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South Pacific eFlyer

January 2020

The Journeys listed in the South Pacific eFlyer are open to all ambassadors, representing some of the many places where you can experience new cultures and expand your global circle of friends.

If you are interested in any of the following Journeys, please contact the Journey Coordinator directly.

Journey Number 20047

Cairns, Australia to Manawatu and Marlborough, New Zealand

Journey Dates:

11-28 March

Price:

Approx cost AUD \$2000 p.p.
(not including international
airfare.)

Includes: host fees, club fees,
4 nights hotel, train, ferry &
coach fares.(Based on twin
share)

Journey Coordinator:

Robyn George
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Host Clubs:

[FF Manawatu](#)

[FF Marlborough](#)

NEW!

Only 4 spaces remaining...so hurry.

A taste of both islands. 17 nights.

Details: Fly into Christchurch on 11th March for a two night stay. Enjoy a full day sightseeing, then on 13th take the scenic rail trip up the Kaikoura Coast to Blenheim to meet our first hosts.

After a week in the famed wine region we will take the ferry through the scenic Marlborough sounds across to Wellington for 2 nights stay and sightseeing before taking a coach to Palmerston North where we will meet our Manawatu hosts. This interesting area of contrasts boasts "cows that milk themselves" and a Rugby museum!

Both clubs have arranged varied and interesting programs for us.



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Journey Number 20049

Sydney, Australia to Central North Carolina and National Capital Area, USA

Journey Dates:

6-20 May 2020

Price:

\$3,300 AUD. Includes one international and domestic flight, FFI and Host Fees, overnight hotel stay in Greensboro and Amtrak train travel between both cities, excludes any additional tours.

Journey Coordinator:

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Host Clubs:

[FF Central North Carolina](#)

[FF National Capital Area](#)

NEW!

Sydney Friendship Force Club would love for you to join our Journey to Central North Carolina and Washington DC, USA!

The Friendship Force of Central North Carolina, located in the Triad area of the state - not far from the Blue Ridge Mountains and a short drive to the Atlantic coast. As you may guess, the Triad is known for three cities: Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and High Point. You are invited to learn more about the Triad and surrounding areas, its history, industry, culture, and recreation by joining the Friendship Force of Sydney on this two-phase journey in May 2020. Whilst being home hosted for 6 nights in Greensboro you not only experience the local culture but also be taken on day outings to some of the well-known and not so well-known attractions which may include the Bog Gardens which is a seven-acre woodland, floral wetlands, birds and an elevated boardwalk. We will also visit the Civil Rights Museum, Birthplace of Booker T. Washington, a leader in the African American community, an educator, author and advisor to former Presidents in the Early 20th Century, a D-Day Memorial which has a huge impact on all who visit and the beautiful Smith Mountain Lake with its spectacular scenery.

Next we will travel by train to Washington, DC the U.S. capital. Washington, DC is a compact city on the Potomac River, bordering the states of Maryland and Virginia. It is defined by imposing neoclassical monuments and buildings - including the iconic ones that house the federal government's three branches: The Capitol, White House and Supreme Court. It is also home to iconic museums and performing-arts venues such as the Kennedy Center. The Friendship Force of the National Capital Area have invited ambassadors from the Friendship Force of Sydney to come and visit this intriguing city which is steeped in history and pivotal to American politics. During the seven night stay they will take us not only on tour of the city including the US Capitol building, Lincoln memorial, Smithsonian Museum and Arlington Cemetery, but also Mt Vernon, the historic home of George and Martha Washington.



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Journey Number 20111

Mount Barker, Australia to Calgary, Canada and Columbia Cascade, USA

Journey Dates:

20 May - 7 June, 2020

Price:

TBD

Journey Coordinator:

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Host Clubs:

FF Calgary

FF Columbia Cascade

The dates are set for Calgary 20th - 27th May & Columbia Cascade 31st May - 7th June (during Portland Rose Festival).

There will be a break in Vancouver-Victoria-Seattle between the 2 journeys with costs not yet finalised (awaiting quote).

Spaces available: 6 or 7

CALGARY

Activities with the Calgary club may include:

- A Downtown City Tour
- Heritage Park Historical Village, Canada's largest living History Museum
- A country drive in the Foothills with the spectacular views of the mountains to the west and the prairies to the east
- World Heritage fossil site at Royal Tyrell Museum, Drumheller
- Leighton Art Centre / Fort Calgary

COLUMBIA CASCADE

Based in Vancouver, Washington State, the Columbia Cascade club are two hours from the Cascade Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. The famous Columbia River flows between Oregon and Washington. Nearby are huge forests, mountains and the beautiful Columbia River Gorge.

Activities with the Columbia Cascade club might include a welcoming party, a trip to the coast or Mount Hood or Mount St. Helens, a day in Portland, wine tasting, and a day at Fort Vancouver. Before the farewell party, the hosts show guests a variety of the special sights in the great northwest. Other major attractions include the Portland Rose festival and the Rose Garden.



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Journey Number 20113

Hamilton and Waikato to Turrialba, Costa Rica and Southern New Jersey and Sacramento, USA

Journey Dates:

June 2020

Price:

Approx. \$6000 NZD

Journey Coordinator:

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Host Clubs:

[FF Turrialba](#)

[FF Southern New Jersey](#)

[FF Sacramento](#)

For something a little different, we invite you to join us on our Journey to FF Turrialba, Costa Rica which is about 64 kms from the capital San Jose.

The county has several protected areas including Guayabo National Monument, Turrialba Volcano National Park, Chin National Park, Central Volcanic Forest Reserve, Tuis River Basin Protected Area, Chirripó and Pacuare River Forest Reserve. Located nearby are two of the highest peaks in the country, Turrialba Volcano (3,340 m) and Mount Chirripó (3,820 m). The canton of Turrialba is nationally known for an eponymous cheese produced in the district of Santa Cruz and there are many other indigenous dishes.

We move north to FF Southern New Jersey located in the Delaware Valley region. We will be just across the Delaware River from Philadelphia, the birthplace of the United States, which has such historical sites as the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, plus excellent art, natural history and science museums. Southern New Jersey is a prized agricultural area, known for its tomatoes, cranberries, blueberries (first cultivated here), peaches, and corn, as well as for its well-protected million-acre natural ecosystem, the Pine Barrens.

We move to FF Sacramento, California's capital city situated at the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers in California's Central Valley. This lively immigrant city enjoys a Mediterranean climate with very warm summers and mild weather the rest of the year. There is much to see and do in and around the Sacramento area such as the historic sites in the Old Town and possibly the world-class Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento. Other oft-visited sites are the nearby wineries of El Dorado and Amador Counties, the giant Sequoias at Calaveras Big Trees State Park, and the former gold mining sites in the Sierra foothills such as the Empire Mine and Coloma Gold Discovery Site.

Please join us as we'd love to have you along.



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Journey Number 20184

Taupo and Marlborough, New Zealand to Manitoba and Niagara, Canada

Journey Dates:

10-24 September 2020

Price:

Approx. \$6000 NZD

Journey Coordinator:

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Host Clubs:

[FF Manitoba](#)

[FF Niagara](#)

UPDATED What a Journey we have in store for you, and just in time to get away from the NZ winter!

Our first hosting is with FF Manitoba located within the city of Winnipeg. Manitoba is the Canadian province bordered by Ontario in the east and Saskatchewan to the west. It is a landscape of lakes rivers mountains forests and prairies, and stretches from the North Atlantic tundra to Hudson Bay in the east and down to southern farmland. Winnipeg is the capital and sits on the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers and is a place where culture and art are at its forefront. Its heart is The Forks, a historic site at the intersection of these rivers with warehouses converted into shops and restaurants plus ample green space dedicated to festivals concerts and exhibits. Our Hosts will plan a programme to showcase the unique places of interest in this area and we may visit some of the museum's which combine the natural and human history of this area such as the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

We plan to have a break between Journeys for 2 days in Toronto.

FF Niagara is our next hosting, based in the city of St Catherine's. St Catherine's is situated in South Eastern Ontario on the south shore of Lake Ontario. It is known as 'The Garden City' due to its plethora of gardens, trails and parks. It has a thriving arts and culture scene which can be experienced in its many art galleries, theatres musical events and public art displays. It is also known for its wineries and stunning waterfront views. A visit to Niagara Falls is planned by our Hosts.

Following these FF Journeys an independent tour of the Autumn colours of North Eastern USA is a possibility or travel of your choice.



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2020 AUS-NZ Outbound Journeys

MARCH

- 20019 Gold Coast, Australia to Western Tokyo and Ehime, Japan
- 20007 North Moreton, Australia to Ambalangoda, Sri Lanka
- 20047 Cairns, Australia to Manawatu and Marlborough, New Zealand
- 20018 South Taranaki, New Zealand to Mount Barker and Perth, Australia

APRIL

- 20048 Sunshine Coast, Australia to Seoul, South Korea and Yamaguchi, Japan

MAY

- 20083 Nelson, New Zealand to Southern Sydney and Murray Bridge, Australia
- 20082 Adelaide, Australia to Santa Barbara, New Hampshire Seacoast and Long Island, USA
- 20081 Salisbury and Northern Districts, Australia to South Taranaki and Thames Coromandel, New Zealand
- 20080 Mount Gambier, Australia to Lethbridge and Victoria and Vancouver Island, Canada
- 20059 Sydney, Australia to Central North Carolina and National Capital Area, USA
- 20116 Whangarei, New Zealand to Derbyshire, UK and Szekesfehervar, Hungary

JUNE

- 20114 Christchurch, New Zealand to Raleigh, Lincoln and Greater Cincinnati, USA
- 20113 Hamilton and Waikato, New Zealand to Turrialba, Costa Rica and Southern New Jersey and Sacramento, USA

2020 AUS-NZ Inbound Journeys

FEBRUARY

20004 Long Island, USA to Sydney and Sunshine Coast, Australia

20005 Pikes Peak Region, USA to Southland and New Plymouth, New Zealand

20006 Sacramento, USA to Southern Sydney, Australia and Hamilton and Waikato, New Zealand

MARCH

20018 South Taranaki, New Zealand to Mount Barker and Perth, Australia

20020 Southern New Jersey, USA to Salisbury and Northern Districts and Kempsey, Australia

20023 Northern Colorado, USA to Whangarei, New Zealand and Casterton, Australia

20021 Raleigh, USA to Kapiti Coast, New Zealand and North Moreton, Australia

20047 Cairns, Australia to Manawatu and Marlborough, New Zealand

MAY

20099 Krasnodar, Russia to Kempsey and Bundaberg Australia



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