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#### MAIN REGIONS:

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**Day 1 – Saturday – January 17 –** Arrival early in the morning in Sydney. Breakfast at the hotel and time to rest. At the appropriate time, meet with the local guide for a city tour, including Sydney Town Hall, Queen Victoria Building, and Pitt Street Mall. Lunch at the Sydney Tower Restaurant, offering a spectacular panoramic view of the city. In the afternoon, continue visiting iconic attractions such as Darling Harbour, the Sydney Aquarium, and the Wildlife World (tickets included). In the evening, depart for a local restaurant with views of the Sydney Harbour, near the Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Return to the hotel and overnight.



**Day 2 – Sunday – January 18 –** After breakfast, depart for Bondi Beach, one of Australia's most famous beaches. Then, take a guided tour of the Opera House. Lunch at Circular Quay. In the afternoon, enjoy a boat tour of Sydney Harbour. Free time in the central area before transferring to the airport for the flight to Brisbane, Queensland.



Day 3 – Monday – January 19 – After breakfast, depart to visit a company focused on the production, processing, and marketing of vegetables. Located in the fertile Fassifern Valley, it began as a local growers' initiative to sell collectively. The company is known for its diverse production, including corn, onions, carrots, and green beans. It invests in sustainable practices and advanced technologies, such as drones and automated systems. Visit to the processing plant and production fields. After lunch, visit a seed company farm with 80 acres dedicated to dryland and irrigated cropping systems. The primary crops are grain sorghum, field corn, and forage sorghum. The farm features uniform deep black clay loam soils and advanced irrigation infrastructure. Dinner and overnight in Toowoomba, a key agricultural hub in Queensland, known for its high productivity and contribution to the state's agricultural exports.



Day 4 – Tuesday – January 20 – After breakfast, visit a model farm near Dalby, specializing in cotton and sorghum. The visit will focus on central pivots, crop rotation, pest control, and advanced monitoring technologies. After lunch, visit focused on irrigation management and irrigation technologies. A topic of utmost importance in Australian agriculture, this technical visit will center on discussing issues related to water efficiency as well as aspects of the river that is part of the Murray-Darling Basin. Return to Toowoomba for dinner and overnight.



Day 5 – Wednesday – January 21 – After breakfast, visit one of Queensland's most important agricultural research centers, focusing on integrated management and phytopathology. The center conducts research on soybean, maize, sorghum, lucerne, chickpeas, mung beans, cereals, and forage species. Lunch and in the afternoon we will gather in a private meeting room at the hotel for a special session featuring our sponsoring companies. Diamond and Gold sponsors will have dedicated time to present their innovative solutions to the participants. Dinner and overnight in Brisbane.



**Day 6 – Thursday – January 22 –** After breakfast, day trip to Surfers Paradise. The vibrant heart of the Gold Coast, known for its long beaches, beachfront skyscrapers, and lively atmosphere that blends leisure, tourism, and coastal lifestyle. Free time to walk along the beach, swim, or explore the boardwalk. Lunch and free time for shopping at Cavill Avenue. Return to Brisbane in the afternoon for dinner and overnight.



Day 7 – Friday – January 23 – After breakfast, visit a sugarcane farm near Logan or Beenleigh, focusing on adapted varieties, green fertilization, irrigation, and disease control. After lunch, visit a nearby sugar refinery. Observe industrial processes, by-products, and cogeneration of energy. Dinner and overnight in Brisbane.



**Day 8 – Saturday – January 24 –** After breakfast at the hotel, meet your guide and begin a panoramic city tour of Brisbane, passing through South Bank Parklands, the Wheel of Brisbane, the Queensland Art Gallery, and the Queensland Parliament, with photo stops along the way. Head to lunch at the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, the largest and oldest koala sanctuary in the world, where you can feed kangaroos, take photos with koalas, and observe emus, dingoes, Tasmanian devils, and a variety of native birds. After the visit, we will head to the airport for our flight to Auckland, New Zealand. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.



**Day 9 – Sunday – January 25 –** After breakfast, full day sightseeing tour of Auckland, known as the "City of Sails." Auckland is New Zealand's largest urban area and an important commercial and distribution center, with strong agricultural connections through the nearby Waikato region. The city is also famous for its volcanic landscape, vibrant waterfront, and rich Maori and Pacific Islander heritage.



Day 10 – Monday – January 26 – After breakfast, visit to a major vegetable grower and distributor, where we will visit the large company and observe the cleaning and storage processes of the production, as well as tour the company's fields, which represent one of the largest land areas on North Island. Lunch. In the afternoon, visit an agricultural research station hosting trials in maize, forages, and long-term cultivation systems. The 26hectare site provides a platform for research in the northern North Island. Dinner and overnight in Hamilton, a key agricultural region known for dairy, maize, and vegetable production.



Day 11 – Tuesday – January 27 – After breakfast, visit to a local maizeproducing farm, exchange experiences with the farmer about their production practices and machinery. After the visit, travel to Rotorua for lunch. In the afternoon, visit a geothermal park. In the evening, attend a traditional Maori dinner experience. Overnight in Rotorua. Rotorua is known for its geothermal activity and strong Māori cultural presence, and is surrounded by forestry.



Day 12 – Wednesday – January 28 – After breakfast, transfer to Rotorua Airport for flight to Christchurch, South Island. Arrival and lunch. In the afternoon, visit wheat and barley producing farms in the Canterbury region. Dinner and overnight in Christchurch. Canterbury is New Zealand's premier cereal-producing region, known for its high-quality grains and advanced farming practices. Dinner and overnight in Christchurch. Day 13 – Thursday – January 29 – After breakfast, visit a Research Site, the main experimental field of a Foundation for Arable Research, playing a critical role in cereal and seed research. Lunch. In the afternoon, visit commercial cereal farms to learn about local practices, crop management, and agronomic challenges. Dinner and overnight in Christchurch.



**Day 14 – Friday – January 30 –** After breakfast, city tour of Christchurch, known as the "Garden City" for its beautiful parks and gardens. The tour includes visits to the Botanic Gardens, the Avon River, and the iconic cardboard cathedral, a symbol of the city. Lunch. In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for the return flight to Auckland and onward travel to Canada.



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- Nights in superior category hotels with daily breakfast in double accommodation
- Technical appointments
- Lunches
- Dinners
- Tourism taxes in each city
- Transportation with bottled water
- All tolls, fuel, and parking fees for the vehicles used during the itinerary
- Tour leader accompanying the group throughout the entire trip in Australia and New Zealand
- Local guides
- Entrance tickets to attractions
- Round-trip group transportation to and from the airport
- Flights

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- Tips for guides and drivers
- Alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages
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- Minibar
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