Florida State University Alumni Association presents…

South Pacific Wonders
with Optional 3-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension
September 21 – October 5, 2022

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Please refer to booking #1074143
Day 1 – 2: September 21 – 22, 2022 Depart from Home
Cross the International Dateline, skipping a day ahead, and begin your adventure of a lifetime.

Day 3: Friday, September 23, 2022 Christchurch, New Zealand - Tour Begins
Arrive in the historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the city known as “the Garden City” is recreating itself. Meet your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner and start your South Pacific journey off on the right foot. (D)

Day 4: Saturday, September 24, 2022 Christchurch
Start your morning with a city tour of Christchurch. Then, pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. A leader in the conservation of New Zealand species, Willowbank offers the chance to view New Zealand’s “Big 5” - the Kiwi, the Kea, the Tuatara, the Kaka, and the Takahe - up close and personal. (B)

Day 5: Sunday, September 25, 2022 Christchurch - Queenstown
Depart Christchurch and make your way south to Queenstown. Known as the “Adventure Capital of the World,” Queenstown is nestled against a picturesque bay and snowcapped mountains. Arrive in Queenstown in the afternoon and have time to explore independently before dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Monday, September 26, 2022 Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown
Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley as you travel through an ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. Cruise the Milford Sound and see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, you may choose to return to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand’s Southern Alps. (B, L)

Day 7: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 Queenstown
A free day offers a variety of optional activities to enhance your tour. Shop or people-watch in the village; partake in an optional jet boat ride on the Shotover River; or join an optional tour taking you through the majestic Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the locations where blockbuster movies have been filmed. Regardless of how you choose to spend your day, gather tonight for a home hosted meal and get to learn from your hosts what it is like to live in this amazing city. (B, D)

Day 8: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 Queenstown
Cruise Lake Wakatipu and head to Mt. Nicholas High Country Farm, a family-run merino sheep farm. En route, see Cecil Peak, Bob’s Cove and Mt. Earnslaw. In your exclusive visit, follow the behind-the-scenes process from mustering sheep to wool garments. Enjoy a fresh farmer’s lunch before sailing back. Later, it’s your choice! Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park -OR- take a gondola to the top of Bob’s Peak for stunning panoramic views of the area. Gather for a “farewell to New Zealand” dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Thursday, September 29, 2022 Queenstown - Cairns, Australia
Fly to Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world’s most spectacular natural attractions and a World Heritage site - the Great Barrier Reef. Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (B, D)
Day 10: Friday, September 30, 2022 Cairns

Come to know the history of Australia’s original inhabitants at the Rainforestation Nature Park where an Indigenous Pamagirri guide will show you through some of their oldest customs and traditions. Then, visit Hartley’s Crocodile Adventures to see crocodiles on a nature cruise. Head through rainforests on boardwalks to see animals such as birds, reptiles, and wallabies. Visit with a koala and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these furry creatures. End your visit at Hartley’s with a dinner of local favorites. (B, D)

Day 11: Saturday, October 1, 2022 Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns

Board a high-speed catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. Explore the reef from your base on Green Island. Enjoy a glass-bottom boat ride, stroll the island’s walking trails, relax on the beach, snorkel or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. For a more adventurous encounter with the reef, an optional outer reef tour is also available. (B, L)

Day 12: Sunday, October 2, 2022 Cairns - Sydney

The morning is yours. Enjoy your last few hours in Cairns by relaxing and taking in the tropical atmosphere and surrounding neighborhood. Then, fly to the bustling city of Sydney. (B)

Day 13: Monday, October 3, 2022 Sydney

See where English colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney, featuring Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, and the fashionable suburb of Darlinghurst. Take an expert-led tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then, have the chance to join a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. In the evening, consider an optional dinner and engaging performance at the Sydney Opera House. (B)

Day 14: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 Sydney

Embrace the exciting city of Sydney during a day of independent exploration. Tonight, say farewell to Australia while on a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas of the harbor, showcasing Sydney’s magnificent skyline, the iconic Sydney Opera House, and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

Day 15: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 Sydney - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure. (B)
PLEASE NOTE:
IDENTIFICATION
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. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our guests traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Visa Requirements:
US and Canadian citizens: ETA’s (Electronic Travel Authority) are required for this tour. For your Australia ETA: Travel Agents that have access to a CRS system can process your ETA at no charge or they may call the guest's airline no earlier than 30 days prior to departure (credit card is required). If you do not have access to a CRS system, you will be supplied with an ETA form and asked to fax this information back to us 45 days prior to departure. Please send the fax in care of the Australian ETA Coordinator at fax 401-727-4745. Please include the (required) Reservation Number, Passport Number, Nationality, Date of Birth, Gender, Country of Birth, Passport Expiration Date, Family or Last Name (as shown on passport), First and/or Middle Name Given (as shown on your passport) and Issuing Authority.

For travel to New Zealand, your NZeTA must be processed in advance through the New Zealand Immigration online system by visiting https://nzeta.immigration.govt.nz/ (approximate cost of 12 NZD) or through their mobile app NZeTA (approximate cost of 9 NZD) in addition to Tourism Levy of 35 NZD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

Effective immediately and until further notice, we require all guests to be fully vaccinated in order to participate in this tour. Although destination entry requirements may differ, if you are unvaccinated, you will not be able to join us on this tour. All guests are required to bring proof of vaccination (official vaccination certificate in paper) on tour.

Previous guests have indicated that a small gift from your area is appropriate and appreciated the night of your home hosted dinner in New Zealand.

Due to early arrival times in some cities, rooms may not always be ready for immediate check-in.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy pathways; a couple of hills or a few flights of stairs. You’re comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time, but need some time to unwind and relax.

Due to changes in air schedules while on tour, the order of days in the itinerary may change. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline’s terms and conditions.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link http://www.mohap.gov.ae/en/services/Pages/361.aspx to view the guidelines. A user’s guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of $600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of March 16, 2022 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 23, 2022. Deposits are refundable up until March 23, 2022.

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