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Backpacker Classic The routes that initiate most backpackers to the joys of travel in this part of the South Pacific are the sea-hugging, sun-seeking run up the beach-sprinkled east coast of mainland Australia, and the dizzying loop around both islands of NZ that starts in Auckland and ends in Christchurch. We start this itinerary in Australia, but many travellers familiarise themselves with Kiwi territory first before jetting across the Tasman. Similarly, for the Australian leg, most travellers fly into Sydney and then head north, but there's no reason why you can't tackle the route from the other end; ditto the NZ leg, which can be started in either

Auckland or Christchurch. In Australia, once you've tasted the big-city trappings of Sydney and the cliff-top magnificence of the Blue Mountains, let the Pacific Hwy transport you north along some idyllic stretches of coastline to the sheltered serenity of Port Stephens, the extreme sportiness of Port Macquarie and the marine wildlife of Coffs Harbour. After seeing the lifestyles of the feral and famous in bemusing Byron Bay and the trippy hippiness of Nimbin, head over the state border into Queensland and follow the smell of tanning oil to the overwhelming kitsch and night-time glitz of Surfers Paradise, and then into the relaxed streets of Brisbane. Take time out from the crowds and the tourist hype by detouring to 'Straddie' (North Stradbroke Island) for a beach break, then follow the Bruce Hwy north to the whale-watching haven of Hervey Bay. Further north is the sandy bliss of the Whitsunday Islands, the coral charms of the Great Barrier Reef and the backpacker carnival that is Cairns. Over in NZ, cruise inner-city Auckland and then go north to the glorious Bay of Islands to juggle surfboards, kayaks and snorkels. Double back to Auckland and continue south to the gush and bubble of Rotorua, after a side trip into the glow-worm-lit depths of Waitomo Caves. Head south into the fiery, triple-peaked Tongariro National Park before hitting the capital cafes and bars of Wellington. After floating across Cook Strait, shadow the east coast down to dolphin-friendly Kaikoura, then consider detouring inland to Arthur's Pass to experience some Southern Alps grandeur. Further south down the coast are the wild animals of the Otago Peninsula. Ride the highways across the island to beguiling Milford Sound before setting off for the exhausting frenzy of Queenstown. Get a decent eyeful of Aoraki/Mt Cook before veering east to regain the coast road to the charming bustle of Christchurch. At last – the two hottest stars on the travel circuit combined in one sizzling guidebook! Grab your pack and head south to Australia 's awesome beaches and New Zealand 's spectacular landscapes. Written for backpackers by backpackers, this guide to the wonders down under helps you travel further and pay less. **TWO IN ONE** – No other guide covers both Australia and New Zealand, let alone from a backpacker 's perspective **GET THE LOWDOWN** on where to go for nonstop parties, and where to find a little space all to yourself **EAT CHEAP AND SLEEP EASY** with our fully updated coverage of the best local eateries and great-value accommodation **TAKE YOUR LIFE IN YOUR HANDS** – get your thrills from the best scuba diving, bungy jumping, skiing and jet-boating that Oz and NZ has to offer!

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