

# **10 DAYS, 5 GAMES AND UNIQUE EXPERIENCES ALONG THE WAY!**

Tour cost is \$6,975 total per person Melbourne/Sydney – other cities available

#### DAY 1 MELBOURNE or SYDNEY – LOS ANGELES Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Depart Melbourne at 1.45pm on Fiji Airways flight FJ 934 and arrive Nadi Airport at 7.45pm

Depart Sydney at 2.30pm on Fiji Airways flight FJ 910 and arrive Nadi Airport at 7.15pm

All group members will travel together on Fiji Airways flight FJ 810 leaving Nadi at 9.40pm and arrive Los Angeles Airport at 11.50am

On arrival transfer to your hotel to check in.

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

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

#### 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 fullservice restaurants. Drawing locals and world travellers alike, Downtown Santa Monica is a popular Southern California coastal destination, minutes from beaches and the Pacific Ocean.



#### DAY 2 LOS ANGELES

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

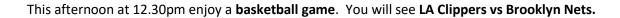
Today we get to experience an NBA double header at Crypto.com arena.

#### **UNIQUE EXPERIENCE!**

Pre-game warm up Watch both teams warm up, we will be seated within the first few rows of the court to see the players from the Clippers and Nets prepare for tonight's game.



This experience is not available to the general public







Seat allocation is confirmed lower level sideline sections 102 and 110.

This evening at 7.30pm enjoy a basketball game. You will see LA Lakers vs Portland Trailblazers.

Seat allocation is proposed to be on lower level corner or 2<sup>nd</sup> level corner.





#### DAY 3 LOS ANGELES - PHOENIX

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

This morning we check out of our hotel and transfer to Los Angeles Airport. Depart Los Angeles at 8.40am on Southwest Airlines Flight WN 609 and arrive Phoenix Airport at 11.05am.

On arrival transfer to check in to your Hotel.

Hyatt Place Downtown Phoenix Daily breakfast is included 150 W Adams Street Phoenix, Arizona, 85003

This afternoon we make our way to Footprint Center stadium, home of the Phoenix Suns.

## UNIQUE EXPERIENCE! Shoot around on the Phoenix Suns home court.

This afternoon at approx. 2pm the Dream Hoop Tour get the EXCLUSIVE use of the Phoenix Suns NBA court for 1 hour, take photos, make a half court shot, play a game...the choice is yours.

This experience is not available to the general public!



This evening at 7pm enjoy a basketball game. You will see Phoenix Suns v Chicago Bulls

Seat location is lower corner/sideline section 112 and 116.





#### DAY 4 PHOENIX

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Today is a complete free day to go and explore Phoenix or it's nearby surrounds.

Phoenix is the capital City of Arizona and is located in the central region of the state. It is known for its year-round sun, desert beauty as well as being the 5<sup>th</sup> largest city in the USA.

#### OPTIONAL FULL DAY GRAND CANYON TOUR (OWN EXPENSE)

Enjoy a full-day tour to Grand Canyon National Park, and a photo stop at the Red Rocks of Sedona and travel through scenic Oak Creek Canyon. Enjoy the Grand Canyon, see its natural wonders from several viewpoints.



#### DAY 5 PHOENIX – SAN FRANCISCO

Wednesday 24th January 2024

This morning we check out of our hotel and transfer to Phoenix Airport. Depart Phoenix at 12.35pm on Southwest Airlines Flight WN 1182 and arrive San Francisco Airport at 1.40pm.

On arrival transfer to check in to your Hotel.

Hilton Union Square 333 O'Farrell Street San Francisco, California, 94102

This evening at 7.00pm enjoy a **basketball game**. You will see **Golden State Warriors vs Atlanta Hawks.** 



Seat allocation is lower level – Pepsi Club Area section 127 or similar – behind basket

#### DAY 6 SAN FRANCISCO

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Today you have a free day to explore San Francisco before this evenings NBA game.

# Explore San Francisco, perhaps a bike ride over the Golden Gate Bridge is on YOUR bucket list!



This evening at 7.00pm enjoy a **basketball game**. You will see **Golden State Warriors vs Sacramento Kings.** 





Seat allocation is lower level – Pepsi Club Area section 127 or similar – behind basket

#### DAY 7 SAN FRANCISCO

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Complete free day to explore San Francisco.

#### **OPTIONAL** Alcatraz (Own Expense)

Over the course of its history Alcatraz – known as The Rock – has been a Civil War fortress, infamous federal prison, bird sanctuary, the first lighthouse on the West Coast, and the birthplace of the Native American Red Power movement. Today, more than a million people come to Alcatraz each year to learn about the island's human history and to see its birds, tide pools and gardens. You can easily see The Rock from anywhere along the Wharf's shoreline. Numerous cruises take you around and to the island.



#### DAY 8 SAN FRANCISCO – MELBOURNE or SYDNEY Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Today is a day at leisure before our evening flight home.

Great opportunity for any last-minute shopping or perhaps a visit to Fisherman's Wharf.



Check out of our hotel and transfer to San Francisco Airport. Depart San Francisco Airport at 10.35pm on Fiji Airways Flight FJ 871.

DAY 9 IN TRANSIT

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Cross the International Dateline and lose one day

#### DAY 10 ARRIVE HOME IN MELBOURNE/SYDNEY Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Arrive Nadi Airport at 5.10am, and transfer to your connecting flight.

This is where we will say farewell to one another as some head to Sydney and the others to Melbourne.

Depart Nadi at 8.00am on Fiji Airways flight FJ 935 and *arrive Melbourne Airport at 12.15pm*.

Depart Nadi at 9.00am on Fiji Airways flight FJ 935 and arrive Sydney Airport at 12.30pm.

Pass through customs and immigration and move through the security zone.

#### WELCOME HOME!

### Tour cost is \$6,975 total per person twin share.

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

To reserve your spot on this tour, please complete the <u>registration</u> <u>form</u> and email through to <u>ryan@dreamhooptours.com.au</u>

For all enquiries, please contact Ryan Pedrotti at Dream Hoop Tours on the below: M: +61 (0)447 175012 E: ryan@dreamhooptours.com.au

#### 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 wont 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 pregame 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 wont 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 Fiji Airways and domestic internal flights with Southwest Airlines,
- Transfers where required and indicated in the itinerary
- All airport transfers where indicated

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

- 2 nights in Los Angeles at the Hotel Figueroa by Hyatt
- 2 nights in Sacramento at the Hyatt Place Downtown Phoenix
- 3 nights in San Francisco at the Hilton Union Square Hotel

#### ACTIVITIES

- Afternoon basketball game LA Clippers V Brooklyn Nets
- Evening basketball game LA Lakers V Portland Trailblazers
- Evening basketball game Phoenix Suns V Chicago Bulls
- Evening basketball game Golden State Warriors V Atlanta Hawks
- Evening basketball game Golden State Warriors V Sacramento Kings
- Unique experience. VIP pre-game warmup access (LAC v BKN)
- Unique experience. On court shootaround for 1 hour at Phoenix Suns Home Court (PHX v CHI)

#### **NBA STARS YOU MIGHT SEE LIVE**

- Los Angeles Clippers Kawhi Leonard, Paul George, Russell Westbrook
- Los Angeles Lakers LeBron James, Anthony Davis, Austin Reaves
- Brooklyn Nets Mikal Bridges, Cam Johnson, Spencer Dinwiddie
- Sacramento Kings De'Aaron Fox, Harrison Barnes, Domantis Sabonis
- Golden State Warriors Steph Curry, Klay Thompson, Draymond Green
- Atlanta Hawks Trae Young, Dejounte Murray, Clint Capela
- Portland Trailblazers Damian Lillard, Anfernee Simons, Jerami Grant
- Phoenix Suns Devon Booker, Kevin Durant, Deandre Ayton
- Chicago Bulls DeMar DeRozan, Zach LaVine, Nikola Vucevic

#### NBA ROOKIES YOU MIGHT SEE LIVE

- Los Angeles Clippers Kobe Brown (Pick 30)
- Los Angeles Lakers Jalen hood-Schifino (Pick 17)
- Brooklyn Nets Noah Clowney (Pick 21), Dariq Whitehead (Pick 22)
- Atlanta Hawks Kobe Bufkin (Pick 15)
- Portland Trailblazers Scoot Henderson (Pick 3) Kris Murray (Pick 23)
- Golden State Warriors Brandin Podziemski (Pick 19)

#### AUSTRALIAN NBA PLAYERS YOU MIGHT SEE LIVE

- Atlanta Hawks Patty Mills
- Portland Trailblazers Matisse Thybulle
- Brooklyn Nets Ben Simmons

#### **COST AND PAYMENT OPTIONS**

- Non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 per person due immediately
- 2<sup>ND</sup> deposit of \$2,800 per person due by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October
- Final balance of \$2,675 per person due by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- 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 .63 as at 10<sup>th</sup> September 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 <u>https://pay.travelpay.com.au/dhtours</u> Reference on payment form is your <u>Surname</u>
- 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)

#### **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 <u>https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/</u>

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