

Day 1

Arrive Sydney

G'Day! You will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Duration 3 Nights

Accommodation

Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney

Day 2

Panoramic Sydney Sights and Harbour Cruise

Depart your hotel for an unforgettable Panoramic Sydney half day city sights tour. On tour you'll visit the historic Rocks area and hear early convict history. Enjoy magnificent views of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge. See the shopping heart of the city, QVB, Centre point. Visit Sydney's trendy new district Oxford Street. Travel through elegant Paddington with its terrace houses before arriving at the Pacific Ocean. See the superb coast cliff walk around Tamarama and Bronte. Travel on to famous Bondi Beach. Visit the beachfront promenade, enjoy a coffee or cool drink (at own cost). See bronzed Aussie lifesavers and Sydney's best panoramic view at Dover Heights. Return to Sydney via Double Bay, Kings Cross and Mrs Macquarie's Point for a final magical viewpoint over the harbour before returning to the city centre.

Treat yourself to Sydney Harbour's most sensational Cruise Like a Local Luncheon Cruise. A unique, four hour cruise experience. Enjoy the company of a small group aboard a 52 foot motor yacht. Your personal captain and host will share the rich history of Sydney Harbour and its foreshore as you take in the sites of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Sydney Opera House and the bays and coves of Sydney Harbour. Enjoy a 3 course BBQ lunch with regional wines, local beers and 5-star service. Immerse yourself in all the activities that a private vessel offers including, swimming, fishing and kayaking - or sit back, relax on the expansive sunbed and do nothing at all.

Meal Plan Lunch

Day 3

Tastings in the Hunter, A Wine Lover's Adventure

Your informative and knowledgeable guide will collect you from your Sydney hotel. Departing from the city, we travel north over the Sydney Harbour Bridge via the Gore Hill Freeway to join the Pacific Highway and then the F3 freeway. We will travel directly to the Hunter Valley, which is nestled in the lee of the Great Dividing Range. Enroute we will stop for a short restroom visit.

180 years young, this is Australia's oldest and best-known wine region and is soaked in history. It's a dynamic and fascinating area that brims with over 150 top-class wineries, 65 indulgent restaurants as well as gourmet produce and boutique breweries. Our first visit is to a 5-star winery nestled in the Mount View region of the Hunter Valley, a well-renowned viticulture area. Sample exquisite wines in your own private area.

From here we continue onto Leogate Estate. This opulent cellar door is the perfect place to enjoy that unique taste which only the Hunter Valley and their award-winning wines can provide. All wines produced from the great vines of one of the most highly regarded vineyards in Australia. Here we will enjoy a selection of cheeses to accompany the wine tasting, followed by a tour of the onsite winery to learn of the wine making process.

On conclusion of the tour, we enjoy a relaxing 2-course lunch (selection of platters, followed by dessert of choice) accompanied by a glass of wine. Further beverages can be purchased at own expense.

Our final stop today is at Tulloch Wines. For over 122 years, the Tulloch family has been passionate about producing hand crafted, premium wines made to enjoy. At Tulloch you don't just do a wine tasting, you have a wine experience. Here we will enjoy a delightful Wine & Chocolate Experience, a foray into the world of "degustation" that is easy to reproduce at home or with friends. You will experience the indulgence of Hunter Valley made artisan chocolate as you partner each one with the mouth-watering flavours of Tulloch Wines

From here we commence our return to Sydney to arrive back at your hotels approximately 5 - 5.30pm.

Meal Plan Lunch

Day 4

Sydney to Adelaide

Transfer to the Sydney Airport for your flight to Adelaide (Flight not included in price).

On arrival in Adelaide you will be transferred to your hotel.

The balance of the day is at leisure.

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation

Crowne Plaza Adelaide

Day 5

Best of the Barossa

Your journey begins with a city orientation tour. You travel through the scenic Torrens Gorge to the Barossa Valley. Perhaps you'll stop at a local bakery to taste the best of the fine German pastries. Travel over the Jacobs Creek for your first tasting of the fine wines at the Peter Lehmann winery. Then visit Torbreck wine cellars, a small winery with rustic charm, making wines in traditional Barossa methods. After, you'll stop for a stroll in the German town of Tanunda with time to discover the small shops. Before lunch take the picturesque drive up to Menglers Hill for an unsurpassed view over the entire Valley. Continue into historic Angaston - one of the more English villages in the Barossa. Lunch will be alfresco under the vines or at Vintners restaurant just out of Angaston. Your next stop may be Henschkes winery in Keyneton, a fifth generation German winery or the historic Yalumba, the biggest family run winery in Australia. If time permits you may visit small boutique producers such as Charles Melton or Turkey Flat.

Meal Plan Lunch

Day 6

Kangaroo Island

Take a walk through Red Gum forest along the Cygnet River valley - seek out koalas sleeping in the forks of the trees. Travel through some of the best wool-producing areas on the Island to a conservation park on the north coast. Here, you explore the habitat of Kangaroo Island kangaroos, tammar wallabies and the endangered glossy black cockatoo.

Visit Stokes Bay where local holiday homes are clustered in a protected cove - one of the locals favourite beaches. Break for a delicious seafood barbecue lunch at a private bush lunch site - King George whiting, haloumi, grilled potatoes and a fresh garden salad served with a choice of local wines. At Seal Bay Conservation Park walk with your guide on a private interpretive tour of a colony of Australian sealions on a beautiful sandy beach. Watch pups nursing, or playing in the surf, see old bulls bearing the scars of territorial disputes and learn of their unique breeding biology.

Meal Plan Lunch and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation

Aurora Ozone Hotel

Day 7

Kangaroo Island

Today, you will visit Flinders Chase National Park. The park is a 74,000 hectare (190,000 acre) wilderness which covers the entire west end of the Island. Visit Rocky River Homestead - originally a small farm and

now the Park headquarters. This park has a fascinating place in the history of wildlife and wilderness conservation and many tangible elements of this still remain.

At Cape du Couedic on the south-west tip, visit a fur seal colony which is rapidly expanding. These animals can be observed at rest on the rocks or frolicking in the surf under Admirals Arch - a spectacular coastal grotto. On the headland above is Cape du Couedic Lighthouse which plays an important role in navigation.

Further down the coast explore Remarkable Rocks, huge natural granite sculptures on the cliff top which look like a meeting of the minds of Henry Moore and Salvador Dali. Lunch today is an elegant picnic on the cliff tops or in the bush before heading east to Kelly Hill Conservation Park. Here, a story of solitude and remote lifestyles sees former sheep pastures enjoyed by grazing kangaroos.

Return to Kingscote in time to connect with the return flight to Adelaide.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation

Crowne Plaza Adelaide

Day 8

Adelaide to Cradle Mountain

Transfer to the Adelaide airport for the flight to Launceston in Tasmania.

Pick up your car at Launceston and continue your journey.

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation

Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge

Day 9

Cradle Mountain

Today is at leisure to explore the Cradle Mountain National Park

Day 10

Cradle Mountain to Melbourne

Return to Launceston and drop-off your car before boarding the short flight to Melbourne (Flight not included in price).

On arrival at Melbourne you will be transferred to the hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure.

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation

Crown Promenade Hotel

Day 11

Lanes and Arcades Tour

Have you ever been to a city and wondered what all the fuss was about? Or wasted time trying to find that cool local café you were told of, and ended up missing everything? Melbourne's arcades and laneways hide many of these answers. Join this indulgent afternoon walk through Melbourne's beautiful back streets, and get orientated in the life of the city that locals love. Discover artisanal and specialty retailers, that often are only found in the city. Some of the quirkiest cafes, independent designers, street art, architecture, and historical tales are found in these walkways. Soak in the city via all your senses, and engage with passionate creatives. There is something for everyone, locals and visitors alike.

Day 12

Kangaroos and Koala's in the Wild

Walk through natural bushland to meet wild koalas, then learn about each one's history and social life from your Wildlife Guide and Koala Researcher. Help remove Boneseed (a weed) and make a difference to koala habitat. Join wild mobs of Kangaroos on the plains and in open forests. Their natural instinct is to flee humans, but with care you often get close enough to take photographs and observe their complex social life. While you walk, help your Guide record sightings of all native wildlife.

The natural environments you visit are also home to parrots, fairy-wrens, emus, honeyeaters, possums, wallabies and lizards. Your Wildlife Guide will help you understand them, and teach you how to find and enjoy them without disturbing their natural behaviour - techniques that will be useful to you wherever you go. A substantial picnic lunch is included.

Dinner is at the local Pub, a real Aussie experience!

Meal Plan Lunch and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation

Little River Bed and Breakfast

Day 13

Great Ocean Road

See some of the world's most spectacular coastal scenery. Follow the Great Ocean Road to the surging surf coast, and walk in the magnificent rainforests of the Otway National Park. Your Wildlife Guide will explain the formation of these mighty forests. Travel through Port Campbell National Park, looking out for echidnas, wallabies, lizards and colourful birds which make their home in the coastal heathlands. Linger a while to take in some of nature's handiwork at the Twelve Apostles and the Loch Ard Gorge. Hear stories about the terrible shipwrecks of the past.

Meal Plan Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation

Loch Ard Bed and Breakfast

Day 14

Western Plains to Melbourne

This morning have one last look at the coast in the dramatic morning light before returning to Melbourne across the vast grasslands of the Western Plains. Created by intense volcanic activity over the past 2 million years, the 7000 volcanoes of the Western Plains are now extinct but the resultant savannah is pasture to a rich wool growing area - a wonderful example of Australia's great range lands. Stop en route to drive to the top of an extinct volcano with spectacular views across the plains. From the summit you see some of the hundreds of volcanic lakes scattered across the plains. Later you pass Lake Corangamite, the largest permanent lake in Australia, often covered with prolific birdlife. Return to Melbourne in the late afternoon.

Meal Plan Breakfast and Lunch

Duration 1 Night

Accommodation Crowne Plaza Melbourne

Day 15

Depart Melbourne

The day is at leisure (Melbourne is great for shopping) until you are transferred to your onward travel arrangements.