

TREASURES OF AUSTRALIA
15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



Unearth the gems of this boundless island nation on a 15-day tour. Beginning in Sydney, head to Australia's tropical north and dip into the vast red landscape of the Outback, before heading south to Melbourne where your journey will end.

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DAY 1 SYDNEY

Upon arrival into Sydney Airport late this evening, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. After your flight, you'll appreciate a good night's sleep in your hotel located in the heart of Sydney's CBD.

Accommodation: Sydney for 3 nights

DAY 2 SYDNEY

Awake to a day at leisure in Sydney. Wrapped around a spectacular harbor, this city is home to the instantly recognizable Opera House and Harbor Bridge. Perhaps you might enjoy a bird's-eye view of Sydney's coast aboard a seaplane or climb the Sydney Harbor Bridge (both at your own expense). (B/D)



Insider Experience

This evening, take a cruise on the Sydney Harbor. As you cruise, savor a memorable welcome dinner where you will get to know your Tour Director and fellow travelers over a delicious meal.

DAY 3 SYDNEY

Discover a selection of Sydney's most incredible sights on a guided tour today. Then, step inside the Sydney Opera House for a guided tour of this world-renowned theatre. (B/L)

Insider Experience

Relish a traditional fish 'n' chip lunch on Bondi Beach.

DAY 4 SYDNEY – HAMILTON ISLAND

Following breakfast, be transferred to the airport for your flight to Hamilton Island. You have the remainder of the day at leisure to do whatever you like in this slice of paradise. Perhaps snorkel off the beach, enjoy a round of golf or hire a buggy to explore this beautiful island (all at own expense). Dinner tonight is at your hotel. (B/D)

Accommodation: Hamilton Beach for 2 nights

DAY 5 HAMILTON ISLAND

Wake up this morning to a day at leisure. Perhaps choose to be mesmerized by the natural beauty of the Whitsunday Islands on an optional cruise (own expense). A collision of colors - aquamarine, emerald, gold – make up the landscape. Scattered like jewels across the sea, many of the Whitsunday Islands are uninhabited and boast some of the most pristine beaches in the world. (B)

DAY 6 HAMILTON ISLAND – CAIRNS – PORT DOUGLAS

Bid farewell to Hamilton Island as you board your flight to Cairns and board your coach for Port Douglas, where the Daintree Rainforest meets the Great Barrier Reef. On arrival in this tropical town, check in to your hotel. (B)

Accommodation: Port Douglas for 2 nights

DAY 7 PORT DOUGLAS

Experience the colorful coral and marine life at Agincourt Reef, where you will have the option to dive or snorkel, or perhaps stay dry from a semi-submersible vessel. Visit a unique underwater viewing platform and underwater observatory to watch the fish feeding, or even take a scenic helicopter flight over the reef (additional expense). Return to Port Douglas where you have free time to explore tonight. (B/L)

Insider Experience

Experience a holiday highlight as you cruise aboard Quicksilver's technologically advanced Wave piercer catamaran to the outer Great Barrier Reef.



DAY 8 PORT DOUGLAS - CAIRNS

This morning, relax in the open spaces and lush gardens of Peppers Beach Club. Later this morning, transfer back to Cairns. The afternoon is yours to spend at leisure. Perhaps wander the many cafes and bars along the Esplanade. (B)

Accommodation: Cairns for 1 night

DAY 9 CAIRNS – KATA TJUTA - ULURU

Board your early flight to Uluru. Watch as the scenery dramatically changes from the palm-fringed beaches of the tropical north to the rugged landscapes of Australia's red center. On arrival, delight in a walk around the base of Uluru and discover the diverse plants, geological features and wildlife of the area. Spend the afternoon exploring the iconic Kata Tjuta (The Olgas), an impressive set of domed rock formations. Later, a spectacular experience awaits at the Field of Light. As darkness falls over Uluru, watch as thousands of lights illuminate the vast expanse in a kaleidoscope of color. See the desert come alive as the lights create a gentle rhythm. This is sure to be a holiday highlight (B)

Accommodation: Uluru for 1 night

Insider Experience

This evening, enjoy a glass of wine while you watch the sun begin its descent over Uluru.

DAY 10 ULURU – ALICE SPRINGS

Watch as this famous monolith and spiritual heart of Australia changes colour as the sun steadily climbs higher into the sky. Later, travel onwards to Alice Springs. Arrive late in the afternoon and enjoy the day at leisure. (B)
Accommodation: Alice Springs for 2 nights

Insider Experience

Rise early today and savour the once-in-a-lifetime moment of witnessing a magnificent sunrise over Uluru. Watch as this famous monolith changes colours as the sun steadily climbs higher into the sky.

DAY 11 ALICE SPRINGS

This morning is dedicated to exploring Alice Springs. Here, a variety of museums and art galleries featuring Indigenous artwork celebrate the Indigenous community that live here. Begin your day with breakfast before setting off to visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Sit inside a RFDS aircraft, see historic radios used by the doctors and discover how the doctors operated in 1928. With no navigational aid and no radio, the first flying doctor, Arthur Affleck, operated using only a compass and map. At sunset, you may like to take a memorable camel ride alongside the West MacDonnell Ranges (own expense). (B)

Insider Experience

Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service. You'll then enjoy the opportunity to visit the School of the Air



DAY 12 ALICE SPRINGS - MELBOURNE

Following breakfast, enjoy some time at leisure before you head to Alice Springs Airport for your flight to cosmopolitan Melbourne. Arrive late in the afternoon to this thriving metropolis, famed for being Australia's sporting and cultural capital, and be transferred to your hotel. (B)

Accommodation: Melbourne for 3 nights

DAY 13 MELBOURNE

This morning explore Melbourne on a guided tour and discover the must-see sights and hidden gems. Explore back alleys covered in mind-blowing street art and hear stories of the 1850s Victorian gold rush as you learn about the sandstone buildings that make Melbourne one of the world's most liveable cities. The afternoon is left free to explore the city your way, perhaps revisiting a hidden bar found on your tour today (own expense). (B)

Insider Experience

Stand on the outskirts of the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), one of the largest stadiums in the world, clocking in with a 110,000 person capacity.

DAY 14 MELBOURNE

With a full day at leisure, perhaps take a cruise on the Yarra River to enjoy unique views of the Melbourne skyline; or enjoy lunch aboard the historic Colonial Tramcar Restaurant (all at own expense). You might prefer to wander the city. Hear the hollering of market merchants at the Queen Victoria Market. Slurp up noodles in Chinatown or stop to smell the flowers at the Royal Botanical Gardens. This evening, a farewell drink and dinner is the perfect opportunity say goodbye to your Tour Director and new-found friends. (B/D)

DAY 15 MELBOURNE

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

INCLUSIONS

- All transfers
- 14 night accommodation
- Expert Tour Director, plus local guides in selected locations
- 19 meals : 14 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Luggage portorage for your convenience

Not included · International/domestic flights and airport taxes · Gratuities to hotel personnel · guides and drivers · Optional excursions · Beverages unless noted in the itinerary

Price in CAD\$, per person starting from , Double occupancy	Land package
Dates of departure 2020 - 2021	
March 10, 2020	6995
September 8, October 13, November 10, 2020	6295
January 19, February 16, March 9, 2021	6295
Single supplement	On request

Hotel options or similar

City	
Sydney	Amora Hotel Jamison 5*
Hamilton Island	Reef View Hotel 4*
Port Douglas	Peppers Beach Club 5*
Cairns	Pullman Cairns International 5*
Uluru	Desert Gardens Hotel at Ayers Rock Resort 3*
Alice Springs	Mercure Alice Springs Resort 3*
Melbourne	Melbourne Pullman on the Park 5*

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