



# AUSTRALIA

2025-2026 GUIDED HOLIDAYS

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# Welcome

Overlooking the ancient Murchison River Gorge, meet Colleen Drage, Nhanda Elder (image inset). Hear the stories behind this land, and discover the many native flavours hidden within the bush. Experience this on the Western Wonderland and The Wildflower Wanderer tours.

'Walk to sky' at the Kalbarri Skywalk, WA.



We offer our respect and gratitude to the First Nations and Torres Strait Islander custodians who have nurtured the land and its cultures for so many millennia, and who are now some of our most trusted partners in introducing you to this wonderful part of the world.

Wild, wide and wonderful, Australia continually excites and inspires. It doesn't matter how many mountains you've climbed or remote island shores you've visited, there's always a different creation story to be told or gallery of ancient rock art to be revealed.



Welcome Traveller,

I have been fortunate to travel to many beautiful places in this country. Yet still, it amazes me that no matter how often I visit a destination across Australia (Tasmania's Central Highlands, the Red Centre, or the Coral Coast... the list goes on), there is always something new and extraordinary to experience.

If, like me, you look for variety when you travel, you'll be excited to hear that your adventure with AAT Kings will be full of amazing experiences. You can visit incredibly unique places, such as the Big Winch 360°, a cinematic journey along South Australia's Explorer's Way. You may choose to dine in the desert, under the stars at an exclusive barbecue, right next to Uluru. Or, if it's immersive First Nations culture you're after, you'll find it near Western Australia's Murchison River, learning the importance of caring for the land directly from Colleen, a Nhanda elder.

Each year, we add **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences to our itineraries. Loved by our guests, these experiences provide in-depth insights into local communities - those having a positive impact and people who have incredible stories to share. North of Hobart, you can walk with Kitana, a local palawa guide, as you'll forage for kipli (meaning "food" in Tasmanian Aboriginal language). You'll learn how the palawa people are continuing their culture using traditional practices and protecting their landscapes.

Explore our expertly crafted tours, full of these new experiences and much more. They're proof of how we push boundaries each year, curating the best travel moments for you.

As always, it is easy and convenient to travel with us. We have over 100 years of experience, premium coaches, and oh-so-knowledgeable, friendly Travel Directors and Driver Guides. Let us take you places, and together we will discover more!

Sincerely,

Ben Hall  
AAT Kings Group | CEO



Uluru sunset,  
Northern Territory

# Start Exploring

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### Cover Image:

**Uluru base walk,  
Northern Territory**

First in, best view! It's all about catching the morning light walking around the base of Uluru. Learning from your expert Travel Director, you'll wander this iconic monolith stopping at the Mutitjula Waterhole and the ancient rock art.

Experience this on **Outback Adventure, Outback Safari & Northern Territory Explorer.**

# Explore Australia

The vibrant colour and irresistible spirit of Australia can be found everywhere, across its vast plains and mountain ranges, beaches and islands. So many unforgettable moments await you – watch the sun turn golden across waterlily-filled Kakadu billabongs, immerse yourself in Queensland's bath-warm waters amongst hundreds of tropical fish, or explore some of the world's most pristine beaches in Tasmania's Freycinet.

Australia holds the key to the most unique and remarkable holiday you've ever had.

## Stories Worth Sharing

Share your memories with us by using [#aatkings](#) and [#wildawaits](#)



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**Broome**

You'll be captivated by its small town charm and relaxed coastal vibe; experience the colours and warmth of the landscape and find out why travellers have been exploring Broome for more than a century.




**The Pinnacles**

The lunar-like Pinnacles are thousands of limestone spires, rising eerily out of the desert sands of Nambung National Park.



**Wave Rock**

A magnificent prehistoric rock formation, you will marvel at its size and shape, eroded by the weather over millions and millions of years.





### Nitmiluk National Park

Be drawn to the spectacular sandstone country of Nitmiluk National Park and the majestic Nitmiluk Gorge with spectacular cliffs that glow in the changing light.



### Great Barrier Reef

One of the seven natural wonders of the world, to experience the Great Barrier Reef is to explore an underwater paradise of colour and life.



### Uluru

Australia's most sacred Aboriginal site, mighty Uluru stands proud, watching over the Red Centre, its history filled with myth and legend.



### Eyre Peninsula

Blessed with natural beauty Eyre Peninsula features rugged landscapes and beautiful coastline. Enjoy world famous oysters at Coffin Bay in this nature lovers' paradise.



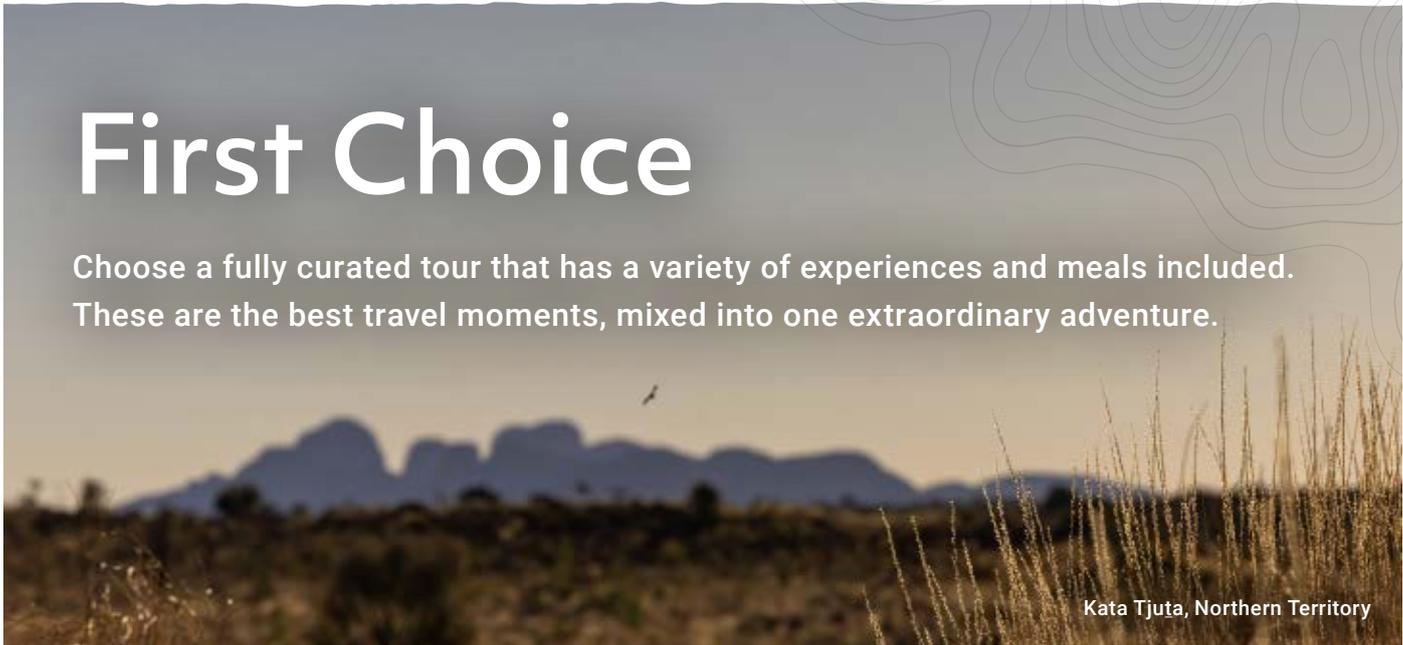
### Freycinet National Park

Marvel at Wineglass Bay, one of the world's most beautiful beaches, in perfect formation, surrounded by ancient native bushland.



# First Choice

Choose a fully curated tour that has a variety of experiences and meals included. These are the best travel moments, mixed into one extraordinary adventure.



Kata Tjuta, Northern Territory

### Aboriginal Culture & Australian Highlights

13 DAYS • AMSC • P24

**CAIRNS** (3) Great Barrier Reef Cruise

**ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK** (2) Kata Tjuta, Uluru

**AYERS ROCK RESORT**

**SYDNEY** (4)

**MELBOURNE** (3)

### Outback Adventure

15 DAYS • NAAD • P26

**ADLAIDE** (1)

**PORT AUGUSTA** (1) Clare Valley

**WOOMERA**

**FLINDERS RANGES** (1)

**COOBER PEDY** (1)

**ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK** (2) Uluru, Kata Tjuta

**KINGS CANYON** (1)

**ALICE SPRINGS** (2)

**TENNANT CREEK** (1)

**KARLU KARLU**

**KATHERINE** (1) Mataranka Hot Springs

**JABIRU** (1) Kakadu National Park

**DARWIN** (2)

### Outback Safari

11 DAYS • NUAD • P28

**ADLAIDE** (1)

**PORT AUGUSTA** (1) Clare Valley

**WOOMERA**

**FLINDERS RANGES** (1)

**COOBER PEDY** (1)

**ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK** (2) Uluru, Kata Tjuta

**KINGS CANYON** (1)

**AYERS ROCK RESORT**

**ALICE SPRINGS** (2)

**TENNANT CREEK** (1)

**KARLU KARLU**

**KATHERINE** (1) Mataranka Hot Springs

**JABIRU** (1) Kakadu National Park

**DARWIN** (2)

### Untamed Kimberley & West Coast

21 DAYS • WDBP • P30

**PERTH** (1)

**THE PINNACLES YANCHEP NATIONAL PARK**

**GERALDTON** (1)

**KALBARRI NATIONAL PARK**

**MONKEY MIA** (2)

**CARNARVON** (1)

**CORAL BAY** (2)

**TOM PRICE** (1)

**KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK**

**PORT HEDLAND** (1)

**FITZROY CROSSING** (1)

**BROOME** (2)

**KARRATHA** (1)

**EXMOUTH** (1)

**NINGALOO REEF**

**HALLS CREEK** (1)

**BUNGLE BUNGLE RANGE** (1)

**LAKE ARGYLE** (2)

**KUNUNURRA** (2)

**NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE** (1)

**DARWIN** (1)

### Wonders of the West Coast & Kimberley

21 DAYS • WPBD • P32

**PERTH** (1)

**THE PINNACLES YANCHEP NATIONAL PARK**

**GERALDTON** (1)

**KALBARRI NATIONAL PARK**

**MONKEY MIA** (2)

**CARNARVON** (1)

**CORAL BAY** (2)

**TOM PRICE** (1)

**KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK**

**PORT HEDLAND** (1)

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**LAKE ARGYLE** (2)

**KUNUNURRA** (2)

**NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE** (1)

**DARWIN** (1)

### Untamed Pilbara & West Coast

13 DAYS • WBMP • P34

**PERTH** (1)

**THE PINNACLES YANCHEP NATIONAL PARK**

**GERALDTON** (1)

**KALBARRI NATIONAL PARK**

**MONKEY MIA** (2)

**CARNARVON** (1)

**CORAL BAY** (2)

**TOM PRICE** (1)

**KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK**

**PORT HEDLAND** (1)

**KARRATHA** (1)

**EXMOUTH** (1)

**NINGALOO REEF**

**BROOME** (2)

### Wonders of the Pilbara & West Coast

13 DAYS • WPMB • P36

**PERTH** (Start) → Geraldton (1) → Monkey Mia (2) → Carnarvon (1) → Coral Bay (2) → Tom Price (1) → Karijini National Park (1) → Port Hedland (1) → Exmouth (1) → Ningaloo Reef (1) → **BROOME** (2) (End)

### Wonders of the Kimberley

11 DAYS • WBD • P38

**BROOME** (Start) → Halls Creek (1) → Fitzroy Crossing (1) → El Questro (2) → Kununurra (2) → Katherine (1) → Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge (1) → **DARWIN** (1) (End)

### Untamed Kimberley

11 DAYS • WDB • P40

**BROOME** (Start) → Halls Creek (1) → Fitzroy Crossing (2) → El Questro (2) → Kununurra (2) → Katherine (1) → Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge (1) → **DARWIN** (1) (End)

### Perfect Tasmania

13 DAYS • THLH • P42

**HOBART** (Start) → Strahan (1) → Queenstown (1) → Triabunna (1) → Sorell (2) → Bicheno (1) → Launceston (2) → Cradle Mountain (2) → **HOBART** (End)

### Tassie's Parks & Nature

7 DAYS • THHL • P44

**HOBART** (Start) → Strahan (1) → Queenstown (1) → Cradle Mountain (2) → **LAUNCESTON** (1) (End)

### Tassie Getaway

7 DAYS • TLHH • P46

**LAUNCESTON** (Start) → Bicheno (1) → Sorell (1) → Triabunna (1) → **HOBART** (2) (End)

### Tastes of Southern Australia

11 DAYS • ESMA • P48

**MELBOURNE** (Start) → Warrnambool (1) → Melbourne (2) → Wanganatta (1) → Canberra (1) → **SYDNEY** (1) (End)

### Great Ocean Road & Kangaroo Island

7 DAYS • EMKA • P50

**MELBOURNE** (Start) → Warrnambool (1) → Kangaroo Island (2) → **ADELAIDE** (2) (End)

### Southern Capitals: City Meets Bush

5 DAYS • ESBM • P52

**MELBOURNE** (Start) → Wanganatta (1) → Canberra (1) → **SYDNEY** (1) (End)



# Best Buys

Travel your way, with flexible itineraries that combine AAT Kings' unrivalled expertise with must-see destinations, optional experiences and free time to explore.

The Pinnacles, Western Australia

### Northern Territory Explorer

11 DAYS • NDAU • P56

**DARWIN** (2) → Jabiru → Kakadu National Park → Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) → Yellow Water Billabong → Katherine (1) → Mataranka Hot Springs → Tennant Creek (1) → Karlu Karlu → **AYERS ROCK RESORT** (2) → Alice Springs → Uluru → Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park → Darwin

### Top End Highlights

6 DAYS • NDKD • P58

**DARWIN** (1) → Ubirr → Jabiru (2) → Litchfield National Park → Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) → Kakadu National Park → Pine Creek → Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge → Katherine Hot Springs → Katherine (2) → Darwin

### Western Wonderland

15 DAYS • WEMP • P60

**PERTH** (1) → Fremantle (2) → Busselton → Margaret River → Albany → Stirling Range National Park → Esperance (1) → Kalgoorlie → Wave Rock → Perth → Kalbarri → Geraldton → The Pinnacles → Yanchep National Park → Cape Le Grand National Park → Perth

### South Western Escape

10 DAYS • WPPP • P62

**PERTH** (1) → Fremantle (2) → Busselton → Margaret River → Albany → Valley of the Giants → Stirling Range National Park → Esperance (1) → Cape Le Grand National Park → Wave Rock → Perth

### The Wildflower Wanderer

7 DAYS • WPKG • P64

**PERTH** (1) → The Pinnacles → Geraldton (2) → Hutt Lagoon → Hawks Head → Mullewa → Dongara → Kalbarri → Perth

### Monkey Mia Dolphins & West Coast

6 DAYS • WPMP • P66

**PERTH** (1) → Fremantle → Yanchep National Park → The Pinnacles → Geraldton → Kalbarri → Shell Beach → Monkey Mia → Hamelin Pool → Perth

### Tasmanian Wonders

10 DAYS • FHLH • P68

### Tassie's Wilderness Icons

6 DAYS • FHHL • P70

### Tassie's East Coast Highlights

5 DAYS • FLHH • P72

### South Australian Outback Adventure

8 DAYS • SAMC • P74

### Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island

5 DAYS • SAKI • P76

### South Australian Eyre Peninsula Escape

7 DAYS • SAEP • P78

### Tropical Queensland: Gold Coast to Cairns

10 DAYS • QGCC/QCGC • P80

**NEW**

### Gulf Savannah Wanderer

9 DAYS • QGS • P82

### Cape York Frontier

7 DAYS • QCY/QYC • P83

# 100+ Years of Adventure and many more to come

A century ago, the Australian outback was but a twinkle in most travellers' eyes. But thanks to visionaries like the Pyke family and Bill King, how we explore the Land Down Under was about to change in unimaginable ways. Over the coming decades, maps were unfolded, desert cruisers and coaches were customised, and guides were trained. From humble beginnings, together we travelled to places few had gone before, pioneering new paths across Australia and New Zealand and taking intrepid domestic and international travellers on a wild and wonderful ride.

We've come a long way since then and clocked a few kilometres in the process. But some things will never change. Like our spirit for adventure, our oh-so-knowledgeable and passionate Travel Directors and Driver Guides, and the life-changing experiences we offer – the kind that only 100 years of exploring affords.

**Join us on a fully immersive off-the-beaten-track adventure!**

***"Keep doing what you're doing, but try and do it better" – Bill King***



**“ Absolute professional team of Delma and Stuart, safe guidance and driving, I have done several AAT Kings trips and they have all been outstanding.**

Deborah B – Feefo ★★★★★ ”

## 1920s

AAT Kings can be traced back to George Page's modest transport service from Melbourne to Brighton.

## 1930s

The Pike family introduced Sydney to Katoomba.

## 1960s

Bill King decided there was a real future with off-the-beaten-track journeys – Bill purchased two Land Rovers, an ex-army international ambulance and a Denning Bus and launched Bill King's Northern Safaris.

## 1970s

Bill designed and built his own 18 passenger vehicles and called them Desert Cruisers. AAT Coachlines had commenced operations in the Northern Territory.

## 1980s

AAT Coachlines purchased Bill King's Northern Safaris and operated as Bill King's Australian Adventure Tours.

## 1984

**AAT Kings brand formed.**

## 1997

AAT Kings joined The Travel Corporation Family of Brands.

## 1999

AAT Kings began operations in New Zealand.

## 2010

Small group immersive Inspiring Journeys brand was born.

## 2018

Down Under Tours joined the AAT Kings Group.

## 2019

SEIT Outback Australia joined the AAT Kings Group.



# Our People

People are so important on every tour, and you'll be guided by our best. Our experienced Drivers, Travel Directors and Driver Guides go above and beyond at every step with the full support of a 24/7 team behind the scenes - ensuring your adventure is seamless. Our dedicated individuals truly love what they do; sharing these beautiful locations, telling the tales of icons, and ensuring you spot the hidden gems you may unknowingly walk right past. Our people are our heroes, and we know they'll become yours too.



*Glennon* (above)

## Northern Territory Travel Director

"My journey to becoming a Travel Director with AAT Kings is deeply rooted in my family's history and connecting with my ancestors here in the Red Centre. Travelling from my home, the Tiwi Islands, I've had the chance to not only explore this country but also to share these destinations with visitors from around the world.

Come join us, and discover these locations for yourself, through the eyes of those who live here and know it best."

*Delma* (left)

## Western Australia Travel Director & Driver Guide

"I travelled to Uluru by myself, and ended up working as a Travel Director, after a few years I was awarded a Smile Award and an Outstanding Achievement Award due to the great feedback I received from guests.

Every guest shapes who I am today, hearing their stories has such an impact on me, it's so special. I want to be a part of that, to ensure they have the most amazing time."

# Amazing Experiences

For a century, guests have entrusted us to help them explore almost every corner of this wild and wonderful country. And over the years, we've met a few characters along the way. These enduring friendships between our amazing people and the locals we visit help us craft expert and authentic travel experiences. Moments that will make you feel fully immersed, with real people, in locations you likely never knew even existed.

**Here are some of our favourites, but there is so much more to discover.**





### **An Outback barbecue right next to Uluru, NT**

Sunset with wine, good conversation and of course Uluru in full view. Opportunities like this are one in a million, similar to the stars shining up above as you enjoy an Outback barbecue in a casual atmosphere. As Uluru's shadow fades away leaving only a dark silhouette, you'll discover the Milky Way, and the constellations of the desert night sky.



### **Farm-to-table freshness at Mt. Gnomon, TAS**

If visiting the cutest-sounding town on the planet is on your bucket list, ensure this is included on your itinerary. The Mt. Gnomon Farm sits just outside Penguin in the north of Tasmania, and is the site where fifth-generation farmer Guy Robertson and his family have perfected centuries-worth of skills in cider orchards and gardens. Your farm-to-fork lunch amid this lush setting is like Tassie in a fresh and flavourful mouthful.



### **Forage for botanicals at Wild Yarnbala, SA**

A hidden sanctuary of tranquillity awaits in this secluded area of critically endangered bushland. Embrace your wild side searching for bush foods while learning about the Slater family's dedication and passion for nature. Later, enjoy a didgeridoo lap-steel guitar performance as your foraged natives infuse in your glass of Coffin Bay Gin.

# Amazing Experiences

## Support a social enterprise, Koorie Heritage Trust, VIC

Naarm (Melbourne) is a city of stories, you'll learn this walking from busy Federation Square down to the Birrarung Wilam (River Camp) Aboriginal spiritual installations. Discover art, culture, and a shared history of the Koorie people with a local First Nations guide from this not-for-profit Incorporated Association, and **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience.



## Dot painting in the desert with working artists, NT

Approximately 900 Anangu artists make up the collective that is Maruku Arts. Join them, learn their world-renowned craft, and understand the deep and spiritual connection they have with this land. Create a masterpiece of your own, using their storytelling techniques on this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, which supports Maruku Arts in preserving and protecting their traditions..

## MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Discover your destination through the kindness of the locals, learning directly from those who give back to their community.

Simply enjoy special and unique moments on your holiday, connecting with our partners, visiting those who run initiatives, and those supporting local and traditional cultures.

Have a positive impact while you travel. Look for the **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience seal on your tour.

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**  
EXPERIENCE



**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences are conscious travel experiences assessed against a robust set of criteria using a proprietary assessment tool endorsed by industry experts and developed exclusively for The Travel Corporation's (TTC) family of brands.

To find out more visit [aatkings.com/make-travel-matter](https://aatkings.com/make-travel-matter)



### Australia's largest salt lake, SA

Milky pastel pinks, glowing aqua and electric white, these are the unimaginable colours of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre. Best seen from the skies due to its sheer size. Your included scenic flight will fly over Anna Creek Painted Hills, past the amber-coloured rocky terrain which suddenly arises from the desert, before heading over the famous Salt Lake; both are displays of aerial art.



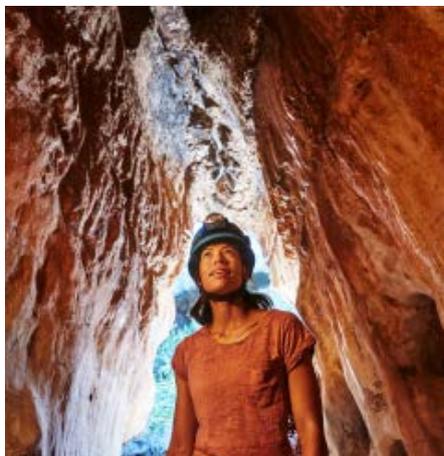
### Outback Opal in Coober Pedy, SA

Visit the lunar landscapes of Coober Pedy, known as 'the opal capital of the world', for a quintessential outback experience. Like most of the underground-living population, you'll stay at a hotel built into a rocky hillside at the heart of this quirky town. Learn more about the region's history at the Big Winch 360°, a 'circle vision' cinematic experience that envelops you as you take a journey along South Australia's Explorer's Way.



### Disconnect from technology at Iron Creek Bay Farm Estate, TAS

Expect seclusion and style while staying on this working farm in Sorell. Pick and sample fruits while you wander through the 70 hectares of orchards growing cherries, apricots, apples, and grapes. Or enjoy a relaxing evening overlooking the vineyard, hearing the farm animals in the distance before dinner. Home-grown Tassie produce doesn't get much better than this!



### 350-million-year-old Devonian Great Barrier Reef, WA

Take a deep dive into First Nations culture with an Indigenous guide at the spectacular Mimbi Caves. Discover rock paintings and hear Gooniyandi Dreaming stories. Observe the limestone formations, marine fossils and crystal-clear freshwater pools.

**4.6/5**  
**feefo**  
 independent & transparent satisfaction rating

**“ We were treated like royalty what else can I say.**

Antoinette J ★★★★★ ”

**“ Excellent, safe driving, very competent driver. Great tour guide couldn't fault anything or anyone.**

Janice E ★★★★★ ”



@explore\_boundless\_landscapes  
Yanchep National Park

**“ First class.**

Christin was so informative and knowledgeable, and went out of the way to make sure all needs were met. Dave was a careful and skilled driver, who kept the coach clean and comfortable.

Susan B ★★★★★ ”



# TREADRIGHT<sup>®</sup>

## FOUNDATION

TreadRight.org

The TreadRight Foundation was established more than 15 years ago and since then has supported over 60 sustainable tourism projects worldwide. Their mission is clear; to have a positive impact on:

**PEOPLE**  
SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES & CULTURES

**PLANET**  
SUSTAINABILITY & CONSERVATION

**WILDLIFE**  
PROTECTION & AWARENESS

Through our not-for-profit TreadRight Foundation, of which AAT Kings is a founding member, and our sustainability strategy, How We Tread Right, we're addressing the impact of our operations and trips. We're committed to reaching net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across our value chain by 2050 from a 2019 baseline year, with a primary focus to decarbonise. To do this, we have launched a four-point Climate Action Plan as well as a Carbon Fund dedicated to financing initiatives to reduce the carbon emissions of our business. You can read more about our plans to Measure, Reduce, Restore and Evolve at [impact.ttc.com](https://impact.ttc.com).

# Global Tour *Rewards*

At AAT Kings, we're proud of our service and experience, revealing the wonders and characters of Australia and New Zealand to guests for more than 100 years. We're even prouder to be part of a much bigger family of brands, The Travel Corporation (TTC), which enjoys a global reach and a portfolio that includes some of the world's most prestigious travel brands – from boutique river cruises to independent holiday package companies and guided travel experiences. The collection is diverse, but we all share standards of excellence and common goals: to offer outstanding service and experiences, whichever corner of the planet our guests choose to roam.

The loyalty of our past guests means everything to us. That's why everyone who travels with us is automatically enrolled in our **Global Tour Rewards** program, with access to exclusive past guest savings and offers on all AAT Kings tours and Inspiring Journeys itineraries, as well as tours from TTC family of brands (Trafalgar, Luxury Gold, Insight Vacations, Brendan Vacations, Cost saver, and Contiki). Use your benefits on more than 1,000 tours around the globe designed for every taste, place, and pace.

**Whichever adventure awaits you, know that your expertly crafted holiday is curated to ensure you have the very best experiences and priceless travel moments.**

## 5% off with Global Tour Rewards\*

If you've travelled with AAT Kings before (or any of the TTC family of brands), let us know at the time of booking.

## Second Holiday Discount

When booking two Guided Holidays 7 days or more, at the same time you'll automatically have access to a **2.5% discount\*** to the tour with the lowest price. Plus, when you book a Guided Holiday you'll get up to **10% off Day Tours\*** to complement the start or end of your trip.

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# Travel Your Way

No two travellers are ever the same. Which means that with AAT Kings, neither are any two tours. We understand that sometimes you want to switch off and enjoy the scenery. With your itinerary, accommodation and exclusive experiences are all sorted 'behind the scenes'. Other journeys require the essentials covered and insider tips provided, but need built-in flexibility so you can go your own way. Whether you have a couple of weeks or a couple of hours, whether you want to leave everything to us or customise parts of your journey, AAT Kings offers a travel style for every kind of traveller. And regardless of the tour you choose, you'll leave a minimal footprint, connect with culture and support the local communities you visit.

## First Choice Guided Holidays

For explorers who want:

- Exclusive experiences and adventures around Australia
- More inclusions and meals
- Everything taken care of by talented Travel Directors

There's nothing quite like setting off to see Australia, knowing that each wild encounter, all your accommodation – and everything in between – has been taken care of by your Travel Director, guides and the team of supporting experts. All you need to do is relax, make lasting connections and delve into the country's culture. This is about going to wild places, with creature comforts.



## Best Buys Guided Holidays

For explorers who want:

- A flexible holiday with some inclusions, and some independent travel
- All the essentials managed by in-the-know Travel Directors

Take a fully curated holiday, add in a good dose of flexibility, and you arrive at this travel style, designed for those who like travel fundamentals taken care of – the transportation, accommodation – but also like the option of exploring independently, with tips from knowledgeable Travel Directors to point you in the right direction if needed.





Salamanca Market, Tasmania

## Short Breaks

For explorers who want:

- To see Australia, but don't have weeks to spare
- A seamless travel experience to take in as much as possible in a short space of time

When you have a week or less to dive into thundering waterfalls, snorkel the world's biggest reef or dine under a carpet of stars at Uluru, this travel style is for you. Your journey unites everything that's great about AAT Kings – the cultural connections, insider knowledge, wondrous sights – and condenses it into a fully curated, blissfully efficient, bite-sized package.



## Day Tours

For explorers who:

- Have a few hours and want life-changing experiences packed in

A century ago, AAT Kings became an Australian pioneer in day tripping, taking adventurous explorers where few others had gone before. We know this space well, and our Driver Guides have every connection to make your day of adventure – whether around the Red Centre or Tiwi Islands – as meaningful as possible. Why spend a day watching TV, when you can forge a memory for a lifetime?



# First Choice

## Captivating Holidays, Premium Inclusions

For explorers who want to visit wild places with creature comforts, a First Choice Guided Holiday delivers exclusive experiences and quality accommodation around Australia, with lots of inclusions and everything taken care of by your Travel Director so you can relax and enjoy the adventure.

Uluru Sunrise, Northern Territory

A photograph of two women laughing joyfully in front of Uluru at sunrise. The woman on the left is wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a grey sweater, while the woman on the right is wearing a brown jacket. The background shows the iconic red rock formation of Uluru under a soft, golden light.



### **Local Connection**

Experience your destination authentically through stories, hearing from our expert Travel Directors and Be My Guest hosts. Led by local people, gain a deeper connection to these extraordinary places, hearing from those who call it home.

### **Cultural Immersion**

Discover the ancient and spiritual sites of some of the world's oldest cultures, learn why these locations are so significant, their history, and their uniqueness in contrast to the rest of the world.

### **Make Travel Matter**

We've been exploring Australia for over 100 years and hope to do so for many more to come. Look for our immersive **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experiences, which support communities and encourage environmental conservation.

### **World Class Nature**

Wide and wonderful, these glorious natural wonders and wilderness areas are abundant with distinct native animals, exclusive to these delicate environments. Venture to places you never knew existed and be in awe of this diverse landscape.

## **What's included on a First Choice Holiday?**

- The services of a highly experienced Travel Director
- All accommodation in premium hotels, lodges and eco-resorts
- Exclusive Be My Guest experiences
- Most meals including daily breakfasts
- Wine with all included dinners
- More 2 night stays with later starts
- Cultural activities in your destinations
- Community engagement activities
- Travel in purpose-built air-conditioned coaches with reclining seats, and WiFi where available
- All National Park Entrance Fees
- Transfers and taxes

# Aboriginal Culture & Australian Highlights

## Highlights

### 📍 Local Connection

Aunty Margret is a Sydney legend, pioneering Indigenous tourism around the city. Discover Aboriginal sites and stories on one of her Dreamtime Southern X tours.

### 🎨 Cultural Immersion

Whether at sunrise or sunset, the beauty of Uluru is mesmerising. Aboriginal creatives at Maruku Arts capture it in their paintings and will show you how to do the same.

### 🍷 Make Travel Matter

Big Esso not only crafts menus using sustainably grown native produce, but also supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander growers, makers, bakers and brewers.

### 🌊 World Class Nature

Take a deep dive (literally) into the Aboriginal stories behind the creation of the Great Barrier Reef with Dreamtime Dive & Snorkel from Cairns.

## 1 Welcome to Melbourne

Arrive early in Australia's cultural capital to explore art-filled laneways, galleries and boutiques at your own pace. Melbourne is also Australia's food capital – we have something special planned for your Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: InterContinental, 3 nights. D**

## 2 Melbourne

Australia's Aboriginal culture spans oceans, rivers, rainforest, outback and cities, as you'll discover with Koorie Heritage Trust. From the organisation's base at Federation Square, explore Melbourne with a First Nation's guide along the banks of the Yarra River, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. It's only a few steps to Big Esso by Mabu Mabu, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, celebrating contemporary Torres Strait Islander culture through cuisine. The menu is an explosion of native Australian bush flavours, from finger lime to quandong, with a drinks list that heroes Indigenous-owned businesses – their art also decorates the walls. More awaits at the Ian Potter Centre (NGV) in Federation Square, which hosts one of Australia's most significant collections of art from First Nations Creatives. **B L**

## 3 Melbourne Free Time

Take the pulse of Melbourne in your own time. Need touring suggestions? Your Travel Director can assist. You might choose to stay in the heart of the city exploring the Royal Botanic Gardens with an Aboriginal guide. Or for a bird's-eye view, zip to the Melbourne Eureka Skydeck – it's the highest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. While it's tempting to linger, a bevy of attractions await on the outskirts of the city, including the Great Ocean Road. Spending a day driving this World Heritage-listed route is a rite of passage, uniting surf, seaside towns and wilderness walks. You might choose to head to the other side of the bay – Phillip Island is a mecca for wildlife, including penguins that waddle from the ocean to their sandy burrows every evening. **B**

## 4 Melbourne – Uluru

Uluru-Kata Tjuta is World Heritage-listed for a reason. Explore spiritual landscapes that are sacred to the Anangu; your Tour Director on the Kuniya walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole will point out rock art

and bush foods. The ultimate way to end the day is watching the sinking sun paint the outback all manner of fiery hues – flute of bubbles in hand. This is your backdrop for an exclusive Barbecue dinner. **Hotel: Voyages Desert Gardens, 2 nights. B D**

## 5 Uluru

The outback inspires creativity, as you'll discover meeting Aboriginal artists and sculptors at Maruku Arts, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Their works capture the drama of Australia, and they'll show you how to do the same during an art class. Spend the afternoon visiting the Gallery of Central Australia (GOCA), spotlighting ethically sourced Aboriginal art. Or, take to the sky on a scenic flight (own expense). Back at ground level, wander into Walpa Gorge, then say cheers to a Kata Tjuta sunset with a glass of bubbles. **B**

## 6 Uluru – Sydney

50,000 – that's the number of lights that artist Bruce Munro used to create his alfresco artwork, Field of Light. This blanket of bulbs casts a surreal glow over the Uluru countryside, and is particularly beguiling on a sunrise visit. Tonight, is yours to explore Sydney. We have a little black book of hot restaurants to try if you need tips. **Hotel: Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, 4 nights. B**

## 7 Sydney

Bring your stamina for an action-packed day exploring the Harbour City, including a guided tour of the Opera House. It sits on land belonging to the Eora Nation, as you'll discover when you meet your Aboriginal Guide of Dreamtime Southern X on a walking tour around the Rocks district. Swap the shore for the water on an expedition to explore Sydney from the water on a harbour cruise. **B**

## 8 Sydney Free Time

Go your own way or ask your Travel Director to assist booking tours like the Bridge Climb, which sees you scale the Sydney Harbour Bridge accompanied by a local guide. Or spend the day with an AAT Kings guide in the Blue Mountains. You don't need to go far to have an adventure, as you'll discover on Dave's Rocks Pub Tour, taking you to some of the city's most historic drinking establishments. **B**



Dreamtime Southern X, Sydney



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## 13 DAYS

### Departure Dates

2024-25 Season		2025-26 Season	
2025		2025	2026
Feb	20	Oct	09
Mar	20	Feb	19
		Mar	05, 19

### Dining

12 Breakfasts B  
2 Lunches L

4 Dinners D

### Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Melbourne Airport  
Day 13: Flights to depart anytime from Cairns Airport

Tour price includes internal-holiday airfares.

Return Airport to Hotel transfers are included in the tour price.

Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

#### 9 Sydney Free Time

What's better than one free day to explore Sydney at your leisure? A second free day. We wouldn't blame you for spending hours strolling the sand at Bondi Beach or catching the ferry across the harbour to Manly or choosing another optional experience. **B D**

#### 10 Sydney – Cairns

After your morning flight from Sydney, spend your free afternoon soaking up the steamy climes of Cairns. Explore the vibrant esplanade or opt for an Indigenous-owned cruise by Mandingalbay Tours. **Hotel: Crystalbrook Flynn, 3 nights. B**

#### 11 Great Barrier Reef

Dreamtime Dive & Snorkel's catamaran tours tell the story of the Great Barrier Reef through First Nations' eyes. The company's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sea rangers regale you with 65,000-year-old Dreamtime creation stories, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, while you cruise to Moore Reef; here, slip into warm water to flipper among some of the 1,500 species of fish. **B L**

#### 12 Cairns Free Time

Spend your free day soaking up the sights of Tropical North Queensland, perhaps joining a tour to catch the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway and Kuranda Scenic Railway deep into the rainforest. Or maybe on an Outback Tasting Adventure, uniting distillers, brewers, cheesemongers and farmers. You may opt to discover native bush tucker on a Cape Tribulation, Mossman & Daintree tour, taking you through one of the world's oldest rainforests. End your wild adventure with a Farewell Dinner at Ochre Restaurant on the Cairns waterfront. **B D**

#### 13 Farewell from Cairns

You'll not only depart Cairns a more seasoned traveller, but also a more thoughtful one. And don't be surprised if you leave with a posse of new friends – Australia's Aboriginal guides are as generous with their stories as they are with their time. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



# Outback Adventure

## Highlights

### 📍 Local Connection

Go off-grid at Earth Sanctuary, where the Falzon family inspire a sustainable lifestyle. Learn how you can, too, over a Be My Guest dinner and stargazing.

### 🎨 Cultural Immersion

Put life into perspective glimpsing 40,000-year-old rock art with an Indigenous guide. From Uluru to Kakadu, Songlines are strong.

### 🏡 Make Travel Matter

Wilpena Pound Resort is not just a pretty place to stay. When you check in, you're contributing to the local Adnyamathanha people and regional conservation projects.

### 🌍 World Class Nature

Coober Pedy is hot in more ways than one. This lunar landscape is as stark as it is staggering – even more incredible are the opals you'll find when you dig deep.

### 1 Welcome to Adelaide

At once cultured yet cool, Adelaide attracts foodies, historians, and art aficionados in equal measure. Explore it on a city tour, before meeting a local gourmand at the legendary Central Market, before joining your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. D**

### 2 Adelaide – Flinders Ranges

One of Australia's oldest wine regions, the Clare Valley is all rounded hills, rippling vines and native forest. It's the postcard-perfect setting for historic Knappenstein Enterprise Winery, producing sweet-scented rieslings and mineral-rich reds. Next, enjoy a visit to artist Jeff Morgan's gallery in Hawker, gateway to the Flinders Ranges. The best is yet to come, as you arrive at Wilpena Pound Resort in the shadows of a staggering natural amphitheatre. **Hotel: Wilpena Pound Resort. B D**

### 3 Flinders Ranges – Port Augusta

The river red gums that envelop Hills Homestead will leave you lost for words. You get here on a leisurely walk along Wilpena Creek and continue to Wangarra Hill Lookout for views over the pound's peaks and curves. The drama is echoed as you travel to Pichi Richi Pass and the historic town of Quorn, where with a Local Guide, you'll hear the importance of this town in the ANZAC's Gallipoli Campaign, before easing into Port Augusta. **Hotel: Majestic Oasis Apartments. B D**

### 4 Port Augusta – Coober Pedy

The main attraction in Woomera is a former rocket-testing site, today stocked with disused rockets and missiles. Speaking of space, you'll think you've landed on the moon as you travel through sun-baked country to Coober Pedy, known as 'the opal capital of the world'. Things get deep as you travel underground to visit the town's headscratching subterranean facilities. **Hotel: Desert Cave. B D**

### 5 Coober Pedy – Uluru

Emerge from your cave and cross the border into the Northern Territory. Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park has World Heritage status for a reason; under the gaze of the world's mightiest monolith, toast the end of the day with a glass of bubbles and a camera full of sunset photos. **Hotel: Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights. B**

### 6 Uluru Sunrise – Kata Tjuta

Pre-dawn wake-up calls are worth it when you get to enjoy a Red Centre sunrise. Marvel at the majesty of Uluru as you circumnavigate its base or join a guided walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole. This landscape takes you back to the beginning of time, a sacred place among the Anangu. More soul-salving landscapes await at Kata Tjuta, cool relief provided as you walk amid its domes to Walpa Gorge. **B**

### 7 Uluru – Kings Canyon

Sleep in, or you might choose to rise early for Artist Bruce Munro's Field of Light (own expense) and another special sunrise over Uluru. Next chance to stretch your legs is at Kings Creek Station, the largest exporter of wild camels in Australia. All your senses will be activated at Kings Canyon, 440-million years in the making. **Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort. B D**

### 8 Kings Canyon – Alice Springs

Things are bigger in the NT outback, from the cattle stations to the MacDonnell Ranges, which stretch like a caterpillar's spine toward Alice Springs. Alice Springs makes Australian history for her 1872 Telegraph Station, one of 11 along the Overland Telegraph Line between Adelaide and Darwin. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B**

### 9 Alice Springs

Aboriginal culture is strong in Alice Springs, as you'll first find on a tour of the Alice Springs Desert Park. Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, its base a museum that goes behind the scenes of the life-saving health services delivered to people in remote realms. One of the benefits of being this far-flung is the lack of light pollution. And at Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre, this equates to epic stargazing. Your Be My Guest BBQ dinner here with the Falzon family is enlightening and uplifting - think stories of self-sufficient living and astronomy. **B D**

### 10 Alice Springs – Tennant Creek

1.3 million square kilometres – that's the eye-watering distance the School of Air's lessons are broadcast across daily. If touring during the school term, you may be lucky enough to observe live educational sessions featuring children who otherwise may not have access to public education. Approximately an hour south of Tennant Creek is Karlu Karlu, the Devils



Kata Tjuta viewing platform

Marbles, a collection of hundreds of boulders that vary in size, with some 6 metres high. These boulders have formed over millions of years and continue to crack and change over time. **Hotel: Bluestone Motor Inn. B D**

**11 Tennant Creek – Katherine**

Since the 1930s, the Daly Waters Historic Pub has been dishing up schnitzels, barramundi burgers and hearty steaks. The walls are lined with 'treasures' that passers-by leave behind. 'Land of the Never Never' awaits at Mataranka. Visit a replica of the Elsey Homestead, used in 1982 Aussie drama We of the Never Never. Or wander palm-lined walkways to take a dip in the region's thermal springs. **Hotel: Contour. B D**

**12 Katherine – Kakadu National Park**

The Jawoyn have called Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge home for millennia. Find out about the ancient story of the cicada, embodying the spiritual connection between the Jawoyn people and their land. Traverse the land into Kakadu National Park. The Yellow Water billabong cruise is a mesmerising journey through this ancient landscape, guided by knowledgeable locals. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru. B D**

**13 Kakadu – Darwin**

Decisions, decisions: morning scenic flight over Kakadu (own expense), or a sleep in. We vote for the former before you venture toward Ubirr and its ancient Aboriginal rock art. The night is yours in steamy Darwin, where the characters are as large as the shadows cast at sunset. **Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, 2 nights. B**

**14 Darwin Free Time**

Today, go your own way. That might mean sleeping in, and then heading out for a delicious tropical lunch. Or signing up for optional experiences, like explorations into Litchfield National Park. Or, head north to the Tiwi Islands, where you take a deep dive into Indigenous history and art with First Nations guides (both own expense). Whichever route you go, we'll see you at the Farewell Dinner. **B D**

**15 Farewell from Darwin**

Time to bid adieu and head home to sort through all those photos. Even better are the memories; two weeks of wild outback adventures. **B**



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**15 DAYS**

**Departure Dates**

2025-26 Season		
2025		2025 continued
Jun	10, 17	Aug 05, 12
Jul	08, 15	Sep 02

**Dining**

14 Breakfasts B

10 Dinners D

**Flight Information**

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Adelaide Airport

Day 15: Flights to depart anytime from Darwin Airport

**Return Airport to Hotel transfers are included in the tour price.**

**Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.**

**Extensions & Add-Ons**

- Ask us about adding a journey on The Ghan Expedition from Darwin to Adelaide to the end of your tour. (Code: NAADR)
- Ask us about pre-booking our exclusive Uluru Barbecue Dinner as an add-on to Day 5. (Code: BBQA)
- Add Bruce Munro's Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light to Day 7. (Code: FOL).
- Add Tiwi Islands Aboriginal Cultural Experience to Day 14. (Code: TFER)



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



# Outback Safari

## Highlights

### 📍 Local Connection

Go behind the scenes with local guides (they know where to spot crocs) while cruising Kakadu's Yellow Water Billabong, or touring the School of the Air.

### 🍷 Cultural Immersion

Thirsty visitors have been leaving mementos on the walls of the Daly Waters Pub for 40+ years. Over a beer think about what you can contribute.

### 👤 Make Travel Matter

On your cruise along Nitmiluk Gorge learn about the local culture of the traditional Jawoyn landowners through your indigenous guide's expertise.

### 🌿 World Class Nature

Mataranka Thermal Hot Springs is a natural wonder with crystal-clear waters surrounded by lush tropical vegetation and palm trees.

## 1 Welcome to Uluru

Today is one of colours. The ochre soil spiked with cycads as you come into land. The endless blue sky. The russet hues of Uluru... And that's all before the enchanting hour. Uluru has been home to the Anangu for millennia. You will discover their connection to the land when you arrive in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park at sunset watching the shifting colours transform the desert. Elevate your evening with the exclusive Uluru Barbecue Dinner (own expense). **Hotel: Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights.**

## 2 Uluru Sunrise – Kata Tjuta

Help protect the highlights of Australia's wilderness through your bucket list visit to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. You'll encounter the iconic Uluru, half a billion years old, standing 348 metres high and taller than the Eiffel Tower. If you're looking for a reason to roll out of bed before dawn, make it an Uluru sunrise. We're not saying it's better than the sunset. But rising with the birds certainly has benefits. Like being cool when you tour the base of the world's biggest monolith. A circumnavigation is 11 kilometres, if you're up for it. Or you can join a guided walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole, a sacred spot decorated with Aboriginal rock art. Dive even deeper into First Nations traditions at the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre. Then wander through Kata Tjuta and Walpa Gorge, with more bubbles to serenade another sunset. **B**

## 3 Uluru – Kings Canyon

The only other reason to get up before dawn is to glimpse the Uluru Field of Light, a dazzling installation by British artist Bruce Munro that sees 50,000 stem-like globes blanket the Uluru soil (own expense). It's optional – we won't judge you for sleeping in, steeling yourself for today's adventures. But if you've come this far, it would be a shame to opt for shut-eye over eye-popping. Speaking of which, did you know Australia has the largest population of wild camels in the world, and Kings Creek Station, your next stop, is the largest exporter of these doe-eyed creatures? From here, the land eases into Kings Canyon, part of the immense Watarrka National Park. Feeling fit? Get your heart pumping on the 500 step climb on the 6km rim walk or take it easier on the creek bed walk. **Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort. B D**

## 4 Kings Canyon – Alice Springs

Cattle stations are the size of small nations in the NT outback, as you'll discover on your journey toward Alice Springs. The other 'big' thing in these parts is the MacDonnell Ranges, undulating across the red earth like a caterpillar's spine. Back in 1872, Alice Springs was a hive of activity, as a Telegraph Station was built to connect Adelaide and Darwin as part of the Overland Telegraph Line. Sweat and tears went into the project, as you'll discover browsing the grounds. Finally – panoramas from Anzac Hill steal the scene. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B**

## 5 Alice Springs

Visit the Alice Springs Desert Park. It's home to a vast range of plants and wildlife native to the area. You can really appreciate the beauty and diversity of this incredible landscape. In remote parts of Australia, community is everything, whether to ensure stories of the Arrernte people are not forgotten, or to help those who need help. The passionate Royal Flying Doctor Service health workers commute hundreds of kilometres to provide aid. End the day on a high at Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre, where the Falzon family host a BBQ Be My Guest dinner under the stars. This is a lesson in off-the-grid, sustainable living. Let it inspire you to follow suit at home. **B D**

## 6 Alice Springs – Tennant Creek

The whole of Peru covers 1.3 million square kilometres – the same size playing field that the School of the Air broadcasts daily classes to. If you are lucky enough to be there during school term you might see a live session with kids in some of Australia's most remote reaches, providing them with educational tools otherwise unavailable. Undeniably otherworldly are the precariously balanced boulders that characterise Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) and the landscapes surrounding gold-rich Tennant Creek. **Hotel: Bluestone Motor Inn. B D**

## 7 Tennant Creek – Katherine

When you're not working hard in the Australian outback, you're having a lot of fun. Case in point the Daly Waters Historic Pub, where the food – schnitzels, burgers – comes second to the atmosphere. Follow the lead of those here before you and leave a memento to decorate the walls. If you were a fan of TV drama *We of the Never Never*, you'll recognise your next



Field of Light (Optional Experience)



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## 11 DAYS

### Departure Dates

2025-26 Season	
<b>2025</b>	<b>2025 continued</b>
Apr 26	Jul 26
May 17	Aug 23
Jun 28	

### Dining

10 Breakfasts B

6 Dinners D

### Flight Information

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Day 11: Flights to depart anytime from Darwin Airport

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### Extensions & Add-Ons

- Start your tour in Adelaide. See Outback Adventure on page 26.
- Ask us about pre-booking our exclusive **Uluru Barbecue Dinner** as an add-on to Day 1. (Code: BBQA)
- Add Bruce Munro's **Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light** to Day 3. (Code: FOL).
- Add **Tiwi Islands Aboriginal Cultural Experience** to Day 10. (Code: TFER)

destination: the (replica) Elsey Homestead in Mataranka. Explore, or soak in the palm-shrouded thermal springs. **Hotel: Contour. B D**

#### 8 Katherine – Kakadu National Park

Explore the natural beauty of Nitmiluk National Park on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience cruise along Nitmiluk Gorge. You'll wind through this gorge carved through ancient sandstone alongside steep cliff walls, watching for lush rainforest gullies in giant cracks, and maybe a freshwater crocodile or two on the banks. You can almost feel the spirits yawning as they created this landscape on Jawoyn land, part of Nitmiluk National Park. It takes your breath away. More wildlife lurks in Kakadu's Yellow Water Billabong, which is a mecca for sea eagles, brolgas and little kingfishers. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru. B D**

#### 9 Kakadu – Darwin

The best way to grasp the immensity of Kakadu National Park? From the air, should you wish to take a scenic flight (own expense). You won't regret it – perspective is always a good thing. Speaking of which, Ubirr's Aboriginal rock art dates back an eye-watering 20,000+ years. If it looks familiar, that's because it starred in classic Aussie movie, Crocodile Dundee. Get your Darwin bearings on a quick tour – we want to give you as much time as possible to enjoy the Mindil Beach Sunset Market. **Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, 2 nights. B**

#### 10 Darwin Free Time

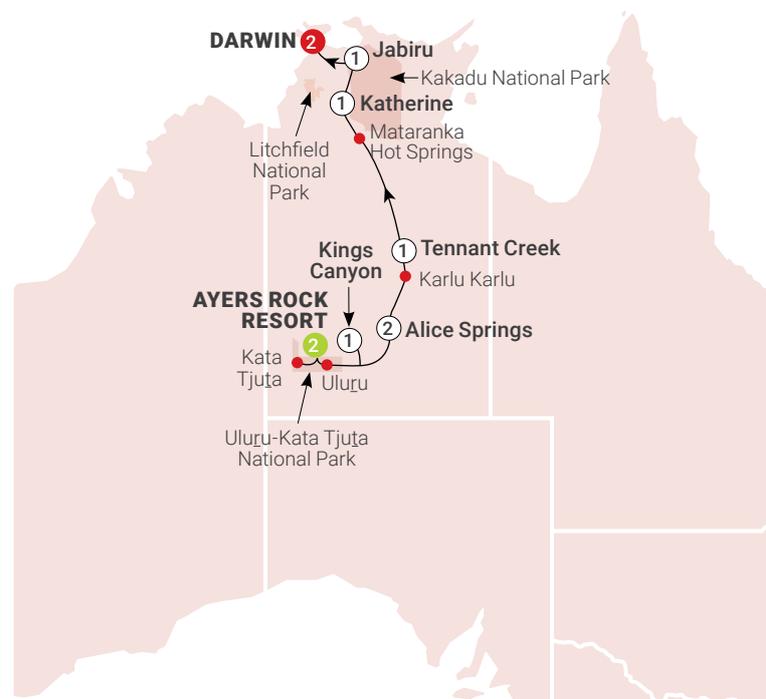
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#### 11 Farewell from Darwin

'Ma Muk' ('See you later'), as the Larrakia people would say. This Outback adventure is over for now, but we're positive your memories will last forever. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



# Untamed Kimberley & West Coast

## Highlights

### 📍 Local Connection

Cruise with a local guide down the Ord River from Lake Argyle, to be rewarded with the setting sun over the water in Kununurra.

### 🏡 Cultural Immersion

The only way to understand life on the land is to visit a working farm. The Katherine Outback Experience is not only eye-opening, but entertaining.

### 👤 Make Travel Matter

Discover the culture of the Nyoongar people of Western Australia's southwest: their seasonal movements, language and how knowledge is passed from generation to generation.

### 🌊 World Class Nature

The Ningaloo Coast has World Heritage status for good reason – it cradles one of the most biodiverse marine sanctuaries in Australia.



## 1 Welcome to Darwin

You'll fall for the capital of the NT; its balmy tropical climate, fiery sunsets and laid-back locals. Take in the city sights on a tour, learning about the events that have shaped it over the years. Later, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: Vibe Darwin Waterfront. D**

## 2 Darwin – Katherine

Nature takes over at Nitmiluk National Park, where you cruise through dramatic Nitmiluk Gorge. There's no time to catch your breath – you're off to a cattle station for the Katherine Outback Experience, and a Be My Guest dinner under the stars. **Hotel: Contour. B D**

## 3 Katherine – Kununurra

Kununurra exists thanks to the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. The project not only helped water the countryside, but created Lake Argyle. You won't forget your cruise to sunset. **Hotel: Kununurra Country Club Resort, 2 nights. B D**

## 4 Kununurra

Today: A scenic flight over (or 4WD tour of) the Bungle Bungles (own expense). Or a wander with your Travel Director through Mirima National Park. In between, explore the Waringarri Aboriginal Art Centre on a guided tour. **B**

## 5 Kununurra – Emma Gorge

Go behind the scenes at Hoochery Distillery, which not only makes lip-smacking rum, but also delicious rum cake. Get a taste of the Gibb River Road en route to El Questro Wilderness Park, where an oasis of pandanus palms envelops your safari-style accommodation. **Hotel: Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities, El Questro, 2 nights. B D**

## 6 El Questro Wilderness Park

The Kimberley's sounds follow you across the Pentecost River to Chamberlain Gorge, your boat dwarfed by its soaring escarpments while you cruise. Afternoon remedy? A splash in the pool. **B D**

## 7 Emma Gorge – Halls Creek

Visit the Yarliylil Art Gallery, an Aboriginal owned enterprise which has more than 100 artist members who practice art in a wide range of styles and mediums. Equally important to Aboriginal communities is the Great Sandy Desert, on the edge of which is Halls Creek. **Hotel: Kimberley. B D**

## 8 Halls Creek – Fitzroy Crossing

The Kimberley boasts a geological history that is nothing short of spectacular. Explore the Mimbi Caves with an Indigenous guide. Discover ancient rock paintings before listening to songs and hearing the Gooniyandi Dreaming story, while enjoying billy tea and damper. Travel towards the remote township of Fitzroy Crossing. **Hotel: Fitzroy River Lodge. B L D**

## 9 Fitzroy Crossing – Broome

The reason Broome was born is because of pearls. Today, it's just as well known for its sizzling Indian Ocean sunsets, best enjoyed from the Cable Beach sand. **Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort, 2 nights. B**

## 10 Broome Free Time

Today is yours to explore. Or simply enjoy Broome's tropical climes, strolling along 22-kilometre Cable Beach, hunting for dinosaur footprints and browsing boutiques. **B D**

## 11 Broome – Port Hedland

The colours of the Pilbara are your backdrop today. Settle in Port Hedland, home to the world's largest bulk export port. **Hotel: Hospitality. B D**

## 12 Port Hedland – Karijini National Park – Tom Price

Karijini National Park is a place where gorges seem to cleave off the edge of the Earth, waterfalls tumble from escarpments and remote turquoise rock pools shimmer like precious gems. It took billions of years to create the geological wonders you see: the red layered cliffs, the quiet gorges and the soaring gum trees. **Hotel: Tom Price Motel. B D**

## 13 Tom Price – Karratha

Journey through rugged terrain back towards the coast to Karratha, known for its significant role in the mining and resource industry. **Hotel: Comfort Inn. B L D**

## 14 Karratha – Exmouth

There are a few (hundred) kilometres of Pilbara region to cover between Karratha and Exmouth on the World Heritage listed Ningaloo Coast. On your hypnotic journey, just imagine all the magical marine creatures you might glimpse when you dive into Ningaloo Reef – Exmouth is the gateway. **Hotel: Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort, 2 nights. B D**



# Wonders of the West Coast & Kimberley

## Highlights

### 📍 Local Connection

Explore the Waringarri Aboriginal Art Centre on a guided tour, meeting Indigenous creatives at work and maybe picking up a piece to take home.

### 🏞️ Cultural Immersion

Explore the spectacular Mimbi Caves with an Aboriginal guide, where you'll observe the delicate limestone formations, brilliantly vivid colours and crystal clear freshwater pools.

### 🌿 Make Travel Matter

Your First Nations host in Yanchep National Park is on a mission to reveal its ancient history. Dreamtime stories and bush-tucker tastings await.

### 🌍 World Class Nature

Have you ever wondered what life was like 3,500 million years ago? At Hamelin Pool you'll find out while witnessing the world's most abundant colony of stromatolites.



## 1 Welcome to Perth

Join your Travel Director for a stroll in Kata Moor (Kings Park) home to 3,000 floral species. Meet again this evening for dinner with your travelling companions. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. D**

## 2 Perth – Geraldton

Talk about starting on a high. First stop is Yanchep National Park, where, on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, your Aboriginal guide decodes native plants and tells Dreamtime stories. Just as scene-stealing are Nambung National Park's Pinnacles, limestone structures jutting into the sky. Arriving in Geraldton, pay homage to sailors lost during WWII, at the HMAS Sydney Memorial. **Hotel: Nesuto Geraldton Apartment. B**

## 3 Geraldton – Monkey Mia

Arriving at Kalbarri National Park, enjoy spectacular views from the Kalbarri Skywalk over the Murchison River Gorge. If you're here during wildflower season, expect acacia, banksia and caladenia in full bloom. And just when you thought the outlook couldn't get any better, you arrive at Monkey Mia. **Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, 2 nights. B D**

## 4 Monkey Mia Free Time

If you didn't fall in love with the gin-clear waters and powdery sand of Monkey Mia last night, you will today. Meet the dolphins that turn up to the shore every morning, then spend the afternoon at leisure. **B**

## 5 Monkey Mia – Carnarvon

Prepare yourself for the 'living fossils' at Hamelin Pool, home to the most abundant colony of stromatolites in the world. The state's World Heritage listed Shark Bay is also characterised by Shell Beach, formed from billions of coquina bivalve shells. Your next stop is the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum. **Hotel: Hospitality. B D**

## 6 Carnarvon – Exmouth

Today's cruise in a glass-bottomed boat allows you to glimpse the World Heritage listed Ningaloo Coast in comfort. Gliding around Coral Bay, your guide will point out colourful corals, turtles and angelic fish. **Hotel: Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort, 2 nights. B D**

## 7 Exmouth Free Time

Depending on the time of year, Ningaloo Reef is home to both whale sharks and humpbacks. You can opt to snorkel with both or book a sunset cruise to see some breaching and blowing (own expense). **B D**

## 8 Exmouth – Karratha

Take one last look over the Exmouth waters before continuing north to Western Australia's famous Pilbara region, known for its rich landscape, red earth and vast mineral deposits. **Hotel: Comfort Inn. B D**

## 9 Karratha – Karijini National Park – Tom Price

Karijini National Park is a place where gorges seem to cleave off the edge of the Earth, waterfalls tumble from escarpments and remote turquoise rock pools shimmer like precious gems. It took billions of years to create the geological wonders you see: the red layered cliffs, the quiet gorges and the soaring gum trees. **Hotel: Tom Price Motel. B L D**

## 10 Tom Price – Port Hedland

The eye-opening colours of the Pilbara region are your backdrop today – rich red earth streaked with mineral deposits. It's sparsely populated, but you will find people in the major hub of Port Hedland. **Hotel: Hospitality. B D**

## 11 Port Hedland – Broome

The reason Broome was born is because of pearls. Today, it's just as well known for its Indian Ocean sunsets, best enjoyed from a vantage on the Cable Beach sand. **Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, 2 nights. B D**

## 12 Broome Free Time

Today is yours to explore. Or simply relax on Cable Beach. **B**

## 13 Broome – Fitzroy Crossing

Preserved for 125 million years in the reef rock at Gantheaume Point are the imprints of long-extinct dinosaurs. Glimpse their stomping ground before venturing toward Fitzroy Crossing. **Hotel: Fitzroy River Lodge. B D**

## 14 Fitzroy Crossing – Halls Creek

Visit the spectacular Mimbi Caves with an Indigenous guide and take a deep dive into First Nations culture, discovering ancient rock paintings and Dreamtime stories. Observe the limestone formations and



# Untamed Pilbara & West Coast

## Highlights

### 📍 Local Connection

Launch into the sky at the Carnarvon Space Museum, then take a deep dive below the surface while cruising World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef.

### 🎭 Cultural Immersion

Experience didgeridoo playing, spear throwing, and find out the significance of our plants and animals to the original custodians at Yanchep National Park.

### 👤 Make Travel Matter

Discover the culture of the Nyoongar people of Western Australia's southwest: their seasonal movements, language and how knowledge is passed from generation to generation.

### 🌿 World Class Nature

We'll forgive you for not wanting to leave Karijini National Park, a magical place where waterfalls drop into turquoise rock pools. A salve for the soul.

## 1 Welcome to Broome

Multicultural Broome delivers many surprises, from its eclectic restaurants to its long pearling history – the pristine waters produce some of the most prized pearl oysters in the world. Discover Broome's other standout attraction: its sunsets. You have today at leisure. Follow locals to the sand on Cable Beach and salute the end of your first spectacular day in WA with your Travel Director, glass of bubbles in hand. **Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, 2 nights. B D**

## 2 Broome Free Time

Which direction should you choose to venture today? Head north deep into the Kimberley where the Horizontal Falls reveals the power of nature. Get some perspective of the tides here on a scenic flight (own expense). Or perhaps veer off to a pearl farm, to witness the precision that goes into growing and harvesting these gems (own expense). Or simply enjoy Broome's tropical climes, strolling along 22-kilometre Cable Beach, hunting for dinosaur footprints and browsing boutiques. **B D**

## 3 Broome – Port Hedland

The eye-opening colours of the Pilbara are your backdrop today - rich red earth streaked with mineral deposits. Settle in Port Hedland, home to the world's largest bulk export port. **Hotel: Hospitality. B D**

## 4 Port Hedland – Karijini National Park – Tom Price

A frontier like no other, Karijini National Park is a place where gorges seem to cleave off the edge of the Earth, waterfalls tumble from escarpments and remote turquoise rock pools shimmer like precious gems. The wilderness is wilder, the colours brighter, the air clearer. It took billions of years to create the geological wonders you see: the red layered cliffs, the quiet gorges, the soaring gum trees, and distinctive termite mounds. **Hotel: Tom Price Motel. B D**

## 5 Tom Price – Karratha

Journey through rugged terrain towards the coast to Karratha, known for its significant role in the mining and resource industry. **Hotel: Comfort Inn. B L D**

## 6 Karratha – Exmouth

There are a few (hundred) kilometres of Pilbara region to cover between Karratha and Exmouth on the World Heritage listed Ningaloo Coast. On your hypnotic journey, just imagine all the magical marine creatures you might glimpse when you dive into Ningaloo Reef – Exmouth is the gateway. **Hotel: Mantarays Ningaloo Reef Resort, 2 nights. B D**

## 7 Exmouth Free Time

Steel yourself for a few 'pinch-me' moments today. You could choose to snorkel (with an ethical operator) over Ningaloo Reef (own expense). Time of year pending, you may have whale sharks and possibly humpback whales in your company. Nothing quite prepares you for the initial moment you glimpse these gentle giants up close. Or, spend your day strolling the sand and cruising with dolphins at sunset. The choice is yours. **B D**

## 8 Exmouth – Carnarvon

You don't need to get your hair wet to experience the sheer wonderment of Ningaloo Reef. A Coral Bay glass-bottom boat cruise gets you within a whisker of turtles, colourful coral and fish. You won't know where to look, although your on-board naturalist will help guide your gaze. From staring at the sea to staring at the stars: your next port of call is the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum. Did you know it played a role in the 1969 moon landing? Just one fascinating fact you'll learn from your passionate guide. **Hotel: Hospitality. B D**

## 9 Carnarvon – Monkey Mia

While stromatolites might sound like something belonging in a cave, these 'living fossils' grow in the water at Hamelin Pool. Rock-like in appearance, they're actually alive, and reveal what life might have been like 3.5-billion years ago. Remarkably, this is the world's most abundant colony of them. It's just one of the natural allures of the state's World Heritage listed Shark Bay, which is also characterised by Shell Beach, formed from billions of coquina bivalve shells. **Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, 2 nights. B D**



Ningaloo Reef



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## 13 DAYS

### Departure Dates

2025-26 Season	
<b>2025</b>	
May	14
Jul	09
Aug	20

### Dining

12 Breakfasts B  
1 Lunch L

9 Dinners D

### Flight Information

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Day 13: Flights to depart anytime from Perth Airport

**Return Airport to Hotel transfers are included in the tour price.**  
**Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.**

### Extensions & Add-Ons

- Start your tour in Darwin. See Untamed Kimberley & West Coast on page 30.

#### 10 Monkey Mia Free Time

Sparkling turquoise water, powdery white sand, ochre dunes – Monkey Mia knows how to dial up the drama. And then there are the wild resident dolphins, which famously swim to shore every morning to splash about in the shallows and interact with humans. It's a hard act to follow. Perhaps choose an optional sunset cruise, or get some perspective of the bay on a scenic flight (own expense). **B**

#### 11 Monkey Mia – Geraldton

Kalbarri National Park is known for many things: its gorges, towering coastal cliffs and rare wildlife that you can witness from the Kalbarri Skywalk. And then there are the wildflowers, which bloom and blanket much of the countryside in spring, transforming it into a floral wonderland. Arriving in Geraldton, pay homage to sailors lost off the WA coast during WWII at the HMAS Sydney Memorial. **Hotel: Nesuto Geraldton Apartment. B**

#### 12 Geraldton – Perth

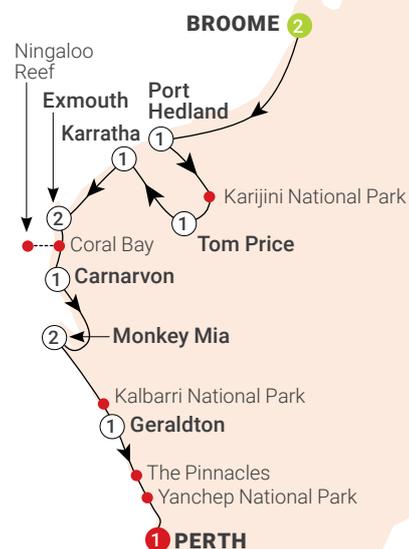
Two final wilderness highs provide a fitting end to this journey of contrasts. Within Nambung National Park, the Pinnacles create a moonscape that appears plucked from a science fiction film, its staggering collection of natural limestone structures jutting into the sky. It's a spiritual place, as is nearby Yanchep National Park. Here, on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, an Indigenous guide's Dreamtime stories tell the tale of how the land was created. His tours are hands-on, so expect to taste bush tucker and try the didgeridoo. Arriving in Perth you have a Farewell Dinner to swap contact details with your new friends and reminisce about your western adventure. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. B D**

#### 13 Farewell from Perth

How do you pick a favourite adventure from the last 13 days? You don't have to – let them all shine in equal measure in your memory. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



# Wonders of the Pilbara & West Coast

## Highlights

### 📍 Local Connection

Discover the fascinating underwater world of Ningaloo Reef with a local specialist on a Coral Bay cruise.

### 🏛️ Cultural Immersion

Launch into the sky at the Carnarvon Space Museum and discover the gallery's collection with a passionate guide.

### 🌍 Make Travel Matter

Discover the culture of the Nyoongar people of Western Australia's southwest: their seasonal movements, language and how knowledge is passed from generation to generation.

### 🐬 World Class Nature

Monkey Mia's dolphins are wild – and wildly friendly. They surf the waves to shore every morning to greet rangers and onlookers.

## 1 Welcome to Perth

Almost two weeks of adventures lie before you, the first a twirl around Perth. The vibrant Western Australian capital has a lot to offer. It's remarkably green, with 400-hectare Kings Park and Botanic Garden sitting pretty in the CBD: Two thirds of the grounds are reserved for native plants. Join your Travel Director for a stroll in Kings Park home to 3,000 floral species. Meet again this evening for dinner with your travelling companions. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. D**

## 2 Perth – Geraldton

It's time to go north to Yanchep National Park. Here, on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, an Indigenous guide's Dreamtime stories tell the tale of how the land was created. His tours are hands-on, so expect to taste bush tucker and try playing the didgeridoo. Think the day couldn't get any better? Within Nambung National Park, the Pinnacles create a moonscape that appears plucked from a sci-fi film, its staggering collection of natural limestone structures jutting into the sky. Arriving in Geraldton, pay homage to sailors lost off the WA coast during WWII at the HMAS Sydney Memorial. **Hotel: Nesuto Geraldton Apartment. B**

## 3 Geraldton – Monkey Mia

Arriving at Kalbarri National Park, enjoy spectacular views from the Kalbarri Skywalk over the Murchison River Gorge. If you're here during wildflower season, expect acacia, banksia and caladenia in full bloom. And just when you thought the outlook couldn't get any better, you arrive at Monkey Mia. **Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, 2 nights. B D**

## 4 Monkey Mia Free Time

Sparkling turquoise water, powdery white sand, ochre dunes – Monkey Mia knows how to dial up the drama. And then there are the wild resident dolphins, which famously swim to shore every morning to splash about in the shallows and mingle with humans. It's a hard act to follow. Perhaps choose sunset cruise, or get some perspective of the bay on a scenic flight? (both own expense). The afternoon is yours. **B**

## 5 Monkey Mia – Carnarvon

Prepare yourself for the 'living fossils' at Hamelin Pool, home to the most abundant colony of stromatolites in the world. These astounding creatures

show us what life was like 3,500-million years ago, when there was no other complex life on Earth. You're officially in the state's World Heritage listed Shark Bay, the largest of its kind in Australia with more than 1,000 kilometres of beaches. Not all of them sandy – welcome to Shell Beach. Here, the snow-white colour comes from billions of tiny coquina bivalve shells, up to 10 metres deep and stretching for 70 kilometres. From this thriving marine ecosystem to overhead attractions, your next stop is the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum. Did you know it played a role in the 1969 moon landing, and was instrumental in the space race? These are among the gallery's claims to fame, as you'll discover touring the collection. Your visit here is interactive, so prepare to try on space suits and climb aboard a supercraft simulator. **Hotel: Hospitality. B D**

## 6 Carnarvon – Exmouth

You don't need to get your hair wet to experience the sheer wonderment of Ningaloo Reef. A Coral Bay glass-bottom boat cruise gets you within a whisker of turtles, colourful coral and an embarrassment of fish. You won't know where to look, although your on-board naturalist will help guide your gaze. This is part of the World Heritage listed Ningaloo Coast, a popular hangout for larger-than-life migratory marine life including whale sharks and humpbacks. **Hotel: Mantarays Ningaloo Reef Resort, 2 nights. B D**

## 7 Exmouth Free Time

Steel yourself for a few 'pinch-me' moments today. Opt to snorkel (with an ethical operator) over Ningaloo Reef. Time of year pending, you may have whale sharks and possibly humpback whales in your company. Nothing quite prepares you for the initial moment you glimpse these gentle giants up close (own expense). Or spend your day strolling the sand and cruising with dolphins at sunset. **B D**

## 8 Exmouth – Karratha

Take one last look over the Exmouth waters before continuing north to Western Australia's famous Pilbara region. Known for its rich cultural landscape, red earth and vast mineral deposits, the region's diverse landscape will fascinate you. **Hotel: Comfort Inn. B D**

## 9 Karratha – Karijini National Park – Tom Price

It took billions of years to create the geological wonders of Karijini: the



Kalbarri Skywalk



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## 13 DAYS

### Departure Dates

2025-26 Season	
2025	
Jun	03
Jul	22

### Dining

12 Breakfasts B                      9 Dinners D  
1 Lunch L

### Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Perth Airport  
Day 13: Flights to depart anytime from Broome Airport  
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### Extensions & Add-Ons

- End your tour in Darwin. See Wonders of the West Coast and Kimberley on page 32.

striking red escarpments and the quiet gorges all enveloped by tall gums. You have a single day to explore, so bring your stamina and sense of adventure. You're heading deep into the national park, discovering hidden nooks and waterholes just begging you to swim in them. **Hotel: Tom Price Motel B L D**

#### 10 Tom Price – Port Hedland

At first glimpse of the Pilbara, you may well think you've been transported to Mars. The soil couldn't get any redder, the skies any wider, the rock formations any more dramatic, much of the countryside streaked with mineral deposits. People are few and far between until you reach the town of Port Hedland. **Hotel: Hospitality. B D**

#### 11 Port Hedland – Broome

Skirting the edge of the Great Sandy Desert, your morning outlook is flat – almost as far as the eye can see, the sand eventually giving way to mountain ranges, and then multicultural Broome. This city delivers many surprises, from its eclectic restaurants to its long pearling history – the pristine waters produce some of the most prized pearl oysters in the world. The other standout attraction here happens at sunset. Follow locals to the sand on Cable Beach and salute your arrival in Broome. **Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort and Spa, 2 nights. B D**

#### 12 Broome Free Time

Which direction should you choose to venture today? Head north deep into the Kimberley on an optional experience where the Horizontal Falls reveals the power of nature. Get some perspective of the tides here on a scenic flight, then feel the force of the water on a heart-starting cruise across the rapids. Or veer off to a pearl farm to witness the precision that goes into growing and harvesting these gems. Or simply enjoy Broome's tropical climes, strolling along 22-kilometre Cable Beach, hunting for dinosaur footprints and browsing boutiques. **B**

#### 13 Farewell from Broome

How do you pick a favourite adventure from the last 13 days? You don't have to – let them all shine in equal measure in your memory. **B**



# Wonders of the Kimberley

## Highlights

### 📍 Local Connection

Cruise down the Ord River from Lake Argyle with a local guide, ending with the setting sun over the water in Kununurra.

### 🎨 Cultural Immersion

Support local Aboriginal artists with a visit to a Kimberley Indigenous art gallery and discover why art is so important to maintaining culture.

### 🌿 Make Travel Matter

Explore the spectacular Mimbi Caves with an Aboriginal guide, where you'll observe their delicate limestone formations, brilliantly vivid colours and crystal clear freshwater pools.

### 🌍 World Class Nature

Sometimes, it's the small things in nature that wow the most. Like waking up with the sun and the birds in a glamping tent within El Questro Wilderness Park.



## 1 Welcome to Broome

You're about to spend the next 11 days with a group of similarly minded adventure-seekers who will likely become best friends before you even leave tonight's dinner venue. Break the ice over a few cool drinks and a suitably dazzling Broome sunset. **Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, 2 nights. D**

## 2 Broome Free Time

Multicultural Broome became a base for fortune-seekers the world over during its 'pearl rush'. The pristine waters here grow great oysters, and the resulting pearls are prized by lovers of all things that gleam. Your free day here is one of decisions. We wouldn't blame you for simply enjoying Broome's tropical climes, following locals to the sand, to salute the end of a spectacular day in WA. **B**

## 3 Broome – Fitzroy Crossing

Preserved for 125 million years in the reef rock at Gantheaume Point are the imprints of long-extinct dinosaurs. Remarkably, the Broome coast has become one of the most significant paleontological sites in the world. Glimpse their stomping ground before venturing toward Fitzroy Crossing. **Hotel: Fitzroy River Lodge. B D**

## 4 Fitzroy Crossing – Halls Creek

On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience, visit the spectacular to observe the limestone formations and crystal-clear freshwater pools that remain from a 350-million-year-old Devonian Great Barrier Reef. Take a deep dive into First Nations culture, discovering ancient rock paintings and Dreamtime stories. More Aboriginal history awaits at a local art gallery. **Hotel: Kimberley. B L D**

## 5 Halls Creek – Emma Gorge

Get a taste of the Gibb River Road, a wild adventure that traverses 660 kilometers across the Kimberley, before arriving to El Questro Wilderness Park, backdropped by the rusty red Cockburn Range. Hidden among the pandanus palms are a string of slick safari-style tents. Which means you can gaze at the stars while you drift off to a chorus of frogs and cicadas. When darkness falls, expect

a bedazzlement of stars overhead. **Hotel: Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities, El Questro, 2 nights. B D**

## 6 El Questro Wilderness Park

The Kimberley's sounds follow you across the mighty Pentecost River, a mecca for those who love a spot of barramundi fishing. Arriving at Chamberlain Gorge, your cruise chariot awaits. Jump aboard to feel very small indeed, your boat dwarfed by soaring 65-metre escarpments. When it's time to cool down, take a dip in the resort pool. **B D**

## 7 Emma Gorge – Kununurra

Discover how Kununurra's Hoochery Distillery makes its lip-smacking rums and whiskeys. Perhaps try a tasting paddle to get your heart started (own expense), and later sit down to morning tea. Kununurra only exists because of the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. Farming pioneers came here to establish vast cattle stations, the life of one family is chronicled at the Durack Homestead Museum, which you'll visit before enjoying sunset while cruising the Ord River. **Hotel: The Kimberley Grande, 2 nights. B D**

## 8 Kununurra

Today is one of decisions: A scenic flight over (or 4WD tour of) the Bungle Bungles (own expense). Or a wander with your Travel Director through Mirima National Park. In between, explore the Waringarri Aboriginal Art Centre on a guided tour. **B**

## 9 Kununurra – Katherine

Say goodbye to WA and hello to the NT, your introduction to the state the vast pastoral lands that characterise the outback here. Locals come with plenty of country swagger, as you'll discover at the Katherine Outback Experience, celebrating the Northern Territory's unique pastoral history and culture. After songs and entertainment, your special Be My Guest evening of dining under the stars begins. **Hotel: Contour. B D**

## 10 Katherine – Darwin

Nature reigns supreme at Nitmiluk National Park. This is Jawoyn land, and a place where you'll feel your spirit soar. Particularly when you're cruising through dramatic Nitmiluk Gorge, your boat the only sound in this enormous chasm. The balmy Darwin climate sets the pace for your



Ord River Cruise



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## 11 DAYS

### Departure Dates

2025-26 Season	
2025	2025 continued
Jun 06, 13	Aug 01, 15
Jul 25	Sep 05

### Dining

10 Breakfasts B                      8 Dinners D  
1 Lunch L

### Flight Information

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final city tour: relaxed. Discover the city's architecture and learn about the events that have shaped life. Gather this evening for a Farewell Dinner and exchange email addresses with your new friends. **Hotel: Vibe Darwin Waterfront. B D**

#### 11 Farewell from Darwin

Eleven days. Countless adventures. A bunch of new friends. And a renewed appreciation for the wild side of Australia. What a journey. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops
- Optional Experience

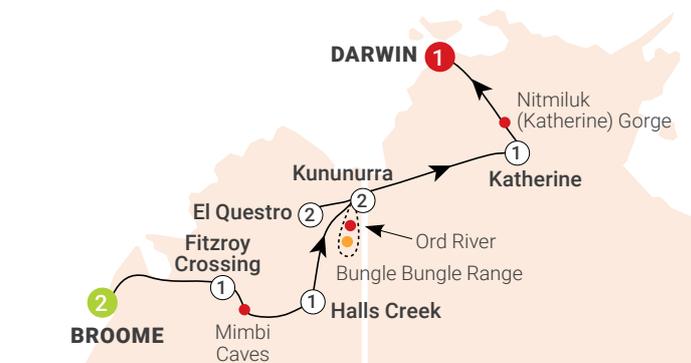


### Optional Experience

#### Bungle Bungle Scenic Flight

Enjoy the exhilarating sensation of freedom in a high winged aircraft especially selected for a spectacular view while air touring. You'll be amazed at what you will see and learn in this two hour flight, from the irrigation and farming areas, the vastness of Lake Argyle, dam walls, cattle stations, mineral exploration sites, rivers, the largest diamond mine in the world, and not to forget the star of the tour, the World Heritage listed Purnululu National Park home to the famous Bungle Bungle Range.

We recommend you book your optional experience at the same time as your holiday.



# Untamed Kimberley

## Highlights

### 📍 Local Connection

Support local Aboriginal artists with a visit to a Kimberley Indigenous Art Gallery and discover why art is so important to maintaining culture.

### 🌊 Cultural Immersion

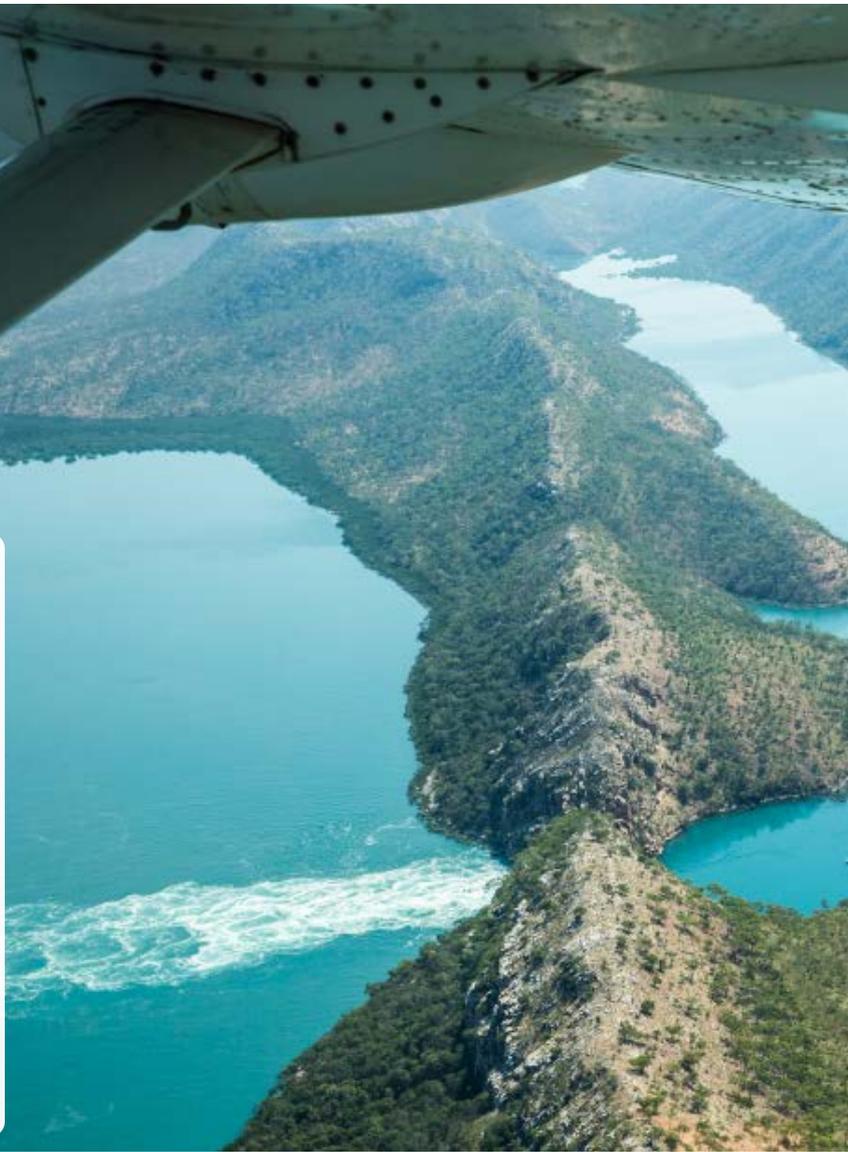
Cruise down the spectacular Ord River from Lake Argyle with a local guide, to be greeted by the setting sun over the water in Kununurra.

### 🗣️ Make Travel Matter

Inside Mimbi Caves, hear fascinating stories as your Gooniyandi guide takes you to a time when Aboriginal people inhabited these caves, carved out of an ancient fossilised reef system.

### 🌍 World Class Nature

Learn about the Jawoyn people, traditional landowners of Nitmiluk National Park, their stories of how the gorge was formed, and about how they live and work today.



## 1 Welcome to Darwin

The balmy Darwin climate sets the pace for your city tour: relaxed. Things don't happen in a hurry here. Even the fiery sunsets seem to linger. You'll catch one later, but first an orientation tour to meet locals, discover the city's architecture and learn about the events that have shaped life, from Cyclone Tracy to WWII when the Northern Territory capital was bombed. Now it's time to watch the day disappear and meet your fellow adventure seekers for a Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: Vibe Darwin Waterfront. D**

## 2 Darwin – Katherine

As you begin your travels south, yet more reminders of the impact of WWII line the banks of the Adelaide River, where the headquarters of a military base once stood. Then nature takes over at Nitmiluk National Park bordering Kakadu. This is Jawoyn land, and a place where you'll feel your spirit soar. Particularly when you're cruising through dramatic Nitmiluk Gorge, your boat the only sound in this enormous chasm. There's no time to catch your breath – you're off to the Katherine Outback Experience, where you'll be entertained with songs, stories, and a Be My Guest dinner under the stars. **Hotel: Contour. B D**

## 3 Katherine – Kununurra

Say goodbye to the NT and hello to WA, your introduction to the state the unexpected delights of Kununurra. It's in the middle of nowhere, and only exists because of the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. Before it was a twinkle on the map, farming pioneers came here to establish vast cattle stations. The life of one family is chronicled at the Durack Homestead Museum, which you'll visit before enjoying yet another sunset, this time cruising the Ord River and Lake Argyle. Some experiences burn into your memory. **Hotel: Kununurra Country Club Resort, 2 nights. B D**

## 4 Kununurra

Today is one of decisions: A scenic flight over (or 4WD tour of) the Bungle Bungles (own expense). Or a wander with your Travel Director through Mirima National Park. In between, explore the Waringarri Aboriginal Art Centre on a guided tour. **B**

## 5 Kununurra – Emma Gorge

It's not every day that you get to go behind the scenes of a rum distillery with the family that owns it. Discover how Hoochery Distillery makes its lip-smacking, award-winning rums and whiskys. Try a tasting paddle to get your heart started (own expense) and then sit down to morning tea. Get a taste of the Gibb River Road, a wild adventure that traverses 660 kilometres across the Kimberley, before arriving to El Questro Wilderness Park. Your safari-style tents for the night are surrounded by an oasis of pandanus palms. **Hotel: Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities, El Questro, 2 nights. B D**

## 6 El Questro Wilderness Park

The best way to wake up? With the sun streaming through your tent, wildlife all around. The Kimberley's sounds follow you across the mighty Pentecost River, a mecca for those who love a spot of barramundi fishing. Arriving at Chamberlain Gorge, an enormous fresh waterhole, your cruise chariot awaits. Jump aboard to feel very small indeed, your boat dwarfed by soaring 65-metre escarpments. When it's time to cool down, take an afternoon dip in the resort pool. **B D**

## 7 Emma Gorge – Halls Creek

When you arrive in Halls Creek you'll visit the Yarliyi Art Gallery, an Aboriginal owned enterprise which has more than 100 artist members who practice art in a wide range of styles and mediums. Equally important to Aboriginal communities is the Great Sandy Desert, on the edge of which is Halls Creek. This place is small in population, but big in personality. **Hotel: Kimberley. B D**

## 8 Halls Creek – Fitzroy Crossing

The Kimberley boasts a geological history that is nothing short of spectacular. Explore the Mimbi Caves with an Indigenous guide, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, to observe the delicate limestone formations, brilliantly vivid colours and crystal-clear freshwater pools that remain from the Devonian Great Barrier Reef that formed over 350 million years ago. Discover ancient rock paintings before listening



# Perfect Tasmania

## Highlights

### 📍 Local Connection

Whether you're cruising the Gordon River and Wineglass Bay or going behind the scenes for lunch at Mt. Gnomon Farm, in-the-know locals will keep you company.

### 🏛️ Cultural Immersion

Step back in time and delve into the history of the Port Arthur penal settlement and historic site on a private, interpretive guided tour.

### 🌱 Make Travel Matter

Learn about how to create a more sustainable environment for the future on our Kipli Takara Bush Tucker tour.

### 🌿 World Class Nature

Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park is the kind of place that makes you put life into perspective. How can nature be this humbling?



## 1 Welcome to Hobart

You don't have to venture far from your hotel to find inspiration in Hobart, whether you're exploring the harbour or easing into one of the city's applauded galleries and wine bars. Save room for your Welcome Dinner with your fellow adventure-seekers. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. D**

## 2 City Sights and Salamanca Market

Your morning excursions delve deep into many of the things that make Hobart great: the Mt. Nelson Lookout, offering views over the city; historic Battery Point and the Cascade Brewery. End the tour at the leafy Botanical Gardens spotlighting endemic plants a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Salamanca Market is like creative Tasmania in a bustling snapshot. Grab yourself a coffee before navigating more than 300 stalls, wedged alongside the Salamanca precinct's historic sandstone warehouses. **B**

## 3 Hobart – Strahan

Today is a journey of contrasts. Exhale amid the forest enveloping Russell Falls in Mt. Field National Park. Forget your worries at Lake St. Clair, the deepest natural lake in Australia. Sigh as you skirt the World Heritage-protected Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. Then revel in the serenity of Strahan. **Hotel: Strahan Village. B D**

## 4 Strahan – Cradle Mountain

Soak up the silence of this untouched wilderness area on your Gordon River cruise en route to Sarah Island, the state's oldest convict settlement. Today, the island's haunting ruins have been reclaimed by nature, enveloped by forest and twisting vines. Your commute toward immense Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park sees you travel through tiny mining towns scattered amongst the mountainous wild terrain. Rest up – Cradle Mountain awaits. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain, 2 nights. B L D**

## 5 Cradle Mountain

Spend the day in Cradle Mountain, all moss-covered ancient rainforests and deep river gorges, snow-tipped peaks, wild alpine moorlands and glacial lakes – case in point Dove Lake, where you may spot Bennetts wallabies, echidnas and pademelons. Pause at Waldheim Chalet, once the home of Gustav and Kate Weindorfer, the duo pivotal in the park's formation. **B D**

## 6 Cradle Mountain – Launceston

Tasmania has its fair share of award-winning gin and whisky distilleries, as well as small boutique breweries. Among them is a seaside tap house found in the petite town of Penguin. Sit back and enjoy a tasting paddle of local brew while taking in the views overlooking glorious Bass Strait. Continue your palate expansion at Mount Gnomon Farm. Farmer Guy Robertson is as passionate about his orchard as he is the cider he makes. Sip your way through a paddock-to-plate lunch. Continue to quirky Sheffield, the 'Town of Murals' and through the Meander Valley to Launceston. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. B L**

## 7 Launceston

Explore Cataract Gorge at your leisure. By the time you reach Josef Chromy Vineyard, you'll have worked up a thirst. We've got you covered, with a glass of one of the state's finest cool-climate wines. It's no secret that Tasmania produces some of the best food in Australia – it's the clean air and water, lush landscapes and verdant soils. This all unites to create droolworthy sweet and savoury condiments at the Gourmet Sauce Company, overlooking the South Esk River and dramatic Eastern Highlands. Sample the oh-so-tasty wares, whether sauces, jams, mustards or relishes with your lunch. **B L**

## 8 Launceston – Bicheno

You'll smell Bridestowe Estate well before you arrive – this lavender farm welcomes with soothing aromas, and addictive flavours in the form of lavender ice-cream. Moving moments await at Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, a series of trees carved with sculptures as a homage to fallen WWI soldiers. Be sure to head out tonight to catch a glimpse of the little penguins that call Bicheno home. **Hotel: Diamond Island Beach Resort. B D**

## 9 Freycinet National Park & Wineglass Bay Cruise

There's a reason this part of Tasmania takes home top honours for its beaches – they were made for postcards. The brilliant blue ocean follows you through Cape Tourville's virgin eucalypt forests, with dramatic mountains as far as the eye can see. Soak in the beauty of the breathtaking Freycinet Peninsula on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience that contributes to the preservation of its wildlife. You'll cruise past granite coastline, towering pink cliffs of the Hazards range, beaches fringed by



Mount Gnomon Farm



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### Dining

12 Breakfasts B  
5 Lunches L

8 Dinners D

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dense bush, as you graze on a tasty Ploughman's lunch while taking in the serenity of stunning Wineglass Bay. **Hotel: Eastcoaster Tasmania. B L D**

#### 10 Triabunna – Sorell

This morning, explore the historic township of Richmond. Next, join us for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience at Risdon Cove. Kipli Takara (meaning food walk) is an immersive experience where you're invited to walk the culturally rich landscape with palawa (Tasmanian Aboriginal) guides across this abundant natural pantry. Taste the seasonal native bush tucker and get a first-hand glimpse into how palawa continue to enjoy cultural foods and undertake culturally-centred land management across lutruwita/Tasmania. Now, want to disconnect from technology, and reconnect with Mother Nature? You've come to the right place.

To the northeast of Hobart in Sorell, Iron Creek Bay Farm comes with seclusion and style to spare. This is your base for the night, and what calming treasures await. This working farm is enveloped by 70 hectares of orchards growing cherries, apricots, apples and grapes. You're invited to pick fruits during your stay, and you'll likely meet an array of resident animals. **Hotel: Iron Creek Bay Farm. B L D**

#### 11 Port Arthur Historic Site

While the World Heritage listed Port Arthur Historic Site has a grim convict history, you wouldn't know it today – the countryside is all rolling green fields and ocean views, best glimpsed on a Port Arthur guided tour with an in-the-know historian. Today you will cruise around the Isle of the Dead, glimpse rugged sea cliffs from Pirate's Bay Lookout, and marvel at Tasman's Arch, Devil's Kitchen and the Blowhole. Tonight is at your leisure in Hobart. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. B**

#### 12 Hobart Free Time

There's something about Tasmania's capital that encourages life in the slow lane. You'll quickly fall into step today, yours to spend as you will. Tonight, celebrate Tasmania with your travel mates at a Farewell Dinner at a popular Hobart restaurant. **B D**

#### 13 Farewell from Hobart

Now is the time to re-live all the epic things you've seen and done over the last two weeks with your friends back home. **B**

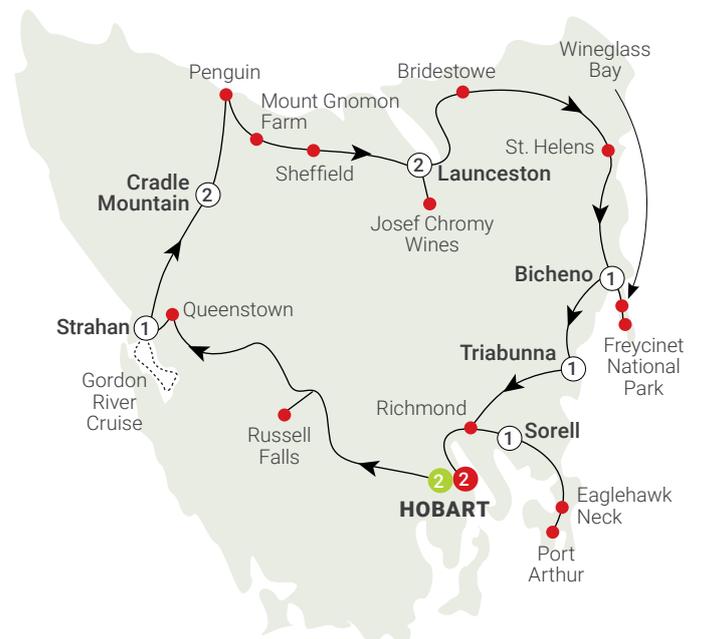


● **START**

● **END**

① Number of night stays

● Sightseeing stops



# Tassie's Parks & Nature

## Highlights

### 📍 Local Connection

Cheese, wine, beer and cider all await in Tassie. Go behind the scenes with the makers, including farmer Guy Robertson on his Mt. Gnomon property.

### 🎭 Cultural Immersion

Listen to local street performers as you taste delicious homegrown produce at Tassie's iconic Salamanca Market.

### 🌿 Make Travel Matter

Your donation to the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens contributes to their conservation projects.

### 🌍 World Class Nature

Carved by ice during glaciations over the last two million years, Lake St. Clair is the deepest natural lake in Australia. Added bonus – it's surrounded by World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park.

## 1 Welcome to Hobart

The Tasmanian capital packs a lot of punch into such a small perimeter, from restaurants that garner global praise to moody wine bars, eye-opening galleries, waterside walks and character-filled historic precincts. Explore at your leisure before meeting the adventurous souls over a Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. D**

## 2 City Sights and Salamanca Market

This morning you'll see what makes Hobart tick, from the Mt. Nelson Lookout, gazing over the River Derwent, and the state's capital; historic Battery Point and the Cascade Brewery. End the tour at the leafy Botanical Gardens spotlighting endemic plants a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Three hundred – that's the number of stalls you'll navigate this afternoon at Hobart's mighty Salamanca Market. Get your heart started sampling gin and whisky, or order a coffee while perusing made-in-Tasmania arts and crafts. The precinct, amid historic sandstone buildings, is almost as pretty as the produce. **B**

## 3 Hobart – Strahan

The West Coast of Tassie is wild – in the best possible way. The air seems cleaner, the lakes cooler, the colours brighter, the waterfalls larger... as you'll discover when the mist envelops you at tiered Russell Falls. This is part of Mt. Field National Park, the state's most diverse nature reserve. Speaking of breaking records, Lake St. Clair is the deepest of its kind in Australia, carved by ice during glaciations over the last two million years. Pausing here puts life into perspective. Skirt the World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park, before arriving in Strahan. Small in population but big in personality, the town overlooks the immense Macquarie Harbour. Did you know it's seven times the size of Sydney Harbour? **Hotel: Strahan Village. B D**

## 4 Strahan – Cradle Mountain

No day that involves a cruise is a bad day. Even better if it's the deep, dark waters of the far-flung Tassie's Gordon River. Soak up the silence of this untouched wilderness area on your Gordon River cruise en route to Sarah Island, the state's oldest convict settlement. Today, the island's haunting ruins have been reclaimed by nature, enveloped

by forest and twisting vines. Your commute toward immense Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park sees you travel through tiny mining towns scattered amongst the mountainous wild terrain. Rest up – Cradle Mountain awaits. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain, 2 nights. B L D**

## 5 Cradle Mountain

Cradle Mountain owes much of its protected status to early settlers Gustav and Kate Weindorfer, who were pivotal in championing the conservation of the area. Their efforts are remembered at Waldheim Chalet, their former home, set among myrtles and King Billy pines that gradually give way to moss covered ancient rainforests and deep river gorges, snow-tipped peaks and wild alpine moorlands. This is the heart of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, carved by glacial waterways like Dove Lake. You can see why Bennetts wallabies, echidnas, wombats and pademelons live here – you, too, will find it hard to tear yourself away. If you're a night person, consider enlisting to spot Tassie's nocturnal animals, at a devil sanctuary. **B D**

## 6 Cradle Mountain – Launceston

Tasmania has its fair share of award-winning gin and whisky distilleries, as well as small boutique breweries. Among them is a seaside tap house found in the petite town of Penguin. If there's a place with a cuter name, we're yet to locate it on a map. Sit back and enjoy a tasting paddle of local brew whilst taking in the views overlooking glorious Bass Strait. Steel yourself for the ciders fermented at Mount Gnomon Farm. Passionate farmer, Guy Robertson, will pour brews made from apples grown in his orchard, before you sit down to a paddock-to-plate lunch. Then you're on your way to quirky Sheffield, the 'Town of Murals', before travelling through the Meander Valley to Launceston. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor. B L**

## 7 Farewell from Launceston

Your final day ends on a high in Cataract Gorge, a rare natural phenomenon on the outskirts of Launceston. There's bushland on one side, and a Victorian garden replete with ferns and exotic plants on the other. Get a different perspective of the green cavern on the scenic chairlift, zipping you over the water to a lofty lookout. You can't leave Tassie without sipping one of its cool-climate wines, perhaps a pinot noir



Cradle Mountain



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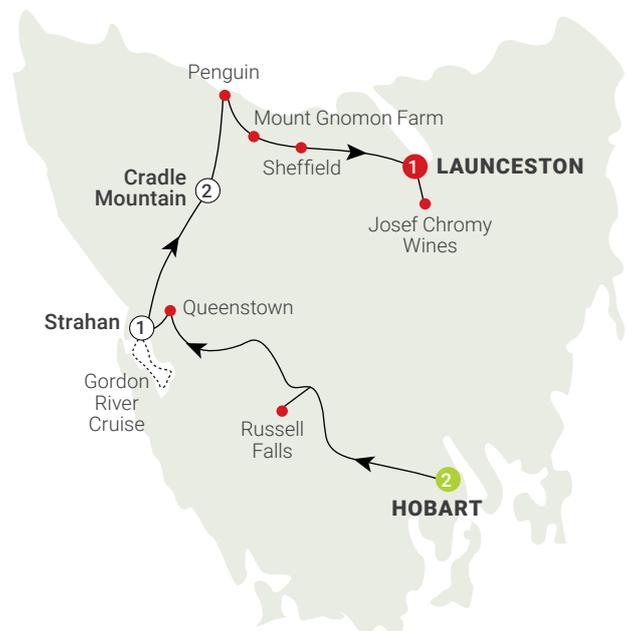
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or sauvignon blanc enjoyed overlooking the manicured grounds of the Josef Chromy Estate. It's no secret that Tasmania produces some of the best food in Australia – it's the clean air and water, lush landscapes and verdant soils. This all unites to create droolworthy sweet and savoury condiments at the Gourmet Sauce Company, overlooking the South Esk River and dramatic Eastern Highlands. Explore the estate's gardens, then sample the oh-so-tasty wares, whether sauces, jams, mustards or relishes with your lunch. This afternoon is yours: if you're not heading home yet, we recommend extending your adventure with a cruise along the Tamar River (own expense). A fitting end to a week of wonderment. **B L**



- **START**
- **END**
- 1 Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Josef Chromy Wines

# Tassie Getaway

## Highlights

### 📍 Local Connection

Whether meeting growers at Bridestowe Lavender Estate, spotting wildlife on a Wineglass Bay nature cruise or exploring Tassie's cool capital, in-the-know locals offer eye-opening insights.

### 🏛️ Cultural Immersion

Port Arthur's heritage shaped modern-day Australia. The best way to understand its significance? With a historian guiding you through the World Heritage Site.

### 🌱 Make Travel Matter

Learn about how to create a more sustainable environment for the future on our Kipli Takara Bush Tucker tour.

### 🌿 World Class Nature

Wander a few steps from Launceston and you're in the natural wonderland that is Cataract Gorge, where rivers carve a landscape of towering cliffs and lush vegetation.



## 1 Welcome to Launceston

Tasmania's second-largest city, Launceston sits pretty on the banks of the Tamar River. Arrive early? Distractions are endless. We suggest jumping on a boat to cruise the waterway, gliding through the Tamar Valley or up into Cataract Gorge. This rare natural phenomenon unites bushland with neat Victorian gardens, replete with ferns and exotic plants. Get a different perspective of the green cavern on the scenic chairlift, zipping you over the water to a lofty lookout (both own expense). Meet your Travel Director for a drink before embarking on your journey along Tasmania's glorious east. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor.**

## 2 Launceston – Bicheno

Arriving at Bridestowe Lavender Estate, you could be forgiven for thinking you've been transported straight to Provence. This patch of purple (lavender blooms late Spring to early Summer) is a feast for all the senses (did you know lavender is a great sleep aid?). Then taste the wares, whether in lavender ice-cream or honey made from the 500,000 very happy bees that live here. Moving moments await at Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, an avenue of sculpted trees, carved in homage of fallen WWI soldiers. It's a poignant reminder of just how privileged we are to have Tasmania's scene-stealing landscapes to gaze over today. Head out tonight to catch a glimpse of the little penguins that call Bicheno home. **Hotel: Diamond Island Beach Resort. B D**

## 3 Freycinet National Park & Wineglass Bay

Embarking on your Freycinet adventure, you may think someone has taken the glasses off your nose and cleaned them for the first time. The towering Hazards Range gleams pink in the morning sunshine. Fun fact: the prized granite here was used to build the foyer of New York's Empire State Building. The brilliant blue ocean curves into coves dusted with golden sand. And dusty greens patchwork Cape Tourville's virgin eucalypt forest, stretching as far as the eye can see. And you get to take it all in on a Wineglass Bay lunch cruise. **Hotel: Eastcoaster Tasmania. B L D**

## 4 Triabunna – Sorell

This morning, the GPS is set for the historic township of Richmond; explore the convict-built goal and bridge or browse the quaint boutique shops. Next, join us for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience at Risdon Cove. Kipli Takara (meaning food walk) is an immersive experience where you're invited to walk the culturally rich landscape with palawa (Tasmanian Aboriginal) guides across this abundant natural pantry. Taste the seasonal native bush tucker and get a first-hand glimpse into how palawa continue to enjoy cultural foods and undertake culturally-centred land management across lutruwita/Tasmania. This experience includes a unique tasting of local, native flavours. Now, want to disconnect from technology, and reconnect with Mother Nature? You've come to the right place. To the northeast of Hobart in Sorell, Iron Creek Bay Farm comes with seclusion and style to spare. This is your base for the night, and what calming treasures await. This working farm is enveloped by 70 hectares of orchards growing cherries, apricots, apples and grapes. You're invited to pick fruits during your stay, and you'll likely meet an array of resident animals. The food here heroes Tassie produce in all its glory. It doesn't get any fresher than this. **Hotel: Iron Creek Bay Farm. B L D**

## 5 Port Arthur Historic Site

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## 6 Hobart Free Time

Today is one of choices. Do you fancy lingering in Hobart's city centre, exploring gallery-lined streets and taking in glorious Georgian architecture, either at your leisure or with a guide? Or perhaps you're inclined to explore the Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery, occupying one of Australia's most historically significant sites and home to an eye-watering 800,000



Wineglass Bay Cruise



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objects ranging from fossils to fine art. Maybe you want to end your Tassie adventure the way it began, savouring the state's end-of-the-Earth wilderness areas. Take on Mount Wellington, with its glorious views of Hobart and beyond, or cruise to spot playful fur seals and ogle Australia's highest sea cliffs around Bruny Island (all own expense). **B D**

#### 7 Farewell from Hobart

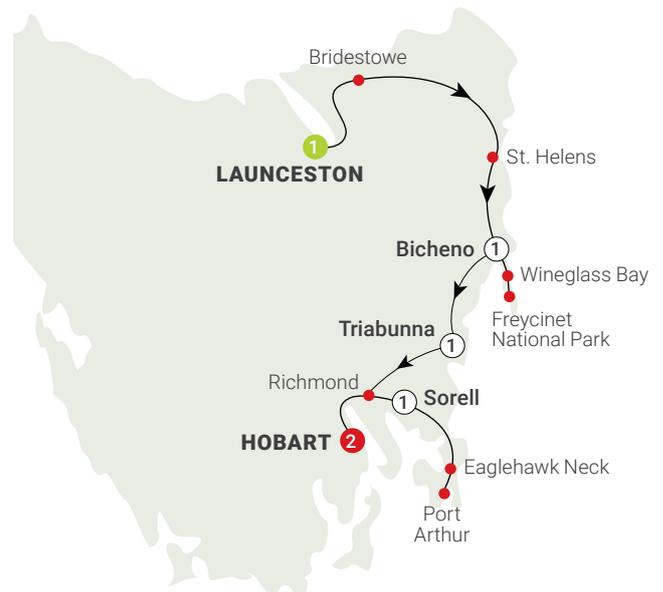
Epic landscapes, tasty food and wine, historic attractions – we've packed a lot into the last week. Today, digest all your adventures as we bid adieu. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Port Arthur Historic Site



# Tastes of Southern Australia

## Highlights

### Local Connection

Meet Craig Starr on his 400-hectare sheep farm Gold Creek Station for a tale or two, and a BBQ. The stories continue at Australian Parliament House.

### Cultural Immersion

Gold rush towns always come with stories about infamous bush rangers and love scandals. Hear them when you arrive in historic Beechworth.

### Make Travel Matter

Walk with a guide through the galleries of Koorie Heritage Trust, a First Peoples arts and cultural centre at Federation Square.

### World Class Nature

Along the Great Ocean Road's 240 kilometres you'll discover all manner of natural drama, from limestone stacks to World Heritage listed rainforest and untouched coastal coves.



As this holiday departs at 7.30am from the Vibe Hotel Sydney, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

#### 1 Sydney – Canberra

As hard as it is to say goodbye to Sydney, it's just as easy to say hello to the Southern Highlands. South of the 'Harbour City', the rustic countryside of Berrima awaits – fun fact: this is the oldest Georgian village in Australia. Further on, you're welcomed to Gold Creek Station by sheep farmer Craig Starr for a Be My Guest BBQ lunch and tales about life on the land. Onward to the country's cool little capital, home to Parliament House, where you'll go behind the political scenes. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. L**

#### 2 Canberra – Wangaratta

Get some Canberra perspective from the summit of Mt. Ainslie. You won't be able to see the Murray River, but you'll soon cross it en route to Beechworth, Victoria's best-preserved gold rush town. Get the lowdown on Beechworth over a chat with the publican of the historic local pub and enjoy afternoon tea in the oldest hotel in town. Then you'll be set and on your way to explore honey and gold shops, galleries and museums at your leisure. **Hotel: Quality. B**

#### 3 Wangaratta – Melbourne

Meandering south toward historic Glenrowan, you're well and truly in Ned Kelly country – this is where the infamous bushranger and his gang were finally captured in 1880. We'll tell you all the tales, then a few more about Melbourne, the home of Aussie rules football, some of the country's best arts institutions, and a swag of stellar restaurants, cafés and bars. Immerse yourself in a guided galleries tour of our First Peoples arts and cultural centre, the Koorie Heritage Trust, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, then head off to explore before an evening at leisure. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. B**

#### 4 Melbourne Free Time

You're on your own today. Well, not really, because your Travel Director is at your service to help arrange optional experiences. Perhaps enjoy a strong coffee in one of Melbourne's atmospheric laneways. Adrenaline junkie? Linger in the city, gaining bird's-eye views from the Melbourne Skydeck at the Eureka Tower. Animal lover? Venture to Phillip Island to see

hundreds of little penguins pad along the sand (both own expense). **B**

#### 5 Melbourne – Warrnambool

The Great Ocean Road is one of the world's most epic journeys, a dramatic 240-kilometre union of limestone stacks (Twelve Apostles, we're looking at you), World Heritage listed rainforest, untouched coastal coves and sleepy towns, like Lorne and Apollo Bay. It's hard to know where to point your camera. We recommend having it poised to snap shots of the Loch Ard Gorge and London Bridge rock formations. It doesn't get any better than this. **Hotel: Lady Bay Resort. B D**

#### 6 Warrnambool – Naracoorte

Emus and koalas... These are just a couple of the animals you'll likely spot as you drive through Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve – housed in a dormant volcanic crater. Remarkably, this pocket of paradise was once wasteland, transformed by volunteers. More volcanic history awaits across the South Australian border in Mt. Gambier, home to the crater-filling Blue Lake. By now you'll be pretty thirsty, so it's a good thing the Coonawarra wine region is around the corner. After a few sips, you may find yourself getting deep – literally. Naracoorte's Alexandra Cave is a maze of delicate needle-like stalactites and massive twisting columns. **Hotel: William MacIntosh Motor Lodge. B D**

#### 7 Naracoorte – Kangaroo Island

The Fleurieu Peninsula is a natural adventure playground, all rolling hills, rugged clifftops and sandy beaches. Seaside Victor Harbor turns on the charms – take a horse drawn tram ride out to Granite Island (own expense) or take a wander along the pier – before your ferry blasts its horn. All aboard for Kangaroo Island, home to native wildlife like sea lions, koalas and diverse bird species. Your destination is Kingscote. **Hotel: Aurora Ozone, 2 nights. B D**

#### 8 Kangaroo Island

It's time for an island adventure: first stops are Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch, home to an immense colony of raucous fur seals. The wildlife greets you at Seal Bay Conservation Park, where enormous sea lions barrel down the sand to the water. Here, on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience you'll visit one of the country's most important



Remarkable Rocks



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## 11 DAYS

### Departure Dates

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Oct 17		Apr 10	Feb 05, 19
Nov 21		Aug 28	Mar 19
<b>2025</b>		Sep 18	
Jan 09, 23		Oct 16	
Feb 06, 20		Nov 20	
Mar 06, 20			

### Dining

10 Breakfasts B  
3 Lunches L

4 Dinners D

### Flight Information

Day prior: Flights to arrive anytime into Sydney Airport

Day 11: Flights to depart anytime from Adelaide Airport

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sea lion breeding grounds. Aside from smelling divine, eucalyptus oil is like the Holy Grail of healing – there’s not much it can’t cure. Drop in to South Australia’s only eucalyptus distillery to tour the estate, spot resident kangaroos, discover KI’s history and dive into oil production. A well-deserved tasting of craft beer awaits at a boutique brewery, the only one on the island. How does a Golden Ale sound? **B L**

#### 9 Kangaroo Island – Adelaide

You’ve arrived in the South Australian capital, known for its well-preserved churches and well-admired cuisine. Did you know that Adelaide boasts more restaurants per capita than any other city in Australia? After a city orientation tour, the afternoon is yours to see just how many you can sample – we have a few recommendations, including a visit to the epic Central Market, where you can try green ant gin with cheese, among so many other delicacies (own expense). **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. B**

#### 10 Adelaide Hills & The Barossa

Pull on your elastic-waisted pants – today is one of indulgences through the Adelaide Hills and the Barossa, dotted with atmospheric towns like Hahndorf, Australia’s oldest surviving German settlement. A Barossa and Hahndorf tour reveals the bountiful food and wine this pocket of the state is known for. Discover local flavours over lunch at Lambert Estate, nestled in the rolling hills of the Barossa followed by a wine or gin tasting at Maggie Beer’s Pheasant Farm. Enjoy a Japanese inspired Farewell Dinner this evening at the hotel with your newfound friends. **B L D**

#### 11 Farewell from Adelaide

By day 11, you will have a suitcase full of gin, wine and cheese; a camera full of dreamy images; and more memories than you can count. **B**



# Great Ocean Road & Kangaroo Island

## Highlights

### Local Connection

Mike established Kangaroo Island Brewery in 2015, and loves talking to guests about the flavours distinguishing his beers.

### Cultural Immersion

Learn about the eucalyptus distillery on Kangaroo Island that has been running since the 1880s, and the part it plays in the island's history

### Make Travel Matter

You'll learn about the Australian sea lion, one of the rarest species in the world of only 12,000, 800 of which call Seal Bay home.

### World Class Nature

The underworld beckons at Naracoorte's Alexandra Cave, a maze of delicate needle-like stalactites and massive twisting columns.

As this holiday departs at 7.30am from the Crowne Plaza Melbourne, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

#### 1 Melbourne – Warrnambool

You're on your way to the Great Ocean Road, a snaking coastal route that is one of the world's most epic journeys. Across a dramatic 240 kilometres you'll take in limestone stacks like the Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge and London Bridge. Then traverse World Heritage listed rainforest, skirting untouched coastal coves, and passing through sleepy towns like Lorne and Apollo Bay, where bare feet and boardshorts are the dress code. Get together with your fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner tonight. **Hotel: Lady Bay Resort. D**

#### 2 Warrnambool – Naracoorte

Emus and koalas... oh my! These are just a couple of the animals you'll likely spot as you drive through Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve, housed in a dormant volcanic crater. Remarkably, this pocket of paradise was once wasteland, transformed by volunteers. More volcanic history awaits across the South Australian border in Mt. Gambier, home to the crater-filling Blue Lake. Bring your sunglasses, because the lake's name doesn't do it justice – the intensity of the hue is blinding. By now you'll be pretty thirsty, so it's a good thing the Coonawarra wine region is around the corner. Fancy a world-class cab sav, shiraz or merlot? You've come to the right place. Your final adventure is deep, in every sense of the word. Naracoorte's Alexandra Cave is a maze of delicate needle-like stalactites and massive twisting columns. **Hotel: William MacIntosh Motor Lodge. B D**

#### 3 Naracoorte – Kangaroo Island

Nature rules large again today as you weave along the Fleurieu Peninsula to Victor Harbor. After rolling hills, sandy beaches and rugged cliffs, you're greeted with the charms of this seaside town – the gateway to Kangaroo Island. All aboard the ferry for your journey toward this 'mini Galapagos'. Kangaroo Island deserves its moniker, as you'll discover tomorrow, but for the rest of the day, all you need to do is relax at your hotel in Kingscote, or perhaps take a stroll along the picturesque waters edge. **Hotel: Aurora Ozone, 2 nights. B D**

#### 4 Kangaroo Island

First stop today truly deserves its name: the orange-lichen-clad Remarkable Rocks command your attention over the blazing blue of the Southern Ocean. Then there's Admirals Arch, home to an immense colony of raucous fur seals and a very photogenic lighthouse. The wildlife greets you at Seal Bay Conservation Park. Here, on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience you'll visit one of the country's most important sea lion breeding grounds. On a guided walk, you'll learn about these creatures - one of the rarest species in the world of only 12,000, 800 of which call Seal Bay home. Move aside: enormous sea lions regularly barrel down the sand toward the water. Aside from smelling divine, eucalyptus oil is like the Holy Grail of healing – there's not much it can't cure. Drop in to South Australia's only eucalyptus distillery to tour the estate, spot resident kangaroos, discover KI's history and dive into oil production. Finish today's adventure with a tasting of craft beers at Kangaroo Island's only brewery. How does a Pale Ale sound? **B L**

#### 5 Kangaroo Island – Adelaide

On your cruise back to the mainland, picture some of the culinary opportunities that await you in the South Australian capital. Adelaide is known as the 'city of churches' but we think a more apt title is the 'city of cuisine'. After a city tour, the afternoon is yours to see just how many restaurants and bars you can sample. Want recommendations? We might point you in the direction of the epic Central Market, the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere with more than 70 stalls selling artisan edibles (and drinkables). **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. B**

#### 6 Adelaide Hills & The Barossa

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The Twelve Apostles



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Nov 25		Sep 01, 22	Mar 23
<b>2025</b>		Oct 20	
Jan 13, 27		Nov 24	
Feb 10, 24			
Mar 10, 24			

### Dining

6 Breakfasts B  
2 Lunches L

4 Dinners D

### Flight Information

Day prior: Flights to arrive anytime into Melbourne Airport

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### Extensions & Add-Ons

- Start your tour in Sydney. See Tastes of Southern Australia on page 48.

### 7 Farewell from Adelaide

A week in this part of the world really isn't enough. We hope we've inspired you to come back for another taste. **B**



The Barossa



Seal Bay Conservation Park



# Southern Capitals: City Meets Bush

## Highlights

### 📍 Local Connection

There's not much your guide through Canberra's Parliament House doesn't know; it's a similar story for Craig Starr, who hosts a BBQ on his 400-hectare sheep farm.

### 🏛️ Cultural Immersion

Gold rush towns always come with stories about infamous bush rangers and love scandals. Hear them when you arrive in historic Beechworth.

### 👣 Make Travel Matter

Walk with a guide through the galleries of Koorie Heritage Trust, a First Peoples arts and cultural centre at Federation Square.

### 🌿 World Class Nature

Travel through Victoria's High Country to Beechworth heritage town, surrounded by the majestic Chiltern-Mount Pilot National Park.



As this holiday departs at 7.30am from the Vibe Hotel Sydney, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

### 1 Sydney – Canberra

It's hard to believe that just 1.5 hours from Sydney lies a patch of countryside that could have been transplanted straight from the English Cotswolds. This is Berrima, the oldest Georgian village in Australia. Think atmospheric villages amid rolling hills of grape vines – the Southern Highlands is the closest wine region to Australia's largest city, after all. And then there are the grand gardens and emerald farms, one of which you'll visit to meet Craig Starr and his family. Their 400-hectare Gold Creek Station farm is your backdrop for a Be My Guest BBQ lunch and tales about life on the land. This is the start of your Sydney to Melbourne trip, and the entrée to the country's cool little capital of Canberra, home to Parliament House, where you'll go behind the political scenes. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. L**

### 2 Canberra – Wangaratta

Thanks to architect Walter Burley Griffin, Canberra is an urban planner's delight – the city is that well laid out, as you'll discover when you head to the summit of Mt. Ainslie for panoramic views. You won't yet be able to see the mighty Murray River, but you'll soon cross it en route to Beechworth. From Australia's longest river, travel through Victoria's High Country to the well-preserved gold rush town of Beechworth. Beechworth saw an influx of fortune-seekers from all over the world during the 1850s. Get the lowdown on Beechworth over a chat with the publican of the historic local pub and enjoy afternoon tea in the oldest hotel in town. Then you'll be set on your way to explore honey and gold shops, galleries and museums at your leisure, before Wangaratta beckons. **Hotel: Quality. B**

### 3 Wangaratta – Melbourne

Meandering south toward historic Glenrowan, you're well and truly in Ned Kelly country – this is where the infamous bushranger and his gang were finally captured in 1880. The story is remembered on pretty much every city corner, whether in enormous statues or at the museum. We'll tell you all the tales – some of them true, many of them hearsay. All of them entertaining. Then we'll tell you a bit more about Melbourne, like

how it's the home of Aussie rules football, covets some of the country's best arts institutions, and has a swag of stellar restaurants, cafés and bars. Small wonder it's known as Australia's cultural, culinary and sporting capital. After a city tour, immerse yourself in a guided galleries tour of our First Peoples arts and cultural centre, the Koorie Heritage Trust, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, then head off to explore. Forget your map – one of the joys of being in Melbourne is getting lost. Discovering a hidden jazz bar. Stumbling upon a hole-in-the-wall restaurant or another gallery that catches your eye. Enjoy. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. B**

### 4 Melbourne Free Time

You could spend weeks exploring Melbourne and its surrounds and not tire of the attractions. But you just have today, so make the most of it. We wouldn't hold it against you if all you want to do is jump on a tram and ride the rails to the city's character-filled neighbourhoods. But if you want to explore further afield, we've got you covered on an optional experience. For a bird's-eye view of the bay, sign up to scale the Melbourne Skydeck, offering dizzying vistas in every direction. Or, perhaps exploring the city on foot with a History and Donuts Walking Tour is more your thing. Animal lover? Venture to Phillip Island to see hundreds of little penguins pad along the sand en route to their burrows (all own expense). The choice is yours. **B**

### 5 Farewell from Melbourne

Wait, how did you just pack so much action into a long weekend? Cities, countryside, farms... This Sydney to Melbourne trip has been quite the adventure. **B**



Parliament House



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Jan 09, 23		Oct 16	
Feb 06, 20		Nov 20	
Mar 06, 20			

### Dining

4 Breakfasts B

1 Lunch L

### Flight Information

Day prior: Flights to arrive anytime into Sydney Airport

Day 5: Flights to depart anytime from Melbourne Airport

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### Extensions & Add-Ons

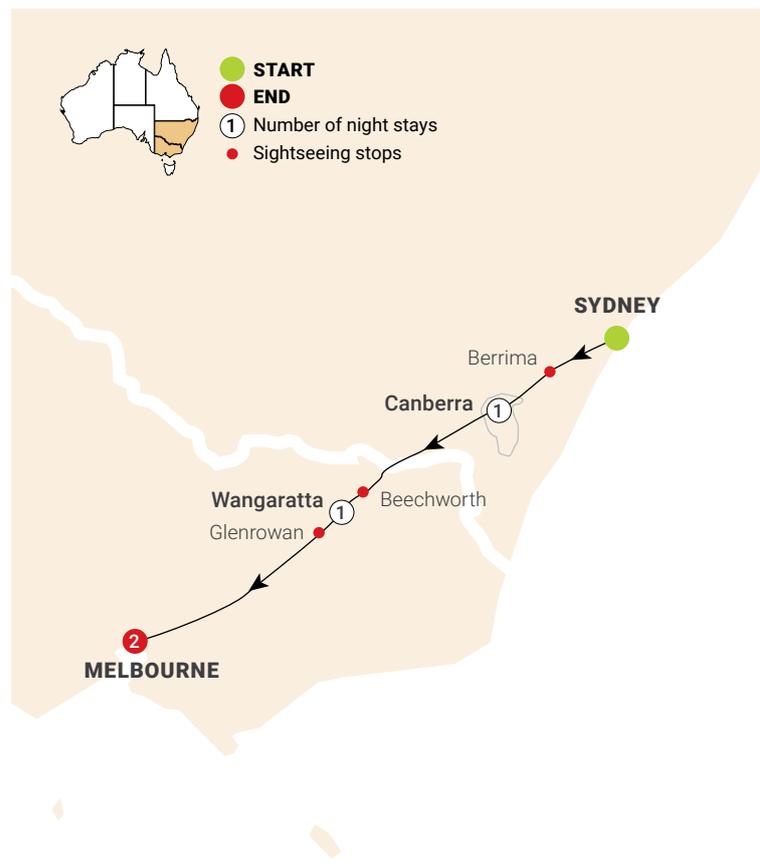
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Phillip Island (Optional Experience)



Gold Creek Station



# Best Buys

## Awe-inspiring Attractions, Built-in Flexibility

For explorers who want the essentials taken care of and the unrivalled knowledge of a Travel Director, but also the option of exploring independently, Best Buys Guided Holidays offer flexibility with optional extras.





### ✂ Flexible Holidays

The perfect balance between a guided holiday and an independent tour, with expert Travel Directors curating special travel moments for you. With more free time, you'll be able to explore at your own pace.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

Whether a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site or a fabled landmark, Australia does not disappoint. We help you get there, sharing fascinating stories of these iconic wonders along the way.

### Make Travel Matter

We've been exploring Australia for over 100 years and hope to do so for many more to come. Look for our immersive **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**<sup>®</sup> Experiences, which support communities and encourage environmental conservation.

### 🏞 Natural Wonders

Vast landscapes and wilderness areas, discover these unique surrounds, from the wetlands to the desert, forest to the coastline. The beauty is in the detail, the wildlife and the native flora and fauna.

## What's included on a Best Buys Holiday?

- The services of a highly experienced Travel Director
- Comfortable accommodation with easy access to city centres
- Flexible free time on your holiday
- Earlier starts to maximise your days
- Many meals including daily breakfast
- Iconic destinations visited and timed to perfection
- Optional experiences, for you to add on to your holiday
- Travel in purpose-built air-conditioned coaches with reclining seats, and WiFi where available
- All National Park Entrance Fees

# Northern Territory Explorer

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

Life in the Northern Territory moves at a leisurely pace. Choose your own leisurely adventure during your free time in Uluru.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

Have your camera poised: we're taking you from the wilds of Kakadu to the escarpments of Nitmiluk Gorge and epic landscapes of Uluru.

### Make Travel Matter

Visiting Aboriginal-owned and -operated Pudukal Aboriginal Cultural Experience helps ensure the world's oldest culture thrives into the future.

### 🏞 Natural Wonders

Sunrise over Uluru has this incredible ability to make you forget everything else around you and just focus on the now.



## 1 Welcome to Darwin

Get to know the steamy NT capital at your own pace – you'll fast find that the characters here are almost as colourful as the sunsets. You'll enjoy the latter over drinks and dinner with your Travel Director and fellow adventure-seekers. A tasty entrée to your 11-day odyssey. **Hotel: Vibe Darwin Waterfront, 2 nights. D**

## 2 Darwin

Today is about getting your Darwin bearings on a city tour revealing the events that have shaped the city over the decades, from wars to natural disasters. You'll be a Darwin expert after visiting attractions like East Point Military Reserve and the MAGNT (Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory). The afternoon is at your leisure. If you're at a loss for ideas, we can point you in the direction of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Facility, perhaps, or the Mindil Beach Sunset Market, loaded with 200+ stalls. Grab a bite and watch the day end with your feet in the sand. **B**

## 3 Darwin – Kakadu

Aboriginal culture is strong in this part of Australia, and its kept alive by Traditional Landowners on this morning's tour. 100% Aboriginal owned and operated family business, Pudukal offers cultural and nature-based cultural experiences from the Adelaide River Flood Plains on Aboriginal owned land Limilngan-Wulna. On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, dive deep into First Nations heritage, highlighting art, music and bush tucker. Your next deep dive is into the heart of Kakadu, a World Heritage listed national park that is one of Australia's most important living ecosystems. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru, 2 nights. B D**

## 4 Kakadu National Park

Kakadu is vast, spanning almost 20,000 square kilometres. The best way to gain appreciation for just how immense it really is from the air on a highly recommended morning flight (own expense). Now that you have your bearings, take to the land to discover ancient Aboriginal rock art and cruise the wildlife-packed Yellow Water Billabong to search for enormous saltwater crocs – your eagle-eyed local cruise guide knows where to look. **B**

## 5 Kakadu – Katherine

From one glorious national park to another... today's backdrop is the escarpments of Nitmiluk National Park, carved out over millions of years. Cruising through Nitmiluk Gorge is a humbling experience even before you know the region's history. Hear the ancient story of the cicada, embodying the spiritual connection between the Jawoyn people and their land. **Hotel: Knotts Crossing Resort. B D**

## 6 Katherine – Tennant Creek

If the Eley Homestead looks familiar, that's because it starred in the 1982 Aussie drama *We of the Never Never*. Today it's better known for its Mataranka thermal hot springs. Pop on your swimsuit and have a soothing soak, the magical setting surrounded by palms. The only thing more refreshing is a cold beverage at the Daly Waters Pub, self-declared as Australia's 'original outback pub'. You can imagine the kind of swagger the locals bring. Visitors are encouraged to leave their mark as well; a memento, something of their own. **Hotel: Bluestone Motor Inn. B D**

## 7 Tennant Creek – Alice Springs

The Stuart Highway is long (2,700 kilometres), very straight and very flat. Which makes the appearance of Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) on the horizon all the more dramatic. These granite boulders pock the countryside. But they're not just a pretty sight – they're a sacred place for the Aboriginal community reflecting cultural beliefs and serving as a sacred site for ceremonies and storytelling. Get the lay of the land atop Alice Springs' Anzac Hill. From this vantage, the East and West MacDonnell Ranges appear to stretch to the horizon. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B**

## 8 Alice Springs

Visit the Alice Springs Desert Park, home to a vast range of plants and wildlife native to the area. You can really experience the beauty and diversity of this incredible landscape. The Arrernte people, traditional owners of the park, are also on hand to share their local wisdom and knowledge. Save some energy for this afternoon's visit to the historic Telegraph Station – the reason the town was formed – and School of the Air, to gain an insight into outback and remote learning. **B**



Mataranka Thermal Pool



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2025	2025 continued
Apr 16	Jul 02, 16, 23, 30
May 07, 28	Aug 13
Jun 04, 18, 25	

### Dining

10 Breakfasts B

5 Dinners D

### Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Darwin Airport

Day 11: Flights to depart anytime from Ayers Rock Airport

Return Airport to Hotel transfers are not included in the tour price.

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#### 9 Alice Springs – Uluru

From the moment you wake up until the last of day disappears, spiritual Aboriginal culture is all around during today's exploring. Get set to be in awe over stories about the creation of Uluru, the world's largest monolith. It's particularly pretty at sunset when the fading rays change the desert's colour with every sip of your sparkling wine and nibbles. Choose to extend your evening under the stars with an exclusive Uluru Barbecue Dinner (own expense). **Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge, 2 nights. B**

#### 10 Uluru

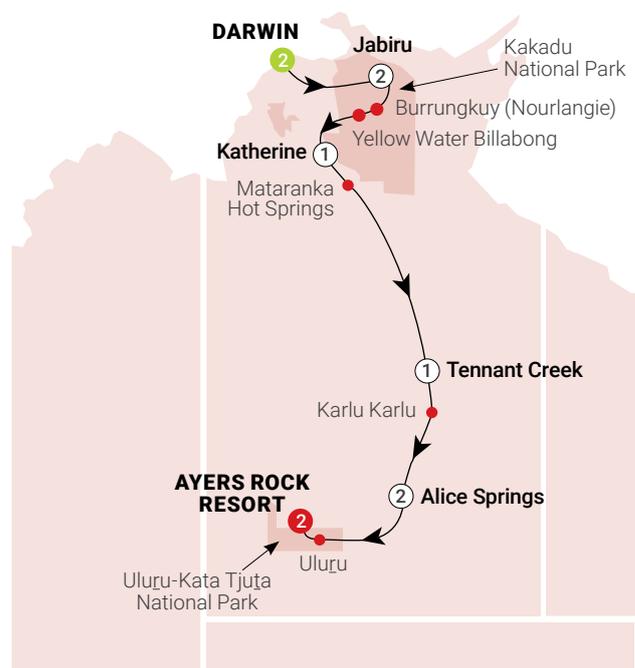
There aren't many things worth getting up in the dark for. Sunrise over Uluru is one. It's a magical time of day, the shifting light casting the countryside aglow. Exploring the base on an Uluru tour, you'll begin to understand why this part of the country is so special to the Anangu, who have called the region home for millennia. Go at your own pace this afternoon. We wouldn't blame you for taking a dip in the resort pool to cool off. But if you want to see Uluru in another different light, opt to chopper around it on a scenic helicopter flight (own expense). You'll have plenty of stories to tell over your Farewell Dinner. **B D**

#### 11 Farewell from Uluru

Another reason to rise early: to catch the Field of Light art installation by artist Bruce Munro that blankets the desert floor (own expense). Your spirit will glow just as brightly as you bid farewell to this epic Northern Territory tour. **B**



- START
- END
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



# Top End Highlights

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

You'll want to linger in Katherine, Kakadu and Darwin. It's a good thing you've got free time to discover the steamy Top End at your leisure.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

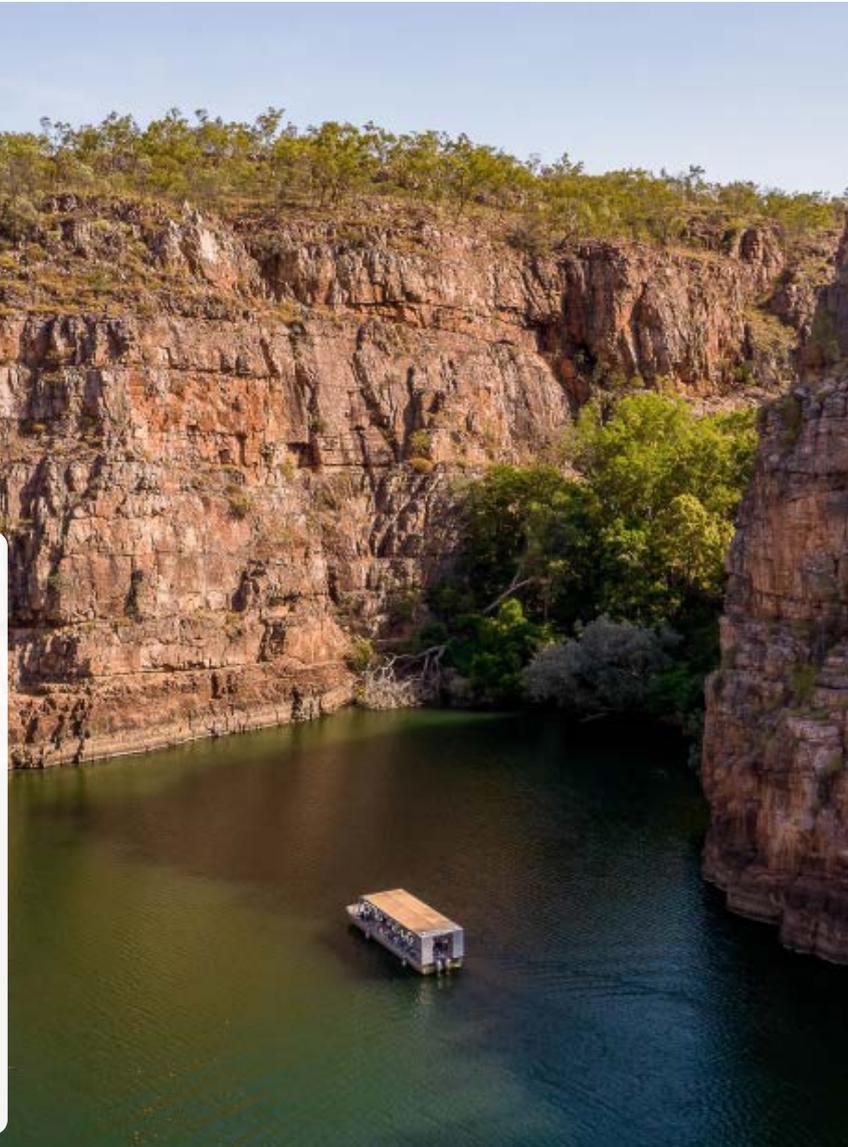
If you love the great outdoors, you've come to the right place. Discover the wilds of Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks, as well as Nitmiluk Gorge.

### 👤 Make Travel Matter

Nitmiluk Tours is a successful 100% wholly owned and operated Indigenous Tourism Operation within Nitmiluk National Park and is the exclusive provider for touring the breathtaking Nitmiluk Gorge by boat.

### 🏞 Natural Wonders

Litchfield National Park is shaped by water, from its lakes and rivers to its waterfalls and waterholes. And there's nothing quite as invigorating as taking a dip.



## 1 Welcome to Darwin

Darwin is the kind of place that excites all your senses. It's always tropical, which means you have a constant glow. The aroma of Top End delights wafts from markets. The horizons are wide and sunsets blazing. Take in sights and attractions that tell stories of the NT capital's history on a city tour. As the day begins to disappear, follow the lead of the colourful locals to the Mindil Beach Sunset Market. Your Travel Director will give you the lowdown, highlighting the eclectic range of cuisine on offer – expect everything from Greek to Japanese but it is always hard to go past a Laska (own expense). What a tasty start to your getaway. **Hotel: Travelodge.**

## 2 Darwin – Katherine

The ancient landscapes of Litchfield National Park are shaped by water, as you'll fast discover when exploring this immense protected wilderness. There are rivers, waterfalls and waterholes. Get set to visit Florence Falls, then take a dip in the gin-clear pool of Wangi Falls, this dreamy setting enveloped by monsoon forest. (Swimming is seasonal and opening is controlled by NT Parks). The landscape is also shaped by termites. The national park is pocked with enormous termite mounds, which are architectural feats complete with tunnels and nursery chambers. Small creatures with a big vision. **Hotel: Contour, 2 nights. B D**

## 3 Nitmiluk Gorge

The region's main attraction is its stunning Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, which carves the countryside in spectacular form. This awe-inspiring natural wonder features a series of gorges sculpted from ancient sandstone, offering breathtaking views and unique geological formations. Sit back and enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** cruise through this ancient landscape, home to the Jawoyn people, where you'll have the opportunity to learn about their rich cultural heritage and traditions. The cruise not only provides a visual feast but also enriches your understanding of the deep spiritual connection the Jawoyn people have with the land. In the afternoon, join Tom Curtain's award-winning Katherine Outback Experience to delve into the Northern Territory's unique pastoral history and culture. **B**

## 4 Katherine – Kakadu

Today is your chance to reset your body's natural rhythms with a morning dip in Katherine Hot Springs – because days are better when you begin them in thermal waters. These hot springs will have you relaxed in no time. Before venturing deep into Kakadu, you're poised for refreshments with a short stopover in the film-set-like town of Pine Creek, where buildings date to the heady gold rush days. In Kakadu, you'll take a guided walk to view ancient Aboriginal rock art at Burrungku (Nourlangie). **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru, 2 nights. B**

## 5 Kakadu National Park

If you want a different perspective, sign up for a scenic flight over the national park, revealing just how wide, wild and wonderful this part of the world really is (own expense). Australia is home to some of the oldest art in the world, and much of it decorates rock walls at Ubirr – this jaw-dropping site protects Aboriginal rock paintings and carvings dating back more than 20,000 years. If you thought that was impressive, wait till you see the view over Kakadu from the top of the escarpment. This afternoon, there's nothing between you and nature, the dramatic escarpments, waterholes and abundant wildlife of Kakadu looming large. Speaking of large, there are saltwater crocs to spot while you drift away on a Yellow Water Billabong cruise. Your local cruise guide will share the secrets of these ancient waterways. Top off your holiday sharing a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and travel mates. **B D**

## 6 Farewell from Darwin

Following your Kakadu tour, you may also spot enormous 'salties' lurking in river crossings you pass by. Plus you may also see them at Fogg Dam. But here you will definitely witness a cacophony of birds. This really is a twitcher's paradise. A fitting end to this epic wilderness journey. **B**



Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise



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### Dining

5 Breakfasts B

2 Dinners D

### Flight Information

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Day 6: Flights to depart after 1.00pm from Darwin Airport

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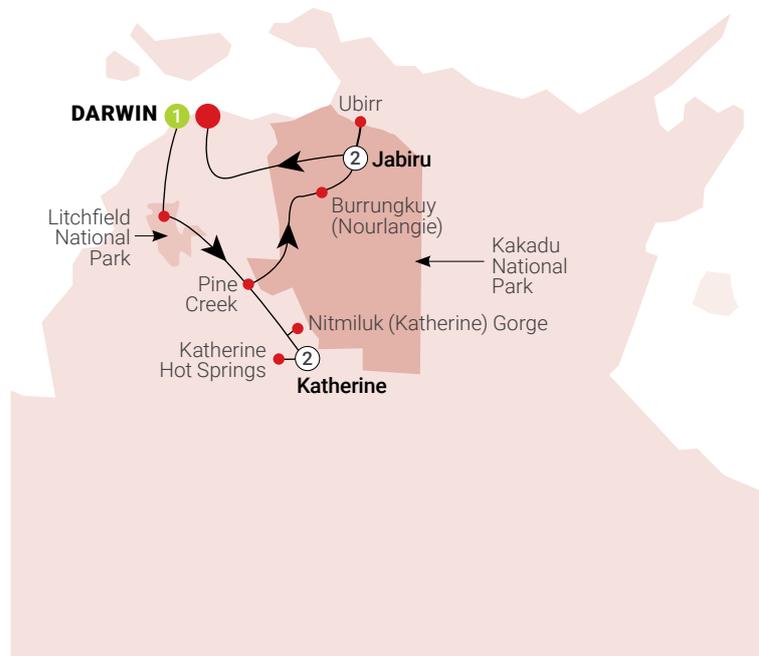
Katherine Hot Springs



Ubirr Rock Art



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- END
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



# Western Wonderland

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

We've curated optional experiences to reveal Albany. Or find your own adventure in this historic WA town.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

Nature humbles at Wave Rock and the Pinnacles, kangaroos sleep on beaches at Lucky Bay in Esperance, and ocean awaits along Busselton's jetty.

### Make Travel Matter

The Aboriginal connection to Yanchep National Park is strong, your enlightening visit supporting custodians of the land.

### 🏞 Natural Wonders

The colours of Monkey Mia sear into your memory, the turquoise ocean here home to a famously friendly pod of resident dolphins.

### 1 Welcome to Perth

Perth may be the Western Australian capital, but it's home to a remarkable amount of green space. Join your Travel Director on a city sights tour and a stroll in Kings Park, whose Botanic Garden is home to over 3,000 floral species. Meet again this evening for a Welcome Dinner with your travelling companions. **Hotel: Holiday Inn West Perth. D**

### 2 Perth – Wave Rock

Wave Rock deserves its name – the cliff resembles an enormous surf wave above the bush. Wave Rock locals are a friendly bunch, passionate about the place they call home. But don't take our word for it. Meet Sheenagh, who will show you her farm and talk life on the land. Which can be harsh, but also healing, in a way unique to the Aussie outback. You may even get to feed her cattle. View the family's collection of vintage cars and hear about the stories behind them. **Hotel: Wave Rock Motel. B D**

### 3 Wave Rock – Kalgoorlie

View the wide gold rush era streets and buildings of Kalgoorlie and see the vista over the staggering 'Super Pit' open-cut gold mine. Today's outings continue to gleam as you visit Hannans North Mine; nothing puts life into perspective like standing next to enormous Haul trucks and loaders. **Hotel: Rydges. B D**

### 4 Kalgoorlie – Esperance

More than 31,000 hectares of sweeping heathlands, rugged coastal peaks and white sandy beaches... it's no wonder Cape Le Grand National Park is voted among the most alluring of its kind in Australia. Just when you thought WA couldn't get any prettier, you arrive at Thistle Cove – listen for the whistle of the Whistling Rock among the sounds of wind and sea – and Lucky Bay, a postcard-worthy cove where kangaroos sunbake on the sand. **Hotel: Comfort Inn Bay of Isles. B D**

### 5 Esperance – Albany

Today's journey takes you to Stirling Range National Park, blanketed with 1,500 species of wildflowers (seasonal), some of which are found nowhere else on Earth. Enjoy perspective from the Bluff Knoll Lookout, one of WA's highest peaks. **Hotel: Dog Rock Motel, 2 nights. B D**

### 6 Albany Free Time

Nature, history, food and wine... there's not much that Albany can't do. The hardest thing you have to decide is which direction to wander. Perhaps opt for a tour to the last port of call for ANZAC troopships departing Australia in WWI. Or get a taste for the region on a culinary excursion (own expense). **B**

### 7 Albany – Margaret River

Suspended 40 metres above the forest floor, the Tree Top Walk gives you a bird's-eye view of the soaring tingle trees that stand large through the Valley of the Giants. The Margaret River region deserves its reputation as one of the county's top grape-growing areas. There are too many high-quality vineyards to name here. So, we'll give you just one: Hamelin Bay Wines. Since 1992, this postcard-perfect estate has been producing wines that hero this pocket of the state. The result is delicious drops that span the spectrum from sparkling to shiraz, rosé to reserve chardonnay, which you'll enjoy during a hosted tasting at the cellar door followed by a dinner in the on-site restaurant. **Hotel: Stay Margaret River. B D**

### 8 Margaret River – Fremantle

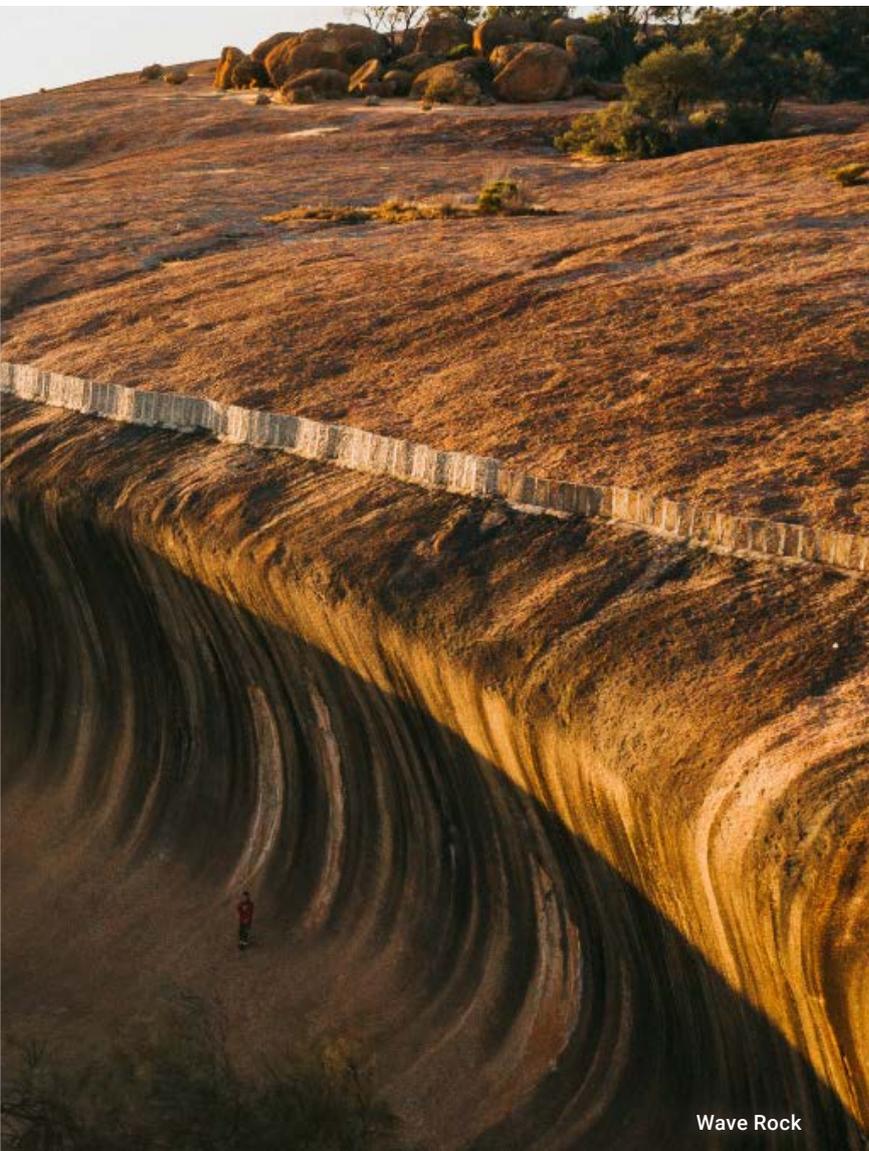
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### 9 Fremantle Free Time

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### 10 Fremantle – Geraldton

Yanchep National Park is staggeringly beautiful, a union of bush and wetlands. The best way to understand its significance to First Nations



Wave Rock



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## 15 DAYS

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### Dining

14 Breakfasts B

10 Dinners D

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- Add on the Indian Pacific rail journey from Sydney or Adelaide to Perth to the start of your tour. Or from Perth to Adelaide or Sydney to the end of your tour. (Code: WEMPRE/WEMPRW)

communities is in the company of an Aboriginal guide. On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, hear about how stories are told and used, and didgeridoo playing, and hands-on learning with traditional tools. Your next stop is Nambung National Park where you're greeted by an ethereal moonscape. Your Pinnacles tour meanders around this collection of head-scratching limestone formations. This afternoon, Geraldton's moving HMAS Sydney Memorial beckons. **Hotel: Nesuto Geraldton Apartment. B**

#### 11 Geraldton – Monkey Mia

Get set for Monkey Mia, located in the heart of the Shark Bay World Heritage region. Keep your sunnies handy at Shell Beach, a powder-white cove formed from billions of coquina bivalve shells up to 10 metres deep, and Hamelin Pool, the world's best-known colony of stromatolites. Aboriginal communities have lived here for 65,000 years; you'll discover this history when you join proud Nhanda man, Darren 'Capes' Capewell. Hear how stories are told, before a didgeridoo performance – men will get a lesson, while women accompany on clapsticks. This experience includes a tasting of bush tucker cooked over a campfire. **Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, 2 nights. B D**

#### 12 Monkey Mia Free Time

This morning watch for the dolphins that swim into shore. The rest of the day is at leisure. We wouldn't blame you wandering barefoot along the beach, ordering sundowners as the day disappears in a blaze of glory. **B**

#### 13 Monkey Mia – Kalbarri

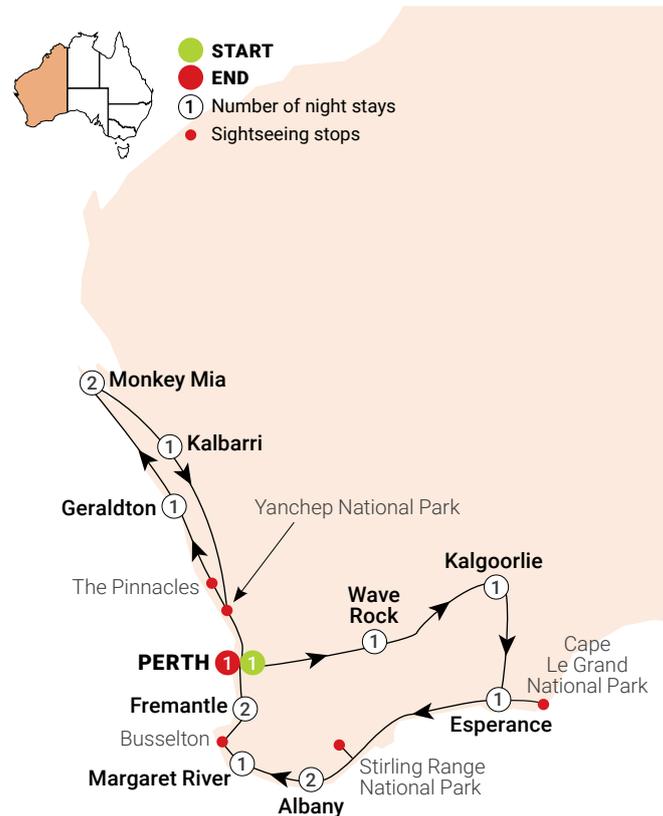
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#### 14 Kalbarri – Perth

Just when you thought WA couldn't get any more colourful, Hutt Lagoon appears on the horizon – one of the state's pink lakes that changes its pink hues depending on the conditions. Arriving back in Perth you have a Farewell Dinner with your new friends. **Hotel: Holiday Inn West Perth. B D**

#### 15 Farewell from Perth

Bid farewell to your fellow travellers when your tour concludes after breakfast. **B**



# South Western Escape

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

Quite possibly Australia's happiest critters, quokkas await across the sandy coves on an optional experience to Rottnest Island; the beaches are just as pretty in Albany, and come wrapped in history.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

From the powdery coves of Esperance to the vine-laced groves of the Margaret River region, we've got the colours of Australia covered.

### 🏞 Natural Wonders

Surf's up at Wave Rock, a 110-metre granite swell resembling a wave about to crash to shore. If you think that's impressive, just wait till you hear it's three million years old.

## 1 Welcome to Perth

Perth may be the Western Australian capital, but it's home to a remarkable amount of green space. Join your Travel Director on a city sights tour and a stroll in Kings Park, whose Botanic Garden is home to over 3,000 floral species. It's a relaxed entrée to the next 10 days of action and adventure. Meet again this evening for a Welcome Dinner with your Travel Director and travelling companions. **Hotel: Holiday Inn West Perth. D**

## 2 Perth – Wave Rock

At the start of your tour from Perth, say hello to Wave Rock, a 110-metre, rainbow-hued granite swell formed more than three million years ago. Fun fact: the visitor centre here has the world's largest collection of toy soldiers. Wave Rock local Sheenagh knows a thing or two about life on the land. She's passionate about her farm, and proudly shows off the outback while you explore the wide open spaces that characterise the WA countryside. You'll also get to glimpse her collection of vintage cars – who knew folks in this part of the world were such avid collectors? **Hotel: Wave Rock Motel. B D**

## 3 Wave Rock – Kalgoorlie

Today is deep – quite literally. Your journey through classic WA outback lands you in Kalgoorlie – view the wide gold rush era streets and buildings, and take in vistas over the staggering 'Super Pit' open-cut gold mine. Put life into perspective standing next to monstrous loaders and Haul trucks at Hannans North Mine. It's a shimmering opportunity to experience gold rush history and discover the Golden Mile. **Hotel: Rydges. B D**

## 4 Kalgoorlie – Esperance

Nature humbles at Cape Le Grand National Park, a staggering 31,000 hectares of sweeping heathlands, rugged coastal peaks and powdery beaches. It's so pretty that kangaroos come here for a little sunbaking on the sand – at Lucky Bay, you'll see Australia's national emblem dozing beside the water. And then there's Thistle Cove, listen for the whistle of the Whistling Rock among the sounds of wind and sea. **Hotel: Comfort Inn Bay of Isles. B D**

## 5 Esperance – Albany

Today's tour from Esperance continues through some of the most bountiful wilderness areas in the state, including the Stirling Range National Park, filled seasonally with a staggering range of wildflowers – more than 1,500 different plant species, some of which are found nowhere else on Earth. Get an overview from the Bluff Knoll Lookout, topping one of WA's highest peaks. **Hotel: Dog Rock Motel, 2 nights. B D**

## 6 Albany Free Time

Albany turns on pretty much every charm, whether you're ready for more nature, are a history buff, or feel like it's time for food and wine. You have a day at leisure to go in whichever direction you please. Perhaps opt for a tour that relives the town's heritage as the last port of call for ANZAC troopships departing Australia in WWI. Maybe explore Torndirrup National Park, where steep cliffs give way to dramatic rock formations and whales are a common sight during migration. Or get a taste for the region on a culinary excursion (all own expense). **B**

## 7 Albany – Margaret River

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Valley of the Giants



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The Margaret River is one of the only wine regions in the world where grapes are grown just metres from the sand. Winery backdrops follow you all the way to Busselton, home to the longest wooden jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. Tip your cap to those who built this 1.8-kilometre structure out into Geographe Bay. The remainder of the day is all yours in Freo. Why not explore the Fremantle Markets, which boasts over 150 stalls?

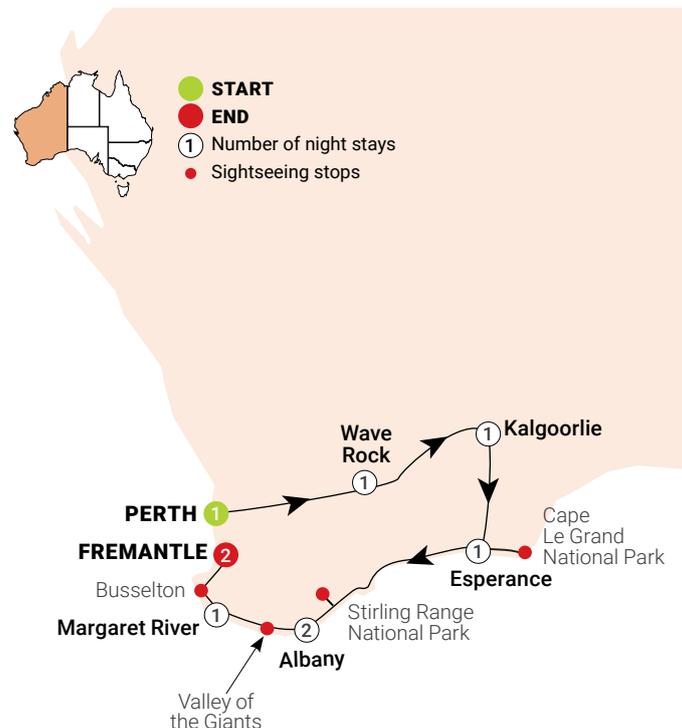
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#### 10 Farewell from Fremantle

Ten Days. Too many beaches to count. Wildlife galore. A few wine bottles and a few thousand memories... this trip is one for the record books. B



# The Wildflower Wanderer

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

From a jaw-dropping Skywalk to striated seaside cliffs, you'll appreciate a day to explore Kalbarri. Continue your natural high walking barefoot along Geraldton's sandy coves.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

Get set for colour: botanicals in King's Park, wildflowers in national parks and the bleached limestone towers of The Pinnacles.

### Make Travel Matter

Join our Indigenous guide at Kalbarri National Park to learn about the local history, culture and the traditional use of native plants.

### 🏞 Natural Wonders

Eye-popping is one way to describe Hutt Lagoon, a high-salinity waterway that changes hue from bubble-gum pink to crimson red.



## 1 Welcome to Perth

Meet your Travel Director and join a Local Expert Guide for a walk through Perth's lush Kings Park, where you'll discover WA's spring blooms, whether cowslip orchids or kangaroo paws, the state's national floral emblem. It's remarkable to think that this inner-city patch of green is home to the Western Australian Botanic Garden, replete with more than 3,000 species of the state's unique flora. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travelling companions for a Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. D**

## 2 Perth – Kalbarri

Settle in for a few hours of hypnotic scenery as you make your way north to Kalbarri. The family-owned Illegal Tender Rum Co. has a few quenching distillations prepared for your arrival. Go behind the scenes to glimpse how this distinctive sugar-cane-based spirit is made, sampling award-winning spiced rum (among others) while you wander. **Hotel: Kalbarri Edge Resort, 2 nights. B L D**

## 3 Kalbarri National Park

Millions of years ago, the Murchison River carved its way through Kalbarri National Park, leaving behind echo-inspiring gorges of red-and-white banded sandstone as well as soaring coastal cliffs. It's quite the sight, and best taken in from a height. Enter the Kalbarri Skywalk, a precipitous projection 25 metres beyond the gorge rim and a dizzying 100 metres above the river. Here you'll be welcomed to Country by an Indigenous guide, explaining the stories behind the land on which you stand. On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, learn about bushfoods, medicine plants and the traditional uses of local flora. Hear stories about growing up on country and learn about the social history of the region from an Aboriginal perspective. Look around you – there's plenty to eat in the Aussie bush, not to mention traditional medicines to cure what ails you. **B**

## 4 Kalbarri – Geraldton

Step back in time – all the way to 1853 – when you arrive at Lynton Station, a former convict depot and homestead composed of a collection of historic limestone buildings. Just as eye-opening is Hutt Lagoon, an enormous lake that is sometimes bubblegum pink, sometimes lilac, and occasionally even red. The high salinity here determines its hue at different times of year. Your last stop is the moving HMAS Sydney Memorial, high on the hill overlooking Geraldton; it pays homage to the ship's crew who were lost when it went down off the Western Australian coast. **Hotel: Nesuto Geraldton Apartment, 2 nights. B**

## 5 Geraldton

Join a Local Expert Guide to explore the Midwest's breath-taking landscapes, home to over 12,000 wildflower species found nowhere else on the planet. Explore Helen Ansell Art Gallery, where the vibrant paintings of native Western Australian flora and fauna come to life, and the little town of Mullewa, especially enchanting during wildflower season. At Coleseam Conservation Park, embark on an unforgettable journey through the park's most captivating sights, guided by expert narration that unveils the stories of its diverse species. **B**

## 6 Geraldton – Perth

Arriving at Nambung National Park, you may think you've been transported to the moon, so surreal is the desert landscape of limestone pillars that surrounds. Welcome to The Pinnacles, jutting out from shifting yellow sands. You're walking amid history: these structures were created millions of years ago as seashells were broken down into sand and then eroded by water and wind. After a scenic drive back to Perth, join your Travel Director and fellow wildflower lovers for a Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. B D**

## 7 Farewell from Perth

You've seen blooms around the state. But's now it's time to say farewell to your fellow flowers lovers on this flower-filled journey. **B**



# Monkey Mia Dolphins & West Coast

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

You need time to appreciate the beauty of Monkey Mia and Shark Bay, on land and in the water. Choose to discover Aboriginal culture.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

Come for Monkey Mia's resident population of wild dolphins; linger for the rugged landscapes of Kalbarri and Nambung national parks.

### 🏠 Make Travel Matter

Aboriginal culture is strong and spiritual in Yanchep National Park. Discover how the land has sustained First Nations communities for millennia.

### 🏞 Natural Wonders

You'll be lost for words exploring the lunar-like landscape surrounding The Pinnacles, a surreal union of limestone formations jutting into the sky.



As this Guided Holiday departs at 7.30am from the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

### 1 Fremantle – Geraldton

Get set for a good dose of coastal drama today as you journey north from Freo all the way to Geraldton. But before you get there, pause in Yanchep National Park, a union of bush and wetlands that is as spectacular as it is sacred. The best way to understand its significance to First Nations communities is in the company of an Aboriginal guide. On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, hear how stories are taught, told and used, didgeridoo playing, and hands-on learning with traditional tools. Just try not to leave more informed than when you arrived. Two national parks in one day – your next stop is Nambung. We'll forgive you for thinking you've been transported to the set of a sci-fi movie when you arrive at this moonscape, studded with limestone pillars stretching into the sky. Welcome to The Pinnacles. Arriving in Geraldton, more moving moments await at the evocative HMAS Sydney Memorial. **Hotel: Nesuto Geraldton Apartment.**

### 2 Geraldton – Monkey Mia

Get set for Monkey Mia, located in the heart of the Shark Bay World Heritage region. Keep your sunnies handy at Shell Beach, a powder-white cove formed from billions of coquina bivalve shells up to 10 metres deep, and Hamelin Pool, the world's best-known colony of stromatolites. Believe it or not, these rock-like formations are alive. Aboriginal communities have lived on the land here for 65,000 years, and you'll discover some of this history when you join proud Nhandu man Darren 'Capes' Capewell. This experience includes a tasting of bush tucker cooked over a campfire. **Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, 2 nights. B D**

### 3 Monkey Mia Free Time

Bring your stamina – today's adventures begin early. But if there's anything worth getting out of bed for, it's Monkey Mia's wild dolphins, which swim close to shore to greet visitors every morning. The rest of the day is at leisure. We wouldn't blame you wandering barefoot along the beach, ordering sundowners as the day disappears in a blaze of glory. Perhaps

the best way to gain perspective of the vast coastline is on a scenic flight over Shark Bay Marine Park (own expense). **B**

### 4 Monkey Mia – Kalbarri National Park

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### 5 Kalbarri National Park – Perth

If you thought you'd seen it all, wait until Hutt Lagoon appears on the horizon. One of Western Australia's eye-popping pink lakes, this body of highly salty water changes hue at different times of the year – sometimes it's bubblegum, often it's lilac, occasionally it's red. It's always incredible. What a blazing way to end your WA stay. But wait, you still have a Farewell Dinner and drinks with your new friends. **Hotel: Holiday Inn West Perth. B D**

### 6 Farewell from Perth

Short and sweet, we hope your journey inspired extended Western Australian wanderlust. **B**



Kalbarri National Park



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## 6 DAYS

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2025	2025 continued
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Jun 10	Oct 07, 21, 28
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### Dining

5 Breakfasts B

3 Dinners D

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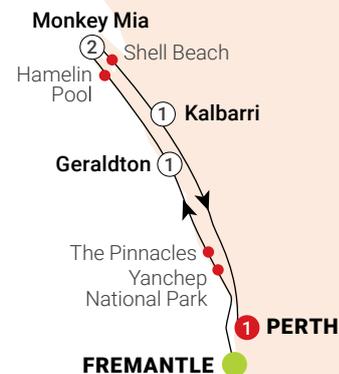
## Optional Experience

### Shark Bay Scenic Flight

On this 40 minute flight you'll have the opportunity to see sharks, stingrays and turtles, perhaps even humpback whales and whale sharks (seasonal), as well as the famous elusive dugongs, which feed on the marine kelp forests. You'll also observe a wide range of geological and marine formations, which have contributed greatly to the area's popularity. The flight crosses part of Dirk Hartog Island and continues over shallow waters and sand bars adding to the astonishing range of blue and green hues of the region. Book this experience with your Travel Director.



- START
- END
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



# Tasmanian Wonders

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

Make the 2 hour hike around Dove Lake, OR head to the warmth of indoors and explore the art gallery at Cradle Mountain Hotel.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

From untamed wilderness areas like Cradle Mountain and Freycinet National Park to the World Heritage listed Port Arthur, Tassie is not short on attractions.

### 👤 Make Travel Matter

Walk with an indigenous elder to learn about the history of the local Aboriginal people, and discover bush tucker growing along the banks of the Derwent.

### 🌲 Natural Wonders

Cruise the Gordon River amid World Heritage listed wilderness, the banks clad with ancient forest, including a 2,000-year-old pine.



## 1 Welcome to Hobart

The Tasmanian capital of Hobart may be small in size, but it's big in attractions, as you'll discover this afternoon. Put your destination into perspective from the summit of Mt. Nelson, offering endless vistas over Australia's southernmost city. View the charming Georgian cottages of Battery Point and convict built warehouses along Salamanca Place, the backdrop of epic Saturday markets. Gaze over boats at Constitution Dock - this is where yachts finish when competing in the annual Sydney to Hobart race, and take a stroll in the second oldest Botanical Gardens in Australia with its amazing collection of plants from around the world. Tonight, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: Best Western. D**

## 2 Hobart – Strahan

Western Tasmania is like nature amplified, a place where the wilderness rules and people are few and far between. Visiting Mount Field National Park is a humbling experience, not only for the fact it's part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, but also because it's home to some of the tallest eucalypts and flowering plants on Earth. Wander amid these giants to reach Russell Falls – take a deep breath; you're officially on holiday. Records continue to be broken at Lake St. Clair, the deepest freshwater Lake in Australia, before you arrive in Strahan, gateway to World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. **Hotel: Strahan Village. B D**

## 3 Strahan – Cradle Mountain

The inky waters of the Gordon River – given its colour by amber buttongrass tannins – are as eerie as they are beautiful, the mirror-like surface only broken by your chariot out to Sarah Island. It's hard to reconcile the beauty of this part of the state with its grim history as a penal colony; a place where convicts would fell Huon pines for boat building. Thankfully, they didn't get to the 2,000-year-old pine that still stands proud at Heritage Landing. Early settlers didn't mince their words when they called the treacherous entrance to the river's harbour Hells Gates. You'll understand why when you drift past. Cradle Mountain awaits to the north. We're sure you'll be content by the fire perhaps with a glass of wine. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain. B L D**

## 4 Cradle Mountain – Burnie

Today your journey reaches new heights – quite literally with a visit to the 1,545-metre Cradle Mountain, your backdrop as you explore Dove Lake on your Cradle Mountain tour, the wild alpine moorlands here a natural magnet for lovers of the wilderness. The spectacular and pristine wilderness of Cradle Mountain is home to the mysterious and secretive Tasmanian Devil. You'll love the next adventure today, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. A Day Keeper tour at Devils @ Cradle will lead you through the sanctuary and provide you with a thorough insight into its operation. When joining this tour you will be directly supporting these animals and threatened species conservation. Leave the Central Highlands after an uplifting day and head towards the scenic north-west coast for your overnight stay. **Hotel: Beachfront Voyager Motor Inn. B L**

## 5 Burnie – Launceston

Table Cape is by far Wynyard's most remarkable natural wonder, at 180 metres high, 'The Cape' - as locals refer to it - offers spectacular views of Tasmania's coastline. As you drive to the top of the remains of a 12-million-year-old volcano you'll reach Table Cape lookout where, on a clear day, you can see mountain ranges over 175 kilometres away. If there's a town with a cuter name than Penguin, we're yet to find it. Locals embrace its appeal – there are penguin sculptures at every turn, including one measuring over 3 metres tall. Your journey along the northwest coast also passes through Ulverstone and Sheffield, The Town of Murals, boasting over 100 large paintings depicting the area's rich history and local characters. All this exploring builds an appetite. Refuel at Ashgrove Tasmanian Farm, where happy cows contribute to award-winning cheeses – everything from cheddar and red Leicester to creamy Tasmanian blue. For lovers of sweeter delights, why not treat yourself to a delicious locally made ice cream? (own expense) **Hotel: Best Western Plus, 2 nights. B**

## 6 Launceston

There are few places in the world where you can leave the city behind and within minutes be surrounded by nature. Launceston is one. Blink and you're at Cataract Gorge, a yawning chasm carved by ancient rivers. This rare natural phenomenon unites bushland with neat Victorian gardens, replete with ferns and exotic plants. Get a different perspective of the



Bridestowe Lavender Estate



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### Dining

9 Breakfasts B  
2 Lunches L

5 Dinners D

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green cavern on the scenic chairlift, zipping you over the water to a lofty lookout. We wouldn't blame you for lingering here, or perhaps this afternoon take one of the river cruises on offer (both own expense). The choice is yours. **B**

#### 7 Launceston – Bicheno

You'll smell Bridestowe before you see it, this enormous lavender farm perfuming the Tasmanian countryside. The flowers grown here aren't just used in fragrances – they're also infused into ice-cream, teas and jams. It's a tasty entrée to the Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, sculpted into World War One soldiers. Little penguins come out to play in Bicheno; sign up to spot them after dark as they waddle to shore from the water (own expense). **Hotel: Beachfront at Bicheno. B D**

#### 8 Bicheno – Hobart

The colours at Freycinet National Park are so vivid you'll think someone has taken the glasses off your nose and cleaned them for the first time: The patchwork of ocean blues that lap Coles Bay. The dramatic pink granite cliffs. There's a reason why the peninsula stars on postcards. The other place on postcards is Richmond, its grand 1820s Georgian buildings today home to bijou boutiques, galleries and cafés that appear to be lost in time. Your last stop for the day is to the shores of the Derwent River where local palawa will welcome you to country and show off some local bush tucker. **Hotel: Movenpick, 2 nights. B**

#### 9 Port Arthur Historic Site

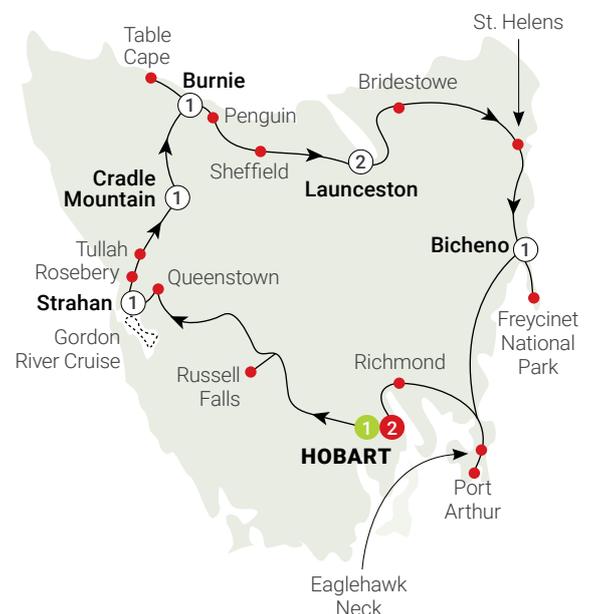
The Isle of the Dead, Devil's Kitchen, Blowhole... the attractions at and around Port Arthur nod to the region's notoriously grim history. This is the best-preserved convict site in Australia, and among the most significant convict-era destinations worldwide. The stories these walls could tell. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner tonight at a historic waterfront pub. **B D**

#### 10 Farewell from Hobart

It took early explorers months to circumnavigate Tasmania. You've done it in 10 days. What a wild ride. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



# Tassie's Wilderness Icons

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

Do as much (spot wombats and Tassie devils; hike around Dove Lake) or as little (wander around the art gallery) as you like. This is your holiday, after all.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

From Cataract Gorge to the Gordon River, Cradle Mountain to Devils Kitchen, Tasmania is not short on natural attractions.

### Make Travel Matter

All proceeds from your entry into Devils@Cradle contribute directly to the Save the Devil Foundation.

### 🏞 Natural Wonders

World Heritage listed wilderness is your playground in Mount Field National Park, a soul-stirring union of soaring eucalypts and thundering waterfalls.



## 1 Welcome to Hobart

The Tasmanian capital of Hobart may be small in size, but it's big in attractions, as you'll discover this afternoon. Put your destination into perspective from the summit of Mt. Nelson, offering endless vistas over Australia's southernmost city. View the charming Georgian cottages of Battery Point and convict built warehouses along Salamanca Place, the backdrop of epic Saturday markets. Gaze over boats at Constitution Dock, and take a stroll in the second oldest Botanical Gardens in Australia with its amazing collection of plants from around the world. Tonight, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: Best Western. D**

## 2 Hobart – Strahan

Not many people live in the West of Tasmania – even less visit. This is not for want of appeal. Mount Field National Park dials up the drama from the moment you arrive, delivering World Heritage listed wilderness in the form of soaring eucalypts (some of the tallest on Earth) and thundering waterfalls. Russell Falls will take your breath away in more ways than one. And just when you think nature couldn't get any more humbling, you arrive at Lake St. Clair, the deepest freshwater lake in Australia. It's one of numerous waterways breaking your path to Strahan, gateway to World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. **Hotel: Strahan Village. B D**

## 3 Strahan – Cradle Mountain

The inky waters of the Gordon River – given its colour by amber buttongrass tannins – are as eery as they are beautiful, the mirror-like surface only broken by your chariot out to Sarah Island. It's hard to reconcile the beauty of this part of the state with its grim history as a penal colony; a place where convicts would fell Huon pines for boat building. Thankfully, they didn't get to the 2,000-year-old pine that still stands proud at Heritage Landing. Early settlers didn't mince their words when they called the treacherous entrance to the river's harbour Hells Gates. You'll understand why when you drift past. Cradle Mountain awaits to the north. We're sure you'll be content by the fire perhaps with a glass of wine. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain. B L D**

## 4 Cradle Mountain – Burnie

Today your journey reaches new heights – quite literally with a visit to the 1,545-metre Cradle Mountain, your backdrop as you explore Dove Lake on your Cradle Mountain tour, the wild alpine moorlands here a natural magnet for lovers of the wilderness. The spectacular and pristine wilderness of Cradle Mountain is home to the mysterious and secretive Tasmanian Devil. You'll love the next adventure today with a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. A Day Keeper tour at Devils @ Cradle will lead you through the sanctuary and provide you with a thorough insight into its operation. When joining this tour you will be directly supporting these animals and threatened species conservation. Leave the Central Highlands this afternoon, and head towards the scenic north-west coast for your overnight stay. **Hotel: Beachfront Voyager Motor Inn. B L**

## 5 Burnie – Launceston

Table Cape is by far Wynyard's most remarkable natural wonder, at 180 metres high, 'The Cape' - as locals refer to it - offers spectacular views of Tasmania's coastline. As you drive to the top of the remains of a 12-million-year-old volcano you'll reach Table Cape lookout where, on a clear day, you can see mountain ranges over 175 kilometres away. If there's a town with a cuter name than Penguin, we're yet to find it. Locals embrace its appeal – there are penguin sculptures at every turn, including one measuring over 3 metres tall. Your journey along the northwest coast also passes through Ulverstone and Sheffield, The Town of Murals, boasting over 100 large paintings depicting the area's rich history and local characters. All this exploring builds an appetite. Refuel at Ashgrove Tasmanian Farm, where happy cows contribute to award-winning cheeses – everything from cheddar and red Leicester to creamy Tasmanian blue. For lovers of sweeter delights, why not treat yourself to a delicious locally made ice cream? (own expense) **Hotel: Best Western Plus. B**



Gordon River Cruise



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## 6 DAYS

### Departure Dates

2024-25 Season		2025-26 Season	
<b>2024</b>		<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Oct	16, 30	Apr	02, 23
Nov	13, 23	May	07
Dec	21	Sep	03, 24
<b>2025</b>		Oct	04, 15, 22, 25
Jan	08, 11, 22, 29	Nov	05, 12, 15, 26
Feb	01, 12, 19, 26	Dec	03, 13, 17, 27
Mar	08, 12, 19		

### Dining

5 Breakfasts B  
2 Lunches L

3 Dinners D

### Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Hobart Airport  
Day 6: Flights to depart after 2.00pm from Launceston Airport

**Return Airport to Hotel transfers are not included in the tour price.**  
**Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.**

### Extensions & Add-Ons

• Start & end your tour in Hobart. See Tasmanian Wonders page 68.

### 6 Farewell from Launceston

There are few places in the world where you can leave the city behind and within minutes be surrounded by nature. Launceston is one. Blink and you're at Cataract Gorge, a yawning chasm carved by ancient rivers. This rare natural phenomenon unites bushland with neat Victorian gardens, replete with ferns and exotic plants. Get a different perspective of the green cavern on the scenic chairlift, zipping you over the water to a lofty lookout. We wouldn't blame you for lingering here, or perhaps taking a cruise along the river (own expense). The choice is yours. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Russell Falls



# Tassie's East Coast Highlights

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

The hardest decision you have to make is whether to get goosebumps spotting Bicheno's little penguins or have a leisurely night relaxing back at the hotel. Hey, do both.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

From untamed wilderness area like the Freycinet National Park to the World Heritage listed Port Arthur, Tassie is not short on attractions.

### 🏠 Make Travel Matter

Your entry fee into Port Arthur supports the conservation of the area and the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Historic Site.

### 🌄 Natural Wonders

Exploring Turrakana/The Tasman Peninsula, home to Port Arthur, gives you a front row seat to dramatic geological sites including Tasman's Arch, Devils Kitchen and the Blowhole.



## 1 Welcome to Launceston

You don't have to arrive early into Launceston, but we highly recommend you do. Time on your side? Walk the short distance to Cataract Gorge, home to the longest single-span chairlift in the world. It's quite the ride, taking you up high into this intensely beautiful, and spiritual, place. Otherwise, meet your Travel Director and fellow Tassie companions for a drink in the evening. **Hotel: Best Western Plus.**

## 2 Launceston – Bicheno

Bridestowe is an assault on all your senses – in the best possible way. See the contoured rows contrasted against the rich red volcanic soils backdropped by the horizon-wide sky and when in flower (late Spring to early Summer) the rich purple tones add a whole other dimension. Then the musky aroma of the flowers, which has an instant calming effect. And the taste, beyond anything you ever imagined – try a lavender ice-cream, jams and teas, and thank us later. It's a tasty entrée to the Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, sculpted into World War One soldiers. Come dusk in Bicheno, sign up to spot tuxedoed little penguins waddle to shore from the water. **Hotel: Beachfront Bicheno. B D**

## 3 Bicheno – Hobart

The colours at Freycinet National Park are so vivid you'll think someone has taken the glasses off your nose and cleaned them for the first time: The patchwork of ocean blues that lap Coles Bay. The dramatic pink granite cliffs. There's a reason why Freycinet adventures star on postcards. The other place on postcards is Richmond, its grand 1820s Georgian buildings today home to bijou boutiques, galleries and cafés that appear to be lost in time. Your last stop for the day is to the shores of the Derwent River where local palawa will welcome you to country and show off some local bush tucker. **Hotel: Movenpick, 2 nights. B**

## 4 Port Arthur Historic Site

Port Arthur's rather grim convict past is reflected in the names of attractions around it: Isle of the Dead, Devil's Kitchen, the Blowhole... But believe us, they're all spectacular. As is the Port Arthur Historic Site, its immaculately maintained buildings scattered over green pastures that fade into the Southern Ocean. Your private Port Arthur tour, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, reveals the best-preserved convict site in Australia, and among the most significant convict-era destinations worldwide. The stories these walls could tell. **B D**

## 5 Farewell from Hobart

Short and sweet and packed with highlights – this Tasmanian tour is sure to inspire future travels. **B**



Port Arthur Historic Site



Coles Bay



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## 5 DAYS

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Dec	26	Sep	08, 29
<b>2025</b>		Oct	09, 20, 27, 30
Jan	13, 16, 27	Nov	10, 17, 20
Feb	03, 06, 17, 24	Dec	01, 08, 18, 22
Mar	03, 13, 17, 24		

### Dining

4 Breakfasts B

2 Dinners D

### Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Launceston Airport

Day 5: Flights to depart anytime from Hobart Airport

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### Extensions & Add-Ons

• Start & end your tour in Hobart. See Tasmanian Wonders page 68.



## Extend Your Holiday

### Bruny Island Traveller

If you would like to spend more time in Hobart to immerse yourself in the local flavours of the city, why not book extra nights' accommodation after your guided holiday? Explore spectacular landscapes and gourmet local produce on Bruny Island. This is a delicious day out where every course on the menu is a stop on your journey. Visit the home of Bruny Island's cheese, oysters, fudge, honey, wine and whisky to savour their produce and hear the stories behind the harvest. At every stop sit back, relax and enjoy a fully-inclusive experience. Throughout the day you'll see incredible scenery. Take a stroll and leave your footprints in the sand of a deserted beach. The light bush of the northern island gives way to the dense rainforest of the south - this pristine wilderness is home to diverse wildlife including rare white wallabies. Travel with a local guide, who will show you the very best of what the island has to offer.

We recommend you book your accommodation and optional experience at the same time as your holiday.

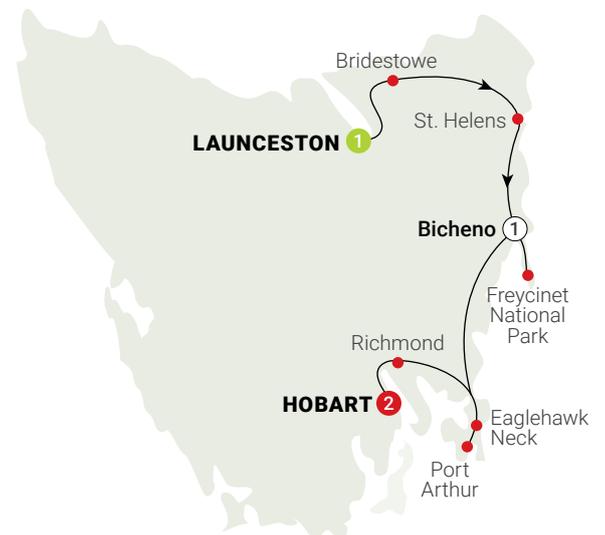


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# South Australian Outback Adventure

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

Take a flight over mighty Lake Eyre, or if terra firma is more your thing, stay on the coach to Coober Pedy to experience more of the famous Oodnadatta Track with your experienced Driver Guide.

### 🏠 Iconic Sites

Explore Farina, one of Australia's most famous ghost towns, and enjoy a tour of Coober Pedy where 70% of the population live underground.

### 🏠 Make Travel Matter

Arkaroola has established an education and research foundation to foster an interest in science, education and conservation. AAT Kings donates \$10 for every guest who visits.

### 🏞 Natural Wonders

See prehistoric river systems as you fly over Lake Eyre, Australia's largest inland lake.

## 1 Welcome to Adelaide

The South Australian capital often flies under the radar – locals like it that way, happy to keep their buzzing dining precincts, glorious gardens and on-your-doorstep wineries to themselves. But the secret is well and truly out, and over the course of the afternoon you'll discover just how diverse Adelaide really is. Touring the city you'll cover every interest base: sports (Adelaide Oval), horticulture (the Botanic Garden), culture (the Art Gallery of South Australia) and food (Adelaide Central Market). Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a drink and then wander up to the foodie hub of North Terrace. The city offers plenty of eateries in which to while away your evening. **Hotel: HotelMOTEL.**

## 2 Adelaide – Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park

You don't have to travel far from Adelaide to be surrounded by vines. In fact, just 1.5 hours north lies the Clare Valley, and therein one of Australia's most awarded wineries. Knappstein Enterprise Winery's roots reach back to 1878, which yields extremely tasty drops, as you'll discover at the cellar door before lunch in the Clare Valley's atmospheric central town. It's the best way to ease into the wide-open, otherworldly spaces of the Flinders Ranges – your commute is a short journey by coach, but it transports you to ancient landscapes, some 800 million years in the making and home to the Adnyamathanha people for tens of thousands of years. The First Nations community owns and manages your base for the night, Wilpena Pound Resort, and they'll welcome you with spirit and soul. **Hotel: Wilpena Pound Resort. B D**

## 3 Wilpena Pound – Arkaroola

The cliffs and craters and ravishing red rocks of the Flinders Ranges shine brightly in the morning sun, your outlook particularly pretty from Wangara Lookout. From this vantage, you'll enjoy expansive views over the natural amphitheatre that is Wilpena Pound. It's an awe-inspiring way to start the day, before your journey carves north through dramatic gorges. Keep your eyes peeled for endangered yellow-footed rock wallabies – only 2,250 remain in Australia, and most call this part of the country home. You'll begin to understand why they favour the South Australian outback when you arrive in Arkaroola, characterised by granite mountains and golden

spinifex-covered hillsides and providing a vantage over Lake Frome and the desert beyond. But the real stars here are those overhead, as you'll discover on an astronomy tour that brings the dazzling night sky into full focus. Prepare to be humbled – in the best possible way. **Hotel: Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary. B D**

## 4 Arkaroola – Marree

What was happening in Arkaroola 1.6 billion years ago? On a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, our local guide will help decode the region's mind-boggling geological history as you navigate the steep slopes and hair-raising ascents of the Ridgetop Track. Plants here are found nowhere else on the planet, and gorges are so vast that they seem to cleave off the edge of the earth. A patina follows your journey northwest to the Ochre Cliffs outside Lyndhurst, where an artist's smudge of fiery hues paints the countryside all the way to the horizon. It's as sacred as it is spectacular, with the Aboriginal community having utilised the rich clay soil in ceremonies for centuries. You can see why this part of Australia was attractive to the 1800s settlers of nearby Farina – but you'll also learn why they departed, leaving an eerie ghost town on the outskirts of Marree, where you'll lay your swimming head for the night. **Hotel: Marree. B L D**

## 5 Marree – Coober Pedy

Much of the South Australian outback towns exist because of the old Ghan Railway, click-clacking from Adelaide to Darwin. Plenty of history will be revealed on your morning's journey along the Oodnadatta Track, perhaps only outshone by the natural drama of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre. Australia's largest inland lake is – most of the time – a shimmering saltpan covering hundreds of square kilometres, yet is occasionally transformed by desert downpours into a thriving oasis. You'll have the chance to glimpse it from the air, your bird's-eye view unfolding beneath you like a work of art. Speaking of art – your included scenic flight will also pass over the Anna Creek Painted Hills, a rocky outcrop that literally pops out of the flat desert, creating silhouettes resembling cartoon characters. Touch down to explore the otherworldly countryside before jetting on to your destination for the next two nights, Coober Pedy, brimming with compelling quirks and subterranean adventures. **Hotel: Desert Cave, 2 nights. B**



# Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

Enjoy a free afternoon to explore Penneshaw, and head out in Kingscote for dinner at one of the local eateries.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

From the Remarkable Rocks to Admirals Arch and Seal Bay, Kangaroo Island's natural drama is only outshone by its abundance of wildlife.

### 🌿 Make Travel Matter

Visits to Seal Bay Conservation Park and Flinders Chase National Park help protect these fragile ecosystems – and the animals that call them home.

### 🌳 Natural Wonders

Flinders Chase National Park offers floral and fauna encounters, from voluptuous rock formations to jagged sea cliffs and tall stands of eucalypts.



## 1 Adelaide - Kangaroo Island

Your Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island adventure begins today as you travel through the Fleurieu Peninsula, a beautiful region known for its stunning coastline, picturesque towns, and rich cultural heritage. At Jervis Bay it's all aboard as you cruise south across the Great Australian Bight bound for Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island's second largest town. Enjoy the slow pace with an afternoon at leisure exploring this quaint seaside town. Why not take a walk along the Kangaroo Island Sculpture Trail, delve into the island's history at the Maritime and Folk Museum or just relax with a dip at the beach. The choice is yours! This evening, enjoy a dinner at the hotel with your travelling companions. **Hotel: Seafont Kangaroo Island. D**

## 2 Kangaroo Island

After a leisurely breakfast, your Kangaroo Island adventure begins with a visit to Cape Willoughby Conservation Park, home to South Australia's oldest operational lighthouse. Explore the visitor centre & museum to learn about the rich maritime history before taking a walk around the lighthouse and enjoying the panoramic views of Cape Willoughby. Next, you'll discover the history of Kangaroo Island Wool as you embark on a unique and captivating 45-minute journey through time on a working mill tour. Begin with an unforgettable cinematic experience within Australia's only 9-metre Igloo Dome, where you'll be transported to the heart of Kangaroo Island. Discover the fascinating story of the island's wool industry, from its early settlers to the present-day wool farmers who have shaped its rich heritage. Meet the people who have played a crucial role in shaping Kangaroo Island's wool legacy and gain a deeper understanding of the island's history and culture. Working up a thirst, your final stop of the day is to meet Mike, your host at Kangaroo Island Brewery. This is no ordinary brew-house – Mike makes all his beers using rainwater he collects from the roof of his shed. Try a paddle of his liquid gold, or sip wine or cider while chatting with your affable host. **Hotel: Aurora Ozone, 2 nights. B**

## 3 Kangaroo Island

Today mingles wilderness, wildlife and wonderful food in equal measure. Your outlook begins on a high at the Remarkable Rocks. Formed some

500 million years ago, the precariously balanced, rust-hued granite boulders cut a dramatic form against the inky blue of the Southern Ocean and silvery shrubs that cover the countryside. Your outlook is just as wild at Admirals Arch, a natural rock formation within Flinders Chase National Park, and a popular hangout for cacophonous New Zealand fur seals. The colony loll about on just about every surface you can see. They're petite compared to the creatures found at Seal Bay Conservation Park, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience, where playful seals tumble down the sand to splash about in the water – metres from where you stand. And on to that food and drink. After a two-course lunch at Vivonne Bay Bistro, Peter at Island Beehive will dish up samples of the honey (and delicious honey ice-cream) he makes here using Ligurian bees. They're found on KI, and nowhere else in Australia. Meanwhile, the owners of Islander Estate Vineyard will pour you a glass or two and talk through the production of their wines. **B L**

## 4 Kangaroo Island – Adelaide

One of the reasons bees are so happy on Kangaroo Island is because they have an immense floral bounty to buzz over at Emu Bay Lavender Farm. Maria and Tony have been tending the land for two decades, and today grow 10 varieties of this fragrant flower. They turn it into all kinds of products, from soaps and beauty products to ice-cream, jam and scones. Dig in. Before you leave the island, follow your nose to Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery. If Australia was an aroma, this would be it. Pick up essential oils, body creams, sweets honey and soaps, and taste their cider. Then bliss out knowing that anything you eat or use not only tastes and smells great, but also has therapeutic properties. Back in Adelaide, relax this afternoon before joining your fellow foodies for a Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: HotelMOTEL. B D**

## 5 Farewell from Adelaide

Bags a few kilos heavier thanks to all that honey, lavender and eucalyptus, it's time to bid farewell to Adelaide and Australia's second-largest (but perhaps most beguiling) island. **B**



Island Beehive Honey



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## 5 DAYS

### Departure Dates

2025-26 Season	
<b>2025</b>	<b>2025 continued</b>
May 11, 25	Nov 02
Sep 14, 28	

### Dining

4 Breakfasts B  
1 Lunch L

2 Dinners D

### Flight Information

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Seal Bay Conservation Park



Emu Bay Lavender Farm



# South Australian Eyre Peninsula Escape

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

Take a walk along the scenic coastal trail at Elliston or just relax and let the driver show you all the hidden gems from the coach. Ask us for tips.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

The end-of-the-Earth sea cliffs of the Great Australian Bight frame a marine environment that humbles. Explore by land and sea, and get set for goosebumps.

### 🌿 Make Travel Matter

Enjoy some bush tucker and learn how to water divine as owner Kane shows you his man-made eco sanctuary hidden away in the hinterland of Coffin Bay.

### 🏞 Natural Wonders

Marvel at the weathered rock formations as you wander around Murphy's Haystacks; 1,500 million years in the making.



## 1 Adelaide – Port Augusta

Often the best way to get a taste for a region is through its food and wine. And we're determined to help you do just that from day dot of this tour. Just 90 minutes after departing Adelaide you're in the heart of the Clare Valley, one of South Australia's premier wine regions. And one of its premier wineries beckons. Gather in the cellar door at Knappstein Wines, whose riesling (among other drops) will make you weak at the knees. The township of Port Augusta is your base tonight, its broad harbour reaching out to the Spencer Gulf. Join your Travel Director and travelling companions for a Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: Majestic Oasis Apartments. D**

## 2 Port Augusta – Ceduna

The town of Kimba may be small in population, but it's big in attractions. Look no further than the eight-metre-tall Big Galah, guarding over the Eyre Peninsula. The other larger-than-life drawcard is Kimba's silos, which forward-thinking artists have decorated with eye-popping murals. Talking about colourful countryside, wait until you see the pink ripples that Pildappa Rock casts. This immense granite outcrop was formed 1.5 billion years ago, its wave-like shape swooping over a swathe of pindan soil. **Hotel: Ceduna Foreshore Hotel Motel. B**

## 3 Ceduna – Streaky Bay

You could spend weeks exploring Ceduna and surrounds, tucked into an inlet on the Eyre Peninsula. But you have a day, so bring your stamina. First up, head down the coast to Smoky Bay for a cruise around the scenic harbour in search of dolphins and sea lions, followed by a shared lunch including freshly shucked oysters and wine enjoyed in a working oyster shed. This afternoon, explore the striking cliff tops around Streaky Bay before dinner at your hotel. **Hotel: Streaky Bay Hotel-Motel. B L D**

## 4 Streaky Bay – Port Lincoln

This part of the South Australian coast is pristine – this morning explore Cape Bauer Loop Scenic Drive where you'll visit the Whistling Rocks and Blowholes, as well as enjoying panoramic views over Hally's Beach. Nature continues to reign supreme at Murphy's Haystacks, a series of ancient pillars and boulders that appear to pop from the Earth, and Talia Caves – honeycombed granite rocks framing the beach. Stretch your legs along a

section of the Elliston Coastal Trail at Little Bay, offering a windswept snapshot of some of the Eyre Peninsula's most dramatic scenery before arriving in Port Lincoln. **Hotel: Port Lincoln, 2 nights. B D**

## 5 Port Lincoln & Coffin Bay

This morning head to Coffin Bay to dive deep into nature on a Wild Yarnbala tour, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, covering off-grid, organic orchards and gardens, giving you the opportunity to taste bush tucker and learn water divining before being serenaded by a didgeridoo and lap steel guitar, as you sip on a gin filled with botanicals you've just picked from the orchard. The nutrient-rich waters in this area are a natural habitat for many marine creatures but none more popular or famous than their oysters. Wearing waterproof waders, tour an oyster farm, slurp some freshly shucked molluscs, then sit down on the deck overlooking beautiful Coffin Bay and enjoy an indulgent seafood platter. Later, get your Port Lincoln bearings on a guided tour before heading back to your waterfront hotel. **B L**

## 6 Port Lincoln – Adelaide

Today's your day to compare silo art: Kimba vs Tumby Bay, the latter painted by artist Martin Ron. Arriving at the Lucky Bay Jetty, jump aboard the Spencer Gulf Searoad to cruise across the gulf to Wallaroo. And just when you thought your week in South Australia couldn't get any more colourful, you arrive at Bumbunga Pink Lake. This eye-popping waterway changes colour from pastel to bubble-gum to lipstick, depending on the salinity. Join your Travel Director tonight for a Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: HotelMOTEL. B D**

## 7 Farewell from Adelaide

Short and sweet, we hope your journey inspired extended South Australian wanderlust. **B**



Coffin Bay Oyster Farm



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## 7 DAYS

### Departure Dates

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<b>2024</b>		<b>2025</b>	
Oct	13	Apr	13, 27
		Oct	12, 26
		Nov	09

### Dining

6 Breakfasts B  
2 Lunches L

4 Dinners D

### Flight Information

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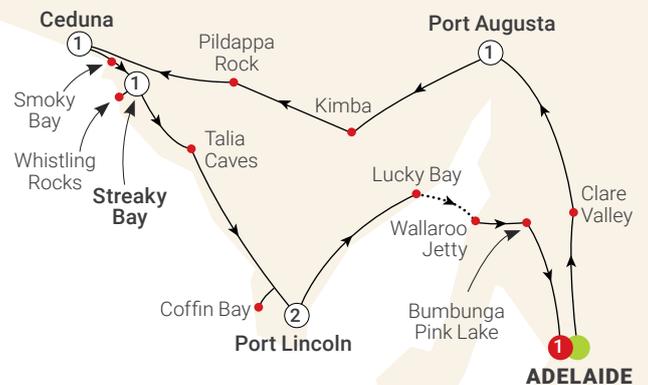
Wild Yarnbala



Murphy's Haystacks



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- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



# Tropical Queensland: Gold Coast to Cairns

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

Choose your own optional adventures on the Gold Coast, in the Whitsundays and Cairns, where surf and sand meet rainforest hinterland. Hike, swim, snorkel, cruise, repeat.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

How many people get to say they visited two World Heritage Sites on a single holiday? You can: the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics of Queensland.

### 🌿 Make Travel Matter

Your Great Barrier Reef cruise operator on Magnetic Island strictly follows guidelines for responsible marine wildlife viewing, aiming to protect the diverse marine life of this natural wonder.

### 🌳 Natural Wonders

Some of the world's oldest tropical rainforest envelops Cairns, this verdant tangle of ferns and palms a natural magnet for native wildlife.

## 1 Welcome to the Gold Coast

The Gold Coast boasts a sparkling reputation – for good reason. It enjoys 300 days of sunshine a year, which you can bask in when you touch down in the Queensland city and start to take its pulse at your leisure. But before you do, we have lofty treat for you. Join a guide to head 77 stories up into the air in the iconic Q1 building, where the city unfolds before you from the SkyPoint Observation Deck. At your Welcome Dinner we'll give you tips on how to spend tomorrow, whether padding along beaches (there's 57km of coastline to explore), discovering colourful neighbourhoods or heading to the hinterland. **Hotel: Novotel Surfers Paradise, 2 nights. D**

## 2 Gold Coast Free Time

The Gold Coast may have a laid-back vibe, but this is Australia's sixth-largest city. There's a lot to pack in, so bring your stamina. The hardest thing you have to do today is decide which direction to set your compass. Begin the day on the sand, perhaps, whether at legendary beaches like Surfers Paradise or further afield in hamlets of the south or along calm estuaries. Foodie? Hop between cafés, restaurants, bars and vibrant markets. Discover the city's cultural vibe browsing museums and galleries. Or feel the cool of the Gondwana rainforest in the hinterland, where walking tracks lead to distilleries and wineries between time-forgotten villages (own expense). We challenge you to do it all. **B**

## 3 Gold Coast – Airlie Beach

Say farewell to the Gold Coast and fly north to Airlie Beach, the gateway to the dazzling 74 tropical islands of the Whitsundays. Life moves at a slow pace in Airlie, in keeping with the balmy climes. Follow the lead of locals and soak it all in – slowly – while getting a taste for the produce of the region at any number of alfresco restaurants and bars. Or splash about in Airlie's enormous man-made lagoon, particularly pretty at sunset. The choice is yours this afternoon and evening. **Hotel: Mantra Club Croc, 2 nights. B**

## 4 Airlie Beach Free Time

The Whitsundays is home to some big-name islands, Hayman, Hamilton and Daydream among them. But there are endless others to discover, whether from the air or the water. Today we're letting you choose. Perhaps

rise early for a scenic helicopter ride over Heart Reef. Or catch a catamaran to Whitehaven Beach, with sand so high in silica it squeaks underfoot. You can also opt to go chasing waterfalls in the lush hinterland, where hiking trails weave through the emerald canopy and lead to gem-like waterholes (all own expense). Whichever way you go, be sure to pack your swimsuit. **B**

## 5 Airlie Beach – Townsville – Magnetic Island

Just off the coast of Townsville, Magnetic Island is a very special pocket of national parkland. In fact, more than two thirds of the land here is protected, woven with 25km of hiking trails. Alight your ferry and get your bearings with a local guide, to glimpse palm-fringed beaches backdropped by enormous granite boulders, hidden waterfalls and forests of lush hoop pines and eucalypts where koalas like to hang out. Fun fact: the island is home to the largest population of koalas in northern Australia. It's all enveloped by opaline lagoons that glimmer in Queensland's tropical sun. **Hotel: Peppers Blue on Blue, 2 nights. B D**

## 6 Magnetic Island

Those gleaming coral reefs you glimpsed yesterday? Today, on our **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, you're getting a close-up look on a cruise around Magnetic's 23 bays and endless beaches. Jump aboard your floating chariot to glide across the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, learning about what's being done to protect this fragile ecosystem. It can get warm in these parts; thankfully you'll have plenty of time to cool off with a dip or snorkel before heading back to land. Tonight, discover the island's restaurants and bars at your own pace. **B**

## 7 Magnetic Island – Townsville – Cairns

From the reef to the rainforest – today you're heading even deeper into Tropical North Queensland. Return by ferry to dry land and travel by coach from Townsville to Cairns, a place where two World Heritage Sites converge: the Great Barrier Reef meets the Wet Tropics of Queensland. Needless to say, it's a pretty special destination. Take your time soaking up the tropical surrounds of this city, whether you're wandering along the buzzy Esplanade, enjoying seafood by the marina or checking out one of the hip bars and lounges that now call Cairns home. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 3 nights. B**



Magnetic Island

**8 Cairns and Surrounds**

Things cool down when you journey to Kuranda, set high on the eastern edge of the Atherton Tablelands. This village in the rainforest comes with personality to spare. It's also an important floral and faunal corridor, as you'll discover when you arrive and explore at your leisure. You'll take in the natural drama from your ride on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, offering you a bird's-eye view over strangler figs, orchids and palms, not to mention gushing waterfalls. Keep watch for the elusive cassowary, which calls this part of the world home. The rest of the day and evening is at your leisure. **B**

**9 Great Barrier Reef**

The Great Barrier Reef is the largest of its kind in the world. Today you'll get to dive into part of it on a high-speed catamaran cruise over the Coral Sea. Pull on your mask and snorkel (equipment provided) to swim with turtles, moray eels, giant clams and a menagerie of tropical fish. Your guides will tell you how important this ecosystem is to the biodiversity of the planet. If you prefer to keep your hair dry, the marine wonderland can also be glimpsed from an underwater observatory and glass-bottom boat. A tropical buffet lunch will be served before you return to Cairns. Endless sunshine, countless beaches, memories of coral reefs and tropical fish, rainforests, and waterfalls... you'll be glowing when it's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers after Farewell Dinner. **B L D**

**10 Farewell from Cairns**

Bid farewell to your travel friends, we wouldn't blame you for lingering to catch a final few rays before you fly home, though. **B**

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**10 DAYS**

**Departure Dates**

**QGCC: Gold Coast to Cairns**

2025-26 Season	
2025	2026
Sep 07	Feb 15
Nov 16	Mar 15

**QCGC: Cairns to Gold Coast**

2025-26 Season	
2025	2026
Sep 05	Feb 13
Nov 14	Mar 13

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**Dining**

9 Breakfasts **B**  
1 Lunch **L**

3 Dinners **D**

**Flight Information**

**QGCC: Gold Coast to Cairns**

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 1.00pm into Gold Coast Airport

Day 10: Flights to depart anytime from Cairns Airport

**QCGC: Cairns to Gold Coast**

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 2pm into Cairns Airport

Day 10: Flights to depart anytime from Gold Coast Airport

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# Gulf Savannah Wanderer

Undara Lava Tubes

## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

Take a trip back in time at your leisure exploring Croydon's Historic Precinct, circa 1800s, and the Historic Village Herberton, replete with 50 restored period buildings.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

One of Australia's great rail journeys, the Savannahlander traverses the Wet Tropics

region of the Kuranda Range. The 1960's 'silver bullet' cuts a striking form en route to Forsyth.

### 🏞 Natural Wonders

Feel your spirit soar gazing at the striated sandstone cliffs of Cobbold Gorge, an ancient geological landform carved by rivers more than 10,000 years ago.

As this holiday departs at 6.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

#### 1 Cairns – Malanda

Your journey begins on a high – literally – as you depart Cairns and weave north into the Atherton Tableland. There are lakes, record-breaking pines and Historic Village Herberton, a recreated tin mining town replete with shops and a pub. **Hotel: Malanda Lodge. L D**

#### 2 Malanda – Georgetown

All aboard the 1960s Savannahlander train as it tracks towards Einasleigh in the Wet Tropics. Order a cold one at the pub or visit Copperfield Gorge before the 'silver bullet' chugs toward Georgetown. **Hotel: Latara Motel. B L D**

#### 3 Georgetown – Karumba

The aquatic jewel of the Gulf Savannah, Croydon's Lake Belmore is the region's largest body of water. Karumba sits at the mouth of the Norman River on the Gulf of Carpentaria; it's a twitcher's delight, as you'll discover on a sunset cruise. **Hotel: Karumba Lodge, 2 nights. B L D**

#### 4 Karumba

The Gulf of Carpentaria is a rare example of a shallow sea on top of a continent. It's a unique marine ecosystem that fosters all manner of fish, as you'll learn at the Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre & Hatchery. Feeling thirsty? Enjoy happy hour at Point Sunset. **B L D**

#### 5 Karumba – Normanton

Explorers Burke and Wills came through this part of Queensland while surveying the gulf. Campsite 119 was their most northerly post. They didn't make it to Mutton Hole Wetlands Regional Park, but you will, with time for croc- and bird-watching. **Hotel: Gulfland Normanton. B L D**

#### 6 Normanton – Cobbold Gorge

When the journey matters just as much as the destination, jump aboard the historic Gulflander train. As locals like to say, "it travels from nowhere to nowhere". But it sure is fun. **Hotel: Cobbold Gorge Cabins, 2 nights. B L D**

#### 7 Cobbold Gorge

This ancient geological landform is distinguished by its narrow, striated sandstone formations and humbling 10-metre cliffs. Cruising here, the only sounds you'll hear are the wind and wildlife. **B L D**

#### 8 Cobbold Gorge – Undara

Sleep in – we're in no rush today. Forsyth for lunch, then campfire entertainment before retiring to your accommodation in antique railway carriages. **Hotel: Lava Lodge. B L D**

#### 9 Undara – Farewell from Cairns

The Undara Lava Tubes were carved by the world's longest lava flow from a single volcano. Huge caves have formed along the tubes, creating a surreal underground world. Time to say see-you-later to the Savannah. **B L**



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## 9 DAYS

### Departure Dates

2025-26 Season	
2025	2025 continued
May 21, 28	Aug 20, 27
Jun 04, 11, 25	Sep 03, 17, 24
Jul 02, 09, 16, 30	Oct 01

## Dining

8 Breakfasts B      8 Dinners D  
9 Lunches L

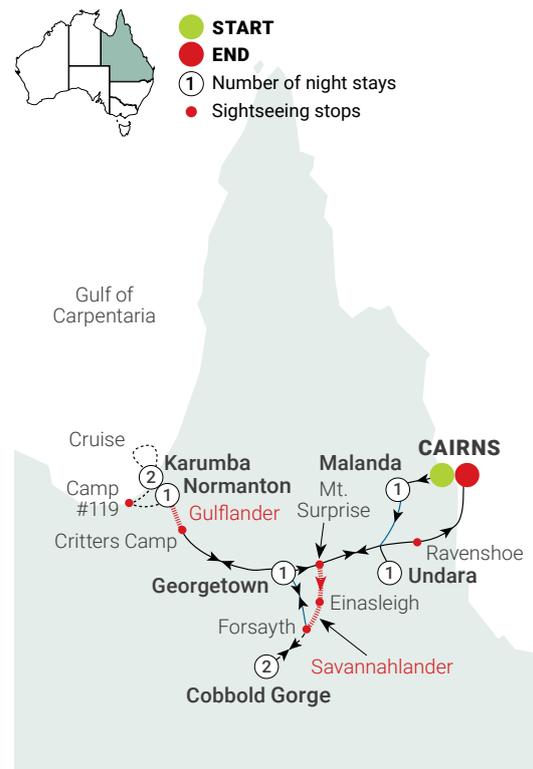
## Flight Information

Day prior: Flights to arrive anytime into Cairns Airport

Day 9: We recommend that guests fly out the day after the tour returns to Cairns, as it may be delayed getting back into Cairns.

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# Cape York Frontier



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## 7 DAYS

### Departure Dates

#### QCY: Cairns to Cairns

2025-26 Season	
<b>2025</b>	<b>2025 continued</b>
May 24	Aug 02, 26, 30
Jun 17, 21	Sep 09, 13
Jul 05, 15, 29	

#### QYC: Reverse

2025-26 Season	
<b>2025</b>	<b>2025 continued</b>
May 26, 30	Aug 04, 18
Jun 09, 13, 23, 27	Sep 01, 29
Jul 11, 21	Oct 03

### Dining

6 Breakfasts B      6 Dinners D  
5 Lunches L

### Flight Information

**Day prior:** Flights to arrive anytime into Cairns Airport  
**Day 7:** We recommend that guests fly out the day after the tour returns to Cairns, as it may be delayed getting back into Cairns.

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## Highlights

### ✂ Flexible Holidays

If you can't get enough of wildlife, sign up for an Eco Cruise from Weipa, the largest town on the Cape York Peninsula.

### 🏠 Iconic Sites

At the very tip of Australia, Cape York is the largest unspoilt wilderness area in the country. Few people get to see this magical part of the world.

### 🏞 Natural Wonders

Visiting Quinkan Country, sacred Aboriginal land, is a spiritual experience. The rock art here dates back tens of thousands of years, revealing Dreamtime stories.

Fruit Bat Falls

As this holiday departs at 6.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

#### 1 Cairns – Cooktown

Moments after departing Cairns you're amid the World Heritage listed Wet Tropics of Queensland. Cross the Daintree River and you're on your way to Cape Tribulation, where the rainforest meets the Great Barrier Reef. You're not here to dive in – your journey takes you off-road along the 4WD Bloomfield Track. Legends (and myths) await at Black Mountain, sometimes dubbed the Bermuda Triangle of Australia. **Hotel: Sovereign Resort. L D**

#### 2 Cooktown – Musgrave

Today you're in Quinkan Country, home to one of Australia's best-preserved rock-art sites. Nearby, Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park is big in more ways than one, from its enormous waterlily-covered billabongs to its unfathomable number of birds. **Hotel: Musgrave Roadhouse. B L D**

#### 3 Musgrave – Weipa

The historic gold town of Coen may be small in size, but it's got plenty of country swagger. Bauxite mining was the reason the tiny town of Weipa was formed. Today, visitors arrive for blazing sunsets over the Gulf of Carpentaria. **Hotel: Albatross Bay Resort or Heritage Motel. B L D**

#### 4 Weipa – Bramwell Station

How do you want to spend your pre-lunch hours? Perhaps on a Weipa Wildlife & Eco Cruise,

revealing First Nations culture and wildlife (own expense). Or dig deep on a bauxite mine tour. How these rocks are pulled from the ground is head-scratching. As is the size of Bramwell Station, Australia's northernmost cattle station and your base for the night. **Hotel: Bramwell Cattle Station (en suite facilities). B D**

#### 5 Bramwell – Seisia

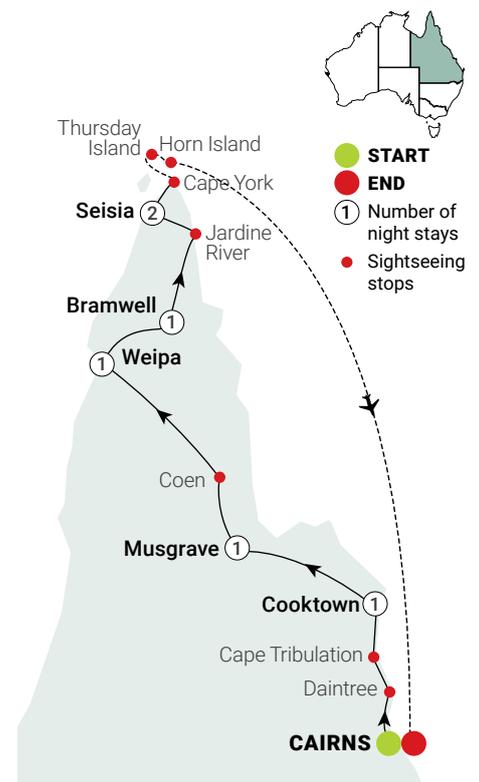
Your early start today is worth it when you arrive at Fruit Bat Falls for lunch. Dive in, splash about, cool off, unwind. There's not much between you and Cape York; cross the Jardine River and you're there. Seisia is the departure point for ferries to Thursday Island and fishing charters. It's also the gateway to tomorrow's adventures. **Hotel: Seisia Holiday Park, 2 nights. B L D**

#### 6 Cape York – Somerset

Not many people can say they've stood at the very top of mainland Australia at Somerset, the first European settlement on the Cape York Peninsula. Lunch is served on palm fringed Anchorage Beach overlooking the Albany Passage. **B L D**

#### 7 Seisia – Thursday Island – Cairns

Rich in Aboriginal culture, history and natural beauty, Thursday Island is the capital of the Torres Strait Islands. Time might stand still here, but you won't – you're on a guided tour before heading to Horn Island to board your aircraft, flying over the Great Barrier Reef back to Cairns. Wait, how did this week pass so quickly? **B**



# Short Breaks

## Awe-inspiring Attractions, Built-in Flexibility

Make the most of every moment and add a Short Break to enhance your travel experience. These mini-but-mighty adventures are a great way to experience iconic sights with an expert Driver Guide.

Kings Canyon

A photograph of two women hiking in a desert canyon landscape. The woman on the left is older, with short blonde hair, wearing a brown cardigan over a brown top and white shorts. The woman on the right is younger, with dark curly hair, wearing a white t-shirt, a long necklace, and dark shorts. They are both smiling and walking on a rocky path. The background shows rugged, reddish-brown canyon walls under a clear blue sky. In the bottom right corner, there are white contour lines overlaid on the image.

# Kings Canyon & Uluru



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## DEPARTS

7.00am Wednesdays (fortnightly)

## CONCLUDES

6.00pm approximately

Mutitjulu Waterhole

## ALICE SPRINGS RETURN : Uluru base tour • Mutitjulu Waterhole • Aboriginal Rock Art • Uluru Sunset • Kings Canyon

As this Short Break departs at 7.00am from Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

### 1 Alice Springs – Uluru and Uluru Sacred Sites & Sunset

Travel in comfort in an air-conditioned vehicle from Alice Springs to Uluru (Ayers Rock). Take in the rugged desert landscapes of the region, passing through the beautiful MacDonnell Ranges. While travelling through this remote country, your Driver Guide will provide informative and entertaining commentary. Learn about the natural and geological history of the region, as well as the unique Australian desert flora and fauna such as the Perentie, the Thorny Devil and the Red Kangaroo. Stop at a local Roadhouse for a quick break and comfort stop and then see Atila (Mt Conner) in the distance as you travel through Curtin Springs Station before arriving at Ayers Rock Resort, rested, relaxed and ready to explore the amazing World Heritage-listed Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Later, enter the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park for an afternoon of discovery. Visit the Cultural Centre where you'll have time to explore the galleries and you may be lucky enough to see local Aboriginal Artists at work. Travel to the base of Uluru, where your local guide will share the Aboriginal Tjukurpa (creation) stories that breathe life into this giant formation. Feel the spirit of the land as your guide takes you on a walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole, interpreting the meaning of the ancient Rock Art

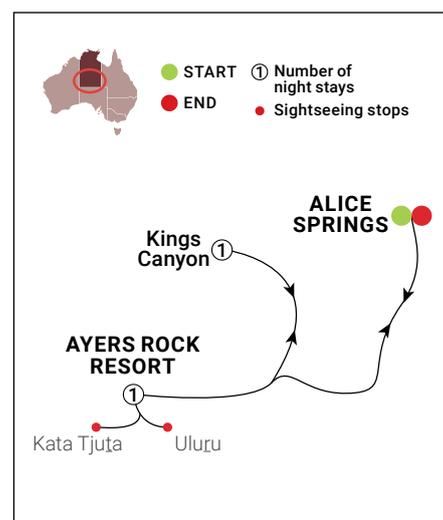
and four sacred sites you'll see along the way. Later, travel to the Uluru Sunset Viewing Area where you can relax with a sparkling wine or two while you enjoy a famous Uluru sunset. Witness the incredible changing colours as the sun sets below the horizon. **Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge.**

### 2 Uluru – Kings Canyon

This morning you might choose to have a slow start to the day or to book a Sunrise Field of Light tour or scenic helicopter flight (both own expense). Travel through spectacular desert scenery from Ayers Rock Resort. Along the way to Kings Canyon your Driver Guide will provide informative commentary about the history of the surrounding cattle stations. Keep a look out for wild horses and camels along the way. You'll arrive at Kings Canyon Resort in time to relax before enjoying a spectacular sunset. In the summer months drinks are available to purchase at the sunset viewing area. After dinner on your own you might choose to experience the Light Towers by artist Bruce Munro (own expense). **Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort. B**

### 3 Kings Canyon – Alice Springs

Make the rocky climb to the rim of the canyon for marvellous views of Watarrka National Park at sunrise. Follow the rim of the canyon stopping to look down into the gorge at various points. Time permitting, you may choose to descend into the green oasis of the 'Garden of Eden'. The circuit walk takes approximately 3



hours to complete and is rocky and steep in parts. It is recommended for those with a very good level of fitness. Or, you may wish to take an easier, shorter walk to explore the boulder strewn canyon floor. Later, board your coach to travel to Alice Springs. Stop at Eralunda, a classic Northern Territory Roadhouse located at the junction of the Stuart Highway and Lasseter Highway, before arriving in Alice Springs where your Short Break concludes. **B**

As this Short Break concludes at 6.00pm, you may like to pre-book accommodation for tonight.

# Kings Canyon, Uluru & Kata Tjuta

**SBUKK**  
4 DAYS

Dot Art Painting Workshop



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## DEPARTS

7.00am Tuesdays (fortnightly)

## CONCLUDES

6.00pm approximately

**ULURU RETURN** : Uluru base tour • Mutitjulu Waterhole • Aboriginal Rock Art • Uluru Sunset • Kata Tjuta • Walpa Gorge • Dot Painting Workshop • Kings Canyon

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### 2 Kata Tjuta

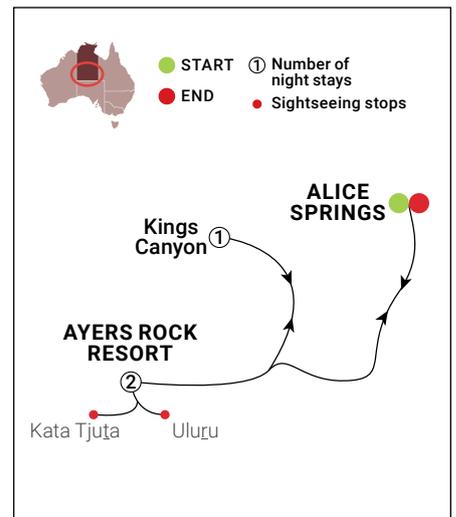
Enjoy panoramic views of the southern side of Kata Tjuta from the dune viewing platform before arriving at Walpa Gorge. Spend time exploring the gorge and the unusual conglomerate rock formations. The 1.3km walking trail through Walpa Gorge follows the natural creek between two of the tallest domes of Kata Tjuta. Return to Ayers Rock Resort in time for lunch on your own. The afternoon is free for you to relax. **B**

### 3 Dot Art Painting Workshop & Uluru – Kings Canyon

This morning you might choose to have a slow start to the day or to book the Sunrise Field of Light tour (own expense). Then delve into indigenous art. You will be taught by a local Anangu artist (and an interpreter). Learn about traditional art, symbols, tools and more! Be inspired by the ancient ways of the desert and create your own work of art as a memento of your Red Centre experience. Travel through spectacular desert scenery to Kings Canyon. You'll arrive at Kings Canyon Resort in time to relax before viewing a spectacular sunset. In the summer months drinks are available to purchase at the sunset viewing area. After dinner on your own, you'll experience the Light Towers by artist Bruce Munro. **Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort. B**

### 4 Kings Canyon – Alice Springs

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# Outback Explorer: Uluru to Adelaide

NUCA  
4 DAYS

Coober Pedy



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## DEPARTS

7.00am (Jun-Aug)

## CONCLUDES

5.00pm approximately

**ULURU TO ADELAIDE** : Coober Pedy • Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park • Port Augusta • Lake Hart • Woomera • Wadlata Outback Centre • Clare Valley

As this holiday departs at 7.00am from Ayers Rock Resort, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

### 1 Uluru - Coober Pedy

There's something starkly beautiful about the Australian outback. The pindan soil, silvery gums, horizon-busting skies, vast swathes of sun-baked nothingness. This is your backdrop as you cross from the Northern Territory into South Australia, ready to get deep at your destination. Coober Pedy, known as 'the opal capital of the world', is all lunar landscapes at the surface, and psychedelic colours underground. You'll get to stay at a motel right in the heart of this quirky town. And then learn more about the region's history at the Big Winch 360°, a 'circlevision' cinematic experience. **Hotel: Mud Hut Motel, 2 nights.**

### 2 Coober Pedy

Once you've explored this fascinating community – including fossicking for opals in surrounding mines – look further afield to Aboriginal owned Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park, where you'll travel along a stretch of the Dog Fence: a barrier spanning 5,300 kilometres across three states. As mind-boggling as the construction is, it pales in comparison to the setting's moonscape of fossilised shells and cracked grey clay. The only thing more surreal than the natural landscape is the constructed one this afternoon at Coober

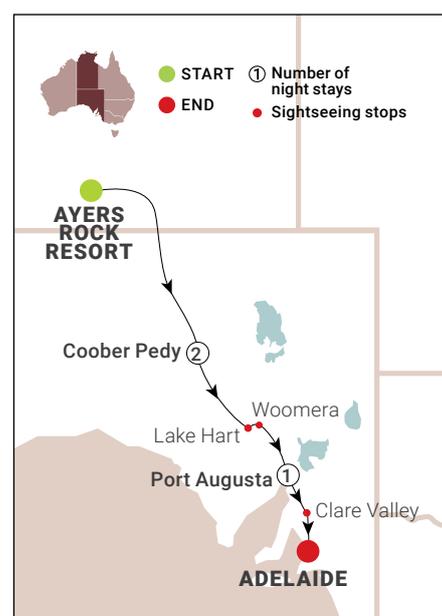
Pedy Opal Fields Golf Club, where the fairways are dirt and sand. Pick up a club to thump balls around the oil-soaked putting green. **B**

### 3 Coober Pedy – Port Augusta

It's hard to imagine landscapes more dramatic than those you've experienced so far. But nature ups the ante at Lake Hart, a vast saltpan that sparked a community in the 1930s. Today, it's all but deserted, adding to the ethereal atmosphere. The vastness of the South Australian outback was no doubt one of the reasons why it was chosen to become the world's largest military land base. Believe it or not, Woomera has been a testing base for atomic bombs, ballistic missiles and satellite boosters. Mull over that en route to SA's natural harbour of Port Augusta. **Hotel: Majestic Oasis Apartments. B**

### 4 Port Augusta - Adelaide

The Wadlata Outback Centre on your Port Augusta tour was created to decode some of the countryside you've been traversing over the past two days. Come face-to-face with giant ripper lizards, journey back in time to when dinosaurs roamed this land, and meet some of the people who first owned, explored and settled the region – as well as some of those who live here today. There are fossils and more opals, and interactive exhibits; have you ever tried Morse code? All this outback is thirsty work. Thankfully the Clare Valley is on the horizon. Gather in the cellar door at historic Knappstein Wines to find out just why their riesling takes home so many awards. Your



Uluru to Adelaide tour comes to an end on arrival in Adelaide this afternoon. **B**

As this Short Break concludes at 5.00pm, you may like to pre-book accommodation for tonight.

Add on an Uluru Short Break to the start of this tour. Visit [aatkings.com](https://aatkings.com)

# Kakadu & Nitmiluk Gorge

DG42

3 DAYS

Yellow Water Billabong



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**DEPARTS**

7.30am (May-Sep)

**CONCLUDES**

6.00pm approximately

## DARWIN RETURN : Jumping Crocodile Cruise • Kakadu National Park • Aboriginal Rock Art • Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise • Leliyn (Edith Falls) • Yellow Water Billabong Cruise

As this Short Break departs at 7.30am from Darwin, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

### 1 Darwin – Jumping Crocodile Cruise – Kakadu

Cruise on the Adelaide River, home to over 1,600 crocodiles, on the Jumping Crocodile cruise. See these prehistoric creatures up-close, as they launch themselves out of the water. Then travel into Kakadu National Park. The combination of mangrove fringed coastal areas, expansive flood plains, lowland hills, and open woodland and forest habitats, make Kakadu one of the most diverse landscapes you'll ever experience. It's home to a myriad of animals, hundreds of bird species and thousands of different insects and plants. Enjoy lunch in Kakadu National Park before a stop at the Marrawuddi Art Gallery. Continue to Ubirr, where you'll climb up through the ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries, believed to be 20,000 years old, to the lookout for a spectacular view over the surrounding wetlands. There is the opportunity for a 30-minute scenic flight (own expense). **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru. L**

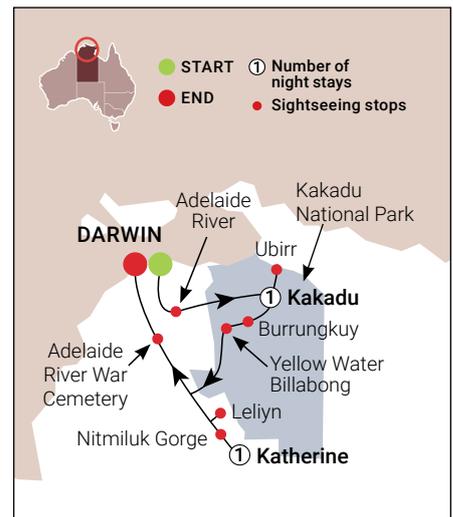
### 2 Kakadu – Katherine

You'll be mesmerized as you wander around the Nourlangie Rock art site. It has provided shelter to the indigenous people for many thousands of years, and while taking shelter, the rock evolved into a canvas that illustrates the traditional owner's very deep spiritual culture. With your

Driver Guide, you'll have the opportunity to see many different forms of Aboriginal rock art paintings. The Bininj people are the traditional custodians of Kakadu and now you'll visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre where you will be introduced to their way of life. Later, join your local guide for a cruise on Yellow Water Billabong, Kakadu's most famous wetland. The picturesque yellow waters are home to thousands of saltwater crocodiles and up to 60 species of colourful birdlife. This afternoon we travel to Katherine, the third largest town in the Northern Territory, stopping at Leliyn (Edith Falls) along the way. The paperbark and pandanus fringed natural pool at the base of the falls is suitable for swimming throughout most of the year (conditions permitting). **Hotel: Contour. B L**

### 3 Katherine – Depart Darwin

Enjoy a morning cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge. One of the most visited sites in Australia's Top End, it is a stunning network of thirteen gorges carved from billion-year-old sandstone that are home to many rapids and falls, flowing from the Katherine River. The cruise will put you at the heart of Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge among freshwater crocodiles, wonderful birdlife, and some of the most amazing scenery the Northern Territory has to offer. Afterwards look through the Nitmiluk Visitor Centre. The Display Centre and Heritage Museum features large scale models illustrating the flora, fauna, and rock formations of the park. If you would like to purchase your own memory of Nitmiluk, the



centre has a range of souvenirs and artefacts handmade by the Jawoyn people. Next stop Pine Creek an historic gold mining town, then a stop at the Adelaide River War Cemetery, the resting place for many of those killed in the World War II air raids on Darwin, before returning to Darwin, where your short break concludes. **B**

As this Short Break concludes at 6.00pm, you may like to pre-book accommodation for tonight.

Add on a day to include a tour to Litchfield National Park or Tiwi Islands. Visit [aatkings.com/D11](http://aatkings.com/D11) or TFER.

# Capital Blooms

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3 DAYS



Floriade, Canberra



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## SYDNEY RETURN : Berrima • Gold Creek Station • Parliament House • Floriade • Bowral • Mittagong

As this holiday departs at 7.30am from Vibe Hotel Sydney, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

### 1 Sydney – Canberra

This short break from Sydney sees you leave the skyscrapers behind and venture into the countryside of the Southern Highlands, all heritage villages, vineyards and manicured gardens. The allure all unite in Berrima, the best-preserved Georgian town in Australia – look no further than its convict-era sandstone gaol. Despite its gloomy history, the building is awfully pretty to look at. All this touring is hungry work – thankfully, a barbecue lunch awaits on the grounds of working cattle and sheep farm Gold Creek Station, where you'll learn about life on the land from someone who works it every day. Speaking of working hard for the money, 10,000 people spent years constructing Parliament House, the architecturally eye-catching seat of the nation's government that was constructed largely from Australian materials. Your Canberra tour guide will take you behind the scenes and reveal all the secrets.  
**Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. L**

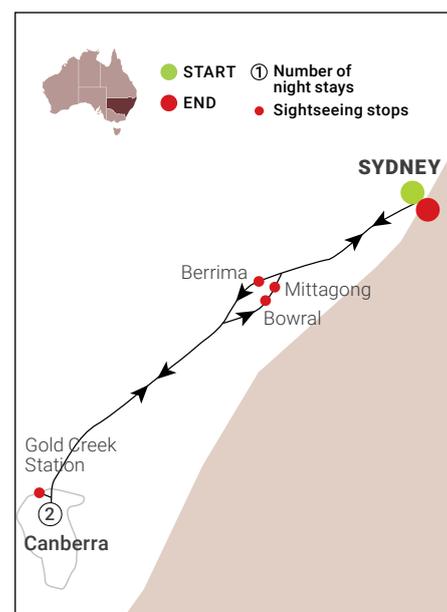
### 2 Canberra & Floriade

There are more than a million bulbs on display annually at Floriade, an explosion of colour that transforms the banks of Lake Burley Griffin – as well as some of Canberra's suburbs in recent

years. The month-long affair – the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere – was originally designed to celebrate Australia's Bicentenary and Canberra's 75th birthday. But it has become a regular on the city's event calendar. You'll see why. Continue your weekend in Canberra browsing immaculate flower beds in various patterns and themes, then enjoy entertainment, market stalls and a lively spring vibe. **B D**

### 3 Canberra – Bowral – Sydney

Yet more flowers await in the Southern Highlands, where Bowral's Corbett Gardens play host to 75,000 tulips. The aptly named Tulip Time Festival here will inspire you to buy some tulips to plant back home - it's that eye catching. Before you board your coach for your return to Sydney, you'll have time at leisure in the Southern Highlands village of Mittagong. **B**



# Travel Essentials

## My AAT Kings Travel Portal

For peace of mind and a seamless tour from the moment you book until you return home, you can personalise your tour online with ease in the My AAT Kings Travel Portal.

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2. Enter your first name, last name and email address
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- Your AAT Kings booking number and last name
- Emergency contact details
- Passport details for international travellers

You'll be able to register 24 hours after you've confirmed your booking with us. Once you have completed your online registration you'll also be able to download, save and print your travel documents within 3 weeks of your departure date.

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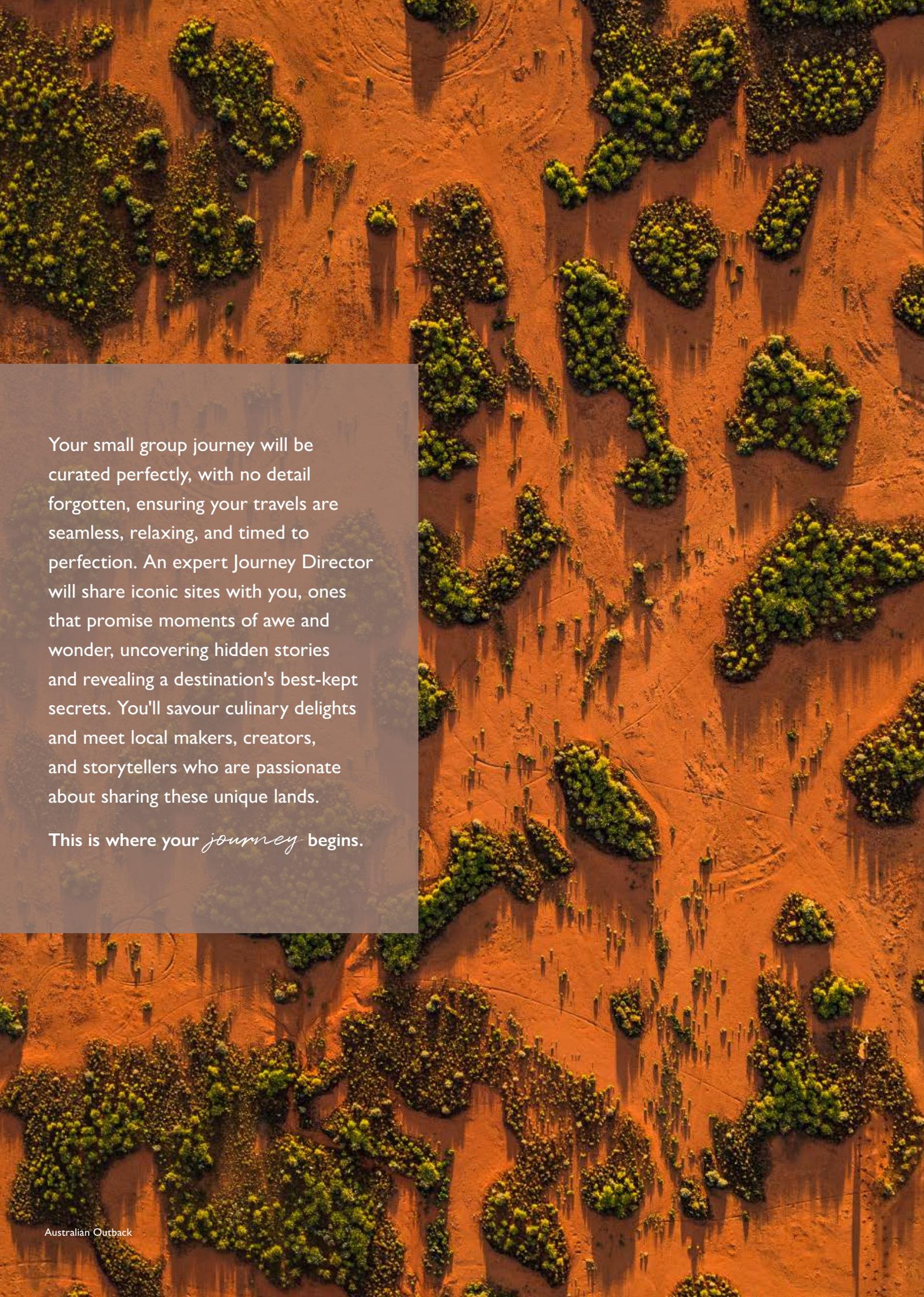
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The wild majesty of the Top End and the dramatic landscapes of Australia's Red Centre combine on this unforgettable journey.

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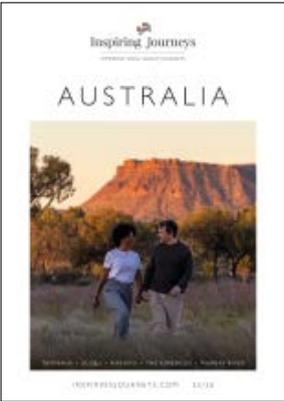
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your senses
-  **EXPLORE**  
boundless landscapes
-  **RELAX**  
and recharge



**Cover story:**  
**Kings Canyon, Northern Territory**

Watch Kings Canyon's rim fade gently into the night sky before your five-course dining experience under the outback stars. Surrounding a warm fire, you'll taste the native flavours of the Kings Canyon and Watarrka region, paired with Australian wines.

*Join us on Outback Contrasts, pg 18.*

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# THE INSPIRING JOURNEYS EXPERIENCE



View Uluru sunrise on Outback Contrasts, pg 18.

**MEET  
JOURNEY DIRECTOR,**

*Dan*

"I live in one of the most beautiful places on Earth, the Red Centre. You'll see it for yourself. You must, as there's something magical here; you'll feel it the first time you see Uluru. When I take a small group of guests out, I see it again through their eyes. It never loses its impact on me. I'm very lucky to call this place home, and I love my work guiding in this region."



Visit Fork it Farm on Tasting Tasmania & Flinders Island, pg 20.

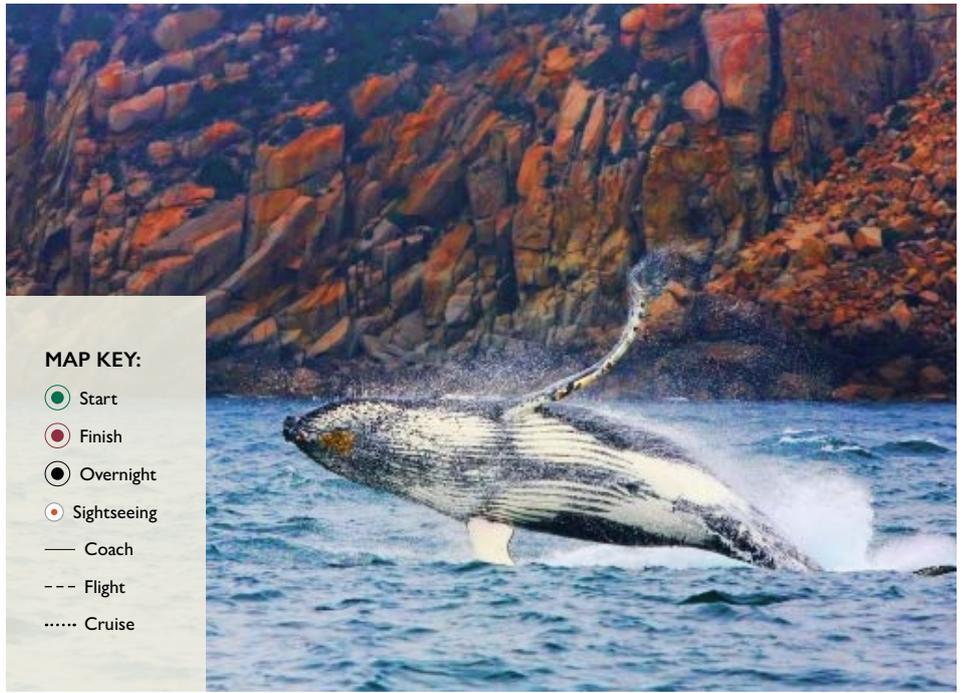
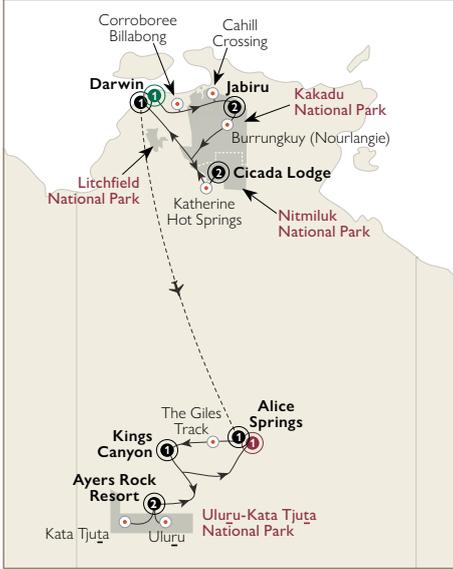
**MEET  
FARMERS,**

*Kevin + Lyn*

Leaving the corporate world behind, these two passionate foodies moved to Lebrina, in Tasmania to raise heritage Berkshire pigs on open pastures. Their farm, which also hosts cattle, sheep, bees and lush orchards, creates fresh farm produce which you'll sample for lunch. While enjoying local Clover Hill wines, you'll hear stories from this inspiring pair, about the surprises, challenges and many rewards that farm life brings when you care for the land as much as this family.

### NORTHERN TERRITORY DREAMING

12 DAYS • MNCR • P14

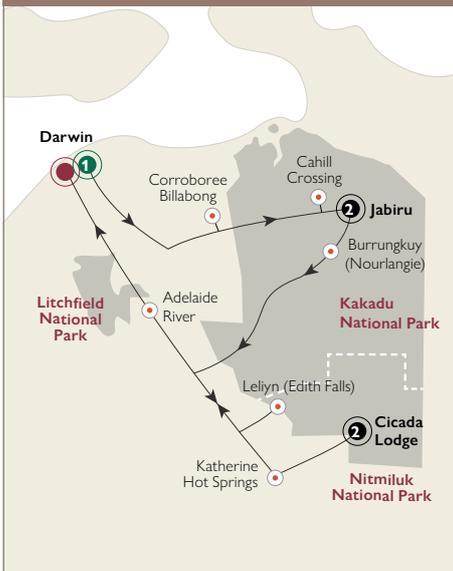


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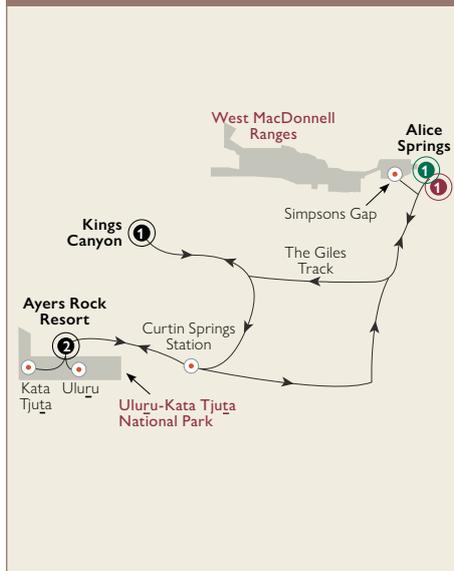
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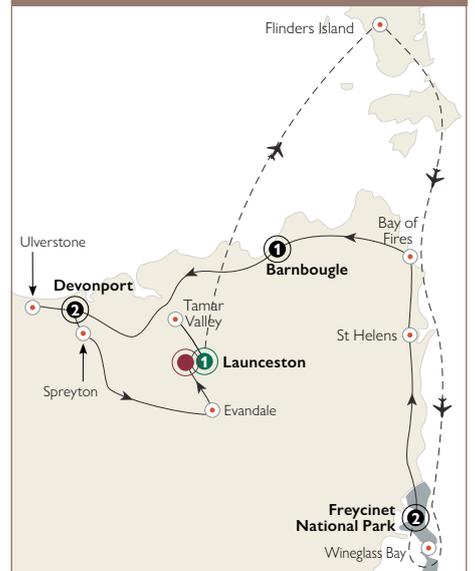
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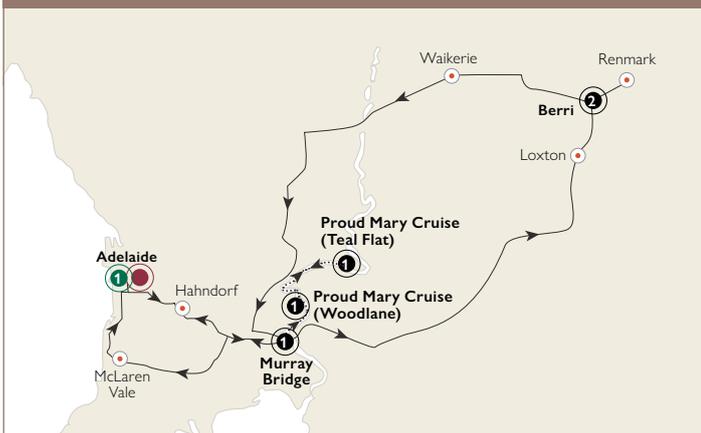
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11 DAYS • IJBB • P24



# LIFE ENRICHING MOMENTS



Learn about the art of 'rarrk' painting on Kakadu's Ancient Secrets, pg 16.

## Immerse

### YOURSELF IN NEW EXPERIENCES

Dive deep and absorb every small detail of your destination. Embrace the opportunities to connect with descendants of ancient cultures. Go behind the scenes to experience life like a local. Immerse yourself in the sights, scents, sounds, and folklore that make every stop on your journey memorable.

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Dine at the Shottesbrooke on SA Murray River Cruise & Wine, pg 22.

## Indulge

### YOUR SENSES

Meet growers, creators, winemakers, and chefs while dining and basking in the local atmosphere. Savour award-winning wines and sample regional flavours, as you embark on a culinary journey unwinding in spectacular surrounds.

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Explore Kings Canyon on Northern Territory Dreaming, pg 14.

# Explore

## BOUNDLESS LANDSCAPES

Embrace your adventurous spirit and begin an exploration. Visit wondrous places, discover paths less travelled, and experience awe-inspiring wilderness. Icons paired with captivating in-depth insights, enhancing your time in destination.

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Stay at Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge on our Kimberley tour, pg 24.

# Relax

## AND RECHARGE

Your travels will be seamless and curated to perfection, with Special Stays. At a relaxed pace, you'll have more time to enjoy each location. From vineyard estates to forest lodges, city dwellings to coastal escapes, your stays will be in authentic accommodation which highlights your chosen destination.

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# AMAZING EXPERIENCES



Relax on

## *Proud Mary*

Inspired by the steamboats of the Mississippi and the steamers that journeyed along the Murray River during the 1800s, the Proud Mary is iconic. Designed by naval architect Peter James in 1982, it features eighteen river-view ensuite cabins with outdoor balcony areas. There's no better way to discover one of the world's longest navigable rivers than on a two-night cruise. On a Proud Mary cruise, you'll discover a perfect balance of activity and relaxation, enjoying the quiet of cruising one of Australia's biggest rivers with awe-inspiring views around every bend.





Meet Peter and Christine on Northern Territory Dreaming, pg 14.

Immerse in

## Karrke

Aboriginal Cultural Experience

Three hours' drive from Uluru in the heart of Australia, this one-of-a-kind Aboriginal-owned and operated experience is hosted by Peter and Christine, who'll guide you through the area of Watarrka. This small Wanmarra community (of only ten people) invites you to learn about their rich and ancient history, surrounded by bushland, native birds, and the sounds of cicadas.



Embark on a private flight to Flinders Island and explore its untamed beauty on Tasting Tasmania & Flinders Island, pg 20

Explore

## Flinders Island

Your scenic flight from Launceston to Flinders Island will have you joining one of the 800 locals of this rugged island community to discover Settlement Point, Wybalenna Historic Site, and Whitemark. Vines drape these rugged shores, taking in the glades of Tasmania's northeast coast. Your lunch will be complemented by a wine tasting, learning directly from one of the Unavale Vineyard owners, Cassie. Afterwards, you'll take a late afternoon scenic flight to Friendly Beaches airfield, passing the iconic Wineglass Bay from the air.

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**Sue H** ★★★★★ 5.0/5

*"The trip Exceeded my expectations. The Journey Director was outstanding and Driver was good company and courteous as well as being a very safe driver."*

**Maree G** ★★★★★ 5.0/5

*"Well organised, great itinerary, friendly and knowledgeable tour director and driver."*

**Philip W** ★★★★★ 5.0/5

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## Small Groups

With an average group size of 16 guests, this grants you access to paths less travelled and lodgings out of reach for larger groups.

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## Special Stays

Expect authentic and memorable stays ones that deliver charm, whether it is a forest eco-retreat or a riverboat cabin with spectacular views.

## Unique Dining

From native bushfoods to rustic outback dining, and award-winning restaurants to world-class wine tasting, these included experiences will inspire the senses.



Bungle Bungle,  
Western Australia

# NORTHERN TERRITORY DREAMING

DARWIN | KAKADU NATIONAL PARK | NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE | ALICE SPRINGS | WEST MACDONNELL RANGES | KINGS CANYON | KATA TJUṬA | ULURU

12  
DAYS



Corroboree Billabong

Be immersed into the very heartland of Australia and experience its most sacred landscapes, bountiful National Parks and waterfalls. Discover the Top End's striking landscape then journey to the magical Red Centre, seeing iconic Uluru, the mystical domes of Kata Tjuta, and windswept Walpa Gorge.

## Day 1: Welcome to Darwin

Touch down in Darwin and transfer to your hotel, where the adventure begins. Dive straight into the essence of Australia's Northern Territory at Aboriginal Bush Traders, where your taste buds will be tantalized with native flavours, before you explore the indigenous art. Later, immerse yourself in the heart of Darwin, where every corner reveals a new story.

**HOTEL** Hilton Darwin

### IMMERSE

Discover the rich Native Australian flavours at Aboriginal Bush Traders in Darwin, and embark on a journey through the ancient Aboriginal art galleries.

### INDULGE

Unwind on an indulgent Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge dinner cruise, and dine at the award-winning Cicada Lodge.

### EXPLORE

Enter Walpa Gorge, an ancient temple crafted by nature, and keep an eye out for crocodiles on the Corroboree Billabong.

### RELAX

Unwind at Kings Canyon Resort, and stay in the heart of Nitmiluk at eco-friendly Cicada Lodge.

## Day 2: Darwin – Kakadu National Park

- ✈ Departing Darwin, your journey begins with the serene beauty of the **Corroboree Billabong Wetland Cruise**, where you'll glide through pristine wetlands, spotting crocodiles and colourful birdlife. Continue to Kakadu National Park, where ancient landscapes await. **Dive into the rich indigenous culture at the Murrawaddi Art Gallery**, admiring exquisite artworks that tell stories of tradition and spirituality. Cap off your day with a degustation dinner at your hotel.

**HOTEL** Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

## Day 3: Kakadu National Park

- 🕒 You might choose to begin your morning with a Kakadu scenic flight soaring over the ancient landscapes and majestic waterways as the sun rises (own expense). Then **get ready for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you delve into the ancient history of the region with a guided tour of Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Rock Art**, hosted by knowledgeable Aboriginal guides, who will share stories of tradition and spirituality. This afternoon, embark on the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise, where you'll journey along the East Alligator River, encountering wildlife and learning about traditional customs and practices from local Aboriginal guides.

**MEALS** Breakfast

## Day 4: Kakadu – Nitmiluk National Park

- 🍷 Travel to the small town of Katherine and immerse yourself in the heartwarming hospitality of the Curtin family during an exclusive meet and greet, setting the stage for an unforgettable experience ahead. Dive into the immersive Katherine Outback Experience, where the essence of Outback life unfolds before your eyes. As the sun sets, **retreat to the luxurious comfort of Cicada Lodge in Nitmiluk National Park**, where your dinner awaits.

**HOTEL** Cicada Lodge, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

## Day 5: Nitmiluk Gorge

- 🍷 Start the day with a leisurely breakfast before venturing to the tranquil Katherine Hot Springs for a mid-morning soak amidst lush surroundings. As the afternoon unfolds, embark on an enthralling cruise along majestic Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, with its towering cliffs and ancient rock formations that bear witness to millennia of natural history. With the sun beginning its descent, **board your Sunset Dinner Cruise, where the golden hues of twilight cast a magical spell over the Nitmiluk Gorge landscape** where dinner is perfectly complemented by the stunning scenery. After a day filled with blissful moments and unforgettable experiences, retire again to the sanctuary of Cicada Lodge.

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 6: Katherine – Darwin



Enjoy breakfast before setting out for one last adventure in the Top End. Travel to a different corner of Nitmiluk National Park, where **the enchanting Leliyn (Edith) Falls beckon**. With the opportunity for a refreshing swim (seasonal) immerse yourself in the cool waters and soak in the tranquillity of this natural oasis. Travel along the Stuart Highway and return to Darwin.

**HOTEL** Hilton Darwin  
**MEALS** Breakfast

### Day 7: Darwin – Alice Springs



After a morning flight to Alice Springs your Central Australian Journey Director will provide a unique perspective on life in this remote town. **Explore the history of the region at the iconic Overland Telegraph Station**, then delve into the world of indigenous culture with an exclusive experience led by Rayleen Brown. Rayleen will share her knowledge of Aboriginal bush tucker, accompanied by a tantalizing tasting of native-flavoured foods. Join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception at Tali Restaurant.

**HOTEL** Crowne Plaza Alice Springs  
**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 8: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon



Head off along the 4WD Giles Track, crossing dry riverbeds and outback landscapes, to Kings Canyon Resort. The flickering glow of this evening's fire, dancing under the canopy of a starry Southern Hemisphere sky, is the perfect accompaniment to your **Local Dining Experience 'Under a Desert Moon'**. Your degustation menu is complemented by matching wines. Sit back and listen to the sounds of the Outback come alive at night in the company of new friends.

**HOTEL** Kings Canyon Resort  
**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 9: Kings Canyon – Uluru



Gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on the spellbinding 6km sunrise Rim Walk, past the sandstone domes of the 'Lost City' and down the stairs through the lush 'Garden of Eden'. Or you can opt for a gentler stroll along the canyon creek bed. Then head off towards Uluru, visiting the local Wanmarra Community to **learn about the Luritja and Pertame people's spiritual connection to the land, at the Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience**. Now you'll journey across desert landscapes to Curtin Springs Station, a vast farming property, for lunch. Feel the stirring of something bigger than you as you arrive at Australia's spiritual heart, Uluru. Uncover the foundations of Anangu culture and the important creation stories of Uluru, when you visit the Cultural Centre before returning to the resort. This evening dinner is at Ilkari Restaurant.

**HOTEL** Sails In the Desert, 2 nights  
**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 10: Field of Light – Uluru – Kata Tjuta



Start your day with the **breathtaking Sunrise Field of Light by artist Bruce Munro**. Immerse yourself in the mesmerising installation and enjoy the desert awaking as the sun rises over Uluru. After breakfast, **travel to Kata Tjuta for a morning of exploration and awe-inspiring landscapes as you wander through Walpa Gorge**. Enjoy some free time for lunch, before embarking on a tour at the base of Uluru, delving into the rich cultural significance of this sacred site. Cap off your day with sunset drinks, while witnessing the changing colours of Uluru as the sun sets. The evening is yours to unwind and enjoy at leisure.

**MEALS** Breakfast

### Day 11: Uluru – Alice Springs



Traverse the outback landscapes, before turning the corner at Ertlunda. Stop for a break at Stuart Wells, another classic outback roadhouse on the Stuart Highway. Before arriving at Alice Springs, you'll **divert to the West MacDonnell Ranges to explore the rugged beauty of spectacular Simpsons Gap**. As evening approaches, delve into the heart of the East MacDonnell Ranges for your open-air bush BBQ Celebration Dinner. Your meal is accompanied by a bush balladeer, who will regale you with tales of outback life beneath the vast expanse of the Southern Hemisphere's Milky Way. It's an authentic outback experience that will leave you with lasting memories.

**HOTEL** Crowne Plaza Alice Springs  
**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 12: Farewell From Alice Springs

Relax this morning, before you bid farewell to your travelling companions and your epic inspiring journey ends.

**MEALS** Breakfast



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### DEPARTURES (2025-26 Season)

2025			
Jun	04	Aug	27
Jul	16, 30	Sep	10, 24

### INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 20 included meals
- 11 nights premium and authentic accommodation

### NOTES

#### MNCR: DARWIN TO ALICE SPRINGS

- Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Darwin Airport
- Day 12 – flights to depart anytime from Alice Springs Airport
- Tour price includes internal-holiday airfare.
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# KAKADU'S ANCIENT SECRETS

DARWIN | KAKADU NATIONAL PARK | NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE |  
ABORIGINAL ROCK ART

06  
DAYS



Katherine Hot Springs

## IMMERSE

Go on a journey through Australia's rural life, showcasing horsemanship, working dogs, and bush tales, and join an Aboriginal Guide at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Rock Art Site.

## INDULGE

Dine under the stars on a sunset dinner cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge, and indulge in a degustation dinner in Kakadu.

## EXPLORE

Spot crocodiles and other wildlife on the Corroboree Billabong Cruise, and disembark in Arnhem Land on the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise.

## RELAX

Soak in the thermal waters of Katherine Hot Springs, and take a dip in the paperbark and pandanus fringed natural pool at Leliyn (Edith) Falls.

Explore Kakadu, an ancient landscape of billabongs, gorges and hidden canyons teeming with spectacular wildlife. Admire rock art and hear stories of the Dreamtime. Embark on a journey to the haunt of the Lightning Man, Aboriginal clans and the crocodiles that roam Kakadu's floodplains.

### Day 1: Welcome to Darwin

Touch down in Darwin and let the adventure begin with your airport transfer. Dive straight into the essence of Australia's Northern Territory at Aboriginal Bush Traders, where your taste buds will be tantalized with native flavours, before you explore the indigenous art. Later, immerse yourself in the heart of Darwin, where every corner reveals a new story. Trace the city's history through iconic landmarks like Parliament House, Government House, and the beautifully restored historical Administration building, on a short walking tour.

**HOTEL** Hilton Darwin

### Day 2: Darwin – Kakadu National Park

- ✎ Embark on a whirlwind of adventure and cultural immersion in Australia's Northern Territory. Departing Darwin, **your journey begins with the serene beauty of the Corroboree Billabong Wetland Cruise**, where you'll glide through pristine wetlands, spotting crocodiles and colourful birdlife. Continue your exploration in Kakadu National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where ancient landscapes await.
- 🗨️ **Dive into the rich indigenous culture at the Murrawaddi Art Gallery**, admiring exquisite artworks that tell stories of tradition and spirituality. Cap off your day with a culinary extravaganza at the Mercure Crocodile Hotel, indulging in a degustation dinner.

**HOTEL** Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 3: Kakadu National Park

This is another day of unparalleled adventure and cultural immersion in the heart of Kakadu National Park. You might choose to begin your morning with a Kakadu scenic flight soaring over the ancient landscapes and majestic waterways in the early morning (own expense). Then **get ready for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you delve into the ancient history of the region with a guided tour of Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Rock Art**, hosted by knowledgeable Aboriginal guides, who will share stories of tradition and spirituality. Enjoy some leisure time for lunch. This afternoon, **embark on the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise**, where you'll journey along the East Alligator River, encountering wildlife and learning about traditional customs and practices from local Aboriginal guides. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of culture and nature that defines the Northern Territory, creating memories to last a lifetime.

**MEALS** Breakfast

### Day 4: Kakadu – Nitmiluk National Park

Travel to the small town of Katherine, where adventure and discovery await. Upon arrival, **immerse yourself in the heartwarming hospitality of the Curtin family** during an exclusive meet and greet, setting the stage for an unforgettable experience ahead. Dive into the immersive Katherine Outback Experience, where the essence of Outback life unfolds before your eyes. From the skills of working dogs to the art of horse training, gain insights into the challenges and triumphs of Outback living, deepening your appreciation for the rugged beauty of the Australian landscape. As the sun sets, **retreat to the luxurious comfort of Cicada Lodge in Nitmiluk National Park**, where your dinner awaits amidst the whispers of the bush, marking the perfect conclusion to a day filled with exploration, cultural immersion, and the timeless allure of the Northern Territory.

**HOTEL** Cicada Lodge, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 5: Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise

Start the day with a leisurely breakfast before **venturing to the tranquil Katherine Hot Springs for a mid-morning soak** amidst lush surroundings. Indulge in the soothing thermal spring waters, allowing nature's warmth to melt away any cares. Afterwards, enjoy free time for lunch in the charming town of Katherine. As the afternoon unfolds, embark on an enthralling cruise along majestic Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, marvelling at towering cliffs and ancient rock formations that bear witness to millennia of natural history. With the sun beginning its descent, **board your Sunset Dinner Cruise, where the golden hues of twilight cast a magical spell over the Nitmiluk Gorge landscape** as you savour your meal, perfectly complemented by the stunning scenery. After a day filled with blissful moments and unforgettable experiences, retire again to the sanctuary of Cicada Lodge, where the comforts of home await amidst the rugged beauty of Nitmiluk National Park.

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 6: Nitmiluk National Park – Farewell from Darwin

On the final day of this remarkable journey, enjoy a delicious breakfast before bidding farewell to Cicada Lodge and setting out for one last adventure. Travel to the northern corner of Nitmiluk National Park, where **the enchanting Leliyn (Edith) Falls beckon**. With the opportunity for a refreshing swim (seasonal) immerse yourself in the cool waters and soak in the tranquillity of this natural oasis. As the day progresses, travel up the Stuart Highway back to Darwin, where this unforgettable tour ends. Reflecting on the memories made amidst the stunning landscapes and cultural treasures of the Top End of the Northern Territory, cherish the experiences that have filled your heart and soul along this extraordinary journey.

**MEALS** Breakfast



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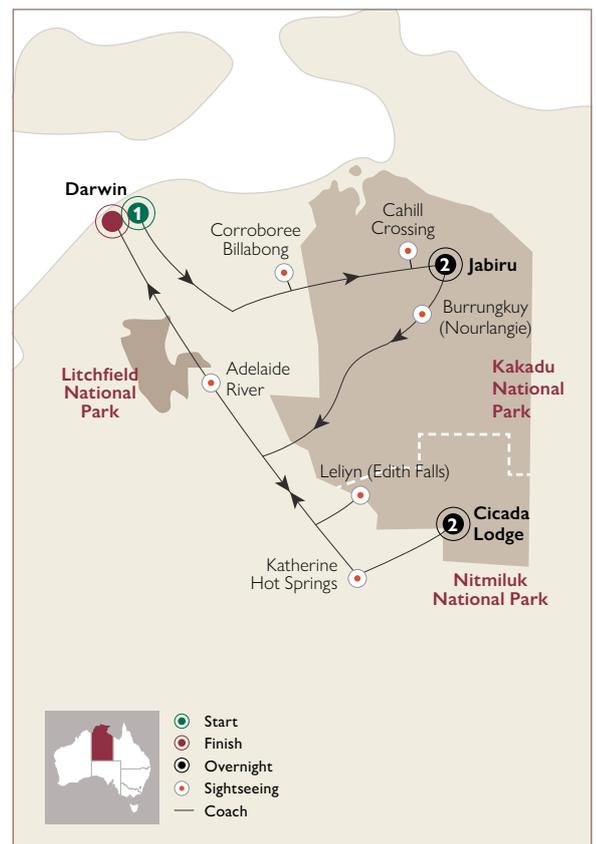
### INCLUSIONS

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### NOTES

#### MNDD: DARWIN RETURN

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# OUTBACK CONTRASTS

ALICE SPRINGS | WEST MACDONNELL RANGES | KINGS CANYON |  
KATA TJUTA | ULURU

06  
DAYS

## IMMERSE

Experience true outback life at lunch on Peter Severin's million acre property in the heart of the Red Centre.

## INDULGE

Bask in the glow of the campfire as you indulge in a five course degustation with matching wines at Kings Canyon Resort.

## EXPLORE

Enter Walpa Gorge, an ancient temple crafted by nature, and discover the scenic wonders of the West MacDonnell Ranges.

## RELAX

Nestled in the rugged bush, unwind in a Deluxe Room with a private balcony overlooking a rock escarpment, at Kings Canyon Resort.

Walpa Gorge

Witness the rugged landscape of the Red Centre and marvel at the ancient cultures that have cared for this land for generations. Experience the majesty of Uluru, Kings Canyon and view rock art dating back thousands of years, witness striking landscapes and be immersed in the stories of the Dreamtime.

### Day 1: Welcome to Alice Springs

Explore the vibrant culture and rich history of Alice Springs with a tailored itinerary that promises unforgettable experiences. Begin by meeting your insightful Journey Director, who will provide a unique perspective on life in this remote town. **Explore the history of the region at the iconic Overland Telegraph Station**, then into the world of indigenous culture with an exclusive experience led by Rayleen Brown. Rayleen will share her knowledge of Aboriginal bush tucker, accompanied by a tantalizing tasting of native-flavoured foods. Join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception at Tali Restaurant, where you will dine on local cuisine and reflect on the day's discoveries.

**HOTEL** Crowne Plaza Alice Springs

**MEALS** Dinner

### Day 2: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon

**Head off along the 4WD Giles Track, crossing dry riverbeds and outback landscapes**, to Kings Canyon Resort. The flickering glow of this evening's fire, dancing under the canopy of a starry Southern Hemisphere sky, is the perfect accompaniment to your **Local Dining Experience 'Under a Desert Moon'**. Your degustation menu is complemented by matching wines. Sit back and listen to the sounds of the Outback come alive at night in the company of new friends.

**HOTEL** Kings Canyon Resort

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 3: Kings Canyon – Uluru

-  Gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on the spellbinding 6km sunrise Rim Walk, past the sandstone domes of the 'Lost City' and down the stairs to the lush 'Garden of Eden'. Or you can opt for a gentler stroll along the canyon creek bed, treading in the footsteps of the Luritja people who once found sanctuary amidst the Itara trees at the canyon's base. Then head off towards Uluru, visiting the local Wanmarra Community to learn about the Luritja and Pertame people's spiritual connection to the land, at the Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience. Discover bush food and medicine used for spirituality and healing. Now you'll journey across desert landscapes to Curtin Springs Station, a vast farming property, for lunch. Feel the stirring of something bigger than you, as you arrive at Australia's spiritual heart, Uluru. Uncover the foundations of Anangu culture and the important creation stories of Uluru, as you spend time wandering through the Cultural Centre before returning to the resort. This evening dinner is at Ilkari Restaurant.

**HOTEL** Sails In the Desert, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 4: Uluru & Kata Tjuta

-  Start your day with the breathtaking Sunrise Field of Light experience by Artist Bruce Munro. Immerse yourself in the mesmerising art installation and enjoy the desert awakening as the sun rises over Uluru. After sunrise return to the hotel for breakfast.
-  Then, venture to Kata Tjuta for a morning of exploration and awe-inspiring landscapes as you wander through Walpa Gorge. Enjoy some free time for lunch, before embarking on a tour at the base of Uluru, delving into the rich cultural significance of this sacred site. Cap off your day with sunset drinks, soaking in the vibrant colours of the Outback and the changing colours of Uluru as the sun sets. The evening is yours to unwind and enjoy at leisure.

**MEALS** Breakfast



Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience

### Day 5: Uluru – Alice Springs

Traverse the captivating outback landscapes, before turning the corner at Eralunda. Pause for a break at Stuart Wells, a classic outback roadhouse on the Stuart Highway. Before arriving at Alice Springs, you'll divert to the West MacDonnell Ranges to explore the rugged beauty of spectacular Simpsons Gap. As evening approaches, delve into the heart of the East MacDonnell Ranges for your open-air bush BBQ Celebration Dinner. Indulge in savoury dishes and refreshing drinks while enjoying the tunes of a bush balladeer, who will regale you with tales of Outback life beneath the vast expanse of the Southern Hemisphere's Milky Way. It's an authentic outback experience that will leave you with lasting memories.

**HOTEL** Crowne Plaza Alice Springs

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 6: Farewell from Alice Springs

Relax this morning. Consider a hot air balloon ride to experience the scenic landscapes of the Outback (own expense) before your inspiring journey ends.

**MEALS** Breakfast



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### DEPARTURES (2025-26 Season)

#### 2025

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May	13, 27	Sep	02, 16, 30
Jun	10, 24	Oct	07
Jul	22		

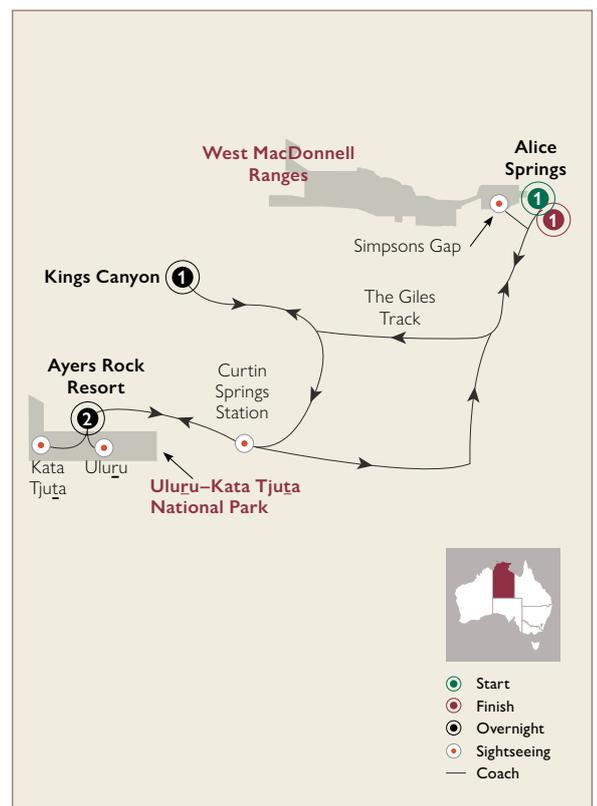
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### NOTES

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# TASTING TASMANIA & FLINDERS ISLAND

LAUNCESTON | FLINDERS ISLAND | FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK | WINEGLASS BAY | BAY OF FIRES | BARBOUGLE | DEVONPORT

07  
DAYS



## IMMERSE

On a guided convict farm village tour, discover the historic Brickendon Estate, and taste times past with steaming hot scones freshly baked from the original old cookhouse.

## INDULGE

Paddock-to-plate dining, seafood lunches, wine, whisky, and farm-shucked oysters. This is a journey of the tastebuds, as you indulge in the vibrant culinary scene around Launceston, a UNESCO City of Gastronomy.

## EXPLORE

Expect spectacular views of the Bay of Fires and Wineglass Bay from land and air, flying in a privately chartered plane, and discover the untouched rugged beauty of Flinders Island.

## RELAX

Stay at the iconic Barnbougle Lost Farm Links Golf Course and, unwind in the wilderness with a two-night stay on the shores of Coles Bay at the serene Freycinet Lodge.

Experience Tasmania's nature-blessed north and the mostly unexplored Flinders Island. Discover historic towns, and quaint coastal villages, cruise Wineglass Bay and visit the famous orange lichen-covered rocks in between. Meet the many makers, vintners, and growers of this charming region, and drink, dine and indulge with fellow food lovers.

### Day 1: Welcome to Launceston

-  Begin your northern Tasmania and Flinders Island adventure in the fertile Tamar Valley, with a visit to "FORK it FARM", whose ethical animal husbandry practices are the foundation of their small-batch products. Here, surrounded by bucolic farm views, your host will share their farming philosophy and stories of life on the land, while you enjoy a charcuterie platter of house-cured meats and accompaniments, matched with local Clover Hill wines. This afternoon,
-  explore the historic town of Launceston and the stunning Cataract Gorge, with free time this evening to try one of the city's many fine restaurants.

**HOTEL** Peppers Silo Hotel

**MEALS** Lunch

### Day 2: Flinders Island – Freycinet National Park

-  After an early morning transfer to Launceston Airport, board a private chartered flight to Flinders Island. Your time on this unique island, part of the Furneaux group, includes a tour of Settlement Point and Wybalenna historic site with a knowledgeable local guide. Following morning tea at Allports Beach, you'll visit the Furneaux Museum, then the island's small main settlement, Whitemark, before a stop at Walkers Lookout for the spectacular 360-degree view of the island and Bass Strait. Lunch is served with a menu promoting the finest island produce, including the famed local seafood. Later, enjoy a wine-tasting meeting with the passionate owner of the unique Unavale Vineyard. After lunch, you'll travel to Trousers Point in the Strzelecki National Park. Fly from Flinders Island down the east coast, passing over the stunning Bay of Fires and scenic Wineglass Bay before landing at Friendly Beaches. After disembarking, travel on to Freycinet National Park, our home for the next two nights.

**HOTEL** Freycinet Lodge. 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 3: Freycinet National Park

- 🍷 Cruise from Coles Bay to Wineglass Bay, renowned for its limpid turquoise water and silver beach, scattered with pink granite boulders. This MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience contributes to the preservation of wildlife, such as penguins and short-tailed shearwaters. Keep an eye out on the way for wildlife and natural formations such as caves and cascading waterfalls. On board, lunch in the Sky Lounge includes plump local oysters, and smoked meats and cheeses served with the East Coast's renowned wines and artisan brews. Back on land, you'll have free time to discover more of Freycinet National Park. You might choose to **take the 90-minute round trip hike to the lookout for one of the region's most celebrated views of Wineglass Bay**. For a slightly more relaxed afternoon, join a guided walk to the lookout and lighthouse at Cape Tourville. Later, you may want to take a gentle stroll along the crescent beach or have an invigorating dip at Honeymoon Bay. This evening, your time at the lodge is yours to spend at your leisure.

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch

### Day 4: Freycinet National Park – Barnboughe

- 🍷 After breakfast, **journey north to the glorious Bay of Fires**, with its crystalline water and orange lichen-covered boulders. Visit the tranquil "big lagoon," before heading to the southern end of the bay, to Binalong Gulch and the charming hamlet and sandy beach of Binalong Bay. Here you might choose to just sit and admire the view while savouring some of the best freshly shucked oysters Tassie has to offer. From here it's on to the Northeast Coast, stopping to admire the photogenic "Little Blue Lake," a former tin mining site, before **arriving at the iconic Barnboughe Lost Farm Golf Resort**. An afternoon arrival will give you ample time to take a walk over the dunes, inspect the fairways, wander down to the beach or even get in 9 holes of golf! (Be sure to make a booking directly before your tour). Dinner tonight is at The Lost Farm's restaurant, with its elevated perch on the dunes offering an uninterrupted panorama of Flinders Island and Bass Strait.

**HOTEL** Barnboughe Lost Farm Golf Resort

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 5: Barnboughe – Devonport

- 🍷 This morning, **step back in time at the UNESCO World Heritage listed Brickendon Estate, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**, with a unique guided convict farm village tour, provided by a member of the Archer family, the original owners of the estate. Join them for tea and steaming hot scones baked in the original old cookhouse. Travel to the Irish Gaelic town of Westbury & work up a thirst, **experience some of the locally crafted spirits at the Western Tiers Distillery**, a range that includes "poitin" (Irish spirit), whisky, vodka and gin. From here, visit Deloraine, the heartland of the Meander Valley before savouring some fine, local wines. Next, it's just a short drive to the seaside city of Devonport.

**HOTEL** Novotel Devonport, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 6: Devonport and Surrounds

- 🍷 Your first stop of the day is **Turner's Beach Berry Patch, where we'll learn about berry farming** and, depending on the season, you can even pick your own berries. Then it's off to Tasmanian Pickled Onions to hear how these moreish salty treats are made. **Lunch is at Mrs Jones Restaurant Bar Lounge in Devonport**, expect lofty views of the waves crashing onto the beach below and an open-plan kitchen to observe the chefs at work. After lunch, take a post-prandial wander up to Mersey Bluff for more magnificent views, before you depart for another tasting, at Devonport's Island State Brewery. Learn something of the fascinating world of brewing and of course, sample a brew or two from their range. Tonight, dinner is at your leisure, to enable you to experience one of Devonport's many dining options.

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch

### Day 7: Devonport – Farewell from Launceston

- 🍷 After breakfast, **visit the award-winning Spreyton Cider Co.** Hear about the history, and trials and tribulations of apple-growing, the science of cider making, and of course, taste some of this family-owned cidery's wares. Travel to historic Evandale for lunch, where you'll have a relaxed gourmet barbecue at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company. We'll also taste a selection of the company's jams, sauces, chutneys, and mustards. Afterwards, have a stroll among the unique topiary gardens before your transfer to the airport for your homeward journey.

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch



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2025		2026	
Oct	19	Jan	11
Nov	09, 30	Feb	08
		Mar	08

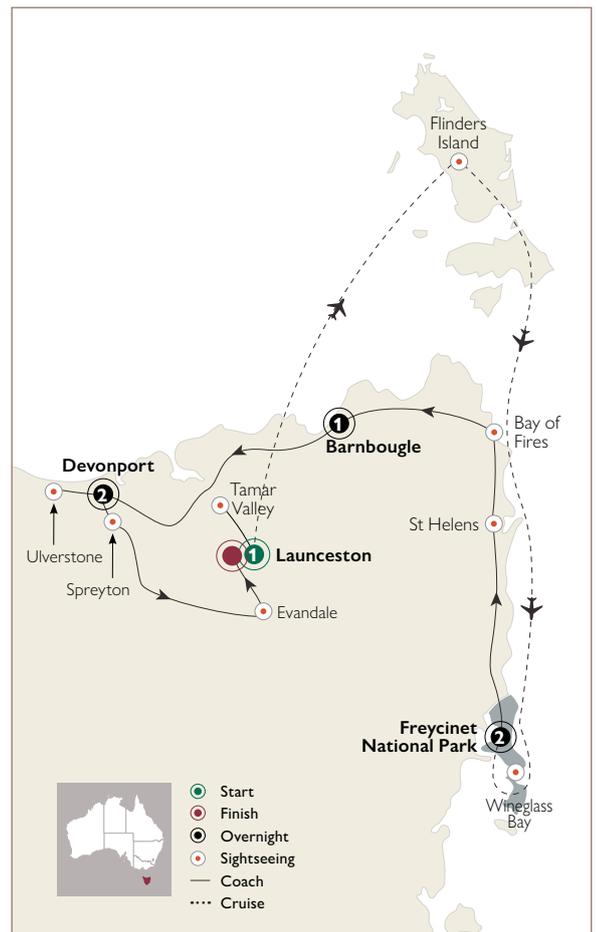
### INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 14 included meals
- 6 nights premium and authentic accommodation

### NOTES

#### IJTFL: LAUNCESTON RETURN

- Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 9.30am into Launceston Airport. (We strongly recommend you arrive the evening prior)
- Day 7 – flights to depart after 5.00pm from Launceston Airport.
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# SOUTH AUSTRALIA MURRAY RIVER CRUISE & WINE

ADELAIDE | PROUD MARY MURRAY RIVER CRUISE |  
BERRI | MONARTO SAFARI PARK | MCLAREN VALE

07  
DAYS



23rd Street Distillery Gin Blending Class

## IMMERSE

Discover the many levels of winemaking within the d'Arenberg Cube. Learn the history of the Mannum township. Dine riverside under the stars, with live local entertainment beside the campfire.

## INDULGE

Be introduced to the flavours of Adelaide Central Market. Experience a farm-to-fork lunch at the iconic Currant Shed. Take part in a Gin Blending Masterclass at the 23rd Street Distillery.

## EXPLORE

Experience wildlife at Monarto Safari Park while enjoying canapés and sparkling wine. Cruise the mighty Murray River, spotting birdlife and nocturnal wildlife.

## RELAX

Spend two idyllic nights in your river-view cabin, aboard the Proud Mary riverboat. Continue your riverside nights in the historic township of Berri, known as Australia's fruit bowl.

South Australian travel at its best. Discover Adelaide's famous food markets and award-winning cellar doors. Find the serenity of a scenic Murray River Cruise with nights spent near the campfire on river bends. This is your perfect itinerary to uncover the rich wildlife and landscapes of this bountiful region.

### Day 1: Welcome to Adelaide



Be welcomed into your modern boutique-style Hotel Indigo Adelaide Markets and meet your fellow travellers with a glass of local sparkling wine in hand. Next, **your foodie adventure begins at Adelaide Central Market**. You'll meet your expert hosts who'll introduce you to the passionate market stall owners and creators of delicacies, they'll share with you their stories and craft. Taste signature dishes throughout the market, enjoying a four-course roaming Welcome Reception with local wine.

**HOTEL** Hotel Indigo Adelaide Markets

**MEALS** Lunch

### Day 2: Adelaide – Proud Mary River Cruise



This morning after a relaxing breakfast, enjoy a city sights tour before leaving the city for a taste of the country. Head off to Mount Lofty for panoramic views across Adelaide's city skyline to the coast. Then **onto historic Hahndorf, settled by 19th-century Lutheran migrants**, it's known for its original German-style architecture and artisanal food. There is time to wander at leisure around this quaint village before **heading to the rich landscape of McLaren Vale, home of the quirky d'Arenberg Cube**. This building was inspired by the complexities and puzzles of winemaking, each of the five levels has been designed to entice and excite the senses. Here you'll be taken on a journey like no other before arriving on the 5th floor for a tasting and 360-degree views of

🍷 the vineyards. Late afternoon travel to the Riverland region to **join the Proud Mary riverboat for a spectacular two-night cruise**. Once settled into your comfortable river-view cabin, join your fellow guests for a delicious supper. Proud Mary ties up at Woodlane, our mooring for a night of peace and tranquillity in the Australian bush.

**HOTEL** Proud Mary cruise (Woodlane)

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 3: Proud Mary Riverboat Cruise

🍷 Willow trees dot the riverbanks as you cruise past Mannum, **enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by your riverboat chefs as you continue to cruise upstream through Younghusband and Teal Flat**. Alongside towering cliffs and beautiful sandy beaches, leave the Proud Mary for an informative guided cruise with an expert ecologist, who on a smaller boat will lead you through the shallows and up close to the cliffs of the Murray River. This evening you'll **dine under the stars, a barbeque amidst the restful sounds of the nearby river**, followed by live entertainment around a warming campfire.

**HOTEL** Proud Mary cruise (Teal Flat)

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 4: Proud Mary – Berri

🍷 Breakfast is served as you head downstream through the townships of Younghusband, Pellaring Flat and Cowirra. **Arrive in picturesque Mannum and take a stroll through this small township** that has played a significant role in the development of South Australia. Rejoin the Proud Mary for a delicious lunch of fresh local produce as you cruise past Ponde, Caloote, Woodlane, Mypolonga and Willow Banks. Arrive back at Murray Bridge in the late afternoon, travelling next to the historic township of Berri.

**HOTEL** Berri Hotel, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 5: Loxton & Renmark

🍷 Spend the day exploring this local region with a sightseeing tour of Berri. Learn about the history of this area from its early pioneering days to now, where it is better known as Australia's fruit bowl, growing some of the country's best regional produce. You'll visit one of the local fruit stalls tasting fresh fruit directly from the farmer. Next is a **visit to the Loxton Historical Village** featuring over 45 exhibits and buildings, farm machinery and old vehicles, and artefacts from 1890 to 1960. It's then onto 23rd Street Distillery. After lunch **become a distiller for the day and learn how to balance botanicals as you design a bespoke gin of your own** in a blending masterclass. Then, head into Renmark where you can spend the remainder of the afternoon exploring the many river trails or the silo art close by before choosing a restaurant for dinner at your leisure.

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch

### Day 6: Berri – Monarto – Murray Bridge

🍷 Today, continue along the Riverland region as you head to Banrock Station vineyards and wetlands that sit side by side along the banks of the meandering Murray River. **Learn about their partnership with Landcare Australia on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**, planting native trees and shrubs to restore the local wetlands. To date, Banrock Station has donated over \$7.5 million to conserving efforts, you will now be a part of that journey. Enjoy a guided trail before tasting some of their wines, and learning how they are environmentally produced. Later this afternoon, **have an award-winning Monarto Safari Park experience**, sipping wine and sampling canapés as lions roar nearby.

**HOTEL** Bridgeport Hotel

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 7: Murray Bridge – Farewell from Adelaide

🍷 Today our tasting trail continues as you **head on a McLaren Vale tour and tasting at Shottesbrooke**, a delicious final wine tasting, and lunch is followed at the Iconic Currant Shed. After many days of newfound friendship, it's time to bid you farewell from Adelaide.

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch



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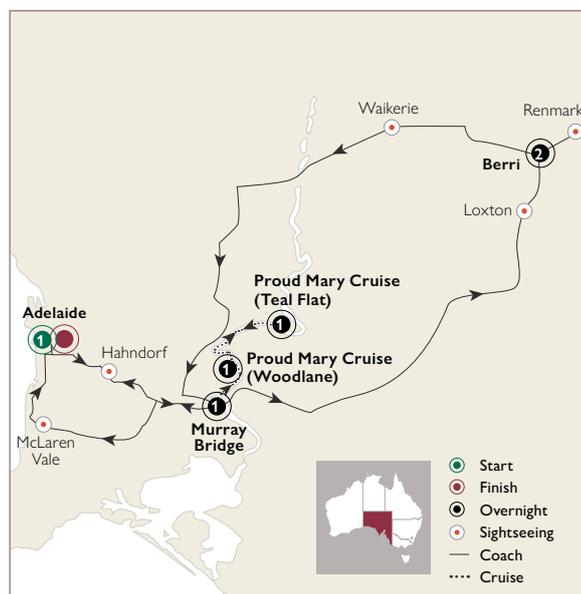
### INCLUSIONS

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### NOTES

#### SAMA: ADELAIDE RETURN

- Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 11.00am into Adelaide Airport
- Day 7 – flights to depart after 5.30pm (Domestic) or after 7.00pm (International) from Adelaide Airport
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# KIMBERLEY GORGES & GIBB RIVER ROAD

BROOME | GIBB RIVER ROAD | MOUNT HART WILDERNESS LODGE | EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK | KUNUNURRA | PURNULULU NATIONAL PARK | FITZROY CROSSING

11  
DAYS



Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge

## IMMERSE

Cruise through the Ord River and fascinating Chamberlain gorges, gaining insights into the incredible wildlife and geology of the area.

## INDULGE

Dine under the stars as you experience Kimberley hospitality at Emma Gorge Resort and sample a unique range of native-infused craft beers at Spinifex Brewery.

## EXPLORE

Discover the majestic orange and black striped Bungle Bungle domes. Swim in the picturesque Barker Pool and explore Dalmanyi (Bell Gorge) with its cascading waterfall.

## RELAX

Stay at Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge and Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge, enjoying the peaceful nature-filled surrounds. Take a dip in the naturally warm thermal waters of Zebedee Springs.

Indulge in a medley of unforgettable experiences, as you explore the rugged landscapes of the Kimberley region. From tranquil cruises through dramatic gorges to refreshing dips in hidden swimming spots, discover the unique flora and fauna of this amazing outback wilderness, all while staying at charming and secluded lodges enveloped by nature.

### Day 1: Welcome to Broome

Venture into the otherworldly Kimberley region in Western Australia and **visit the iconic resort beach town of Broome**, famous for its white, sandy beaches. Take a sightseeing tour and be guided through Gantheaume Point, Chinatown and Cable Beach. The 22km-long Cable Beach will provide the best seat in the house to view the most amazing sunsets Australia has to offer. Conclude the day with a **beer tour and tasting followed by a Welcome Dinner at Spinifex Brewery**.

**HOTEL** Oaks Cable Beach or Oaks Broome

**MEALS** Dinner

### Day 2: Broome – Mount Hart

After an early breakfast travel along the Great Northern Highway, stopping briefly at Willare Bridge Roadhouse, before arriving at Derby – on the edge of King Sound, near the mouth of the mighty Fitzroy River. Continue to **Bandilgan (Windjana Gorge) National Park** – home to sandy riverbeds, lush savannahs, and more than a few freshwater crocodiles. From here, you'll **venture into Dimalurru (Tunnel Creek)**, a large cave system carved into the limestone of the Napier Range. The National Park features interesting stalactite and stalagmites formations and is home to many bat and crocodile species. **Spend unforgettable nights in the unique tented accommodation of the Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge**.

**HOTEL** Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 3: Mount Hart

Spend an entire day basking in the breathtaking scenery of the Wunaamin Conservation Park. Start with a brisk morning swim in the picturesque Barker Pool. This afternoon **explore Dalmanyi (Bell Gorge), with its cascading waterfall that feeds into a deep pool**, making it perfect for swimming.

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 4: Mount Hart – Emma Gorge

🚫 Continue your journey along the famous Gibb River Road, stopping for a **refreshing swim at Galvans Gorge**, located in the Wunaamin Miliwundi Ranges Conservation Park. After a restorative picnic, it's time to ford the shallows of the Durack River and Pentecost River to arrive at the foothills of the Cockburn Range, home of El Questro Wilderness Park.

**HOTEL** Emma Gorge Resort, 2 nights  
**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 5: El Questro Wilderness Park

🚫 🍷 Explore Emma Gorge, taking in the dramatic cliffs and serene beauty of its droplet waterfall. Take a relaxing dip in Zebedee Springs and work up an appetite, since tonight you will **dine under the stars at Emma Gorge Resort**.

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 6: Emma Gorge – Kununurra

🎯 Start the day with a pleasant early morning cruise on the Chamberlain Gorge surrounded by towering escarpments. Then, travel down the Gibb River Road for the last time as you head into Kununurra and on to Lake Argyle, where another amazing cruise awaits. This time, you will **cruise down the Ord River, a spectacular waterway home to amazing flora and fauna**. Continue to Kununurra for your overnight stay.

**HOTEL** Kununurra Country Club Resort  
**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 7: Kununurra – Purnululu National Park

🚫 Enjoy some leisure time in Kununurra, witnessing the lush tropical farms and orchards that have flourished since the inauguration of the Order River Irrigation Scheme in the early 1960's. Your journey southward then leads you to the **brehtaking World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park**. Prepare to be captivated by the awe-inspiring sight of the Bungle Bungle Range's striking orange and black-striped domes.

**HOTEL** Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge, 2 nights  
**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 8: Bungle Bungle

🚫 Begin your adventure with a morning walk along the tranquil Piccaninny Creek and the iconic Bungle Bungle domes, leading to the awe-inspiring Cathedral Gorge for a picnic lunch in this natural amphitheatre. This afternoon, venture to the northern reaches of the Bungle Bungle to **explore the captivating Echidna Chasm**. Conclude your day by witnessing the sunset cast its golden hues over the beehive formations.

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 9: Bungle Bungle – Fitzroy Crossing

Today you will travel through Halls Creek to Fitzroy Crossing, passing pristine wilderness and unique rock formations along the way.

**HOTEL** Fitzroy River Lodge  
**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

### Day 10: Fitzroy Crossing – Broome

Once again, you'll trace the breathtaking landscapes of the Kimberley as you return to Broome. As the evening descends, gather with your newfound friends for a heartfelt Farewell Dinner.

**HOTEL** Oaks Broome or Oaks Cable Beach  
**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 11: Farewell from Broome

After 11 memorable days of shared experiences and meaningful bonds, it's time to head home.

**MEALS** Breakfast



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### DEPARTURES (2025-26 Season)

#### 2025

Jun	19
Jul	10
Aug	07

### INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 28 included meals
- 10 nights premium and authentic accommodation

### NOTES

#### IJBB: BROOME RETURN

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