

Australia & New Zealand

January 22 - February 15, 2018

**Registration Opens
Monday, January 16, 2017**

- * Walk-in registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
- * Telephone registration begins at 9:00 a.m.



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Discover a region of true natural and cultural diversity on our Australia & New Zealand Tour. Few travelers get to visit the South Pacific as affordably and comprehensively as you can on this trip. From Australia's Great Barrier Reef to New Zealand's alpine South Island, you'll find great opportunities for learning and discovery on this popular vacation. And you'll do it up close, as your resident program director introduces you to Aussie cattle experts and New Zealand's native Maori. You'll meet engaging people who give this part of the world its deserved reputation for friendliness and good cheer.

This 25-Day Trip Includes:

- 21 nights lodging in handpicked hotels.
- Round-trip air from Detroit to Melbourne and from Auckland to Detroit.
- Four internal flights within Australia/New Zealand.
- Ground transportation from SVSU to the Detroit airport.
- Breakfast daily, six lunches and 10 dinners.
- Guided sightseeing and entrance fees as outlined in the brochure.
- Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers.
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage, including tips.
- Resident program director.
- Pre-trip dinner at SVSU.



Pre-Trip Dinner

We will offer a pre-trip dinner about two weeks prior to departure which will feature traditional Australian cuisine. You will receive your travel documents and we will go over trip logistics.

Trip Providers

This educational travel experience is offered by the SVSU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in conjunction with Grand Circle Travel, a global enterprise which is comprised of a family of companies which offers a variety of travel options. It is committed to changing people's lives by offering high-impact experiences to their travelers. It was established in 1985. Grand Circle Travel was the travel provider for our Ireland trip and two European river cruises.

About Our Lodging

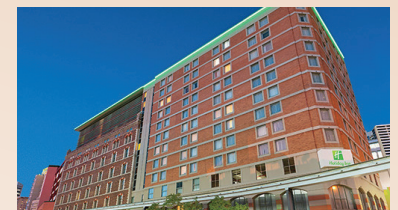
We will stay in first class and superior first class accommodations that have been handpicked to ensure quality and comfort. The hotels that our provider uses for the majority of their tours include:

Australia Hotels:

- Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne, Melbourne (2 nights)
- Lasseters Hotel Casino, Alice Springs (2 nights)
- Desert Gardens Hotel, Ayers Rock (1 night)
- Doubletree by Hilton Cairns, Cairns (4 nights)
- Primus Hotel, Sydney (4 nights)

New Zealand Hotels:

- Rydges Lakeland Resort, Queenstown (4 nights)
- Distinction Rotorua Hotel, Rotorua (2 nights)
- Rydges Auckland Hotel, Auckland (2 nights)





Trip Itinerary

Note: Due to the length of the trip itinerary we have shortened the daily descriptions. For a more detailed itinerary visit the Grand Circle website: www.gct.com. Click on land tours, South Pacific, and then Australia & New Zealand 2017. Our OLLI trip includes the main trip and the pre-trip extension. We have also included two of the optional tours as part of our package. (Desert Park on Day 6 and Tjapukai, Skyrail & Kuranda Village on Day 12). You will also find informational videos on the site.

■ Day 1 & 2: Monday & Tuesday, January 22 - 23

Depart SVSU via motorcoach for your journey. You will lose a day as you cross the International Date Line and gain it back upon your return home. Multiple meals will be served on the plane.

■ Day 3: Wednesday, January 24 (Melbourne)

After arriving in Melbourne today, you'll attend an orientation briefing on your upcoming stay. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. D

■ Day 4: Thursday, January 25 (Melbourne)

This morning, enjoy a city tour featuring the Old Customs House and Town Hall, passing by Parliament House and St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the Shrine of Remembrance, which commemorates citizens of Victoria who served in WWI. B

■ Day 5: Friday, January 26 (Alice Springs)

Fly to Alice Springs and visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, which delivers emergency service and health care throughout the country. Then tour the Old Telegraph Station and visit the School of the Air, which uses modern communication methods to reach students in isolated parts of Australia. B

■ Day 6: Saturday, January 27 (Alice Springs)

This morning we'll travel to the foothills of the dramatic MacDonnell Ranges and Alice Springs Desert Park. Here, in three unique habitats, you'll experience the essence of Australia's beautiful and mysterious desert landscapes. Desert Park is home to more than 400 animals and 400 species of plants, including many rare and endangered species. B

■ Day 7: Sunday, January 28 (Ayers Rock)

Ride by coach to Ayers Rock for an overnight stay, stopping for lunch along the way. See for yourself why Australia's Aboriginal people revere Ayers Rock as you admire its mystical beauty at sunset, when its red-orange color is most vivid. Cap off this memorable experience with an included Champagne toast. B/L

■ Day 8: Monday, January 29 (Ayers Rock)

Enjoy a final morning tour around the base of Ayers Rock and a visit to the Cultural Center. This afternoon, fly to Cairns. B

■ Day 9: January 30 (Cairns)

You'll arrive in Cairns in the late afternoon and settle into your hotel where you'll stay for the next four nights. B

■ Day 10: January 31 (Cairns)

This morning delve into the diverse flora and fauna of Australia during a special behind-the-scenes tour of a crocodile and wildlife park. This evening experience life at Wetherby Station, a true Aussie cattle station or ranch, including dinner. B/D

■ **Day 11: February 1 (Cairns)**

This morning you'll board a catamaran, with a choice between an included excursion to Green Island or an optional tour to the Outer Great Barrier Reef. If you choose the included excursion, you get off at Green Island, where you can snorkel, board a glass-bottomed boat, or observe from an underwater platform. After a buffet lunch, enjoy a guided walk on this unique island followed by free time. B/L

■ **Day 12: February 2 (Cairns)**

Today we travel to Caravonica Lakes to visit the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Center. The Center presents and preserves Aboriginal culture and includes a model of a traditional Aboriginal camp on its grounds. You'll tour the park, attend a cultural performance, and even try your hand at boomerang throwing. Then board the Skyrail and climb above the lush rain forest canopy for a visit to Kuranda village, renowned for its arts and crafts markets. In the afternoon you'll enjoy a discussion about Aborigines today, and in the evening visit the Cairns branch of the Returned Services Leagues, and enjoy dinner with members of the group. B/D

■ **Day 13: February 3 (Sydney)**

This morning, you'll fly to Sydney, arriving in the late afternoon. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant. B/D

■ **Day 14: February 4 (Sydney)**

This morning, begin your exploration of Sydney with an included city tour. You'll enjoy discovering the Opera House, Sydney's signature landmark, and conclude with a presentation about Australia's famed opals. Then spend the afternoon at leisure making your own discoveries. This evening, perhaps you'll explore Sydney by Night, including the Sydney Aquarium, or an optional dinner tour. B/L

■ **Day 15: February 5 (Sydney)**

This morning set off with your program director on a walking tour of the Rocks, Sydney's first European settlement and most historic district. After your tour, you'll enjoy a cruise of Sydney Harbor, for a unique look at Sydney from the sea. Dinner is included at a local restaurant. B/D

■ **Day 16: February 6 (Sydney)**

Enjoy an additional day at leisure in Sydney and a chance to get to know Australia's largest and oldest city better. Ask your program director for some ideas! B

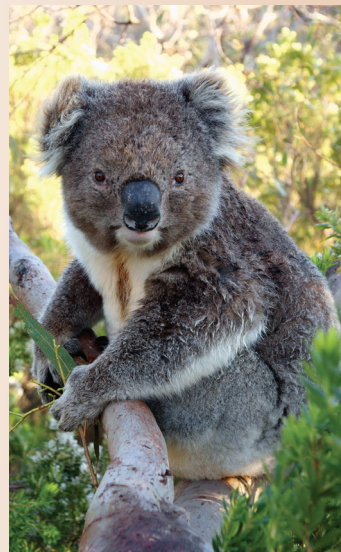
■ **Day 17: February 7 (Queenstown, NZ)**

After breakfast this morning, depart for the airport, and then fly to Queenstown, New Zealand. Upon arrival, you'll transfer to your hotel and enjoy an orientation walk before your afternoon at leisure. This evening, join fellow travelers for an included dinner at a local restaurant. B/D

■ **Day 18: February 8 (Queenstown, NZ)**

This morning perhaps you'll join the optional jet-boat ride on the Kawarau River. Later in the morning, you'll board the historic steamer TSS Earnslaw for an included tour, and travel across Lake Wakatipu for a visit to the Walter Peak Sheep Station. Dinner tonight is included at the hotel. B/D





■ **Day 19: February 9 (Queenstown, NZ)**

Today enjoy a cruise on the Milford Sound. You'll behold spectacular scenery as you travel the sound and up-close views as you cruise along this dramatic fjord. B/L

■ **Day 20: February 10 (Queenstown, NZ)**

During a guided walking tour of charming Arrowtown, you'll stroll the main street which has been faithfully reconstructed with wooden buildings that evoke a bygone era. The town today contains some of the best shops in the country, selling popular products like jewelry, gold nuggets, jade, and woolen goods. After an included lunch in town, you'll visit a local winery to sample some of New Zealand's famous wines. Return to your hotel late this afternoon for an evening at leisure before an included dinner at a local restaurant. B/L/D

■ **Day 21: February 11 (Rotorua, NZ)**

After breakfast, fly to Rotorua on New Zealand's North Island. Upon arrival, you'll check into your hotel. This evening perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to Te Puia Cultural Center, featuring a visit to New Zealand's National carving and weaving schools, a tour of natural geysers and thermal pools, and a traditional dinner with Maori storytelling and entertainment. B

■ **Day 22: February 12 (Rotorua, NZ)**

This morning you will explore the city of Rotorua with your program director. Begin with a visit to the village of Ohine-mutu, where you can admire a hand-carved meetinghouse built on a marae, an ancient Maori ceremonial site. Later, learn more about local history and culture with a visit to the Rotorua Museum. This evening, enjoy a home-hosted dinner with a local family who can tell you about Rotorua's rich culture. B/D

■ **Day 23: February 13 (Auckland, NZ)**

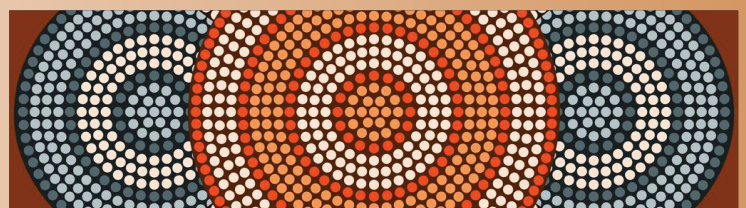
This morning, visit a local school which is supported in part by the Grand Circle Foundation (when in session), then continue your exploration of New Zealand's North Island as you transfer by motorcoach to Auckland. En route, enjoy an included lunch. B/L

■ **Day 24: February 14 (Auckland, NZ)**

This morning enjoy a hands-on sailing experience during a cruise of Auckland Harbor, followed by a city tour. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy before you rejoin the group for a farewell dinner. B/D

■ **Day 25: February 15**

You'll transfer early this morning to the Auckland airport for your flight home to the U.S. After a connecting flight in Sydney or Brisbane, you'll fly east, gaining a day as you travel. The motorcoach will be waiting in Detroit to transfer you to SVSU.



General Information

Pacing and Physical Requirements

You should be able to walk 1 - 2 miles unassisted and participate in 4-5 hours of physical activities daily, including stairs. Balance and agility are required to board watercraft. Also, the flights to/from Australia will be grueling with air travel time around 24 hours each way and likely with two connections. The program director reserves the right to modify participation or send travelers home if their limitations impact the group's experience.

Weather Projection

Daytime temperatures should range between 60 - 88 degrees during January and February.

Information and Reservations

Call the SVSU-OLLI at (989) 964-4475 for further information or to make your deposit. Our office is open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Other Important Information

In addition to a passport, you will need a visa to visit Australia. Grand Circle will send you information on how and when to apply. Upon registration, you will receive a link to Grand Circle's 72-page planning guide for this trip.

Optional Excursions

You will receive additional details about the four optional excursions within a few months of travel. We have already included in our package two excursions which are usually optional and at an added cost.

Cancellation Fees

All cancellations must be made in writing to the OLLI office. If we can fill your space with someone from a waiting list prior to April 1, 2017 you will receive a full refund less a \$20 processing fee. After April 1, Grand Circle's cancellation policies will prevail. We highly recommend trip insurance!

Trip Insurance

You may elect to purchase Grand Circle's Travel Protection Plan. The cost is \$799 per person. Details about the insurance will be mailed to you upon registration. Or, you may purchase insurance on your own. The decision regarding insurance will need to be made when final trip dates and pricing occur, likely in April. At that time, insurance will have to be purchased within 14 days to cover pre-existing conditions.

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Registration

1. Name _____
(as it appears on your passport)

Date of Birth _____ Citizenship _____

Passport # _____ Expiration Date _____

2. Name _____
(as it appears on your passport)

Date of Birth _____ Citizenship _____

Passport # _____ Expiration Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

Roommate's Name/Phone Number _____

Trip Costs: (until 1/31/2017)

\$7,850* OLLI Members (double) *plus optional insurance*

\$7,900** Non members (double) *plus optional insurance*

Single Supplement: FREE, however single accommodations are limited. If our allotted single rooms are full, we will try to match you with a roommate.

Deposit & Payment Schedule:

\$350 will hold your spot. Final balance is due 90 days prior to departure.

* The pricing and dates for 2018 departures are not yet available so the price listed above is 2017 pricing. If you make your deposit by 1/31/17 you will be guaranteed that the 2018 price will be no more than \$200 more than the 2017 price. It is anticipated that 2018 prices and dates will be announced in April. At that time, you can elect to stay on the trip or cancel with no penalty. Our January 22 departure date is an estimate and the actual departure date may vary by a few days.

* Good Buy Plan: If you pay your balance prior to your final payment due date (90 days prior to your departure) you will receive a discount. To receive the full 10% discount you must pay within two weeks after the dates and final pricing is released. The payment must be made through your checking account, not a credit card.

* If you have traveled with Grand Circle in the past two years you will receive a discount. If the trip was within the last year you will receive 5% off the trip cost, and a 3% discount if your last trip was within two years.

** Non-members receive a 2016-2017 membership, expiring 8/31/2017

Payment Method

Check (payable to SVSU) Amount Enclosed _____

Credit Card: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Card Number _____

Cardholder's Name _____ Expiration Date _____