

AUSTRALIA SPECTACULAR- BTCTEA

01 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

13 days/12 nights Sydney/ Ayers Rock/ Cairns / Melbourne

SYDNEY



Day 1: Arrival into Sydney

Sydney is one of the world's most loved cities with 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 (Fall) 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.

- **Meet & Greet and private arrival transfer** to the hotel with a driver-guide (variety of Language Guides available)
- Check in at **hotel** (4 nights with full breakfast)

Day 2: Sydney

- **Private City tour** in a private vehicle with driver-guide (4hours) (variety of Language Guides available)

Meet your driver-guide at the hotel to start a half-day private tour. You'll discover the beautiful Sydney Harbour Bridge and you'll enjoy spectacular views of the Sydney Opera House. You will listen to the fascinating history of the city while travelling through The Rocks, Botanical Gardens, Hyde Park and Mrs. Macquarie Chair. The tour continues through the Eastern Suburbs and Watson Bay including the world-famous Bondi Beach. The tour finishes at midday at Circular Quay where you will take a lunch cruise. This Sydney Harbour lunch cruise offers restaurant-quality ambience, seafood buffet lunch, premium beverages and a spectacular view of Sydney's star attractions. After the lunch cruise you will have free time to explore the city on foot, before making your own way back to your hotel.

Optional: before returning to the hotel you can visit the Sydney Aquarium, the Sydney Wild-life zoo or the Sydney Opera House (see the description on day 4. Rates on request)

Day 3: Sydney

- **Full day private Tour to Blue Mountains** with driver-guide (variety of Language Guides available). The Blue Mountains make for the perfect holiday destination for families, nature lovers, and adventure seekers. The Blue Mountains are so named because, from Sydney, they look blue. They are clad in vast forests of eucalypts (commonly called gum trees), which in the hot sun discharge a fine mist of eucalyptus oil from their leaves. The mist refracts light, which makes the haze look blue at a distance. Your private tour today includes entry to Scenic World to ride on the Scenic Railway, Skyway and Cableway; lunch at local restaurant and a visit to Featherdale Park which features Australian native animals such as Koalas and Kangaroos.

Railway: Discover the thrill of a 52 degree incline riding the steepest passenger railway in the world, the Scenic Railway. The Railway experience descends 310 metres through a cliff-side tunnel, emerging into ancient rainforest at the Jamison Valley floor.

Skyway: Suspended 270 metres above ancient ravines, the Skyway provides a unique thrill as breathtaking views are revealed beneath your feet through the electro-glass cabin floor. For the less adventurous, seating and solid flooring is also available! With 360° views, the 720 metre journey provides the best views of Katoomba Falls, the Three Sisters, and Jamison Valley stretching to the horizon.

Cableway: The 510 metre journey gently descends into the Jamison Valley and also returns visitors to the top of the escarpment. The Cableway's fully enclosed cabin provides a unique vantage point for viewing the Three Sisters, Orphan Rock, Mt Solitary and Katoomba Falls.

Day 4: Sydney

- Tonight, included in your programme is a **3 Course dinner at the 360 Bar & Dining Restaurant** located in the Sydney Tower. *360 Bar and Dining is the glamorous incarnation of Sydney Tower's Level 1 restaurant, lavishly refitted by acclaimed designer Michael McCann of Dreamtime Design. The unique revolving floor system 305 metres above sea level enables guests to enjoy a dining journey, with 360 degree views of Sydney and beyond. With dramatic pendant light sculptures and an interior of hand-carved mahogany, bronze and mirror walls and chocolate-brown leather booths, 360 Bar and Dining is a truly striking and elegant restaurant.*

- You have the **day at leisure** to enjoy this lovely city or take some **optional activities below (rates on request):**

- ✓ **Bridgeclimb** (non-private experience, in English): With your Climb Leader as your guide, step by step you'll ascend the arches of the Bridge and enjoy the iconic views of Sydney, situated in one of the most beautiful harbours on earth.

Throughout your Climb, your Climb Leader will entertain you with stories about the history of the Bridge. From its construction, to its opening in 1932, right through to its place in day to day local celebrations.

- ✓ **Opera House Tour (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.

- ✓ **Entries to:**

Sydney Aquarium: Discover the world's largest collection of Australian aquatic life at SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium including dugongs, platypuses, penguins, sharks and rays in 14 new themed zones. Come on a journey of amazing discovery through SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium's unique freshwater and marine aquatic environments and discover an incredible 13,000 animals from 700 different species. Explore 14 themed zones including a tropical Bay of Rays, Discovery Rockpool, Sydney Harbour and the world's largest Great Barrier Reef display. Face your fears on Shark Walk, walking over our majestic sharks, and journey into the depths of the Shark Valley, home to skeletal whale remains, the tumbled-down ruins of an ancient stone temple and the largest variety of sharks and rays. Along the way you'll encounter some of the world's most incredible animals unique to each habitat, including two of only six dugongs on display anywhere in the

world, huge sharks, massive stingrays, turtles, platypuses, penguins, thousands of tropical fish and much more

Wild-life Sydney Zoo: The Australian animal adventure in the heart of the city. Step into an animal adventure as you journey around Australia. Walk through iconic Australian habitats and encounter some of the most loved, feared and unique animals. Walk amongst kangaroos, wallabies and emus in Kangaroo Walk-about, meet cuddly koalas in Gum Tree Valley and more! WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo features interactive displays, inspiring and entertaining daily keeper talks and enhanced walk-through habitats including Koala Encounters, Kangaroo Walk-about and Butterfly Tropics. WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo is located in the heart of the city, at Aquarium Wharf, Darling Harbour.

Sydney Tower Eye: Sydney Tower Eye takes you to the highest point above Sydney for breathtaking 360 degree views of the beautiful harbour city. Your ticket includes the 4D cinema experience where you can uncover a new dimension to Sydney through a whole new perspective. The engaging film experience is taken to the fourth dimension with evocative in-theatre effects including wind, bubbles and water! The Observation Deck offers state-of-the-art technology, including high powered binoculars and multilingual touch screen panels that tell every visitor interesting facts about the famous landmarks they are looking at.

Day 5: Sydney/Ayers Rock

- **Private departure transfer** to the airport with Departure Assistance from a driver-guide (variety of Language Guides available). NB: flight not included

AYERS ROCK (ULURU)



Welcome to Ayers Rock (Uluru) - one of the most impressive landmarks in Australia. A huge chunk of sandstone and a 'true' monolith, it resides in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Uluru is located down towards the southwest corner of the Northern Territory and close to the geographic centre of Australia...Welcome to the heart of Australia.

- **Non-private arrival transfer** using the courtesy shuttle bus of the resort (English-speaking driver).
- Check in at the **Hotel** (2 nights with 1 full breakfast at the hotel & 1

picnic breakfast during touring)

- Included tonight is the **'Sounds of Silence Dinner' (non-private dining experience, in English):** An unforgettable evening, eating beautifully prepared food under the sparkling outback sky. Your journey begins on a lone sand dune. A meandering path takes you to an uninterrupted, three hundred and sixty degree view of this vast landscape. In front of you is the fabled Uluru; behind you are the domes of Kata Tjuta and, possibly the most spectacular sunset you have ever seen. Here you enjoy sparkling wine and a selection of delectable canapes. As the sun sets in a blaze of reds and oranges, and well into the starlit night, you feast on a gourmet barbecue buffet of authentic Australian delicacies including barramundi, kangaroo, emu, crocodile, bush salads and classic desserts, complemented by some of Australia's finest wines. **Inclusions:** Canapés, Beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks, Buffet BBQ (vegetarian options available with prior notice), desserts, Tea, coffee and port, Entertainment, Star-talk and stargazing, Return transfers from your Voyages Ayers Rock Resort accommodation.

Day 6: Ayers Rock (Uluru)

- **Early morning: small group touring with audio commentary in different languages** to enjoy the **sunrise at Kata Tjuta**. Revel in the early morning serenity of a truly spiritual place as the sunrise colours change on Kata Tjuta. Departing the resort the tour will travel through the landscape to the entrance of Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park. From there is it a 40km journey through the desert landscape to the mighty rock formation. On arrival at the viewing area you walk to the best vantage point to see the 36 domes that comprise this spiritual place while watching the sun's morning glow as the desert comes alive. We make our way to the western side of Kata Tjuta

where you will have the opportunity to relax and enjoy an outback picnic breakfast. As you approach the entrance to Walpa Gorge (named for the wind, Walpa, that whistles between the massive domes that shape Kata Tjuta, the result of eons of weathering and continual upheaval) your guide will share the significance of this men's sacred ceremonial site. We take a stroll between these mighty conglomerate rock walls as your guide explains how the environment and the geology has evolved over millions of years. **Inclusions:** 5 hour fully guided tour with Ipod audio commentary available in a variety of languages, Sunrise at Kata Tjuta, Outback Picnic Breakfast, Pick up and return from Ayers Rock Resort

- **In the afternoon: small group touring with audio commentary in different languages** to enjoy the **sunset at Uluru**. Experience the many moods of Uluru at sunset with an uninterrupted view. Admire the immensity of Uluru as you immerse yourself in the environmental changes of this world-renowned icon. Relax with a glass of sparkling wine and light refreshments as the sun sets in the west. Embrace the culture, geology and environment that is Uluru. Meander around the monolith walking to waterholes and art sites with your guide and learn of Uluru's cultural significance to the Anangu (local Aboriginal) people. Witness a spectacular sunset and absorb the majesty of this powerful place. **Inclusions:** 5 hour fully guided tour with Ipod audio commentary available in a variety of languages, Sunset at Uluru, Sparkling Wine and appetisers, Pick up and return from Ayers Rock Resort

Day 7: Ayers Rock / Cairns

- **Non-private departure transfer** using the courtesy shuttle bus of the resort (English speaking driver).

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 driver-guide (variety of Language Guides available)
- Check in at the **hotel** (3 nights with full breakfast)

Day 8: Cairns

- Included today is a **Cruise to Michaelmas Cay on the Great Barrier Reef (non-private, with English-speaking crew)**. A low lying vegetated sand cay encircle by a spectacular fringing reef, Michaelmas Cay is a National Park and a protected sanctuary for migratory seabirds. Set sail aboard the 32 metre luxury sailing catamaran, Ocean Spirit, for a day to remember with a wide range of activities to fully experience Michaelmas Cay's unique reef environment. Be active and enjoy all the included activities. Or if you prefer just relax and enjoy a leisurely day on the Great Barrier Reef - the choice is yours. Inclusions: Morning and afternoon teas, tropical smorgasbord lunch, EMC, snorkel equipment, informative ecological presentations by qualified Marine Biologists and guided nature tours of the island and bird sanctuary.

Day 9: Cairns

- After breakfast, **Private tour to Kuranda Rainforest Village**. Inclusions: private guide (different languages available), private transfer from hotel to Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park, entry to Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park; Skyrail Rainforest Cableway to Kuranda, time at leisure in Kuranda Village, Scenic Railway from Kuranda to Freshwater Station, private transfer from Freshwater Station to Cairns hotel.

Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park: Tjapukai is filled with interactive experiences to give you an authentic insight into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Witness the ancient dreamtime story of the Tjapukai peoples

through live performance. The Art of My People talk will guide you through a variety of art styles as you learn about the differences between the Aboriginal clans throughout Australia. Across the lake, join the world famous Tjapukai Aboriginal dancers in a corroboree celebration and fire-making ceremony in the Cultural Village. Gain an insight into the gathering and cooking of bush foods and the medicinal values of native plants. Learn firsthand from a warrior about traditional hunting methods and tribal law. Throw a spear with the help of a traditional milay spear thrower and learn the art of throwing a returning boomerang. Inclusions: Creation Story, Art of my People, Tjapukai Aboriginal and the Torres Strait Island Dance Performances, Bush Foods and Medicines, Hunting and Weapons + Didgeridoo Presentations, Boomerang and Spear Throwing Lessons and lunch.

Skyrail Rainforest Cableway: It's a world first in environmental tourism - taking you on an amazing experience over Australia's World Heritage-listed Tropical Rainforest canopy and deep into the forest. The Skyrail experience is a must do Cairns tour and attraction spanning 7.5kms over pristine rainforest, allowing you to explore the wonders of an ancient tropical rainforest and learn about one of the most botanically fascinating and diverse areas on earth. Gliding just metres above the rainforest canopy in comfortable six-person gondola cabins, the Skyrail journey immerses you in an intimate rainforest experience where you'll see, hear, smell and become part of the tropical rainforest environment. Relax and enjoy the stunning rainforest scenery, panoramic views of the Cairns' tropical region and the glittering waters of the Coral Sea.

Kuranda Scenic Railway: Being one with the rainforest as you undertake an unforgettable journey is what makes Kuranda Scenic Railway such a must-do experience. This famous railway winds its way on a journey between Cairns and Kuranda, the village in the rainforest, with Freshwater situated along the line with views of the surrounding mountains. The journey from Kuranda to Freshwater Station passes spectacular waterfalls and enters the stunning Barron Gorge. All passengers receive a commentary companion which includes information on the history of the railways construction, a trip map and a map of Kuranda.

Inclusions: Seating in Heritage class carriages, with water coolers at the end of each carriage and a souvenir trip guide.

Day 10: Cairns/Melbourne

- **Private departure transfer** to the airport with a driver-guide (different languages available) NB: 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 driver-guide (variety of Language Guides available)

- Check in at the **hotel** (3 nights with full breakfast)

Day 11: Melbourne

• **Half Day city tour** (small group touring available with variety of language driver-guides): Join a small group tour with driver-guide to make the most of your stay as you zoom in and around the city, visiting such wonders as Federation Square, the MCG and world-famous sports precinct, St Patrick's Cathedral, Albert Park Lake (Formula 1) and over to St Kilda Beach. Your tour will finish by visiting Eureka Tower. You may choose to take the super-speedy elevator to Eureka Skydeck 88 (entry included), scraping Melbourne's awe inspiring skyline where you will be spoiled with 360 degree views of the city, Port Phillip Bay and out to the Dandenongs and the Yarra Valley. There

will be a maximum of 12 people in your group, so you will have plenty of opportunities to ask your guide questions and get to know your fellow travellers. **Inclusions:** driver-guide (variety of Language guides available), Free Wi-Fi on coach, Small group touring, Trained guide to talk and answer questions from the passengers, Hotel pick up, Entry fee to Eureka Skydeck 88 (access to the Edge own cost)

Optional: Dinner at Colonial Tramcar Restaurant (*rates on request*): 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.

Day 12: Melbourne



- **Full day tour to Great Ocean Road** (small group touring available with variety of language driver-guides): Experience this majestic coastal drive in style, with time to relax and fully appreciate the wonders of this world famous route. Along the way you may be lucky enough to spot some special animals including whales, dolphins, echidnas and bandicoots. Your camera will get a good workout along this exciting itinerary and there will be plenty of time for photo opportunities. You will have time to stroll along the wild beaches or stop for a coffee (own expense) at the striking Split Point Lighthouse and take in the awe-inspiring scenery. You will stop at

Apollo Bay, a tranquil seaside town set amongst the soft rolling hills, offering a great selection of cafes and restaurants where you can enjoy lunch (not included). This tour provides exclusive access to an ancient Eucalyptus Forest walk, located at the iconic Great Ocean Road EcoLodge where you can have close encounters with koalas, kangaroos and native birds. As a passenger with on this tour, you will be contributing to the Great Ocean EcoLodge's conservation program to protect the local tiger quolls, koalas and unique flora of the region. A truly unique day out, capped off by a visit to the ancient rock formations of the Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge. **Inclusions:** driver-guide (variety of Language guides available), Free Wi-Fi on coach, Small group touring, Trained guide to talk and answer questions from our passengers, Hotel pick up and drop off, National Park fee, Eco Certified

Day 13: Melbourne - Departure

- **Private departure transfer** with driver-guide (different languages available) to the airport. End of our services or extensions.

AUSTRALIA SPECTACULAR

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

TRAVEL DATE	TWIN	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	TRIPLE REDUCTION
01 April 17 – 29 Nov 17	6,375.00	4,108.00	195.00
30 Sep 16 – 28 Dec 17	6,635.00	4,370.00	256.00

02 Jan 18 – 31 Mar 18	6,635.00	4,370.00	256.00
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 (4 nights)	Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney 4.5*	Standard Atrium Room with full breakfast
Ayers Rock (2 nights)	Desert Gardens Hotel 4*	Standard Room Garden View with 1 full breakfast (*)
Cairns (3 nights)	Pacific Hotel Cairns 4*	Executive Room with full breakfast
Melbourne (3 nights)	Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens 4*	Guest 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.
- Accommodation as shown or similar. (*) Ayers Rock Hotel includes 1 breakfast because the morning tour includes another breakfast.
- Ayers Rock: Uluru National Park entry
- 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)