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# **South Pacific eFlyer May 2017**

Journeys are open to all ambassadors and represent some of the many places where you can experience new cultures and grow your global circle of friends. If you are interested in any of the following journeys, please contact the Journey Coordinator directly.

30 June – 18 July

## Manawatu, New Zealand to Cairns and Bundaberg, Australia



Join us this winter on our Journey to the tropical climates of Australia. Our first hosting is at FF Cairns. The area is beautiful with balmy weather, tropical flowers and palm trees, beaches to enjoy, and golf courses to be played.

Think Cairns, think the Great Barrier Reef, where we will enjoy a perfect day of snorkeling, scuba diving or viewing from a glass bottom boat. Or for the more adventurous, we can go big game fishing. A visit to the Tablelands is a must, with many scenic tour options and a sky rail tour over the rainforest to Kuranda Village.

We now enjoy a three-day stay at Hamilton Island before our second Journey to Friendship Force Bundaberg, noted for its sugar, rum and ginger beer. This is where the Great Barrier Reef begins, with the coral reefs fringing Lady Elliot and Lady Musgrave Islands and the famous Fraser Island.

There are so many places to visit - Snakes Down Under, the Bird Habitat, Backpackers Memorial, Seventeen Seventy where Captain Cook landed, national parks, kangaroos, whale watching and the turtle rockery. And we have the choice of several museums, art centres, beaches and a cruise on the Burnett River.

We then take a two-night break at a central hotel in the city of Brisbane. This will give you time to enjoy the abundance of sightseeing, attractions, and of course shopping in this exciting city.

We invite you to take this opportunity to get away from the winter of NZ and enjoy the warmth and sunshine of north Queensland for a short time.

### **FFI Journey Numbers:**

13147 & 13148

**Cost:** Approx. \$3545.00NZD (includes all FFI, host fees, and a three-day stop at Hamilton Island)

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21 – 31 July 2017

## Tamworth, Australia to London, UK and Limburg, Belgium



**SEVERAL VACANCIES** exist for this second phase of our 2017 Journey. Join us at our hotel in London for 4 days (21 – 25 July) exploring this city independently or with others in the group. This can include taking in a pre-booked show.

On 25th July, we will travel by train to Belgium, where we will begin our week of exchange with FF Limburg, located in the Dutch-speaking, eastern region known as Flanders. Options within the planned program include a day trip to the wonderful city of Brugge, and/or a visit to some of the World War I battlefields.

**FFI Journey Number: #13330**

**Cost:** Approx. \$1,230 AUD  
Includes 4 nights twin share hotel in Central London; take the train from London to Limburg. Price Includes FFI and host fees and a day trip to Flanders Battlefields.

**NOTE:** A great add-on the the 40th Anniversary World Conference in Manchester, UK!

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City of Hasselt,  
Limburg on the  
Albert Canal



Flanders  
Battlefield



London - The  
entrance to the "War  
Cabinet Rooms  
Museum"

Wander at your  
leisure along the  
River Thames



14 - 21 August and 28 August - 4 September 2017

## Sydney, Australia to Leuven, Belgium & County Durham, UK



### *Journey with Friendship Force Sydney to* **LEUVEN & COUNTY DURHAM**

LEUVEN BELGIUM - AUGUST 14-21 COUNTY  
DURHAM UK - AUGUST 28 - SEPT 4 *THIS FITS IN*  
*WITH MANCHESTER CONFERENCE*  
LIMITED VACANCIES



#### **FFI Journey Numbers:**

#13182 & #13181

**Cost:** Approx. \$1,100AUD (includes FFI, club & host fees); Travel costs not included.

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### **COME AND JOIN US FOR TWO VERY EXCITING JOURNEYS...**

**Leuven** is a dynamic and thriving city of about 95,000 inhabitants in Belgium. In general, Leuven has everything to appeal to both young and old with stunning historic sites. Some highlights of this Journey are a bus tour to Battlefields Tyne Cot Cemetery, which is the resting place of 12,000 of the Commonwealth Soldiers, Flanders Field Museum, boat trip on the canals and Houtmark1 small pubs to name a few.

**County Durham:** This Journey begins on 28th August after the World Conference, it is a mining, farming and heritage area. There will be a varied programme including a tour of the Lakes District, a visit to Whitby, a very old fishing town where Captain Cook sailed from, a tour of mediaeval castle and much more.

1 – 15 September 2017

## Kapiti Coast, New Zealand to Adelaide and Casterton, Australia



We start our first Journey at FF Adelaide. This is one of the largest and most active clubs in Australia where they offer to “introduce you to our wildlife, our white sandy beaches, world-class wines, breathtaking scenery, indigenous culture and relaxed, easy lifestyle.”

They boast a mild Mediterranean climate in this carefully planned city with fine Victorian architecture, surrounded by parklands and gardens. Not to be missed are the wineries and historic villages of the Adelaide Hills, including the fascinating village of Harndorf.

There are numerous museums celebrating both Indigenous and European culture, as well as parks, gardens, walks along the beach, and great friends. On the 8th of September 2017, we move on to our second hosting FF Casterton, a town of 1800 situated on the Glenelg River in the Glenelg Shire in southwest Victoria. This is a small but busy town with all the amenities of a much larger one.

The principle city for the area is Portland, about one hour south, and was the first settlement in Victoria. The area has major agricultural pursuits which include sheep, wool beef cattle, with some dairying and cropping. Pine trees and more recently blue gum plantations are developing.

This will be a very relaxed Journey with our Aussie mates. Travel details and costs will be available after our ambassadors’ planning meeting in October. There is a maximum of 20 ambassadors for this Journey, and we have 16 registered so far.

### **FFI Journey Numbers:**

#13207 & #13208

**Cost:** Approx. \$1,500-\$2,000 NZD  
(includes FFI & Host Club Fees)

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18 September – 2 October 2017

## Nelson, New Zealand to Haliburton Highlands and Niagara, Canada



Please join us on this wonderful Journey to Canada in the Autumn time. We will meet in Toronto for one or two nights before travelling to our first hosting with FF Haliburton Highlands, an area of natural beauty and 600 lakes. The area is bordered on the north by Algonquin Park and the west by Muskoka, Ontario. There are two main villages, Haliburton and Minden. This Journey will normally consist of a boat trip on one of their lakes, a tour of the local artisan studios, a trip to the Wolf Centre and the Fish Hatchery and a walk along one of our trails through the woods. There is so much natural beauty to share. If you enjoy the outdoors, then this is an experience not to miss.

**FFI Journey Numbers:**  
#13210 & #13209

**Cost:** Approx. \$5,000 NZD  
(includes all FFI & host club fees,  
all flights and accommodation)

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**Note:** Optional extra is a 10-day  
Cosmos tour of New England  
from New York City; three extra  
nights in New York cost approx.  
\$3,800NZD

Next, we move east to FF Niagara, an area surrounded by water, to the north Lake Ontario, to the south Lake Erie, and to the east the Niagara River. The largest community is St. Catherines, but your hosts live throughout the Niagara Peninsula from the Falls to Hamilton. This Journey will normally include sightseeing at Niagara Falls, a tour of historic Niagara-on-the-Lake, a visit to a vineyard and winery, and to the important Welland Canal. Other additional activities may include seeing a show at the Shaw Festival Theatre, visiting the historic forts George and Erie, enjoying an array of museums and galleries, switching on the lights at the Falls or riding the old carousel. Relish in the delicious fruits of the area: cherries, peaches, plums, pears and grapes. Niagara welcomes the world and will, of course, welcome us, too.

**Travel:** The group is meeting in Toronto 18/19 Sept, prior to the first journey, leaving Toronto on 20 Sept and will travel by bus to Haliburton. There are 13 confirmed Nelson members travelling, leaving 7 spaces available.

21 – 28 September 2017

## Bundaberg, Australia to Hannover, Germany



Hannover is the capital city of the German state of Lower Saxony. It's known for trade fairs like the annual CeBIT tech expo. The red-brick Gothic Market Church and the Old Town Hall stand among half-timbered houses in the rebuilt old town. The ornate New Town Hall has views from its dome and 4 different scale models of the city through the ages. The 17th-century Herrenhäuser Gardens are just outside the city center.

**FJI Journey Number: #13626**

**Cost:** Approx. \$470 AUD  
(for Hannover phase of the Journey only)

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Several vacancies exist on the second phase of our Journey, Bundaberg, Australia to Hannover, Germany scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Join us in Hannover to explore the European heritage and experience the hospitality and culture. Afterwards, treat yourself to some indulgence with a boat trip down the Rhine River (at your own expense).

2 - 14 October 2017

## Explore Myanmar (Burma)



By meeting and interacting with local people, ambassadors will gain knowledge of their customs and lifestyles and help in the transition to a democratic society. This transition is slowly happening in Myanmar with the subsequent reduction and elimination of internal conflicts which have plagued the country for a very long time.

### See the sights:

Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Festival – the most spectacular festival in Asia; Inle Lake – a floating market garden; Shwedagon Pagoda – the most revered pagoda in Myanmar covered in gold where you will experience Buddhism; Bagan – view thousands of stupas built over thousands of years; Travel the surprising Kipling’s road to Mandalay and Experience Yangon’s circular train.



**FFI Journey Number: #13420**

**Cost: \$2,650 USD**  
(includes FFI fees & tour cost)

**NOTE: Single Supplement \$490 USD**

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### Meet the locals:

Help students in an English class and learn about their lives; Have lunch as guests in a remote village near Inle Lake; Visit a remote village and farm near Bagan; Enjoy a dinner party with the Bagan locals; Supply food for the monks on their daily rounds



18 October - 13 November 2017

## Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand to Shizuoka, (Nara) Japan, Greater Taipei and Taichung, Taiwan



We have been allocated this Journey to Japan and Taiwan in the autumn of 2017. Our first hosting is in the city of Shizuoka, situated just west of Tokyo and south of Mount Fuji in the middle part of Japan. The city has great history as it became the retreat of the first Shogun Ieyasu Tokugawa, due to its mild climate and beautiful scenery. The autumn leaves are something special to behold.

The area is well-known for the green tea plantations, the mandarin oranges, lacquer wares and, of course, the wonderful Japanese traditions and hospitality. Next we'll have a 3-day stop-over hosting in Nara. Situated about two hours away from Kyoto, this will give us a great opportunity to see that city along with all the wonderful attractions Nara has to offer.

We then move across the sea south to the island of Taiwan for our third hosting with FF Greater Taipei.

Taipei is a modern clean city with excellent infrastructure. It's the centre of commerce, culture, education, diplomacy and high-tech industries. We may visit the renowned Palace Museum, ancient temples, cultural parks and the Taipei 101 Building, the tallest building in the world between 2004 and 2010. One can travel to the mountains or seashore within an hour. We may also include visits to a Hakka village and Sun-Moon lake, or take a boat ride on Lover River.

Our next Journey is five nights in Taichung then we have four free days in Hong Kong (optional).

Join us for this wonderful Asian experience!

### FFI Journey Numbers:

#13299, #13298 & #13568

**Cost:** Approx. \$4,000 - \$4,500 NZD (includes all FFI fees and club host fees)

**Note:** Numbers are limited to 15, which is already fully allocated, but we will take names from FF members prepared to be on the waiting list. Places should be finalized about June 2017.

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## 2017 South Pacific Outbound Journeys

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                                    |
|-------------|---------------|---|
| May         | 13084         | Hamilton & Waikato, NZ to Manitoba, Canada            |
| May         | 13080         | Christchurch, NZ to Kaohsiung, Taiwan                 |
| May         | 13081         | Christchurch, NZ to Koriyama, Japan                   |
| May         | 13085         | South Taranaki, NZ to Toronto, Canada                 |
| May         | 13078         | Noumea, New Caledonia to Wisconsin, USA               |
| May         | 13062         | Sunshine Coast, Australia to Hsinchu, Taiwan          |
| May         | 13082         | Christchurch, NZ to Mie, Japan                        |
| May         | 13086         | South Taranaki, NZ to North Bay, Canada               |
| May         | 13079         | Noumea, New Caledonia to Chicago, USA                 |
| May         | 13544         | Gold Coast, Australia to Birmingham, USA              |
| May         | 13543         | Gold Coast, Australia to Cincinnati, USA              |
| May         | 13545         | Gold Coast, Australia to Oklahoma, USA                |
| May         | 13063         | Sunshine Coast, Australia to Rostov-on-Don, Russia    |
| June        | 13084         | Hamilton and Waikato, New Zealand to Manitoba, Canada |
| June        | 13083         | Hamilton and Waikato, New Zealand to Edmonton, Canada |
| July        | 13329         | Tamworth, Australia to Derbyshire, UK                 |
| July        | 13137         | Albany, Australia to Greater Manchester, UK           |
| July        | 13147         | Manawatu, NZ to Cairns, Australia                     |
| July        | 13330         | Tamworth, Australia to Limburg, Belgium               |
| July        | 13136         | Albany, Australia to Vogtland, Germany                |
| July        | 13148         | Manawatu, New Zealand to Bundaberg, Australia         |
| August      | 13264         | Marlborough, New Zealand to Lethbridge, Canada        |
| August      | 13263         | Marlborough, New Zealand to Seattle-Tacoma, USA       |

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| Date      | Number | Description  |
|-----------|--------|--|
| September | 13179  | Murray Bridge, Australia to Pau, France                      |
| September | 13178  | Bundaberg, Australia to Cape of Good Hope, South Africa      |
| September | 13182  | Sydney, Australia to Leuven, Belgium                         |
| September | 13207  | Kapiti Coast, NZ to Adelaide, Australia                      |
| September | 13209  | Nelson, NZ to Niagara, Canada                                |
| September | 13210  | Nelson, NZ to Haliburton Heights, Canada                     |
| September | 13180  | Murray Bridge, Australia to Leicestershire, UK               |
| September | 13208  | Kapiti Coast, NZ to Casterton, Australia                     |
| September | 13181  | Sydney, Australia to County Durham, UK                       |
| October   | 13211  | Taupo and Otago, NZ to Hsinchu, Taiwan                       |
| October   | 13212  | Taupo and Otago, NZ to Tokyo, Japan                          |
| October   | 13229  | North Moreton, Australia to Stratford-St. Marys, Canada      |
| October   | 13227  | North Moreton, Australia to Southern Connecticut, USA        |
| October   | 13228  | North Moreton, Australia to Southern New Jersey, USA         |
| October   | 12986  | Perth, Australia to Miyagi, Japan                            |
| October   | 12987  | Perth, Australia to Ota-Gunma, Japan                         |
| November  | 13301  | Wellington, NZ to Colonial Carolina, USA                     |
| November  | 13298  | Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, NZ to Greater Taipei, Taiwan |
| November  | 13282  | Tweed Valley, Australia to Otago, NZ                         |
| November  | 13280  | Hobart, Australia to Mundo Maya de Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico  |
| November  | 13278  | Adelaide, Australia to Florida Suncoast, USA                 |
| November  | 13302  | Wellington, NZ to Long Island, USA                           |
| November  | 13299  | Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, NZ to Shizuoka, Japan        |
| November  | 13281  | Tweed Valley, Australia to Taupo, NZ                         |
| November  | 13276  | Adelaide, Australia to Mexico City, Mexico                   |
| November  | 13279  | Hobart, Australia to Filobobos, Mexico                       |
| November  | 13277  | Adelaide, Australia to Xalapa, Mexico                        |
| November  | 13300  | Wellington, NZ to Sarasota, USA                              |

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|----------|--------|--|
| February | 14013  | Sydney, Australia to Malang, Indonesia                                   |
| February | 14013  | Sydney, Australia to Liuzhou, China                                      |
| February | 14013  | Sydney, Australia to Vietnam   |
| March    | 14030  | Central Coast, Australia to Osaka, Japan                                 |
| March    | 14030  | Central Coast, Australia to Kumamoto, Japan                              |
| April    | 14056  | Kapiti Coast, NZ to Greater Taipei, Taiwan                               |
| April    | 14056  | Kapiti Coast, NZ to Nanjing, China                                       |
| April    | 14058  | Adelaide, Australia to Isle of Wight UK                                  |
| April    | 14058  | Adelaide, Australia to Bavaria Nuernberg-Erlangen, Germany               |
| April    | 14061  | Brisbane, Australia to Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, NZ                |
| April    | 14061  | Brisbane, Australia to New Plymouth, NZ                                  |
| April    | 14065  | Newcastle, Australia to Wanganui, NZ                                     |
| April    | 14065  | Newcastle, Australia to Wellington, NZ                                   |
| April    | 14063  | Southern Sydney, Australia to Nagasaki, Japan                            |
| April    | 14063  | Southern Sydney, Australia to Tottori, Japan                             |
| April    | 14046  | North Moreton, Australia to Bergen, Norway                               |
| April    | 14046  | North Moreton, Australia to Cleveland County, UK                         |
| April    | 14284  | Salisbury and Northern Districts, Australia to West Alajuela, Costa Rica |
| May      | 14079  | Kempsey, Australia to Brasilia, Brazil                                   |
| May      | 14079  | Kempsey, Australia to Recife, Brazil                                     |
| May      | 14079  | Kempsey, Australia to Tarapoto, Peru                                     |
| May      | 14066  | Thames Coromandel, NZ to Big Canoe, USA                                  |
| May      | 14066  | Thames Coromandel, NZ to Fort Worth, USA                                 |
| May      | 14084  | Mount Barker, Australia to Taichung, Taiwan                              |
| May      | 14084  | Mount Barker, Australia to Taipei, Taiwan                                |
| June     | 14092  | Albany, Australia to Itanhaem, Brazil                                    |
| June     | 14092  | Albany, Australia to Belem, Brazil                                       |
| June     | 14115  | New Plymouth, NZ to Helsingborg, Sweden                                  |
| June     | 14115  | New Plymouth, NZ to Varel, Germany                                       |
| June     | 14093  | Taupo, NZ to Perth, Australia  |
| June     | 14093  | Taupo, NZ to Adelaide, Australia   |
| June     | 14108  | Sunshine Coast, Australia to Quebec, Canada                              |
| June     | 14108  | Sunshine Coast, Australia to North Bay, Canada                           |

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|-----------|--------|--|
| July      | 14121  | Christchurch, NZ to Biarritz, France                 |
| July      | 14121  | Christchurch, NZ to Isle of Wight, UK                |
| July      | 14122  | Gisborne, NZ to San Diego County, USA                |
| July      | 14122  | Gisborne, NZ to Kauai, USA                           |
| August    | 14138  | Newcastle, Australia to Nova Lima, Brazil            |
| August    | 14138  | Newcastle, Australia to Curitiba, Brazil             |
| August    | 14145  | Perth, Australia to Krems, Austria                   |
| August    | 14145  | Perth, Australia to Rheinhessen, Germany             |
| August    | 14133  | Murray Bridge, Australia to San Jose, Costa Rica     |
| August    | 14133  | Murray Bridge, Australia to Coatepec, Mexico         |
| August    | 14144  | Auckland-North Shore, NZ to Gold Coast, Australia    |
| August    | 14144  | Auckland-North Shore, NZ to Mount Barker, Australia  |
| September | 14154  | Wellington, NZ to Bergen, Norway                     |
| September | 14154  | Wellington, NZ to Derbyshire, UK                     |
| September | 14159  | Blue Mountains, Australia to Metro Vancouver, Canada |
| September | 14159  | Blue Mountains, Australia to Medicine Hat, Canada    |
| September | 14159  | Blue Mountains, Australia to Seattle-Tacoma, USA     |
| September | 14162  | Hamilton & Waikato, NZ to Albany, Australia          |
| September | 14171  | Tamworth, Australia to Nelson, NZ                    |
| September | 14171  | Tamworth, Australia to Taupo, NZ                     |
| September | 14176  | Mount Gambier, Australia to Marlborough, NZ          |
| September | 14176  | Mount Gambier, Australia to Wairarapa, NZ            |
| October   | 14177  | Bundaberg, Australia to Baton Rouge, USA             |
| October   | 14177  | Bundaberg, Australia to Central North Carolina, USA  |
| October   | 14177  | Bundaberg, Australia to Central Virginia, USA        |
| October   | 14184  | Hobart, Australia to Shelby, USA                     |
| October   | 14184  | Hobart, Australia to Florida Suncoast, USA           |
| October   | 14194  | Gold Coast, Australia to Toulouse, France            |
| November  | 14216  | Whangarei, NZ to Ehime, Japan                        |
| November  | 14216  | Whangarei, NZ to Saitama, Japan                      |
| November  | 14222  | Nelson, NZ to North Moreton, Australia               |
| November  | 14222  | Nelson, NZ to Blue Mountains, Australia              |

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