

# USA NBA FEB/MARCH TOUR

New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia and Los Angeles



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

**Tour cost is \$9,475 total per person  
Melbourne  
(Other cities available)**

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**DAY 1****MELBOURNE – LOS ANGELES****Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Depart Melbourne at 10.55pm on Qantas Airways flight QF 95 and arrive Los Angeles at 6.15pm.

On arrival transfer to your hotel to check in.

**Sonesta LAX Airport Hotel**  
5985 W Century Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA, 90045

**DAY 2****LOS ANGELES – NEW ORLEANS****Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024**

Check out of our hotel and transfer to Los Angeles Airport. Depart Los Angeles Airport at 9.05am on Southwest Airlines flight 1783 and arrive New Orleans Airport at 2.35pm.

On arrival transfer to your hotel to check in.

**Hyatt House New Orleans/Downtown**  
*Daily continental breakfast included*  
1250 Poydras Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana, 70113

The rest of the day is free to enjoy at your leisure.

**DAY 3****NEW ORLEANS****Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**

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!

### Shoot around on Pelicans NBA homecourt

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!**

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



Seat allocation is **lower level sideline**.

**DAY 4**

**NEW ORLEANS**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

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

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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!**

**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 7.00pm enjoy an **NBA game**. You will see **New Orleans Pelicans vs Miami Heat**



Seat allocation is **lower level sideline**.

**DAY 5**

**NEW ORLEANS – NEW YORK**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Check out of our hotel and transfer to New Orleans Airport. Depart New Orleans Airport at 8.41am on Jetblue flight B6 2520 and arrive LaGuardia Airport, New York at 12.30pm. (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.

**Hampton Inn by Hilton New York Times Square**

*Daily buffet breakfast included*

**150 W 48th Street**

**New York, NY, 10017**

## **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 Knicks and Celtics prepare for tonight's game.**



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This evening at 8.30pm enjoy an **NBA game**. You will see **New York Knicks vs Boston Celtics**



Seat allocation is **lower level behind basket**.

**DAY 6**      **NEW YORK – PHILADELPHIA – NEW YORK**      **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Morning start as today's game is at 1pm. We have a return charter bus transfer from our New York Hotel to Wells Fargo Arena, Philadelphia.

Today at 1pm enjoy an **NBA game**. You will see **Philadelphia 76ers vs Milwaukee Bucks**.



Seat allocation is **lower level behind basket**.

**DAY 7**      **NEW YORK**      **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

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 8**

**NEW YORK**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Today you can enjoy your day in New York prior to this evening's game.

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



Seat allocation is **lower level corner**.

**DAY 9**

**NEW YORK**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

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

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!



**DAY 10**

**NEW YORK**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Today you have a free day to explore New York before tonight's NBA game.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCE!**

**Lower level sideline seats rows 8 and 9**

**With our VIP seating tonight, we have complimentary food and drinks (non-alcoholic) whilst we watch the Nets do battle against the Hawks.**

**This experience is not available to the general public!**

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This afternoon at 7.30pm enjoy an **NBA game**. You will see **Brooklyn Nets vs Atlanta Hawks**



Seat allocation is **lower level sideline**.

**DAY 11**

**NEW YORK – LOS ANGELES**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

This morning we check out of our Hotel and take our coach transfer to Newark Airport, New Jersey for our flight to Los Angeles. Depart New York at 9.00am on United Airlines flight UA 399 and arrive Los Angeles at 12.05pm. (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 your hotel to check in.

**Hotel Figueroa by Hyatt**  
939 S Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, California, 90015

**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 Wizards prepare for tonight's game.**

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This evening at 7.30pm enjoy a **basketball game**. You will see **LA Clippers vs Washington Wizards**.



Seat allocation is **lower level corner**.

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



**OPTIONAL NBA GAME LA LAKERS V DENVER NUGGETS (OWN EXPENSE)**

This evening at 5.30pm enjoy a **basketball game**. In this optional game you will have the opportunity to see **LA Lakers vs Denver Nuggets**.



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 14**

**LOS ANGELES**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

This evening at 7.30pm enjoy an **NBA game**. You will see **LA Lakers vs OKC Thunder**



Seat allocation **to be confirmed**.

**DAY 15**

**LOS ANGELES - MELBOURNE**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Today you have a free day to explore Los Angeles before we fly out this evening.

**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



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This afternoon we take our coach transfer to Los Angeles Airport for our flight home. Depart Los Angeles at 9.20PM on Qantas Airways flight QF 96.

**DAY 16**

**IN TRANSIT**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Cross the International Dateline and lose one day

**DAY 17**

**ARRIVE HOME IN MELBOURNE**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

**WELCOME HOME!**

**Tour cost is \$9,475 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](mailto:info@dreamhooptours.com.au) straight away.**

**For all enquiries, please contact Ryan Pedrotti at Dream Hoop Tours on the below:**

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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 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 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

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## 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 Southwest, Jetblue 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 - 4 star standard based on twin share)

- 1 night in Los Angeles at the Sonesta LAX Airport Hotel
- 3 nights in New Orleans at Hyatt House New Orleans/Downtown
- 6 nights in New York at the Hampton Inn by Hilton Times Square
- 4 nights in Los Angeles at Hotel Figueroa by Hyatt

### ACTIVITIES

- Evening basketball game – New Orleans Pelicans V Houston Rockets
- Evening basketball game – New Orleans Pelicans V Miami Heat
- Evening basketball game – New York Knicks V Boston Celtics
- Afternoon basketball game – Philadelphia 76ers V Milwaukee Bucks
- Evening basketball game – New York Knicks V New Orleans Pelicans
- Evening basketball game – Brooklyn Nets V Atlanta Hawks
- Evening basketball game – LA Clippers V Washington Wizards
- Evening basketball game – LA Lakers V OKC Thunder
- **Unique experience. Pre-game high 5 fan tunnel experience with the Pelicans Players (NOP v MIA)**
- **Unique experience. On court shootaround for 1 hour at the Pelicans Homecourt (NOP v HOU)**
- **Unique experience. Pre-game watch both teams warm up (NYK v BOS)**
- **Unique experience. Brooklyn Nets VIP seats with food and drinks included (BKN v ATL)**
- **Unique experience. Pre-game watch both teams warm up (LAC v WAS)**

### NBA STARS YOU MIGHT SEE LIVE

- Los Angeles Clippers – Kawhi Leonard, Paul George, Russell Westbrook
- Los Angeles Lakers - LeBron James, Anthony Davis, Austin Reaves
- Washington Wizards – Kyle Kuzma, Jordan Poole, Danilo Gallinari
- Atlanta Hawks – Trae Young, Dejounte Murray, Clint Capela
- Miami Heat – Jimmy Butler, Bam Adebayo, Tyler Herro
- Brooklyn Nets – Mikal Bridges, Cam Johnson, Spencer Dinwiddie
- OKC Thunder – Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, Chet Holmgren, Luguentz Dort
- New Orleans Pelicans – Zion Williamson, Brandon Ingram, CJ McCollum
- New York Knicks – RJ Barrett, Julius Randle, Jalen Brunson
- Boston Celtics – Jayson Tatum, Jaylen Brown, Kristaps Porzingas
- Milwaukee Bucks – Giannis Antetokounmpo, Khris Middleton, Jrue Holiday
- Philadelphia 76ers – Joel Embiid, James Harden, Tobia Harris
- Houston Rockets – Jalen green, Kevin Porter Jr, Fred Van Vleet

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## **NBA ROOKIES YOU MIGHT SEE LIVE**

- Los Angeles Clippers – Kobe Brown (Pick 30)
- Los Angeles Lakers – Jalen hood-Schifino (Pick 17)
- New Orleans Pelicans – Jordan Hawkins (Pick 14)
- Miami Heat – Jaime Jaquez Jr (Pick 18)
- OKC Thunder – Cason Wallace (Pick 10)
- Boston Celtics – Jordan Walsh (Pick 38)
- Brooklyn Nets – Noah Clowney (Pick 21), Dariq Whitehead (Pick 22)
- Atlanta Hawks – Kobe Bufkin (Pick 15)
- Houston Rockets – Amen Thompson (Pick 4), Cam Whitmore (Pick 20)
- Washington Wizards – Bilal Coulibaly (Pick 7)

## **AUSTRALIAN NBA PLAYERS YOU MIGHT SEE LIVE**

- Houston Rockets – Jock Landale
- OKC Thunder – Josh Giddey, Jack White
- Brooklyn Nets – Ben Simmons,
- Atlanta Hawks – Patty Mills
- New Orleans Pelicans – Dyson Daniels
- Washington Wizards – Xavier Cooks

## COST AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

- If you wish to take advantage of the current international airline sale fare to Los Angeles (approx. \$1,300 return from Melbourne/Sydney) this would need to be paid in full prior **by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August**. These flights can be booked through Dream Hoop Tours or booked direct with the Airline.
- Non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person **by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**
- 2<sup>ND</sup> deposit of \$2,800 per person **due by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> deposit of \$2,950 per person **due by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**
- Final balance **due by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 .64 as at 29<sup>th</sup> 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)

## 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