

Explore the East Coast of Australia

Escorted tour from Sydney - Cairns

12 days / 11 nights

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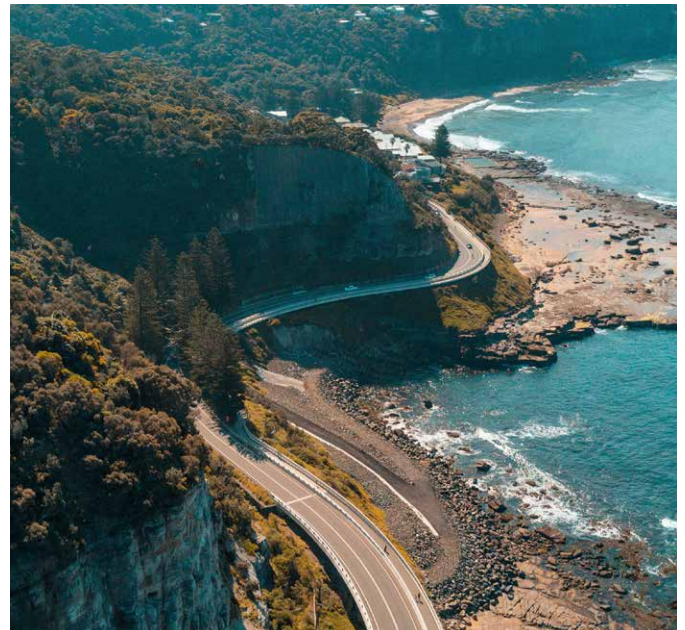
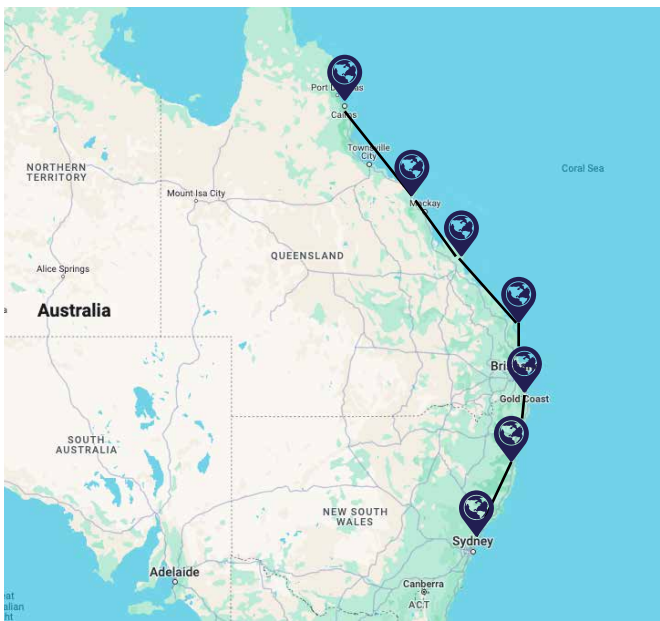
Per person/Double occupancy/Land package
Departure: Sep.9, Oct.7, Nov.4, 2024

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Day 1: Sydney – Coffs Harbor

This morning, it is time to head north toward Cairns. The first overnight is in the lovely town of Coffs Harbor located on the mid-north Coast New South Wales. This area has some of the state's most impressive beaches. Meals: Dinner

Overnight: BreakFree Aanuka Beach Resort 4* Coffs Harbor



Day 2: Coffs Harbor – Gold Coast

Australia's most easterly point is the stuff that postcards were made for, as you'll discover when you reach the Cape Byron Lighthouse standing proud over the Pacific Ocean. Dolphins are a common sight year-round, and they're joined by whales during migration. Day at leisure. Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Novotel Surfers Paradise 4*

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Day 3: Gold Coast

Your base in Surfers Paradise is the heart of the Gold Coast, a city that really sparkles. Today you might choose to explore beaches (there are too many to count), lingering in light-filled cafés and restaurants. Or enlist to see another side of the 'Goldie' in the Mt. Tamborine hinterland – a hub for creatives and foodies. The city also breaks records for its extensive network of canals, which you might opt to explore on a leisurely cruise. Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Novotel Surfers Paradise, 4*

Day 4: Gold Coast - Fraser Island

Follow the waves north to Hervey Bay, the gateway to K'gari (Fraser Island). The ferry ride across the strait is a highlight, particularly during whale migration when these gentle giants come to the calm, protected waters to calve. Landing on K'gari, expect to see a lot of sand. This is, after all, the world's largest sand island and the only place in the world where rainforest grows from the sand. Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Kingfisher Bay Resort 4*, Fraser Island

Day 5: Fraser Island

The island also has a long sand highway, which you'll get to zip along on a 4WD tour across 75 Mile Beach, all the way up the east coast to the Pinnacles Colored Sands, calm Eli Creek and the Maheno shipwreck, which offers quite the photo opportunity. Just when you thought the island couldn't get any prettier, Lake

McKenzie appears on the horizon, a dazzling patch of blue formed only with rainwater. It's a hard act to follow, but the ancient rainforest at Central Station and Wanggoolba Creek lives up to the challenge with its huge satiny, scribbly gum and kauri trees. Meals: Breakfast and lunch

Overnight: Kingfisher Bay Resort 4*, Fraser Island

Day 6: Fraser Island – Rockhampton

Back on the mainland you're in Queensland's cattle country. Case in point Langmorn Station, where the Creed family will welcome you with afternoon tea and a tour of the immense (and historic) cattle property – the original family homestead was built in 1873. The Creeds will regale you with stories about life on the land. The theme continues as you cross the Tropic of Capricorn to arrive in Rockhampton, the beef capital of Australia. Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Quality Regent 4*

Day 7: Rockhampton - Airlie Beach

Another town with an impressive title is Sarina, Australia's sugar capital. If you've ever wanted to know how sugar cane is processed and distilled, you'll find the guided tour at the Sarina Sugar Shed a sweet addition to the itinerary. And yes, you get to sample the wares. Continue, on a high, to Airlie Beach, the gateway to the Whitsundays. Life moves at a leisurely pace here. Fall into step and take things slow tonight. Meals: Breakfast and lunch

Overnight: Mantra Club Croc 3*, Airlie Beach

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Day 8: Airlie Beach Free Time

The Whitsunday Islands need little introduction, the 74 tropical drops of land a beguiling union of powdery beaches and rainforest, all ringed by the Coral Sea. There are endless ways to explore this part of the Great Barrier Reef – today, we’re letting you choose. Perhaps rise early for an optional helicopter ride over Heart Reef. Or catch a catamaran to Whitehaven Beach, with sand so high in silica it squeaks underfoot. Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Mantra Club Croc 3*, Airlie Beach

Day 9: Airlie Beach - Cairns

After all the excitement of yesterday, today it’s time to relax and enjoy the scenery – more sugar cane fields and rolling green paddocks, all framed by the ocean and rainforest-clad mountains. Stretch your legs en route to Cairns and soak up this steamy part of the state. Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: DoubleTree by Hilton 4*, Cairns

Day 10: Cairns

The Cairns Esplanade is a hive of activity in the morning, with active locals out before the humidity of the day sets in. Keep pace, before cooling off in the Atherton Tablelands, a high tropical plateau of rainforest, including the heritage listed Curtain Fig Tree. And waterfalls, like Millaa Millaa Falls, where enormous iridescent Ulysses butterflies like to dance. Explore Kuranda before getting some perspective

on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, high above the canopy of the Barron Gorge National Park. Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: DoubleTree by Hilton 4*, Cairns

Day 11: Great Barrier Reef

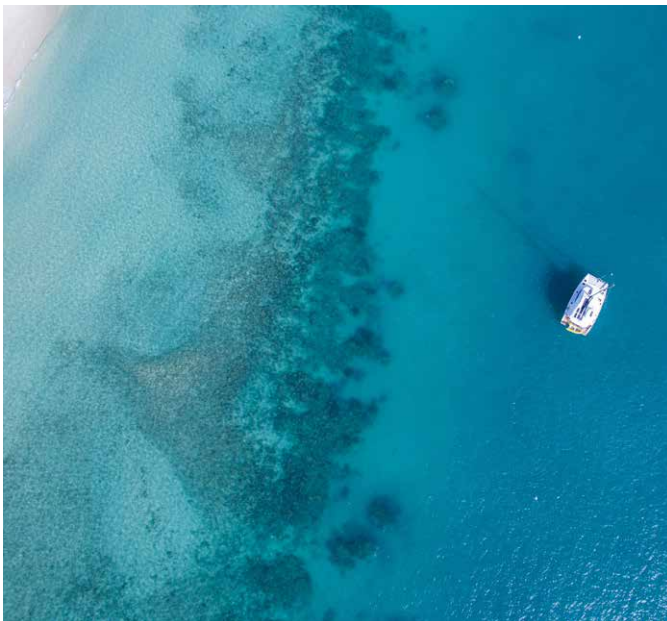
Just when you thought your outlook couldn’t get any better, you’re zipping over the Great Barrier Reef on a high-speed catamaran. Snorkel with six of the world’s sea turtles bobbing over fans of coral, as well as so many fish you won’t know where to look. If you prefer to keep your head above water, the marine world can also be glimpsed from an underwater observatory and glass-bottom boat. Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and farewell dinner

Overnight: DoubleTree by Hilton 4*, Cairns

Day 12: Cairns Departure

Today, you say farewell to the beautiful East Coast of Australia as you are transferred to the airport for your departure flight. Meals: Breakfast

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The Package Includes:

- Shared arrival and departure transfers
- 1 night accommodation in Coffs Harbor
- 2 nights accommodation in Surfers Paradise
- 2 nights accommodation on Fraser Island
- 1 night accommodation in Rockhampton
- 2 nights accommodation on Hamilton Island
- 1 night accommodation in Mission Beach
- 2 nights accommodation in Cairns
- 11 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner and 1 farewell dinner
- Tour by luxury air-conditioned coach
- Services of an experienced professional Tour Director and Tour Driver
- Hotel portage
- Touring as per the itinerary

The package does not include:

- International and domestic air flights
- Meals and beverages, unless otherwise mentioned
- Gratuities
- Personal expenses

Departure Dates:

2024: September 9, October 7, November 4

2025: January 6, February 3, March 3

Land package 12 days / 11 nights, price per person in double occupancy

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