun sets behind Uluru?

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

NIGHTS
1 night Kings Canyon Outback Bush Camp 
2 nights in hotels 
2 nights in a lodge

INCLUDED MEALS
5 breakfasts (B), 2 dinners (D)

INCLUSIONS
See p.82 for more info on our standard inclusions.

ME TIME OPTIONS
M Helicopter flight over Uluru & Kata Tjuta

NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES
Alice Springs Reptile Park as we head back to Alice Springs.

FREE WIFI
Available on all Contiki coaches

DAY 1: Alice Springs. Meet up with your Contiki Team & explore the Outback’s unofficial capital. ‘The Alice’, famous for its remoteness, classic Aussie locals & Aboriginal art. Maybe hold a snake or kookaburra at our reptile park experience (if you’re game). Hotel (D)

● Catch a look at the MacDonnell Ranges from Anzac Hill
● See the stunning Aboriginal site of Simpsons Gap
● See the dry Todd River which hosts the annual Henley on Todd Regatta
● Hands-on reptile park experience

DAY 2: Alice Springs to Kings Creek Station. Gear up to try some ‘bush Tucker’, meet members of the Wapin Aboriginal community & learn to throw a boomerang! Later, it’s on to Kings Creek Station for our cool overnight – go local like Aussie ‘bushies’ & sleep under the stars in a traditional Aussie ‘swag’

SOLO FEE
Quad-bike adventure

DAY 3: Kings Creek Station to Uluru. Australia’s pin-up icon is next as we make tracks to Uluru. Take a walk through its picturesque surroundings as we head back to Alice Springs. (B)

● Wake up to the smell of fresh cooked bacon & eggs, just how you like it
● See the 700 million year old Mt Conner & Lake Amadeus
● Hike through “Kata Tjuta” (The Olgas)

DAY 4: Uluru. Don’t miss the changing colours of an Uluru sunrise, then if you’re up for it, take a walk around ‘The Rock’ for some close up angles & hear stories of this amazing area & its Aboriginal rock art. Tonight, toast the trip & catch a legendary Uluru sunset while sipping a glass of bubbly. Lodge (B)

● Visit the Uluru Cultural Centre
● See Uluru at sunrise
● Drink a toast to Uluru at sunset

DAY 5: Uluru to Alice Springs. Say farewell to Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park as we head back to Alice Springs. Hotel (B)

● Indulge in a yummy BBQ ‘Big Brekkie’

DAY 6: Alice Springs. Choose to take an optional hot air balloon flight this morning, then say farewell to your new friends. (B)
When life gives you lemons, chuck those lemons in a cocktail and go party some place wonderful. Our Short Trips & Festivals are all about celebrating just how fun life can be, so whether that’s partying at Splendour in the Grass festival in Byron Bay or dancing under the Sydney NYE fireworks, come party with us.

**WHO TRAVELS SHORT TRIPS & FESTIVALS?**

- Those who want to see in the New Year some place extraordinary
- Those who want to dance till dawn at one of Australia’s best festivals
- Those who like to celebrate the special moments in life.

**FREE WIFI ON OUR COACHES**

contiki.com/short-trips-festivals-australia
DAY 1: Sydney. This afternoon check in to the hotel. Later, meet up with your Trip Manager & group and get to know your new travel buddies over a drink & dinner. Hotel (D)

DAY 2: Sydney. With sightseeing this morning you’ll get to see all that Sydney has to offer, including some of its eastern beaches, like Bondi. Tonight, get ready to ring in the New Year from a different angle, as you board a Sydney Harbour cruise. See a light show & the city’s famous fireworks explode across the sky, complete with canapés, dinner, alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks & there’s even an on-board DJ so you can dance the night away! Hotel (B)

DAY 3: Happy New Year! Today is yours to chill out. Have a late ‘recovery’ lunch then later in the afternoon you could venture to Bondi Beach to soak up some sun & get into the buzzing vibe of this sunny city. Hotel (B)

DAY 4: Sydney. Your New Year’s adventure ends after breakfast & it’s time to say farewell to your new friends. (B)
KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED ON CONTIKI.COM/SPLENDOUR FOR DETAILS ON TICKETS & TRIP INFO, & WATCH OUR VIDEO

FRIDAY 21, SATURDAY 22 & SUNDAY JULY 23, 2017

Music lovers! Join us in beautiful Byron Bay for the 17th Annual Splendour in the Grass festival – always a hot ticket and the easiest way to warm up your winter!

Don’t miss Australia’s hottest annual music and arts festival, Splendour in the Grass! With its unique atmosphere and unparalleled line-up of international and local artists, it’s an experience second to none on the Australian festival circuit. Contiki will have you sorted with accommodation and Splendour in the Grass event tickets. All you need is a festive attitude and be ready for some good times with an amazing crew.

CONTIKI.COM/SPLENDOUR
Underwater worlds don’t come much better than in the warm, colourful waters of the Great Barrier Reef, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. If you’re more of a sunbathe on deck and occasional snorkeller kind of traveller, our Sailing trips around the Whitsundays will tick all your boxes. But if you’re more about getting in and amongst it, treat yourself to a PADI learn to dive course and get eye level with the fishies.

WHO TRAVELS SAILING & DIVE?

• Those with a sense of adventure who want a true sailing experience
• Those who like to sleep to the sound of the waves
• Those who love the feel of salt on their skin and the wind in their hair
• Those looking to learn a new skill and have a great time doing it

CONTIKI.COM/SAILING-AUSTRALIA

Booking today = Save A$16 a week from now to next February (that’s 48 weeks) to travel on an Australian 2018 Dive trip. Want to reduce that weekly amount even more? Head to contiki.com/deals for all our latest promotions and money saving shenanigans.
WHITSUNDAYS
SAILING ADVENTURE

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

INCLUSIONS
- Dedicated & professional on-board crew
- Snorkelling equipment

INCLUDED MEALS
- 2 breakfasts (B)
- 1 lunch (L)
- 2 dinners (D)

NIGHTS MULTI-SHARE ACCOMMODATION
- (no single or twin-share)

SEE THE WHITSUNDAYS ON OUR OWN PRIVATE YACHT! IF YOU’RE THE ADVENTUROUS TYPE THEN THIS SAILING OPTION IS A GREAT ALTERNATIVE TO SPENDING 2 NIGHTS AT A HOTEL, WITH THE CHANCE TO SPEND 2 DAYS & NIGHTS OUT ON THE WATER.

The Whitsundays is part of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, with over 90 mostly uninhabited National Park islands, heavenly white beaches & crystal clear waters. And sailing on converted racing sailing boats is a great way to see it all. If you want to learn about sailing, the crew will teach you how to hoist the sails & grind the winches, but if you’d prefer to relax, sunbake & soak up the atmosphere – you can leave the hard work to them. Swim, snorkel, or laze your way around this tropical paradise. While these are not luxury yachts, sleeping in an open cabin like real sailors do is all part of the adventure. The highlight will definitely be a visit to Whitehaven Beach (weather dependent). The trip returns to Airlie Beach on the final morning.

Visit contiki.com/sailingwhitsundays

AVAILABLE ON THESE TRIPS
- The Big Walkabout (p.32)
- Beaches & Reefs (p.34)
- Reefs & Rainforests (p.36)
- Sunsets & Surf (p.38)
- The Sun Seeker (p.42)
- Island & Rainforest (p.44)
- Tropical Wonder (p.48)
LEARN TO DIVE

DAYS 1 - 2: Cairns. The first 2 days of the course are spent at Pro Dive Cairns training centre learning the theory & practical skills of scuba diving. Each day finishes around 5:30pm. Hostel

INCLUSIONS
Transfers from Cairns accommodation to training centre & boat
PADI 'Open Water' certificate & manual
Log book & scuba equipment
Environmental Management charge included

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
NIGHTS
2 nights in a hostel (multi-share), 2 nights on a dive boat (twin-share)

INCLUDED MEALS
2 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L), 2 dinners (D)

This 5-day course takes you to 9 of the Great Barrier Reef’s best dive sites. It features 2 days of classroom & in-pool training, then it’s on to the live aboard boat for some actual reef diving. There’s also plenty of time to snorkel, relax & just enjoy the reef experience too.

DAYS 1 - 2: Cairns. The first 2 days of the course are spent at Pro Dive Cairns training centre learning the theory & practical skills of scuba diving. Each day finishes around 5:30pm. Hostel

DAYS 3 - 4: Cairns to the dive boat. The next 3 days & 2 nights are spent living on board a premium dive vessel. You’ll have the opportunity to participate in 9 dives at a variety of the 16 exclusive dive sites on the outer Great Barrier Reef. Your first 4 dives will complete your open water certification & then as a certified diver you are able to take up to 5 more recreational dives. One of these dives is a guided night dive! These extra dives will be a highlight of your course & a truly memorable experience. Boat (L, D, B, L, D)

DAYS 5: Dive boat to Cairns. Return to Cairns in the late afternoon where there’s the option to join your new mates & crew for a farewell dinner. (B, L)

Important Info: Package is open age, unescorted & operated by a third-party. You will need to contact Pro Dive in order to arrange your transfer on Day 1 (prodivecairns.com or 07 4031 5255). Safety dictates that you can’t fly or go to an altitude of 300m or over within 24 hours of your last dive (approx. 12 noon). An Australian diving medical certificate may be needed (own expense). Prior to commencing your Learn to Dive Course you are required to complete the self-assessment Entry Level Student Dive Medical Declaration & bring with you on day 1.

CONTIKI.COM/DIVE

DIVE TO ADVENTURE

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DAYS 3 - 4: Cairns to the dive boat. The next 3 days & 2 nights are spent living on board a premium dive vessel. You’ll have the opportunity to participate in 9 dives at a variety of the 16 exclusive dive sites on the outer Great Barrier Reef. Your first 4 dives will complete your open water certification & then as a certified diver you are able to take up to 5 more recreational dives. One of these dives is a guided night dive! These extra dives will be a highlight of your course & a truly memorable experience. Boat (L, D, B, L, D)

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CONTIKI.COM/DIVE-ADVENTURE

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
NIGHTS
2 nights twin-share accommodation on boat

INCLUDED MEALS
2 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L), 2 dinners (D)

INCLUSIONS
Transfers from Cairns accommodation to boat
11 dives incl. 2 night dives (weather permitting)
Dive & snorkelling equipment
Dive insurance
Environmental Management charge included

This 3-day live aboard dive & snorkelling adventure will show you the very best of the Outer Great Barrier Reef. It’s also unmatched for value – you’ll participate in up to 11 dives over 16 exclusive dive sites.

DAY 1: Cairns to the dive boat. It’s off to the boat & out to the Great Barrier Reef to start your adventure. The sites you’ll visit have been selected for their quality of coral, marine life & great visibility. Boat (L, D)

DAY 2: Dive boat. Today you explore this World Heritage listed underwater playground, and relax & enjoy yourself diving & snorkelling. Boat (B, L, D)

DAY 3: Dive boat. There’s more diving or snorkelling in different areas of the reef today & later, return to Cairns in the late afternoon & transfer to your hotel. (B, L)

Important Info: Package is open age & operated by a third party. You must hold a minimum of an ‘open water dive’ certificate to take this trip. Call Pro Dive in order to arrange your transfer on Day 1 (prodivecairns.com or 07 4031 5255). Safety dictates that you can’t fly or go to an altitude of 300m within 24 hrs of your last dive (approx. 12 noon). A 3-day snorkelling package is also available at a cost of A$745 – see contiki.com/snorkel.

CONTIKI.COM/DIVE-ADVENTURE
After all, this is the land of Hobbits, the All Blacks, AJ Hackett, Marlborough wines, delicious traditional ‘Hāngi’ dinners and landscapes so vast and beautiful they will quite literally take your breath away. People come to New Zealand with an open mind and leave with a very full heart. We challenge you to feel any different.

If life is an adventure, then New Zealand is Utopia. This little country may be on the edge of the world, but what it lacks in size it makes up for in charm, attitude and outstanding natural beauty.
WAYS TO TRAVEL

We get it, you get it, we all know it makes sense; no two travellers are the same, so how do you make it work? More choice of course. Travelling New Zealand with us will see you picking from 4 different travel styles – whatever you want, we’ve got it.

READ ON TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR TRAVEL STYLE

Snow? New Zealand? You better believe it. Queenstown has one awesome snow scene, offering up runs and après options a-plenty. And the best bit? Ski passes and daily transfers are both included as standard.

1 Winter trip, 7 days
See p.79

Want to cover ground in NZ and get a feel for everything on offer? Then it has to be Discoverer. Tick off all your must-dos, bungee jumping and glacier hiking included, and even squeeze in a big old dose of culture.

2 Discoverer trips, from 14-19 days
See p.64
Want to get to know why New Zealanders are some of the best people on the planet? Slip into their shoes and live like a resident Kiwi on In-Depth Explorer, getting to know one particular region up close and personal.

3 In-Depth Explorer trips, from 6-10 days
See p.70

Short on time but hungry for a quick NZ hit? Our Jaffas’n’Jandals trip exploring the gorgeous Bay of Islands has your name all over it. Or, looking to spice up your NYE plans? Say hello to seeing in the New Year swaying to the beat of the Rhythm & Alps fest in Cardrona.

2 Short Trips & Festivals from 3-7 days
See p.76
Hands in the air, as you’re in for the ride of your life. Reaching speeds of 85kph, the exhilarating Shotover Jet will take you through the narrow Shotover Canyons in NZ’s adventure capital, Queenstown.

Rotorua – Best known for its distinct sulphurous smell, Rotorua is also a region of significant importance for the Maori culture. See the world famous Haka performed and tuck in to a tasty, and earthy, Hangi dinner.

1. See the beautiful Paihia by boat
2. Take in the views of Mt Cook at Lake Ohau
3. Hug an 800-year old tree at Parry Kauri Park
4. Take a look at the bubbling geothermic pools, just mind the smell

Give a little something back while in NZ with a visit to the Rainbow Springs Kiwi Breeding Programme in Rotorua. See the iconic endangered kiwi chicks as they’re raised and protected in this amazing conservation centre.
Hit the slopes of the Southern Alps with our included 4 day ski pass. So what makes skiing in Queenstown so unique? Without doubt the backdrop – lakes, rivers, lush greens, golden plains, dense forest and blue ocean as far as the eye can see.

1. See Rotorua’s geothermal mud pools
2. Stop at Moeraki for a look at massive boulders right on the beach
3. Chase waterfalls on your way up to Franz Josef Glacier
4. Take in the culture at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds

LOTR super fans listen up! We have the ultimate NZ experience for you, visit the iconic rolling hills and lush green pastures of Hobbiton and live out all of your Middle-earth fantasies.

Love a hipster craft ale? So do the Kiwis and so do we. Crowned “the pride of the south”, a visit to the Speight’s Brewery in Dunedin will see you learn about the brewing process, with plenty of tasters thrown in for good measure.

Visit the Speight Brewery, Dunedin

Visit Hobbiton Village

See p.82 for our Instagram image contributors.
Nobody can do NZ like you, not even us. That’s why every single one of our trips has built-in ME Time, to allow you to explore the Land of the Long White Cloud the way only you can. ME Time is made up of two parts; free time and our delectable suite of ME Time Optionals. So how do you spend your free time? Well that’s entirely up to you. Maybe you’ll spend an afternoon snoozing by a gorgeous glacier fed lake, or perhaps you’d prefer to hit the streets of Auckland in search of the ultimate coffee.

And for those times when you want to ramp up the adventure/food/cultural dial, we’ve got our ME Time Optionals, which get just a little bit more special in NZ. How? Well you know that comfort zone you’ve been living in? Prepare to see it officially stretched beyond belief with our choice of skydiving, canyon swinging, horse riding or 4WDing. Want things a little more sedate? How does dolphin spotting, fishing on Lake Taupo or cruising on the blissful Milford Sound take your fancy? Offered at the best prices with transport to get you there and back, our Optionals just add that extra bit of sparkle to your trip.

Important: ME Time optional activities are not included in the price of your trip. They are run by 3rd party operators and on occasions, for some of the activities, travellers may be required to sign a waiver to participate. Before you leave, it’s important that you check your insurance includes your participation in adventure activities and be aware that some of our optionals can be physically demanding and may involve some risk.
FREE TIME
Production Manager Rachel Storey gives us her insider tips on how best to explore the exquisite Bay of Islands on the North Island.

Dolphin Spotting
Offered as a ME Time Optional activity, this is an absolute must-do if you love nature, animals, hanging out on boats, or basically just want one beautiful day to remember. What do you get? Well, in a nutshell, a catamaran, stopovers on gorgeous untouched beaches where you can wander to your hearts content, lots of snorkelling ops and, oh yeah, the chance to spot wild dolphins doing their thing.

Sunset Perfection
Paiaha is one of my favourite places on the North Island. Brimming with ancient stories and fascinating Maori culture (this is, after all, where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed), the picturesque beauty of this place goes into overdrive come sunset, when the setting sun dances off the lighthouse and illuminates the surrounding water. Sitting on the beach eating fish 'n' chips, it's a real pinch yourself moment.

Visits to “Romantic Russell”
Romantic by name, romantic by nature, Russell is a ferry ride from Paiaha and is a bustling little town full of cute cafes, restaurants and art galleries. Take a perch on the waterfront at the Duke of Marlborough Hotel, order a glass of sauvignon blanc and the grilled New Zealand calamari and just watch the world go by.

Check out SIX-TWO for more of our insider tips
contiki.com/sixtwo
@rachelstorey
Want to get a feel for both islands and cover as much ground as possible? Sounds to us like you’re a text book Discoverer. These trips are all about seeing and doing as much as is physically possible in the time you’ve got, whether that’s hiking the Franz Josef Glacier or swinging by Hobbiton for a cup of tea.

WHO TRAVELS DISCOVERER?

- Those who want to see it all and do it all on both islands, with a mix of iconic sights and unique experiences
- Those who want the perfect balance of organised sightseeing and independent adventuring
- Those who want to make the most of the time they have.

FREE WIFI IN ALL HOTELS

CONTIKI.COM/DISCOVERER-NEW-ZEALAND

Booking today = Save A$58 a week from now to next February (that’s 48 weeks) to travel on a New Zealand 2018 Discoverer trip. Want to reduce that weekly amount even more? Head to contiki.com/deals for all our latest promotions and money saving shenanigans.
2 TRIPS FROM 14–19 DAYS
WHY THIS TRIP?
Inspirational & then some, this trip will see you getting to know exactly what makes NZ tick. Hike the Franz Josef Glacier, cruise Milford Sound, get all LOTR super fan in Hobbiton.

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  • See the iconic Sky Tower & harbour, made famous by the America’s Cup
  • Explore NZ’s native bush at Parry Kauri
  • See Kawakawa’s famous Hundertwasser toilets
  • Guided tour of Waitangi Treaty Grounds & entry to Waitangi Museum
  • M Tandem parasailing

DAY 2: Paihia. Paihia is the perfect place to relax. Chill out on the beach, or get into the water sports. Hotel (B)
  • Ninety Mile Beach ‘tour of off-roading & sand dune ‘surfing’

DAY 3: Paihia to Auckland. Back in Auckland, we’ll show you the city sights & hit up some of the city’s best spots to eat & party too. Hotel (B)
  • Auckland city tour

DAY 4: Auckland to Rotorua. We leave Auckland this morning & make a stop at Hobbiton, the village created for the Lord of the Rings movies. After the ‘Shire’, we head to Rotorua where later a Maori cultural experience & hangi dinner awaits you. Hotel (B,D)
  • Visit the National Kiwi Trust
  • See Taupō’s Huka Falls
  • See Rotorua’s geothermal mud pools & the lake tonight, where you can fish, eat & treat yourself to a spa or treatment.

DAY 5: Rotorua. Take advantage of the city’s awesome thermal environment & treat yourself to a spa or treatment. Hotel (B)
  • M Mount Tarawera Water-Crater Walk
  • M See Taupō’s Huka Falls
  • M Visit the National Kiwi Trust

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DAY 7: Lake Taupo to Mount Ruapehu. Known as the après-ski capital of the North Island, Ohakune is a combination of a tranquil town & stupendous landscapes. Go on a mountain bike ride to fully grasp the beauty of the scenery & in the night relax at the base of Mt. Ruapehu at a 100 year old heritage listed building - now a modern ski lodge (B,D)
  • M Contiki Special Stopover
  • M Mountain bike the Old Coach Road trail

DAY 8: Mount Ruapehu to Wellington. Check out the awesome landscapes on the way to the windy city, Wellington. This evening after an optional dinner in the heart of the city on Courtyard Place, we’ll show you the sights & nightlife around this arty city with it’s cool vibe. Hotel (B)
  • M Orientation tour of Wellington
  • M Wellington dining experience

DAY 9: Wellington. Treat yourselves to some shopping along Lambton Quay or have a (free) nose around Te Papa National Museum. Later on, you can enjoy some amazing street performances on Cuba Street. Hotel (B)
  • M Scenic drive across the Southern Alps & along the rugged West Coast to Hokitika & later on to Franz on Johannesburg (B,D)

DAY 10: Wellington to Christchurch. Hop from the North Island, via ferry, to the South Island. Travel down the stunning Kaikoura coastline, to the charmingly English city of Christchurch. Hotel (B)
  • M Christchurch City Tour
  • M Crusie Cook Strait & the scenic Marlborough & Queen Charlotte Sounds

DAY 11: Christchurch to Franz Josef Glacier. Venture through the Southern Alps & along the rugged West Coast to Hokitika & later on to Franz on Johannesburg. Lodge (B,D)
  • M Scenic drive across the Southern Alps
  • M Native greenstone demonstration & carving
  • Stop at Arthur’s Pass

DAY 12: Franz Josef Glacier. Hitting the ice in a must. From walks & hikes to heli rides, the day is yours to enjoy. Lodge (B,D)
  • M Helicopter Flight & Glacier Hike

DAY 13: Franz Josef Glacier to Queenstown. Today we head through Haast Pass & Thunder Creek Falls. Visit lakeside Wanaka & stop at Kawarau Bridge home to the world’s first commercial bungy, then on to Queenstown, the world’s adventure capital. Hotel (B)
  • M Stop at Bungy Bridge

DAY 14: Queenstown. Take a ride on the Skyline gondola, then get into the Queenstown vibe. The nightlife here is awesome & we’ll take you to our favourite nightspot. Lodge (B)
  • M Ride the iconic Shotover Jet
  • M Day trip & cruise to Milford Sound

DAY 15 16: Queenstown. From bungy jumps, canyon swingings & gondolas, there’s no shortage of things to do & the choice is all yours. Lodge (B,D)
  • M Tandem skydive
  • M Water Pack tour

DAY 17: Queenstown to Dunedin. Today we visit Arrowtown before we head off to the ‘student city’ Dunedin, where we’ll try the famous beer on a guided tour of Speight's Brewery. Hotel (B)
  • M Speight’s Brewery tour

DAY 18: Dunedin to Lake Ohau. See the world’s steepest street, then it’s on to Moeraki to see the huge beach boulders. Later, Lake Ohau will impress, with epic views of Mt. Cook & the Southern Alps. Lodge (B,D)
  • M Visit Baldwin St
  • M Visit Moeraki Boulders, Oamaru & Bannermore Dam

DAY 19: Lake Ohau to Christchurch. Maybe take a scenic glacier flight before heading back through Mackenzie Country back to Christchurch where your trip ends. (B)
  • M Stop at Lake Pukaki, Lake Tekapo & Geraldine
  • M See the famous Church of the Good Shepherd
  • M Scenic flight at Mt Cook

THE BIG TIKI
START/END QUEENSTOWN – 17 DAYS

FROM A$3255* A$192*<sup>1</sup>

PAY EARN & SAVE UP TO A$555 STUCK FOR TIME? We’ve got a shorter 17-day version of The Big Tiki that starts or ends in Queenstown.

• For 17-day price, deduct up to A$310 from price in the price box

• 17-day trip starts or ends at Tanoa Queenstown Hotel, Queenstown

• Code: NZ2AD (ex: Auckland) Start 8:00am/End Christchurch 6:00pm

• These trips will stay 2 nights in Mt Ruapehu instead of Lake Taupo

• These departures are during Australian University holidays.

THE FINER DETAILS

* Prices above are based on multi-share.
  * Single room supplement (trip-only) add A$3135 (add A$751 servicewares)
  * NZ2AD: Start Christchurch 8.00am & End Auckland 6:00pm
  * For NZ to NZ trip $50.00 extra.

ME TIME OPTIONS
  • Waitangi Grounds Guided Tour
  • Visit Hobbiton Village
  • Visit traditional Maori village for cultural performance & Hangi dinner
  • Thrilling Shotover Jet boat ride

NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES
  • Waitangi Grounds Guided Tour

FREE WiFi
Available on all Contiki coaches

ME TIME OPTIONS

• Race down a hillside on an OGO ball
• Fishing trip on Lake Taupo
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Is 16 days enough time to get a taste of ‘real’ NZ? You betcha. Leave no stone unturned & no bungy unjumped as you explore both islands.
What You Need to Know

**15 NIGHTS**
- 7 nights in hotels
- 7 nights in lodges
- 1 night in a Special Stopover

**20 INCLUDED MEALS**
- 15 breakfasts (B)
- 5 dinners (D)

**INCLUSIONS**
- An experienced & professional Tri Manager & Driver team
- Modern, air-conditioned coach with powerpoints for charging
- See p.82 for more

**ME TIME OPTIONS**
- Cruise stunning Milford Sound
- Bungy jumping, Queenstown
- Helicopter Flight & Glacier Hike
- Glacier Kayak Tour

**NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES**
- Visit Hobbiton Village from The Lord of the Rings
- Visit traditional Maori village for cultural performance & Hangi dinner

**FREE WIFI**
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**YOUR TRIP**

**DAY 1:** Auckland to Rotorua. Welcome to the Land of the Long White Cloud. We leave Auckland this morning & make a stop at Hobbiton, the village created for the Lord of the Rings movies. After the “Shire”, we head to Rotorua where later a Maori cultural experience will be a night to remember. Hotel (D)
  - Visit Hobbiton
  - Visit Maori village. Cultural performance & Hangi dinner
  - See Rotorua’s geothermal mud pools

**DAY 2:** Rotorua. Take advantage of the city’s awesome thermal environment & treat yourself to a spa or treatment. Hotel (B)
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  - See Taupo’s Huka Falls
  - See Kiwi Enclosure

**DAY 4 - 7:** Ski Mount Ruapehu option. Make the most of Mount Ruapehu’s great ski fields with an extra day to explore in between July & September. This tranquil town is a place of unparalleled & exciting experiences, such as your heritage-listed ‘home’ for the night. (B,B,D)

**DAY 8:** Wellington to Christchurch. Hop from the North Island, via ferry, to the South Island. Travel down the stunning Kakanui coastline, to the charming English city of Christchurch. Hotel (B)
  - Cruise Cook Strait & the scenic Marlborough & Queen Charlotte Sounds
  - Christchurch City Tour

**DAY 9:** Christchurch. Venture through the Southern Alps & along the rugged West Coast to Hokitika & later on to Franz Josef Lodge (B,D)
  - Scenic drive across the Southern Alps
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  - Bungy jumping

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  - Visit Baldwin St
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**DAY 16:** Lake Ohau to Christchurch. Maybe take a scenic glacier flight before heading through Mackenzie Country back to Christchurch where your trip ends. (B)
  - Stop at Lake Pukaki, Lake Tekapo & Geraldine
  - See the famous Church of the Good Shepherd
  - Scenic Flight past glaciers & Mt. Cook, NZ’s highest peak

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**KIWIANA PANORAMA**

**START/END QUEENSTOWN – 14 DAYS**

**FROM $2775**

**A$199**

**PAY EARLY & SAVE UP TO A$215**

**STUCK FOR TIME? We’ve got a shorter 14-day Kiwi Panorama trip that starts or ends in Queenstown.**

**For 14-day price, deduct up to A$310 from price in the price box**

**14-day trip starts or ends at the Hotel in Queenstown**

- Code: NZAD (ex: Auckland) Start 8.00am/End 6.00am
- Code: NZBD (ex: Queenstown) Start 11.00am/End 11.00am

**Single room supp:** A$995

**Twin room supp:** A$535

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**MILFORD SOUND**

Take a break & try something different – a day trip & boat cruise on the World Heritage-listed Milford Sound. This slice of paradise is known for its gorgeous waterfalls, wildlife like whales & dolphins & incredible scenery. See the ME Time highlight optional box on p.75 for more.

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**YOUR CHOICE**

It’s your choice – travel from Auckland to Christchurch. Or save up to A$50 if you travel from Christchurch to Auckland.
Want to concentrate more on one island and really get to know what makes it tick? That’s what In-Depth Explorer is all about. These trips spend longer in each destination and include all the free time you could want for DIY adventuring, so you can truly immerse yourself in the culture and lifestyle of a place. Plus, more free time = more time for eating and we all know the quickest route to a country’s heart is through its food.

WHO TRAVELS IN-DEPTH EXPLORER?

- Those who want to get to know a particular island in detail
- Those who are all about food, history, local experiences and culture, and getting just a little bit lost
- Those who want to spend less time travelling and more time exploring.

FREE WIFI IN ALL HOTELS

CONTIKI.COM/IN-DEPTH-EXPLORER-NEW-ZEALAND

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SUN & STEAM

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

5 NIGHTS
5 nights in hotels

7 INCLUDED MEALS
5 breakfasts (B), 2 dinners (D)

INCLUSIONS
See p.82 for more info on our standard inclusions.

ME TIME OPTIONALs
- Catamaran sailing, swimming & snorkelling with lunch
- Skyline gondola & luge rides

NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES
- Waitangi Grounds guided tour
- Visit Hobbiton Village from The Lord of the Rings
- Visit traditional Maori village for cultural performance & Hangi dinner

FREE WiFi
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- See the iconic Sky Tower & harbour, made famous by the America’s Cup
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DAY 2: Paihia. Paihia is the perfect place to relax. Chill out on the beach, or get into the water sports. Hotel (B)
- Ninety Mile Beach’ tour with off-roading & sand dune ‘surfing’

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DAY 5: Rotorua. Take advantage of the city’s awesome thermal environment & treat yourself to a spa or treatment. Hotel (B)
- Race down a hill inside an OGO ball

DAY 6: Rotorua to Auckland. Today you’ll take a transfer back to Auckland, so it’s time to swap email addresses as your trip ends on arrival. (B)

Please note: The transfer from Rotorua to Auckland is not operated by Contiki, but a third party operator.

WHY THIS TRIP?
With over 15 optional activities to choose from & a tasty banquet of No Regrets Experiences, this six-day jaunt is the perfect blend of action & relaxation.

6 DAYS · 1 COUNTRY FROM A$1199** A$200**/Dak**

IN-DEPTH EXPLORER

HOW MUCH & WHEN

CODE: NZFAD 2017/18

Start Auckland Finish Auckland Total Cost A$ pp*

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** These departures are during Australian University holidays.

Note: This trip is part of a bigger picture – our 19-day The Big Tiki.

#SUNANDSTEAM

VISIT CONTIKI.COM/DEALS

#SUNANDSTEAM

Australia & New Zealand 2017/18
WHY THIS TRIP?
With a traditional Maori Hangi happening one minute, then skyscrapers & city nightlife the next, these 10 days of North Island fun promise to be nothing short of spectacular.
10 DAYS · 1 COUNTRY · FROM A$1895 PP* A$190 P/DAY*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

8 nights in hotels
9 breakfasts (B), 3 dinners (D)
An experienced & professional Trip Manager & Driver team
Modern, air-conditioned coach with powerpoints for charging
See p.82 for more

IN DEPTH EXPLORER

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DAY 2: Waitangi Treaty Grounds Guided Tour ● Kiwiana fish ‘n’ chips dinner ● Visit traditional Maori village for cultural performance & Hangi dinner ● Visit Hobbiton

DAY 3: Paihia to Auckland. Feeling sad and sun-kissed we wave goodbye to Paihia & sayhay our way back down NZ in the direction of Auckland. Discover more of this vibrant city and with a free night head out to explore Auckland’s nightlife. Hotel (B) ● Auckland city tour

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MOUNT TARAWERA VOLCANIC CRATER WALK

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NORTHERN CHOICE

START/END WELLINGTON = 10 DAYS

START END WELLINGTON

FROM A$1745 A$1757

PAY EARLY & SAVE UP TO A$135

WANT WELLINGTON? You can choose to start or end your Northern Choice trip in Wellington & save up to A$150.

Trip starts or ends at Abel Tasman & treat yourself to a spa or treatment.

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Mountain bike ride of Old Coach Road trail

Day 8: Mount Ruapehu to Wellington. Check out the awesome landscapes en route to the windy capital, Wellington, where we’ll show you the sights around this arty city. Hotel (B) ● Drive along the Kapiti Coast ● Orientation tour of Wellington

Day 9: Wellington. Treat yourselves to some shopping along Lambton Quay or have a (free) nose around Te Papa National Museum. Later on, you can enjoy some amazing street performers on Cuba Street. Hotel (B)

Day 10: Wellington to Christchurch. Hop from the North Island via ferry, to the South Island. Travel down the stunning Kaikoura coastline, to the charming English city of Christchurch where your trip ends on arrival. (B) ● Cruise Cook Strait & the iconic Marlborough & Queen Charlotte Sounds

IN DEPTH EXPLORER

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

9 NIGHTS

INCLUDED MEALS

An experienced & professional Trip Manager & Driver team
Modern, air-conditioned coach with powerpoints for charging
See p.82 for more

ME TIME OPTIONS

● OGG ball racing
● Catamaran sailing, swimming & snorkelling with lunch
● Mt. Tarawera Volcano Crater Walk

NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES

● Waitangi Grounds Guided Tour
● Kiwiana fish ‘n’ chips dinner
● Visit traditional Maori village for cultural performance & Hangi dinner
● Visit Hobbiton

IN DEPTH EXPLORER

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Available on all Contiki coaches

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DAY 2: Waitangi Treaty Grounds Guided Tour ● Kiwiana fish ‘n’ chips dinner ● Visit traditional Maori village for cultural performance & Hangi dinner ● Visit Hobbiton

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DAY 3: Paihia to Auckland. Feeling sad and sun-kissed we wave goodbye to Paihia & sayhay our way back down NZ in the direction of Auckland. Discover more of this vibrant city and with a free night head out to explore Auckland’s nightlife. Hotel (B) ● Auckland city tour

DAY 4: Auckland to Rotorua. On route to Rotorua, we make a stop at Hobbiton, the village created for the Lord of the Rings movies. After the “Shire”, a Maori cultural experience will be a night to remember. Hotel (B,D) ● Visit Hobbiton ● Visit Maori village & cultural performance ● See Rotorua’s geothermal mud pools

DAY 5: Rotorua. Take advantage of the city’s awesome thermal environment & treat yourself to a spa or treatment. Hotel (B) ● Mount Tarawera Volcano Crater Walk ● Whitewater rafting the Kaituna River ● Explore NZ’s native bush at Parry Kauri & treat yourself to a spa or treatment.

DAY 6: Rotorua to Lake Taupo. Rotorua’s been grand! But there’s plenty more to see & do. First we stop by a kiwi enclosure to learn about & see the national bird before it’s on to Huka Falls. At Lake Taupo, you can opt for a cruise on the lake tonight, where you can fish, eat & party into the night. Hotel (B)

Day 6 - 7: Ski Mount Ruapehu option. Make the most of Mount Ruapehu’s great snow fields with an extra day to explore in between July & September. This tranquil town is a place of unparalleled & exciting experiences, such as your heritage-listed ‘home’ for the night. (B,D,D)
‘SWEET AS’ SOUTH

WHY THIS TRIP?
Yes, yes and YES is what you’ll be squealing from start to end on ‘Sweet as’ South, mainly thanks to the abundance of thrill seeking adventures on offer in Queenstown.

Places visited
Nightstops
10-day extension nightstop
Optional start/end city
Milford Sound highlight optional
DAY 1: Christchurch to Lake Ohau. Meet up with your Contiki Team then check out the views of Mackenzie Country & Lake Tekapo. On arrival, Lake Ohau will impress, its epic views of Mt. Cook & Lake Tekapo. On arrival, Lake Ohau will impress, its epic views of Mt. Cook & Lake Tekapo.

DAY 2: Lake Ohau to Dunedin. Head to Moeraki for a look at the massive lodges. M Scenic flight past lakes, glaciers & Snowdon/Mt. Cook NZ’s highest peak.

DAY 3: Dunedin to Queenstown. It’s time to hit legendary Queenstown, the world’s adventure capital. On arrival we’ll stop at Kawarau Bridge, home of Queenstown & Relaxing by the lake is a must. Lodge (R&B,D)

DAY 4: Queenstown. Take a ride on the Shotover Jet this evening, then stop at Arrowtown before the afternoon is yours to get into the Queenstown vibes. The nightlife here is awesome & we’ll take you to our favourite nightspot. Lodge (B,D)

DAYS 5 - 6: Queenstown. From bungy jumps, canyon swings, luging, gondolas & jet boat rides to the Lord of the Rings territory, there’s no shortage of things to do in this legendary town & the choice is all yours. With little shops & a stunning scenic flight past lakes, glaciers & mountains, you’re all yours. With little shops & a stunning scenic flight past lakes, glaciers & mountains, you’re all yours. With little shops & a stunning scenic flight past lakes, glaciers & mountains, you’re all yours. With little shops & a stunning scenic flight past lakes, glaciers & mountains, you’re all yours.

DAY 7: Queenstown to Franz Josef Glacier. We’ll drop into lakeside Wanaka, then keep an eye out for wildlife as we head through stunning Haast Pass before arriving in NZ’s iconic glacial spot, Franz Josef. Lodge (B,D)

DAY 8: Franz Josef Glacier. The day is yours – so hitting the ice is a must. From walks & hikes to heli rides, to just chilling in Franz, the day is yours to enjoy your way. Lodge (B,D)

DAY 9: Franz Josef Glacier to Christchurch. Today we make tracks through the Alps to Christchurch! We stop in Hokitika to learn about NZ’s native greenstone & how it’s carved, before it’s time to say goodbye & swap contact details with your travel mate as your trip ends or arrival in Christchurch. (B)

ME TIME OPTIONS
- Scenic drive through Haast Pass & see Thunder Creek Falls.
- Twin room supp: A$325
- Code: NSHCD (ex: Christchurch)

NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES
- Tour & tasting at the iconic Speight’s Brewery
- Thrilling Shotover Jet boat ride

ME TIME OPTIONS
- M Scenic helicopter flight to see Mt. Cook & Fox Glacier
- Cruise stunning Milford Sound

FREE WIFI
Available on all Contiki coaches

THE FENER DETAILS
- Prices are exclusive to this offer.
- Single room supplement (trip only) add A$479
- Twin room supp: A$325

YOUR CHOICE
You can start this trip in Christchurch or Wellington & travel it in reverse.

IN-DEPTH EXPLORER
- In-Depth Explorer

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Only planning on swinging by NZ for a few days, perhaps off the back of an Australia trip, or want to prolong your adventure just a little bit longer? Or maybe you want to celebrate the next 365 days by spending NYE someplace super special? If your head’s nodding along, let our Short Trips & Festivals work their magic on you. Spend a few days letting the beauty of the Bay of Islands wash over you, or party on down at the Rhythm & Alps fest in Cardrona and enjoy being one of the first in the world to see in the new year.

WHO TRAVELS SHORT TRIPS & FESTIVALS?

- Those who have a few extra days to spend exploring
- Those who want to celebrate NYE someplace magical
- Those who want to put the post travel blues on hold for just a little while longer.

FREE WIFI IN ALL HOTELS

CONTIKI.COM/SHORT-TRIPS-FESTIVALS-NEW-ZEALAND

Booking today = Save A$10 a week from now to next February (that’s 48 weeks) to travel on a 2018 New Zealand Short Trip. or Festival Want to reduce that weekly amount even more? Head to contiki.com/deals for all our latest promotions and money saving shenanigans.
RHYTHM & ALPS

WHY THIS TRIP?
Celebrate NYE with good music and even better new friends, then get in some New Year bucket list ticking in the adventure capital of Queenstown.

DAY 1: Queenstown. Welcome to the adventure capital of the world, & an NYE experience to remember. Today you’ll meet up with your Trip Manager & fellow clock striking 12 dancing buddies, then head out to explore Queenstown by night.

Day 2 - 3: Cardrona. En route to Cardrona, we stop in Arrowtown; a village built during the goldrush era. Tonight, we enjoy a delicious Kiwi BBQ at the iconic Cardrona Hotel & enjoy a special showcase performance from a festival artist.

DAY 4: Cardrona to Queenstown. It’s NYE, you’ve spent your day grooving to your favourite artists, & now you’re about to watch the clock strike 12 under a sky of multicoloured fireworks. Oh hello best night of the year…

DAY 5: Cardrona to Queenstown. Festival fun might be over, but what a better way to shake off your post-festival blues than a bungy, before it’s on to Queenstown and its multitude of adventure activities.

DAY 6: Queenstown. Another full free day in Queenstown & the Me Time Optional activities are endless, not to mention utterly exhilarating…

DAY 7: Queenstown. Our trip ends after breakfast – sob. Who’s up for the same time next year? We’re game if you are…

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

NIGHTS
3 nights in Lodges, 3 nights luxury camping ("glamping")

INCLUDED MEALS
6 breakfasts (B), 2 dinner (D)

INCLUSIONS
See p.82 for more info on our standard inclusions.

ME TIME OPTIONALS
M Sky Diving
M Bungy Jumping
M Canyon Swing
M Milford Sound cruise

NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES
• 2-day festival pass
• VIP Admission – Get access to VIP bar & cocktail bar located across site, VIP viewing area & access to more comfortable restroom facilities
• Special private showcase performance

FREE WIFI
Available on all Contiki coaches

HOW MUCH & WHEN

CODE: CZNY 2017/18
Start Q’town Finish Q’town Total Cost A$pp*
2017 Dec 28 Jan 3 885

* Prices above are based on maximum quad-share.
Start Queenstown 5.00pm & end Queenstown 10.00am.
▲ This departure is during Australian University holidays.
For departure points & stay longer accommodation options see contiki.com/staylonger.
For travel insurance see p.82.
# JAFFAS ‘N’ JANDALS

## 3 DAYS · 1 COUNTRY FROM A$435** A$145**/pp**

### DAY 1: Auckland to Paihia.
Welcome to the Land of the Long White Cloud. We start off crossing Auckland’s Harbour Bridge admiring the City of Sails’ harbour, before starting our journey north to Paihia where you will have a dose of Kiwi history, on a guided tour at Waitangi Treaty Grounds & Treaty Museum. Hotel (D)
- See the Waitamata Harbour, made famous by the America’s Cup
- Explore NZ’s native bush at Parry Kauri Park
- Check out Whangarei & Kawakawa’s famous Hundertwasser toilets

### DAY 2: Paihia.
Paihia is the perfect place to relax. Chill out on the beach, or get into the water sports. Hotel (B)
- Auckland city tour
- Guided ‘Ninety Mile Beach’ tour with off-roading & sand dune ‘surfing’

### DAY 3: Paihia to Auckland.
Back in Auckland, we’ll show you the city sights. Then it’s time to swap emails & say your farewells, as your trip ends at 6:00pm. (B)

### HOW MUCH & WHEN

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Note: This trip is part of a bigger picture – our 19-day The Big 19** trip. When you jump aboard this trip, you'll be joining a horde of other travelers who are already geared up in Contiki’s world famous exploration mode. Wait until you see the warm welcome you’ll receive as a new addition to the wolf pack.
Yes it really does snow in New Zealand, and yes the runs really are that good. Don’t believe us? Let us prove it to you on our Winter & Ski trip, where you’ll spend your days skiing or boarding the paths around Queenstown. By day (when you’re not taking advantage of our included 4-day ski pass), you’ll be mesmerised by the ridiculous beauty surrounding you at every turn, then by night you’ll discover why the Queenstown après ski scene is up there with the best of ‘em.

WHO TRAVELS WINTER?
• Those who want to see the beauty of NZ in the snow
• Those who want to take advantage of our 4-day included ski pass
• Those who want to party into the night, après style.

FREE WIFI IN ALL HOTELS
CONTIKI.COM/WINTER-SKI-NEW-ZEALAND

Booking today = Save A$13 a week from now to next February (that’s 48 weeks) to travel on a 2018 Winter trip. Want to reduce that weekly amount even more? Head to contiki.com/deals for all our latest promotions and money saving shenanigans.
WHERE YOU’LL BE:
There’s no place like this thriving town in the winter! Regardless of being a beginner or advanced skier, Contiki will take you on a journey designed for the adventurer within. Connect with an awesome crew and explore this trendy tourist hotspot offering a diverse array of activities. From adrenaline-packed experiences on or off the slopes to the uber-cool nightlife, surrounded by magnificent lakes and mountains – Queenstown has something for everyone. Allow us to help you maximise your 7 days in this beautiful haven both on and off the mountain… hassle free!

OUR TEAM:
The knowledge and expertise of our team is what makes the real difference, so we offer our expert Contiki Ski Rep to enhance your experience.

EXCLUSIVE INCLUSIONS:
Stay 6 nights in multi-share accommodation. To start your day on the slopes we provide a hearty breakfast and include 2 delicious dinners. Your Exclusive inclusions consist of a 4-day ski lift pass and we get you to three of Queenstown’s famous ski fields and include daily transfers up and down the mountain. Also included is all hotel tips, local taxes and service charges.

CULINARY DELIGHTS & NIGHTLIFE:
Another benefit of travelling with us is we know the local spots! We include dinner at ‘Winnies’ famous pizza pub. For your ME Time we suggest the option of dinner at Skyline Restaurant to take in some unbeatable views of Lake Wakatipu and town. For those who are keen, we’ll show you other great eats like Fergburger and some of Queenstown’s coolest bars to end off the night.

ME TIME OPTIONALS:
We’ve got a selection of adrenaline-junky activities and Queenstown must-do’s lined up for you. There is no better setting for an unforgettable bungy jumping experience – trust us! Why not go to the very place bungy jumping was invented. Go skydiving and get your adrenaline fix as you take to the sky with a stunning view below your feet.

SKI ESSENTIALS – GEAR & HIRE:
Don’t buy expensive new gear before you go – we’ll kit you out with hire gear when you arrive. Need lessons? At ski school, instructors will teach you the techniques to get you up on the slopes, or for the more experienced, teach you ways to improve your know-how.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
WHY CHOOSE US
• 4-day ski passes
• Experience all three of Queenstown’s local ski fields
• Daily transfers up & down the mountain
• Twin-share or multi-share hotel accommodation
• Loads of ME Time activities on offer
• Plenty of time to experience Queenstown’s awesome après-ski scene

ME TIME OPTIONALS
Off the mountain there’s plenty of Queenstown must-do’s – so fuel your inner adrenaline junkie:
M A thrilling jetboat ride through the gorge
M Meal at Skyline Restaurant
M Take a leap at ‘the home of bungy’
M Skywalking at The Ledge or News
M Tandem skydive over Lake Wakatipu
M Canyon swing the Shotover River
M Full day excursion into Milford Sound
M Ziptrek flying fox experience
M Chill in the Below Zero Ice bar
M Walter Peak Horse Trek

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HIT THE SLOPES IN THE ADVENTURE CAPITAL OF NEW ZEALAND. CREATE EPIC MEMORIES AMONGST THE SNOW-CAPPED MOUNTAINS BY DAY, COUPLED WITH BUSTLING APRÈS-SKI NIGHTLIFE, NZ STYLE. EXPERIENCE THIS ADRENALINE-LACED TRIP, IDEAL FOR THOSE WITH A THIRST FOR ADVENTURE ON OUR ULTIMATE NZ SKI TRIP.

HOW MUCH?
Group lesson rates (ski or board):
Coronet Peak NZ$60
Remarkables NZ$60
Cardrona NZ$62
Treble Cone NZ$63

Equipment hire (prices per day):
Standard skis, boots & poles NZ$45
Part set (skis or boots only) NZ$28
Performance skis, boots & poles NZ$54
Performance skis only NZ$48
Snowboard & boots NZ$45
Part set (snowboard or boots only) NZ$28

Clothing hire (prices per day):
Jacket & pants NZ$35
Part set (jacket & pants only) NZ$24
Gloves NZ$5
Goggles NZ$5
Helmet NZ$12

Note:
Prices above are correct at time of print & include GST. Lessons are for either 1-2 hours depending on ski field.
7 DAYS · 1 COUNTRY FROM A$1515** A$217**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

NIGHTS
6 nights multi-share lodge accommodation

INCLUDED MEALS
6 breakfasts (B), 2 dinners (D)

INCLUSIONS
See p.82 for more info on our standard inclusions.

FREE WIFI
Available in all hotels

DAY 1: Arrive Queenstown.
Welcome to legendary Queenstown! Known for its epic mountain lifestyle & cool vibes, this is the ultimate haven for those that love to ski, or those that want to learn. Tonight, meet your Ski Rep & other travellers, before getting to know the group with dinner at one of Queenstown’s most popular restaurants. (D)

DAY 2: Queenstown.
It’s time to hit the slopes! Carve up one of Queenstown’s three ski fields – the Remarkables, Coronet Peak & Cardrona are world renowned for their awesome conditions, all offering fantastic runs for beginners through to advanced skiers & riders. And over the next week you’ll try them all. Transfers & lift passes are included, too easy! (B)

DAY 3: Queenstown.
Transfers & lift passes included again today, so it’s perfect for heading up one of the mountains to improve your technique. If you’re looking for somewhere to head for dinner tonight, we love FergBurger for some seriously delicious treats! (B)

DAY 4: Queenstown.
With a free day, get a taste for the enders activities in the ‘World’s Adventure Capital’. You could try bungy jumping, skydiving or rafting & that’s just the start. Tonight, head to one of the town’s cool bars or there’s the option of dinner at Skyline Restaurant for some seriously unbeatable views. (B)

M Scenic tandem skydive
M The Ledge bungy jump

DAY 5: Queenstown.
Today it’s back up the mountain as we visit the last of the three ski fields so you can show off your skills. Transfers & lift passes included. (B)

DAY 6: Queenstown.
It’s the final ski day & we’ll give you the choice of mountain to head back to. Tonight’s our last night, so perhaps finish off the trip by heading out with the group to a few of Queenstown’s bars. (B,D)

DAY 7: End Queenstown.
Your ski adventure ends after breakfast, so it’s time to say farewell to your travel mates. (B)

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INCLUDED MEALS
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2018 Single room supplement add A$715/add A$355 twin-share.

Start Queenstown 5:00pm & end Queenstown 10:00am.
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For travel insurance see p.82.
WHAT’S INCLUDED?
• Hotel tips, local taxes and service charges
• Flights (except any internal flights indicated on the trip pages)
• Visas, personal insurance, medical fees.
• Accommodations
• Sightseeing, visits & entrance fees other than those specified on trip pages.
• Experiences and excursions
• Additional activities if they are part of the price, like transport to and from an airport.
• Accommodation rates & other selected products
• Accommodation restrictions

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED?
• Air & Ferry transfers to trip departure point.
• Personal expenditure
• Flights to and from the airport.
• Excursions & activities not specified as included
• Additional activities, such as activities outside the planned itinerary.
• Activities that are at the discretion of the trip operator, such as optional activities.
• You need to allow for these in your budget.
• Meals (except as specified in the itinerary, such as included meals).
• You can’t use it on pre & post-trip
• Past traveller discounts can be applied to trips of 7 days or longer only
• You must have returned and finished your first trip
• Conditions for further information in this regard.

DO I NEED VACCINATIONS?
Please read carefully. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter Australia & New Zealand.
You are responsible for your failure to take appropriate insurance and we recommend you purchase your insurance at or soon after booking your trip.
You also agree to indemnify us against any third-party claims, actions, damages and remedies which may be brought against us in respect of your participation in the holiday.

TRIPS WITHIN TRIPS
For the trips listed at the end of this brochure, trip itineraries are included as part of the price. As detailed within our Booking Conditions (p.83) under ‘General’, we may not be able to provide you with this information prior to departure due to the group nature of the air/flight booking process. You will be provided with this information at the time of your trip. Contiki reserves the right to refuse to accept larger suitcases on a trip. If you have any other trip documentation, equipment, you must ensure that you maintain the security of this information.

WHAT SHOULD I PACK?
Comfortable, casual clothing for day wear & ‘smart casual’ for dining & those nights out. Remember that in Autumn/Winter you will need warmer clothing as well as a raincoat/jacket.
A pair of comfortable walking shoes is essential. Some activities in New Zealand & Australia require, swimwear & a towel. For further details, please go to our Contiki.com packing list.

ME TIME: OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES WHEN DO I CHOOSE?
Options are available & paid for on your trip.
By leaving the final decisions until then you can choose at the same time as your new friends.
You’ll get great value as we get you great rates & our Trip Manager can offer personal advice.

HOW MUCH MONEY DO I NEED?
You should be able to use debit & credit cards for most things. You’ll need to allow enough money to cover lunches, some dinners, souvenirs, shopping, drinks, optional activities, entrance fees and any other travel entertainment.
It is advisable to start your trip with some cash in your destination’s local currencies such as $NZD.

WHAT ARE THE TRIP DATES?
Pre- & Post-trip days are 30 days before and 30 days after the trip. Pre-trip days are bookable for free by Travel Agents confirmation of your booking, as shown in the Contiki trip details. On Your Holiday –

GOLD SEAL PROTECTION
Contiki has been running trips for young people since 1962 & is a member of the Australian Federation of Travel Agents (AFTA). The members include all the major tour operators who are financially bonded for your security & who maintain the highest standards. With the guarantees of these organisations, you know you’re in safe hands. See Contiki.com for more information.

TRIP REGISTRATION
Ready, set, go! You’re booked & it’s nearly time to go. Don’t miss out! It’s important you provide us with all your details before you travel. Check out www.contiki.com tripregistration to login into your booking.

IMPORTANCE OF INCOME PROTECTION
Security is a major concern to all of us and the situation globally is constantly changing. Events over the past few years have put into question some of our money insurers and itinerary or even trip changes. If this happens, alternatives will be arranged where possible.

DO I NEED ME TIME OPTIONS?
For the trips that allow it, you can choose when you start your trip and how long they travel for. For the trips that do not allow it, you can choose when you start your trip and how long they travel for.

SECONDARY CAUTIONS
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1. YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

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2. PRICE GUARANTEE

2.1 If after your booking has been confirmed, you wish to change to an alternate departure date of any available trip, you may do so subject to an alternate deposit amount of $250 per person. This is subject to availability.

3. CANCELLATION POLICY

3.1 Should change or cancellation prove necessary we will give you a full refund of any monies paid to us less a cancellation fee which will equal loss of deposit. If the reason for cancellation is as a result of failing to obtain necessary visas. Any costs whatsoever relating to your failure to take your holiday will be borne by you.

4. COMPULSORY INSURANCE

4.1 Contiki recommends that you take out comprehensive insurance for cancellation, personal injury or illness, medical evacuation, travel assistance, baggage, delays, accident & damage to property. You will be advised of the policies available to you.

5. OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Contiki is under no obligation to refund any monies, hold such monies for you until the booking is confirmed at time of booking or to pay interest on such monies.

6. HOLIDAY DETAILS & CONDITIONS

6.1 All Contiki programmes are valid from September 2017 - 2018. The Contiki holiday price includes all listed inclusions as advertised in this brochure (such as meals, sightseeing trips & transportation). However multiple trips can be booked using multiple FlexDeposits. If the reason for cancellation is as a result of failing to obtain necessary visas. Any costs whatsoever relating to your failure to take your holiday will be borne by you.

7. WEATHER CONDITIONS

7.1 Under no circumstances will we be held responsible for snow or weather conditions, nor can any holiday be cancelled or amended by us as a result of snow or weather conditions.