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Innovative Travel invites you to share in an exclusive luxury jet mission, chasing the Aurora Australis.

**Hosted by journalist and explorer, Cameron Bennett
& NASA Alumni, Miranda Satterthwaite.**

(This exclusive weekend is limited to 7 guests)

Programme overview: Friday 16 - Sunday 18 September 2022: Ex Christchurch

Arrive in Christchurch on Friday 16, for a two night stay in the centrally located boutique Classic Villa. This evening at 8pm, join your fellow Mission explorers for welcome drinks and canapes hosted by Cameron Bennett.

Saturday 17, morning at leisure. *Perhaps explore the nearby covered Riverside Markets, Art Gallery, Museum or have a leisurely coffee along the banks of the Avon in the new Terrace development.*

Depart at 2pm to the Antarctic Centre for a behind the scenes tour, with NASA Alumni, Miranda Satterthwaite. Discover more about the spectacular Southern Skies as you view special exhibitions. Receive helpful tips about the best photographic techniques to capture the night sky with all its glory from a latitude of 56 degrees.

Later transfer to your hotel, for a chance to refresh before an early dinner, hosted at the Classic Villa.

Depart to the Airport to the private Jet Centre for your final mission briefing and drinks.

Wheels up later this evening, as you take off aboard a luxury private jet, and rapidly travel south on your 4-hour mission of discovery. Light refreshments and beverages are included on board. We'll climb to altitudes of 40,000ft in style during our journey, and soar high above the clouds to hunt for one of the world's most spectacular phenomena. During the flight there will be the opportunity to view the Aurora Australis from varying angles, including from the cockpit and the opportunity for photography.

Early Sunday morning return to Christchurch and transfer to the Classic Villa. An opportunity to reflect and rest, before a late leisurely breakfast. Arrangements conclude.

Price: Share twin \$9,995.00 per person
Solo Traveller \$10,350.00 per person



Cameron Bennett

Cameron Bennett is a journalist, documentary director and writer, explorer, and musician. With decades of experience as a Foreign Correspondent he has travelled the world: Europe, Asia, Africa, Pacific, USA, and the Middle East. When Cameron visited Antarctica, he says it was a profound experience, that never leaves you.

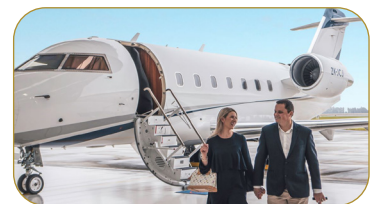
"It's the light that shapes your perception of the Frozen South and none more so than Aurora Australis, the spectacular natural phenomenon that lights up the sky in ribbons of green, pink and red". To see the Southern Lights is to witness and experience awe and wonderment; the same wonderment shared by the great explorers of more than a century ago. I am excited to share this incredible opportunity to view the Australis Aurora far above the earth, at over 37,000 feet."

Miranda Satterthwaite

New Zealand born, NASA Alumni, Miranda Satterthwaite has accompanied NASA Sofia astronomy Missions. Her indepth USA based training included STEM education in NASA bases, including NASA Marshall Flight Centre, NASA Kennedy Centre, NASA Armstrong Flight Centre, and NASA Ames Centre.

Now Academy Director for the International Antarctic Centre, Miranda directs the Mission to Space programmes, including training students with interactive programmes on Antarctic Aerospace, utilising Antarctica tested technology for space exploration. We welcome Melissa's contribution, with her unique informative insight on our Aurora Australis Mission.

"Chasing the Aurora over the Southern Ocean in a jet reveals to passengers one of the most unique and spectacular light shows nature can provide. The experience is not only spiritual but intellectual as your guide enlightens you on the origins of the solar activity that cause this amazing phenomenon. Being part of such an important and engaging astrotourism opportunity is just a delight for all involved." NASA Alumni: Miranda Satterthwaite



Mission Inclusions:

Tour Host Cameron Bennett * Two nights at the Classic Villa * Daily breakfasts * Welcome canapes and drinks on Friday evening * Behind the scenes tour at the Antarctic Centre with NASA Alumni and Academy Director, Miranda Satterthwaite * Photography tips, * Return transfers * Saturday evening dinner at the Classic Villa * Exclusive luxury jet to the Southern lights with refreshments * Return transfers from Classic Villa to the Jet Centre

Innovative Travel Terms and conditions

A non refundable deposit/administration fee of \$1,000 is required with a registration form.

The balance is due 10 August 2022.

The flight is limited to 7 guests.

September normally presents prime viewing of the Aurora Australis. There is never a guarantee that we'll find the aurora on our flights as it is a truly rare natural phenomenon, the elusive nature of Aurora is part of her appeal. Rest assured that our team will make sure we fly when the chances are at their greatest.

We're able to forecast 3 days out to determine if there is a high probability of an Aurora visibly occurring. The time of year, global location and moon phases are key conditions needed to see an Aurora, therefore we will depart sometime after 9pm and head south to 56 degrees in winter, to increase our chances of sighting the Aurora Australis. In the event there will be a very low probability of an Aurora due to lack of solar activity we may choose to postpone the trip for a day. Flexible airfares should be booked. Additional nights at the Classic Villa, meals and other expenses are at participants cost.

Cancellation fees: Deposit to 09 August 2022, \$1,000. 10 Aug - 16 Sept. 100%

Full travel insurance cover is essential, in case of not being able to participate for any reason.

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