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Discover Australia & New Zealand



The Best of

Australia

Melbourne • Cairns • Gold Coast • Sydney

TDU3742

13 days - 12 nights

Valid for travel until 31st March 2025

Trip Overview

The Best of Australia

Start of your journey

Melbourne

Day 1: Arrive in Melbourne

Welcome to the Arts and Cultural Capital of Australia!

Melbourne Cricket Ground - MCG Tour

Explore Melbourne's sporting culture

Day 2: Phillip Island Penguin Parade Small Group Eco Tourby Go West Tours

Indulge in awe-inspiring wildlife encounters and breathtaking views, culminating in the renowned Penguin Parade

Day 3: Great Ocean Road Scenic Tour

Experience the wonders of Victoria's Surf Coast and nearby must-visit locations close to Melbourne

Day 4: Depart from Melbourne

Private transfer from your Melbourne's Central Business District hotel to Melbourne Airport

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Cairns

A tropical paradise where nature's splendor awaits at every turn!

Day 5: Cairns Classic Ballooning (Weekends)

Drift above the breathtaking landscapes of Cairns as you experience the thrill of a hot air balloon ride.

Skyrail & Kuranda Scenic Railway

Discover one of the world's oldest and most fascinating botanical areas, untouched for 130 million years

Day 6: Full Day Green Island Reef Cruise

Experience a delightful cruise to renowned Green Island, in a full-day excursion from Cairns

Day 7: Depart from Cairns

Private transfer from your Cairns hotel to Cairns Airport

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Gold Coast

A coastal paradise, with its endless stretches of golden beaches, sun-kissed shores and vibrant energy!

ROO Pass

Hassle-free return journey from Brisbane Airport to the Gold Coast's thrilling attractions.mesmerizing scenery

Evening Rainforest Walk & Glow Worm Tour

Embark on an extraordinary nocturnal journey through the enchanting rainforest, illuminated by the gentle glow of torchlight

Day 8: Best Of Both Worlds – Movie World + Sea World, Village Road Shows

Experience the ultimate thrill with the Best of Both Worlds pass, granting access to both Movie World and Sea World.

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Hot Air Balloon Ride with Complimentary Arro Jet Experience!

Embark on a picturesque hot air balloon adventure in the Gold Coast Hinterland...



Day 10: Depart from Gold Coast

Seamless transfer from your Gold Coast hotel to Brisbane Airport

Sydney

The harbourfront city of iconic attractions and world-renowned destinations!

Day 11: Merlin Four Attraction Pass

- Sydney Tower Eye: Immerse yourself in Sydney's skyline
- Wild Life Zoo: an incredible wildlife expedition
- Sea Life Aquarium: one of the globe's most expansive aquatic habitats
- Madame Tussauds Sydney: Interact with lifelike celebrity figures and engage with exciting new interactive elements

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Sydney Opera House Tour

Unveil the legendary history and extraordinary secrets of the Sydney Opera House...



Taronga Zoo Express with Captsin Cook Cruise

Sydney's iconic wildlife sanctuary, conveniently located on the stunning Sydney Harbour



Sydney Harbour Helflight

Experience the breathtaking Sydney skyline on a thrilling 20-minute helicopter joy flight



Day 13: Depart from Sydney

It is the last day! Time to pack up and bring the sweet memories of Australia home.

End of your journey



Melbourne

Day 1-2 | Accommodation: Mercure Southbank

Day 1

Enjoy a stress-free transfer from the airport, straight to your 4 star Melbourne's Central Business District hotel, with breakfast included in your stay.

Melbourne Cricket Ground - MCG Tour

Explore Melbourne's sporting culture by delving into the rich history and top-notch amenities of the MCG. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of this iconic stadium for an hour and gain a deeper understanding of its significance in the world of sports.

Highlights of the tour:

- The famous MCC Long Room
- MCC Library (founded in 1873)
- MCG Tapestry
- Player change rooms
- Cricketers' viewing room
- Ron Casey Media Centre
- Portrait of Sir Donald Bradman and Sachin Tendulkar
- A walk on the arena
- Cricket Victoria Bill Lawry Centre
- Ponsford Stand
- City Terrace with view's of Melbourne's skyline.

Duration: 1 Hour | Note: Not available on Event Days

Day 2

Phillip Island Penguin Parade Small Group Eco Tour by Go West Tours

Phillip Island Penguin Parade

Nestled within nature's embrace, Phillip Island stands as a sanctuary of awe, providing a unique chance to

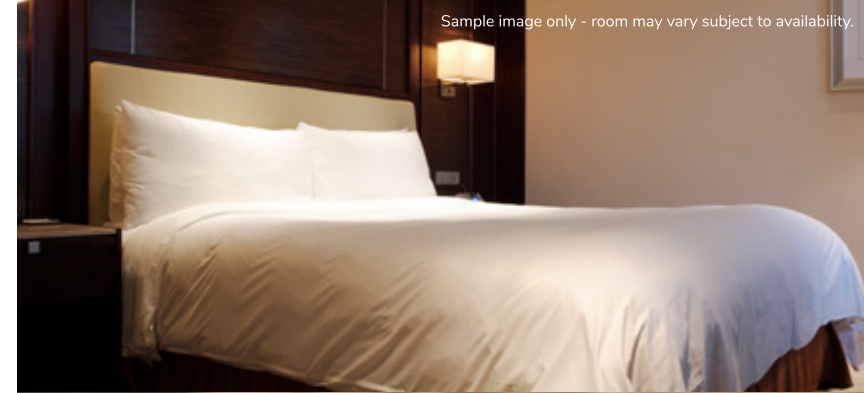
observe the captivating sight of the world's largest Little Penguin colony returning to their coastal refuge. As the sun gracefully sets, painting the sky with warm hues, an enchanting ritual unfolds, offering a mesmerizing experience.

Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park

Embark on an unforgettable journey into Australia's rich wildlife at Moonlit Sanctuary. Wander through captivating bushland and interact with more than 70 unique Australian species, including those facing endangerment. Experience the thrill of hand-feeding iconic kangaroos and wallabies, cuddle adorable koalas, and engage in captivating encounters with a diverse array of colorful birds, mesmerizing reptiles, playful dingoes, and other fascinating creatures.

Brighton Beach Bathing Boxes

Experience the allure of one of Melbourne's cherished landmarks, the Brighton Bathing Boxes. Here, immerse yourself in a realm where artistry, history, and natural splendor blend harmoniously, captivating your senses and leaving you mesmerized by its visual magnificence.



Phillip Island Penguin Parade

Did you know? Little Penguins are social beings, and indulge in what can appear to be a 'huddle,' or penguin hug, for warmth. And while it may not be kissing as humans know it, penguins have been shown to 'touch beaks' - which may be used for preening.



Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)

Melbourne

Day 3-4 | Accommodation: Mercure Southbank



BONUS! Exclusive offer with **CHADSTONE**
THE FASHION CAPITAL

Elevate your Melbourne Shopping Experience with Turtle Down Under's exclusive collaboration with Chadstone – The Fashion Capital!

Includes:

- Personalised welcome message on Chadstone Visitor Lounge screens
- Full lounge access throughout your visit at Chadstone
- Complimentary chic Chadstone tote bag with water bottle, store directory and Tourist Shopping Passport

Day 3

Great Ocean Road Scenic Tour

Indulge in the marvels of Victoria's Surf Coast and the surrounding treasures just a stone's throw away from Melbourne. Venture forth to uncover the majestic Twelve Apostles, traverse through quaint coastal towns dotting the renowned coastline, and delve into the storied past of landmarks like the enchanting Loch Ard Gorge.

Beyond mere picturesque snapshots, the Great Ocean Road beckons as a gateway to unveil its myriad hidden treasures, inviting you to embark on

an unforgettable journey of exploration and discovery.

Duration: Full day tour | Morning tea included

Transport: Pick up from Melbourne Central Business District at approximately 7AM. Location and times to be confirmed once booking completed 24 hours prior to tour leaving.

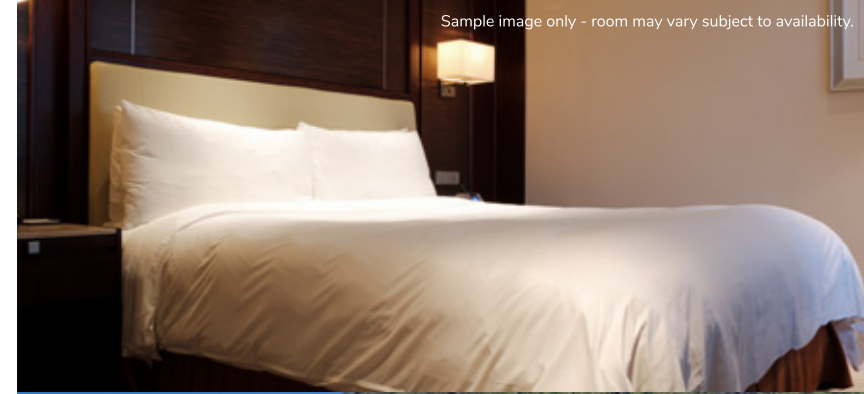
Day 4

Departure from Melbourne

Embark on a seamless journey with our private transfer service from your Melbourne's Central Business District hotel to Melbourne Airport, ensuring a stress-free transition to your next adventure.

Next Stop: Cairns

As you bid farewell to Melbourne, prepare to immerse yourself in the tropical paradise of Cairns, where the splendor of nature envelops you at every turn. From lush rainforests to breathtaking coral reefs, Cairns beckons with its natural wonders, promising an unforgettable escape into tranquility and serenity.



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Great Ocean Road Scenic Tour

Did you know? There are at least 638 known shipwrecks lying at the bottom of the ocean along the Great Ocean Road, giving the treacherous coastline from Moonlight Head to Port Fairy the "Shipwreck Coast". While 240 shipwrecks have been discovered, many more lay undisturbed on the ocean floor.



The Twelve Apostles



Cairns

Day 5 | Accomodation: Mercure Cairns

Day 5

Classic - Cairns Classic Ballooning - Weekends

Embark on an unforgettable adventure with Cairns Classic Ballooning on weekends. Drift above the breathtaking landscapes of Cairns as you experience the thrill of a hot air balloon ride.

Upon landing, savor a light snack while enjoying complimentary cold beverages. Immerse yourself in expert commentary, enhancing your journey's depth. Celebrate your flight with a glass of sparkling wine and juice upon landing, toasting the incredible experience. As a memento, receive a commemorative certificate, capturing the magic of your ballooning adventure.

Don't miss this opportunity to create lasting memories and witness Cairns from a unique perspective with our exclusive weekend balloon rides.

Duration: 4hrs (approx. between 05:00AM - 09:00AM)

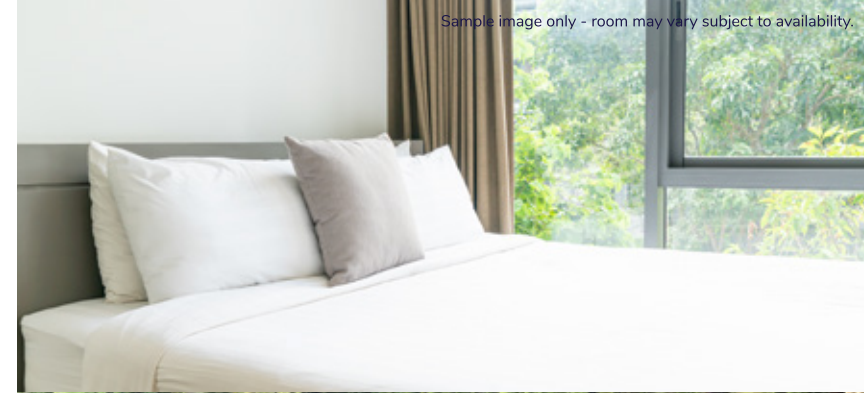
Skyrail & Kuranda Scenic Railway

Pickup from Selected Hotels or nearby Pick-up Points. After Tour, you are to make your own way to the hotel.

Embark on a journey through time and nature as you explore one of the world's most ancient and captivating botanical realms, virtually preserved for over 130 million years. Set your sights on the awe-inspiring vistas of Barron Gorge and Australia's prestigious Wet Tropics World Heritage Area from a bird's-eye perspective, gliding effortlessly between Smithfield in Cairns and the charming village of Kuranda.

Along the way, immerse yourself in the heart of the rainforest at Red Peak and witness the majestic beauty of Barron Falls up close, adding yet another layer of wonder to your unforgettable adventure.

Duration – Full Day I Fare Includes: Admission to One Way Skyrail Experience & One Way Kuranda Scenic Railway with 1 way Transfers ex Cairns.



Kuranda Scenic Railway

Did you know? The railway is 37 km (23 mi) in length. It takes about one hour and 55 minutes to climb one way including the stopoff at Barron Falls.



Cairns Classic Ballooning



Cairns

aero jet?

Day 6-7 | Accomodation: Mercure Cairns

Day 6

Full Day Green Island Reef Cruise by Big Cat Green Island Cruises

Pickup and Drop from Centrally Located Hotels
Duration: Approx 8 Hrs.

Experience a delightful cruise to the renowned Green Island, where you have time to discover its stunning coral cay on a full-day excursion from Cairns. Travel in comfort aboard the luxurious 'Big Cat,' a spacious 35-meter catamaran, as you are whisked away to the island of exploration and enjoyment of its top attractions. Choose between complimentary snorkeling gear rental or a glass-bottom boat tour (excluding Transfer Only option) to marvel at the beauty of the reef, whether underwater or from the comfort of the glass-bottom boat's dry and cozy seats.

Fare Includes: Cruise to Green Island by catamaran, FREE choice of snorkeling gear or a glass bottom boat tour, Snorkeling demonstration & reef presentation en route to Green Island, Use of Big Cat vessel during time at island as an air-conditioned base, Island rainforest boardwalks buffet lunch & semi-submarine tour.

Exclusive offer with



Receive a free scoop of ice cream!

Free ice cream!

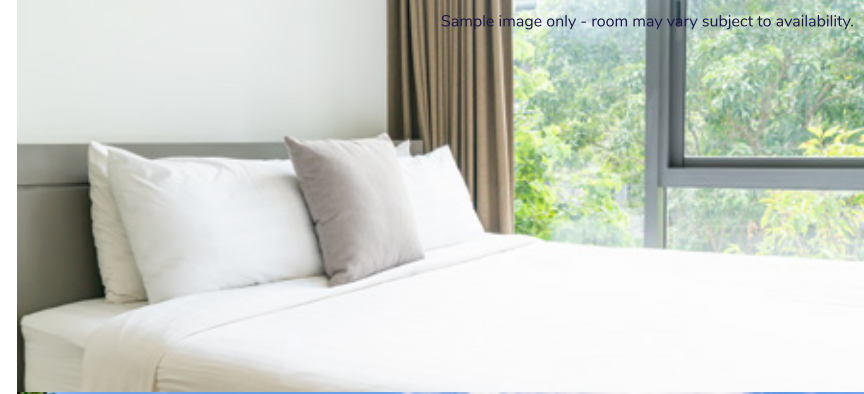
Day 7

Departure from Cairns

Day 7 marks the departure from Cairns as you bid farewell to the tropical beauty of this vibrant city. Your journey begins with a convenient pick-up from your Cairns hotel, ensuring a smooth transition to Cairns Airport for your onward flight.

Next Stop: Gold Coast

Get ready to embrace the sun-kissed shores and vibrant energy of Gold Coast. This coastal paradise, with its endless stretches of golden beaches and azure waters, invites you to unwind and indulge in pure bliss. From thrilling theme parks to lush hinterlands, Gold Coast offers an array of experiences for every traveler. Whether you are seeking adrenaline-pumping adventures or peaceful moments by the ocean, Gold Coast promises an unforgettable journey into relaxation and excitement.



Daintree River



Green Island



Gold Coast

Day 7-8 | Accomodation: Vibe Gold Coast

ROO Pass - 2 Theme Parks

Bid farewell to the stress of navigating unfamiliar roads. The modern, air-ctonditioned fleet promises a swift and hassle-free return journey from Brisbane Airport to the Gold Coast's thrilling attractions.

Evening Rainforest Walk & Glow Worn Tour

Embark on an extraordinary nocturnal journey through the enchanting rainforest, illuminated by the gentle glow of torchlight. Traverse the scenic mountain roads, treating your eyes to panoramic vistas of the Scenic Rim and Gold Coast.

Delve deep into the rainforest's mysteries, marveling at its nocturnal inhabitants and the mesmerizing Curtis Falls. Witness the magical glow worms adorning the rock faces, a spectacle exclusive to Australia's east coast.

Duration: Approx 4 Hrs | Pickup and drop off from Selected Hotels or nearby Pick up Points

Day 8

Best of Both Worlds - Movie World AND Sea World!

Experience the ultimate thrill with the Best of Both Worlds pass, granting access to both Movie World and Sea World.

Sea World -Dive into a realm of marine marvels, encountering dolphins, penguins, polar bears, and a host of other fascinating creatures up close.

Movie World - Brace yourself for heart-pounding excitement aboard the DC Rivals HyperCoaster, the Southern Hemisphere's tallest, longest, and fastest HyperCoaster. Amidst the thrilling rides, rub shoulders with beloved DC Super Heroes and notorious Super-Villains, creating unfotrgettable memories.

Don't miss out on this perfect fusion of aquatic wonders and cinematic adventures for an unforgettable day of fun and thrills.

Duration: Full Day | Fare Includes: Admission to both Sea World and Movie World

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Warners Bros. Movie World

Did you know? Opening it's doors in 1991, Warners Bros. Movie World remains the only movie-themed theme park in Australia. dolore magna aliquam erat volutpat. Ut wisi



Natural Arch Bridge

Gold Coast

Day 9-10 | Accommodation: Vibe Gold Coast

Day 9

GClassic - Gold Coast Hot Air Balloon Flight, Winery Breakfast (with photos!)

Capture incredible bird's eye view photos and revel in the sunrise as you float above the beautiful countryside in the peace and serenity of a hot air balloon.

Our experienced pilot will fly you over the stunningly lush Gold Coast Hinterland and Scenic Rim region for an experience like never before.

After we gently touch back down, you'll be driven a short distance to our exclusive vineyard and treated to a delicious spread of fresh pastries and fruits, sizzling bacon and eggs, plus cereals, juices, and of course, your glass of bubbles to toast the incredible morning!

BONUS!
Exclusive deals with
Gold Coast Hot Air
Ballooning and Arro Jet!

FREE Arro Jet Boat Ride
with Hot Air Balloon Flight!



Day 10

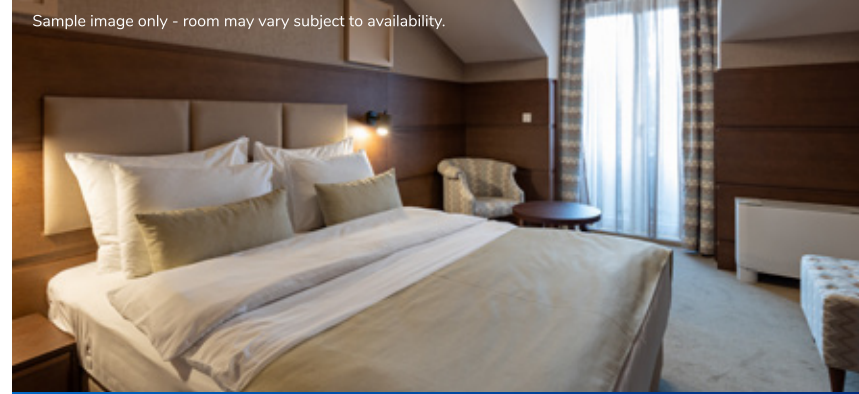
Departure from Gold Coast

Day 10 marks the departure from the Gold Coast as you bid farewell to the sun-kissed shores. Your journey begins with a convenient pick-up from your Gold Coast hotel, ensuring a smooth transition to Brisbane Airport for your onward flight.

Next Stop: Sydney

As you prepare to leave the vibrancy of the Gold Coast behind, we welcome you to the final destination of your Australian adventure – the iconic city of Sydney! Get ready to immerse yourself in the cosmopolitan charm, iconic landmarks, and endless possibilities that await you in Sydney.

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Main Beach - Gold Coast



Hot Air Balloon Flight



Sydney

Day 11-12 | Accommodation: Holiday Inn Darling Harbour

Day 11

Merlin Four Attraction Pass

Sydney Tower Eye

The Sydney Tower Eye, famously known by a myriad of names, has etched its presence into the iconic tapestry of Sydney's skyline for over three decades. It stands as a testament to the city's enduring spirit and innovation, a beacon that has guided both locals and visitors to new heights of exploration and wonder.

WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo

Embark on an incredible wildlife expedition, where you will come face to face with beloved and awe-inspiring creatures that inhabit Australia's diverse landscapes.

SEA LIFE Sydney

SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium stands as one of the globe's most expansive aquatic habitats, housing a staggering array of over 700 diverse species and 13,000 captivating animals within an impressive six million liters of water.

Madame Tussauds Sydney

Experience endless entertainment in the heart of Sydney's central business district at Madame Tussauds Sydney, where daily access invites visitors to interact with lifelike celebrity figures and engage with exciting new interactive elements. Located in Darling Harbour, it guarantees a day filled with enjoyment from start to finish.

Duration: 2hrs | Fare Included

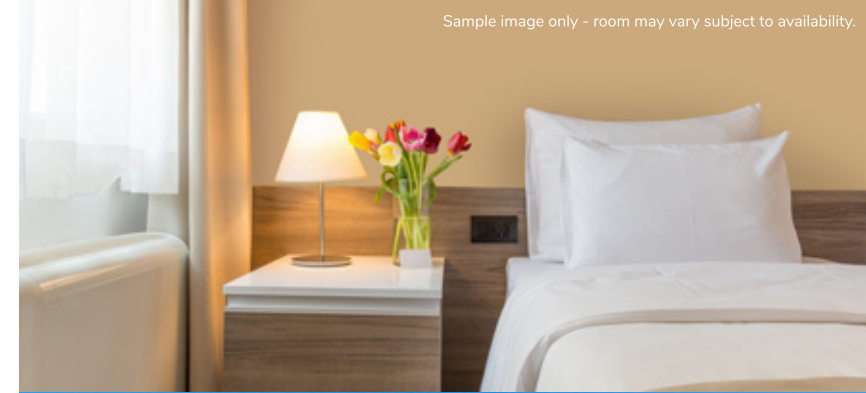
Sydney Opera House Tour

Unveil the legendary history and extraordinary secrets of the Sydney Opera House as you step inside. Beyond its iconic exterior lies a world of captivating spaces and stories waiting to be explored.

Delve into its controversial past, relive unforgettable performances, and glimpse into its exciting future. With each step, immerse yourself in the life, energy, and buzz of Australia's favorite building.

From close encounters with its magnificent architecture to firsthand insights, every moment offers a unique and breathtaking perspective. Prepare to be enchanted as you walk through the Sydney Opera House, discovering its allure up close and personal, leaving you spellbound by its timeless allure.

Duration: 1hr | Fare Includes: Admission for Sydney Opera House Tour | Tours run daily* (subject to availability)



Sydney Opera House

Did you know? There are more than 1 million roof tiles covering approximately 1.62 hectares sitting over the structure. They were made in Sweden!



Taronga Zoo



Sydney

Day 12-13 | Accommodation: Holiday Inn Darling Harbour

Day 12

Taronga Zoo Express with Captain Cook Cruise

Experience Taronga Zoo, Sydney's iconic wildlife sanctuary, conveniently located on the stunning Sydney Harbour. Hop on the Zoo Express for a delightful journey to the zoo, inclusive of return ferry ride and zoo entry. Skip the bus hassle with easy access from the Lower Zoo Entrance near the wharf or opt for a scenic route via public bus to the Main Entrance. Enjoy a day filled with captivating keeper presentations featuring seals, koalas, giraffes, and more. Departing daily from multiple locations, this adventure offers a seamless blend of convenience and wildlife exploration from 9:00 am onwards.

Duration: Full Day ! Fare Includes : Entry to Taronga Zoo , Sky Safari cable car (10am-3pm)

Sydney Harbor Heli Flight

Experience the breathtaking beauty of Sydney like never before on a thrilling 20-minute helicopter joy flight. Marvel at full panoramic vistas of Sydney's iconic landmarks, from the stunning eastern coastline with Coogee Beach and Bondi Beach to the majestic Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House.

Begin your adventure with a warm welcome and safety briefing before boarding. Capture memorable moments with your own camera as you soar above the glistening waters of Maroubra Beach and trace the coastline, soaking in the sights of Dover Heights, Vaucluse, and beyond. Your skilled pilot will guide you over Sydney Harbour, offering unrivaled views of its treasures, including Taronga Zoo, Watsons Bay, and Manly Cove.

Learn fascinating insights via Bose headsets as you fly past sporting arenas and return to the heliport, cherishing every moment of this unforgettable journey. harbour helicopter tour will leave you breathless! Great views all packed into a 20-minute helicopter joy flight.

Day 13

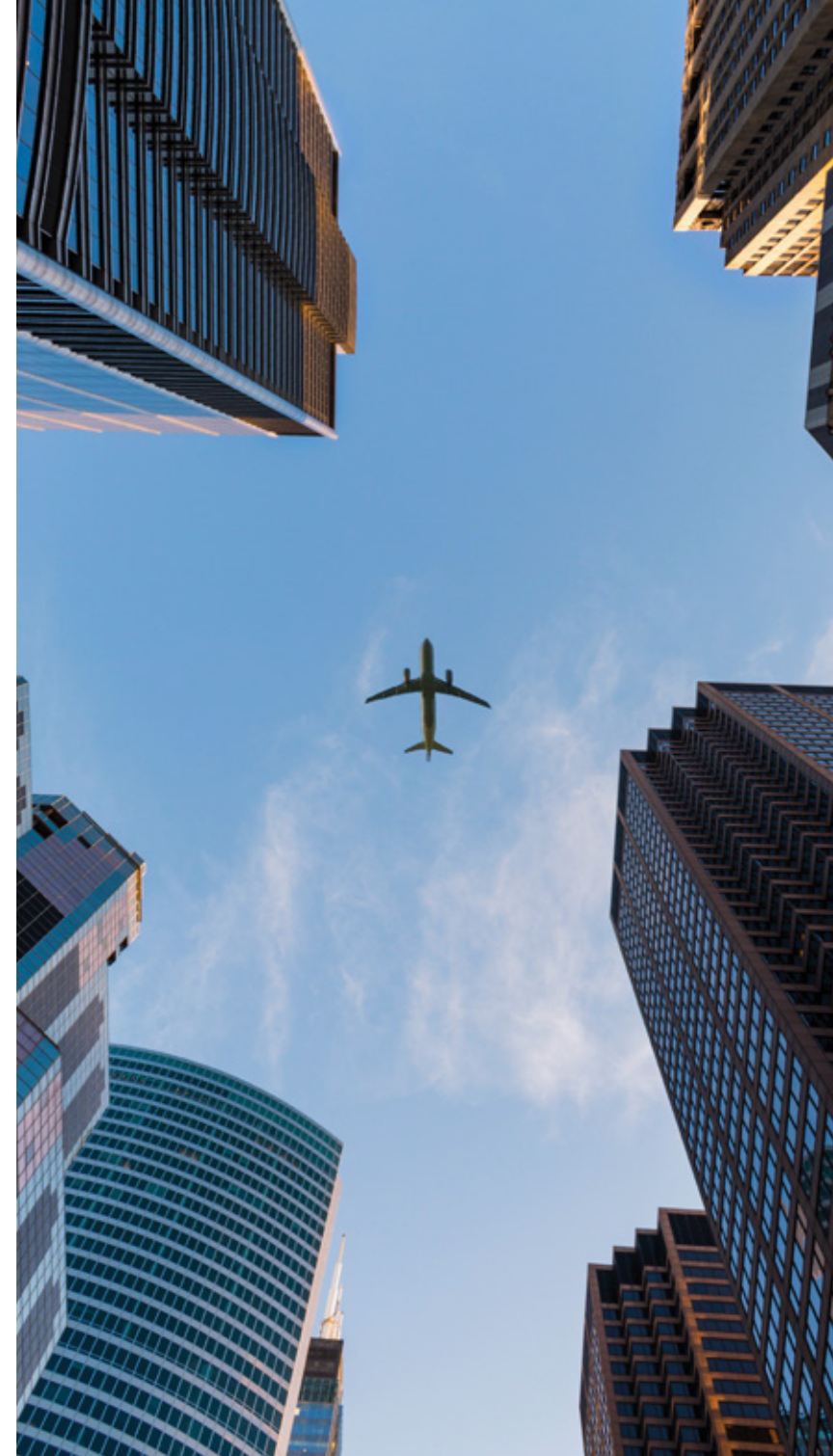
Departure from Sydney

Day 13 marks the conclusion of your unforgettable journey through Australia as we bid farewell to the vibrant city of Sydney.

As you prepare to depart, take a moment to reflect on the cherished memories and experiences you've gathered throughout your adventure Down Under. Pack up your belongings, but remember to carry with you the warmth of the Australian hospitality, the awe-inspiring landscapes, and the countless moments of joy and discovery.

Though your time in Australia may be ending, the memories you have created will continue to enrich your life for years to come.

Safe travels!



Exclusive Hotel Deals

Turtle Down Under is proud to share an extensive list of hotels across Australia and New Zealand, with fixed rates throughout the year exclusive only to our clients!

Australia

Melbourne

Crown Metropol Melbourne
Crown Promenade Melbourne
Mercure Southbank

Brisbane

Grand Chancellor Brisbane

Cairns

Mercure Cairns

Gold Coast

Vibe Gold Coast

Whitsundays

Daydream Island Resort

Perth

Crown Metropol Perth
Crown Promenade Perth
Mercure Perth on Hay

Sydney

ADGE Hotel and Residences
Holiday Inn Darling Harbour
Hyatt Regency
Ibis Sydney Central
Novotel Central City Centre

New Zealand

Auckland

Fable Auckland
President Hotel

Christchurch

Fable Christchurch

Queenstown

Heritage Queenstown

...and lots more to come!



Pricing

Travel Dates: Unitl 31st March 2025*

Blackout dates apply

Price Per Adult (AUD)*

Single Sharing	\$4443
Double Sharing	\$3183
Triple Sharing	\$3032

Price Per Child (AUD)*

Child - with bed	\$2594
Child - no bed	\$2140
Infant	N/A

Price valid until 30th September 2024*

*Conditions apply

Inclusions

- Hotel accomodation subject to availability | Hotel breakfast
- Tours and transfers on SIC (subject to package), park entry and tour guides
- Transfers to and from Airport (Extra 20 AUD charge PP for outer CBD drop)

Exclusions

- International and Domestic Air tickets | Australia Visa. | Travel Insurance.
- Meals, Laundry, telephone, optional excursions and other items of a personal nature. | Cost of foreign exchange for personal use.
- Any items or services not mentioned in the itinerary section.

Want to customise to your trip? **Get in touch!**

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