

**ELISA KOHANSKI, ENDORSED BY
WHEELING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS**

Come support Wheeling Symphony's principal cellist, Elisa Kohanski, perform on her 7th Continent.

This trip to Australia & New Zealand is the kickoff to a larger project, which will culminate in a Concerto Premiere in May 2025 with the Wheeling Symphony. The concerto, a 7 movement composition, is being composed by Jonathan Kolm. Don't miss this chance to join Elisa and Jonathan on this journey which will include added musical discoveries, performances and will workshop the composition of the Australia & New Zealand movement of the piece.

Australia & New Zealand

AUSTRALIA: CAIRNS, GREAT BARRIER REEF, SYDNEY |

NEW ZEALAND: TE ANAU, ARROWTOWN, QUEENSTOWN, ROTORUA, AUCKLAND



**Departure AUGUST 29, 2024
Return SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

**OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION:
Melbourne & the Outback**

Day 1-2 • Depart U.S.

Day 3-6 • Cairns, Australia

Included Tours Hartley's Crocodile Adventures, Outer Great Barrier Reef
Optional Tours Hot-air Balloon Ride, Tjapukai, Skyrail & Kuranda Village

Day 7-10 • Sydney

Included Tours Sydney & the Opera House, The Rocks, Sydney Harbor Cruise
Optional Tour Sydney Harbour & History

Day 11-12 • Te Anau, New Zealand

Included Tour Milford Sound
Optional Tour Kawarau Jet-boat Ride

Day 13-14 • Queenstown

Included Tours Arrowtown, Winery tour, Lake Wakatipu & Walter Peak Sheep Station

Day 15-16 • Rotorua

Included Tour Rotorua
Optional Tour Te Puia Dinner

Day 17-18 • Auckland

Included Tours Auckland Harbor Sailing, Auckland

Day 19 • Return to U.S.

OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION: Fiji

19 days from **\$6095**
Including international airfare from Baltimore

SAVE \$1,000 per person off the tour cost. Book by 5/28/2024 and mention code EURK 101 (in addition to the group code)

IT'S INCLUDED

- 16 nights accommodation
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- 31 meals: 16 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 9 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 12 included features: 8 guided tours and 4 Exclusive Discovery Series events
- Exclusive services of a local Grand Circle Program Director
- Gratuities for local guides and motor-coach drivers
- Personal headset for all included and optional tours
- Private motorcoach land travel
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip



PLEASE MENTION THIS CODE WHEN BOOKING

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Group Size

- A maximum of 42 travelers, led by a local Grand Circle Program Director

Pacing

- 6 locations in 17 days
- 3 internal flights of 3-4 hours each
- Air travel time will be 19-27 hours and will most likely have two connections

Physical Requirements

- 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. Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters

- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience
- You may encounter animals on this trip. We make every effort to keep these encounters safe, however animals may behave unpredictably or dangerously at times. Please use caution when interacting with animals on this trip: Keep a safe distance, stay alert, and respect the animals

Terrain & Transportation

- Uneven walking surfaces, including unpaved paths, hills, stairs, and cobblestones
- Travel by 45-seat motorcoach, 36-seat boat, high-speed catamaran, gondola, water taxi, steamship, jet-boat, 280-seat boat, and sailboat

Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 60-88°F during touring season
- December through March are the warmest months

ITINERARY

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Begin your international journey today. If you'd like to break up your flying time, consider an optional overnight stay in Los Angeles. Ask your Travel Counselor for details.

Day 2 • Continue international travel

You lose a day as you cross the International Date Line, and gain it back upon your return home.

Day 3 • Arrive in Australia • Cairns

Upon arrival in Sydney (or Brisbane, depending on your air routing), you'll be met by a Grand Circle representative who will assist with your transfer to Cairns. At the hotel, meet your fellow travelers, including those who took our *Melbourne & the Outback* pre-trip extension.

Doubletree by Hilton Cairns or similar

Day 4 • Cairns • Hartley's Crocodile Adventures

Today you'll have the opportunity to meet a koala, hand-feed kangaroos in a private enclosure, and watch the crocs at feeding time in the Australian Bush. You'll take a boat cruise on Hartley's Lagoon, a natural habitat for the saltwater crocodile, and then enjoy an included lunch.

B,L,D—Doubletree by Hilton Cairns or similar

Day 5 • Cairns • Optional Hot-air Balloon Ride • Optional Great Barrier Reef Helicopter Ride • Outer Great Barrier Reef tour

You may start your day with an early sunrise balloon ride over the picturesque Atherton Tablelands. Later, board a catamaran to the Outer Great Barrier Reef, with optional helicopter rides available. Explore the reef's wonders from a pontoon, offering opportunities for swimming, snorkeling, and semi-submersible vehicle adventures.

Please note: Weather conditions may affect your marine-life viewing experience.

B,L—Doubletree by Hilton Cairns or similar

Day 6 • Cairns • Optional Pamagirri Experience, Kuranda Village & Skyrail Tour

Opt for an optional tour featuring a Pamagirri Aboriginal dance, Kuranda Village visit, and Skyrail ride, or explore Cairns independently. Engage in an **Exclusive Discovery Series** discussion led by a speaker with local Aboriginal ties. Later, attend a second event at the Cairns RSL branch, supporting veterans, and share dinner with its members.

B,D—Doubletree by Hilton Cairns or similar

Day 7 • Cairns • Sydney

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

B,D—View Sydney or similar

Day 8 • Sydney • Opera House

Start your Sydney exploration at Mrs. Macquarie's Chair for harbor views, followed by a guided tour of Opera House, Sydney's signature landmark. Enjoy lunch at Bondi Beach and dinner at the hotel later.

B,L,D—View Sydney or similar

Day 9 • Sydney • The Rocks • Sydney Harbor Cruise

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 an included cruise of Sydney Harbor, for a unique look at Sydney from the sea. Then enjoy an **Exclusive Discovery Series** conversation about Australia's famed opals, followed by an afternoon at leisure making your own discoveries.

B—View Sydney or similar

Itinerary continued

Day 10 • Sydney

Enjoy a day at leisure in Sydney and a chance to get to know Australia's largest and oldest city better.

B—View Sydney or similar

Day 11 • Sydney • Te Anau, New Zealand

You'll have a boxed breakfast this morning as you depart early for the airport for a flight to Queenstown. Upon arrival, you'll transfer to Te Anau, where you'll have an orientation walk before an included dinner at a your hotel.

B,D—Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau or similar

Day 12 • Te Anau • Milford Sound cruise • Optional Fiordland Jet-boat ride

Today, enjoy a cruise on Milford Sound. You'll witness spectacular scenery as we travel to the sound, and up-close views as you cruise along this dramatic fjord. This afternoon, join an optional jet-boat ride on the Upper Waiau River for a thrilling look at the wilderness of Fiordland National Park. Dinner is included at a restaurant in Te Anau this evening.

B,L,D—Distinction Luxmore Hotel Lake Te Anau or similar

Day 13 • Te Anau • Arrowtown • Winery tour • Queenstown

Stroll through charming Arrowtown on a guided tour, exploring its reconstructed historic main street with top-notch shops. After an included lunch, visit a local winery to sample New Zealand's renowned wines. Arrive in Queenstown for a relaxed evening at leisure.

B,L,D—Holiday Inn Express & Suites Queenstown or similar

Day 14 • Queenstown • Lake Wakatipu • Walter Peak Sheep Station

This morning, board the historic steamer TSS *Earnslaw* for an included tour, and travel across Lake Wakatipu for a visit to the Walter Peak Sheep Station.

B—Holiday Inn Express & Suites Queenstown or similar

Day 15 • Queenstown • Rotorua • Optional Te Puia Dinner

After breakfast, fly to Rotorua on New Zealand's North Island. Upon arrival, you'll check in to 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—Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua or similar

Day 16 • Rotorua

Join your Program Director on an included tour of Rotorua, starting with an **Exclusive Discovery Series** event in Ohinemutu village. Explore Maori traditions and admire a hand-carved meetinghouse on a marae. In the evening, join an optional tour to Te Puia Cultural Center for New Zealand's national carving and weaving schools, a tour of geysers and thermal pools, and a traditional Maori dinner with storytelling and entertainment.

B,D—Sudima Hotel Lake Rotorua or similar

Day 17 • Rotorua • Auckland

This morning, continue your explorations of New Zealand's North Island as you transfer by motorcoach to Auckland. En route, enjoy an included lunch.

B,L—Sudima Auckland City Hotel

Day 18 • Auckland • Harbor cruise

This morning, enjoy a hands-on sailing experience during an included cruise of Auckland Harbor, followed by a city tour. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy before you rejoin your fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner tonight.

B,D—Sudima Auckland City Hotel

Day 19 • Return to U.S.

Transfer early this morning to the Auckland airport. If you've chosen our post-trip extension to *Fiji*, you'll fly to Nadi to begin your journey. Otherwise, you'll begin your flight home to the U.S.

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Sydney, Australia

2024 LAND TOUR PRICES

Save \$1,000 per person off the tour cost below.
 Book by 4/30/2024 and mention code: DOBE 230
 (in addition to the group code)

Land Tour only	\$4,195
DEPART FROM:	Departure AUG 29, 2024 Return SEP 16, 2024
Baltimore	\$1,900

Deposit: \$350 per person.

Single Supplement: FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FEES The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. **Government and other authority taxes and fees: September 11th Security Fee** of up to \$2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—\$5.00 USD one-way, \$10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one take-off and one landing. **Passenger Facility Charge (PFC)** of up to \$18 per passenger. **Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee** of up to \$3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing). **U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges** of up to \$200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or international departure and arrival charges of up to \$300 USD may apply. Call for details. Standard Policies and Terms & Conditions apply; see www.gct.com/tc for details. See www.gct.com/disclaimers for full policy details. Every effort has been made to publish this information accurately. We reserve the right to correct errors.

RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION

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 based on a trip value of \$6500:

Months Prior to Departure (Must Pay in Full)	Percent You Save:	Savings Per Person:	Savings Per Couple:
15 months or more	10%	\$650	\$1300
14 months prior	9%	\$585	\$1170
13 months prior	8%	\$520	\$1040
12 months prior	7.5% OFF	\$488	\$975
11 months prior	6% OFF	\$390	\$780
10 months prior	5% OFF	\$325	\$650
9 months prior	4% OFF	\$260	\$520
8 months prior	3% OFF	\$195	\$390
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