

USA NBA MARCH TOUR

Los Angeles, New Orleans and New York



**18 DAYS, 8 GAMES AND UNIQUE
EXPERIENCES ALONG THE WAY!**

**Tour cost is \$8,895 total per person
Melbourne/Sydney
(Other cities available)**

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DAY 1

MELBOURNE – LOS ANGELES

Monday 6th March 2023

Depart Melbourne at 11.00am on Qantas Airways flight QF 93 and arrive Los Angeles at 6.20am

On arrival transfer to your hotel to check in.

Hotel Figueroa by Hyatt
939 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA, 90015

Rest of the day is free to go and explore Los Angeles.

DAY 2

LOS ANGELES

Tuesday 7th March 2023

Today you have a free day to explore Los Angeles before tonight's game.

OPTIONAL UNIVERSAL STUDIOS (OWN EXPENSE)

You can get to "ride the movies" and experience what's new at Universal Studios with a tour. New sets on the Studio Tour are now open! Here you can explore the largest movie set street expansion in Hollywood history built with creative consultation from Steven Spielberg. Be immersed in the full back lot experience from the comfort of new trams with built-in-state-of-the-art HD monitors.



This evening at 7.00pm enjoy a **basketball game**. You will see **LA Lakers vs Memphis Grizzlies**.

Seat location to be advised.



Today you have a free day to explore Los Angeles before tonight's game.

OPTIONAL TRIP TO SANTA MONICA (OWN EXPENSE)

The world-famous Santa Monica Pier offers a variety of entertainment and shopping including Pacific Park amusement park; Heal The Bay Aquarium; an historic 1922 Carousel plus specialty shops/carts, eateries, an old-fashioned soda fountain, and full-service restaurants. Drawing locals and world travellers alike, Downtown Santa Monica is a popular Southern California coastal destination, minutes from beaches and the Pacific Ocean. The world-famous Third Street Promenade is known for its weekly farmers' markets, fabulous dining, terrific shopping and engaging street performers



UNIQUE EXPERIENCE!

High 5 Fan Tunnel

High 5 and cheer on your favourite Clippers player as you stand in the players tunnel when the team runs out for the start of the game.



This experience is not available to the general public!

This evening at 7pm enjoy a **basketball game**. You will see **LA Clippers vs Toronto Raptors**.



Seat allocation is lower level corner

DAY 4

LOS ANGELES

Thursday 9th March 2023

Today is a free day to go and explore Los Angeles.

OPTIONAL DISNEYLAND RESORT, CALIFORNIA (OWN EXPENSE)

Disneyland® Park

Welcome to the place where imagination is the destination. For young and old, big and small — it's the happiest place on earth! Come build memories that last a lifetime as you discover the wonder of this magical, fantastical world. When you enter one of the Lands that comprise Disneyland® Park, stories come to life around you, immersing you in tales from some of your favourite Disney films



Main Street, U.S.A. is the entrance to Disneyland Park. Stroll down the street where turn-of-the-century architecture and transportation recreate a bygone era. Be sure to board a vintage vehicle for a ride back in time and then marvel at The Disneyland Story presenting Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln. Before you leave, don't forget to visit the Emporium, an old-time Victorian general store filled with all kinds of Disney memorabilia

Fantasyland, located beyond Sleeping Beauty Castle, is where you can meet the heroes and villains of your favourite Disney stories. Encounter princesses from the royal realms of Disney films such as Snow White, Sleeping Beauty and Cinderella. Step into their enchanting stories about the triumph of true love. Sing along with a classic song and sail past the pageantry of "it's a small world". Take a spin in a tea cup or fly over London with Peter Pan. Revel in the enchantment that surrounds you!

Tomorrowland. Ready your rockets as you blast into the twin orbits of innovation and exploration at Tomorrowland! Rocket into the outer reaches of darkest space on Space Mountain

DAY 5

LOS ANGELES – NEW ORLEANS

Friday 10th March 2023

Check out of our hotel and transfer to Los Angeles Airport. Depart Los Angeles Airport at 11.10am on American Airlines flight AA 1781 and arrive Dallas Airport at 3.55pm before connecting onto American Airlines flight 1781 leaving Dallas at 4.35pm and arriving New Orleans Airport at 6.06pm.

On arrival transfer to your hotel to check in

The Jung Hotel and Residences
1500 Canal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana, 70112

DAY 6

NEW ORLEANS

Saturday 11th March 2023

Today is a day to enjoy at your leisure until this evening's game.

OPTIONAL

NEW ORLEANS AIRBOAT RIDE (OWN EXPENSE)

Experience the Louisiana bayou outside of New Orleans on this airboat ride near Jean Lafitte National Park and Reserve.



UNIQUE EXPERIENCE!

High 5 Fan Tunnel

High 5 and cheer on your favourite Pelicans player as you stand on the court as the team runs out for the start of the game.



This evening at 7.30pm enjoy an **NBA game**. You will see **New Orleans Pelicans vs OKC Thunder**



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OPTIONAL NEW ORLEANS STEAMBOAT CRUISE (OWN EXPENSE)

You'll get the authentic riverboat experience, travelling like the residents of New Orleans did decades ago, when you step aboard the historic riverboat on this Mississippi River Cruise. After departure, listen to entertaining commentary on the sights that pass by, enjoy live jazz music in the main area, and check out the churning paddle wheel in action.



UNIQUE EXPERIENCE!

Pre-game Warm Up access

Watch both teams warm up, we will be seated within the first couple of rows of the court to see the players from the Pelicans and Trailblazers prepare for tonight's game.

This experience is not available to the general public!

This evening at 6pm enjoy an **NBA game**. You will see **New Orleans Pelicans vs Portland Trailblazers**.



Seat allocation is lower level sideline

DAY 8

NEW ORLEANS

Monday 13th March 2023

Today is a complete day at leisure.

OPTIONAL

Hop On Hop Off City Sightseeing Tour (OWN EXPENSE)

This hop-on hop-off tour includes all of New Orleans most important highlights and landmarks. Pick a seat on the open-top or bottom deck of the bus and listen to your guide's commentary as you pass each sight. Stops include the Garden District, Jackson Square, The French market and others.



DAY 9

NEW ORLEANS

Tuesday 14th March 2023

Today is a day to enjoy at your leisure until our on-court shootaround.

UNIQUE EXPERIENCE!

Shoot around on court at Smoothie King Centre

Before tonight's game we get the Smoothie King Centre court EXCLUSIVELY for the Dream Hoop Tour group! We get to play on the court for 1 hour, take photos and pretty much do as we please.



This experience is not available to the general public!

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This evening at 7.00pm enjoy an **NBA game**. You will see **New Orleans Pelicans vs LA Lakers**



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DAY 10

NEW ORLEANS – NEW YORK

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Check out of our hotel and transfer to New Orleans Airport. Depart New Orleans Airport at 11.30am on United Airlines Flight UA 1966 and arrive Newark Airport, New York at 3.33pm. (Please note you will need to pay for checked luggage at check-in of \$35USD for 1st bag and \$45USD if you have a 2nd suitcase).

On arrival transfer to check in to your Hotel.

Best Western Premier Herald Square
50 West 36th Street
New York, NY, 10018

DAY 11

NEW YORK

Thursday 16th March 2023

UNIQUE EXPERIENCE!

Personal Stadium Tour and Club access

We get a personal tour of Barclays Center Stadium prior to the game and will also have Club Lounge access to complimentary food and beverages (non-alcoholic) up until half time.

This experience is not available to the general public!

This evening at 7.30pm enjoy an **NBA game**. You will see **Brooklyn Nets vs Sacramento Kings**



Seat allocation is lower level sideline

DAY 12

NEW YORK

Friday 17th March 2023

Today is a complete free day to enjoy New York at your leisure.

OPTION

Visit the Statue of Liberty or take a boat around Manhattan Island (Own expense)



Enjoy a guided tour of the Statue of Liberty, including special access to the statue pedestal. Take an early ferry to Liberty Island without waiting in lines that often stretch for hours, and arrive before the crowds!

DAY 13

NEW YORK

Saturday 18th March 2023

UNIQUE EXPERIENCE!

Pre-game warm up

Watch both teams warm up, we will be seated within the first couple of rows of the court to see the players from the Knicks and Nuggets prepare for tonight's game.

This experience is not available to the general public!

This afternoon at 1.00pm enjoy an **NBA game**. You will see **New York Knicks vs Denver Nuggets**



Seat allocation is lower level corner.

DAY 14

NEW YORK

Sunday 19th March 2023

Today is a complete free day to enjoy New York at your leisure.

OPTIONAL NBA GAME (OWN EXPENSE)

Today at 3pm you have an opportunity to enjoy a **basketball game**. You can see **Brooklyn Nets vs Denver Nuggets**.



Full day in New York, a chance to tick off your bucket list. Perhaps it's a trip to the Empire State Building, walk the Brooklyn Bridge or grab yourself a slice of the famous NY Pizza!



Today is a complete free day to enjoy New York at your leisure prior to this evenings game.

UNIQUE EXPERIENCE!

Post-game Group Photo on Centre Court

After tonight's game we make our way onto centre court to get a group photo at Madison Square Garden.

This experience is not available to the general public!



This evening at 7.30pm enjoy an **NBA game**. You will see **New York Knicks vs Minnesota Timberwolves**.



Seat allocation is lower level corner.

One last chance for any final NY shopping before we check out of our Hotel.

This afternoon we take our coach transfer to JFK Airport, New York for our flight home. Depart New York at 3.30PM on American Airlines flight AA 341 arrive Los Angeles at 6.55pm and transfer to Qantas Airways flight QF 94. Depart Los Angeles at 10.05pm.

DAY 17

IN TRANSIT

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Cross the International Dateline and lose one day

DAY 18

ARRIVE HOME IN MELBOURNE

Thursday 23rd March 2023

Arrive Melbourne at 8.00am, pass through customs and immigration and move through the security zone.

WELCOME HOME!

Tour cost is \$8,895 total per person.

For a list of all the inclusions and payment details please scroll down over the next couple of pages.

Want to guarantee your spot on this tour, please complete registration form and email through to info@dreamhooptours.com.au straight away.

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Read what our guests have said about our previous NBA tours.

"The tour was amazing, as a younger guy who hasn't been overseas before. It was the perfect way to travel as flights, hotels and means of transport was pre-organised. It does live up to the hype of once in a lifetime holiday as you couldn't have on-court experiences by yourself. It was really fun to travel with a group who all share the same interests as you". Henry A, Adelaide

"For any NBA fans out there, just save the dollars and book the trip, you won't regret it for a moment. It's a packed itinerary with the right balance of organised activities and free time. And the "unique experiences" were fantastic. An unforgettable trip with a great bunch of people, and extremely well run by Ryan". Al C, Melbourne

"An epic adventure of USA culture and experiences combined with up close and personal encounters with NBA royalty that I only ever dreamed accessible in another universe. Highly recommend as both an NBA overload of unbelievable sports indulgence and amazing sightseeing across a wide range of American cities and icons". Michael R, Melbourne

"If you're an NBA fan then drop everything and register for this tour; you won't regret it. From the chance to see games in person to some really exclusive opportunities to get close to the courts and players, this really is a must do for any Aussie NBA fan". Chris O, Bendigo

"A fantastic experience for any NBA fan, I took my 13 year old son and he did not stop smiling for 2 weeks, can't recommend the tour enough, I will definitely be going again ". Nick B, Melbourne

"This was my 2nd Dream Hoop Tour and it didn't disappoint. It was as good if not better than the first. Ryan does a fantastic job; choosing great cities to visit with teams that feature Aussie players as well as the superstars, organising special experiences like on-court shootarounds, watching pre-game warmups, high 5 fan tunnel and meeting players. There is a good balance between basketball and free time to sight see, shop etc. I would highly recommend this tour to anyone". Emma S, Sydney

"My first tour group experience despite traveling globally and I highly recommend the group experience. Definitely value for money and highly recommended for anyone considering the package". David and Seb, Melbourne

"The Dream Hoop's Tour was a fantastic experience filled with life long memories that won't be forgotten. This tour is perfect for Aussie basketball fans wanting to experience the NBA with extra bonuses eg On court shootaround @ Staples Centre and all on court experiences. The tour was extremely well organised and was shared with great company". Rod A, Melbourne

"Would absolutely recommend this tour to basketball fans. We enjoyed a great mix of team and games on tour plus the extra activities such as a couple of hours at the Milwaukee Bucks Training Facility and getting to play on the Staples Centre Floor were all fantastic. Milwaukee, which is a bit off the beaten track, was very enjoyable, made even better by meeting Aussie ballers Delly and Thon Maker. The itinerary provided enough flexibility for free sightseeing days that allowed you to pick and choose your preference as there are varied interests and experience of travel to the US. Overall an amazing and awesome time!!!!". Phil T, Brisbane

INCLUSIONS

GUIDES

- Tour will be hosted/escorted for the entire time in the USA.

TRANSPORTATION

- International Flights with QANTAS AIRWAYS to Los Angeles return
- Domestic Flights with American Airlines and United Airlines.
 - Los Angeles-New Orleans
 - New Orleans-New York
 - New York-Los Angeles
- Coaches where required and indicated in the itinerary
- All airport transfers except where indicated

ACCOMMODATION (All hotels are 3 ½ - 4 star standard based on twin share)

- 4 nights in Los Angeles at the Hotel Figueroa by Hyatt
- 5 nights in New Orleans at The Jung Hotel and Residences
- 6 nights in New York at the Best Western Premier Herald Square

ACTIVITIES

- Evening basketball game – LA Clippers V Toronto Raptors
- Evening basketball game – LA Lakers V Memphis Grizzlies
- Evening basketball game – New Orleans Pelicans V OKC Thunder
- Evening basketball game – New Orleans Pelicans V Portland Trailblazers
- Evening basketball game – New Orleans Pelicans V LA Lakers
- Afternoon basketball game – New York Knicks V Denver Nuggets
- Evening basketball game – Brooklyn Nets v Sacramento Kings
- Evening basketball game – New York Knicks v Minnesota Timberwolves
- **Unique experience. Pre-game high 5 fan tunnel experience with the Clippers players (LAC v TOR)**
- **Unique experience. Pre-game high 5 fan tunnel experience with the Pelicans Players (NOP v OKC)**
- **Unique experience. Pre-game watch both teams warm up (NOP v POR)**
- **Unique experience. On court shootaround for 1 hour at the Pelicans Homecourt (NOP v LAL)**
- **Unique experience. Personal stadium tour and Club access (BKN v SAC)**
- **Unique experience. Pre-game watch both teams warm up (NYK v DEN)**
- **Unique experience. Centre court group photo (NYK v MIN)**

NBA STARS YOU MIGHT SEE LIVE

- Los Angeles Clippers – Kawhi Leonard, Paul George, John Wall
- Los Angeles Lakers - LeBron James, Anthony Davis, Russell Westbrook, Carmelo Anthony
- Toronto Raptors – Pascal Siakim, Scottie Barnes, Fred Van Vleet
- Sacramento Kings – De’Aaron Fox, Harrison Barnes, Domantis Sabonis
- Memphis Grizzlies – Ja Morant, Jaren Jackson Jr, Steven Adams
- Brooklyn Nets – Kevin Durant, Kyrie Irving, LaMarcus Aldridge
- OKC Thunder – Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, Darius Bazley, Luguentz Dort
- New Orleans Pelicans – Zion Williamson, Brandon Ingram, CJ McCollum
- New York Knicks – RJ Barrett, Julius Randle, Jalen Brunson
- Portland Trail Blazers – Damien Lillard, Josh Hart, Jerami Grant
- Denver Nuggets – Nikola Jokic, Jamal Murray, Michael Porter Jr
- Minnesota Timberwolves – Anthony Edwards, Karl-Anthony Towns, D’Angelo Russell

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NBA ROOKIES YOU MIGHT SEE LIVE

- Los Angeles Clippers – Moussa Diabete (Pick 43)
- Los Angeles Lakers – Max Christie (Pick 35)
- Sacramento Kings – Keegan Murray (Pick 4)
- Toronto Raptors – Christian Koloko (Pick 33)
- OKC Thunder – Jalen Williams (Pick 12), Ousmane Dieng (Pick 11), Jaylin Williams (Pick 34)
- New Orleans Pelicans – Dyson Daniels (Pick 8), EJ Liddell (Pick 41)
- Portland Trail Blazers – Shaedon Sharpe (Pick 7), Jabari Walker (Pick 57)
- New York Knicks – Trevor Keels (Pick 42)
- Denver Nuggets – Christian Braun (Pick 21), Peyton Watson (Pick 30), Ismael Kamagate (Pick 46)
- Memphis Grizzlies – Jake LaRavia (Pick 19), Kennedy Chandler (Pick 38)
- Minnesota Timberwolves – Walker Kessler (Pick 22), Josh Minott (Pick 45), Matteo Spagnolo (Pick 50)

AUSTRALIAN NBA PLAYERS YOU MIGHT SEE LIVE

- Philadelphia 76ers – Matisse Thybulle
- OKC Thunder – Josh Giddey
- Brooklyn Nets – Ben Simmons, Patty Mills
- Portland Trail Blazers – Joe Ingles
- New Orleans Pelicans – Dyson Daniels

COST AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

- **Non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person due immediately**
- **2ND deposit of \$2,800 per person due by Wednesday 5th October**
- **3rd deposit of \$2,950 per person due by Wednesday 9th November**
- **Final balance of \$2,145 per person due by Friday 9th December**
- **Prepay your trip in full to secure the current exchange rate. This is optional and can be done in order to guarantee the current exchange rate. Current price is based on exchange rate of .69 as at 31st August as per the XE website below. If exchange rate has increased or decreased you will be notified of the price difference prior to making the next instalment payment.**
<https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=1&From=AUD&To=USD>
- You can pay by cash, cheque, direct deposit or credit card – Please note a fee for Visa, Mastercard, and AMEX applies.
- To pay by credit card please click on the link below and follow the payment steps
<https://pay.travelpay.com.au/dhtours> Reference on payment form is your Surname
- If you would like to make your payment via direct deposit our details are as follows.

Name: Dream Hoop Tours
Account #: 78 763 7039
BSB: 083 543
Bank: NAB
Reference: (your surname/tour month)

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EXCLUSIONS

- **Visas, passports and all travel documentation**

Travel Insurance: Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to guard against cancellation penalties and or medical expenses incurred as a result of unforeseen circumstances. We suggest you take your insurance policy at the same time as deposits being made to Dream Hoop Tours.

You are responsible for understanding what visas are required for this tour. You are also responsible for ensuring that your passport has a minimum of **six months validity from the date of your return** from this tour, or you may not be allowed back into the country

You must supply a photocopy of your passport photo page to Dream Hoop Tours. If you are applying for a new passport, please ensure that you do so immediately and that you supply a copy of the photo page as soon as your new passport arrives. Please advise Dream Hoop Tours that you are applying for a new passport

We require a copy of the photo page of the passport merely to check that name in your passport matches the name on your airline ticket. All other passport related issues, including date of expiry, citizenship or residency is your responsibility

At the time of printing this document a visa waiver is required for all Australian citizens visiting America. You will need to go to the following website with your passport and a credit card. The cost of the visa waiver is \$21USD <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>

If you are not an Australian citizen, we will endeavour to assist with visa advice, however, since this information changes regularly and often rapidly, it is up to you to remain up to date on what visas are actually required for you to enter the USA well in advance of leaving for the tour. Please call your own embassy or consulate for advice

If you are NOT an Australian citizen, or you are NOT travelling on an Australian passport, you will need to ensure that you have the correct documentation to allow you to re-enter Australia. This is usually in your passport. Please check the dates on this documentation and ensure that it covers you to return to Australia. If there is no information in your passport, or the dates are incorrect, you will need to contact Australian Immigration. If you are not sure about this, please contact Travel Action and we will try to assist you

If you are not travelling on an Australian passport and you need to renew your passport, you must ensure that you contact Australian Immigration after you have received your new passport from your country of citizenship, in order to have the correct re-entry to Australia documentation entered into this passport

If you are not travelling on an Australian passport and Australian Immigration gives you documentation that is not in the passport you have from your country of citizenship, please make sure that you take the original documentation with you, but also leave a copy of this at home, in case it gets lost. This is important information and you must take excellent care of it

We also advise you to take a full copy of your passport and leave it with someone you trust at home, in case your passport gets lost. Replacing your passport while away takes time, but it will take less time if you can produce a copy

- **Personal spending money**

You are responsible for having enough money to cover meals that are not included in this tour (see 'Hotels, Breakfast'). You are also responsible for having enough money to make phone calls home and for any sundry expenses such as drinks, snacks, laundry and souvenirs, gifts etc. If you are not sure what you may need extra money for, please ask.

We advise you to take a small amount of money in cash and some money in an overseas debit/ATM card from your bank or similar

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