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AFRICAN AMERICAN TRAVELERS



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MEET THE TEAM



Lawrence McLean

**CEO/FOUNDER OF AAT
TRIP HOST**

Lawrence McLean developed the concept of AAT in 2012, as a result of the constant let down of friends backing out of travel plans, or simply not sharing his interest in traveling any further than the Caribbean. He started the group, African American Travelers of Philadelphia, followed by another chapter in New York, on meetup.com. Since, he has led thousands from around the country, on the most epic, unforgettable, international tours. AAT's groups have perused six continents, including its, signature, annual NYE in Dubai experience, and taking travelers "Home for the Holidays" to the beautiful motherland, Africa, year after year. According to "Madame Noir" Lawrence has been recognized as one of the three US entrepreneurs who is changing the perception of travel to Africa!



Andrea McLean

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER
HOST ASSISTANT**

Andrea McLean is known for traveling with style, She has worked in customer service and sales for many years, mastering 60-second pitches since the spunky age of 6! She is focused on customer satisfaction, engagement, and bringing a smile to our travelers faces. Some believe that she may have been a comedian in her past life. Whenever she is around , there is always laughter.



William McLean

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER
HOST ASSISTANT**

William Mclean is our newest addition to the team. William is currently in college majoring in business acquiring relevant skills that will not only enhance your traveling experience with African American Travelers but ensure that your experience is our top priority. William loves building connections and meeting new people, as our entire team is incredibly eager to present our customers with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and memories as that will last forever.

“Great things in business are never done by one person. They’re done by a team of people.”

– Steve Jobs

THE ITINERARY

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

 USA → AUS

ARRIVE IN SYDNEY



SHERATON GRAND SYDNEY HYDE PARK

3:00 PM CHECK IN



8:00 PM

BLACK & GOLD HOST DINNER CRUISE

MONDAY, MARCH 22



TOUR OF SYDNEY
W/ LUNCH

9:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR

5:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL



8:00 PM

DINNER CRUISE

TUESDAY, MARCH 23



TOUR OF BLUE MOUNTAIN &
FEATHERDALE WILD LIFE PARK

9:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR

5:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24



DEPART FOR CAIRNS

- 10:00 AM** CHECK OUT / DEPART FOR AIRPORT
- 12:40 PM** DEPART FOR CAIRNS / via no VA 1419
- 3:55 PM** ARRIVE IN CAIRNS / TRANSFER TO HOTEL



SHANGRI LA THE MARINA CAIRNS

4:30 PM CHECK IN



FREE TIME

THURSDAY, MARCH 25



GREEN ISLAND TOUR W/ LUNCH

- 9:00 AM** DEPART FOR TOUR
- 5:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

FRIDAY, MARCH 26



RAINFOREST & CAPE TRIBULATION TOUR

- 9:00 AM** DEPART FOR TOUR
- 5:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL

SATURDAY, MARCH 27



CHECK OUT / FLY HOME

12:00 PM CHECK OUT HOTEL / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

THE EXTENSION

SATURDAY, MARCH 27



FREE DAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

 AUS → NZ

ARRIVE IN AUCKLAND



SOFITEL AUCKLAND VIADUCT HARBOUR

3:00 PM CHECK IN



8:00 PM

BLACK & GOLD HOST DINNER

MONDAY, MARCH 29



TOUR OF AUCKLAND

9:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR

12:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

THE EXTENSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 30



DEPART FOR ROTORUA

9:00 AM CHEKCOUT/ DEPART FOR ROTORUA (3 HR DRIVE)

12:00 PM ARRIVE / CHECK INTO HOTEL



TE PUIA TOUR

1:00 PM DEPART FOR TOUR

6:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31



TOUR OF WAI-O-TAPU

9:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR

5:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

THURSDAY, APRIL 1



DEPART FOR QUEENSTOWN

10:00 AM CHECK OUT / DEPART FOR AIRPORT

12:40 PM DEPART FOR QUEENSTOWN / via no NZ5785

4:05 PM ARRIVE IN QUEENSTOWN / TRANSFER TO HOTEL



SOFITEL QUEENSTOWN

5:00 PM CHECK IN



FREE TIME

FRIDAY, APRIL 2



**MILFORD SOUND CRUISE
W/ LUNCH**

9:00 AM DEPART FOR CRUISE

5:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

SATURDAY, APRIL 3



FREE TIME

SUNDAY, APRIL 4



CHECK OUT / FLY HOME

12:00 PM CHECK OUT HOTEL / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

THE FIJI EXTENSION

SUNDAY, APRIL 4



FREE DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 5



NZ → FJ

ARRIVE IN FIJI



HILTON FIJI RESORT

3:00 PM CHECK IN

TUESDAY, APRIL 6



NADI ISLAND TOUR
(Mud Bath & Hot Spring included)

12:00 PM DEPART FOR TOUR

4:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7



CLOUD 9 FLOUTING BAR

12:00 PM DEPART FOR

5:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

THURSDAY, APRIL 8



FREE DAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 9



CHECK OUT / FLY HOME

12:00 PM CHECK OUT HOTEL / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

TOUR IN DEPTH



SYDNEY

Sydney, Australia, is the capital of New South Wales and is the largest city in the country, boasting a population of nearly 5.5 million people. The city is known for its iconic landmarks, including the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge, both of which are recognized globally for their architectural significance. Sydney sprawls across a diverse landscape bounded by the Tasman Sea to the east and is surrounded by several national parks, providing a rich natural backdrop to urban life. The city's history dates back to Aboriginal occupation for over 30,000 years, with European settlement beginning in 1788 when the First Fleet landed at Botany Bay.



FEATHERDALE WILD LIFE PARK

Featherdale is a treasure of Australian native serenity nestled in the heart of Western Sydney. Step across the timber bridge over the bubbling brook, you'll be immersed in a relaxing and uniquely Australian wildlife experience. Surrounded by bird songs and a throng of marsupials attentively investigating you on your stroll, you'll feel a sense of calm wash over you, as you get closer to nature and the incredible wildlife. Even when the park is busy, you'll have no problems getting close to the iconic Koalas. With around 50 of these amazing creatures spread across 6 habitat areas on spacious 7 acres, you'll never have to push to get a peek.



BLUE MOUNTAIN

The Blue Mountains are a mountain range in the Australian region of New South Wales 50 Kilometers (30 miles) west of Sydney. Some of these mountains reach 1100 meters height. Their name is due to the blue haze that hovered above the mountains, which is produced by the oil from the plentiful Eucalyptus trees. The Blue Mountains extend from the west side of the Nepean River to westward until Coxs River. The Blue Mountains are a great spectacle to lovers of the nature; because, they offer to the visitors a wonderful scenery full of wildlife. The area is composed by a sandstone plateau of 1.03 million hectares; there are also many escarpments and gorges of up 760 meters in depth, cascades and many other amazing landscapes. Most part of Blue Mountains area is within the Greater Blue Mountains National Park, which is a World Heritage Site and one of the seven national parks of Australia.

TOUR IN DEPTH



CAIRNS

The region of Cairns is home to the iconic Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics World Heritage Rainforest, but the city of Cairns itself is also a must-visit. You'll find brilliant cafés, bustling markets and plenty of beaches nearby. Relax by a resort pool or spend your days exploring this tropical oasis.



GREEN ISLAND

Just 45 minutes from Cairns by fast catamaran, Green Island is a beautiful 6,000-year-old rainforest-covered coral cay set within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. As part of our Great Barrier Reef Green Island tours, you can snorkel or dive among vibrant coral gardens, teeming with tropical marine life. Explore scenic walking trails through the island's lush rainforest and spot colourful birdlife unique to this tropical paradise. Green Island is the perfect destination for families, couples, and travellers looking to enjoy a relaxing day discovering one of the most naturally beautiful parts of the Great Barrier Reef.



DAINTREE RAINFOREST & CAPE TRIBULATION

If you've ever wanted to see what Australia looked like when dinosaurs roamed, Cape Tribulation is where you'll find out. Cross the Daintree River and enter the Daintree Rainforest, a world untouched by urban development, noise and air pollution. Disconnect from the bustle, breathe in the purity and explore your natural surroundings. Here in Cape Tribulation, this breathtaking coastal region is the very spot where the world's oldest rainforest collides with the spectacular Great Barrier Reef.

TOUR IN DEPTH



AUCKLAND

New Zealand's largest urban environment, Auckland is home to 1.5 million people who bring a rich diversity to the region's food, arts and cultural experiences. Enjoy spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf Islands, native forest ranges, twin harbours and sparkling cityscape. With three local wine regions, surf and harbour beaches, native bird sanctuaries, marine reserves and seaside regional parks, there's always something wonderful to do or see here.



ROTORUA

There's nowhere quite like it. Rotorua is famous for its geothermal sights—furious geysers, boiling mud, and sublime hot pools—but it is also a thriving centre for Māori cultural experiences and an adventure playground for all things adrenaline and the great outdoors.



TE PUIA

For generations, Te Puia has welcomed manuhiri (visitors) to discover the magic hidden within Te Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley. Explore our dramatic geysers, bubbling mud, and beautiful native bush during our guided experience, Te Rā. Get close to the largest active geyser in the Southern Hemisphere, Pōhutu Geyser, and our national treasure the Kiwi bird. Witness students learning the traditional crafts of Māori carving and weaving at the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute. Feel the power of waiata and haka during our Māori cultural performance.

TOUR IN DEPTH



WAI-O-TAPU

Named as “One of the 20 Most Surreal Places in the World” Thousands of years in the making, visitors can choose one or all of three walks which take between 45 and 90 minutes. Unique features include the world famous Champagne Pool naturally coloured springs, bubbling mud, steaming ground, expansive vistas, huge volcanic craters and sinter terrace formations. The natural bush setting adds another dimension to the experience as does the Lady Knox Geyser which erupts daily at 10.15 am to heights of up to 20 meters.



QUEENSTOWN

Head out of Queenstown and the drama of the Central Otago landscape unfolds around you. If you're a Lord of the Rings fan you'll recognise many Middle-earth™ locations here. Nearby Arrowtown's gold-mining history is alive and vibrant; visit the Lakes District Museum or go gold panning. At the northern tip of Lake Wakatipu is rural Glenorchy and Paradise Valley. From here it's a short drive into the Mt Aspiring National Park and the start of some of New Zealand's great walks.



MILFORD SOUND CRUISE

The best way to experience Milford Sound's majestic beauty is on a scenic cruise. Nestled in the heart of Fiordland National Park, this world-famous fiord is known for its sheer cliffs, powerful waterfalls, and kilometre-high Mitre Peak rising straight from the water. A Milford Sound cruise lets you immerse yourself in this raw, untouched landscape, an unforgettable New Zealand experience.

TOUR IN DEPTH



FIJI

Fiji is a tropical island nation located in Oceania in the South Pacific Ocean and comprises an archipelago of more than 332 islands, 110 of which are permanently inhabited. Fiji is located about two-thirds of the way from Hawaii to New Zealand, and immediate neighbors include Vanuatu, Tonga, and Samoa. The government system is a republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Fiji has a mixed economy which includes a variety of private freedom, combined with centralized economic planning and government regulation.



NADI ISLAND

Nadi is the third-largest conurbation in Fiji. It is located on the western side of the main island of Viti Levu. Along with sugar cane production, tourism is a mainstay of the local economy with the Nadi region having Fiji's highest concentration of hotels and motels. Nadi International Airport, located 9 kilometers from Nadi, is the largest airport in Fiji. Thus, Nadi is the principal port of entry for air travelers to Fiji, even though it is on the opposite (western) side of the island of Viti Levu from the nation's capital and largest city, Suva.



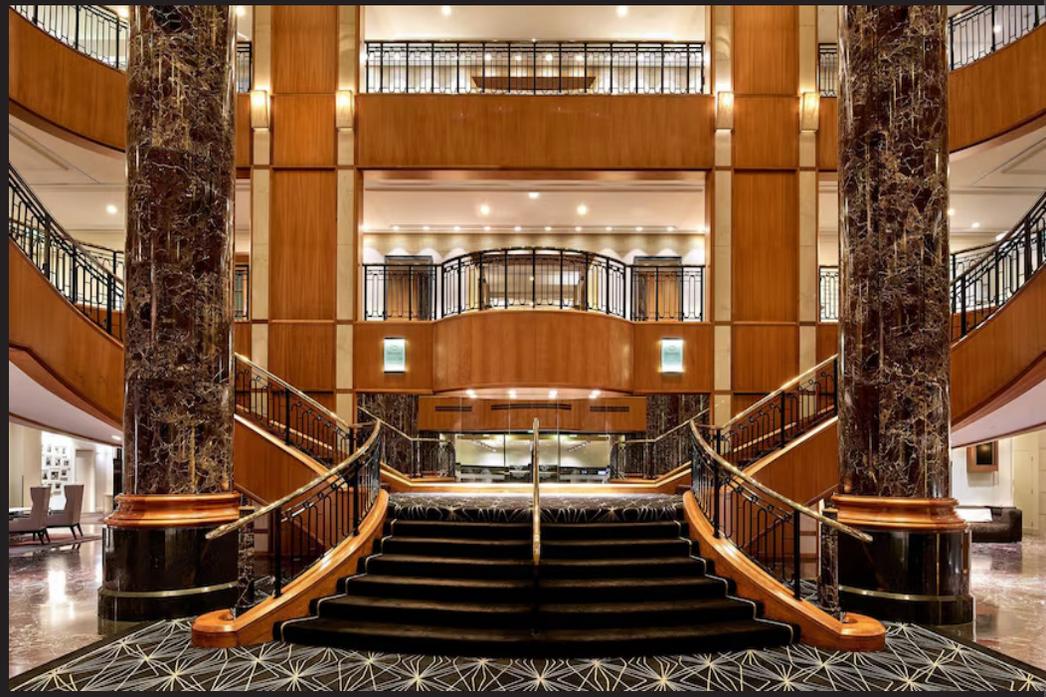
CLOUD 9

With a tight roster of international underground chill-house DJs, Cloud 9 is more than just a floating bar; it's a vibe. Family-run and handcrafted with precision and creativity, Cloud 9 is laid-back and naturally classy with a fun and unpretentious atmosphere, a beautiful sun deck, multiple day beds and a quality surround sound system throughout. Cloud 9 is privileged to float on beautiful Fijian waters and opens its doors (no landing fees required) to everyone that wants to come on board and enjoy this incredible ambience! An experience like no other!

ACCOMODATIONS



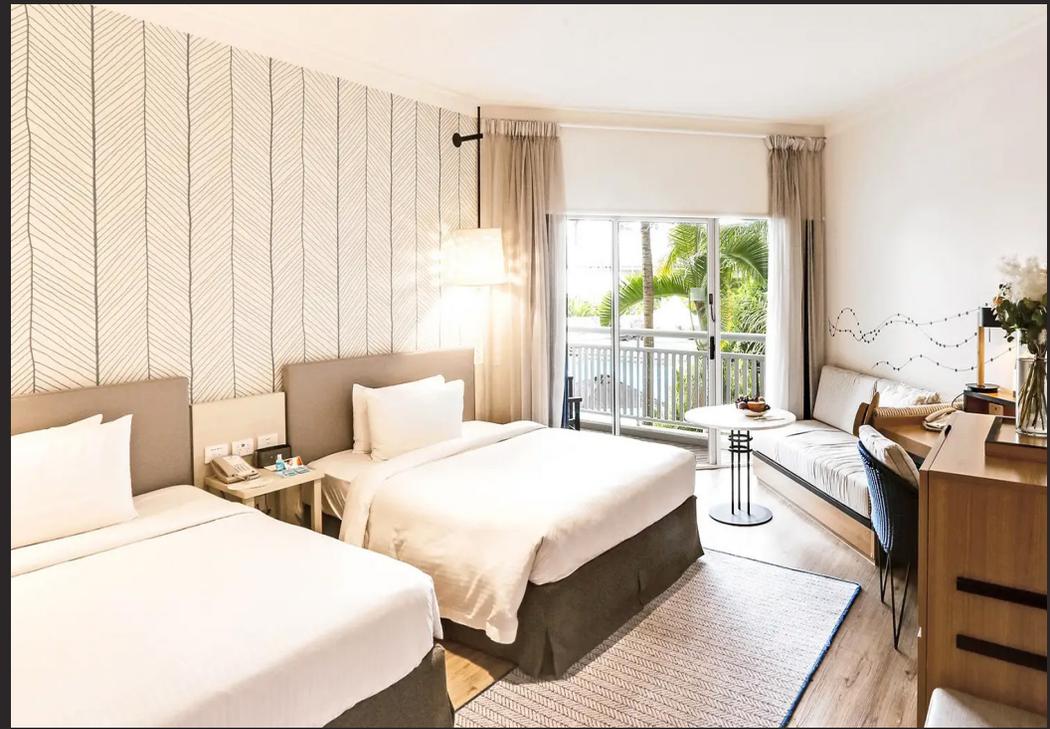
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