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Discover Australia & New Zealand



East Coast

Rainforest
Escape

Melbourne • Cairns • Sydney

TDU3758

9 days - 8 nights

Valid for travel until **31st March 2025**

Trip Overview

East Coast Rainforest Escape

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

Eureka Skydeck

Experience Melbourne from a whole new perspective at the highest observation deck in the Southern Hemisphere...

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

Continue your journey



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Day 4: Depart from Melbourne

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

Cairns

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

Day 5: 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

Seamless transfer from your Cairns hotel to Cairns Airport, get ready to dive into the final chapter of your adventure...

Continue your journey

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Sydney

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

Blue Mountains Sunset

Let the vibrant hues of the sky and the majestic silhouette of the mountains weave a mesmerizing scenery

Day 8: 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

Day 9: 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: Hotel Grand Chancellor / 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.

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

Eureka Skydeck

Experience Melbourne from a whole new perspective at the Melbourne Skydeck, the highest observation deck in the Southern Hemisphere, where the city unfolds before you from an altitude of nearly 300 meters. It is an unparalleled experience that takes you to new heights!

Duration: 1 Hour | Fare Includes - Admission to Melbourne Skydeck Experience

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

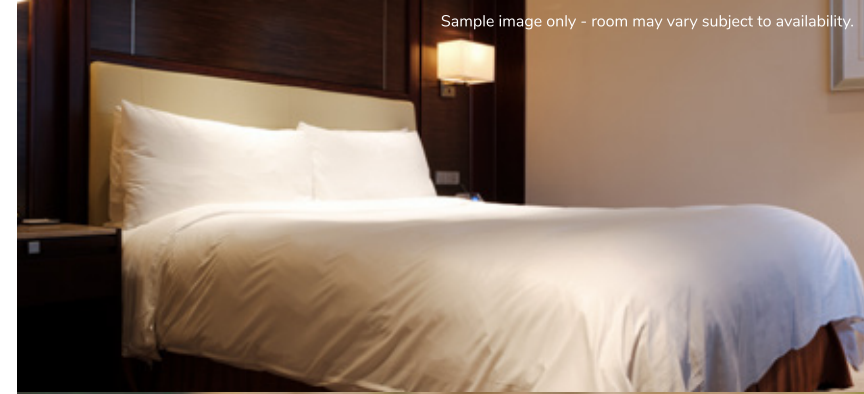
warm hues, an enchanting ritual unfolds, offering a mesmerizing experience.

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.



Eureka Skydeck



Melbourne

Day 3-4 | Accommodation: Hotel Grand Chancellor / 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.

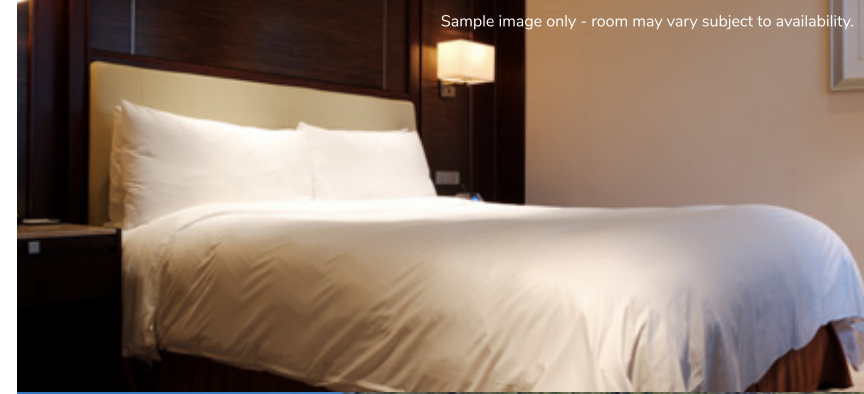
Day 4

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.



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 5-7 | Accommodation: Bay Village / Coral Tree Inn

Day 5

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 | Fare Includes: Admission to One Way Skyrail Experience & One Way Kuranda Scenic Railway with 1 way Transfers ex Cairns.

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 6

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

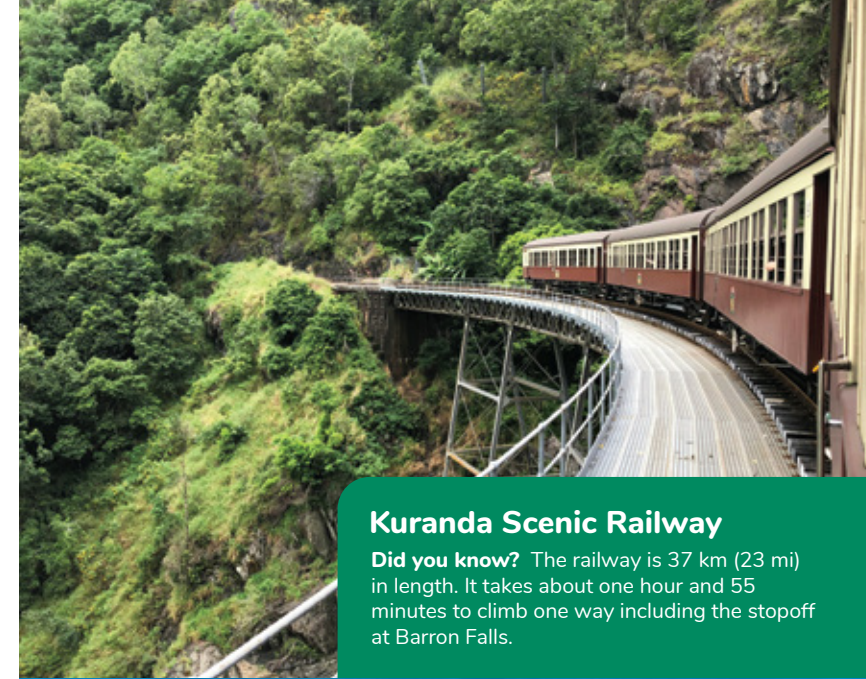
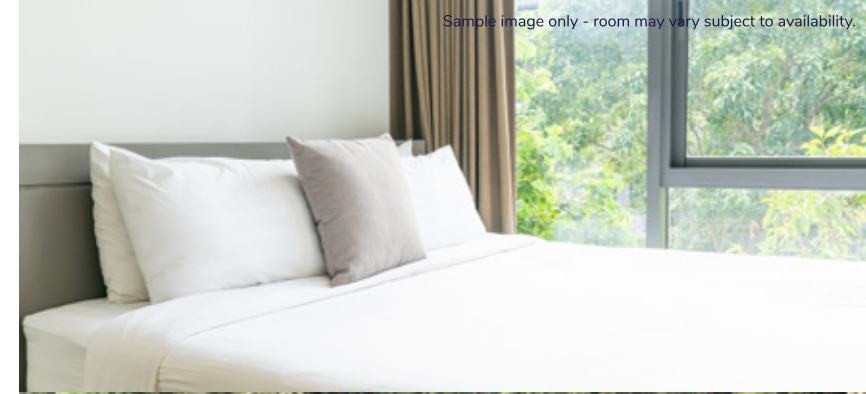
Pickup and Drop from Centrally Located Hotels
Duration: Approx 8 Hrs.

Experience a delightful cruise to the renowned Green Island, where you have time to discover its stunning

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.



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.



Green Island



Sydney

Day 7-9 | Accomodation: Holiday Inn Darling Harbour / Vibe Hotel Sydney

Next Stop: Sydney

As you prepare to leave the lush landscapes of Cairns 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.

Blue Mountains Sunset Without Crowds

As you settle into the vibrant energy of Sydney, we invite you to experience a truly magical moment with a private viewing of the Blue Mountain Sunset. Let yourself be captivated by the kaleidoscope of colors painting the sky as the sun dips below the horizon, casting a golden glow over the rugged terrain of the Blue Mountains.

Includes: Blue Mountains National Park at sunset, World Heritage Listed area, spectacular Three Sisters rock formation, guided bush walks along secret trails of a World Heritage Listed area, Jamison Valley, Wentworth Falls, Australian wildlife sightings.

Duration : Full Day | Pick up from selected hotels or nearby Pick up Point and Drop offs

Day 8

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.

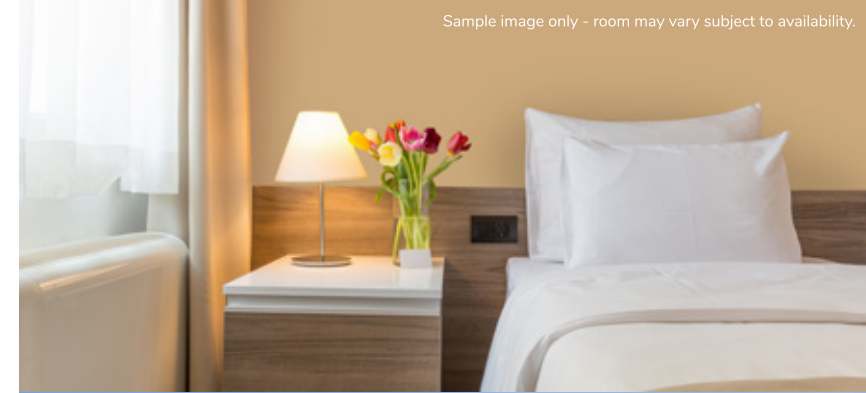
SEA LIFE Sydney

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



The Blue Mountains

Did you know? The Blue Mountains are about 10 times older than the Grand Canyon. The ancient rocks underneath the mountains are roughly 470 million years old.



Sea Life Aquarium

Pricing

Travel Dates: Unitl 31st March 2025*

Blackout dates apply

Price Per Adult (AUD)*

Single Sharing	\$2969
Double Sharing	\$1821
Triple Sharing	\$1714

Price Per Child (AUD)*

Child - with bed	\$1340
Child - no bed	\$1126
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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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!



Sydney

Day 7-9 | Accommodation: Holiday Inn Darling Harbour / Vibe Hotel Sydney

Day 9

Departure from Sydney

Day 9 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!

