

Australia's Reef and Rock

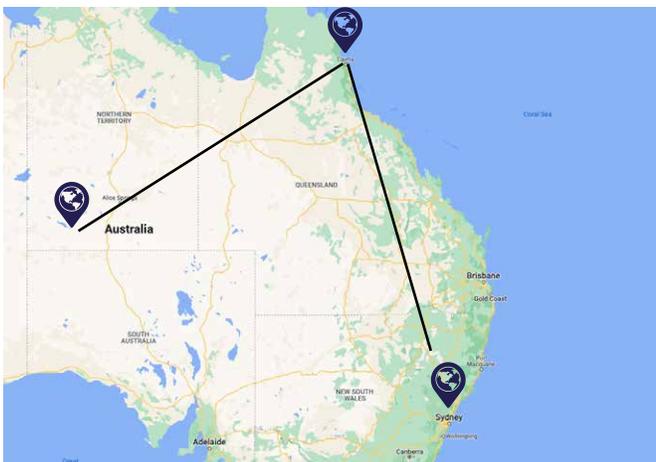
Sydney-Cairns-Ayers Rock

11 days / 10 nights

From
\$3045

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

Explore some of the major sites of this land Downunder on this 11-day tour. Spend 4 nights in beautiful Sydney with its stunning harbour – check out the beaches, learn the history of the first settlers to arrive in this area – see the famous bridge and opera house and head inland for a tour to Hunter Valley Wine Country. Travel north to Cairns and the Great Barrier. Ride on an historic train and take a cable car over the tropical rainforest for views over the Coral Sea. Finally, spend 2 nights in Ayers Rock and take a camel to view a stunning sunrise over “the Rock”. Finally enjoy a delicious dinner in the silence of wide-open spaces.



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

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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.

Overnight: Sydney



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.

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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 – Cairns

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

Overnight: Cairns

Day 6: 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. **L**

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Day 7: 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 8: 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 9: Cairns – Ayers Rock

Today, you say farewell to this tropical paradise as you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Ayers Rock (air ticket not included). You will meet your driver in the arrivals area for the transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure before your pick-up time for the Sounds of Silence Dinner

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Day 10: Ayers Rock

It is an early start this morning as you ride your friendly camel for one hour through the desert landscape as dawn breaks over Uluru and Kata Tjuta. Watch the desert come to life and learn about the flora and fauna along the trail from your knowledgeable cameleer. After the ride enjoy some freshly baked beer bread damper with quandong jam and a cup of tea or freshly brewed coffee. Take some time to explore the camel museum and gift shop before returning to your hotel.

Later in the afternoon, you are booked on a 15-minute Heli-flight around Ayers Rock so you can see how this giant monolith stands out in the flat and stark surroundings of the desert.

The rest of the day is at leisure for you to relax at your hotel or wander around town. There are some interesting shops where you can find unique souvenirs to take home.

Overnight: Ayers Rock

Day 11: Ayers Rock Departure

Your adventure ends as you are transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



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The Package Includes:

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

- Half-day day Camel to Sunrise Tour with a light breakfast
- Sounds of Silence Dinner including dinner, beer, and wine
- 15-minute Heli-flight over Ayers Rock

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
Cairns: Cairns Plaza Hotel – Standard Room
Ayers Rock: Desert Gardens Hotel – Garden view Room

Dates	Per person Single Occupancy	Per person Double Occupancy
October 8 – December 7, 2022	\$4,699 CAD	\$3,219 CAD
December 16 – December 26, 2022	\$4,259 CAD	\$3,045 CAD
January 4 – January 26, 2023	\$4,259 CAD	\$3,045 CAD
February 1 – March 31, 2023	\$4,405 CAD	\$3,119 CAD

4* hotels :

Rates 11 days / 10 nights

Sydney: Mantra 2 Bond Street – Executive Studio Apartment
Brisbane: Double Tree Inn by Hilton – Guest Room
Ayers Rock: Sails in the Desert – Superior Room

Dates	Per person Single Occupancy	Per person Double Occupancy
October 8 – December 7, 2022	\$4,379 CAD	\$3,825 CAD
December 16 – December 26, 2022	\$5,315 CAD	\$3,569 CAD
January 4 – January 26, 2023	\$5,499 CAD	\$3,569 CAD
February 1 – March 31, 2023	\$5,499 CAD	\$3,660 CAD

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