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21. FLY HOME - (CHRISTCHURCH)

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$14,339
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PER PERSON PRICING INCLUDES ALL:
AUSTRALIA TRAVEL VISA, ATTRACTIONS & CORRESPONDING GRATUITIES, ACCOMMODATIONS, FULLY GUIDED SERVICE, MEALS & CORRESPONDING GRATUITIES, TAXES, BAGGAGE HANDLING & CORRESPONDING GRATUITIES, AIRPORT MEET AND GREET, FULLY GUIDED SERVICE AND A SPECIAL ALUMNI KEEPSAKE.

FLIGHTS:
INTER-ISLAND AIRFARE AS PART OF THE ITINERARY IS INCLUDED. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AIRFARE IS NOT INCLUDED.

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS:
CHECK DISCOUNT:
$300 PER PERSON WHEN TOUR PAYMENT IS MADE BY CHECK. $500 PER PERSON DEPOSITS MAY STILL BE MADE BY CREDIT CARD.
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Australia/New Zealand Traveler & John Hall’s Alaska Alumni Member

“For many people, traveling to Australia & New Zealand is the trip of a lifetime, and an item on many bucket lists. People will compare the itineraries of many travel companies, because if you’re going to travel that far—you want to feel as though you will have a truly thorough ‘Down Under’ experience and hit all the high points. As a seasoned traveler, I’ve compared countless travel itineraries, from many companies. None have been as encompassing as this upcoming Alumni itinerary.

You’ll enjoy iconic metropolitan destinations, the quintessential “Outback” experience, time enjoying one of the most beautiful natural wonders of the world--The Great Barrier Reef, before capping it all off in the gorgeous emerald land of New Zealand!

Be prepared to see the beauty and exotic wildlife that Mother Nature has so generously given to that area of the world. Savor their delicious regional cuisines. Take in world class sight-seeing, as well as treat yourself to some of the very special and unique souvenirs that only Australia and New Zealand can offer. You will find that Americans are welcomed with open arms and big smiles in this part of the world. A trip you will remember forever awaits you!”

GROUP SIZE: MAX 42
The tour requires the ABILITY TO WALK A MILE & BOARD SMALL BOATS.

FLIGHT INFORMATION
THIS TOUR BEGINS IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA AND ENDS IN CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND. UPON COMPLETION OF THE TOUR, YOU MAY RETURN HOME ON FLIGHTS AT ANY TIME OF DAY.

59 MEALS INCLUDED
BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER, EVERYDAY OF YOUR TOUR!
ARRIVE SYDNEY
Welcome to Australia! Upon arrival at Sydney International Airport, you will be greeted and transferred to the ParkRoyal Darling Harbour hotel in Sydney, located right on the harbour under the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge. Sydney, Australia’s largest city, stretches from the shores of the Pacific Ocean to the foot of the Blue Mountains. Your day is free to wander around at leisure, or just relax and acclimatise after your flight. Tonight the group will head to King Street Wharf to join Captain Cook Cruises for a stunning Captain’s Club Dinner Cruise onboard the MV Sydney 2000. Dine and dance before retiring for the evening.

2
SYDNEY CITY SIGHTS & SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE
This morning you embark on a city tour taking in the historical Rocks area, where the First Fleet landed in 1788 to establish Australia’s first European settlement. Visit highlights including China Town, cosmopolitan Kings Cross and world famous Bondi Beach. Next, enjoy a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, the youngest building ever to be world heritage listed. Following the tour will be a tasting plate at the Opera Kitchen. The final stop on our tour is Mrs. Macquarie’s Chair on the harbour foreshore. The chair was carved out of the sandstone by convicts for Governor Lachlan Macquarie’s wife in order for her to watch the activity on the harbour and await the arrival of ships from England. Tonight indulge in a three-course dinner at 360 Degrees Restaurant & Bar atop of Sydney Tower. The views will be spectacular.

3
FEATHERDALE WILDLIFE PARK, BLUE MOUNTAINS SCENIC RAILWAY, FLYWAY & SKYWAY
Today discover the beauty of the Blue Mountains by first visiting Featherdale Wildlife Park, home to a great variety of wildlife including kangaroos, koalas, wallabies, Australian reptiles, Tasmanian devils, wombats and various species of Australian birds. Next, the coach will climb into Blue Mountains National Park where you will enjoy lunch. This afternoon take the scenic Cliff Drive to Echo Point and the Three Sisters at Katoomba – a great stop for a photo opportunity! Near here is Scenic World where you will take a ride on the Scenic Railway, the world’s steepest incline railway. Next is a short walk on a rainforest boardwalk to connect with the Flyway platform. The Scenic Flyway is the steepest aerial cable car in Australia. It will take you on a 545 metre ride up through the World Heritage Listed rainforest of the Jamison Valley. Our final adventure at Scenic World is to join the Scenic Skyway to take the journey 270m above ancient ravines and dazzling waterfalls. This ride boasts a world first, state of the art Electro-Scenic Glass Floor. At the flip of a switch breath taking views are revealed through the cabin floor directly below. The 360 degree birds eye view takes in the Three Sisters, Katoomba Falls, Mount Solitary and the never ending expanse of the Jamison Valley. Return to Sydney for dinner in the hotel restaurant.
ARRIVE MELBOURNE
Fly to Melbourne this morning. Upon arrival join a city tour visiting Federation Square which buzzes with a daily program of events, cafes and bold galleries, the National Gallery of Victoria with an impressive collection of European, Asian and American art; the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG); the Old Melbourne Gaol and the Exhibition Centre. Stop at the Eureka Skydeck 88 - with awe inspiring views from the highest viewing platform in the Southern Hemisphere. Before checking into the Stamford Palza Hotel, you will have lunch. This evening, join Melbourne’s famous Colonial Tramcar Restaurant enjoying dinner as you travel through the streets of the city. This glossy, burgundy restaurant on wheels is the first travelling tramcar restaurant in the world and serves the finest cuisine and the best of Australian wines. B L D

GREAT OCEAN ROAD
Today is dedicated to exploring one of Australia’s most spectacular coastal drives, the Great Ocean Road. Built to honour the servicemen and women of World War One, the road extends more than 300 kilometres along some of the best coastal scenery this country has to offer. We travel through the coastal town of Anglesea to Lorne, which was the first place to be declared an area of Special Significance and Natural Beauty by the Victorian Government. Continue onto Apollo Bay where we leave the coast and wind our way through the slopes of the Otway Ranges and the Otway National Park. The spectacular Otway Fly is a tree top walk, the longest and highest canopy walk of its kind in the world. There is a 300-metre flat walk from the carpark to the Visitors Centre so wear some comfortable shoes. After the walk, enjoy lunch. This afternoon we continue along the full length of the Port Campbell National Park and stop to see the famous Twelve Apostles, towering limestone stacks with wild waves crashing at their bases. Dine in our hotel this evening. B L D

QUEEN VICTORIA MARKETS AND PHILLIP ISLAND
Mid morning, head to the famous Queen Victoria Market – shop ‘til you drop at this celebrated market – see buskers, find souvenirs and marvel at the fresh produce. After lunch, share the grandeur and charm of a steam train journey through the scenic vista of the Dandenong Ranges! Select from a Three Course Menu in the First Class dining carriage. After your train ride, journey to Phillip Island to view spectacular rocky outcrops known as the Nobbies and Seal Rocks. Enjoy dinner before the famous Phillip Island Penguin Parade. Every day at dusk the little penguins come ashore after fishing for whitebait for their young. To see them come out of the surf in small groups and waddle up the beach is a unique spectacle. Return to Melbourne for the evening. B L D
Day Under Discovery

7 AYERS ROCK & KATA TJUTA
Transfer to Melbourne Airport for your flight to Ayers Rock. Upon arrival transfer to your accommodation, Sails in the Desert - Ayers Rock Resort and enjoy a light lunch. This afternoon travel to the mystical 36 domes of Kata Tjuta – The Olgas. Stop at a lookout for panoramic views of the eastern side of Kata Tjuta then spend some time exploring the Walpa Gorge and the unusual conglomerate rock formations. This evening enjoy the ‘Sounds of Silence’ - the quietest restaurant on earth. Sip sparkling wine and listen to the haunting sounds of the didgeridoo while watching a magnificent sunset over Kata Tjuta. After sunset enjoy a delicious Northern Territory gourmet barbecue. Lights go down revealing a star filled sky with a resident astronomer providing introduction to the magnificent constellations, stars and planets that make up the skies of the Southern Hemisphere. B L D

8 ABORIGINAL SACRED CAVES & CAIRNS
Rise early this morning to watch the beautiful desert sunrise over Ayers Rock plus see some of the many Aboriginal sacred caves, which hold a special significance for the local Aboriginal Anangu people. Fly to Cairns this afternoon and transfer to the Pullman Cairns International, your home for the next three nights. B L D

9 MICHAELMAS CAY & GREAT BARRIER REEF HERITAGE PARK
Today sail by catamaran to Michaelmas Cay, a unique sand cay. Michaelmas Cay is a picturesque reef sand island surrounded by magical coral gardens teeming with an incredible diversity of marine life. The Cay is a protected seabird sanctuary playing host to over 20,000 migratory seabirds. The surrounding outer reef is a spectacular garden of exotic marine life, magnificent coral and giant clams, boasting more varieties of tropical fish than the entire Atlantic Ocean. Ride a semi-submersible vessel for coral viewing, enjoy guided snorkel tours from the beach accompanied by informative ecological presentations by a marine biologist and a smorgasbord luncheon. Return to your hotel to relax and have dinner at your leisure. B L D

10 KURANDA SCENIC RAIL & CAIRNS NIGHT ZOO
Board the Kuranda Scenic Rail for a spectacular journey with stunning views. Pass massive Baron Falls, Stoney Creek and cross steep ravines to the unique rainforest village of Kuranda. We’ll have time to explore this pretty village before boarding the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway which will take us skimming over the pristine rainforest canopy. Early afternoon, we visit Tjapukai – the Aboriginal cultural park set on 25 acres at Caravonica Lakes. Tour the traditional aboriginal camp and learn to throw a boomerang! While there take in presentations on what happened when the modern world descended upon a 40,000 year old culture, the Spiritual beliefs of the Tjapukai people, a celebration of dance and song, and didgeridoo, bush foods and medicine demonstrations. Lunch here before returning to the hotel. Tonight you are off to the Cairns Night Zoo for dinner and a nocturnal wildlife in the tropics experience. Guides provide you with a torch and lead the group into the darkness to meet the creatures of the night. Learn how owls hunt, touch a possum and pat a koala. See the croc eyes glow in your torchlight. Afterwards, join our hospitable Swaggie (Australian Bushman) and enjoy billy tea and damper with him by the campfire. His friends, the kangaroos, will come down to say G’day and maybe even share a bite to eat! After complimentary cold beer or wine, join in the fun as the guides teach us some famous Aussie Bush Dances. This completes the Aussie part of your tour! B L D
AUCKLAND
Fly to Auckland, New Zealand, then transfer to your central city accommodation, Sofitel Viaduct Harbour, your home for the next two evenings. The remainder of your day is at leisure for you to relax and explore independently. Regularly named as one of the best life-style cities in the world, Auckland has a plethora of great museums and galleries, and is a melting pot of cultures, with a large Polynesian and Asian population. Enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel this evening. B L D

AUCKLAND & WALTEMATA HARBOUR YACHT CRUISE
After breakfast join your sightseeing tour of the ‘City of Sails’ including the panoramic city and harbour views from Bastion Point; trendy Parnell Village; the lovely bays of the waterfront drive and the vibrant Viaduct Harbour area. Also visit the Auckland Museum for a private 1-hour guided tour. Encounter the monumental carvings, buildings, canoes and taonga (treasures) of the Maori, and the diversity of cultures which now combine to form the rich tapestry of race, nationality and creed which is modern New Zealand. Next board a Pride of Auckland yacht for a luncheon cruise on the sheltered waters of the sparkling Waitemata Harbour. Passengers have the opportunity of assisting with the sailing or just sitting back and enjoying the experience. Dine this evening at Harbourside Bar & Grill located in the historic Ferry Building on Quay Street, where they serve a classically inspired yet creative menu including the best of New Zealand seafood. B L D

MATAMATA & ROTORUA
Travel south over the Bombay Hills to Matamata. Here you will visit the Hobbiton Movie Set, the bucolic setting for The Shire that featured in the Peter Jackson directed movie trilogy The Lord of the Rings – and more recently, The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey. Your guided tour commences with a drive through the picturesque 1,250 acre sheep farm with spectacular views across to the Kaimai Ranges. The Hobbit holes, Green Dragon Inn, Mill and other structures created for The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit films can be viewed. Upon completion of your tour of the set you will return to The Shires Rest. After your Hobbiton tour, enjoy a delicious lunch at Longlands Farm Restaurant set on a dairy farm in rural Matamata. In the afternoon travel southwest and climb into the bush-clad Mamaku Ranges and through the lush Fitzgerald Glade before reaching the unique geothermal area of Rotorua. Located in the heart of New Zealand’s famous thermal region, Rotorua forms part of the geologically active ‘Pacific Rim of Fire’. Situated on the shores of Lake Rotorua, it is also renowned for Maori cultural activities. Your hotel for the next two nights will be the Millennium Hotel in Rotorua. B L D
RAINFOREST SPRINGS, THERMAL POOLS OF WAIOTAPU & MAORI VILLAGE
This morning you’ll visit Rainbow Springs, a showcase of New Zealand’s natural flora and fauna – see the endangered Kiwi bird, New Zealand’s national icon, in a special nocturnal enclosure and New Zealand’s only reptile, the Tuatara. Visit the thermal area of Waiotapu, one of the world’s most colourful thermal areas. Enjoy leisure time in the afternoon before an evening visit to local Maori Village. Experience the warmth of the Maori people during an evening of ceremonial rituals including kā- ranga (welcome call), powhiri (welcome); wero (challenge), storytelling & hangi feasting. See warriors training for war with traditional weapons, watch women weaving and making Maori crafts, hear villagers tell stories of their ancestors and history, see traditional Maori tattoo, ancient horticultural practices and much more. Relax as the family will entertain you with a powerful cultural performance including traditional songs; poi dances and the famous Haka! Dine on the traditional hangi buffet dinner (Maori feast). This is the age-old traditional cooking method of the Maori, and your hosts will share this method in detail with you. The evening ends with the Poroporoaki (official closing ceremony). B L D

QUEENSTOWN, ARROWTOWN
Fly to Queenstown this morning. Upon arrival board your motorcoach and head to the Millbrook Resort for a casual ‘Kiwi Barbeque Lunch’ in The Clubhouse. The restaurant overlooks the 18th hole of the world-class 18-hole championship Millbrook Golf Course. Afterwards visit Arrowtown, a delightful gold rush village with a procession of small town heritage buildings that stretch into a tree-lined avenue of tiny miner’s cottages. You may wish to take a walk to the historic Arrowtown Chinese Settlement. Mid-late afternoon drive into Queenstown. Nestled among glacier-rounded hills and dramatic rugged mountain peaks, Queenstown is New Zealand’s premier four-season lake and alpine resort. You call the Hotel St Moritz home tonight. B L D

MILFORD SOUND SCENIC CRUISING
Travel south along the shores of Lake Wakatipu then continue south to Lake Te Anau, the largest freshwater lake in the South Island and the gateway to Fiordland National Park. Part of the UNESCO Southwest New Zealand World Heritage Area, Fiordland National Park is one of the great wilderness areas of the Southern Hemisphere. The scenery is spectacular with lofty mountains and deep valleys carved out by Ice Age glaciers. In the late afternoon arrive at Milford Sound and board the Milford Mariner for an overnight cruise. Designed along the lines of a traditional New Zealand coastal trading scow to reflect the heritage of the Fiordland area, the vessel accommodates passengers in private cabins with en-suite bathrooms. Cruise the length of Milford Sound to the Tasman Sea. Your vessel will explore points of interest, with plenty of time available to view waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife with the experienced nature guide on board. Conditions permitting you will have the opportunity to explore the shoreline by kayak or by tendercraft. A four-course buffet dinner will be served on board. The vessel will anchor in a sheltered cove for your overnight stay. B L D

QUEENSTOWN & BOB’S PEAK
This morning disembark from the Milford Mariner and re-board your coach for the return journey to Queenstown retracing your journey through Te Anau and the small rural towns of Athol, Garston and Kings- ton before skirting Lake Wakatipu and arriving back in Queenstown. The remainder of your day is at leisure. For dinner tonight you will ride the aerial gondola high above Queenstown to Bob’s Peak where the Skyline Restaurant serves up a mouth-watering Taste of New Zealand delights – while you feast your eyes on the most spectacular scenery in the country. Your accommodations for the next two nights will be the Hotel St Moritz. B L D
18  MT. ASPIRING NATIONAL PARK, JET BOAT ADVENTURE & BEECH FOREST WALK
This morning you will journey to the small settlement of Glenorchy at the head of Lake Wakatipu by coach. Here join Dart River Jet Safari’s for a 1½-hour jet boat safari into the Mt. Aspiring National Park. Witness crystal clear water in a wild and picturesque landscape, amidst the towering peaks, glaciers and ancient forests of Mt. Aspiring National Park. Also enjoy a 30-40-minute guided walk through ancient native beech forest and learn about the flora and fauna, history, and geology of this World Heritage Area from experienced guides. Later, travel by 4-wheel drive coach through the high country farmland and forests around Paradise – film location for a number of scenes in the ‘Lord of the Rings’ movie trilogy and ‘Narnia’. Return to Queenstown mid-afternoon and enjoy dinner. B L D

19  MT. COOK NATIONAL PARK, TASMAN GLACIER
After breakfast, travel north to Mt Cook National Park which features Mt Cook, at 3754 metres the highest peak in Australasia, 15 peaks and 5 major glaciers. Upon arrival in Mt Cook join a Glacier Explorers excursion. This 2½ hour tour will commence with a 30-minute uphill alpine walk to Tasman Glacier Lake. On reaching the lake, board a custom built MAC boat with an experienced guide and cruise the rapidly growing terminal lake taking in spectacular mountain views and scenery and viewing the Tasman Glacier terminal ice face from a safe distance. Icebergs of every shape and size periodically tear away from the glacier allowing you to touch and taste the 300-500 year old glacial crystals. Dinner this evening is in the Alpine Restaurant at your night’s accommodation, the Hermitage. B L D

20  MT. COOK NATIONAL PARK, TASMAN GLACIER & CHRISTCHURCH
You have the morning to relax, to walk one of the shorter alpine trails from Mt Cook Village or to take a scenic flight over the mighty Southern Alps (additional expense). Mid-morning you will depart travelling past Lake Pukaki then on to the striking blue waters of Lake Tekapo to view the Church of the Good Shepherd and the famous bronze sculpture of the sheep dog. In the afternoon arrive in the city of Christchurch where you will enjoy a city tour. Your evening will be at your leisure with dinner at your hotel, the Rydges Hotel Latimer. B L D

21  FLY HOME (CHRISTCHURCH)
Breakfast will be at your hotel this morning. Then join a local walking guide for a relaxed 1-hour walk around the central city. Learn about the effects of the 2011 Christchurch earthquakes and how the city is rebuilding. You will be able to see the city’s rebuilding programme and depending upon the route that your guide takes, you might see the temporary cardboard cathedral, the ‘container’ retail mall, and the reconstruction of the main arts buildings. Afterwards you will transfer to Christchurch airport where you will catch your flight bound for home. B
RESERVATIONS
Reservations may be made directly to John Hall’s Alaska by mail, telephone, or in person. This tour is open to John Hall’s Alaska alumni and friends or family touring alongside our alumni guests.

DEPOSITS
To confirm your reservation please send a deposit of $500.00 per person within ten days of your reservation. To reserve your space by credit card, please contact our office.

FINAL PAYMENTS
Final Payment must reach John Hall’s Alaska 90 days prior to tour departure date. If payment is not received on time, space may be released; re-booking will be subject to availability. Mastercard, Visa, Discover, American Express, and personal checks are acceptable forms of payment. A discount of $300 per person will be extended for tours paid by cash or check. ($500 per person deposits may still be made by credit card).

CANCELLATIONS
If a cancellation is made in writing at least 90 days prior to departure, a full refund will be made. For cancellations made less than 90 days prior to departure, the following per person charges apply: 61-89 days - deposit amounts of $500 per person, 30-60 days - 50% of total charges; 0-29 days - 100% of fare. In the event of interruption or cancellation of your tour after its commencement, there will be no refunds.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
This package includes deluxe hotel properties:
• ParkRoyal Darling Harbour, Sydney – 3 nights
• Stamford Plaza, Melbourne – 3 nights
• Sails in the Desert, Ayers Rock Resort – 1 night
• Pullman Cairns International, Cairns – 3 nights
• Sofitel Viaduct Harbour, Auckland – 2 nights
• Millennium Hotel, Rotorua – 2 nights
• Hotel St Moritz, Queenstown – 3 nights
• Milford Mariner, Milford Sound – 1 night
• The Hermitage, Mount Cook – 1 night
• Rydges Hotel Latimer, Christchurch – 1 night

Due to most hotels being European Style, triple and quad occupancy is subject to availability, but will be requested at the time of booking.

SPECIAL NEEDS
Special diet requests, specific medical conditions, physical disabilities or other special needs requirements must be noted at the time of booking. We do not discriminate against persons on the basis of disability and seek, to the fullest extent possible, to accommodate any person with a disability. Although we are unable to guarantee that all special meal or diet requests may be available, we will request where appropriate. In particular, please let us know if you have had a recent change in a medical condition such as change of diet or if you require the use of a mobility device that may include a wheelchair, scooter or walker.

TIPPING/GRATUITIES
All gratuities have been included in the price of your package with the exception of your Tour Escort. This includes all waitering staff and luggage handling gratuities while on tour. Tipping your Tour Escort is not required and should reward exemplary service.

PACKING RECOMMENDATIONS
The dress code for this tour is casual. Sweaters, jackets, gloves and hats for mountain and glacier destinations. Swim wear and sandals may be useful at resort pools. Comfortable walking shoes, jeans and shorts or capris for touring days are recommended. Consider packing in layers so that you may wear switch out warm and cool weather attire throughout the tour. You will be provided with an overnight bag to use on a few evenings when large luggage would cause an inconvenience. Your tour escort will let you know what nights to pack your overnight bag.

TOUR DOCUMENTS
Tour documents, including detailed itinerary, Australia travel Visa, luggage tags, overnight duffle bag, and passenger lists will be mailed approximately 14-21 days prior to departure. This may be delayed if final payment is not received on time.

EXTENDED STAYS AND ADDITIONAL OVERNIGHTS
Should you wish to spend some more time exploring Australia or New Zealand, we would be happy to help you make these arrangements. Some additional fees may be applicable.

ITINERARY REVISIONS
John Hall’s Alaska reserves the right to revise the services included in the itinerary such as hotel accommodations and attractions. In cases of substitution, a comparable quality service will be used.

Contact John Hall’s Alaska To Join This Alumni Adventure!
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