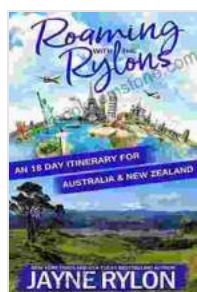


An 18 Day Itinerary for Sydney, Melbourne, and the North Island

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure as we embark on an 18-day journey through the bustling cities of Sydney and Melbourne and the breathtaking natural landscapes of New Zealand's North Island. This comprehensive itinerary will guide you through iconic landmarks, hidden gems, and unforgettable experiences, ensuring a trip filled with memories that will last a lifetime.

Day 1-3: Sydney

Welcome to Sydney, Australia's vibrant and cosmopolitan capital. Immerse yourself in the city's iconic landmarks, from the Sydney Opera House to the Harbour Bridge. Explore the historic Rocks district, wander through the lush Royal Botanic Garden, and soak up the sun at Bondi Beach.



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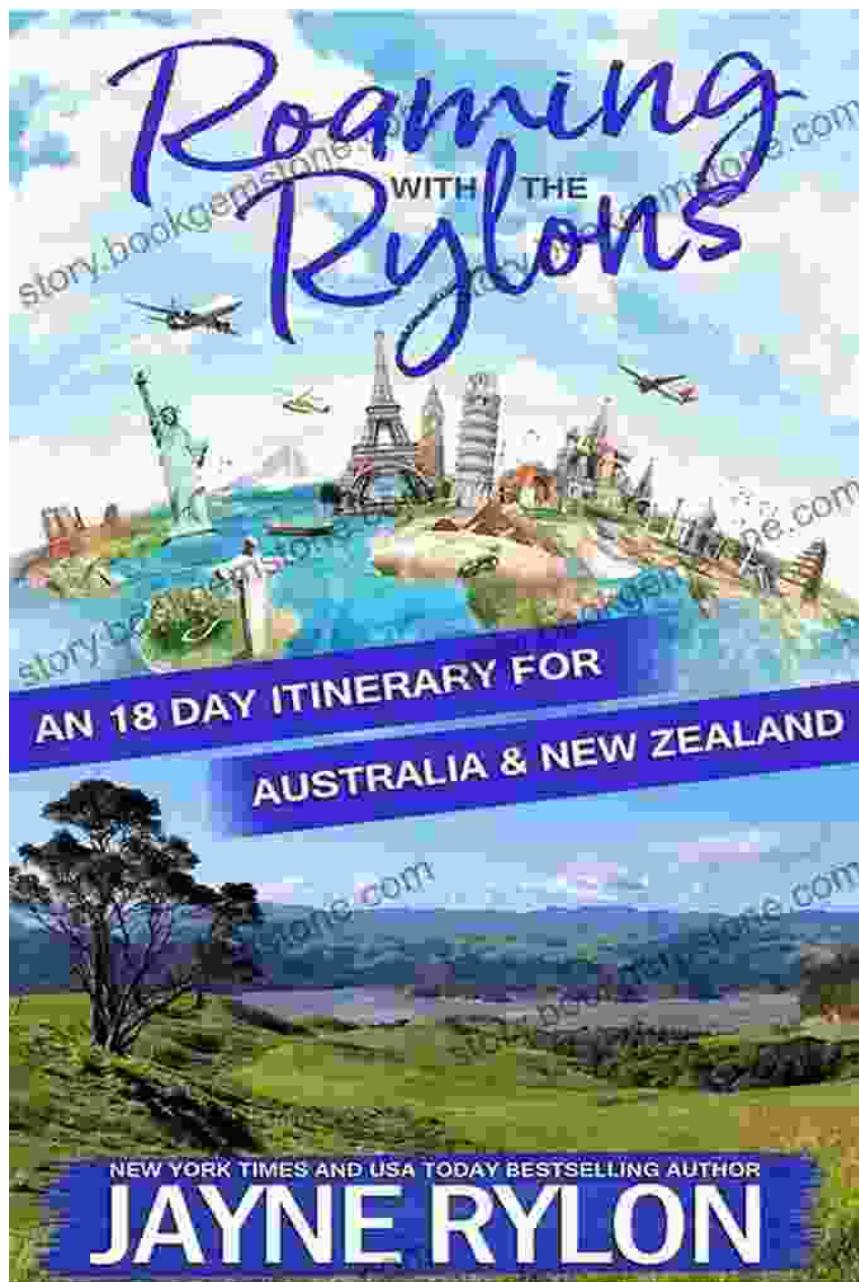
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Day 4-6: Melbourne

Take a scenic flight to Melbourne, Australia's cultural capital. Discover the vibrant street art scene in Hosier Lane, explore the world-class museums and art galleries, and indulge in the city's renowned culinary delights. Don't miss a visit to the iconic St. Kilda Beach for a relaxing stroll or a swim in the sparkling waters.



Day 7-9: Auckland

Cross the Tasman Sea to Auckland, New Zealand's largest and most populous city. Known as the "City of Sails," Auckland boasts a stunning waterfront and is surrounded by picturesque islands. Ascend the Sky Tower for panoramic city views, explore the vibrant Viaduct Harbour, and take a

ferry to Waiheke Island for a day trip filled with wineries and stunning coastal scenery.



Day 10-12: Rotorua

Journey to Rotorua, a geothermal wonderland renowned for its bubbling mud pools, spouting geysers, and Maori cultural heritage. Visit the Te Puia Maori Cultural Centre to learn about traditional Maori customs and witness a thrilling kapahaka performance. Explore the surreal landscapes of the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve and relax in the therapeutic waters of the Polynesian Spa.



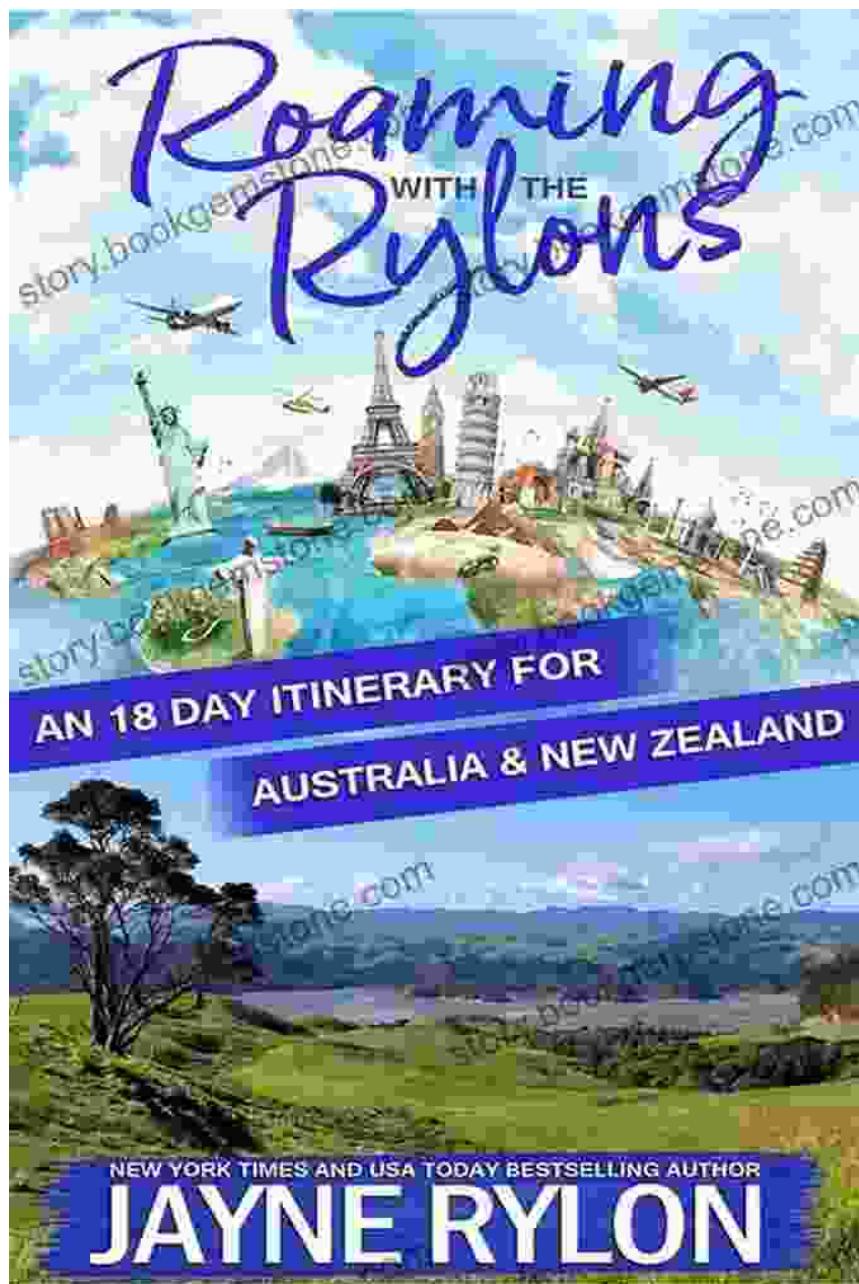
Day 13-15: Taupo

Nestled on the shores of Lake Taupo, New Zealand's largest lake, Taupo is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise. Embark on a scenic cruise to the Mine Bay Maori Rock Carvings, hike through the Tongariro National Park, and go bungee jumping or skydiving for an adrenaline-filled experience.



Day 16-18: Wellington

Wind down your adventure in Wellington, New Zealand's charming and sophisticated capital. Visit the Te Papa Museum to delve into Maori history and culture, explore the bustling Cuba Street, and take a cable car to the Wellington Botanic Garden for breathtaking city views. End your trip with a scenic ferry ride through the Marlborough Sounds, bidding farewell to the beautiful North Island.



Accommodation

Throughout your journey, you will stay in a combination of comfortable hotels and budget-friendly guesthouses. In Sydney, consider the centrally located Four Seasons Hotel Sydney or the chic QT Sydney. In Melbourne, opt for the luxurious Langham Hotel Melbourne or the trendy Art Series - The Blackman. In Auckland, choose from the waterfront Hilton Auckland or

the cozy Hotel Britomart. In Rotorua, the Distinction Rotorua Hotel and Spa offers a geothermal experience, while in Taupo, the Hilton Lake Taupo provides stunning lake views.

Transportation

The best way to travel between cities is by plane. Domestic flights within Australia and New Zealand are readily available and relatively inexpensive. Once in each city, explore on foot, by public transportation, or rent a car for day trips and flexibility.

Food and Drinks

Indulge in the culinary delights of each destination. In Sydney, savor fresh seafood at Sydney Fish Market and sample international cuisine in Surry Hills. In Melbourne, experience the city's renowned coffee culture and dine at award-winning restaurants from fine dining to street food. In Auckland, enjoy fresh oysters at Viaduct Harbour and discover world-class wines from Waiheke Island. In Rotorua, try traditional Maori hangi cuisine and in Taupo, feast on fresh trout and local produce.

Budget

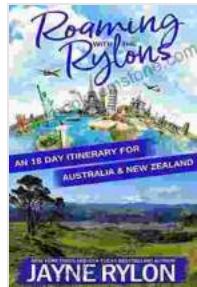
Plan for a budget of around \$4,000-\$5,000 per person, depending on your travel style and the time of year. This includes flights, accommodation, transportation, activities, and food.

Tips

- * Book your flights and accommodation in advance, especially if traveling during peak season.
- * Pack for all types of weather, as it can be unpredictable, especially in New Zealand.
- * Bring comfortable walking

shoes, as there will be plenty of exploring on foot. * Learn a few basic Maori phrases to enhance your cultural interactions. * Respect the local customs and traditions of each destination. * Consider purchasing a travel insurance policy for peace of mind.

Embark on this unforgettable 18-day adventure through Sydney, Melbourne, and the North Island of New Zealand. Immerse yourself in vibrant cities, stunning natural landscapes, and rich cultural experiences. Create memories that will last a lifetime as you explore iconic landmarks, hidden gems, and breathtaking scenery. Bon voyage!

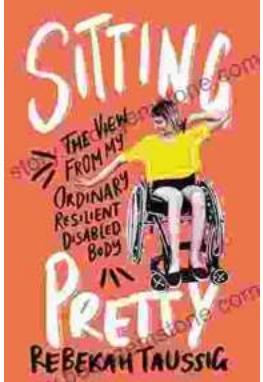


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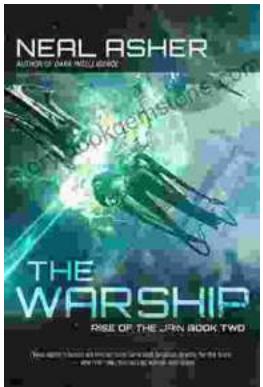
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