

# Australian Adventure Tour

Would you like to travel to Australia's famous Northern Territory, taking in destinations like, **Cairns**, **Gold Coast**, **Alice Springs**, **Melbourne**, and **Sydney**? Why not make the most of your exchange experience and travel to these exciting locations? Whether it's riding in high speed boats to Whitehaven Beach, diving the Great Barrier Reef, climbing Uluru or visiting the Great Ocean Road, this holiday has it all. Terra Australis's all inclusive package tour is filled with fun, adventure and magnificent scenery.



**Inclusions** 2 share camping accommodation, 4 – 8 share bunk accommodation, all entry fees, most meals, fully supervised

**Conditions** minimum group size of 30 students, maximum 44 students, available only to International exchange students aged 15 and over

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# TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

(MEALS)		
DAY 1	Sydney to Canberra	(D)
Students fly into Sydney and are collected by your airconditioned coach. Then down the freeway to Canberra, arriving early afternoon. Time to get to know your new travelling companions.		
DAY 2	Canberra	(BLD)
At the <b>Regatta Point</b> exhibition, the development of Canberra is explained. We view the Captain Cook Memorial Water Jet and the capital's great public buildings. This morning you visit the <b>Australian Museum</b> . After lunch the group visits the <b>Australian War Memorial</b> and <b>Federal Parliament</b> building. We then drive around the overseas <b>Embassies and High Commissions</b> , which maintain their country's diplomatic relationships with Australia		
DAY 3	Canberra to Melbourne	(BLD)
Time to depart the Capital City of Australia and to the shopping capital – <b>Melbourne</b> . We stop briefly at Gundagai – home of the dog on the tuckerbox, before arriving early evening into Melbourne. Time for a tent set up and dismantle demonstration, watch carefully as you will have to do this on your journey around Australia!		
DAY 4	Melbourne	(BLD)
Today we explore Melbourne, first we are taken on a town tour of the city then we visit the <b>Queen Victoria Markets</b> . Finally this afternoon you can wander the main City before we head to the campground to relax and enjoy dinner.		
DAY 5	Melbourne	(BD)
Today is free for you to explore, try one of the many cafes, visit the shopping outlets or visit the <b>MCG</b> – Australia's famous cricket grounds, or <b>Southbank</b> and the <b>Eureka Skydeck 88</b> , the highest observation deck in the Southern Hemisphere. Lunch is at own expense today. Our coach collects you late afternoon to return to camp.		
DAY 6	Melbourne to Warrnambool	(BLD)
Time to head South and join the winding <b>Great Ocean Road</b> , we commence a stunning drive along the Victorian coastline. The Great Ocean Road winds through a scenic route. 1500 ships have been wrecked along this stretch of coast – many without trace. We view the <b>Twelve Apostles</b> - spectacular columns of rock rising out of the sea. It is believed that the sand dunes near Warrnambool, contain a 16th Century Portuguese ship, which ran aground. Tonight we watch a spectacular <b>sound and light show</b> depicting the history of the "ship wreck coast".		
DAY 7	Warrnambool to Naracoorte	(BLD)
This morning we take a leisurely drive through <b>Portland, Mount Gambier and Penola</b> . We arrive in <b>Naracoorte</b> just in time for lunch. After lunch we explore the National Park, perhaps take a walk along Stoney Point track to the picnic area. At sunset we visit the <b>Naracoorte Caves</b> , to see the <b>Bat Cave</b> and Blanche Cave. At the Bat Cave you may see the <b>Southern Bentwing Bat</b> at the Bat Observation Centre using the infrared cameras. (Please note no washing facilities available)		
DAY 8	Naracoorte to Gladstone	(BLD)
Much of today's travel is through Keith and Murray Bridge. Tonight we will sleep in a Gaol, your friendly hosts will take you on a wonderful <b>ghost tour</b> around the Gaol and regale you with incidents of ghost sightings, haunting and mysterious sounds. Sleep well. (Please note no washing facilities available)		

<b>DAY 9</b>	<b>Gladstone to Coober Pedy</b>	<b>(BLD)</b>
<p>This morning we head North towards the heart of Australia. There are plenty of salt lakes and clay pans to see. Fields of smooth gibbers really do make it appear as though this was the bed of an ancient inland sea. Drive through <b>Woomera</b>, town centre of the famous rocket testing range. At journey's end we explore the town of <b>Coober Pedy</b>, and watch an opal demonstration. Sleep underground tonight. (Please note no washing facilities available)</p>		
<b>DAY 10</b>	<b>Coober Pedy to Kings Canyon</b>	<b>(BLD)</b>
<p>Today we continue North travelling the flat red centre and endless horizon of Central Australia. We pass the oasis of the Marla Boar before arriving at <b>Kings Canyon</b>. Tonight is "Priscilla" night, make sure your camera is fully charged as there will be some very amusing photographs this evening.</p>		
<b>DAY 11</b>	<b>Kings Canyon to Yulara</b>	<b>(BLD)</b>
<p>Early rise this morning, pack the tents and coach before heading off to explore <b>Kings Canyon</b>, which was used as a spectacular natural backdrop in "Priscilla Queen of the Desert". The sheer walls of the Canyon rise up 270 metres, making it the deepest gorge in Central Australia. The more adventurous may like to walk to the rim of the Canyon, which offers spectacular views over the 'Lost City' and 'Garden of Eden'. Then we head off and we take a short drive to <b>Uluru-Kata Tjuta</b> National Park. Tonight we star gaze and feel the weight of the heavens as we marvel at the endless sky.</p>		
<b>DAY 12</b>	<b>Yulara</b>	<b>(BLD)</b>
<p>This morning we head into the National Park. On arrival we visit the <b>Cultural Centre</b>, learn about <b>Uluru</b> and the "dreamtime" history. Then you can take the base walk, the indigenous Australians prefer you do not climb the magnificent monolith as it is a sacred site. Then onto <b>Kata Tjuta</b> – is it more impressive than Uluru – you decide. Scenic flights (at own cost) are available over both these magnificent landmarks. This evening we enjoy snacks while watching the many colours of Uluru as the sun sets.</p>		
<b>DAY 13</b>	<b>Yulara to Alice Springs</b>	<b>(BLD)</b>
<p>Farewell to Uluru, we head now to a town like Alice – <b>Alice Springs</b>, arriving early afternoon. We enjoy lunch and then visit the <b>Reptile Centre</b> where you can see Thorny Devils, frill neck lizards; large pythons up close and personal. There is hands-on fun for everyone. See huge Perentie Goannas, large pythons, venomous Snakes, 'Terry' the Crocodile. Hand feed the lizards or play with a python. You will learn all about Australia's reptiles and have the opportunity to have your photo taken with large snakes wrapped around your neck. Now we head to the campground to unpack and enjoy the evening meal.</p>		
<b>DAY 14</b>	<b>Alice Springs to Cairns</b>	<b>(BLD)</b>
<p>This morning we enjoy a <b>Dreamtime &amp; Bushtucker Tour</b>. You will meet with members of the Warlpiri tribe who will demonstrate their artwork, see a demonstration of traditional hair spinning, learn about and taste bush tucker (including witchetty grubs) see indigenous weaponry and try boomerang throwing. After that informative and hands on experience it's time for lunch (at own expense). This afternoon we board our flight to Cairns. Dinner will be served on the flight. Your coach will be waiting at the airport in Cairns to transport us to our accommodation.</p>		
<b>DAY 15</b>	<b>Cairns</b>	<b>(BD)</b>
<p>This action packed day tour begins when your guide takes you up the spectacular <b>Gillies Range</b> and onto the tropical Atherton Tablelands. Explore the <b>Cathedral and Curtain Fig Trees</b> and take a rainforest walk at Lake Barrine National park before lunch. at Lake Eacham. Travel through the picturesque countryside for the day's highlights, <b>swimming at several pristine waterfalls</b>, such as the famous Millaa Millaa, plus a jungle trek to view the raging Dinner Falls and World Heritage listed Mount Hypipamee National Park. Last stop, On the Wallaby Lodge for tea &amp; coffee to round off your day before we head back to Cairns to enjoy dinner.</p>		

<b>DAY 16</b>	<b>Cairns</b>	<b>(BLD)</b>
Today we visit the <b>Outer Barrier Reef</b> with Reef Experience. Included is all snorkelling equipment, wetsuit hire as well as an Introductory dive or if you are certified you can choose a certified dive. The Marine Biologist on board will inform you about the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef. You can also view coral from a glass bottom boat. Breakfast, Tropical Buffet Lunch and afternoon tea will be served on board. After a day you will never forget we return to Cairns and are transferred back to our accommodation to enjoy dinner.		
<b>DAY 17</b>	<b>Cairns to Airlie Beach</b>	<b>(BLD)</b>
Today we say farewell to the Tropical Cairns and head south. We pass by Townsville and turn south again, and drive past lush green scenery through Ayr and Bowen to the Whitsundays.		
<b>DAY 18</b>	<b>Airlie Beach</b>	<b>(BLD)</b>
Join <b>Ocean Rafting</b> today as we explore on powered boats. Spend the day visiting the idyllic Whitsunday passage with Ocean Rafting. The raft visits islands within the Whitsundays. Eco guides explain the impact of the modern world on this beautiful wilderness and water surrounds. Relax on the world famous <b>Whitehaven Beach</b> , snorkel away from the crowds at Border Islands pristine reefs and and enjoy a guided walk to the beautiful Hill Inlet Lookout.		
<b>DAY 19</b>	<b>Airlie Beach to Rockhampton</b>	<b>(BLD)</b>
Once more we are in the temperate zone - and it will soon begin to get cooler. Tonight we stay at <b>"The Old Station"</b> a historic homestead and enjoy roast beef dinner at this working farm, you can take a tour of the homestead, enjoy Kangaroo feeding, whip cracking and try some home made damper. After dinner just relax and soak up the beautiful scenery around you. (Please note no washing facilities available)		
<b>DAY 20</b>	<b>Rockhampton to Coolum</b>	<b>(BLD)</b>
Today we continue South, we have left the tropical zone and are now in slightly cooler climes. The Bruce Highway takes us through Gin Gin and the colonial/federal town of Childers. We then head down to the <b>Sunshine Coast</b> arriving in the afternoon, you may wish to swim at the patrolled beach or explore the town of Coolum.		
<b>DAY 21</b>	<b>Byron Bay</b>	<b>(BD)</b>
We head into the fun capital of Australia today - <b>Gold Coast</b> . Wander the many shops or relax on the beach (you buy lunch today). Early afternoon we head South to Byron Bay, set up camp and there is free time to explore before we enjoy dinner.		
<b>DAY 22</b>	<b>Byron Bay</b>	<b>(BLD)</b>
This morning you will be transported to the best surfing location in Byron Bay where you will have <b>learn to surf lessons</b> . Fully qualified instructors will have you standing up on your boards by the end of the lesson. Boards and wet suits are supplied. After the lessons we head South to Port Macquarie, set up camp early evening.		
<b>DAY 23</b>	<b>Byron Bay to Sydney</b>	<b>(B)</b>
We depart Port Macquarie, heading South and down the freeway to <b>Sydney</b> . We arrive early afternoon and set up camp, and then you have free time to explore the surrounding areas of Narabeen before enjoying dinner this evening.		
<b>DAY 24</b>		<b>(B)</b>
Time to take a sight seeing tour of <b>Sydney</b> , visiting some of the well known landmarks and beaches. We visit <b>Bondi Beach</b> , where the lifesavers are kept alert on Australia's busiest beach, then see the <b>Opera House, Harbour Bridge</b> before heading home		

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60 days and over	\$500
59 to 35 days	60% of the full fare
34 to 1 days	80% of the full fare

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