

Australia's East Coast Adventure

Sydney-Brisbane-Cairns

11 days / 10 nights

From
\$2489

Per person - double occupancy
For a stay between January 4 and January 26, 2023

For first timers to Australia, this 11-day tour will give you a great introduction to 3 lovely cities. You will experience just a few of the activities available in each city highlighting what makes each one unique.

Sydney:

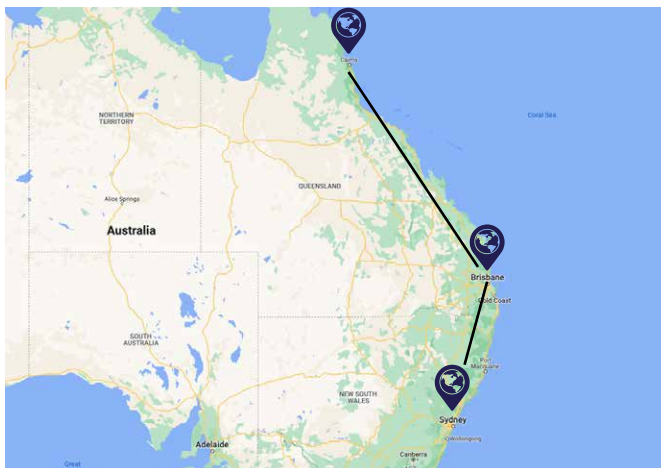
Probably best known is Sydney, which is the first stop on many Australian itineraries, and for good reason. It's an inviting blend of the exhilarating and easygoing. You can find excitement in the city, but with a short drive you'll hit the golden sand of beaches like Bondi and Manly. And with endless nature at its doorstep, Sydney is the starting point for day trips offering fresh air, unique flavours and locals who know a thing or two about living life to the fullest.



Brisbane:

Queensland's riverside capital city continues to boom. The city's most famous resident, the Brisbane River, winds its way through the city centre. Dividing Brisbane into two parts, the region may well best be navigated by its proximity to this watery stretch.

Courtesy of its 283 days of sunshine on average, and year-round warm climate, Queenslanders favour being outside where possible. The population regularly descends on the bevy of open-air markets strewn throughout town, including the Brisbane City Markets in Radcliffe Place, and public green spaces like the recently redeveloped Roma Street Parkland and New Farm Park, where picnics are popular.



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Cairns:

Cairns is the gateway to the Tropical North Queensland region.

Whether it's snorkelling through coral gardens, flying over the infinite blues or sailing to tropical islands, there's an adventure reserved for you on the world's largest living organism (that you can see from space), the Great Barrier Reef.

Ever explored a 100-million-year-old rainforest? Escape the city and explore the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wet Tropics. A place so big in size it makes up 0.12% of Australia, it's both accessible and diverse, from the easy walk to the famous Curtain Tree Fig to the longer hike to cool off in Nandroya Falls.

Choose to cruise above the rainforest canopy on Skyrail, meet unique wildlife at Rainforestation, Kuranda Koala Gardens, or Cairns Aquarium, or visit the new Munro Martin Park and Cairns Performing Arts Precinct in the central business district of the city.



Day 1: Sydney Arrival

After clearing custom and collecting your luggage, your transfer will be waiting outside the arrivals area and will transfer you to the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight: Sydney

Day 2: Sydney

For your first full day in Sydney, this 5-hour small group tour of Sydney will help you learn about Sydney and its many interesting and historic areas. The first area is the historic Rocks precinct highlighting the birthplace of Sydney and where you will explore convict-built cottages, pubs and the first church in Australia.

From Mrs. Macquarie's Chair by the water's edge, there is a short walk along the harbour's edge with great views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House.

Back on the coach again you travel to Woolloomooloo, Kings Cross and into Rushcutters Bay where you stop to enjoy a lunch at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia Australia's premier yacht club. After lunch, travel through Darling Point, Double Bay, Rose Bay before arriving in Sydney's most famous beach – Bondi. Here you will have some time to soak up the atmosphere of this beachside Mecca. Stroll down the esplanade with the locals and maybe enjoy an ice cream before re-boarding your vehicle. At the end of the tour, you will be taken back to your hotel with the rest of the day at leisure.

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Day 3: Sydney – Hunter Valley

Today, enjoy a day in the countryside with a full-day, all-inclusive getaway to the Hunter Valley.

180 years young, the Hunter Valley 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. On arrival into the valley, the first stop will be the Binnorie Dairy, one of Australia's premiere soft cheese producers. Here you can sample a selection of cheeses made onsite and, the opportunity to purchase.

Next, visit 2 premium boutique wineries where you have an opportunity to taste a range of wines including those from Wandin Estate, Audrey Wilkinson, Leogate Winery, Bimbadgen Estate, Tulloch Wines, and Hunters Dream Estate.

Lunch will be served at the Wine House, a one stop cellar door and restaurant showcasing over 40 wines from a range of boutique winemakers. You will taste an array of local produce with a grazing board accompanied by a wine to match.

After lunch the final stop of the day is at Hunter Distillery, the only certified organic distillery in the Hunter Valley Wine Region. Locally owned and operated, they produce an exceptional range of top shelf spirits including Gin, Vodka's, Liqueurs, Schnapps, and their award winning Copperwave Distilled Gin. You will be returned to your hotel by about 5:30pm.

Overnight: Sydney

Day 4: Sydney

Today is a free day for you to explore this beautiful city on your own. Enjoy a day on the water with a harbour cruise or just relax at one of the many outdoor restaurants.

Overnight: Sydney

Day 5: Sydney – Brisbane

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Brisbane (air ticket not included). After collecting your luggage in Brisbane, your transfer driver will be waiting in the arrivals area. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight: Brisbane



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Day 6: Brisbane

Explore the historical sights of Brisbane, Australia's third largest city and Queensland's capital, with its innovative and vibrant CBD on this 6-hour tour with trained tour guide. From a trendy café club culture to thriving shops and 19th century sandstone buildings. Enjoy a relaxing river cruise, a guided walk in Southbank Parklands, before arriving at the world's oldest & largest Koala Sanctuary. Get close and personal with Australia's cutest marsupials with daily activities and shows available. Return to Brisbane with the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Brisbane

Day 7: Brisbane - Cairns

Today, you say farewell to this River City as you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Cairns (air ticket not included). After collecting your luggage, you will be transferred to your hotel with the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Cairns



Day 8: Cairns - Kuranda

Today's full day tour is a must while in Cairns. It combines a one-way scenic rail journey aboard the Kuranda train with a cultural experience at Rainforestation and finally a gondola ride back to the base of the mountain.

The Kuranda Rail is one of the world's most scenic rail routes passing through hand-hewn tunnels and over bridges spanning spectacular gorges. In Kuranda village there will be time for you to explore the many shops and Heritage Markets.

Rainforestation is set in 40 hectares of lush gardens and tropical rainforest where several unique attractions await you. Board the unusual amphibious Army Duck for a different look at the rainforest. An experienced guide will show you unique tropical fruits, ancient rainforest plants and point out several native animals as you wander through the rainforest.

Join the Dreamtime Walk for an insight into ancient Aboriginal Culture. The Pamagirri Dancers perform a range of native dances, in the Rainforest Amphitheatre, that reflects their humour and excitement of their culture. A delicious BBQ lunch is included before visiting the Koala & Wildlife Park.

Once you board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway you will be amazed as you journey over and through World Heritage protected Rainforest. You will have time at both Red Peak and Barron Falls stations for spectacular views from the lookouts.

Return to your hotel at the end of the day.

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Day 9: Cairns

Today is a free day to explore Cairns on your own. Some options include a visit to the laneway bar Three Wolves to taste one of the 50 types of whiskey, or check out Prawn Star, a prawn trawler turned floating restaurant that serves some of the freshest local prawns and seafood in the city. Looking for some exercise – there are free outdoor exercise classes held six mornings a week along the Esplanade. Choose from aqua aerobics in the lagoon, Zumba, yoga, pilates, boxing, beach volleyball and more. Or simply relax at the sparkling Esplanade Lagoon. There may be no beach in Cairns, but the 4800 square meter saltwater pool is a great substitute and is lined with parks, shady banyan trees, boardwalks, and barbecues.

Overnight: Cairns

Day 10: Cairns – Great Barrier Reef

Your Barrier Reef excursion commences with a 90-minute catamaran journey from the pier in Cairns to the all-weather pontoon on the Reef. Shortly after arrival, a hot and cold buffet lunch will be served. The breathtaking location is a truly once in a lifetime experience that includes snorkelling in a sheltered coral lagoon, scuba diving, and/or a guided Snorkel Safari by an esteemed Marine Biologist.

If simply relaxing and soaking up the tropical warmth is more your style, then take time out on the spacious sundeck.

At the end of the day, the catamaran returns to Cairns, and you will be transferred back to your hotel.

Overnight: Cairns

Day 11: Cairns Departure

Today, you say farewell to this tropical paradise as you are transferred to the airport for your flight.



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The Package Includes:

- All required transfers in Sydney, Brisbane, and Cairns
- 10 nights' accommodation: 4 nights Sydney, 2 nights Brisbane, 4 nights Cairns, as selected
- Half-day Essential Sydney Tour
- Tastings in the Hunter Valley Tour including wine tastings and a 2 course lunch
- Best of Brisbane Day Tour including morning tea
- Kuranda Rail, Rainforestation and Skyrail Tour with lunch
- Full Day Great Barrier Reef Cruise with lunch

The Package Does Not Include:

- Domestic or international flights
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities
- Meals or beverages, unless mentioned in the inclusions

3.5* hotels :

Rates 11 days / 10 nights

Sydney: Park Regis City Center – Standard Room
Brisbane: Grand Chancellor – Deluxe Room
Cairns: Cairns Plaza Hotel – Standard Room

Dates	Per person Single Occupancy	Per person Double Occupancy
October 8 – December 7, 2022	\$3,829	\$2,575
December 16 – December 26, 2022	\$3,559	\$2,489
January 4 – January 26, 2023	\$3,559	\$2,489
February 1 – March 31, 2023	\$3,749	\$2,589

4* hotels :

Rates 11 days / 10 nights

Sydney: Mantra 2 Bond Street – Executive Studio Apartment
Brisbane: Voco Brisbane – Standard Room
Cairns: Double Tree Inn by Hilton – Guest Room

Dates	Per person Single Occupancy	Per person Double Occupancy
October 8 – December 7, 2022	\$4,990	\$3,359
December 16 – December 26, 2022	\$4,865	\$3,145
January 4 – January 26, 2023	\$4,719	\$3,069
February 1 – March 31, 2023	\$4,755	\$3,159

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