

Day 1 - Arrive Brisbane

On arrival at Brisbane Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a 3-night stay. The remainder of your day is free to relax or explore the city at your leisure.

Accommodations: Emporium Hotel South Bank (Deluxe)

Day 2 - Brisbane (L)

Today, your culinary adventure begins in the heart of Brisbane's trendy James Street Precinct, a hub for gourmet food and wine. Here, you'll sample some of the city's finest offerings, starting with a visit to the renowned Agnes bakery, where you can delight your senses with their scrumptious pastries and artisanal bread. Next, indulge in a wine tasting at one of Australia's few urban micro-wineries, where you'll savor exquisite wines crafted from handpicked grapes sourced from top vineyards across the country. From there, proceed to the luxurious Calile Hotel, an oasis of style and sophistication. Indulge in a gourmet dining experience at their on-site restaurant, where talented chefs create tantalizing dishes using fresh, locally sourced ingredients. While you dine, sip on a refreshing cocktail by the hotel's stunning poolside, soaking in the chic atmosphere and warm Queensland sun. Complete your culinary adventure with a visit to Howard Smith Wharves, a stunning Brisbane Riverfront destination that offers breathtaking views of the city skyline. Unwind with a leisurely riverside drink at one of the precinct's stylish bars, as you take in the captivating panorama of the iconic Story Bridge and cityscape beyond.

Accommodations: Emporium Hotel South Bank (Deluxe)

Day 3 - Brisbane (B)

Today you have the opportunity to hand-feed kangaroos and see over 100 koalas and hundreds of other unique Aussie wildlife in the world's oldest and largest koala sanctuary. Then see why Brisbane is named in TIME Magazine's World's Greatest Places of 2023! 'Brissy' is the best city in the world to live with an energetic outdoor culture based around some of the world's best riverside parklands, winding river, stunning lookouts, unique 'Queenslander' architecture and 'city beach'. See and learn how Brisbane evolved from convict goal to the lifestyle capital of the world approaching 2.5 million and host of the 2032 Olympics.

Accommodations: Emporium Hotel South Bank (Deluxe)

Day 4 - Long Island (B,D)

This morning, transfer to Brisbane Airport for your flight to Hamilton Island (not included). On arrival you will transfer by helicopter to Long Island and the eco-friendly Elysian. Nestled into a private cove with a rocky beach, surrounded by national park rainforest and the turquoise waters of the Great Barrier Reef, Elysian is a blissful escape from the hustle and bustle of every-day life where the small personable team will seek to delight you with friendly 5-star service.

Accommodations: Elysian Luxury Eco Island Retreat (Deluxe)

Day 5-6 - Long Island (B,L,D)

Experience Paradise! Accommodating only 20 guests (adults only), relax in your romantic villa, explore the island or join one of the optional activities available. Spoil yourself with a treatment in the on-site Spa, explore the Great Barrier Reef or perhaps travel across to Whitehaven Beach to see the white silica sand beaches!

Accommodations: Elysian Luxury Eco Island Retreat (Deluxe)

Day 7- Sydney (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Hamilton Island by helicopter to connect with your flight to Sydney (not included). On arrival, you will be met and transferred to North Sydney for an amazing overnight stay at Wildlife Retreat at Taronga. Your stay at the Wildlife Retreat includes entry into the Zoo during Zoo hours on the day of arrival, during your stay and the day of check out. If you arrive before 2pm, the front desk team will be happy to hold your bags and provide you with a pass for entry into the Zoo to meet some of the incredible wildlife. At 3pm, guides will lead you on a journey where you can get close to some adorable Australian animals. Enjoy dinner this evening at Me-Gal before retiring to your room.

Accommodations: Wildlife Retreat at Taronga (Deluxe)

Day 8 - Sydney (B)

After a night spent listening to the bellow of koalas outside your window and to the sounds of our local lyrebird, wake up with the animals and enjoy an buffet breakfast at Me-Gal before a day of exploring the zoo. After breakfast and time at the zoo, transfer from Taronga to the Shangri-la Hotel Sydney for a 3-night stay.

Accommodations: Shangri-la Hotel Sydney (Deluxe)

Day 9 - Sydney (B,L)

Experience a 5-hour Sydney journey encompassing a citywide exploration, a delightful lunch at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia in Rushcutters Bay, and a visit to the iconic Bondi Beach. This adventure unveils Sydney's treasured gems, from the historic Rocks district, Royal Botanical Gardens, and Parliament House to Hyde Park Barracks, St Mary's Cathedral, Mrs. Macquarie's Chair, Sydney Harbour Bridge, and the Sydney Opera House. Your journey will also take you through Woollahroomooloo, Kings Cross, Oxford Street, and the charming suburbs of

Paddington, Double Bay, Rose Bay, Vaucluse, and Watsons Bay, with engaging commentary enhancing your experience throughout.

Accommodations: Shangri-la Hotel Sydney (Deluxe)

Day 10- Sydney (B,L)

Set sail on a luxurious Sydney Harbour cruise, where you'll dine at iconic harborside restaurants and uncover the harbor's beauty. Your voyage commences with a warm crew welcome as you board the luxury cruiser. Enjoy a variety of complimentary drinks. Cruise past landmarks like the Harbour Bridge and Opera House while the crew shares harbor history. Admire Woolloomooloo Bay, Double Bay, and Point Piper, home to Sydney's most expensive residences. Stop for an entrée at Doyles on the Beach at Watsons Bay before returning to the boat for the main course. Sail through Sydney Heads, explore Middle Harbour, and disembark for lunch at Balmoral Public Dining Room. Enjoy dessert and cheese platters while onboard. Your return journey takes you through Middle Harbour, showcasing Taronga Zoo and the Prime Minister's house. Weather permitting, there's a chance for a swim. This long lunch cruise offers a comprehensive view of Sydney Harbour's beauty, concluding around 3:30 pm.

Accommodations: Shangri-la Hotel Sydney (Deluxe)

Day 11- Depart Sydney (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Sydney Airport for your return flight to the US (not included).