

Final draft itinerary from Queenstown, New Zealand, to Singapore
17/04/2010 to 06/05/2011: 385 days
'Round the World ticket' with oneworld

SYD – ZQN : Sat 17/04/2010, at 08:35 (QF121) [2h55m]
Arr. ZQN : Sat 17/04/2010, at 13:30

Travel from Queenstown to Greymouth, via Dunedin, by rental car, and then on to Auckland by train, using a 7-day Scenic Rail Pass.

AKL – HNL : Sat 01/05/2010, at 10:30 (NZ10) [8h45m] (**bought separately**)
Arr. HNL : Fri 30/05/2010, at 20:15

About four days on Oahu, HI

HNL – LAX : Tue 04/05/2010, at 21:10 (AA298) [5h20m]
Arr. LAX : Wed 05/05/2010, at 05:30

Pick up rental car upon arrival at LAX, and drive to Mojave, CA. Spend 5th and 6th around Tehachapi Loop. Spend 7th and 8th driving up the Pacific Coast Highway from Los Angeles, CA, to San Francisco, CA.

Two full days (9th and 10th) in San Francisco

Continue driving up the Pacific Coast Highway (CA) and Coast Highway (OR), on the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, arriving in Seattle on the afternoon/evening of the 14th.

Seattle, WA, to Chicago, IL (Empire Builder) : Sun 16/05/2010, at 16:45 [45h10m]
Arrive Chicago, IL : Tue 18/05/2010, at 15:55

Chicago, IL, to Wash., DC (Capitol Limited – 30) : Fri 21/05/2010, at 19:30 [17h25m]
Arr. Washington, DC : Sat 22/05/2010, at 13:30

Washington, DC, to New York, NY (Amtrak) : Tue 25/05/2010
Arr. New York, NY : Tue 25/05/2010

Spend the week around NYC, and Philadelphia, PA

PHL – LHR : Wed 02/06/2010, at 18:15 (BA66) [7h05m]
Arr. LHR : Thu 03/06/2010, at 06:20

Train to Holyhead.

Holyhead to Dublin Port, Ireland (Stena Line) : Thu 03/06/2010, at 13:50 [3h15m]
Arr. Dublin Port, Ireland : Thu 03/06/2010, at 17:05

Belfast to Stranraer (Stena HSS) : Fri 18/06/2010, at 12:15 [2h00m]
Arr. Stranraer : Fri 18/06/2010, at 14:15

Arr. London Euston : Fri 02/07/2010

St. Pancras International – Paris Nord : Mon 05/07/2010

Commence Eurail Pass : Fri 09/07/2010 (Paris)

From Paris, to first make way to through Belgium, Amsterdam, Köln, København, Scandinavia. Must arrive in Tromsø by Fri 23/07/2010 (a couple of days before the sun starts setting again). Ferry from Helsinki to Stockholm. From Stockholm, back to København, then to Hamburg, via the Rødby to Puttgarden ferry. Down through Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, Morocco. Then back up through to Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia, Italy, then ferry from Ancona, Italy, to Pátra, Greece – ferry is free, plus tax.

End Eurail Pass : Sat 09/10/2010 (Southern Greece)

Sun 10/10/2010 to Sat 30/10/2010 – Israel, Egypt, and Jordan.

Sun 31/10/2010 to Thu 06/01/2011 – Bulgaria, Turkey (including a visit to Gallipoli), Ukraine (via ferry from Istanbul to Odessa), Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Romania, Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia, Serbia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary (buy JR Rail Pass in Budapest). Country order not set in concrete. Ferry from Tallinn to Helsinki.

HEL – KIX : Thu 06/01/2011, at 17:20 (AY77) [9h25m]
Arr. KIX : Fri 07/01/2011, at 0900

Two weeks in Japan.

Fukuoka (Hakata) – Pusan, by fast ferry : Fri 21/01/2011

Spend a week around South Korea, with a visit to the DMZ

ICN – TPE : Sat 29/01/2011, at 09:15 (CX421) [2h45m]
Arr. TPE : Sat 29/01/2011, at 11:00

TPE – HKG : Sun 06/02/2011, at 12:00 (CX421) [1h50m]
Arr. HKG : Sun 06/02/2011, at 13:50

Southern China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore

SIN – SYD : Sat 16/04/2011, at 19:50 (QF6) [7h20m]
Arr. SYD : Sun 17/04/2011, at 05:10

SYD – MEL : Sun 17/04/2011, at 09:00 (QF419) [1h30m]
Arr. MEL : Sun 17/04/2011, at 10:30

Spend about three weeks driving from Melbourne, via the Great Ocean Road, to Warrnambool (and surrounding areas), to Hamilton, Shepparton, Griffith, Parkes, Orange, Bathurst, and finally, Sydney.

Estimated Sydney arrival: Fri 06/05/2011

Notes:

Visas required for:

Turkey (obtain at frontier)
Egypt (obtain at frontier)
Jordan (obtain at frontier)
China (obtain at HKG or in Macau)
Vietnam
Laos
Cambodia (eVisa)
Thailand

All airline and train timings are approximate, and are subject to change. Flight numbers may also change.

Overland sectors:

ZQN – AKL:

- Queenstown to Greymouth, via Dunedin, by rental car
- Trains and inter-island ferry from Greymouth to Auckland
- Side trip to Rotorua and Gisborne

LAX – PHL:

- LAX to Seattle, WA, via Tehachapi Loop and Pacific Coast Highway, San Francisco, and Coast Highway (OR)
- Empire Builder from Seattle, WA, to Chicago, IL
- Capitol Limited from Chicago, IL, to Washington, DC

LHR – HEL:

- Trains and ferries from London to Helsinki, via Ireland, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Israel, Egypt, and Jordan.

KIX – ICN:

- Fast ferry from Fukuoka (Hakata), Japan, to Pusan, South Korea

HKG – SIN:

- Trains and buses through Southern China (may get to Shanghai and Beijing), Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, then Singapore

Key:

Airports:

- SYD – Sydney Kingsford Smith International Airport
- ZQN – Queenstown International Airport
- AKL – Auckland International Airport
- HNL – Honolulu International Airport
- LAX – Los Angeles International Airport
- PHL – Philadelphia International Airport
- LHR – London Heathrow
- HEL – Helsinki International Airport
- KIX – Osaka Kansai International Airport
- ICN – Seoul-Incheon International Airport
- TPE – Taipei International Airport
- HKG – Hong Kong International Airport
- SIN – Singapore Changi International Airport
- SYD – Sydney Kingsford Smith International Airport
- MEL – Melbourne International Airport

Airlines:

- QF – Qantas Airways
- NZ – Air New Zealand
- AA – American Airlines
- BA – British Airways
- AY – Finnair
- CX – Cathay Pacific