



# THE RHEMA FOUNDATION CANADA

## Exploring Australia, New Zealand and Fiji

### Mar.12 - 29/2025

**Day 01, Wednesday, 12 Mar. 2025 -- Departure from Toronto**

**AC Flights scheduled for Mar 2024 will probably continue in 2025.**

**We may fly United Airlines, New Zealand Airlines or Quantas Airlines depends on the fare.**

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Day 03 - Friday, 14 Mar. 2025 – Arrive Sydney, Australia early morning.

#### **G'day! Welcome to Sydney**

After completing arrival formalities and collecting your luggage, please make your way to the arrivals area where you will be met by your local representative and assisted by your private coach. Enjoy an introduction to Sydney, one of the most beautiful cities in the World and the most cosmopolitan city in Australia. It is endowed with a sparkling harbour, fabulous beaches, and a sunny Mediterranean climate. Depart Sydney Airport by private coach and head to the Gap on the ocean headland at Watsons Bay before continuing onto the iconic Bondi Beach and see the surfers and locals enjoying the laidback Sydney lifestyle. Here you can enjoy some free time taking a walk along the coast and have lunch. Later, reboard the coach and travel to the city passing some of the historical buildings of Macquarie Street, Parliament House, The Mint and Hyde Park Barracks including a visit to Mrs. Macquarie's Chair a sandstone rock cut into the shape of a bench, on a peninsula in Sydney Harbour. Here you will have a breathtaking view of the city and harbour with perfect photo opportunities before arriving at the hotel.

Accommodation: Park Royal Darling Harbour or similar

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#### **Day 04 - Saturday, 15 Mar. 2025 – Sydney / Northern Beaches & City tour**

After breakfast at the hotel, meet your local guide who will accompany you on today's tour. We travel over the Sydney Harbour Bridge to the north shore. Continue along Military Road through the leafy suburbs of Neutral Bay and Mossman, renowned for their exclusive shops, boutiques, and shopping plazas. Continue over the cantilever Spit Bridge to the Seaforth Lookout for magnificent views over Middle Head, Beauty Point and the marinas in Pearl Bay and Middle Harbour. Spectacular northern surfing beaches include Curl, Freshwater, Queens cliff and North Steyn. Continue to North Head Lookout for unsurpassed views of the entrance to Sydney Harbour, the rugged coastline, and magnificent distant views. Visit the popular seaside and surfing resort of Manly, the origin of which goes back to the time when Captain Arthur Phillip landed here looking at land for convicts. He was met by Aborigines of very "manly" bearing and so the name remained. Return to the city, travelling through the elegant lower north shore residential suburbs back across the Sydney Harbour Bridge and end the tour at The Rocks Area. Enjoy free time in The Rocks area for lunch (own expense) exploring the markets that are held every Saturday and Sunday. You will be surrounded by color and movement from the wide variety of stalls, here you will be tempted by the smells of the food stalls and be entertained by the talented street performers who wander the streets to share their music and performances. Later step on the Captain Cook Premium Harbour Experience



Cruise departing from Circular Quay. This is sightseeing as you've never experienced before. It's a glass of sparkling by the sails of the Sydney Opera House. A macchiato under the Harbour Bridge. A delicious Australian Cheese and Charcuterie Board to share. All savored as you relax in style, cruising Sydney Harbour in the comfort of your reserved Ocean Deck lounge seating, marveling at the sights of stunning Sydney. At the end of the harbour cruise, board your coach for the transfer back to the hotel. B/D

#### **Day 05 - Sunday, 16 Mar. 2025 – Sydney / Full Day Blue Mountains Tour**

After an early breakfast, meet your local guide at the hotel who will accompany you on today's tour. Today you will travel 100km west of Sydney to the Blue Mountains. Follow the trail of Australia's early explorers as the coach ascends into the Blue Mountains National Park. The Blue Mountains, named for their distinctive blue haze (a result of eucalyptus oil evaporating from millions of gum trees), have long been a popular getaway destination for Sydneysiders. The mountains are a natural wonderland of untamed bush, spectacular rock formations and native wildlife. This is one of the most spectacular and captivating wilderness parks in the country, and a supreme example of Australia's diversity. Travel through the historic townships of Blaxland, Springwood, Lawson and Wentworth Falls and view the National Trust township of Leura. Leura is a little town made up of cafes, craft shops, art galleries, tea houses and quaint boutiques. It is situated at the edge of the Blue Mountain National Park and has magnificent views of Mt Solitary. Continue along Cliff Drive to Echo Point to view the world famous "Three Sisters". Perched on the edge of the escarpment, Echo Point precinct provides panoramic views of the southern Blue Mountains, Kanangra-Boyd Wilderness, and the iconic Three Sisters rock formation from a variety of lookouts. Continue to Featherdale Wildlife Park for a memorable and unique experience in a natural and well-established bush setting. Featherdale has one of Australia's largest private collections of Australian animals. View Koalas, kangaroos and wallabies, wombats, fairy penguins and Australian reptiles.

At the end of today's activities, we will travel back to Sydney.

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#### **Day 06 - Monday, 17 Mar. 2025 – Sydney / Cairns Flight T.B.A**

After breakfast and check out – Transferred to Sydney Airport. for our flight to Cairns, on arrival in Cairns, please make your way to the luggage collection area where you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel. Cairns, the heart of Far North Queensland, is an attractive tropical city, 1,800 km north of Brisbane. It serves as a gateway to a lush, scenic hinterland and is the centre for access to the Great Barrier Reef. North and south of the city there are extensive sugar cane farms, with the Atherton Tableland nearby to the west offering everything from virgin rainforest to extinct volcanic lakes, waterfalls, gorges, and rich red farmlands. Meet & greet by local guide and assisted from Cairns Airport to the hotel.

Accommodation: Crystalbrook Riley or similar

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#### **Day 07 - Tuesday, 18 Mar. 2025 – Cairns / Full Day Quicksilver Outer Reef Cruise**

After breakfast, you will be collected by a Quicksilver Coach, enjoy one of the most scenic coastal drives in Australia along the Captain Cook Highway to Port Douglas where we will you will board your cruise. Quicksilver's friendly crew will take you to Agincourt Reef at the very edge of Australia's Continental Shelf, to an underwater world that is a dazzling kaleidoscope of colour and brilliance. Here you can experience first-hand the magic of the Great Barrier Reef. You can choose to dive, snorkel, or stay dry and explore the stunning reef from the comfort of a Quicksilver semi-sub, just one meter underwater (please note diving is an extra cost). Watch the fish feeding from the unique underwater viewing platform and underwater observatory. Complimentary morning and afternoon tea and a delicious lunch are included. There will be a Marine Biologist presentation shown on the vessel televisions as well as a snorkeling demonstration. Arrive back at Marina Mirage at approximately 4.30pm and join your coach for the transfer back to your hotel. B/L/D



### **Day 08 - Wednesday, 19 Mar. 2025 – Cairns / Full Day Kuranda Tour**

This morning, depart the hotel by private coach accompanied by your local guide for the day. We start the tour with a coach transfer to Freshwater Station to board the historic Kuranda Rail for one of the most spectacular rail journeys in Australia. Travelling slowly, it winds its way up the epic pioneer track with every turn revealing a new panorama - sugar plantations, Barron Falls, Stoney Creek Falls for 90 minutes until it reaches Kuranda Station, a cool, tropical environment of native shrubs, ferns, and flowers. Upon reaching Kuranda, you will have some brief time to enjoy the old-world charm of this small village before re-boarding the coach for the transfer to Rainforestation. Rainforestation is a Nature Park boasting 40 hectares of gardens and rainforest set amidst World Heritage areas. Ride the amphibious army duck through the rainforest and visit the Koala and Wildlife Park. The Dreamtime Walk provides a comprehensive introduction to Aboriginal and Islander culture and history with practical experiences including boomerang lessons on spear throwing. Witness the dynamic performance of the Pamagirri Aboriginal Dancers in the natural Amphitheatre where the rainforest serves as the theatre walls and the sounds of the forest, and the didgeridoo create the backing music. A lunch will be served during the visit. At the end of the activities, reboard your coach for a return transfer to Kuranda. Board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an amazing experience over Australia's World Heritage listed Tropical Rainforest canopy and deep into the forest. The Skyrail experience, spanning 7.5kms over pristine rainforest, allows you to explore the wonders of an ancient tropical rainforest and learn about one of the most botanically fascinating and diverse areas on earth. Gliding just meters above the rainforest canopy in comfortable six-person gondola cabins, the Sky rail journey immerses you in an intimate rainforest experience where you'll see, hear, smell, and become part of the tropical rainforest environment. The overall Sky rail journey takes approximately 45 minutes (with no stopping) however there are 2 stops along the way where you can take a walk around the boardwalk. Allowing for the 2 stops the journey will take 1 & ½ hours. At the end of the journey re-board your coach for the transfer back to the hotel.

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### **Day 09 - Thursday, 20 Mar. 2025 – Cairns / Full Day at own Leisure**

Breakfast is included at the hotel. Today, enjoy a full day at your own leisure exploring and enjoying the tropics until dinner. This evening, take a leisurely walk to Dundee's at the Cairns Aquarium for Dinner. Dundee's at the Aquarium features the largest saltwater tank within a restaurant in Australia: a stunning 70,000-liter marine aquarium filled with the colourful fish of the Great Barrier Reef. The new decor creates a relaxed, coastal vibe and an extensive menu features North Queensland's finest seafood and local produce.

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### **Day 10 - Friday, 21 Mar. 2025 – Depart Cairns, -- Flight to Queenstown New Zealand -- T.B.A**

After breakfast Meet your coach driver at the hotel for your transfer to the airport for our flight to Queenstown, New Zealand.

Kia Ora and welcome to Queenstown, New Zealand.

Meet your driver on arrival at Queenstown Airport and transfer to your accommodation. the Millennium Queenstown or similar.

QUEENSTOWN/TAHUNA - is the South Island's most popular resort, set alongside the shores of Lake Wakatipu, under the gaze of the Remarkable Ranges. See the contrast of smooth glacier rounded hills, and jagged mountain summits that reach high above the ancient ice floor. The town is renowned for its jet boating, bungy-jumping, skiing, and awe-inspiring scenery. Local story has it, that the gold prospectors of the 19th century pronounced the town as "fit for any Queen", and so she was called.

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### **Day 11 - Saturday, 22 Mar.2025 - Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown**



Transfer to Manapouri to your Doubtful Sound Cruise.

Real New Zealand Doubtful Sound - Wilderness Cruise - ex Manapouri

Depart from Pearl Harbour, Manapouri, and cruise across picturesque Lake Manapouri to West Arm.

Travel by coach over Wilmot Pass, through dense rainforest. Once at Doubtful Sound, board the Patea Explorer, for a 3-hour cruise of beautiful Doubtful Sound, to the Tasman Sea. There is excellent viewing of waterfalls, rainforest, and mountains. Of particular interest, if sighted, are fur seals basking on the rocks, or a resident pod of bottlenose dolphins. The rare Fiordland crested penguins are sometimes encountered, depending on the season. Return to Manapouri at the end of your journey. B/D

### **Day 12 - Sunday, 23 Mar. 2025 -- Queenstown To Rotorua -- Flight T.B.A**

Meet your driver today in the hotel lobby and transfer to the airport for your domestic flight to Rotorua. On arrival at Rotorua Airport, transfer to your accommodation. Flights to be advised.

ROTORUA - located on a volcanic plateau, and formerly a spa town, Rotorua is most famous for its geothermal activity. Rotorua is the main place in New Zealand where aspects of Maori traditions can be seen, from wood carvings, and meeting houses, to a Hangi Dinner and Māori dances. Native and introduced tree species abound locally and combined with several picturesque lakes, Rotorua is a fascinating mix of culture and nature.

Accommodation: Millennium Hotel Rotorua, or similar

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### **Day 13 - Monday, 24 Mar. 2025 -- Rotorua**

Today, enjoy a full day sightseeing tour in Rotorua, including Wai-o-Tapu and Te Puia.

Rotorua City Sightseeing highlights: Lake Rotorua, Redwood Forest, and Government Gardens.

Wai-o-tapu Thermal Wonderland|

Admission into New Zealand's most colorful natural volcanic area. Thousands of years in the making but only 20 minutes' drive south of Rotorua. Nested with a natural bush setting, walks through this unique volcanic area take between 30 and 75 minutes. 26 key natural features including the world-famous, multi-colored Champagne Pool.

Te Puia|Te Po combo (Guided experience + Indigenous Evening)

Be guided through New Zealand Māori Arts & Crafts Institute, Rotowhio Pā, Kiwi Conservation Centre and Te Whakarewarewa geothermal valley including Pōhutu geyser with one of our shared tour departures.

Te Pō begins with our mouth-watering buffet with locally sourced cuisine and an authentic Māori twist in each dish. Following dinner, you will experience the exhilarating pōhiri (ceremonial welcome) in our beautifully carved meeting house, Te Aronui a Rua. Enjoy the beauty and power of traditional waiata (song), mōteatea (chants), poi and haka.

Then travel into the geothermal valley on our e-waka (36 seat electric passenger shuttle) for a hot chocolate upon our naturally heated rock-seating overlooking the dramatically lit Pōhutu Geyser. B/D



## **Day 14 - Tuesday, 25 Mar.2025 -- Rotorua - Waitomo - Auckland**

This morning you will travel through the King Country region which was at the centre of the New Zealand Wars in the 1860s to Waitomo Caves. See the amazing underground Glow Worm Grotto by boat and walk through the limestone caverns. Follow the meandering trail of the Waikato River, New Zealand's longest river, past the lush farmlands of the Waikato Region. As you journey over the Bombay Hills, the landscape changes from green, grassy meadowlands to the edge of suburbia.

### **Waitomo Glowworm Caves|Waitomo Glowworm Caves**

Your guided tour will take you through over 250 metres of stunning underground scenery commencing with the impressive Cathedral. Your tour begins at the upper entrance of the cave and proceeds along a low narrow passage to the Tomo, a deep limestone shaft. Your experienced tour guide will deliver a highly informative commentary about the formations, sharing stories, cultural legends and the natural wonders of this living masterpiece and the history of the area. The highlight of your tour is an unrivalled boat trip through the spectacular Glowworm Grotto.

Marvel at Mother Nature's light display as you glide silently through the starry wonderland of the Glowworm Grotto. Meander underground along the Waitomo River and gaze in silence at the myriad of glow worm lights that make up the Glowworm Grotto. As you enter this galaxy of tiny living lights,

You'll immediately experience a serene ambience and be fascinated and intrigued by tiny glowworms that light your way. Duration: 45mins.

Travel to Auckland.

AUCKLAND / TĀMAKI MAKAURAU - an exciting, sporting, and cultural city, sprawled on a narrow isthmus, between two harbours. The Waitemata and Manukau Harbours, are a main feature of the city, along with numerous volcanic cones such as Mount Eden and Rangitoto Island. The city's many beaches, marinas, and parks make it ideal for outdoor pursuits such as yachting, rugby, cricket or a day at the beach. The Auckland metropolitan area is New Zealand's biggest city, and the population mix of European, Maori, and Pacific Islander, make Auckland the largest Polynesian city in the World.

Accommodation: MSocial Hotel Auckland, or similar

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## **Day 15 - Wednesday, 26 Mar.2025 -- Depart Auckland for Fiji**

After breakfast and check out. Meet your driver at the hotel lobby for your transfer to the airport for our flight to Fiji.

Meet your driver on arrival at Fiji Airport and transfer to your accommodation.

Rest of the day at leisure for relaxation

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## **Day 16 – Thursday,27 Mar. 2025 – Fiji**

Today , After breakfast enjoy an half a day tour of the island .

Rest of the day at leisure.

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## **Day 17 – Friday, 28 Mar.2025 – Fiji.**



A day at leisure.

### Day 18 – Saturday, 29 Mar. 2025 Fiji – Toronto

After breakfast Meet your coach driver at the hotel for your transfer to the airport for our flight back home.

If flying on AC we will have to overnight in Sydney/Australia before connecting to Air Canada flight back home.

### Flights information for 2024 on Air Canada

AC 34 SYDYVR 1020 0700 77L

AC 104 YVR YYZ 0830 1600 789

**TOUR COST PER PERSON: \$ 10,410 (Double occupancy)** *Please note that this price may be subject to change, with 2025 airline pricing.*

**INCLUDES:** Airport departure taxes, fuel surcharge, security fees. (\$885.00)

**\*EARLY BIRD PRICING : \$10,210 (First 20 people to pay their deposit, first come, first served)**

**Single Supplement: \$ 1,995.00**

**\*\*\*FLIGHTS: Premium Economy: \$4,900 Business Class: \$12,000**

#### TOUR PRICES:

based on a **minimum of 40 paying participants** traveling together and on tariffs and exchange rates at time of printing. In the event of marked fluctuation, the tour cost will be adjusted accordingly.

#### DEPOSIT:

A deposit of \$ 750.00 (ASASP) per person must be submitted with your Registration Form to secure your space on the tour, after which an invoice will be mailed to you from YYZ TRAVEL.

Second deposit: \$2,500.00 – 31 July/24

**FINAL PAYMENT: 12 Dec/24**

#### COST INCLUDES:

- Return air transportation Toronto – Sydney - Toronto via AC or NZ or QF or UA
- Local flights
- Escorted by an expert Government licensed guide
- Airport/hotel return transfers
- 15 nights' Accommodation at 4\* hotels:
- Porterage at the hotels
- Meals: Buffet breakfast and dinners or Lunch per the itinerary.
- Sightseeing by private air-conditioned coach
- Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary.
- \*Airport departure taxes, fuel surcharge, security fees.

#### NOT INCLUDED:

- Tips to driver, guide, and hotel staff
- \* Passports; Lunches; any beverages; Personal expenses; Insurance.

**Touring sequence may be changed to comply with domestic requirements or per Guide or Tour Leader discretion.**

**CANCELLATION:**

100 days prior to departure - loss of deposit.  
80 days prior to departure - loss of 50% of tour price.  
60 days to departure - loss of 100% tour price

**INSURANCE:**

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED A special group insurance package, which includes trip cancellation, medical coverage, accident, and luggage is available.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

The Tour Operator, **YYZ Travel** acts only as an agent for the various Companies, Owners or Contractors providing the means of transportation, accommodation and other services pertaining to the tour.

**YYZ Travel**, and **The Rhema Foundation Canada** shall not be in anyway liable for any injury, damage or loss, accident, delay, or irregularity which may be occasioned either by defect or irregularity on any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company, or person engaged in conveying the passengers, or of any hotel proprietor, personnel, or servant or of any person otherwise in connection therewith. Delivery of baggage to the Airline, Railway or Motorcoach shall be deemed an irrevocable release of the tour operator from all liability. Whatsoever resulting from loss, damage, or delay in transit to any baggage of the tour participant during any portion of tour including sightseeing. All rates published in this brochure are based on tariffs and exchange rates in force at the time of printing. In the event of marked fluctuation and increase taxes and fuel surcharge the tour cost will be adjusted accordingly.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**Passport:** Each tour participant must be in possession of a Passport valid for at least six months after day of return to Canada. If not, you must apply for a new Passport.

**Visa:** Is not required for passengers travelling with Canadian/USA/EU Passports.  
For all other passport holders please contact YYZ Travel.

**Please note:**

The government of Canada requires that you be advised of the following:  
Entry to another country may be refused even if the required travel documents are in order. Living standards and practices at the destination and the standards and conditions there with respect to utilities & services, may differ from those found in Canada.

**Tour Documents:**

15 days prior to departure, each tour member will receive documents consisting of the final itinerary, flight and hotel schedules, and other important informative material regarding the tour.



## QUESTIONS?



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