

INTRODUCTION TO AUSTRALIA

"Australia" derives its name from the Latin word Australis, meaning "Southern". The smallest continent of the world it has varied landscape from endless sun-kissed mountains to dense rainforest to cool southern beaches. Scattered along the coasts, Australian cities are a blend of European enthusiasm for artistic exploits with a laid-back affection of outdoors. Visitors will have to re-think their grasp of geography in this huge country. It is this sheer vastness that gives Australia and its diverse population a unique place in our world.

With so many contrasts attractions, visiting Australia is like visiting many different lands seamlessly rolled in one. While some find the majestic 2600 kms long Great Barrier Reef the perfect reason to spend time pondering over the varied charms of mother nature others pursue their athletic ambitions by opting for the varied sports available here. Incidentally, the Reef can be seen from outer space and is the world's biggest single structure made by living organisms.

While various stories have surfaced time and again about the discovery of Australia, most believe that the Aborigines were the first discoverers of this land. They may have either walked or sailed here from Asia over 60,000 years ago and arrived at a time when the northern parts of Australia had a hot humid tropical climate much like that of Asia today. Perhaps the Aborigines were only beginning to sow the seeds of a great tradition of exploration for other great explorers like Capt. Cook and Abel Tasman who came to this great land later.

The East Coast with its treasures awaits you as Australia beckons the explorer in you.

WONDERFUL AUSTRALIA

Nothing is quite like a holiday on Australia's East Coast. Combine beautiful beaches, quaint hinterland towns, theme parks, shopping and adventure activities and you get an experience like no other. Travel through some of the most famous places and breathtaking sites in Gold Coast, Cairns, Sydney and Melbourne. Here in Australia, there simply aren't any dull moments, just great experiences.

Day 1 : Brisbane, Gold Coast

On arrival at Brisbane International Airport, our representative will welcome you and drive you to the Gold Coast.

Here at the Gold Coast discover how all Australians love to live with miles of **surf beach, lush green rainforest**, world-class golfing greens and **world-famous theme parks**.

Gold Coast is sometimes referred to as the **theme capital of Australia** and you can have loads of fun in various themes. You can also feel pleasantly intimidated looking at the magnificent high rise buildings set against the magnificent natural background. Evenings are even more romantic at the Gold Coast with a number of places offering tastes from around the world.

Check in to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.
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Day 2 : Gold Coast

We proceed to spend the day at **Gold Coast's most spectacular marine theme park the "Sea World"**.

The Sea World includes rides, animal exhibits and other attractions, and promotes conservation through education and through the rescue and rehabilitation of sick, injured or orphaned wildlife.

Various aquariums at Sea World depict **Australian aquatic habitats**. Australian native animal exhibits include seals, rescued injured **pelicans, dugongs** and Australia's **tiny Little Penguins (Fairy Penguins)**, the smallest penguin species in the world. Sea World also has highly trained **dolphins and sea lions** that perform in circus-like acts. The **dolphin shows** are intended to excite audiences as the dolphins leap metres out of the water in unison. By 2006 Sea World already had three polar bears in the "**Polar Bear Shores**" exhibit, with the aim of providing the bears stimulation through an enriched, naturalistic environment including things like **deep water, logs, gravel for digging**, a variety of foods and even **simulated rain**.

In 2004, the park opened "Shark Bay". This system of artificial lagoons allows sharks to be viewed from both above water and underwater. Sharks exhibited include large and potentially dangerous tiger sharks and bull sharks.

Overnight at the hotel.
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Day 3 : Gold Coast

We proceed to spend the day at **Warner Brothers 'Movie World'**.

Experience the magic and excitement of a world where everyone's a star at Warner Bros. Movie World on the Gold Coast.

Take an adventure to the next dimension in the **new Shrek 4D Adventure**. For the first time at the Movie World you have the opportunity to see the world most famous and loveable ogre **Shrek - live on stage!** Joined by a stellar cast of furry friends including **Puss In Boots, Donkey** and a host of fairytale favourites, these lovable characters will really get the **swamp-swinging**.

If you are the adventurous kind, **the Superman Escape** is just the thing for you. Sky surfers travel 0 - 100kms in 5 seconds and snow skiers travel 0 - 100kms in 7 seconds... imagine if you could travel 0 - 100km in just 2 seconds... well, now you can on Australia's only catapult roller coaster at Warner Bros. Movie World.

Next meet the world's bravest **Great Dane super hero** at the Scooby-Doo Spooky Coaster. **"Movie - Doo the Ride!"** has arrived at Warner Bros. The **Matrix Trilogy** displayed in a world first experience at Warner Bros. Movie World.

And finally **The Road Runner Rollercoaster**, situated in the hugely popular Looney Tunes Village, offers children and their parents a fast, safe and fun new experience. It's a fun and fast adventure for the whole family!

Overnight at the hotel.
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Day 4 : Cairns

Drive to Brisbane airport to board flight to Cairns.

On arrival, proceed for a full day tour to **Kuranda village** in the rainforest alongwith the butterfly sanctuary with a one-way **Sky-rail** and **Tjapukai** Aboriginal Cultural Park, a stunning theatrical interpretation of Aboriginal culture from the beginning of time into the future.

Kuranda is a serene tropical village situated close to Cairns and a **World Heritage Rainforest**. Kuranda has come a long way from its initial origins as a centre for those choosing an alternative **lifestyle in the late 60's**. Historic Buildings from the villages past now house a variety of up-market restaurants, cafes and bars. It is still laid back, but with a style and sophistication that sets it apart from other Cairns Highlands Venues and Attractions. Visit some of Kuranda's many first class nature based tourist attractions, which include **koalas, butterflies, native and exotic birds, kangaroos and reptiles**. Don't miss the breathtaking view of the **famous Barron Falls**. See traditional **Aboriginal dancers perform at the acclaimed Tjapukai**, Evening check in to the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.
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Day 5 : Cairns

Today we spend the day at the **Great Barrier Reef**. The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system composed of roughly 3,000 individual reefs and 900 islands stretching for 2,600 kms. The reef is located in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Queensland. **The Great Barrier Reef can be seen from outer space and is the world's biggest single structure made by living organisms.** This reef structure is composed of and built by billions of tiny organisms, known as coral polyps. The Reef supports a wide diversity of life, and was selected as a World Heritage Site in 1981. CNN has labelled it as **one of the seven natural wonders of the world**. A large part of the reef is protected by the **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park**, which helps to limit the impact of human use.

For your experience of a lifetime, Quicksilver's **"wave-piercing"** catamarans and friendly crew will take you to a reef at the very edge of Australia's Continental Shelf, to an underwater world that is a dazzling kaleidoscope of color and brilliance... **Agincourt Reef**, a magnificent ribbon reef where you can experience first hand the magic that is the Great Barrier Reef. The cruise starts at **Marina Mirage** - Port Douglas and the reef is 90 minutes away.

Enjoy **Lunch served on board the cruise** as you view the fantastic **underwater marine life and Corals either by swimming or by the submarine or glass bottomed boat.(weather permitting)**

Early evening, we return to Marina Mirage in Port Douglas where we will have some time at leisure. A large boardwalk runs along the water and provides access to shops, cafes, bars etc.

We drive back to our hotel through a picture postcard perfect coastal drive which is absolutely stunning. The 68 kms drive will take you on the road that meanders right beside the ocean, giving spectacular views.

Overnight at the hotel.
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Day 6 : Melbourne, City of the MCG

This morning you can opt to take a **Hot Air Balloon Ride with champagne breakfast**.

This balloon flight in Cairns is unlike any other form of aviation. Hot air Ballooning is amazing, as you soar high into the sky to take in the panoramic view. Enjoy the picturesque landscape at sunrise, enjoy 30 minutes floating in your hot air balloon, time to really breathe in the wide-open spaces

Enjoy 360-degree aerial views of tree lined suburbs **beautiful parks gardens** and **undulating hills**. Hot Air Ballooning begins in the cool still hours of the early morning when the air is more stable. Enjoy your champagne breakfast and leave with memories of your unforgettable ride in the skies.

We then transfer to the Cairns airport to board our flight to Melbourne.

On arrival, transfer to the hotel followed check in.

Overnight at the hotel.
(B,D)

Day 7 : Melbourne

Proceed for a sightseeing tour of **Melbourne city**, which includes a visit to the **MCG** (Melbourne Cricket Ground). Melbourne is about **historic buildings, majestic views** with unforgettable sights. The Melbourne central includes the Central Business District bordered by Spring **St, Docklands, Victoria St.** the **Southbank** and more.

For anyone with passion for the great game a visit to **MCG** is like a long awaited homecoming. Immerse yourself in stories and trivia of cricketing legends as the MCG unfolds before you. Highlights of the tour include a visit to the **Long Room, MCC Museum, Bill Lawry Cricket Centre** and **Cricket viewing rooms**.

Ride on Puffing Billy, Australia's most notable narrow gauge railway through the spectacular Blue Dandenong Ranges, with Bellbirds and Kookaburras echoing the steam train's whistle. **Blue Dandengong Ranges** is one of the most popular national parks in the Melbourne area. The Blue Dandengong Ranges have acres and acres of natural bush-land with many bushwalks and picnic areas.

After which we proceed to the **Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary**, Australia's premier wildlife park is nestled in the foothills of the Yarra Valley. **Koalas, dingoes, kangaroos** and the unique **platypus** are just a few of the 200 species of Australian wildlife flourishing in a beautiful bush-land environment of towering gum trees and lush tree ferns. Renowned as the best place in the world to see Australian animals in their **natural habitats**, visitor highlights include the many **Animal Close-ups** and Meet the Keeper presentations.

Overnight at the Hotel.

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Day 8 : Flight to Sydney, Port Stephens

We proceed to **Sovereign Hill** for the **Gold Mine Tour**. Immerse yourself in the excitement of Ballarat's **gold-rush days** at Sovereign Hill! Australia's foremost outdoor museum, Sovereign Hill recreates Ballarat's first ten years after the **discovery of gold in 1851** when thousands of international fortune-hunters rushed to the Australian goldfields in search of riches. Sovereign Hill is where Australia's history comes to life.

This afternoon we proceed to the airport to board our flight for Sydney. On arrival at Sydney we drive to **"Port Stephens"**.

On arrival at Port Stephens, check in at the hotel. Rest of the day free is for you to relax in the comforts of your hotel room or explore surroundings on your own.

Overnight at hotel.

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Day 9 : Port Stephens / Sydney

Enjoy a **Sand Dune 4WD** (*4 Wheel Drive*)

For the Sand Dune 4WD start from the car parks in one of our off-road 4WD vehicles and get transferred to the best sand-boarding dunes available. Sand-boards, instruction and supervision are provided and you can sand-board for as long as you like before being transported down to the beach, and then back to the car park at the end of your dune adventure.

The 4WD adventure is followed by a **Dolphin Cruise**. Follow the bottlenose Dolphins as they gracefully make way through the waters of Port Stephens.

After the cruise transfer to Sydney. Arrive Sydney and check in at the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

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Day 10: Sydney

Proceed for a half day panoramic **sightseeing tour of Sydney which includes the Darling Harbour complex, opera house, Mrs. Macquarie's chair, Bondi Beach etc.** Enjoy the **4-in-1 Pass** including which includes admission to Aquarium, Sydney Tower, Oz Trek tour, Wildlife World and Monorail ride at your own leisure.

Opened in 1988 the **Aquarium** is regarded as one of **Sydney's premier tourist** attractions. The aquarium contains a large variety of Australian aquatic life, displaying more than 650 species comprising more than 6,000 individual fish and other sea and water creatures. Its key exhibits are a series of underwater, see-through, acrylic glass tunnels where **sharks swim above visitors**, and re-creation of a **Great Barrier Reef coral environment**.

The **Sydney Tower** is Sydney's tallest free-standing structure. At 305 metres it is one of the most prominent tourist attractions in the city. The **Oz-Trek** is a virtual reality ride that takes you across Australia's cultural history and geography aided by real motion seating and 180 degree cinema screens.

Sydney **Wildlife World** exhibits the largest variety of Australia's unique and bizarre plants and animals, representing the largest number of species under one roof. It provides an amazing, educational and entertaining experience and is conveniently located in the heart of the city at Darling Harbour.

The Sydney **Monorail** is a delightful experience for every tourist, offering a bird's eye view of arguably the world's most beautiful city, taking in the 'must see' hubs of Darling Harbour, Chinatown and the central shopping and business districts.

Tonight, an Indian dinner is set on a Showboat Deluxe Cruise. Enjoy a **cosy meal, as you watch the majestic Sydney harbour and the silhouette of a fading city skyline**. The show on the cruise unfolds before you as you get awed by the sheer beauty, grace and elegance of the acts and the artists.

Overnight at Hotel.

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Day 11 : Singapore

Transfer to the Sydney airport to board homeward bound flight. Today we arrive into Singapore and proceed to the hotel.

On arrival we check into the hotel. Overnight at Hotel (B)

Day 12 : Singapore

Today morning after breakfast we proceed for the city cum harbour tour on Asia's first and only amphibious attraction, **Singapore DuckTours**.

Marvel at the historical landmarks as we bring you on land around the colonial Civic District on the Singapore Heritage Tour. Then, we'll bash through the woods for the ride's climax as we splash into waters! Enjoy the breeze as we go on waters to view highlights like Merlion Park, the Esplanade and Clifford Pier, all set against the city skyline.

Later in the evening we drive to airport to board our flight back home. We hope you take back amazing memories with you as you depart for India.

11 day Wonderful Australia Tour

Hub	Component	Adult sharing Twin / Triple Room	Child With Bed	Child Without Bed
Ex - India	Basic Holiday Package Cost	Rs. 1,44,000	Rs. 1,35,000	Rs. 83,000
	Taxes	Rs. 21,500	Rs. 21,500	Rs. 21,500
	Visa Charges	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 5,000
	Total Holiday Package Cost	Rs. 1,70,500	Rs. 1,61,500	Rs. 1,09,500

Note :

- 1) Single Room Supplement would be Rs. 27,000
- 2) The third person sharing the room is provided with an additional mattress or a roll away bed.
- 3) Maximum of 03 persons allowed in a room.
- 4) Rate of Exchange taken for computing the above price is Rs.34.00 to an Australian Dollar. In the event of increase in the ROE taken into account, the prices defined may be amended.
- 5) **One India One Price Offer is valid for departures ex Mumbai / Delhi / Chennai / Bangalore / Ahmedabad/ Hyderabad/ Kolkatta only.**
- 6) The taxes and visa charges mentioned are as on date and in the event of any changes may be amended.

Visa Requirements

Single Entry Australian Visa. The cost of this Visa is not included in the tour cost. The Visa fees include documentation, processing and consulate fees. Consulates may request for a personal interview.

Airport & Government Taxes

Airport Taxes as levied by the airline and the Government Taxes are not included in the tour cost.

Optional Tours Price in AUD

Name of Optional	Adult	Child
Hot Air Ballon Ride with Champagne Breakfast, Cairns	AUD 190	AUD 110

Departure Hubs

Delhi / Mumbai / Bangalore / Chennai / Ahmedabad/ Hyderabad/ Kolkatta

Departure Dates

Start Date (in Brisbane)	End Date (in Singapore)
25th Apr	06th May
02nd May	13th May
09th May	20th May
13th May	24th May
16th May	27th May
23rd May	03rd June
27th May	07th June
30th May	10th June
06th June	17th June
10th June	21st June
13th June	24th June
20th June	01st July
24th June	05th July
27th June	08th July
04th July	15th July
18th July	29th July
25th July	05th Aug
15th Aug	26th Aug
29th Aug	09th Sep
05th Sep	16th Sep
12th Sep	23rd Sep
19th Sep	30th Sep
26th Sep	07th Oct