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**South Pacific Wonders**  
(Departure Date - 01/17/2011, Tour Rate - \$2299)



**15 Days, 20 Meals:** 12 Breakfasts , 2 Lunches , 6 Dinners

**Tour Summary**

Explore two great countries of the Southern Hemisphere -- Australia and New Zealand. From the tropical splendor of the Great Barrier Reef on Australia's northern coast, to the ethereal beauty of glacial fjords on New Zealand's South Island, this 16 day journey to the lands "down under" brings you the best of both countries at an enjoyable pace. Cruise Sydney Harbor and Milford Sound. Meet Australia's wildlife-up close. Discover the wonders of Aboriginal culture. Experience Queenstown, the adventure capital of the world.

## Collette Experiences

Take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.

### Air 1: Depart From Home

Today you board your flight and begin the adventure of a lifetime. Crossing the International Dateline, you skip a day ahead.

### Day 2: Arrive Cairns, Australia

Your tour begins today in Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Don't forget to look up at the Southern Hemisphere's stars this evening after you join your mates for a welcome dinner.

*Today dinner will be included.*

### Day 3: Great Barrier Reef

Board a high speed catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. This is an immense series of 2,800 coral reefs which are home to amazingly diverse marine life. From your base on Green Island, you are able to explore the reef in many ways. Enjoy a glass bottom boat ride\*, a stroll on the walking trail to take in the rain forest, relax on the beaches, snorkel or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. For a more adventurous encounter with the reef, optional scuba diving and an outer reef tour are also available. Whichever way you choose, you'll see some of the world's most fascinating marine and plant life.

*Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

### Day 4: Cairns

Today visit the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Center. You'll see traditional Aboriginal dances, learn about the Aboriginal lifestyle, and even throw a boomerang or play a didgeridoo, a traditional instrument. Browse the renowned art gallery and visit the interpretation center, which houses a collection of interesting artifacts. This afternoon a great experience awaits as you search for crocodiles in their natural habitat during a visit to Hartley's Croc Farm! Boardwalks take you on a path of adventure through rainforests and woodlands to see animals such as wild birds, reptiles and wallabies. While visiting you also have the chance to meet some of the local koalas and have a private talk with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these cuddly creatures. Then, enjoy an exciting cruise in the lagoon looking for crocodiles before enjoying a delicious Aussie barbecue.

*Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

### Day 5: Cairns - Sydney

Fly to the bustling city of Sydney this morning. Enjoy a city tour of Sydney where the English explorer James Cook first weighed anchor in 1770. Highlights of your exploration include Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and the fashionable Paddington suburb.

*Today breakfast will be included.*

### Day 6: Sydney

Enjoy a leisurely day to explore Sydney your way. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Tonight, experience the best of Sydney. Chat with Chat with new friends and take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour during which you'll pass by two of Australia's most famous icons: the renowned Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge.

*Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

### Day 7: Sydney

This morning discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural wonders during a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House. Next, enjoy a unique opportunity to learn first-hand how raw opals are transformed from the dark mine shafts to beautiful works of art. This evening is free to explore Sydney's many famous restaurants!

*Today breakfast will be included.*

### Day 8: Sydney - Christchurch, New Zealand

You leave Australia behind and fly to New Zealand and the historic city of Christchurch. Upon arrival enjoy a short sightseeing tour of "the most English city outside of England". Highlights include magnificent gardens, the Neo-Gothic Cathedral and the downtown park district.

*Today breakfast will be included.*

### Day 9: Christchurch

This morning visit a Canterbury farmyard where you'll enjoy a sheep shearing demonstration and see the herding of the farm's animals! It's a great opportunity to learn how a New Zealand family farm operates. This afternoon you are free to explore Christchurch independently before a truly special evening. Tonight you are the guest of honor at a private dinner inside the restored Riccarton House mansion. Step back in time and experience a world of Victorian and Edwardian splendor during a guided tour that teaches you the history of the first family of Christchurch. Then, relax in the elegant dining room and enjoy a sumptuous dinner.

*Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

### Day 10: Christchurch

Today, enjoy a day of exploration on your own in beautiful Christchurch. This English city – the charming international gateway to New Zealand's South Island – boasts countless cafes and boutiques. Stroll its cobblestone streets and enjoy the many sights that "the Garden City" has to offer. Make yourself right at home this evening when a New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for dinner! This is sure to be an unforgettable evening during which you will make new friends, learn about the customs of the "Kiwi's" and enjoy a home-cooked meal.

*Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

### Day 11: Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region - Queenstown

Traverse the spectacular countryside to New Zealand's most famous national park, Mt. Cook. Mt. Cook is one of the most impressive mountains in the world. You may choose to view the massive glaciers and extensive snow-covered mountain top terrain on an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting), or perhaps enjoy the park during a nature walk. Continue to Queenstown and enjoy a stop at a local fruit stand to gain an inside look at the produce of New Zealand.

*Today breakfast will be included.*

### Day 12: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown

En route to Milford Sound, enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley. You'll travel through beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. During a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound you'll see why this fjord is one of the most visited sites on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4,000 feet on either side, the scenery will take your breath away. Following your cruise, you return to Queenstown. You may choose to return via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps.  
*Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

### Day 13: Queenstown

A leisurely day in Queenstown offers several options to enhance your vacation. Shop or people watch in the village or perhaps take the optional "Safari of the Rings" which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside where the Lord of the Rings movies were filmed. This evening, take in the city of Queenstown from above and soak in the breathtaking views during a gondola ride to dinner at the Skyline Restaurant overlooking Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the mountains.  
*Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

### Day 14: Queenstown - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today.  
*Today breakfast will be included.*

## Hotel Information

### Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort

Queensland, Australia

Located in the center of Cairns City, Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort is set upon five acres of beautifully landscaped, award-winning gardens which surround a superb lagoon pool complete with a beach and swim-up bar. All 314 guestrooms offer the latest in style, functionality and comfort, each with a balcony or terrace and great views. The resort style rooms are bright and spacious with light furniture and fabrics in keeping with the tropical environment.

#### Hotel Room Amenities

Internet Access (for a fee)  
Smoking Rooms  
Handicap Rooms with Hand Grips (3 rooms available)

Air Conditioned Room  
Irons  
Telephone  
Wake Up Call

Coffee/Tea Maker  
Refrigerator  
Television

Hairdryer  
Safe  
Triple Rooms w Cot

#### Hotel Amenities

Pool (outdoor pool)  
Maximum Room Occupancy (3)

Elevator  
Restaurant

Internet Access (for a fee)  
Room Service

Laundry  
Fitness Center (no fee applies)

### Rydges World Square

New South Wales, Australia

Rydges World Square Sydney is centrally located on the corner of Pitt and Liverpool Streets, within the World Square shopping and business precinct. This great location provides guests with easy access to Sydney's major shopping areas, theatres and tourist attractions, either by Monorail, walking or taxi! As a guest of Rydges World Square, you will feel at home with their warm and friendly staff while enjoying the facilities that this elegant hotel has to offer.

#### Hotel Room Amenities

Handicap Rooms with Hand Grips (6 rooms)

Air Conditioned Room  
Irons

Coffee/Tea Maker  
Safe

Hairdryer  
Television

#### Hotel Amenities

Room Service

Fitness Center

Laundry

Restaurant

### Novotel Christchurch

New Zealand

A modern hotel tower built alongside a historic heritage-listed building, Novotel Christchurch is perfectly located in the heart of Cathedral Square. Featuring 193 spacious rooms with contemporary design and double glazed windows, Novotel Christchurch sits on the site of the old Warners Hotel, first built in 1863, and is nearby to the Christchurch business district as well as many entertainment options.

#### Hotel Room Amenities

Internet Access (fee may apply)

Air Conditioned Room  
Safe (safety deposit boxes at front desk)  
Telephone

Hairdryer

Handicap Rooms with Hand Grips (9 rooms available)  
Television

#### Hotel Amenities

Laundry

Elevator  
Restaurant

Fitness Center  
Room Service

Internet Access (fee may apply)

## Mercure Resort Queenstown

### New Zealand

Mercure Resort Queenstown is located near the shores of Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables mountains. The hotel is approximately a 2-mile drive from the center of Queenstown.

#### Hotel Room Amenities

Handicap Rooms with roll in Shower  
(7 rooms available)  
Telephone

Air Conditioned Room  
Internet Access

Television

Coffee/Tea Maker  
Refrigerator

Triple Rooms w Cot

Hairdryer  
Safe

Wake Up Call

#### Hotel Amenities

Laundry

Elevator  
Maximum Room Occupancy (4)

Fitness Center  
Pool (outdoor)

Internet Access  
Room Service

#### City Center

- 2 miles

## Optional Excursions for South Pacific Wonders

### Plan Ahead, Reserve Now!

Add a touch of personalization to your vacation by selecting from our well-researched list of options. While Collette is known for our many inclusions, we also want to be sure you have adequate free time and options to enhance your vacation – your way. And now, you can reserve your options in advance of your tour!

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change. Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

#### ★ BEST SELLER ★

Hot Air Ballooning \$275

City: Queensland

Float over blue gum and paper bark trees and experience the wide open spaces of the Atherton Tablelands/Cairns Highlands in the beautiful early morning light in a hot air balloon. Watch in wonder as the balloons inflate and rise into the sky. Don't forget your camera to capture dawn's light on the lush greenery of the mountainous plain. After your 60 minute flight, return to the ground and "tuck into" a hearty "Aussie Style" champagne breakfast featuring a tropical buffet, bacon & eggs, and a glass of champagne to celebrate a remarkable ride! This option requires riding in a basket which does not have an entrance. To enter passengers will need to step up and over into the basket.

Please Note: AUD 25.00 insurance levy is not included in the cost of this option and must be paid directly to Hot Air Cairns at time of service.

Your transportation is included.

Duration: approximately 4 hour(s).

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#### ★ BEST SELLER ★

Safari of the Rings Nomad Safaris \$99

City: Queenstown

Venture into Middle Earth and see the primeval, mystical landscapes where J.R.R. Tolkien's powerful trilogy was filmed. The vast panoramas of unspoiled wilderness of New Zealand's South Island provided the ideal setting to bring these beloved adventures to life and the ideal setting for your day of touring. Trek by 4 x 4 up into the Remarkable Mountains and across the Arrow River. There are no movie sets left, just the stunning pristine vistas that filled the frames.

Please Note: Option to cancel is available up until 24 hours before start date of tour. If you choose to cancel within 24 hours of the tour, you will still be liable for payment.

Your transportation is included.

Duration: approximately 4 hour(s).

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Great Adventures \$105

City: Cairns

Explore the vibrant, colorful world teeming with life at the outer Great Barrier Reef. This massive reef system, the largest in the world, can actually be seen from space. Cruise across the water by catamaran to the Outer Reef pontoon where a diverse, bountiful ecosystem is yours to discover. Explore the kaleidoscopic underwater sea life from the semi-submersible or up close, with goggles, snorkeling along the reef. Many other fascinating activities await you on the Outer Reef. Whatever your pleasure, you're sure to have a once-in-a-lifetime experience exploring one of the seven natural wonders of the world!

Important Note: Scuba diving is an additional cost and some medical restrictions and a waiver of liability will apply.

Your transportation is included.

Duration: approximately 8.5 hour(s).

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#### ★ BEST SELLER ★

Skyrail Rainforest Cableway \$75

City: Queensland

Glide over and into the leafy rainforest canopy on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, the world's longest gondola cableway. The comfortable, six-person gondola carries you 4½ miles through the rugged beauty of Barron Gorge National Park, part of the Wet Tropics UNESCO World Heritage Area. The gondola dips through the layers of the canopy to bring you deep into the rainforest, stopping at two in-forest viewing platforms along the way. Experience the sights, sounds and scents of this vibrant ecosystem up close. Discover the ways of the Djabugai Aboriginal tribe, whose traditional home is here. See the dramatic Barron gorge and waterfalls.

Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required.

Your transportation is included.

Duration: approximately 2 hour(s).

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**Bonza Bike Tours \$85**

**City:** Sydney

Explore one of the world's greatest cities, by bicycle! Sydney residents are increasingly turning to bicycles to help the environment, ease urban congestion and improve their own health. Join the Australians in this movement and gain an insider's perspective of Sydney on this slow-paced, easy riding tour. Pedal through the historic waterfront neighborhood, The Rocks, and ride over the graceful Harbour Bridge for breathtaking views. This tour has been tailor-made for Collette Vacations and will be sure to leave you with truly personal memories of the unforgettable city of Sydney!

**Please note** a minimum of 2 passengers is required.

Your transportation is included.

**Duration:** approximately 2.5 hour(s).

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**THL Mount Cook Ski Planes Glacier Highlights \$265**

**City:** Mount Cook Natl. Park

Spectacular! Fly into the pristine wilderness of Mt. Cook National Park for once-in-a-lifetime views of the wilderness surrounding Mt. Cook. New Zealand's highest peak, Mt. Cook soars to 12,316 feet. Nineteen peaks in the park climb to over 9,800 feet and 40% of its land is covered in glaciers. The ski plane carries you over the Tasman Glacier and gently lands on the ice field. Explore the glacier on foot and experience the magical silence of the remote ice field. The return flight brings even more breathtaking vistas of New Zealand wilderness and wildlife. NOTE: Please be advised that some of these activities may be weather dependent and/or seasonal offerings and could be unavailable on your specific departure. Flight times may alter the ability to participate in some of the optional activities listed. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

Duration: Flight time: 40 minutes. Please Note: This option is only available to purchase while on tour through your Tour Manager.

Your transportation is included.

**Duration:** approximately hour(s).

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**★ BEST SELLER ★**

**International Antarctic Centre \$40**

**City:** Christchurch

Step inside and be transported to the "white continent!" The awesome and magical beauty of Antarctica is recreated with an interactive, fun and exciting experience of the "Great White South." See the seasons change before your eyes. Feel the chill of winter and watch daylight return as the Antarctic summer approaches. They'll outfit you to experience the Polar Room, where you'll find real snow and ice. Explore the snow cave or brave the wind chill machine. Every half hour an Antarctic storm blows through the Polar Room, with lightening, authentic Antarctic storm audio and 25 mile per hour winds! Learn about the Antarctic Treaty, transportation to and from the continent, and the ozone layer and the fascinating wildlife that has adapted to life in this extreme habitat. The Aquarium features amazing creatures found in McMurdo Sound. Ride on a rugged Hagglund vehicle, used to transport people and equipment along the extreme Antarctic terrain. Get up close and personal with the amazing little blue penguin. This is as close to the seventh continent as you can get without going!

**Please note** a minimum of 15 passengers is required.

Your transportation is included.

**Duration:** approximately 2.5 hour(s).

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**Shotover Jetboat \$71**

**City:** Queenstown

A river cruise in Queenstown, the epi-centre of adventure tourism and home of the Bungee Jump, is definitely a little more than just a boat ride! Zoom through the sheer canyons of the Shotover River on this thrilling adventure. Shotover Jet boats zoom along in mere centimeters of the glacial water which flows down from the Southern Alps, providing an exhilarating, but safe and enjoyable ride for all ages. You may get a little wet, but it is a unique and fun way to enjoy the spectacular scenery of the South Island of New Zealand. No visit to Queenstown is complete without it!

Please Note: Weather may be cold and you may get wet during this option. Actual flight time is 30 minutes.

Your transportation is included.

**Duration:** approximately 1.5 hour(s).

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**★ BEST SELLER ★**

**Air Fiordland \$260**

**City:** Queenstown

Get more Milford Sound! This time, soar over the plunging cliffs, fjords and pristine Southern Alps on a flightseeing plane that carries you back to Queenstown from Milford Sound. Seeing Milford Sound and Fiordland National Park from the air brings a whole new perspective on the overwhelming beauty of this region. A truly spectacular trip! NOTE: Please be advised that some of these activities may be weather dependent and/or seasonal offerings and could be unavailable on your specific departure. Flight times may alter the ability to participate in some of the optional activities listed. Availability for flightseeing is limited. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please Note: This option is only available to purchase while on tour through your Tour Manager. This option operates on a weather permitting basis only.

Your transportation is included.

**Duration:** approximately 0.5 hour(s).

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**★ BEST SELLER ★**

**Collette Vacations \$120**

**City:** Sydney

Meet the fascinating denizens of the deep at the largest Aquarium in the Southern Hemisphere. The Sydney Aquarium allows you to experience the enormous diversity of eight unique Australian aquatic environments. Over 12,000 animals are found here, including huge sharks, rays, platypuses, crocs and more! Australia's marine diversity will astound you – from the weedy sea dragon of the Southern Oceans to the wiggly sea cucumber found in tropical waters of the Great Barrier Reef. Later, dine alfresco at Nick's Restaurant, a popular spot with locals and tourists alike. Enjoy Nick's renowned fresh seafood and picturesque waterfront location.

**Please note** a minimum of 15 passengers is required.

Your transportation is included.

**Duration:** approximately 5.5 hour(s).

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### Bridge Climb \$250

**City:** Sydney

For an up close and personal view of The Sydney Harbour Bridge like no other - climb it! This popular adventure takes you to the top of the Bridge some 440 feet (134 meters) above sea level offering unsurpassed views of the famous Opera House and Sydney's breathtaking harbor. Prep on the climb simulator before the ascent. Don a specially designed "Bridge Suit" over your personal clothing. A harness keeps you attached to a static line for safety during the climb and a radio and headset keep you in contact with your Climb Leader. A professionally trained Climb Leader accompanies each group providing guidance on the climb and insight about the Harbour Bridge and the unforgettable Sydney sites. The Sydney Bridge Climb is centrally located within walking distance for all downtown hotels. Taxis are available at your own expense.

Please Note: Passengers who have consumed any alcohol will not be allowed to do the climb and will be tested by the Bridge staff prior to the climb. Absolutely no refunds will be authorized.

Transportation is not included.

**Duration:** approximately 3.5 hour(s).

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### Tjapukai Aboriginal Park \$130

**City:** Cairns

Embrace Australia's ancient indigenous culture during an evening filled with entertainment, delicious cuisine and storytelling that brings dreamtime legends to life. Enjoy a welcome drink on arrival. Have your face painted to reflect Aboriginal history. Revel in a laid-back, delicious buffet dinner enjoying the camaraderie of your travel companions and locals. Discover Aboriginal traditions and Australian culture through customary dances and music. It's an unforgettable, cultural evening you can't miss!

**Please note** a minimum of 10 passengers is required.

Your transportation is included.

**Duration:** approximately 4 hour(s).

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### Skyline Restaurant \$35

**City:** Queenstown

From the first dramatic moments of the "Powhiri", the traditional Maori welcome, you'll be embraced by the powerful culture of the Maori people at a traditional Haka. Feel the spirit of their proud history celebrated through the music of ancient Maori instruments and songs. The traditional dances are accompanied by the thumping swings of poi balls, flying around the dancers with rhythmic precision. This is a terrific evening of traditional entertainment you won't want to miss!

**Please note** a minimum of 10 passengers is required.

Your transportation is included.

**Duration:** approximately 0.5 hour(s).

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### Christchurch Tramway \$90

**City:** Christchurch

Climb aboard the elegant Tram car and step back to New Zealand's colonial era. Take your seat on the beautifully restored dining car and indulge in a delicious 4 course dinner accompanied by unlimited drinks. Harken back to a genteel era as you travel in luxury around central Christchurch, seeing the exquisite Cathedral Square, Aquarium of Discovery, Arts Centre, Botanic Gardens, Canterbury Museum, Victoria Square, and New Regent Street. No trip to Christchurch would be complete without dinner aboard this historic tram.

**Please note** a minimum of 10 passengers is required.

Transportation is not included.

**Duration:** approximately 2.5 hour(s).

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## Know Before You Go

### Passport & Visa Info

Passports and Visas are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details.

### Electricity

An adaptor (which changes the physical plug) and/or converter (which changes the electric current) are necessary if you plan to use an appliance with voltage different from the standard within the country you are visiting. Please note, if your appliance has dual voltage you may still need an adaptor for the plug. Voltage for Australia is 240/250 and New Zealand is 220.

### Elevation

Australia is the lowest continent in the world with an average elevation of only 330 meters (1,082 ft). In New Zealand the highest elevation is 945 meters (3,100 ft) above sea level.

Month	City	High	Low	Rainfall
January	Sydney	79°	65°	4.0'
	Christchurch	71°	54°	2.1'
	Queenstown	71°	49°	3.2'
February	Cairns	88°	74°	16.0'
	Sydney	79°	66°	4.5'
	Christchurch	69°	54°	1.8'
March	Queenstown	70°	50°	2.9'
	Cairns	88°	75°	16.5'
	Sydney	77°	63°	5.2'
	Christchurch	67°	52°	2.1'

	Queenstown	67°	47°	3.0'
	Cairns	87°	73°	17.0'
<b>April</b>	Sydney	73°	57°	4.2'
	Christchurch	62°	46°	2.0'
	Queenstown	60°	43°	2.9'
	Cairns	84°	71°	7.7'
<b>May</b>	Sydney	68°	51°	3.9'
	Christchurch	56°	41°	2.7'
	Queenstown	52°	36°	2.6'
	Cairns	81°	68°	3.8'
<b>June</b>	Sydney	63°	47°	5.2'
	Christchurch	51°	36°	2.6'
	Queenstown	47°	33°	2.2'
	Cairns	78°	64°	1.9'
<b>July</b>	Sydney	62°	44°	2.5'
	Christchurch	50°	36°	2.1'
	Queenstown	46°	31°	2.2'
	Cairns	78°	68°	1.1'
<b>August</b>	Sydney	64°	46°	3.2'
	Christchurch	52°	38°	1.9'
	Queenstown	50°	34°	2.5'
	Cairns	80°	63°	0.9'
<b>September</b>	Sydney	68°	50°	2.2'
	Christchurch	56°	41°	1.9'
	Queenstown	56°	37°	2.6'
	Cairns	82°	65°	1.3'
<b>October</b>	Sydney	72°	55°	3.1'
	Christchurch	61°	44°	2.1'
	Queenstown	60°	41°	3.0'
	Cairns	85°	69°	1.4'
<b>November</b>	Sydney	75°	59°	3.4'
	Christchurch	64°	48°	2.0'
	Queenstown	64°	44°	2.5'
	Cairns	87°	72°	3.6'
<b>December</b>	Sydney	78°	63°	3.1'
	Christchurch	67°	51°	1.9'
	Queenstown	69°	48°	2.4'
	Cairns	88°	74°	6.9'