

INTRODUCTION TO AUSTRALIA

Three time zones, three million square miles, twenty two million people. It's not easy to sum up a country that stretches so far and takes in so many different climates and landscapes.

Australia is the lush tropics of North Queensland and Darwin. It's the hard-baked Red Centre and the sparkling azure waters of the Great Barrier Reef. It's the mystical creation stories of Aboriginal Dreamtime and endless white-sand beaches. It's also a land of cosmopolitan cities and a relaxed, easy-going lifestyle with its share of world-class cuisine and New World wines.

TOP EXPERIENCES

Great Barrier Reef - cruise, snorkel, dive or even fly over the Great Barrier Reef – the World's largest living organism.

Tropical Rainforest - venture into the tropical rainforest north of Cairns – but watch out for those crocs!

Ayers Rock - visit the immense monolith in the heart of the Red Centre.

Kangaroo Island - see native wildlife and rugged coastline in this 'zoo without fences'.

Kimberleys - an area of unparalleled beauty and the last frontier of Outback Australia.



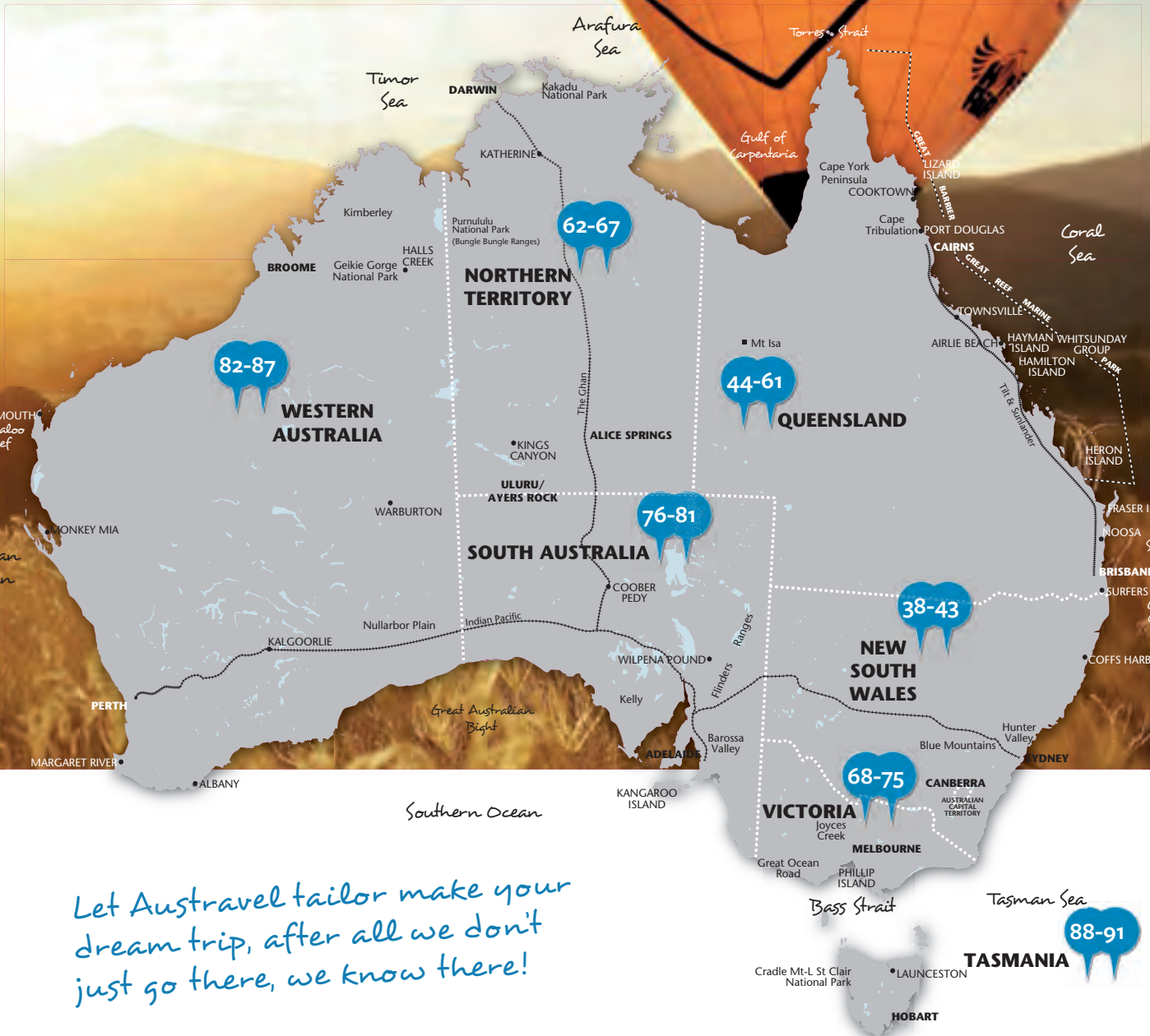
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DISCOVER OUR AMAZING STOPOVERS ENROUTE

From vibrant metropolis' to untouched islands you can enjoy breathtaking views and find your own piece of paradise with one of our Stopovers. They are a fantastic way to take a break from your journey whilst taking in spectacular destinations.



Hong Kong



Let Austravel tailor make your dream trip, after all we don't just go there, we know there!



FIRST TIME ESSENTIALS

A perfect way to introduce Australia to any first time visitor to the 'land downunder', combining the icons of Sydney, the fiery red sands of the Outback, and the spectacular colours of the Great Barrier Reef.



Red Centre

Sydney Rock and Reef

12 Day Suggested Itinerary from £985 per adult

DAY 1: SYDNEY

After arriving at Sydney airport you are met and transferred to your chosen hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure – why not head to Circular Quay to get your first glimpse of the world famous Opera House, and iconic Harbour Bridge.

DAY 2: CRUISE THE HARBOUR

Spend a relaxing morning exploring the Harbour aboard Captain Cook's Coffee Cruise – one of the 'must do' experiences whilst in Sydney. This afternoon why not head out to one of Sydney's famous beaches of Bondi or Manly, it's up to you!

DAY 3: BLUE MOUNTAINS

Venture out of Sydney to the famed Blue Mountains, where steep canyons meet lush eucalypt forests. See the magnificent Three Sisters rock formation, tour the small town of Leura and opt to take a ride on the world's steepest scenic railway.

DAY 4: DAY AT LEISURE

A free day to explore the city and its surroundings. Take a scenic seaplane flight, climb to the top of the Harbour Bridge, or stroll around the historic Rocks area.

DAY 5: RED CENTRE – SUNSET OVER THE ROCK

Leave the city behind and fly to the Red Centre (additional cost). Uluru (Ayers Rock) is visually stunning, and a major site of Aboriginal importance. This evening watch the sun set behind the glowing red monolith, colours changing as the light alters. A view to behold!

DAY 6: ULURU SUNRISE AND KATA TJUTA

An early start will be rewarded as the rising sun creates even more varied perspectives of Uluru. Walk part of the base of the rock, before heading to Kata Tjuta (Olgas) for a guided walk through Walpa Gorge.

DAY 7: QUEENSLAND ADVENTURE BEGINS

Fly from Ayers Rock to Cairns (additional cost), where the world heritage rainforest and Great Barrier Reef will offer yet another contrasting slice of Australia. After checking in to your chosen hotel take the rest of the day to explore Cairns.

DAY 8: KURANDA AND TJAPUKAI ABORIGINAL CENTRE

Today is an adventure into the Atherton Tablelands, starting with a scenic rail journey through the rainforest up to Kuranda village. Explore the shops, markets and attractions, before joining the Skyrail gondola for its 4 mile trip above the rainforest canopy.

DAY 9: GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

Leave the land behind and spend an unforgettable day on the Great Barrier Reef with a Quicksilver catamaran to cruise to Agincourt Reef and the spacious reef platform. Snorkel, dive, or stay dry with a semi-submersible tour.

DAY 10 & 11: DAYS AT LEISURE

The next two days open a whole host of opportunities as the area has so much to offer! Choose to venture further north into the Daintree rainforest and Cape Tribulation, soar over the Tablelands aboard a hot air balloon, or head back to the water with a Low Isles cruise.

DAY 12: DEPART CAIRNS

Time to leave Cairns for the journey home – or maybe this is just the start! Extend your Australian adventure by visiting another state, and experience yet another side of this great and varied land.

Please see austravel.com for full details of accommodation options.

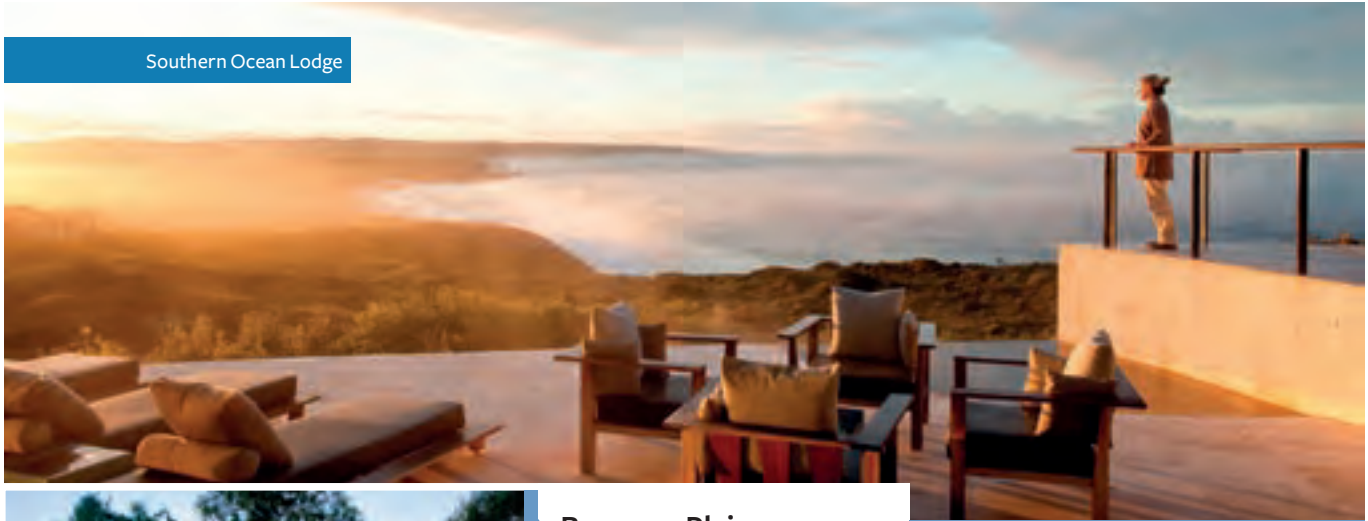
Please Note: Prices are per person based on twin share and include eleven nights accommodation, and touring as mentioned. Supplements apply over special events and prices may vary with availability. Flights are not included.



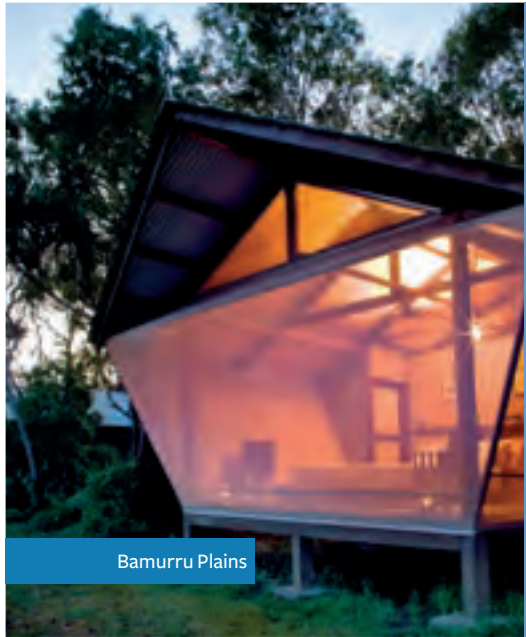
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AUSTRALIA IN STYLE

With secluded island getaways, and luxury Outback retreats, Australia boasts world class accommodation. Austravel highly recommends adding any of these select properties to your itinerary to relax, get pampered or explore their untouched surrounds.



Southern Ocean Lodge



Bamurru Plains

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KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

★★★★★

Located just to the west of Kakadu National Park on the Mary River floodplains, Bamurru Plains has a profusion of wildlife on its doorstep. The unique bush camp exudes 'Wild Bush Luxury' and brings a touch of style to the remote and beautiful wilderness. Each safari suite is designed to blend into the surrounding bush, and opens guests up to the sights and sounds of the myriad of wildlife close by.

The exclusive retreat offers all the creature comforts, and allows you to escape from the daily grind. Fly from Darwin to Bamurru for your adventure.

FROM £369 PER ADULT

Southern Ocean Lodge

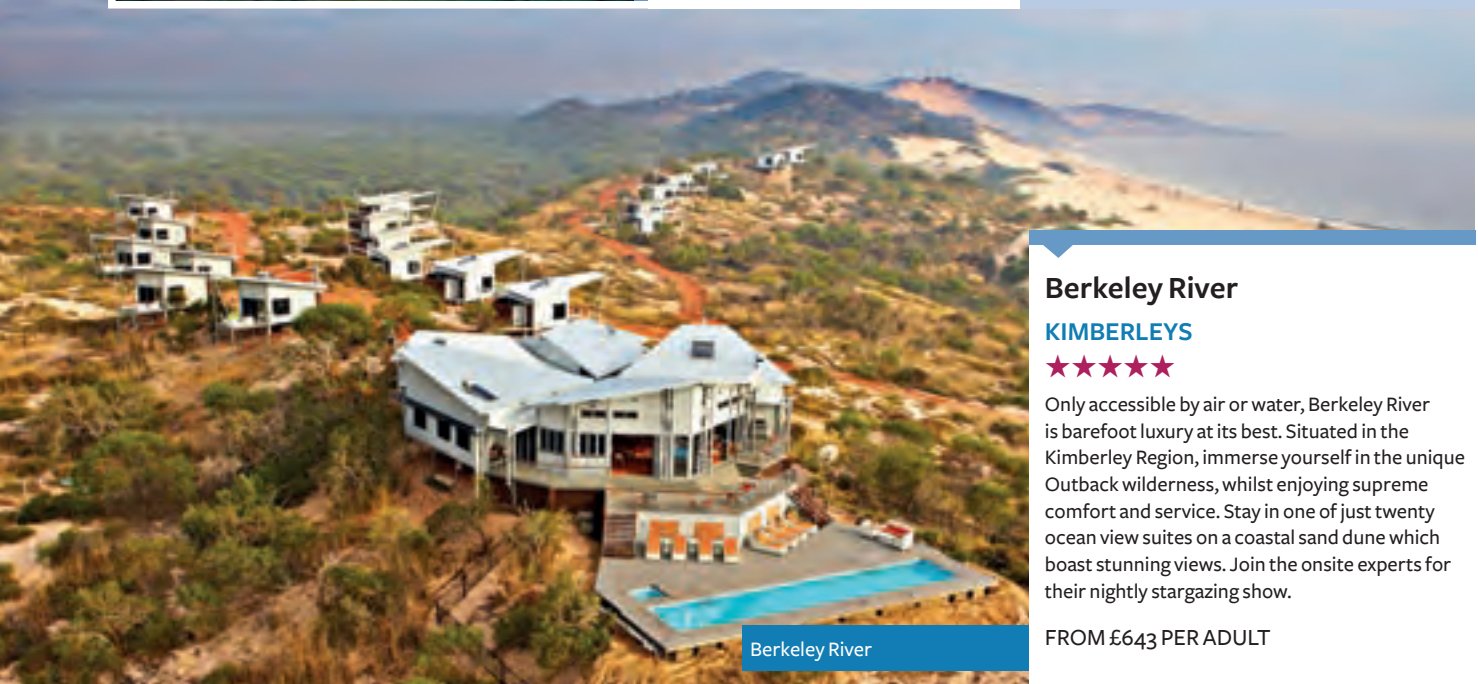
KANGAROO ISLAND

★★★★★

Exclusive and award-winning, this world-class lodge at Kangaroo Island offers an unforgettable blend of contemporary luxury and pure nature. Twenty-one luxurious suites welcome panoramic views of the great Southern Ocean and boundless coastal wilderness, and feature custom furnishings, lavish lounge and sleeping areas, glass-surround ensuites and private outdoor terraces. Naturalist guides lead guests to a first-hand experience of the abundant wildlife on 'Australia's Galapagos', whilst the Southern Spa features signature treatments with Kangaroo Island botanicals designed to relax and rejuvenate.

SPA CREDIT - Selected dates

FROM £633 PER ADULT



Berkeley River

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KIMBERLEYS

★★★★★

Only accessible by air or water, Berkeley River is barefoot luxury at its best. Situated in the Kimberley Region, immerse yourself in the unique Outback wilderness, whilst enjoying supreme comfort and service. Stay in one of just twenty ocean view suites on a coastal sand dune which boast stunning views. Join the onsite experts for their nightly stargazing show.

FROM £643 PER ADULT

Saffire



Saffire

FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK



Saffire Freycinet delivers sophisticated and intimate style in a new luxury sanctuary on the east coast of Tasmania. With breathtaking views over Great Oyster Bay, Hazard Mountains and the Freycinet Peninsula, all suites are luxuriously appointed with only the best in design and furnishing. Relax and rejuvenate at Spa Saffire which offers a wide variety of treatments and therapies, before indulging in the fine dining restaurant with the best in regional produce and gourmet cuisine.

FROM £595 PER ADULT

Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa

BLUE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK



Nestled in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage region the resort lies within its own 4,000 acre private conservation and wildlife reserve and is the first carbon neutral resort in the world. 40 luxury individual suites, each with its own swimming pool, are complemented by a main homestead offering distinctive dining, luxury facilities and the stand-alone Timeless Spa.

FROM £461 PER ADULT

Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa



Lizard Island Resort

GREAT BARRIER REEF



Australia's northern most resort, Lizard Island Resort is located right on the Great Barrier Reef, fringed with coral reefs and 24 powdery white beaches. With spectacular diving and snorkelling opportunities, discover secluded, pristine beaches by foot or by motorised dinghy with a gourmet picnic just for two. Each of the 40 villas is elegant and spacious, with either ocean or beach views.

FREE TRANSFERS - Selected dates

FROM £444 PER ADULT

Lizard Island Resort



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AUSTRALIA'S WILDLIFE

Australia is renowned for its unique wildlife and no trip would be complete without taking the time to get up close and personal with some of its most famous residents. Whether it's snorkelling the Great Barrier Reef, holding a Koala or hand feeding dolphins, these experiences provide a unique opportunity to meet some of Australia's most extraordinary creatures.

1 GREAT BARRIER REEF

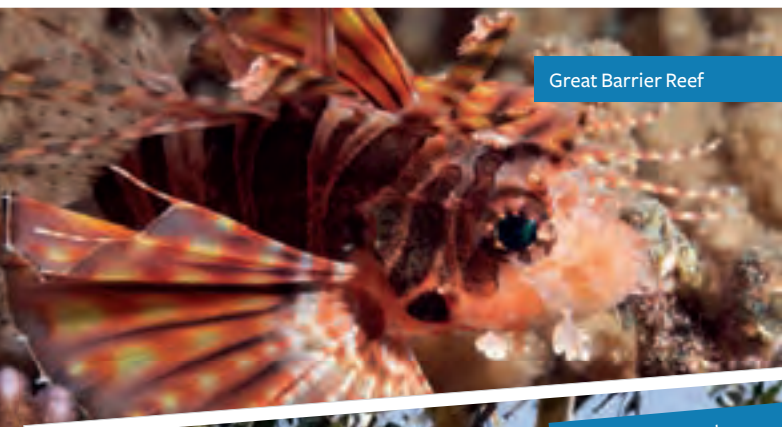
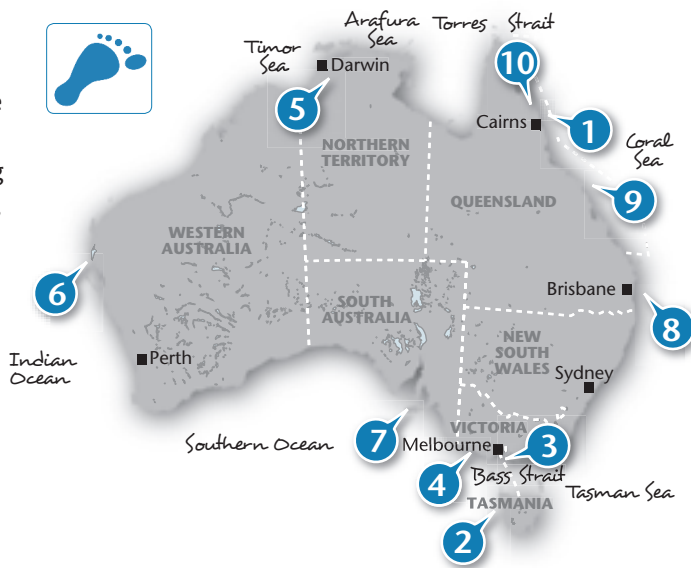
One of Australia's most remarkable natural gifts, the Great Barrier Reef, is blessed with the breathtaking beauty of the world's largest coral reef. The reef contains an abundance of marine life, including turtles, whales, rays, barracudas and much more. Join Quicksilver on a cruise to the Outer Barrier Reef where you can snorkel and discover the reef.

QUICKSILVER CRUISE FROM £126 PER ADULT

2 TASMANIAN DEVIL

With accessible wilderness and plenty of wildlife sanctuaries, Tasmania is the ideal destination to get up close with native Australian animals. It's also the one place on earth you'll find a Tasmanian devil in the wild. Take a visit to Bonorong Wildlife sanctuary and join one of the unique and in-depth guided tours.

DAY TOUR FROM £85 PER ADULT



Great Barrier Reef

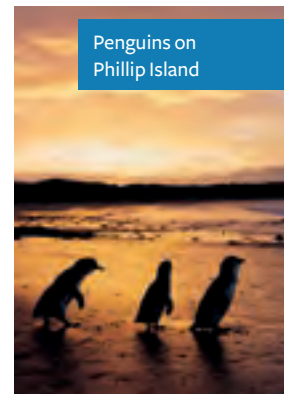


Tasmanian Devil

3 PHILLIP ISLAND

Experience Victoria's wildlife island featuring spectacular scenery, charming heritage and an abundance of Australian wildlife including one of the largest little Penguin colonies in the world - each day at sunset they emerge from the sea and waddle across the beach to their sand dune burrows.

DAY TOUR FROM MELBOURNE FROM £142 PER ADULT



Penguins on Phillip Island



Great Ocean Road

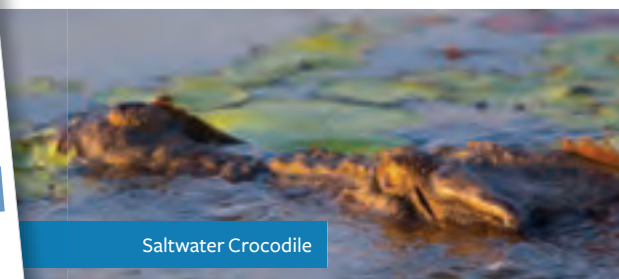
2 Day Tour

GREAT OCEAN ROAD - KOALA SPOTTING

Stretching from Geelong to Portland in South West Victoria the landscape along the Great Ocean Road is rich and diverse. Take a 2 day guided tour and search for Koalas in the wild, explore the rainforests of the Otway National Park, and see the spectacular sea stacks of the Twelve Apostles.

2 DAY TOUR FROM £422 PER ADULT

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Saltwater Crocodile

5 CROCODILES IN THE TOP END

The northern coastal area of Australia is a huge, diverse wilderness where the crocodile is king. See massive Saltwater Crocodiles in the Yellow River and explore Kakadu National Park; home to 3 species of crocodile.

DAY TOUR FROM £131 PER ADULT

Ningaloo Reef Whaleshark



6 WHALESHARKS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Experience an incredible day snorkelling with the largest fish in the ocean – up to 18m long! Snorkel with these gentle giants of the ocean, and cruise the waters of Ningaloo Reef searching for dolphins, turtles, rays and dugongs. A gourmet buffet lunch is served and drinks are also supplied. Snorkel equipment is provided free of charge.

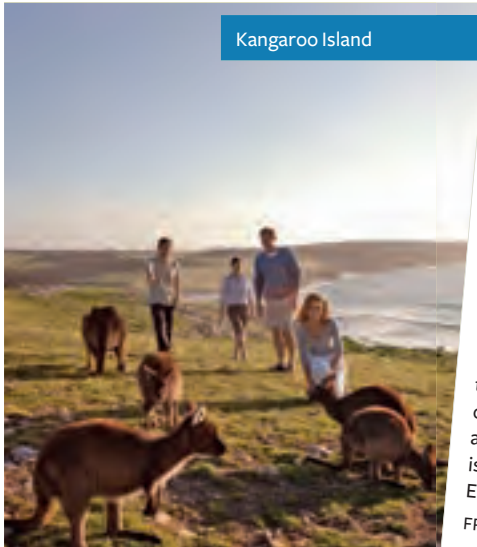
DAY TOUR FROM EXMOUTH FROM £217 PER ADULT

7 KANGAROO ISLAND

Easily accessible from Adelaide is South Australia's Kangaroo Island, a haven for wildlife lovers who want an intimate experience with Australia's beautiful native animals. Take time to explore while wallabies, echidnas, 267 species of birds, penguins, koalas and kangaroos relax in their natural environment.

DAY TOUR FROM £147 PER ADULT

Kangaroo Island



Day Tour

DOLPHINS AT TANGALOOMA

Located on Moreton Island just 75 minutes from Brisbane, the highlight of any visit is the opportunity to hand feed one of the bottlenose dolphins that visit the shores each evening at sunset. The Marine Education and Conservation Centre is also based on the island with an enthusiastic team of Eco Rangers.

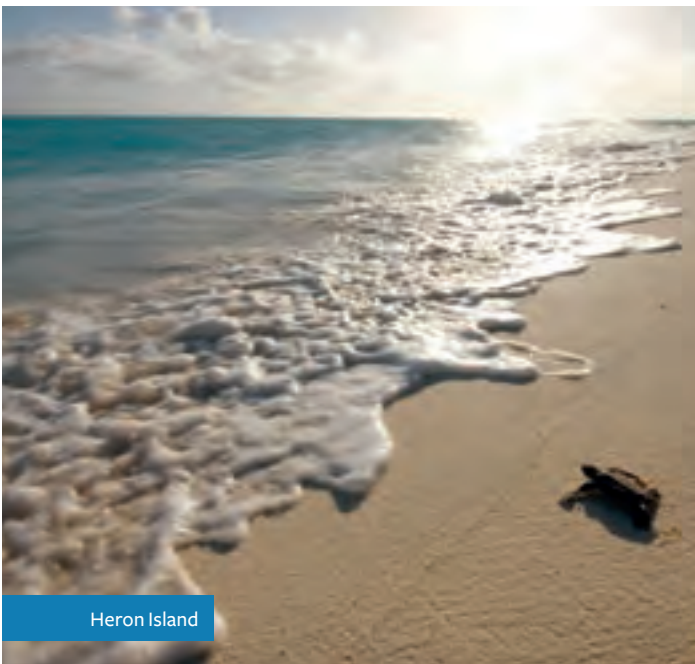
FROM £99 PER ADULT

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9 TURTLES AT HERON ISLAND

A protected habitat for green and loggerhead turtles, Heron Island is home to an amazing array of wildlife year round. Turtles will begin to come ashore to lay eggs in November through to March, when you can see the hatchlings emerging from the sand.

FROM £114 PER ADULT PER NIGHT



Heron Island



Platypus at Silky Oaks

10 PLATYPUS AT SILKY OAKS

Spot this elusive river dweller at Silky Oaks in the heart of Daintree National Park, spectacularly situated on the banks of the Mossman River. Platypus are normally seen in the still backwaters near the lodge.

FROM £152 PER ADULT PER NIGHT



FAMILY FUN

Australia is an all year round destination, so whatever time of the year you travel you will still find an abundance of activities for the whole family.



Tangalooma Island Resort

Just over an hour's catamaran cruise from Brisbane is Moreton Island, home to the Tangalooma Wild dolphin resort.

Interact with the native wildlife - each evening the dolphins eagerly swim up to the beach where they are rewarded with fresh fish by the dolphin care staff and resort guests.

FROM £88 PER ADULT



Daydream Island

In the tropical Whitsundays, offering affordable luxury with each room or suite framed by magnificent views of secluded beaches or stunning rainforest.

Enjoy the many different facilities; putt your way around an Australian themed mini-golf course, lagoon pools, restaurants, bars, tennis, or enjoy a movie. Feed sharks and stingrays at the world's largest outdoor aquarium, or for the more adventurous, experience diving and snorkelling.

FROM £83 PER ADULT



Phillip Island

Situated just 2 hours from Melbourne, Phillip Island is home to a variety of natural wildlife experiences, swimming and surfing beaches, and breathtaking rugged beauty.

Stay at the Ramada Resort with its 2 or 3 bedroom villas, there's plenty of space for the whole family, with full kitchen facilities and a separate living room. The perfect place to relax after a day spotting the famous little penguins!

FROM £34 PER ADULT



Australia Zoo

Head out of Brisbane north to the sunshine coast, and to Australia Zoo - founded by 'The Crocodile Hunter', the late Steve Irwin.

Explore the numerous shows and demonstrations, including crocodile feeding and snake handling.

FROM £73 PER ADULT



Day Tour

Hamilton Island

Set in the middle of Queensland's Whitsunday Islands in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, Hamilton Island is an idyllic family destination.

Encounter native animals at the Wildlife Park, cruise out to Reefworld to see the marine life, or hire a buggy to explore the island. With a kids stay and eat free program, it's a perfect choice.

FROM £96 PER ADULT



Gold Coast theme parks

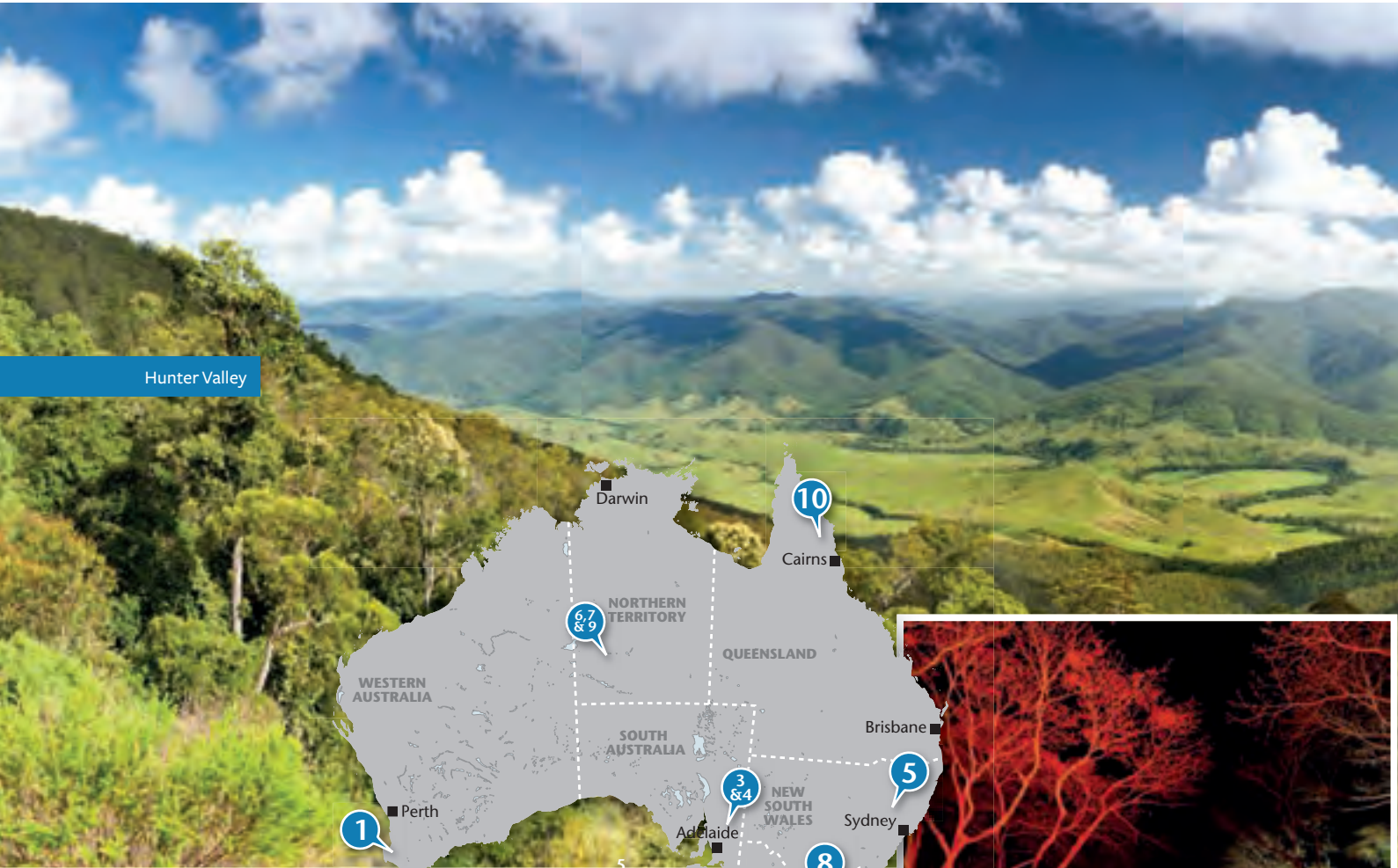
Heading to the Gold Coast? As Australia's entertainment capital, there's more than you'll need to keep all the family busy!

Pre-book a combo ticket for both Sea World and Movie World, and you'll gain a days entrance to each over a seven day period.

FROM £108 PER ADULT



Day Tour



GOURMET AUSTRALIA

From a beach BBQ to a degustation menu in a five star restaurant with outstanding local wines, Australia boasts some of the best gourmet experiences you can get. With well-renowned vineyards the wine scene is fast becoming one of the best in the world.

Drink!

THE BEST VINEYARDS AND BREWERIES

- 1 Margaret River** - Just a three hour drive to the south of Perth, this region offers a wide selection of world-class wineries, gourmet food, and boutique accommodation. For the ultimate escape, head to Cape Lodge in Yallingup which boasts its own cookery school and award winning restaurant.
- 2 Yarra Valley** - Travel an hour from the centre of Melbourne to the picturesque Yarra Valley, perfect for a day tour exploring the premium wineries and cellar doors in magnificent Victorian countryside.
- 3 Clare Valley** - Famed for its Riesling wines, the Clare Valley is best accessed on a self drive from Adelaide. The majority of vineyards only sell from the cellar door, allowing intimate tasting sessions at some of the most exclusive producers.
- 4 Barossa Valley** - Barossa is home to some of Australia's most famous vineyards, including household names such as Jacob's Creek, Penfolds and Peter Lehmann; with so many wine producers, you could easily spend weeks exploring this historic area.
- 5 Hunter Valley** - Drive three hours north from Sydney and you'll arrive at the Hunter Valley wine region, home to numerous famous vineyards along with the Blue Tongue brewery at the Hunter Resort.



Eat! OUR TOP GOURMET EXCURSIONS

6 **Sounds of Silence** - While the sun sets over Uluru, dine on a gourmet BBQ of authentic Aussie delicacies accompanied by some of the finest wines on offer, before the resident stargazer takes you on an unforgettable tour of the southern night sky.

FROM £111 PER ADULT

7 **Desert Awakenings** - Learn about the natural history of the Red Centre over a traditional bushman's breakfast, before the sun rises over Uluru and Kata Tjuta.

FROM £96 PER ADULT

8 **Colonial Tramcar** - Dine aboard one of the historical trams from this famous fleet, whilst viewing Melbourne city centre and surrounding suburbs.

FROM £51 PER ADULT

9 **Tali Wiru** - 'Tali Wiru', meaning 'beautiful dune' in local Anangu language, is a magical experience of fine dining under the Southern skies. Relax with champagne and canapés around a fire pit as sun sets, then head to the top of a dune for a four course dinner with premium Australian wines.

FROM £186 PER ADULT

10 **Flames of the Forest** - Head to the rainforest to dine in a natural and authentic setting, including an Aboriginal cultural performance with Dreamtime stories and music. Includes premium Australian wines and beers.

FROM £111 PER ADULT



Tali Wiru

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YOUTH ADVENTURE



Whether you are young, or young at heart, join an escorted youth adventure and explore Australia with a like-minded group. With quality budget accommodation, heaps of excursions and some meals included you can easily budget for your spending money whilst away. From Outback adventure to action-packed experiences you will come away making friends for life.

Below are just a couple of the most popular tours, but ask your Travel Designer for more Australia and New Zealand options, or check out Austravel.com



Down South and Outback

12 Day Escorted Tour
from £1,235 per adult (Multi-share)

Twin Share available from £1,525 per adult

Follow in the footsteps of the Pioneers on this extraordinary journey from Melbourne, via the Great Ocean Road, and then up the track through the Outback from Adelaide to the Red Centre and Alice Springs.

Highlights include:

- Explore the spectacular coastline of the Great Ocean Road
- Two nights in the South Australian capital of Adelaide
- Go wine tasting in the Clare Valley
- Cap 'swag style' in the central Outback at both Kings Canyon and Ayers Rock
- Enjoy a sunset BBQ and morning sunrise experience at Uluru

Please note: Includes all transportation, overnight shared facilities and most meals (Topdeck: AAMRMU)

Island Suntanner

14 Day Escorted Tour from £1,685 per adult (Quad-share)

Twin Share available from £1,930 per adult
(sailing still multi-share)

Set off from Sydney along the iconic Australian east coast to the tropical north and Cairns on this popular adventure.

Highlights include:

- Two nights in the surf mecca of Byron Bay, plus overnight stays in Surfers Paradise and Noosa
- Full day trip to World's largest sand island of Fraser Island
- Sail the Whitsundays and stay overnight
- Spend two nights in Cairns plus a Great Barrier Reef Cruise

Please note: Includes all transportation, overnight shared facilities and most meals (Topdeck: AAISSC)



Rock the Centre

3 Day Escorted Tour
from £203 per adult

Discover the best of the Red Centre on this classic return trip from Alice Springs.

Highlights include:

- Visit an Outback camel farm
- Discover the amphitheatre of Kings Canyon and a night of star-gazing from a swag
- Explore Uluru with a local Aboriginal guide
- Witness a magical sunrise at Ayers Rock and hike the Valley of the Winds

Please note: Includes all transportation, overnight shared facilities and most meals (ATA: PRTC3)

Kakadu & Litchfield Safari

3 Day Escorted Tour
from £420 per adult

Visit World-Heritage listed Kakadu National Park, learn about the history of the gold rush, visit stunning Edith Falls and take a cruise along Katherine Gorge.

Highlights include:

- Discover the ancient secrets of the National Parks
- Stay at a homestead on the banks of the Katherine River
- Canoe the tranquil waters of Katherine Gorge

Please note: Includes all transportation, overnight shared facilities and most meals (ATA: PNTY3C)

Perth to Broome

10 Day Escorted Tour
from £940 per adult (Quad share)

Hang out with the dolphins at Monkey Mia, explore the magic of Ningaloo Reef, swim the waterholes of Karijini National Park and stroll along Western Australia's famous beaches.

Highlights include:

- Explore the mysterious Pinnacles Desert in Nambung and the sand dunes of Jurien Bay
- Snorkel at Ningaloo and soak up the sunshine
- Travel through the ranges and cascading waterfalls of Karijini National Park

Please note: Includes all transportation, overnight shared facilities and most meals (ATA: PB10)

Twin Falls, Kakadu National Park

AVIS AUSTRALIA

Pick up a car and get out and about to explore Australia's scenic countryside, rugged coastlines or wild Outback at your own pace.



Driving in Australia is easy – and whether you need a small run-around to explore the local area when staying with family, or a 4WD to take on the Red Centre, Avis Australia will have the car for you.

To make it even easier Austravel and Avis have joined together to create some essential self drive itineraries – with all your overnight accommodation pre-booked. All these self drives come with a handy backpack containing maps, day by day driving instructions and even hints on where you should stop for photo opportunities.

Alternatively if you like a little freedom you can create your own trip – just ask our expert Travel Designers to help you plan.



Prices Include:-

- Unlimited miles (excludes remote locations and groups K & W)
- Collision /Loss Damage Waiver (CDW)
- Goods & Services Tax (GST)
- Vehicle Registration fee (VFR)
- Premium Location Surcharge (PLS)

Prices Exclude:-

(Payable at time of pick up)

- One Way rental fees
- Refuelling Costs
- Excess Reduction (optional)
- Excess kilometres charge
- Optional extras (e.g child seats)

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Free Backpack

Receive a free backpack with every Austravel self drive. The backpack comes complete with maps and guide - make sure you book a night before your self drive to plan your trip and we will deliver your backpack to your hotel.



Compact Automatic Hyundai i20 or similar (Group B)
from £30 per day



Intermediate Hyundai i30 or similar (Group C)
from £33 per day



Standard Holden Cruze or similar (Group D)
from £35 per day



Full Size Toyota Camry or similar (Group E)
from £39 per day



Full Size Wagon Holden SV6 or similar (Group F) from £54 per day



Standard SUV Mitsubishi Outlander or similar (Group K) from £48 per day



Full Size Sports Ford XR6 or similar (Group P) from £46 per day



Full Size Van KIA Grand Carnival or similar (Group V) from £55 per day



Full Size 4WD Mitsubishi Pajero or similar (Group W) from £59 per day



TOP AUSTRALIAN SELF DRIVES

- > **PACIFIC COAST EXPLORER**
Head north from Sydney towards Brisbane, exploring the wineries of the Hunter Valley, spot dolphins at Port Stephens and not forgetting laid back Byron Bay (see page 43).
- > **GREAT OCEAN ROAD**
One of the world's most famed drives, along the Shipwreck Coast from Melbourne to Adelaide. As well as the Twelve Apostles rock formations there are beaches, bays and koalas aplenty (see page 73).
- > **GRAND CIRCLE TASMANIA**
Discover the wilderness of Tasmania's many national parks as you circumnavigate Australia's island state. Hop out and walk one of the trails of Cradle Mountain, or relax on a beach at Freycinet. A visit to Bonorong to see the Tasmanian Devils is a must though (see page 90).

APOLLO AUSTRALIA



Hiring an Apollo Motorhome allows you the space and freedom to travel at your own pace and combines your transport with accommodation. You'll also enjoy the reliability and security of Australasia's largest privately owned vehicle rental operator behind you, with options and services to make every adventure complete. Apollo offer an independent and affordable way to travel around Australia.



APOLLO MOTORHOME BENEFITS

- Free unlimited miles
- Touring maps and discount vouchers
- 24 hour roadside assistance
- One-way rentals available (fees apply)
- Ability to combine motorhome rentals throughout Australia & New Zealand
- 10 pick up/drop off locations: Adelaide, Alice Springs, Brisbane, Broome, Cairns, Darwin, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney

Apollo Motorhomes Feature The Following:

- Fridge/freezer
- Sink
- Gas stove
- Power supply: 12/240V
- Power steering
- Kitchen equipment & bedding
- Radio/CD player
- Cold water supply

Upgrade To Apollo Inclusive Package

From £39 per day

Includes:

- VIP cover (liability reduction option 2)
- One-way rental fee
- GST and 3% admin fee/taxes
- Pre-purchased Gas Bottle
- Camp chairs and table (on request)
- Baby/booster seat (on request)

Book Early and Save Up To 40% On Prices

For full Hire Conditions please refer to austravel.com

It is possible to book a campervan for any of the routes included in our self drive tours – ask your expert Travel Designer for details!



2 BERTH - HI - TOP
from £37 per day



2 BERTH - EURO TOURER
from £81 per day



4 BERTH - EURO CAMPER
from £99 per day



6 BERTH - EURO DELUXE
from £116 per day



2 BERTH - ADVENTURE CAMPER
from £131 per day





EXPLORE AUSTRALIA BY RAIL



Australia is a vast country that takes time to explore, so we recommend that you embark on an epic rail journey as part of your itinerary. Travel between Perth and Sydney via Adelaide on the Indian Pacific, or between Darwin and Adelaide via Alice Springs on The Ghan, where the stunning backdrops and first class service will make this one of the highlights of your trip. Along the East Coast, The Sunlander has been named as one of the top 25 rail journeys in the world, whilst the Spirit of Queensland offer revolutionary new RailBeds, a first for rail in Australia.

The Ghan



Named after the hardy Afghan camel trains, The Ghan provided the first form of transport to the Red Centre. This service has evolved into an impressive rail journey combining magnificent scenery, fine dining and friendly service.

Travelling in air-conditioned comfort you'll marvel at the spectacular colours of the Outback, the rugged MacDonnell Ranges, the cultural capital of Darwin, sheep stations and the redbaked earth of the Simpson Desert on this epic adventure through the heart of Australia.

TIMETABLE: Adelaide – Alice Springs – Darwin

- Departs Adelaide – Sun and Wed (June-Aug only) at 15.00
Arrives Alice Springs – Mon and Thur at 18.00
- Departs Alice Springs – Mon and Thur (June-Aug only) at 22.30
Arrives Darwin – Tue and Fri at 20.00

TIMETABLE: Darwin – Alice Springs

- Departs Darwin – Wed and Sat (June-Aug only) at 10.00
Arrives Alice Springs – Thur and Sun at 07.30
- Departs Alice Springs – Thur and Sun (June-Aug only) at 11.00
Arrives Adelaide – Fri and Mon at 14.00

Prices From

- Adelaide to Alice Springs or vice versa**
Gold Service £669 Platinum £1,294
- Alice Springs to Darwin or vice versa**
Gold Service £669 Platinum £1,294

- Adelaide to Darwin or vice versa**
Gold Service £1,288 Platinum £1,914

Please Note: Prices are per person based on twin share.

Indian Pacific



The famous Indian Pacific traverses Australia from Sydney to Perth and vice-versa between the sparkling waters of the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Wildlife you may spot on this journey include dingoes, kangaroos and birdlife, as well as the Indian Pacific's emblem, the wedge-tailed eagle, with its incredible wingspan of up to two metres. When you travel on the Indian Pacific you are in for the journey of a lifetime.

TIMETABLE: Sydney – Adelaide – Perth

- Departs Sydney – Sat (Sept-Nov only) and Wed at 18.30
Arrives Adelaide – Sun and Thur at 19.30
- Departs Adelaide – Sun (Sept-Nov only) and Thur at 23.30
Arrives Perth – Tues and Sat at 19.30

TIMETABLE: Perth – Adelaide – Sydney

- Departs Perth – Wed (Sept-Nov only) and Sun at 10.00
Arrives Adelaide – Fri and Tues at 08.00
- Departs Adelaide – Fri (Sept-Nov only) and Tues at 14.00
Arrives Sydney – Sat and Wed at 15.30

Prices From

- Sydney to Adelaide or vice versa from**
Gold Service £477 Platinum £767
- Adelaide to Perth or vice versa from**
Gold Service £987 Platinum £1,618

- Sydney to Perth or vice versa from**
Gold Service £1,365 Platinum £2,194

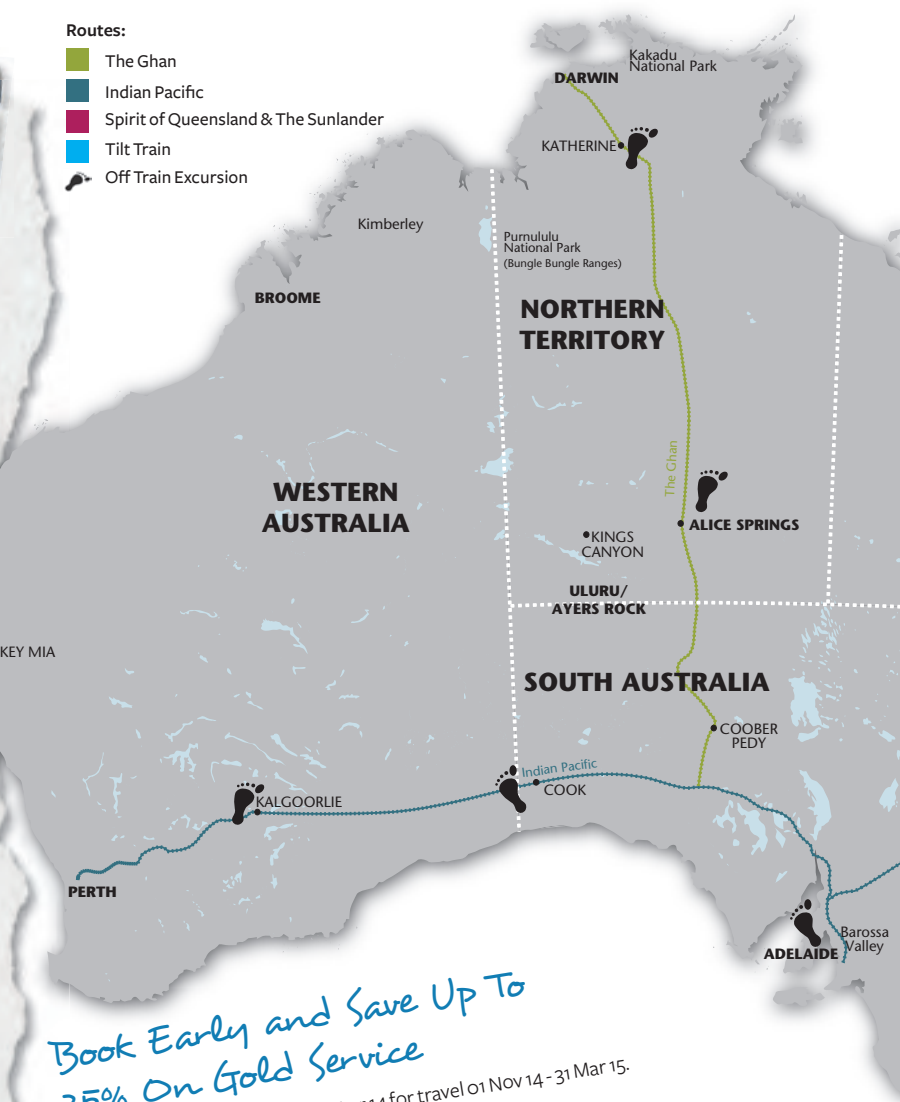
Please Note: Prices are per person based on twin share.

Please see austravel.com for full details

Timetables are subject to change.

Routes:

- The Ghan
- Indian Pacific
- Spirit of Queensland & The Sunlander
- Tilt Train
- Off Train Excursion



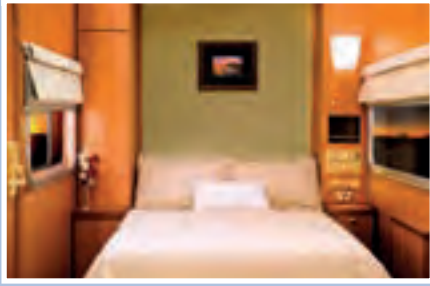
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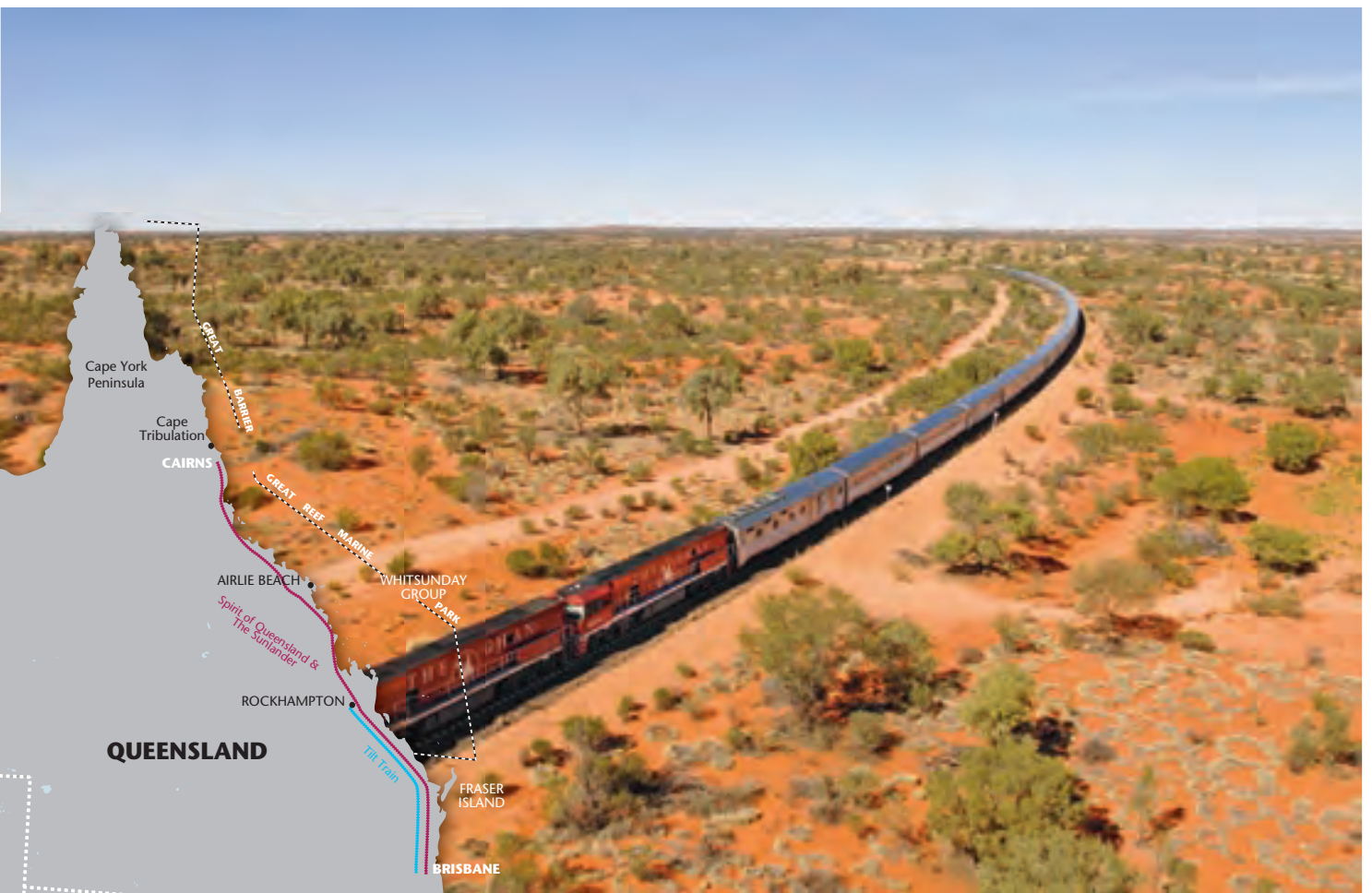
GOLD SERVICE

Gold Service twin cabins include private washbasin, shower and toilet facilities. The cabin is spacious offering a 3-seater lounge. Single cabins have private washbasin facilities, with toilets and showers located at the end of the carriage. During the day you can relax in the privacy of your cabin and at night this converts to a single or upper and lower sleeping berth. Gold Service also included dining in the stylish Restaurant Car and complimentary beverages during your journey, plus off train excursions.

PLATINUM SERVICE

Upgrade to Platinum for a heightened level of comfort for your onboard experience. Your spacious private lounge-style cabin has panoramic views to each side and a personalised cabin steward service. Platinum also includes onboard meals, selected alcoholic and soft drinks, plus off train excursions.





The Sunlander

The Sunlander offers a comfortable and affordable way to travel the East Coast of Queensland as it journeys between Brisbane and Cairns. Chosen as one of the world's top 25 rail journeys, see the Queensland coastline unfold as you relish in the comfort and unforgettable social atmosphere of a traditional train service.

TIMETABLE: Brisbane-Townsville-Cairns

Northbound

- The Sunlander departs Brisbane three times a week for Cairns, leaving either Sunday at 09:00 to arrive Monday at 15:45; or Tuesday & Thursday at 13:25 to arrive in Cairns Wednesday & Friday at 19:15.

Southbound

- The Sunlander departs Cairns on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 07:15 to arrive the following day at 13:35.

Prices From

Brisbane To Whitsundays (Economy)	from £233 per adult
Queenslander Class	from £423 per adult
Brisbane To Cairns (Economy)	from £274 per adult
Queenslander Class	from £493 per adult

Please note: Queensland Class includes all meals and private cabin.

Tilt Train

Reaching up to 160km per hour, the Tilt Train gets its name because it gently tilts to take curves at speed and delivers its passengers faster than any other train. Travelling between Brisbane and Rockhampton, the tilt stops at Maryborough West for Fraser Island, giving you quick and easy access to some of the best areas in Australia.

TIMETABLE:

Northbound

- Departs Brisbane at 11:00 on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun
Arrives Maryborough at 14:30, and Rockhampton 18:25 the same day.

Brisbane To Maryborough from £54 per adult (Business Class)

Brisbane To Rockhampton from £101 per adult (Business Class)

Spirit of Queensland

Travelling the state's coastline from Brisbane to Cairns, this new service also includes the revolutionary RailBed seats that convert to lie-flat beds for overnight travel, plus state of the art personal entertainment system with on-demand movies, music and audio books.

TIMETABLE:

Northbound

- Departs Brisbane at 15:45 Mon & Fri and arriving Cairns 16:40 Tues & Sat.

Southbound

- Departs Cairns at 08:05 Wed & Sun and arriving Brisbane 09:00 Thurs & Mon.

Brisbane to Cairns from £202 per adult (Premium Economy seat)

Brisbane to Cairns from £285 per adult (RailBed including all meals)

ALL PRICES ARE A GUIDE. PRICES AND SUPPLEMENTS CAN INCREASE OR DECREASE. Prices in £ per person per night based on 2 adults sharing a room. Prices shown are a starting price and will vary according to departure date and time of booking. Package prices do not include international flights unless stated. Accommodation prices will be dependant on date of occupancy and not date of departure. Hotel and peak supplements may apply. Important: See the back of the brochure for terms and conditions - a full version can be found on our website and must be read prior to booking.

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On these pages are a small section of APT's tours available for Australia, but for a full range please ask for a copy of Austravel's Essential Touring brochure, or refer to Austravel.com.



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- Experienced Guides, Drivers or Tour Directors
- Range of Touring Styles
- Sightseeing and more!
- Hand picked accommodation
- Unique dining experiences



Whitsunday Islands

East Coast Adventure

12 Day Adventure from £2,645 per adult

This twelve day guided tour travels the famous East Coast of Australia, from bustling Sydney, via the reef fringed Whitsunday Islands, to the tropics of Cairns, and is a popular introduction to the Aussie way. (TQ12)

Highlights include:

- Glorious beaches of The Gold Coast
- Wildlife experience at the world famous Australia Zoo as founded by Steve Irwin
- Longer relaxing overnight stays on Fraser and Daydream Island
- Opportunities to snorkel the Great Barrier Reef at Whitehaven Beach or Green Island
- Tropical Rainforest and Kuranda SkyRail experience near Cairns
- All transportation, overnight accommodation, all breakfasts and some featured meals
- Shorter options from Brisbane or Daydream Island to Cairns available, or in reverse. Ask about the Grand Australian Discovery which also includes the unique Red Centre.

BOOK EARLY AND SAVE - Selected dates

West Coast Adventure

18 Day Adventure from £4,695 per adult

The West Coast of Australia is a little less travelled than its eastern neighbour – but offers breathtaking scenery, an abundance of wildlife, and will provide an unrivalled collection of warm memories to treasure.

This affordable 18 day adventure starts in cosmopolitan Perth, travelling via Shark Bay and the Ningaloo Reef towards the famous pearling town of Broome, before heading into the true Aussie Outback at the edge of the Kimberley region and finally to Darwin at the 'Top End'. (TWN18)

Highlights include:

- Incredible and contrasting landscapes of the ancient Pinnacles, the Pilbara Outback, and Kimberley region
- Monkey Mia Dolphin experience and Ningaloo Reef glass bottom boat
- Relaxing two night stays at Broome and El Questro Resort
- Cruises at Geikie Gorge, Ord River and Katherine Gorge
- All transportation, overnight accommodation, all breakfasts and some featured meals
- Available to run in reverse

BOOK EARLY AND SAVE - Selected dates



The Kimberleys

The Wilderness Lodge



Broome to The Bungle Bungle Range

5 Day Small Group Experience from £1,675 per adult

Start your 5 day small group adventure in the pearling town of Broome, before heading east towards the searing gorges and cliffs of the Gibb River Road. The stunning striped domes of the Purnululu National Park – otherwise known as the Bungle Bungles – are the highlight of the trip, where there is a two night stay at APT’s tented cabins at the Wilderness Lodge. (GKBR5)

Highlights include:

- Tunnel Creek, Windjana Gorge and Boab Prison Tree along the Gibb River Road
- Geikie Gorge River Cruise with local guide
- Exclusive two nights at APT’s Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge
- Cathedral Gorge, Echidna Chasm and Piccaninny Creek
- All transportation, overnight accommodation, and all meals
- Optional touring extensions to Kununurra, El Questro and Mitchell Falls available

BOOK EARLY AND SAVE - Selected dates

Grand Tasman

10 Day Adventure from £1,895 per adult

Combine the incredible scenery with delicious gourmet food and wine, its colonial history and unique wildlife – such as the Tasmanian Devil – and you can understand why Tasmania is Australia’s secret hideaway. By joining APT’s 10 day Grand Tasman small group tour you will be sure to cover all bases! (TXT10)

Highlights include:

- Freycinet National Park including Natureworld and APT’s sponsored Tasmanian Devil
- Historic Port Arthur Convict Site and cruise to Isle of the Dead
- Discover Hobart and the Salamanka Markets
- Strahan River Cruise and Cradle Mountain National Park
- Cataract Gorge and Tamar River Cruise
- Relaxing two night stay at Hobart and two nights in Launceston
- All transportation, overnight accommodation, all breakfasts and some featured meals
- Available in 5 and 6 day options

BOOK EARLY AND SAVE - Selected dates

Bungle Bungles



Cradle Mountain



INDEPENDENT TRAVEL



Australia is easily explored independently, although Austravel still recommend pre-arranging many aspects of your trip. Why not hire an Avis car and buy some open hotel passes to give yourself the freedom of the open road. Arranging Rail Passes, National Park Passes or day tours with the flexibility to change the booked date also allow you to keep your trip as flexible as you want it.

Rail Passes

SYDNEY TO BRISBANE (AND VICE VERSA): FROM £77 PER ADULT
 BRISBANE TO CAIRNS (AND VICE VERSA): FROM £151 PER ADULT

If you don't fancy driving around Australia then a Rail Pass is an ideal way to discover more. There are various options and these passes can provide flexibility and unlimited travel along the most popular routes. Passes are valid for 6 months, with unlimited stopovers in one direction of travel.



Queensland Rail - Tilt Train



Choice Hotel Passes

As Australia's largest accommodation group Choice Hotels offer an extensive range of motels, hotels, resorts and apartments. Their easy to use directory includes a listing of all properties, location map and facility information. A clear colour coding from Yellow through to Silver enables you to plan your route and budget in advance.

When in Australia you simply call Choice direct to arrange the reservation of your hotel, although during the peak months of October to March we suggest arranging prior to leaving the UK so that you won't be left disappointed.

Yellow Passes Most economical, small country town hotels or suburban motels.
 From £35 per adult

Pink Passes Good quality standard hotels or motels.
 From £44 per adult

Green Passes Hotels with more facilities in tourist areas.
 From £51 per adult

Blue Passes Quality hotels in city centres or popular resorts.
 From £61 per adult

Red Passes High Class hotels with first class facilities.
 From £71 per adult

Silver Passes Centrally located luxury hotels in main cities.
 From £81 per adult



Phillip Island



iVENTURE ATTRACTIONS PASSES

With a plethora of day tours and attractions to choose from across Australia, the iVenture smart card allows you to make flexible choices when you're Down Under. This pre-paid pass can save up to 50% off admission charges, and can be purchased for a variety of durations in multiple regions across Australia – currently Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and Tasmania.



From Eureka Skydeck and the Aquarium in Melbourne, Jetboating and cruising the famous harbour in Sydney, to bicycle hire or Fishing tours on the Sunshine Coast, there is an enormous range of touring to choose from.



Sydney

Book an iVenture card for free entry to over 35 attractions throughout Sydney including a harbour cruise, jet boat ride, and city tour. Upgrade to an iVenture card including transport to make use of the trains, buses and ferries.

- 2 DAY PASS FROM £99 PER ADULT
- 2 DAY PASS WITH TRANSPORT FROM £131 PER ADULT



Melbourne

Visit Melbourne with iVenture with entry to a host of attractions throughout Melbourne including the Eureka Skydeck, a half day city tour, the Melbourne Aquarium, entry to the Melbourne Cricket Ground with a tour, or a river cruise. With 2 and 3 day options this is a fantastic way to visit a host of popular attractions.

- 2 DAY PASS FROM £94 PER ADULT
- 3 DAY PASS FROM £124 PER ADULT

Gold Coast