

The logo for StRay, featuring the word "StRay" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The "S" and "t" are lowercase, while "R" and "a" are uppercase. The "y" is lowercase. The logo is set against a blue background with a white speech bubble shape behind the text.

**ASIA | AUSTRALIA | NEW ZEALAND**

# The Adventure Travel Network

# 2019-20

**Valid from 1 Oct 2019 - Sept 2020**



Trang An Grottoes  
Ninh Binh, Vietnam



## Our Purpose

“To share our world, our people, our places, our culture. To be the energy for positive change.”



## The Adventure Travel Network

### Our Values



#### We make a difference

We consider our actions, big or small. We do right by our people, our community, and our environment.



#### We have passion, we have sizzle

We're passionate about travel, adventure and sharing our local knowledge.



#### We walk the walk

We don't just talk about what we are going to do, we go out there and do it!



# Start your Adventure!

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“**Stray / *strei* / verb**  
**1. to wander from the path, leave the common course or place, to roam, to go beyond the limits.**”





# The Stray Experience



## Go further off the beaten track

Our mission is to take you further off the beaten track and immerse you in places and experiences that will blow you away. We also make the most of every journey with great stops and inclusions along the way; a walk to a waterfall, checking out an important monument or saying hello to some friendly wildlife.



## More National Parks, more UNESCO World Heritage Sites

We'll take you closer to the action! National Parks and UNESCO World Heritage Sites are our jam and we try to visit as many of these environmental and cultural gems as possible. Whether it's exploring an abandoned citadel complex in Vietnam, or heading off on a koala spotting hike in Australia, you're guaranteed to see more and do more.



## No worries!

We're with you every step of the way to make sure you have the adventure of a lifetime. Your Stray Guide is the type of person you want to be travelling with. Not only are they friendly and fun, they are your personal walking guidebook with extensive local knowledge of the best things to see and do and if you need advice or support, they're there to help.



## Get amongst local culture

Experience the best of what the locals have to offer. Scoop up sticky rice at the night markets in Asia. Learn to surf with the pros at Spot X in Australia. Play Māori stick games before enjoying a traditional Hangi feast in New Zealand. Your Stray Guide will make it easy for you to get involved.



## Meet awesome people

Meet like-minded travellers and make lifelong friendships. Stray attracts adventurous people who jump on the bus with an open mind and a burning desire to explore (our secret ingredient for an awesome trip!).



## See amazing places

Discover some incredible places you're unlikely to find in a guidebook, that the average tourist will never see. These destinations (marked with a heart icon on the maps) are our iconic 'Strademark' Places, the places that you won't forget.



## Travel with purpose

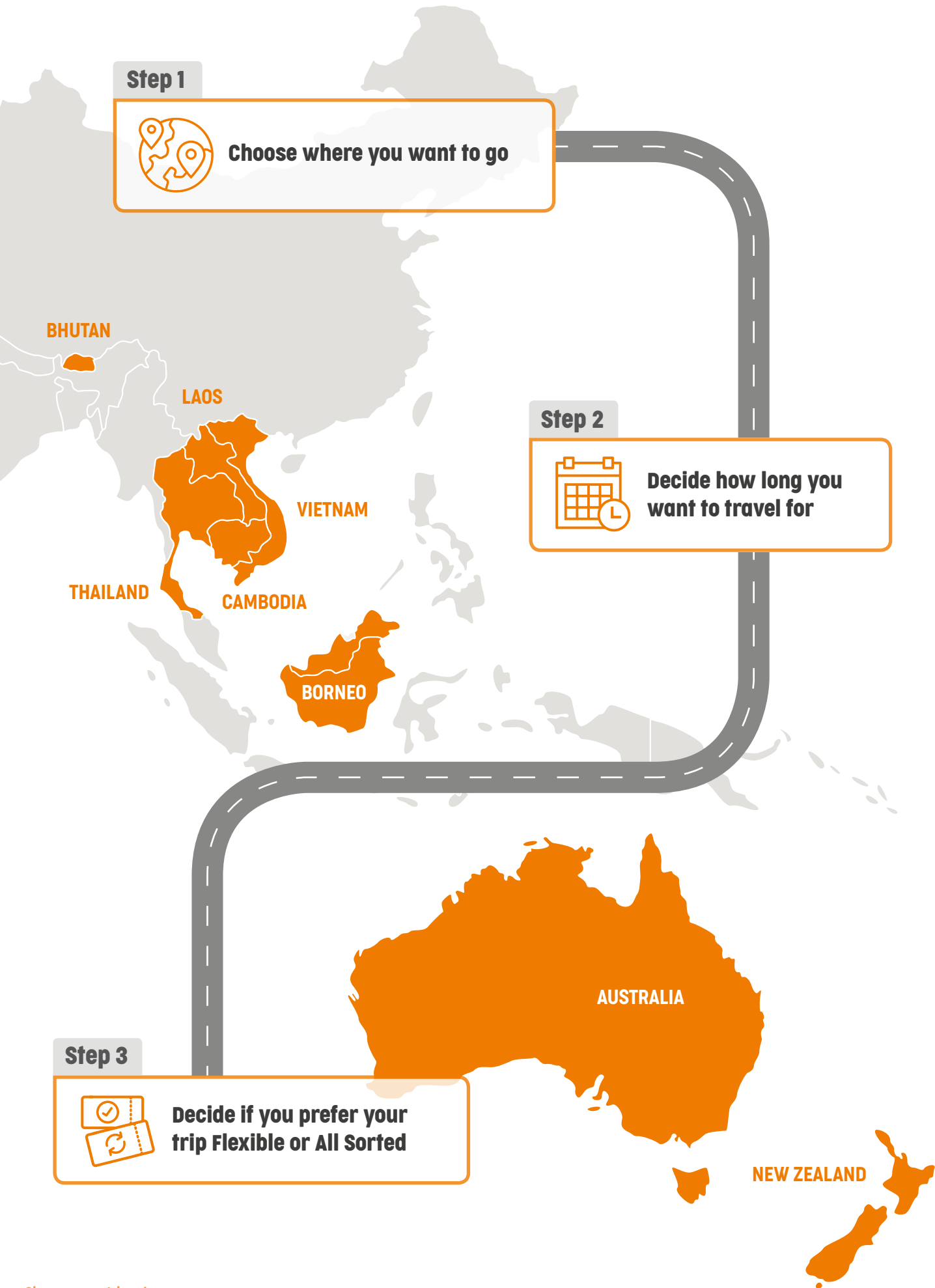
We believe travel can make a difference on a global scale. We operate a sustainable travel network and we're passionate about protecting our natural environment, enhancing local communities, looking out for animal welfare and ensuring that you finish your Stray adventure full of amazing memories and are inspired to make the world a better place.



## Your time, your way

You're in charge – choose your adventure! Want all the details sorted for you? We've got you covered with our Stray Journeys. Want it all sorted plus flexibility? No problem, our Freestyle Tours are what you are after. Prefer deciding as you go, better pick a Freestyle Pass then! Tailor your travel experience to your specific interests and accommodation requirements.

# Choose your Adventure!



## Flexible Trips

### Freestyle Tour

Transport

Guide

Accomm.

Activities

Meals

**Flexible tours – big adventures!**

If you want the hassle-free element of a tour but with the added benefit of flexibility, a Freestyle Tour is for you! It's just like a traditional tour with accommodation, activities, transport and some meals included, but you have the freedom to extend your stay at any stop on the route and you can travel for up to a year! If you're short on time, no worries, you can complete the tour in the minimum days, and there are non-travel days throughout the itinerary so it won't feel too rushed.

**Available in:** Australia, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam

**Group size:** up to 40

### Freestyle Pass

Transport

Guide

Pay-as-you-go

N/A

N/A

**Flexible adventures – your time, your way!**

If you want the fun, security and hassle-free aspect of travelling with a group and a guide, but also want to be able to decide where you sleep, what activities you do and how long you spend in each place, choose a Freestyle Pass. Accommodation and activities are pay-as-you-go. We'll recommend things to do and places to stay and help you book them. Extend your stay in your favourite places and travel for up to a year.

**Available in:** New Zealand, Australia, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam

**Group size:** up to 48

## All Sorted Tours

### Journeys

Transport

Guide

Accomm.

Activities

Meals

**Small group tours - big adventures!**

Sit back and relax because it's all taken care of! Your guide will take you on an unforgettable once-in-a-lifetime journey where all you have to worry about is ticking off your bucket list. Accommodation, top-rated activities, transport and some meals are included and you can opt for extra activities along the way.

**Available in:** New Zealand, Borneo, Bhutan

**Group size:** up to 24

### Arrival Packs

Transfers\*

N/A

Accomm.

Activities

N/A

**Your arrival - all sorted!**

Designed to get you settled in and comfortable with your surroundings, Arrival Packs can be booked on their own or alongside any of our other Freestyle Passes and Tours.

**Available in:** Sydney & Bangkok

*\*Transfers available with Bangkok Arrival Packs only*



# Travelling Freestyle

The most flexible way of travelling with a group.



## Managing your travel

Once you've bought a pass, you'll get access to Stray Mate so you can plan your travel and book your dates. If you're travelling on a short time frame, we recommend booking your dates in advance. Dates are fully flexible and you can change them at any time.



## Travel time

Check the minimum number of days it will take to complete your pass. If you're short on time, you don't need to hop off at all. There are non-travel days throughout the route so you will not be travelling everyday. You can hop off and extend your stay in any of the destinations along the travel route.



## Travel for up to 12 months

Your pass is valid for 12 months from the first day of travel, so you can hop on and off as much as you like.



## Departure frequency

Stray departs several times a week. The number of departures per week depends on the region and the time of year. Check the Timetables on the Stray website to plan your travels.



## How you'll travel

Travel by private, air-conditioned bus (14-48 seats), train, boat and even tuk-tuk! With Stray you'll get the full backpacking experience. Your Stray Guide will make sure you never have to worry about getting from A to B.



## Where you'll sleep

Stray stays at hostels, guest houses, lodges, homestays and sometimes we camp! Book your bed through us to stay at the Stray preferred accommodation.



## What you'll do

Each place we visit is bursting with epic activities for you to choose from! Your Stray Guide can recommend all the must do's and show you some awesome free experiences you can't miss.

On the road  
New Zealand



Whitsunday Islands  
Australia



Mekong River Cruise  
Laos



# Stray Mate

**Your personalised planning and booking tool.**

Use the Stray Mate app to:

- Book your travel
- Learn about the destinations you will visit
- Manage travel bookings in real time
- Book accommodation and activities in each destination and get special Stray rates. *New Zealand & Australia only.*



Stray Mate New Zealand & Australia available on iOS and Android devices.



Stray Mate Asia available as a web application.



# Where you'll stay

## New Zealand

Comfortable backpacker hostels, wilderness lodges and cabins.

### Freestyle Passes

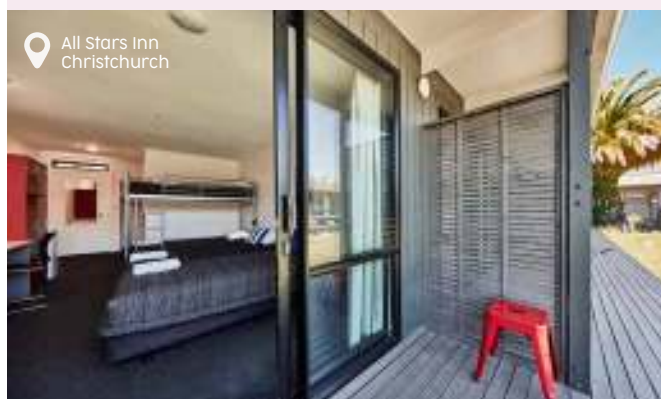
**Accommodation:** Pay-as-you-go

- Dorm bed room reserved at the Stray preferred provider
- Book accommodation via the Stray Mate app



### Journeys

High-quality backpacker accommodation in a variety of hostels, wilderness lodges and cabins.



#### Summer

**Accommodation:** Quad-share  
- Included for each night of the itinerary



#### Off-Peak

**Accommodation:** Shared 4-10 bed mixed-sex dorm  
- Included for each night of the itinerary

## Australia

Comfortable backpacker lodges, hostels, cabins and campsite accommodation.

### Freestyle Passes

**Accommodation:** Pay-as-you-go

- Book accommodation via the Stray Mate app



### Freestyle Tours

**Accommodation:** Shared 4-10 bed mixed-sex dorm  
- Included for each night of the itinerary  
- Book additional nights in the Stray Mate app (own expense)



## Asia

Clean, comfortable, backpacker accommodation in guesthouses, budget hotels, hostels and homestays.

### Freestyle Passes

**Accommodation:** Pay-as-you-go

- Bed reserved at the Stray preferred provider
- Book accommodation with your Stray Guide



### Freestyle Tours

**Accommodation:** Choose from shared, twin-share or single

- Included for each night of the itinerary
- Book additional nights direct with the accommodation



**Shared (2-8 beds)**



**Twin-share**



**Single**

### Journeys: Borneo

**Accommodation:** Twin-share  
3 star hotels, a homestay, chalets & glamping  
- Included for each night of the itinerary



### Journeys: Bhutan

**Accommodation:** Twin-share  
3 star hotels & a homestay  
- Included for each night of the itinerary



### Homestays

Not many travellers get the opportunity to stay in a remote village and get to know the local people in their own home. This is the real Southeast Asia, where you will experience authentic and genuine local hospitality from the moment you arrive.





# Asia

Discover lush mountain jungles, ancient ruins from bygone empires, vibrant culture, mouthwatering cuisine, sparkling beaches and some special places so far off the beaten track you won't find them on Google Maps...





# Freestyle Passes & Tours

THAILAND

LAOS

CAMBODIA

VIETNAM

LOT

Start: Bangkok | Finish: Hanoi

Minimum days: 38

Departs: Tuesday & Saturday

Highlights & Inclusions: 1-24

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$2995 USD pp

FREESTYLE PASS

\$2195 USD

THAILAND

LAOS

CAMBODIA

MEKONG

Start/Finish: Bangkok

Minimum days: 26

Departs: Tuesday & Saturday

Highlights & Inclusions: 1-17

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$2245 USD pp

FREESTYLE PASS

\$1595 USD

THAILAND

LAOS

LITTLE MEKONG

Start/Finish: Bangkok

Minimum days: 17

Departs: Tuesday & Saturday

Highlights & Inclusions: 1-12

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$1475 USD pp

FREESTYLE PASS

\$1195 USD

CAMBODIA

VIETNAM

MOC BAI

Start: Bangkok | Finish: Hanoi

Minimum days: 24

Departs: Wednesday & Sunday

Highlights & Inclusions: 13-24

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$1945 USD pp

FREESTYLE PASS

\$1545 USD

CAMBODIA

KHMER

Start: Bangkok | Finish: Bangkok or Ho Chi Minh

Minimum days: 12

Departs: Wednesday & Sunday

Highlights & Inclusions: 13-17

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$795 USD pp

FREESTYLE PASS

\$675 USD

THAILAND

LAOS

TOM YUM

Start/Finish: Bangkok

Minimum days: 12

Departs: Tuesday & Saturday

Highlights & Inclusions: 1-9

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$895 USD pp

FREESTYLE PASS

\$765 USD

THAILAND

LAOS

LONG LAOS

Start: Chiang Mai | Finish: Don Det

Minimum days: 14

Departs: Wednesday & Sunday

Highlights & Inclusions: 2-12

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$1325 USD pp

FREESTYLE PASS

\$895 USD

THAILAND

LAOS

LITTLE LAOS

Start: Chiang Mai | Finish: Vientiane

Minimum days: 9

Departs: Wednesday & Sunday

Highlights & Inclusions: 2-9

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$745 USD pp

FREESTYLE PASS

\$585 USD

VIETNAM

DONG

Start: Ho Chi Minh City | Finish: Hanoi

Minimum days: 14

Departs: Tuesday & Friday

Highlights & Inclusions: 18-24

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$1045 USD pp

FREESTYLE PASS

\$895 USD

Old Town

Hoi An, Vietnam

Stray Guide

Laos

“
 Stray Asia gave us the opportunity to discover wonderful places! The trip is very well organised and our guides were amazing, eager to share their culture with us. We would strongly recommend the experience!
 ”
   
 - Stephanie, Canada

Salt Fields

Kampot, Cambodia

## Add-ons

THAILAND

BUCKET (UNGUIDED)

Start: Bangkok | Finish: Bangkok or Phuket

Minimum days: 3

Departs: Daily

UNGUIDED PASS

FROM \$125 USD

Koh Phangan

Thailand

Arrival Packs

THAILAND

BANGKOK STANDARD

Nights: 1

Includes:

+ Transfer from airports or major bus/ train stations to hotel

+ Accommodation in a centrally located 3 star hotel

SINGLE

\$130 USD per room

TWIN

\$140 USD per room

THAILAND

BANGKOK PLUS

Nights: 2

Includes:

+ Transfer from airports or major bus/ train stations to hotel

+ Accommodation in a centrally located 3 star hotel

+ 1 hour traditional Thai massage

+ Half day floating markets tour

+ 1 month luggage storage

SINGLE

\$240 USD per room

TWIN

\$260 USD per room

Asia: Freestyle Passes & Tours Prices are in USD and are subject to change. Refer to page 17 for highlights & inclusions.

Minimum days: The least number of days required to complete the pass without hopping off. We recommend you allow extra time to stop and explore.

Asia: Freestyle Passes & Tours

ASIA

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# Freestyle Highlights & Inclusions

## Thailand

- 1 Travel on the overnight sleeper train from Bangkok to Chiang Mai.
- 2 See the dazzling and bizarre White Temple in Chiang Rai.

Meals: 2 breakfasts\*

## Laos

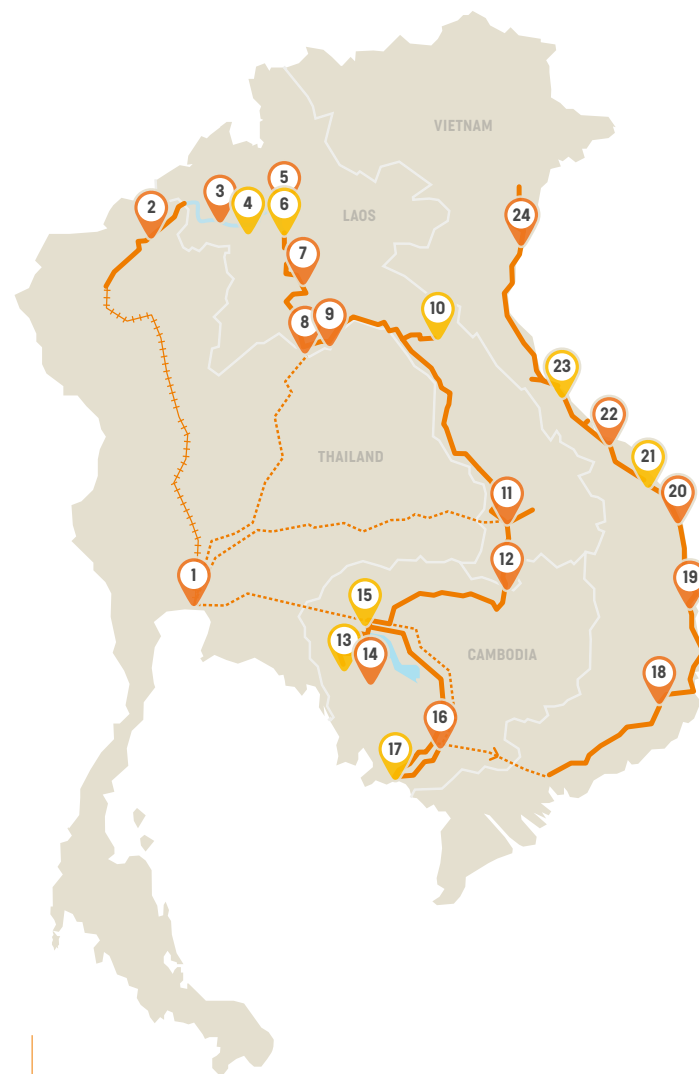
- 3 Sit back and watch the world go by on a 2-day cruise down the Mekong River.
- 4 Be blessed at a traditional Baci ceremony at the Mekong River Homestay.\*
- 5 See the Pak Ou caves filled with hundreds of Buddhist statues.
- 6 Witness the sheer magnificence and the beauty of the Kuang Si Falls, Luang Prabang.\* (Half-day tour)
- 7 The spectacular scenery of Vang Vieng is best appreciated from the river, opt for a tubing or kayaking trip or hike to the Blue Lagoon.
- 8 Get orientated with a city sights tour of Vientiane.
- 9 Learn about the Secret War at the COPE Centre, Vientiane.
- 10 Take a boat trip on an underground river through a 7km cave in Kong Lor National Park.\*
- 11 Bathe at the bottom of the Tad Ngeuang waterfall, surrounded by lush coffee plantations.
- 12 Chill out in Don Det (4000 Islands) in the middle of the Mekong, home to rare river dolphins.

Meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 dinner\*

## Cambodia

- 13 Indulge in a traditional Khmer banquet and try a local favourite tippie: snake blood whisky at the Cambodian homestay near Battambang.\*
- 14 Take a ride on a bamboo train.
- 15 Embrace your inner tomb raider and explore the iconic Angkor Wat temples in Siem Reap.\* (Full-day tour)
- 16 Hear the sobering stories and chilling history of the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng 21 Prison, Phnom Penh.
- 17 Cruise the Kampot river at sunset with views of Elephant Mountain and the Bokor National Park.\*

Meals: 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner\*



## Vietnam

- 18 Breathe in the cool, fresh mountain air in the French Colonial inspired town of Da Lat.
- 19 Discover a beach paradise Bai Xep, a secluded fishing village where they use round fishing boats!
- 20 Wander the lantern-lit streets of Hoi An's Old Town in search of the most delicious white rose dumplings.
- 21 Jump on the back of a motorbike and discover an Emperor's Tomb, the Forbidden City, have your fortune told and motor through the quaint villages of Hue.\*
- 22 Visit the Vinh Moc Tunnels, an impressive underground tunnel complex used during the War.
- 23 Explore Phong Nha National Park and venture into one of the largest known cave systems in the world.\*
- 24 Paddle out on traditional canoes to explore the Trang An Grottoes, often referred to as the Ha Long Bay on land.

Meals: 11 breakfasts\*



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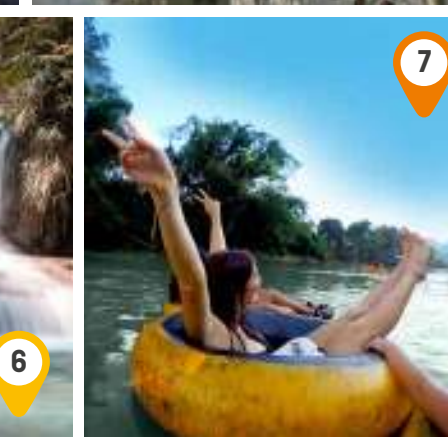
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# Journeys: Borneo

BORNEO

10 DAY BORNEO EXPLORER

Start Sandakan | Finish: Kota Kinabalu  
Duration: 10 days/9 nights  
Dates: From March-December 2020

TWIN-SHARE

\$1995<sup>USD pp</sup>

SINGLE

FROM \$2360<sup>USD pp</sup>

Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre  
Sepilok

Help save the sea turtles  
Libaran (Turtle) Island

## Inclusions

### Throughout your Journey

- + Local Stray Guide & Driver
- + Transport: Private air-conditioned minivan, boats and ferry
- + Accommodation: 9 nights' (twin-share)
- + Meals: 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners

### Activities & Sightseeing

- + Visit Libaran (Turtle) Island, take part in sea turtle conservation and explore the mangroves by kayak
- + Watch Orangutans play and see Sun Bears up close at the Conservation Centres, Sepilok
- + Traverse the rainforest on elevated walkways to discover flying squirrels, slow lorises and other wildlife at the Rainforest Discovery Centre, Sepilok
- + See abundant wildlife at the Stray Exclusive Kinabatangan Jungle Camp
- + Experience multiple wildlife cruises along the Kinabatangan River including a night cruise
- + Enjoy local hospitality at the Ranau Homestay
- + Take a guided tour of the Mount Kinabalu botanical gardens, one of the most important biological sites in the world
- + Relax on the beach and watch an incredible sunset at the tip of Borneo where the Sulu Sea and the South China Sea collide
- + Enjoy a delicious seafood barbeque on the beach
- + Taste local honey at the Borneo Honeybee Centre and see giant ceremonial Gongs
- + Explore the capital city of Kota Kinabalu

“Visiting Borneo was one of the best travel experiences in 8 years of travelling! Our itinerary was jam packed with wildlife excursions, island exploring and jungle ventures.”

Tommy, United Kingdom

# Journeys: Bhutan

“I can't speak highly enough of my tour of Bhutan with Stray. Everything was so well organised and I felt like I got a true glimpse into local Bhutanese life. The homestay, the journey to Bumthang, and the hike to the Tiger's Nest were unforgettable!”

Jodine, New Zealand

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Tiger's Nest  
Paro

BHUTAN

10 DAY BHUTAN EXPLORER

Start/Finish: Paro  
Duration: 10 days/9 nights  
Peak departures in: March-May & Sep-Nov | Off-peak departures in: June-July & Jan-Feb

PEAK

FROM \$2995<sup>USD Twin pp</sup>

OFF-PEAK

FROM \$2845<sup>USD Twin pp</sup>

## Inclusions

### Throughout your Journey

- + Local Stray Guide & Driver
- + Transport: Private SUV car, minivan or bus (max 18)
- + Government Fees, Royalty & Taxes
- + Bhutan Visa application support service
- + Accommodation: 9 nights' (twin-share)
- + Meals: 9 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 9 dinners

### Activities & Sightseeing

- + Half day trek up to Tiger's Nest
- + Guided tours through some of the most treasured and elaborately decorated temples
- + Explore ancient fortresses rich in history and legend
- + Multiple hikes (2-4 hours) through rice paddies, countryside and local villages
- + Farm-style homestay experience, including a traditional family cooked meal
- + Meet the national animal at the Takin Sanctuary
- + Spend time exploring local craft workshops
- + Meet local Buddhist monks at the Nalanda Institute
- + Learn about the endangered Black Necked Crane and its migration
- + Get fascinating insights into the fertility rituals of the Bhutanese people

Takin Sanctuary

Bumthang

Prices are in USD and are subject to change. Standard accommodation is twin-share in hostels, villas, lodges, glamping tents and a homestay. Solo travellers will be paired with the same sex. Private room upgrades are available on request but do not apply at the homestay experience, which is a minimum twin-share.

Prices are in USD and are subject to change. Standard accommodation is twin-share in 3-star hotels, guest houses and a homestay. Solo travellers will be paired with the same sex. Private room upgrades are available on request but do not apply at the homestay experience, which is a typically twin-share.

Journeys: Borneo

Journeys: Bhutan

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# Australia

Australia is home to endless stretches of tropical white sandy beaches, adorable wildlife (have you seen a baby platypus?!), technicoloured birds, spectacular hinterland and impressive waterfalls. Sail around tropical islands, swim with sea turtles at the Great Barrier Reef, taste wine in the Hunter Valley, and spot koalas snoozing in the trees.



- Overnight stop\*
- Point of interest
- Stray train route
- Blue Mountains Adventure
- Strademark place
- Stray bus route
- Ferry connection

\*Number of nights vary depending on Pass/Tour itinerary. Route is subject to change.



# Freestyle Passes & Tours

NORTHBOUND

MICK

Start: Sydney | Finish: Cairns

Pass Minimum Days: 13-14

Tour Minimum Days: 24

Highlights & Inclusions: N1-17

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$3999 AUD pp

FREESTYLE PASS

\$1265 AUD

NORTHBOUND

KAT

Start: Byron Bay | Finish: Cairns

Pass Minimum Days: 8-9

Tour Minimum Days: 16

Highlights & Inclusions: N11-17

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$2779 AUD pp

FREESTYLE PASS

\$765 AUD

NORTHBOUND

STU

Start: Brisbane | Finish: Cairns

Pass Minimum Days: 8-9

Tour Minimum Days: 16

Highlights & Inclusions: N11-17

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$2749 AUD pp

FREESTYLE PASS

\$745 AUD

NORTHBOUND

GREG

Start: Sydney | Finish: Brisbane

Pass Minimum Days: 6

Tour Minimum Days: 10

Highlights & Inclusions: N1-10

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$1699 AUD pp

FREESTYLE PASS

\$575 AUD

NORTHBOUND

NAT

Start/Finish: Sydney

Pass Minimum Days: 6

Highlights & Inclusions: N2-10

FREESTYLE PASS

\$595 AUD

SOUTHBOUND

TREV

Start: Cairns | Finish: Sydney

Pass Minimum Days: 11-12

Tour Minimum Days: 15

Highlights & Inclusions: S1-8

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$2799 AUD pp

FREESTYLE TOUR

\$845 AUD

SOUTHBOUND

CAM

Start: Cairns | Finish: Brisbane

Pass Minimum Days: 10

Tour Minimum Days: 12

Highlights & Inclusions: S1-5

FREESTYLE TOUR

FROM \$2299 AUD pp

FREESTYLE PASS

\$685 AUD

SOUTHBOUND

DAN

Start: Brisbane | Finish: Sydney

Pass Minimum Days: 3

Highlights & Inclusions: S6-8

FREESTYLE PASS

\$195 AUD

“I would 10/10 recommend Stray to anyone. I got to see parts of the east coast that other travellers did not. I found it so wonderful to have a guide with me while I was travelling; someone to give me history about the towns/locations we were in and important facts to know for the coming days.

Corrie, Ireland

Minimum days: The least number of days required to complete the pass without hopping-off. We recommend you allow extra time to stop and explore.

## Add-ons

### Blue Mountains Day Trip

The Blue Mountains are an unmissable day trip from Sydney. This action packed adventure will take you to see the famous ‘Three Sisters’, the breathtaking Jamison Valley and Wentworth Falls. Includes lunch.

Add it on to your Freestyle Pass.

#### BLUE MOUNTAINS

Start/Finish: Sydney  
Minimum days: 1  
Departs: Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat year-round (+ Wed, Nov-March)

DAY TRIP

\$109 AUD

Sydney Harbour

### Arrival Pack

SYDNEY

#### SYDNEY STARTER

Start/Finish: Sydney  
Nights: 2

Add it on to your Freestyle Pass

Includes:

- + 2 nights’ dorm accommodation at a central Sydney hostel
- + 1 day trip to Blue Mountains with lunch

DORM

\$195 AUD pp

Australia: Freestyle Passes & Tours Prices are in AUD and are subject to change. Refer to pages 25-26 for highlights & inclusions.

Australia: Freestyle Passes & Tours

AUSTRALIA

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# Northbound Highlights & Inclusions

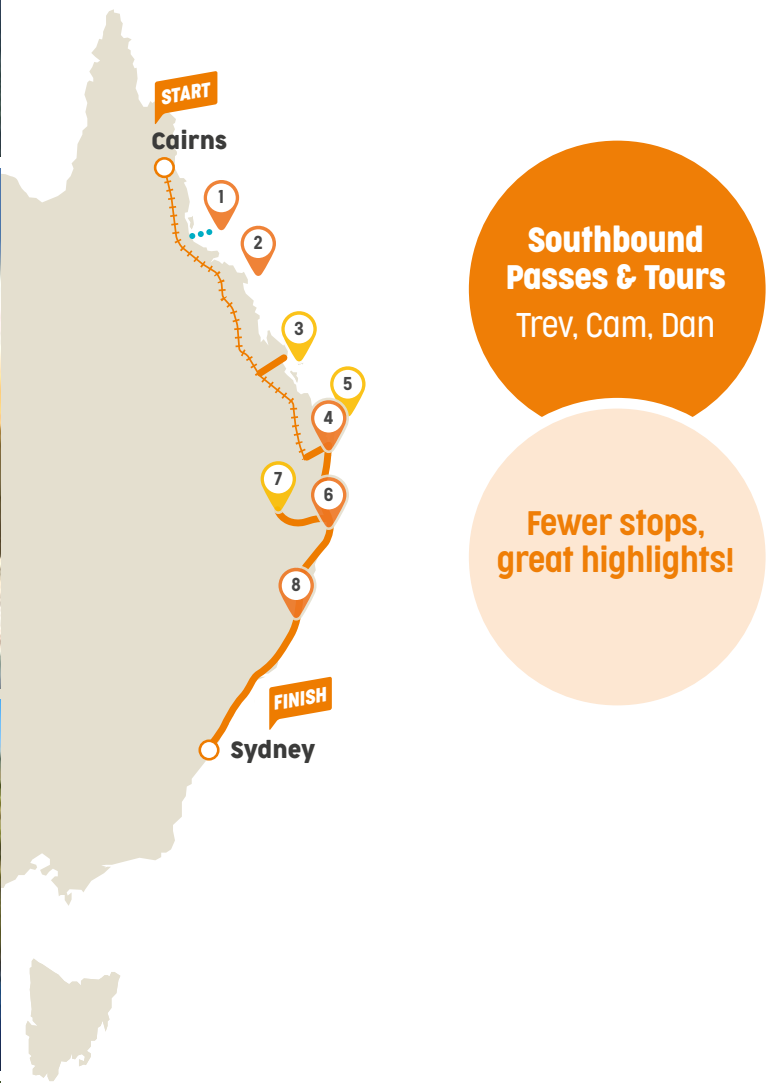


- N1 Take a day trip to see the stunning Blue Mountains, 3 Sisters and Wentworth Falls.\*
- N2 Taste award-winning wine in the famous Hunter Valley wine region.
- N3 Tube down mild rapids at Barrington Tops National Park.\*
- N4 Visit a Koala Hospital.
- N5 Spot kangaroos hopping along Emerald Beach.
- N6 Learn to surf at Spot X on some of the best beginner waves in Australia.\*
- N7 Canoe the Nymboida River keeping your eyes peeled for the elusive platypus!
- N8 Cool off in the Angourie Blue Pools.
- N9 Visit the funky town of Nimbin and Minyon Falls in the beautiful World-Heritage listed Nightcap National Park.\*
- N10 Take an orientation drive of Byron Bay. Your Guide will point out the key sights, best local watering holes and stunning beaches.
- N11 Explore Fraser Island – the largest sand island in the world, home to some of the purest lakes, dingos and an intriguing shipwreck.\* (3 day/2 night tour)
- N12 See the rainbow coloured sands at sunset, at Carlo Sand Blow, Rainbow Beach.
- N13 Visit the tropical paradise of Great Keppel Island, on the southern tip of the Great Barrier Reef. Spot turtles, tropical fish and manta rays.\*
- N14 Hike to the top of Mount Rooper for epic views of the Whitsunday Islands. Continue down to Swamp Bay, a unique beach made of layers and layers of coral, Airlie.
- N15 Go on an overnight sailing trip to the world-famous Whitsunday Islands - explore impossibly white sand beaches, forest-clad islands, and sparkling underwater worlds.\* (2 day/1 night tour)
- N16 Take a guided hike to the historic Forts Complex. See incredible views over Magnetic Island, spot wild koalas snoozing in the trees and relax in beautiful, remote Radical Bay.
- N17 Chase waterfalls and camp beneath the stars in the stunning rainforest at Tully Gorge National Park.\*

Meals: 6 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 8 dinners



# Southbound Highlights & Inclusions



- S1 Take a guided hike to the historic Forts Complex. See incredible views over Magnetic Island, spot wild koalas snoozing in the trees and relax in beautiful, remote Radical Bay.
- S2 Go on an overnight sailing trip to the world-famous Whitsunday Islands - explore impossibly white sand beaches, forest-clad islands, and sparkling underwater worlds.\* (2 day/1 night tour)
- S3 Visit the tropical paradise of Great Keppel Island, on the southern tip of the Great Barrier Reef. Spot turtles, tropical fish and manta rays.\*
- S4 See the rainbow coloured sands at Carlo Sand Blow at sunset, Rainbow Beach.
- S5 Explore Fraser Island – the largest sand island in the world, home to some of the purest lakes, dingos and an intriguing shipwreck.\* (2 day/1 night tour)
- S6 Take an orientation drive of Byron Bay. Your Guide will point out the key sights, best local watering holes and stunning beaches.
- S7 Visit the funky town of Nimbin, and Minyon Falls in the beautiful World-Heritage listed Nightcap National Park.\*
- S8 Stop to visit Spot X Surf Camp with the option to hop off and learn to surf.

Meals: 2 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 4 dinners

\*Only included with Freestyle Tours, pay-as-you-go for Freestyle Passes. Book in the Stray Mate app.





# How we Stray Australia

We mix up the transport to best suit the Australian conditions.



## Sydney to Rainbow Beach Private Bus (24-40 seat coaches) | Driver Guides

We travel 'road-trip' style on our own comfortable, private buses. Your driver is the guide, playing cool tunes, and making plenty of stops along the way to explore. On our Northbound route you'll taste wine in Hunter Valley, visit a Koala Hospital, cool off in the Angourie Blue Pools and check out an iconic kangaroo hangout. We get off the beaten track to our Strademark Stops: Barrington Tops, River Retreat and Spot X.



## Rainbow Beach to Cairns Fast Comfortable Trains | In-Location Guides

Between Rainbow and Cairns we travel via fast trains to best cover the long stretches in Queensland comfortably. Relax in reclining leather seats, watch movies, enjoy a beer in the dining carriage while playing cards with mates, or freshen up with a shower. When you arrive your In-Location Guide will meet you and fill you in on what's on offer! They will take you on the best hikes, show you the wildlife, introduce you to the local spots and get you special deals. We also travel on the Magnetic Island ferry and take local bus transfers.

# Featured Strademark Places



## ♥ Barrington Tops

Stay at Twistops Retreat on the edge of the Barrington Tops National Park. Take a walk and spot the wildlife, go river tubing, then relax in the hot tub soaking up the views.

**Includes:** 1 night's accommodation, dinner, breakfast and river tubing.

## ♥ River Retreat

Venture into the wilderness at River Retreat. Take a guided canoe trip down the river and keep an eye out for the elusive platypus! Enjoy a traditional Aussie BBQ (optional) and stargazing around the campfire.

**Includes:** 1 night's accommodation & guided canoe trip.



## ♥ Great Keppel Island Adventure

Great Keppel Island at the southern end of the Great Barrier Reef is a true tropical escape. Turtles and other marine life can often be seen right off the beach! Spend the day exploring the island, relax and snorkel the reef (optional extra).

**Includes:** Boat transfers, guide, lunch & dinner. 1 night's accommodation at Emu Park.

## ♥ Tully Rainforest Experience

Head deep into the World Heritage listed Tully Gorge National Park. Hike the trails and cool off in an amazing swimming hole surrounded by tropical rainforest. Learn about how the indigenous Australians use the land and the forest. Camp out, crank the BBQ and tell stories around the campfire.

**Includes:** Camping, BBQ dinner, breakfast, guided rainforest walk.



# See more. Do more.

- More National Parks
- More World Heritage Sites
- More Adventure
- More Wildlife
- More Flexibility
- More Good Times



# Go further off the beaten track.



# New Zealand

New Zealand is a nature lover’s paradise with stunningly diverse landscapes. Go from golden sand beaches to rainforest to glaciers, all in one day! Hike the world’s most scenic tracks, see the Milky Way stretch across the night sky, experience Māori culture and count how many adventure activities you can squeeze in!



Mt. Cook National Park



Cathedral Cove Hahei



Bridal Veil Falls Track Raglan



Abel Tasman National Park



Franz Josef Glacier



Kaikōura





# Freestyle Passes

**BOTH ISLANDS**

**EVERYWHERE**

Start/Finish: Auckland (or Anywhere)\*  
Minimum days: 31-35  
(Waves & Caves sector October - April only)




**FREESTYLE PASS** **\$1745<sup>NZD</sup>**

**BOTH ISLANDS**

**FAR & WIDE**

Start/Finish: Auckland (or Anywhere)\*  
Minimum days: 28-30




**FREESTYLE PASS** **\$1545<sup>NZD</sup>**

**BOTH ISLANDS**

**ESSENTIALS**

Start/Finish: Auckland (or Anywhere)\*  
Minimum days: 22-24




**FREESTYLE PASS** **\$1235<sup>NZD</sup>**

**BOTH ISLANDS**

**NORTH TO SOUTH**

Start: Auckland | Finish: Christchurch  
Minimum days: 19-21



**FREESTYLE PASS** **\$1095<sup>NZD</sup>**

Thanks to Stray, I had the best time travelling around NZ! Our Stray Guide was fantastic with great energy & enthusiasm.


Kirsten, The Netherlands



**NORTH ISLAND**

**FAR NORTH**

Start: Auckland  
Finish: Auckland  
Minimum days: 3-4



**FREESTYLE PASS** **\$250<sup>NZD</sup>**

**NORTH ISLAND**

**BAY & BACK**

Start: Auckland  
Finish: Auckland  
Minimum days: 2



**FREESTYLE PASS** **\$120<sup>NZD</sup>**

**NORTH ISLAND**

**BIG NORTH**

Start/Finish: Auckland (or Anywhere)\*  
Minimum days: 13-14



**FREESTYLE PASS** **\$825<sup>NZD</sup>**

**NORTH ISLAND**

**SHORT NORTH**

Start/Finish: Auckland (or Anywhere)\*  
Minimum days: 10



**FREESTYLE PASS** **\$655<sup>NZD</sup>**

**NORTH ISLAND**

**WAVES & CAVES**

Start: Rotorua  
Finish: Rotorua  
Minimum days: 3  
(Available October - April only)

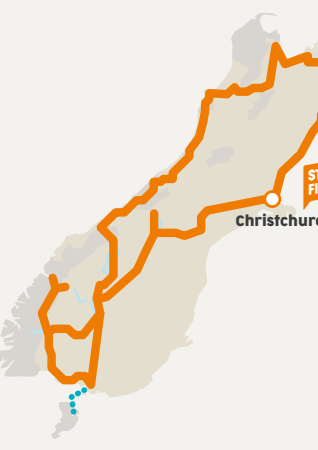


**FREESTYLE PASS** **\$250<sup>NZD</sup>**

**SOUTH ISLAND**

**BIG SOUTH**

Start/Finish: Christchurch (or Anywhere)\*  
Minimum days: 15-17

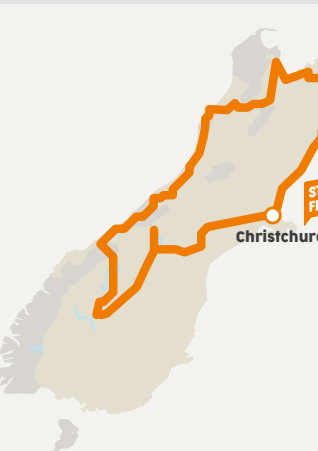


**FREESTYLE PASS** **\$925<sup>NZD</sup>**

**SOUTH ISLAND**

**SHORT SOUTH**

Start/Finish: Christchurch (or Anywhere)\*  
Minimum days: 12-14



**FREESTYLE PASS** **\$805<sup>NZD</sup>**

**SOUTH ISLAND**

**FAR SOUTH**

Start: Queenstown  
Finish: Queenstown  
Minimum days: 3



**FREESTYLE PASS** **\$270<sup>NZD</sup>**

**SOUTH ISLAND**

**SOUTHERN CIRCLE**

Start/Finish: Queenstown (or Anywhere)\*  
Minimum days: 8-10




**FREESTYLE PASS** **\$785<sup>NZD</sup>**

**SOUTH ISLAND**

**SOUTHERN GEMS**

Start: Queenstown | Finish: Christchurch  
Minimum days: 7



**FREESTYLE PASS** **\$495<sup>NZD</sup>**



# Freestyle Highlights

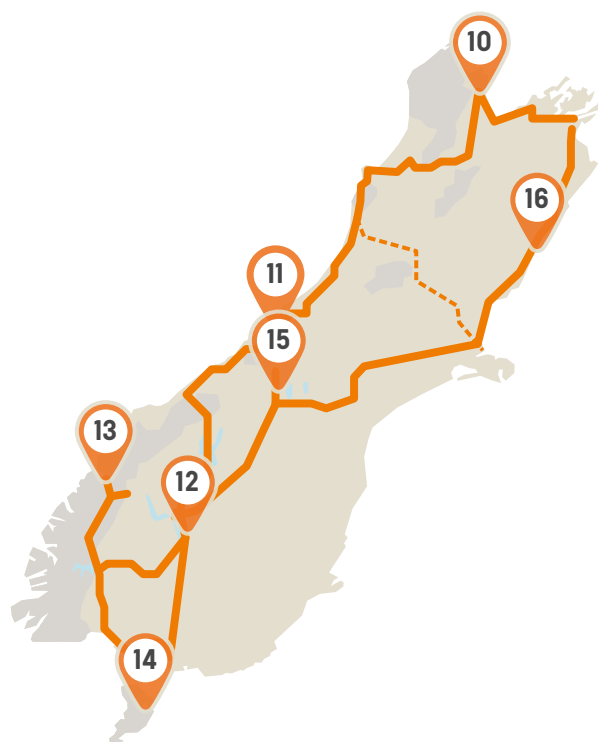
## North Island

- 1 Witness the magic of two oceans colliding at the tip of New Zealand at Cape Rēinga.
- 2 Take a stunning cliffside walk from Hahei to the world-famous Cathedral Cove.
- 3 Dig yourself a private seaside spa at Hot Water Beach.
- 4 Explore bubbling mud and colourful pools in a geothermal Rotorua.
- 5 Head deep underground into the Waitomo Caves and see ancient limestone formations lit by thousands of glowworms.\*
- 6 Taste a hangi cooked underground and learn the haka from local Māori Iwi at Lake Aniwhenua.\*
- 7 Learn about conservation and rural New Zealand life at Blue Duck Station, a high country farm set deep in pristine native bush.
- 8 Traverse over active volcanoes and see the stunning Emerald Lakes on New Zealand's best day walk, the Tongariro Crossing.\*
- 9 Spend some time in wonderful Wellington, a hub of creativity, craft beer and delicious coffee.



## South Island

- 10 Hike, sail or kayak through sparkling blue waters to golden sand beaches in Abel Tasman National Park, Mārahau.
- 11 Explore the iconic Franz Josef Glacier - indulge in a heli-hike on the glacier itself, or keep it cool with a free walk to view the glacier terminal face.
- 12 Dive off the edge of a bridge with a thrilling bungy jump at the birthplace of bungy in Queenstown.\*
- 13 Take a cruise through the 8th wonder of the world, the jaw-dropping Milford Sound.\*
- 14 Head down to Stewart Island, our southernmost point, for a chance to see wild kiwi and the Southern Lights (Aurora Australis).\*
- 15 Hike the spectacular Hooker Valley track to see views of Mount Cook amidst a glacial lake, complete with floating icebergs.
- 16 Witness the marine mecca of Kaikōura; swim with wild dolphins, or head out on a whale watching expedition!\*





# Lake Aniwhenua

## Featured Strademark Place

Lake Aniwhenua is one of the most special places we Stray to. Venture into the remote heartland of the Central North Island to a charming lakeside lodge. Meet your local Māori hosts, whose vision is to create a better future for the local people and introduce you to real, modern day Māori culture.

The experience starts with a guided walk down a hidden track to a sacred archaeological site. Hear tales of the region's fascinating history and learn to play Māori games. Watch your hosts prepare dinner: a traditional hangi feast, cooked under the ground! Enjoy a drink at the Taniwha Bar and gather around the outdoor fireplace to hear the stories of early New Zealand settlement.

The next morning you'll have the chance to get involved in an inspiring community project that brightens the lives of local school children. Deliver food parcels from last night's delicious hangi to the school and spend some time in the classroom with the children, to help them learn about the world (during school term only).

### Includes

- + 1 night's accommodation in comfortable lodge cabins, linen provided
- + Hangi feast (dinner), dessert and a continental breakfast
- + Māori Guide - sacred archaeological site & storytelling
- + Hangi cooking demonstration
- + Traditional Māori stick games
- + Participation in a local community program (school term only)

### Optional Activities

- + Learn how to perform the mighty Haka, or try traditional flax weaving

ALL-INCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE

**\$89**<sup>NZD</sup> pp



**Lake Aniwhenua is totally off the beaten track. The family who run it are so welcoming and fun. They teach you all about Māori culture and the feast they make is out of this world amazing! Taking the leftovers to the kids in the town the next morning was an opportunity to get to know New Zealand through the eyes of the future.**

Michaela, United States



# Blue Duck Station

## Featured Strademark Place

Blue Duck Station is one of Stray's top-rated destinations and you'll soon see why. This remote, high country station is an outdoor enthusiast's playground and an award winning conservation leader, set in the most beautiful, untouched location imaginable.

Take a kayak out on the river and discover hidden glades, through narrow canyons, the favourite hideout of endangered Blue Ducks. Or don your cowboy hat and explore the station on horseback. Take an ATV tour of the station and soak up the incredible 360 degree views from the Top of the World – a spot where you can see the North Island's three most impressive volcanoes poking above the clouds. Hike to discover a gorgeous waterfall, or assist with the farm's pest control efforts and bring back dinner.

Enjoy an evening around the bonfire and some first-class stargazing, as the lack of light pollution makes the Milky Way dazzle!

### Optional Activities

- + Eco-warrior 4WD ATV tour
- + Horse trek (half day)
- + Clay bird shooting
- + Kayaking
- + Jet boating
- + Guided conservation hunt





# Journeys Tours (Summer) October-April

**BOTH ISLANDS**

**COOK** ANZ24

Start/Finish: Auckland  
Duration: 24 days  
Departs: Sunday  
Highlights & Inclusions: 1-21



**JOURNEYS** FROM **\$4485** NZD

**BOTH ISLANDS**

**SHEPPARD** AKCH20

Start: Auckland | Finish: Christchurch  
Duration: 20 days  
Departs: Sunday  
Highlights & Inclusions: 1-19



**JOURNEYS** FROM **\$4295** NZD



**NORTH ISLAND**

**BATTEN** ANI10

Start/Finish: Auckland  
Duration: 10 days  
Departs: Sunday  
Highlights & Inclusions: 1-11



**JOURNEYS** FROM **\$1695** NZD

**NORTH ISLAND**

**BEETHAM** NH7

Start/Finish: Auckland  
Duration: 7 days  
Departs: Wednesday  
Highlights & Inclusions: 6-11




**JOURNEYS** FROM **\$1265** NZD

**NORTH ISLAND**

**WORSLEY** TB3

Start/Finish: Auckland  
Duration: 3 days  
Departs: Sunday  
Highlights & Inclusions: 1-5



**JOURNEYS** FROM **\$545** NZD

**BOTH ISLANDS**

**DINGLE** AKAK21

Start/Finish: Auckland  
Duration: 21 days  
Departs: Wednesday  
Highlights & Inclusions: 6-21



**JOURNEYS** FROM **\$4185** NZD

**BOTH ISLANDS**

**BLAKE** NS17

Start: Auckland | Finish: Christchurch  
Duration: 17 days  
Departs: Wednesday  
Highlights & Inclusions: 6-19




**JOURNEYS** FROM **\$3985** NZD



**SOUTH ISLAND**

**MACKINNON** ASI14

Start/Finish: Christchurch  
Duration: 14 days  
Departs: Saturday  
Highlights & Inclusions: 20-21, 12-19



**JOURNEYS** FROM **\$3185** NZD

**SOUTH ISLAND**

**HAAST** SH9

Start/Finish: Christchurch  
Duration: 9 days  
Departs: Thursday  
Highlights & Inclusions: 22, 15-19



**JOURNEYS** FROM **\$2345** NZD



**A Stray Journey was a perfect way to see New Zealand. Travelling in a small group allowed us to get off the beaten track and it was hassle free with the pre-booked accomodation and lots of great activities included. I would definitely recommend it!**

Meike, Germany



Standard accommodation is quad-share, except Blue Duck Station which is six-share. Twin/single upgrades are available except in Doubtful Sound and Hahei.



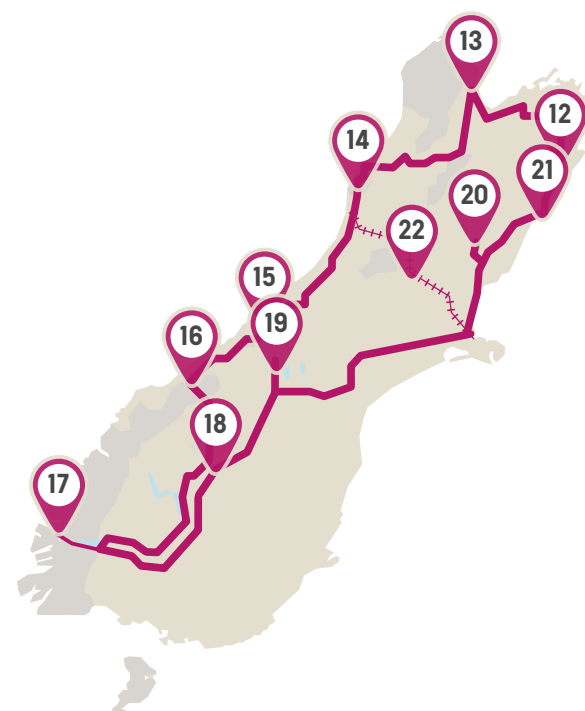
# Journeys Highlights & Inclusions (Summer)

## North Island

- 1 Cool off with a swim at scenic Waipu Cove.
- 2 Cruise the Bay of Islands on a purpose-built catamaran to the famous Hole in the Rock. Keep an eye out for dolphins!
- 3 Take a ferry trip to the far side of Hokianga Harbour and experience the thrill of sandboarding down giant sand dunes.
- 4 Visit Waipoua Forest, home to Tāne Mahuta, New Zealand's largest Kauri tree.
- 5 Stop at the idyllic Kai Iwi Lakes for a swim in the beautiful crystal-clear waters.
- 6 Take a stunning cliffside walk from Hahei to the world-famous Cathedral Cove.
- 7 Dig yourself a private seaside spa at Hot Water Beach.
- 8 Enjoy an immersive cultural experience at Tamaki Māori Village. See the haka performed and feast on a traditional hangi dinner.
- 9 Experience the Emerald Lakes and mind-blowing landscapes of New Zealand's best day walk, the Tongariro Alpine Crossing.
- 10 Head out on a 4WD wilderness adventure at Blue Duck Station, a high country farm deep in NZ native bush. Learn about conservation efforts, see unreal views from the top of the station and kayak through a Jurassic Park-like glade to try to spot a rare Blue Duck.
- 11 Spend some time in wonderful Wellington, a hub of creativity, craft beer and delicious coffee.

**Meals:** 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 6 dinners

Bluebridge Ferry across the Cook Strait included with National Tours.



## South Island

- 12 Visit a cellar door and taste some of Marlborough's famous Sauvignon Blanc wine.
- 13 Take an Aqua Taxi into the Abel Tasman National Park then hike out, past golden sand beaches, sparkling blue water and lively wildlife.
- 14 See the unusual rock formations of the Punākaihi Pancake Rocks and Blowholes.
- 15 Take in the breathtaking scenery at the amazing mirror-like Lake Matheson, NZ's most photographed lake.
- 16 Get your sightseeing with a side of adrenaline in Makarora, on a scenic and thrill-filled jet boat ride.
- 17 Stay overnight in the stunning Doubtful Sound on a truly magical cruise, go kayaking in the fiord and wake up surrounded by paradise.
- 18 Cycle along Lake Wānaka's picturesque trails and see #thatWanakatree.
- 19 Hike the spectacular Hooker Valley track to see views of Mount Cook amidst a glacial lake, complete with floating icebergs.
- 20 Soak in the hot mineral waters of Hanmer Springs. Take a walk up Conical Hill and admire the stunning scenery.
- 21 Spot adorable New Zealand fur seals along the rocky shores of Kaikōura.
- 22 Cross the Southern Alps on the scenic TranzApline train.

**Meals:** 11 breakfasts and 6 dinners





# Journeys Tours (Off-Peak) May-September

BOTH ISLANDS

COOK

ANZ27W

Start/Finish: Auckland

Duration: 27 days

Departs: Saturday

Inclusions: 1-11



JOURNEYS OFF-PEAK

FROM \$3495 NZD

BOTH ISLANDS

SHEPPARD

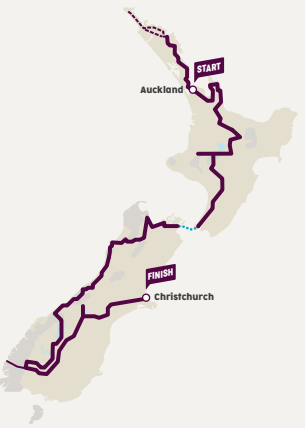
AKCH24W

Start: Auckland | Finish: Christchurch

Duration: 24 days

Departs: Saturday

Inclusions: 1-11



JOURNEYS OFF-PEAK

FROM \$3295 NZD

BOTH ISLANDS

DINGLE

AKAK24W

Start/Finish: Auckland

Duration: 24 days

Departs: Tuesday

Inclusions: 4-11



JOURNEYS OFF-PEAK

FROM \$2895 NZD

BOTH ISLANDS

BLAKE

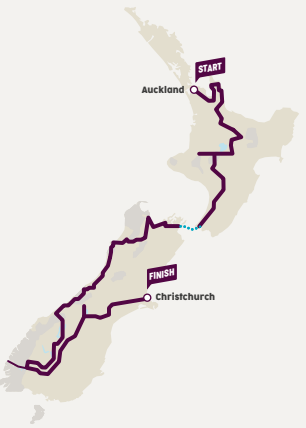
NS21W

Start: Auckland | Finish: Christchurch

Duration: 21 days

Departs: Tuesday

Inclusions: 4-11



JOURNEYS OFF-PEAK

FROM \$2695 NZD

NORTH ISLAND

BATTEN


ANI13W

Start/Finish: Auckland

Duration: 13 days

Departs: Saturday

Inclusions: 1-6



JOURNEYS OFF-PEAK

FROM \$1795 NZD

NORTH ISLAND

BEETHAM

NH10W

Start/Finish: Auckland

Duration: 10 days

Departs: Tuesday

Inclusions: 4-6



JOURNEYS OFF-PEAK

FROM \$1395 NZD

NORTH ISLAND

WORSLEY


TB3W

Start/Finish: Auckland

Duration: 3 days

Departs: Saturday

Inclusions: 1-3



JOURNEYS OFF-PEAK

FROM \$450 NZD

SOUTH ISLAND

MACKINNON

ASI14W

Start/Finish: Christchurch

Duration: 14 days

Departs: Thursday

Inclusions: 8-11



JOURNEYS OFF-PEAK

FROM \$1895 NZD

SOUTH ISLAND

HAAST

SH10W

Start/Finish: Christchurch

Duration: 10 days

Departs: Saturday

Inclusions: 9-12



JOURNEYS OFF-PEAK

FROM \$1795 NZD



“Stray was the absolute best way to travel around New Zealand. Stray attracts a certain kind of traveller which makes finding new friends inevitable. The destinations were stunning, our Guide knew all the local legends and taught us a lot of the Māori language.”

Michaela, United States

Inclusions

Throughout your Journey

+ Experienced Stray Guide

+ Comfortable transport on quality 24-seater buses

+ Accommodation in comfortable lodges, hostels and cabins (dorm-share, upgrades subject to availability)

Activities included

North Island

1 Visit Parry Kauri Forest, Northland

2 Cape Rēinga Day Trip

3 Hole in the Rock cruise, Paihia

4 Hot Water Beach visit, Hahei

5 Guided tour of sacred Māori rock carvings & traditional hangi feast, Lake Aniwhenua

6 4WD eco-warrior farm tour, Blue Duck Station

South Island

7 Bluebridge Ferry across Cook Strait

8 Aqua Taxi and hike, Mārahau (Abel Tasman National Park)

9 Scenic bike ride around Lake Wānaka, Wānaka


10 Jet boat ride, Queenstown


11 Doubtful Sound Day Trip from Queenstown

12 TranzAlpine scenic train

Please note:

Journeys Off-Peak is hosted on the New Zealand Freestyle Network\*. Refer to page 30 for map and page 33 for highlights.



 Abel Tasman National Park

New Zealand: Journeys (Off-Peak) Prices are in NZD and are subject to change. \*Journeys (Off-Peak) is hosted on the New Zealand Freestyle network, excluding the Far South sector (Queenstown - Gunn's Camp - Stewart Island - Queenstown). Refer to page 33 for highlights.

Standard accommodation is dorm-share in hostels, cabins and lodges. Twin/single upgrades are available on request, subject to availability.

New Zealand: Journeys (Off-Peak)

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