

DESTINATION AUSTRALIA- BTCTEA

01 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

09 Days/8 nights Sydney/ Melbourne / Cairns

SYDNEY



Day 1: Arrival at Sydney

Sydney is one of the world's most loved cities and it has a lively and vibrant buzz that makes it the ultimate destination throughout the year. There are always plenty of things to do in Sydney whether it's summer, winter, autumn or spring – from world-class dining, shows and entertainment, to sightseeing and great walks or fun in the sand at one of Sydney's idyllic beaches.

- **Private arrival transfer** to the hotel with English-speaking driver.
- Check in at the **Hotel** (3 nights with full breakfast)

Day 2: Sydney

- After breakfast **Half-day Private Walking City Tour** (variety of Language Guides available). Sydney is a fantastic city to explore on foot. You can select from any number of precincts to explore with your private guide – we suggest heading to the historic Rocks district where every corner and cobblestoned street has a story to tell. If visiting on a Saturday or Sunday, the Rocks Markets is home to more than 200 eclectic stalls where you can find fashion and accessories by emerging designers, locally-produced homewares, beauty products and original photography, art, crafts and jewellery. Other areas to explore are Sydney Harbour, Circular Quay and Mrs Macquarie Chair, where you can enjoy breath-taking views of the Harbour and city skyline. **After the walking city tour you will enjoy a tour to the Opera House with Tasting Plate lunch:**

✓ **Opera House Tour with Tasting Plate lunch (non-private, different languages available*)**: When the Sydney Opera House became a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site in 2007, it was hailed as “one of the indisputable masterpieces of human creativity, not only in the 20th century but in the history of humankind”. Now it's your turn to step inside this iconic landmark and discover the stories behind Danish architect Jørn Utzon's remarkable achievement. What inspired him to base his revolutionary design on ships' sails? How did he solve an engineering challenge considered one of the most difficult attempted anywhere in the world? You'll find out on this very special one-hour guided tour into the intricate workings of a living, breathing Opera House. You will explore the hallowed theatres and foyers where more than 1600 concerts, operas, dramas and ballets take place each year and your experienced guide will be on hand to lead you through every aspect of the building's 14-year creation and 58-year history. You'll run your hands over the world-famous shell tiles, take a seat in the elegant



custom-made white birch timber chairs and marvel at the vaulted ceilings of one of the biggest pillar-free chambers in the world. Once you've visited areas off limits to the general public and captured photographs from rare vantage points inside the majestic Sydney Opera House, you'll realise that from the outside you're only getting half the story. ****Tours in English run daily from 9am-5pm with a maximum group size of 35 people. Tours in different languages run on special day and hours.** There are over 200 stairs included on the tour; if you have limited mobility there is a daily 12pm Access Tour.



Day 3: Sydney

✓ **Full day tour to Blue Mountains** (Small group touring with audio commentary in different languages)*: Your informative guide will collect you from your Sydney hotel as we commence our small group tour into the heart of the Blue Mountains World Heritage Region. Our first stop this morning is at Featherdale Wildlife Park where we arrive before any other tourists to meet the native Australian animals here - guests can actually get up close and personal, Departing from Featherdale, we commence our drive to the Blue Mountains via the highway. We will visit one of a range of

stunning outlooks of the Jamison Valley seeing beautiful vistas. Where possible this will be away from the crowds of tours that visit the mountains each day, thus our guests will enjoy a stress and hurry free environment taking in the views and information imparted by their guide. The last stop is the delightful Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens where we stop to enjoy the sweeping views across to Sydney and enjoy a glass of sparkling wine or orange juice before travelling down the Bells Line of Road to arrive back at your hotel approximately 4.30 - 5.00pm. **Inclusions:** Hotel pickup and drop off, small group touring with driver-guide, wildlife park entry, 2 course lunch, national park fees, Glass of Sparkling Wine & Mt Tomah visit. ***Please note** – with 6 or more same foreign language-speaking passengers the tour operates with a language driver/guide (e.g. with 6 or more German speaking passengers the tour operates with a German speaking driver-guide), Less than 6 non-English speaking passengers the tour operates with an English Speaking Guide along with iPod featuring Multilanguage commentary

Day 4: Sydney/Melbourne

- **Private departure transfer** to the airport with English-speaking Driver (flight not included)

MELBOURNE

Welcome to Melbourne - considered the most "European" city in Australia, with stately 19th-century buildings and tree-lined boulevards. Yet at its centre is the strikingly modern Federation Square development, with plazas, bars, restaurants and cultural events along the Yarra River. In Southbank, the Melbourne Arts Precinct is site of Arts Centre Melbourne – a performing arts complex – and National Gallery of Victoria, displaying Australian and Indigenous art.

- **Private arrival transfer** to the hotel with English-speaking driver.
- Check in at the **Hotel** (2 nights with full breakfast)
- Tonight, included in your programme is **early dinner at Colonial Tramcar Restaurant (non-private dining experience, in English)**: A famous fleet of historical trams that have become known as The Colonial Tramcar Restaurant. These glossy, burgundy restaurants on wheels are the first travelling Tramcar Restaurants in the world and ensure a delightful, innovative approach to dining. As they cruise the city streets of Melbourne, diners can enjoy a seasonal menu, quality Australian wines or make a selection from our fully stocked bar at an all inclusive price. The atmosphere is cosy, the service friendly and the decor as inviting as the colonial period these trams reflect. Since their inception in 1983, the restaurants have become a star attraction and a tourism symbol for Melbourne. Dining at the Tramcar



Restaurant is not only a culinary delight, but a trip into a little piece of Victoria's history. You must be ready at the bus stop at 17:15hrs aprox.

- Rest of the Day at leisure. We suggest the following optional services below (rates on request):
 - ✓ **Walking City-tour:** this Walking Tour gets you out and about discovering Melbourne. Uncover the City's unique hidden gems. Wander through the tiny laneways and historic arcades and learn about Melbourne's history with your expert guide. With your small group (no more than 12 guests), you will be able to wander through the tiny laneways and historic arcades, learn about Melbourne's history with your expert guide and uncover the stories that have shape the city's identity. Our Melbourne Walking Tours will contrast the hustle and bustle of the city centre, with the tranquility of the Carlton Gardens and the trendy precincts of Fitzroy and St Kilda. You will learn about the Gold Rush of the 1850s that led to Melbourne prospering as the world's richest city, admiring the opulence that is evident today in the 'Paris end' of Collins Street. The history of our turbulent colonisation and waves of immigration will come to life across the many districts that make up the city centre. In Chinatown, you will experience a feast for the senses while Flinders Lane will prove Melbourne's claim as the fashion capital, sprinkled with tiny boutiques showcasing local designers. A Language guide is available on select days, depending on the language required. This tour departs at 13hrs aprox.



Day 5: Melbourne

Full day tour to Great Ocean Road (small group touring with Ipod commentary in a variety of languages available): This Great Ocean Road day tour is a full day spent exploring this truly majestic stretch of diverse coastline to take in its amazing array of spectacular attractions. The scenic journey along the Great Ocean Road is a highlight in itself, as we absorb some truly amazing coastal scenery, with new views being revealed around every bend. We make plenty of scenic stops, including a photo opportunity at the Great Ocean Road Memorial Arch at Eastern View. At the Township of Kennet River we make a brief side trip

into the sweetly-scented eucalyptus forest to locate some of the local koalas in the native habitat. We also have an opportunity here to feed the colourful local bird life, with Crimson Rosellas and King Parrots always keen for a handful of sunflower seeds. We then continue on towards our lunch stop in Apollo Bay with another photo stop at Cape Patten on the way. After lunch we follow the Great Ocean Road away from the ocean and into the mountains. The tour proceeds through the spectacular Otway Ranges, where we stop to enjoy a stroll in the cool temperate rainforest at Maits Rest. Here our guide accompanies the group through the forest, where we stop to learn a little about the world's tallest flowering trees and the ancient rainforest species. And then it's onwards to the world famous Port Campbell National Park and its iconic array of rock formations. You'll be awestruck by the majestic monoliths of the Twelve Apostles. Just down the road is the heart of the Shipwreck Coast, the Loch Ard Gorge where 52 lives were lost and only 2 souls survived the wreck of the Loch Ard in 1878. We take time to explore here, with more rock formations to see, including the Razorback, the Dumpling Pots and the delightful Island Archway. **Inclusions:** Return coach transfers with tour commentary, Scenic drive along the Great Ocean Road, Guided eco-tour of the Great Otway National Park Rainforest, iconic rock formations of the Port Campbell National Park, morning tea and lunch.

Day 6: Melbourne/Cairns

- **Private departure transfer** to the airport with English-speaking Driver. (flight not included)

CAIRNS

Welcome to Cairns in tropical North Queensland - the gateway to Australia's Great Barrier Reef. Once a sleepy sugar-milling town, it's now a destination for sailing, diving and snorkelling. Its Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park

tells the stories of the indigenous Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with music and dance. Cairns Esplanade, lined in bars and restaurants, has a saltwater swimming lagoon.

- **Private arrival transfer** to the hotel with English-speaking Driver.
- Check in at the **Hotel** (3 nights with full breakfast)



Day 7: Cairns

- After breakfast **Cruise to Upolu Cay and Great Barrier Reef** (non-private, in English). Enjoy personalised snorkeling, certified and introductory diving (additional cost) and a glass bottom boat tour, with our friendly, professional crew. Our 20M, 5 star luxury cruiser visits 2 great destinations – the crystal clear, shallow waters and surrounding reef of Upolu Cay and "Wonder Wall" on the outer edge of Upolu Reef . Explore the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef with us, for an unforgettable day in

paradise. **Inclusions:** Inclusions: Snorkelling Tuition, Snorkelling equipment (masks, fins, snorkel+ prescription mask), Buoyancy snorkel vests / Lycra suits /or wet suits (depending on season), Adventure Drift Snorkelling Tour with Marine Naturalist, Glass Bottom Boat - Coral Viewing Tours with Reef Interpreter, Reef Talk by Marine Interpreter, 2 Reef destinations on the day including Upolu Cay, 6 full hours on the Reef, Tea and coffee throughout day, Smorgasbord lunch, Platters of tropical fruit, cheese and crackers and cake on way home, Fuel levy, Fresh water showers

Day 8: Cairns

- After breakfast, **full day tour to Cape Tribulation and Daintree**. Travel in air-conditioned comfort in your luxury purpose-built vehicle to Cape Tribulation; through some of the oldest rainforest in the world. Included is a cruise on the Daintree River for wildlife, bird and crocodile spotting, tropical lunch set amongst the rainforest, and a visit to famous Cape Tribulation Beach. Admire the coastline and fringing coral reef from the Kulki Lookout. Included also is afternoon tea at the Mossman Gorge Centre, & a tour where your driver/guide will take you for a guided walk sharing their knowledge of this enchanting rainforest environment. The tour is operated using the latest GPS activated technology providing over 3hrs of commentary in different languages, delivered with sound effects and music, creating a truly memorable experience. **Inclusions:** GPS-activated audio commentary in different languages, Return hotel transfers, Morning Tea, Cape Tribulation Beach, BBQ Lunch in rainforest setting, Alexandra Range Lookout, Daintree River Cruise, Daintree Ferry Crossing, driver-Guided walk at Mossman Gorge incl Afternoon Tea & Indigenous presentation.



Day 9: Cairns – Departure

Private departure transfer to the airport with English-speaking Driver (flight not included). End of our services or extensions.

DESTINATION AUSTRALIA

Rates per person in Australian Dollars- 01 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

TRAVEL DATE	TWIN	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	TRIPLE REDUCTION
01 April 17 - 30 June 17	\$2,884.00	\$812.00	\$64..00
01 July 17 - 30 Sep 17	\$3,034.00	\$962.00	\$85.00

01 Oct 17 – 31 Mar 18	\$3,427.00	\$1,354.00	\$125.00
Supplements and minimum stays apply during special event periods (see Special Events Calendar Section)			

ACCOMMODATION - as shown below or similar		
City	Hotel and Category	Type of Room
Sydney (3 noches)	The Grace Hotel 4*	Superior Room with full breakfast
Melbourne (2 noches)	Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne 4*	Guest Room with full breakfast
Cairns (3 noches)	Pacific Hotel Cairns 4*	Executive Room with full breakfast

Includes:

- Guide services as shown
- Accommodation and meals as shown above
- Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 10%
- Transfers, visits and tours as per itinerary.
- Cruises are non-private and without guide.
- Cairns: Government Environmental Management Charge (EMC)

Excludes:

- Personal incidentals such as telephone calls, room service, laundry, in-house movies
- Meals other than those specified
- Flights and Airport Taxes
- Optional Tours and Services
- Tips

Note:

- Rates are based on maximum of 2 pieces of luggage per person (1 piece of standard size luggage + 1 hand carry per person). If luggage exceeds this a re-quote may be required for coach services where luggage is being moved.

General Conditions

- Rates per person in Australian Dollars
- Rates are subject to confirmation and availability at the moment of the booking.
- Supplement and special rates apply during Special Event Dates (see Special Events Calendar Section)