



INSTANT EXPERT

a travel professional's guide to
Australia, New Zealand & the South Pacific

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A&K introduces the natural beauty and welcoming cultures of Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. With over 20 years experience, A&K's office in Australia ensures a seamless journey throughout the region. Whether exploring the Great Barrier Reef, visiting a remote cattle station, sampling New Zealand's adventure pursuits and accommodation, relaxing on a beach in Tahiti or enjoying the latest in fine dining, A&K's knowledgeable team will inspire your client. Our Insider Access opportunities embrace the need felt by today's discerning travellers to connect in a meaningful way with global destinations and cultures. A&K is committed to providing exclusive and up-close experiential travel in unmatched comfort and style. When travelling with A&K, each itinerary is designed exclusively for the individual and their travel companion. Our focus is on creating private and group journeys to accommodate individual interests and needs. To travel with A&K is to experience the unbelievable, to have the feeling of being in the right place at the right time, every single time. We go to the ends of the earth to create journeys that change lives.

Geoffrey Kent
Founder and Executive Chairman

Abercrombie & Kent is proud to provide a true point of difference in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Security and reassurance

Our 24 hour contact line enables client's immediate correspondence at any time. Our public liability insurance covers over \$1,000,000 indemnities.

Experienced staff and guides

A&K's detailed knowledge of the countries we operate in guarantees our itineraries are distinctive and authentic.

Insider Access

A&K's ability to satisfy your client's demand to delve into the culture of the country they are visiting by providing unique behind-the-scenes experiences.

Long standing local relationships

A&K can provide priority check-in, preferential treatment, more frequent room upgrades, flexibility on checkout times and up-to-date local advice.



About New Zealand

A kaleidoscope of rolling hills, jagged mountain peaks, roaring rivers, steaming volcanoes, sweeping coastlines, glaciers and lush green rainforests, New Zealand possesses astounding diversity. On the one hand, it is an ideal hideaway inspiring rejuvenation amidst natural springs, on the other, it beckons adventure as home to a multitude of thrill-seeking activities. Add to this a rich Maori heritage, a thriving arts culture and delectable cuisine - the result is one fabulous destination.

Best time to travel

New Zealand is enjoyable year-round depending on your activity. The north is subtropical and the south temperate. The traditional time to travel is September to April during the warmer summer months. From December to February, The Bay of Islands and Auckland are a water lover's paradise, with wonderful beaches, swimming, diving, fishing, sailing, and windsurfing. The central and southern regions of Wellington, Christchurch and Queenstown are cool during the winter creating scenic snow-capped peaks and an excellent ski season in the mountains.

Capital City: Wellington

Currency: New Zealand Dollar

Visa: Valid visa required

Highlights

- Venture to **Abel Tasman National Park**, renowned for its sculptured granite cliffs and world-famous coastal track.
- World Heritage Listed **Milford Sound** winds through awesome mountains and canyons. Explore its hidden coves and wildlife.
- See the geothermal attractions and Maori culture of **Rotorua**.
- Spectacular alpine scenery, award winning vineyards and world class lodges in **Queenstown**.
- **Christchurch** is a quintessentially English city with gracious homes, manicured gardens, venerable oaks, elms and limes. Enjoy a punt on the River Avon.
- Turquoise oceans, sandy beaches, superb boating, abundant fishing and magnificent scenery characterise the near 150 islands that make up the **Bay of Islands**.

Kiwi Encounter and the National Kiwi Trust: behind the scenes A&K exclusive.



Kiwi Encounter at Rainbow Springs offers an amazing "behind the scenes" tour acquainting you with New Zealand's exclusive kiwi bird. Begin with a brief introduction in the incubation and hatchery room before continuing to the kitchen where the artificial diet for the young kiwi is prepared. Visit the nursery room filled with "brooders" - breeding units where the kiwi chicks stay until they reach approximately 400gms in body size. Next is the indoor nocturnal area where kiwi enclosures are completely open with no partitions between the birds and visitors.





About the South Pacific

Papua New Guinea

It is easy to understand why Papua New Guinea is considered one of the most diverse nations in the South Pacific. It's untamed with a wonderful variety of complex cultures and awe-inspiring landscapes. The Tari Basin is home to the Huli Clans, one of the most culturally intact indigenous groups in PNG. Visit both the Blackwater Lakes area and the Middle Sepik onboard a cruise vessel. River banks are dotted with traditional villages, each with its own spirit house.

Best time to travel

Colourful Papua New Guinea enjoys a hot and tropical climate at sea level, cooling towards the highlands which also cause climatic variation from one area to another. The majority of the rain falls between December and March during the northwest monsoons, although Port Moresby enjoys a dry season at this time. There is frost and occasional snow falls on the highest mountain peaks. The North-West of the country experiences monsoon seasons from December to March. The South-East is affected by monsoons from May to October.

Papua New Guinea Capital City:
Port Moresby

Currency: Kina

Visa: Valid visa required

Highlights

- Visit a local village in **Mt Hagen** and witness a fascinating cultural performance.
- Stay in wilderness lodges in the **highland regions**.
- Enjoy a harbour cruise and snorkelling at **Madang**.
- The dense forests of **Ambua** boast many species of exotic Bird of Paradise. Most display striking colours and vivid plumage which distinguish them as some of the world's most dramatic and attractive birds.
- The **Karawari region** is home to rich and varied flora and avifauna. Travel the jungle-fringed waterways of the Karawari River and its tributaries.

Fiji

Fiji is a tropical paradise – a land of lagoons, coral reefs, rainforests and over 1,000 miles of white sandy beaches. The larger volcanic islands feature rugged terrain whilst the smaller islands of coral, limestone and sand cays encompass pockets of tropical vegetation. The Mamanuca and Yasawa islands arc north from the body of Viti Levu – their reefs and cobalt blue waters providing a winning island hopping escape.

Best time to travel: April to October

Tahiti

The largest of 118 islands comprising French Polynesia, Tahiti is both cultural and cosmopolitan. The island is very much centralised around Papeete, the pint sized capital with excellent cultural and outdoor offerings. Tahiti is characterised by waterfall-laden, shadowy mountains, unpretentiously beautiful black-sand beaches and a distinctly Polynesian buzz that make Tahiti a gem in its own right. If staying in the white-sand bliss of Bora Bora, overwater bungalows are a must.

Best time to travel: June to October

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About Australia

A country of startling diversity with the arid outback of Central Australia, the rainforests and coral reefs of the tropical north, the pristine wilderness of Tasmania, bountiful vineyards, marine delights and rugged coastlines in the west and the fertile eastern seaboard. This vast nation possesses 36,735 kms (22,812 miles) of coastline, more than 3,000 national reserves and 18 World Heritage sites. It's a combination of natural wonders, fabulous food and wine, culture, history, vibrant cities and laidback locals.

Best time to travel

Australia has wide-ranging climatic patterns and huge temperature variations from north to south. Year-round, there's a destination that is ideal to visit. The northerly regions of Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia experience a tropical, hot, humid 'green' season from December to March. While snow only ever falls on high peaks in the southern states and never in cities, conditions can be crisp in the south from June to August. September and October are mild in Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia yet cool enough to visit Uluru and the wildflowers of Western Australia are in bloom.

Capital City: Canberra

Currency: Australian Dollar

Visa: Valid visa required

Highlights

- The **Great Barrier Reef** is the world's most extensive coral reef system.
- The lush tropics of the Heritage Listed **Daintree Rainforest**.
- Australia's '**Red Centre**' is home to the world's largest monolith, Uluru (Ayers Rock) and the 36 mysterious domes of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas).
- **Sydney** - Visit the iconic Opera House and Harbour Bridge as well as cruise the world's most picturesque harbour.
- **Kangaroo Island** - known as the Galapagos of Australia.
- Drive Victoria's famed **Great Ocean Road** and see the iconic Twelve Apostles.
- Travel to the spectacular **Kimberley Region** aboard True North, the only adventure-cruise with a helicopter.

Lizard Island Research Station: behind the scenes A&K exclusive.



A visit to world renowned Lizard Island can include an exclusive behind the scenes tour of the A&K Philanthropy supported Lizard Island Research Station led by either Dr Anne Hoggett or Dr Lyle Vail, directors of the Lizard Island Research Station, the only field station operated by the Australian Museum.

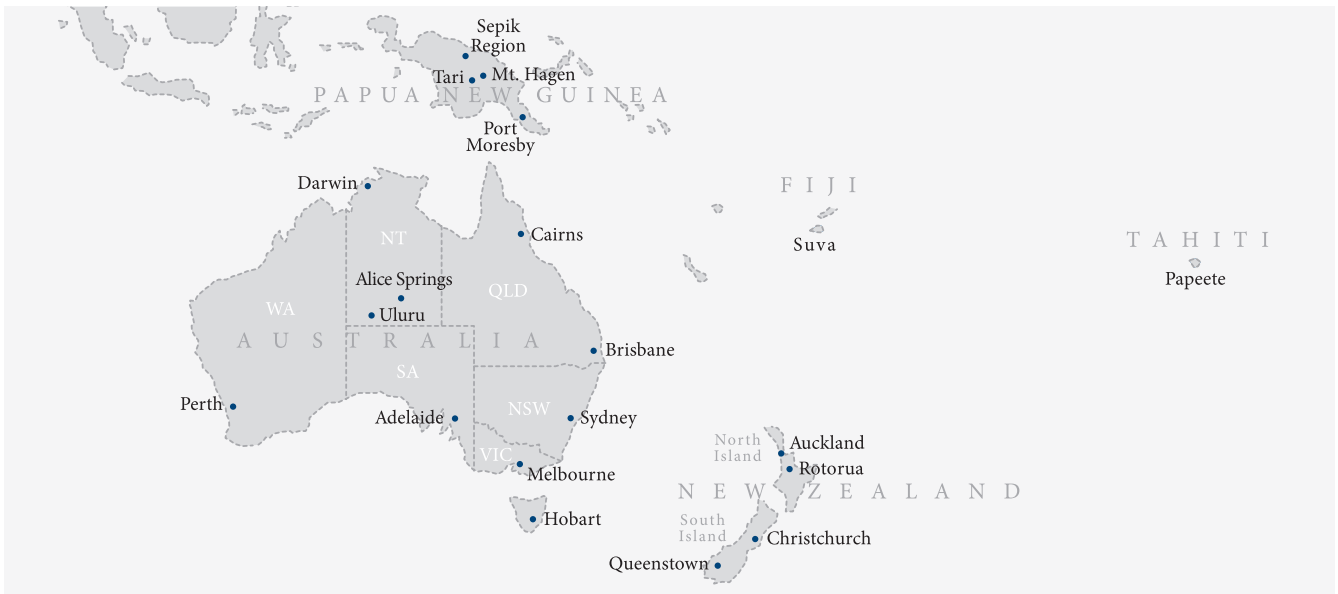
Watch Australian and international marine scientists at work and have a first hand look at a range of marine research projects, many of which utilise the state of the art seawater aquarium system enabling controlled experiments with living reef organisms.



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Recommended Itineraries



Classic Australia

DAY	ITINERARY
1	MELBOURNE
2	MELBOURNE
3	KANGAROO ISLAND
4	KANGAROO ISLAND
5	BAROSSA VALLEY
6	ULURU
7	ULURU
8	PALM COVE
9	LIZARD ISLAND
10	LIZARD ISLAND
11	LIZARD ISLAND
12	SYDNEY
13	BLUE MOUNTAINS
14	RETURN HOME



Classic New Zealand

DAY	ITINERARY
1	AUCKLAND
2	BAY OF ISLANDS
3	BAY OF ISLANDS
4	ROTORUA
5	ROTORUA
6	CHRISTCHURCH
7	CHRISTCHURCH
8	QUEENSTOWN
9	QUEENSTOWN
10	QUEENSTOWN
11	RETURN HOME



Rugged Papua New Guinea

DAY	ITINERARY
1	PORT MORESBY
2	MT HAGEN
3	MT HAGEN
4	KARAWARI
5	KARAWARI
6	AMBUA
7	AMBUA
8	MADANG
9	MADANG
10	PORT MORESBY
11	RETURN HOME

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