

# BEST OF AUSTRALIA

## Featuring - Cairns, Melbourne, Sydney

| DURATION           | GROUP SIZE | AIRPORT           | PRICE STARTING FROM   |
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| 9 Nights / 12 Days | 22 People  | Los Angeles (LAX) | Twin Occupancy Price Per person - \$6,999.00<br>Single Supplement Price Per Person - \$2,599.00 |

### OVERVIEW

Experience the best of Australia on a captivating journey from Melbourne to Cairns and Sydney. Begin in the cultural capital of Melbourne, where laneway cafés, vibrant street art, and historic architecture set the scene. Explore the city's lively Central Business District, stroll through the Royal Botanic Gardens, and capture iconic views at Brighton Beach. Next, head north to tropical Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and the ancient Daintree Rainforest, where pristine beaches, crystal-clear waters, and lush landscapes await. Dive into underwater adventures, snorkel or swim among vibrant coral reefs, or take a scenic day trip to nearby islands. Conclude your adventure in iconic Sydney, home to the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge, and stunning coastal walks. Wander through historic neighborhoods, enjoy harbourside dining, and soak in breathtaking views from Bondi Beach or Mrs. Macquarie's Chair. This diverse itinerary blends city life, nature, and adventure—offering the perfect introduction to Australia's unique charm, scenery, and vibrant culture, ensuring memories that will last a lifetime.

### ACCOMMODATION

| CITY      | HOTEL NAME                     | CHECK-IN | CHECK-OUT | NO. OF NIGHTS |
|-----------|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Melbourne | Voco Melbourne                 | Day-2    | Day-5     | 3 Nights      |
| Cairns    | DoubleTree by Hilton Cairns    | Day-5    | Day-8     | 3 Nights      |
| Sydney    | Novotel Sydney Darling Harbour | Day-8    | Day-11    | 3 Nights      |

### DEPARTURE

| Start Date | End Date | Departure Gateway | Price Per Person |
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## INCLUSIONS

- ◆ **International return airfare ex-Los Angeles (Please check with us for pricing from other cities)**
- ◆ Airport taxes, fuel surcharge, and baggage fees
- ◆ 09 Night's accommodation in TWN/DBL sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- ◆ Daily breakfast
- ◆ Melbourne city sightseeing tour with Yarra River cruise
- ◆ Sydney city sightseeing tour with Sydney Harbour cruise including lunch
- ◆ Domestic flights: Melbourne → Cairns → Sydney
- ◆ Transportation in a Deluxe Tourist Vehicle
- ◆ All sightseeing with admissions
- ◆ Services of an English-speaking driver & guide
- ◆ Applicable taxes

## EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals & other sightseeing or services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, and drivers
- ◆ Visa fee & Travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcohol and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above are not included

# ITINERARY

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## DAY 1 DEPART FOR AUSTRALIA

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today to begin your unforgettable journey to Australia.

## DAY 2 IN TRANSIT [-/-/-]

Overnight onboard flight

## DAY 3 MELBOURNE ARRIVAL [-/-/-]

Upon arrival in Melbourne, claim your bags and proceed toward the arrival hall. Our representative will meet you and assist you with your transfer to the hotel. (Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm.)

Check in at the hotel and catch up on your rest. You can unwind or tour the city during the remaining part of the day.

Overnight in Melbourne

## DAY 4 MELBOURNE - CITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR [B/-/-]

We begin our Melbourne sightseeing tour at **Fitzroy Gardens**, a 26-hectare expanse of beautifully maintained Victorian-era gardens located just outside the city centre. One of the main highlights here is **Cook's Cottage**, originally built in 1755 in Yorkshire, England, by the parents of the famous explorer Captain James Cook.

We then **drive past Rod Laver Arena**, located in Melbourne's renowned sports and entertainment precinct. This world-class venue hosts major sporting events, concerts, and cultural performances throughout the year.

Our tour continues with a stop at the **Royal Exhibition Building**, one of Melbourne's most important landmarks. Recognised as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, this magnificent building features striking architecture and is set within the peaceful surroundings of the **Carlton Gardens**, making it a standout highlight of any city tour.

As we stroll along the grand **Spring Street**, we take time to admire three significant historical landmarks: **Parliament House**, the elegant **Treasury Building**, and the iconic **Princess Theatre**. From there, we drive along **Collins Street**, famously known as the "Paris End," celebrated for its high-end fashion stores and beautiful European-inspired architecture.

We continue by passing **Federation Square**, a modern and vibrant cultural hub and one of Melbourne's most popular attractions. Located opposite **Flinders Street Station**, it marks the historic area where Melbourne was first established.

Our next stop is at the **Shrine of Remembrance**, where you can enjoy breathtaking panoramic views over the **Royal Botanic Gardens** and the Melbourne skyline—an ideal spot for reflection and memorable photos.

The tour proceeds to **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, an outstanding example of Gothic Revival architecture and a powerful symbol of Melbourne's religious and cultural heritage. Situated in the heart of the city, this majestic cathedral was constructed between 1858 and 1897 and designed by renowned architect **William Wardell**. It is famous for its soaring spires, intricate stonework, and beautiful stained-glass windows inspired by medieval European cathedrals.

As you approach the cathedral, its impressive façade features detailed sculptures portraying biblical scenes and Catholic saints. The twin spires rise gracefully into the skyline, creating a striking and inspiring presence.

We also take in views of the **Yarra River**, which winds through the heart of Melbourne and plays a vital role in the city's history and lifestyle. Stretching approximately 242 kilometres from the Yarra Ranges through the Yarra Valley and into Port Phillip Bay, the river supports recreation, environmental conservation, and urban life. Along its banks are parks, gardens, walking paths, and vibrant waterfront areas ideal for relaxation and leisure.

At the conclusion of the tour, you will be **dropped back at your hotel**.

## **Optional Add-On: Yarra River Cruise with Hotel Transfer**

Enhance your experience with a **Yarra River cruise**, offering a unique perspective of Melbourne from the water. Board the cruise at **Southbank** and glide past the city's most famous landmarks while learning about the history and culture of one of the world's most liveable cities.

The cruise passes the **Melbourne Sports Precinct**, including the **MCG, AAMI Park, Olympic Park, Tennis Centre, Rod Laver Arena**, and the **Royal Botanic Gardens**. You'll also cruise by the **Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre** and the nearby **Crown Entertainment Complex**, before enjoying stunning city views as you travel towards **Docklands** and **Docklands Stadium**. Transfer back to your hotel is included.

Overnight in Melbourne

## **DAY 5 MELBOURNE - DAY FREE AT LEISURE [B/-/-]**

Enjoy a day at your own pace in Melbourne, with the freedom to explore this vibrant city however you choose. Whether you prefer to wander through its eclectic laneways filled with street art and boutique shops, relax in one of its many charming cafés, or visit world-class attractions like the Melbourne Museum or the National Gallery of Victoria, the day is yours to design. You might opt to take a stroll through the lush Royal Botanic Gardens, browse the bustling Queen Victoria Market, or even venture a bit further afield to explore nearby beaches or wineries. However, you decide to spend your time, today offers the perfect opportunity to experience Melbourne in your own unique way.

### **Add-on: Great Ocean Road & 12 Apostles Tour - USD 120 Per person on shared basis**

Leaving the city behind, we'll make our way to the eastern starting point of the Great Ocean Road to begin our scenic coastal adventure. Our first stop includes a relaxing break for morning tea, giving you a chance to unwind and take in the stunning views before we continue to the famous Memorial Arch. This iconic spot offers the perfect opportunity for some memorable photos. We'll then head to the charming seaside town

of Apollo Bay for lunch, where you can enjoy a delicious meal and recharge before the afternoon's exploration. After lunch (own expense), we'll take a short, guided 20-minute bushwalk through Melba Gully to see the serene Cascades Waterfall nestled in the rainforest. Once everyone is back on board, we'll travel to one of the tour's highlights—the magnificent 12 Apostles. These towering limestone formations rising from the Southern Ocean offer breathtaking photo opportunities and a true sense of Australia's coastal beauty. Next, we'll explore the dramatic scenery of Loch Ard Gorge, framed by towering cliffs. As we walk around, we'll visit natural landmarks like the Archway, the Razorback, and the Dumpling Pots, while also hearing the fascinating tale of Australia's most well-known shipwreck. To wrap up the day, we'll return to Melbourne via an inland route, passing through a series of quaint country towns along the way.

Please note: During busy times, this tour may run in reverse order.

And just a heads up—this is a full day with a lot of ground to cover, but that's because we want to make sure you experience all the highlights of the stunning Great Ocean Road. It's going to be a big day, but one packed with unforgettable sights and experiences!

Overnight in Melbourne

### **Add-on: Phillip Island tour - USD 150 Per person on shared basis**

#### **Optional 1- Afternoon Philip Island tour including Penguin Parade (with transportation and guide all through the tour)**

We'll start the day in Melbourne and head along the coast to our first stop of the day: Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park where your guide will show you around the award-winning wildlife park. Moonlit Sanctuary is home to stacks of well-known Aussie animals including kangaroos, wombats, and Tasmanian devils, plus many lesser-known species such as the spot-tailed quoll, yellow-bellied glider and long-nosed potoroo. Enjoy a ranger talk on koalas to learn more about one of Australia's most popular marsupials. Admire the native Australian birds and reptiles, hand-feed kangaroos and wallabies or even get a photo with a fluffy koala (own expense). We'll continue the journey to Phillip Island, making our next stop at Cape

Woolamai Beach. Watch the surfers in action and get some sand between your toes with a walk on the beach. Next up we travel to the Nobbies, where you can wander the coastal boardwalks and admire the craggy scenery. Look out to Seal Rocks to see if you can spot any fur seals and be amazed as the blowhole shoots seawater into the air. In winter, you might get lucky and spot whales off the coast. In summer, peek inside the small burrows to see if there are any penguin chicks waiting for their parents to return home and feed them. As the sun begins to lower, we'll make our way to Summerland Beach ready for the main event. Once the sun has set, the little penguins will feel safe enough to emerge from the water in small groups and make their way across the beach. Take a stroll along the boardwalks to walk alongside these adorable birds as they waddle their way back to their nests with their bellies full from a day out at sea fishing. Finally, we'll all meet back at the bus and make our return journey to Melbourne.

#### **Upgrade -**

Penguin Plus

Underground Viewing

Guide Ranger tour at Penguin Parade

#### **Add-on: Yarra Valley Sunset tour - USD 190 Per person on shared basis**

The tour will begin at noon at Federation Square, which is across the street from Flinders Street Station. As we drive out of the hustle and bustle of the city, we will head towards Yarra Valley. The first stop of the day will be at Domaine Chandon. You will be able to take in the gorgeous vineyard scenery from our table with a view. The Chandon is known for its sparkling wine, which is available for purchase along with fresh oysters and other tasty hors d'oeuvres. After enjoying a glass of wine and some food, you will have time to visit the chic boutique and purchase any goodies you may want to bring home. The next stop of the tour is Yarra Valley Dairy. You'll get to sample a large variety of cheese produced right in the centre of the Yarra Valley. After grazing on cheese samples, we will visit Yering Station Winery. Here, you can sample classic cool climate wines including the world-famous Shiraz. The gourmet adventure is completed with a visit to Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery. You will get to indulge in a private chocolate tasting before taking some time to browse the large range of truffles available at the

shop. After a tasting tour through the Yarra Valley, you will get to enjoy a Kangaroo Safari. As the sun starts to drift towards the horizon, the kangaroos will begin to come out of their resting spots. You'll see anywhere from a dozen to one hundred kangaroos as they hop around and graze along the lower Yarra Valley. The exciting afternoon of tastings and wildlife spotting will wrap up between 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm as we make our way back to Melbourne.

#### **DAY 6 MELBOURNE - CAIRNS [B/-/-]**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Melbourne Airport for your flight to Cairns. Upon arrival in Cairns, you will be transferred to your hotel (Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm).

The rest of the day in Cairns is free for you to enjoy at your own pace, offering the perfect chance to explore this laid-back tropical city. You might choose to take a leisurely stroll along the scenic Esplanade, where you can enjoy views of the waterfront, public art installations, and perhaps even catch some live entertainment. If you're in the mood for dining, Cairns offers a variety of restaurants and bars serving everything from fresh seafood to international cuisine. You could also browse the Night Markets for souvenirs, local crafts, or a quick bite to eat. Whether you prefer a quiet evening by the lagoon or a lively night out in the town, Cairns has something for every mood.

Overnight in Melbourne

#### **DAY 7 CAIRNS - KURANDA SKYRAIL & SCENIC EXPERIENCE [B/-/-]**

Following pick up from your hotel in central Cairns, you'll be gliding over the UNESCO World Heritage-listed tree canopy on the 7.5-kilometre Skyrail Rainforest Cableway. From its two intermediate stations, there's the opportunity to head onto the boardwalks of the forest floor and take in another glimpse of Barron Falls from the glass floor of The Edge Lookout. You will then be escorted by your driver and guide to Freshwater Station, where the vintage train carriages of the Kuranda Scenic Railway await. Heading north, you'll parallel the route of the Barron River northward, with every minute of the two-hour journey offering something new. Protected by Barron Gorge National Park, you'll pass several stunning cascades along the

way. After a stop to absorb the full magnificence of Barron Falls, you'll arrive in Kuranda. First settled by Europeans in 1885, Kuranda has a series of fascinating relics from the making of modern Australia. These include the tiny St Saviour's Church and the wreck of a Japanese bomber which crashed during the Second World War. Both are well worth seeking out, having explored the stalls of the daily heritage market. Approximately 3.5 hours of free time in this town of 3,000 also gives you the chance to visit the lovable inhabitants of Kuranda Koala Gardens, the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, or Birdworld. After taking in amazing scenery from an array of different viewpoints, you will head back to Cairns to conclude your day.

Overnight in Cairns

## DAY 8 CAIRNS - DAY FREE AT LEISURE [B/-/-]

You'll have a full day at leisure in Cairns, allowing you to explore the city at your own pace. Whether you want to relax or embark on your own adventure, the day is yours to enjoy. You could take a walk along the Esplanade, visit the lagoon, enjoy the vibrant café scene, or simply sit and watch the local wildlife. For those interested in shopping, Cairns has a mix of boutique stores and local markets to browse. Alternatively, you might choose to venture further out and discover the nearby natural wonders, such as the rainforest or the beaches. Whatever your preference, Cairns offers a perfect mix of relaxation and adventure for your free day.

### **Add-on: Full day Green Island Cruise with Glass Bottom Boat, including Sea Walker Helmet Dive: USD 105 Per person**

Set off from Cairns on an eco-adventure to Green Island, a stunning coral cay on the Great Barrier Reef. A highlight of the experience is the Seawalker Helmet Dive, where a short three-minute boat transfer takes you to a platform anchored in the shallow reef. From there, you'll walk along the ocean floor around a vibrant coral outcrop ("bombie"), descending to a depth of 5 metres (16 ft) for a truly unique underwater encounter.

Immerse yourself in the island's natural beauty, home to over 120 native plant species, diverse birdlife, coral gardens, and abundant marine creatures. Your cruise

includes a choice between a glass-bottom boat tour for reef viewing and the use of snorkeling equipment, allowing you to explore directly from the island's white sandy beaches.

Spend your time discovering the lush rainforest on a self-guided walk, admiring marine life from the glass-bottom boat, snorkeling in clear waters, or relaxing with a swim in the island's pool. For those seeking more adventure, optional activities include scuba diving, offshore snorkeling excursions, Seawalker helmet diving, kayaking, and even scenic helicopter flights. You can also visit Marineland Melanesia, home to a unique crocodile habitat.

The island offers excellent day-visitor facilities, including a pool bar, dive shop, restaurant, and casual food outlets where you can purchase a variety of meals, snacks, and refreshments throughout the day.

Overnight in Cairns

## DAY 9 CAIRNS - SYDNEY [B/-/-]

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Cairns Airport for your flight to Sydney. Upon arrival in Sydney, you will be transferred to your hotel (Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm).

The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace in Sydney, offering the perfect opportunity to explore the city's vibrant nightlife and stunning harbourfront. You might choose to take a leisurely walk around Circular Quay, where the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge are beautifully lit after dark. For food lovers, Sydney boasts a diverse culinary scene—from trendy rooftop bars and fine dining restaurants to casual eateries offering everything from fresh seafood to international cuisine. If you're in the mood for shopping or entertainment, areas like Darling Harbour and The Rocks come alive in the evening with bustling markets, live music, and waterfront views. Whether you prefer a quiet evening soaking in the atmosphere or diving into the city's buzzing energy, the night is yours to enjoy however you please.

Overnight in Sydney

In the morning, begin your **Sydney City Sights and Bondi Beach tour**. Highlights include **Darling Harbour, St Mary's Cathedral, Parliament House, Sydney Town Hall, The Rocks, Sydney Harbour Bridge**, and an outside view of the iconic **Sydney Opera House**. Enjoy stunning photo opportunities at **Mrs Macquarie's Seat**, offering panoramic views of the harbour and city skyline, and take in the natural beauty of the **Royal Botanic Gardens**, along with other key landmarks. The tour then continues to **The Gap**, located at the entrance to Sydney Harbour. This dramatic ocean cliff on Sydney's eastern coastline offers spectacular views of the open sea and rugged shoreline. On the return journey to the city, you will pass through the fashionable suburbs of **Double Bay, Paddington**, and **Kings Cross**.

**We will then continue to the Opera House for a one-hour guided tour of the Sydney Opera House**. Step inside one of the world's most recognisable architectural masterpieces and discover the remarkable story behind its creation. Using immersive audio-visual presentations, with images projected onto the building's interior surfaces, expert guides lead you through the Opera House's fascinating history, challenges, and triumphs. You will visit at least one performance venue within the complex, where live shows take place daily. Each year, approximately 1,500 performances—ranging from opera and theatre to rock, circus, and cabaret—are staged for audiences of around 1.5 million people.

Overnight in Sydney

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Sydney, giving you the freedom to explore the city at your own pace. You might choose to revisit your favorite spots or discover something new—from wandering through the historic laneways of The Rocks to relaxing in the lush Royal Botanic Gardens. Take a ferry ride across the harbour to Manly for stunning coastal views, or shop and dine your way through vibrant areas like Pitt Street Mall, Darling Harbour, or Newtown. Whether you're in the mood for culture, nature, shopping, or simply booking one of our suggested add-ons.

Overnight in Sydney

### **Add-on: Day trip to Blue Mountains - USD 200 Per person on shared basis**

We'll begin the day with a visit to Sydney Zoo, where you'll have the chance to encounter some of Australia's most iconic wildlife up close. You can snuggle up to koalas, hand-feed playful kangaroos, and spot other native animals like wombats and crocodiles. A guided First Nations talk will also give you insight into the rich Indigenous culture of the area.

Next, we'll make our way to Echo Point for breathtaking views over Jamison Valley and the famous Three Sisters rock formation. While in the area, you'll enjoy access to all three of Scenic World's top attractions: ride the Scenic Cableway—the highest cable car in the country—the Scenic Skyway, and the Scenic Railway, known as the steepest passenger railway in the world. Each offers a different, thrilling perspective of the stunning Blue Mountains.

Our final stop will be at Sydney Olympic Park Wharf, where the day's tour comes to an end. Rather than navigating through city traffic, you'll have the option to board a ferry back to Sydney Harbour (at your own expense). Sit back with a drink in hand and relax as you cruise past the city's skyline. You can choose to disembark at either Darling Harbour or Circular Quay and enjoy a leisurely evening in Sydney.

### **Add-on: Hunter Valley Wine Tour - USD 200 Per person on shared basis**

Explore the renowned Hunter Valley, one of Australia's finest wine regions, on our 1-Day Hunter Valley Tour. Enjoy wine tastings at top wineries, indulge in a curated chocolate experience, and savor a delicious local lunch that will tantalize your taste buds!

The tour departs from central Sydney and heads to the Hunter Valley, a top destination for food lovers, famous for its exceptional wines and gourmet dining.

Our first stop is the Hunter Valley Chocolate Company, where you can sample rich Belgian chocolates, enjoy a morning coffee, and pick up some sweet treats to take home. Afterward, we'll visit our first winery, Sobels Winery, where you'll get a behind-the-scenes look at the winemaking process during an informative tour.

Next, we'll head to 4 Pines at the Farm, where you'll be guided through a delightful wine or beer tasting session. You'll then enjoy a delicious lunch at their restaurant, pairing your meal with your favorite wine from the tasting, all while taking in the stunning 360-degree views of the beautiful Hunter Valley.

Our journey continues at the Hunter Valley Gardens Shopping Village, where you'll have free time to snap a photo with the giant wine bottle, shop for souvenirs, or enjoy additional wine and liquor tastings (at your own expense).

The tour wraps up at Drayton's Family Wines, one of the region's oldest vineyards, where you'll sample a selection of exquisite wines to finish off your Hunter Valley wine adventure. We'll then return to Sydney, bringing the tour to a memorable close.

DAY 12 SYDNEY - DEPARTURE [B/-/-]

Your memorable journey through Australia concludes today. Depending on your flight schedule, you may enjoy some free time to explore the city at your own pace. Take the opportunity to visit any attractions you may have missed, such as the iconic Sydney Opera House, the Harbour Bridge, or Darling Harbour, or indulge in some last-minute shopping at one of Sydney's popular malls. Whether you choose to soak in the city's vibrant atmosphere or pick up a few final souvenirs, the time is yours to enjoy.

Later, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight. We wish you a safe journey and hope to plan your future trips with Voyages Hub!

***Note: The itinerary above may be modified without prior notice. The sequence of activities and scheduled day trips may vary due to operational factors, including weather and traffic conditions.***

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