

### 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.



### 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 hardbaked 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, easygoing lifestyle with its share of worldclass cuisine and New World wines.

### Experiences not to be missed

- **1.** Great Barrier Reef cruise, snorkel, dive or even fly over the Great Barrier Reef – the World largest living organism.
- 2. Tropical Rainforest venture into the tropical rainforest north of Cairns but watch out for those crocs!
- **3.** Ayers Rock visit the immense monolith in the heart of the Red Centre.
- 4. Kangaroo Island see native wildlife and rugged coastline in this 'zoo without fences'.
- 5. Kimberleys an area of unparalleled beauty and the last frontier of Outback Australia.

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



### FIRST TIME ESSENTIALS





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### Sydney Rock and Reef

#### 12 Day Suggested Itinerary from £1,263 per adult

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.

#### 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.

### 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.







### Bamurru Plains 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 £576 PER ADULT

**Berkeley River** 

### Southern Ocean Lodge KANGAROO ISLAND

Exclusive and award-winning, the worldclass 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, glasssurround ensuite and private outdoor terrace. 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 VOUCHER - Selected dates FROM £657 PER ADULT



# Berkeley River

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.

FREE FLOATPLANE TRANSFERS FROM KUNUNURRA - Selected dates

FROM £698 PER ADULT



### Saffire

#### **FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK**

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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.

**SPA VOUCHER - Selected dates** 

Wolgan Valley

FROM £592 PFR ADULT



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 NIGHTS - Selected dates**

#### FROM £499 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 £641 PER ADULT

### WILDLIFE & ADVENTURE

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 its 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.

### 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 £150 PER ADULT



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 £18 PER ADULT

Great Barrier Reef





### 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 £150 PER ADULT





### 3 Day Tour

### GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Stretching from Geelong to Portland in South West Victoria the landscape along the Great Ocean Road is rich and diverse. Take a 3 day guided walk 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. 3 DAY TOUR FROM £724 PER ADULT



### **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 £132 PER ADULT



### **BAY OF FIRES WALK**

At the edge of Mount William National Park, the magnificent wilderness coastline of the Bay of Fires in the north east of Tasmania is home to dramatic landscapes, ecology and wildlife. Explore the fascinating beach environment and rich diversity of woodlands with a local Tasmanian guide. The four day walk includes a stay at the outstanding Bay of Fires Lodge in a wilderness paradise. BAY OF FIRES FOUR DAY WALK FROM £1.555 PER ADULT

### 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. 3 DAY KANGAROO ISLAND SELF DRIVE FROM £338 PER ADULT

Kangaroo Island



### MARIA ISLAND

From Hobart head over to Maria Island, a place of tranquillity and unspoilt natural beauty. This award-winning, fully guided walk follows pristine secluded beaches and bays along the stunning Maria Island coastline, before heading inland through rich forests. Explore fascinating sights by day and enjoy superb gourmet meals and fine wines by night. MARIA ISLAND 4 DAY WALK FROM £740 PER ADULT





6 Day Walk

### CRADLE MOUNTAIN HUTS WALK

Hidden in forest along the Overland Track, the Cradle Mountain Huts are the only private huts allowed in the area and offer a wilderness retreat along one of the world's greatest walks. Trek through extensively glaciated landscapes with a profusion of threatened and rare endemic plants on this 6 day journey you'll never forget. CRADLE MOUNTAIN HUTS 6 DAY WALK FROM £2,027 PER ADULT



### HOME VALLEY MUSTERING

Looking for the ultimate Outback adventure? Fly into Kununurra and travel out to Home Valley Station through scenery made famous from the blockbuster 'Australia', where your hosts at this working cattle station can take you out for a days mustering to towering gorges, ever flowing rivers and cool billabongs. GRASS CASTLE ROOM FROM £160 PER ADULT

### **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

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 quests.

TANGALOOMA WILD DOLPHIN **RESORT 3 DAY PACKAGE FROM** £203 PER ADULT

### Taronga Zoo

Overlooking Sydney's famous harbour lies Taronga Zoo with its collection of over 2500 exotic and native Australian animals. Visit for the day, or for a unique experience, the Roar and Snore package allows you to spend the night camping out with the animals in the heart of Sydney's famous zoo. Enjoy up close animal encounters, buffet dinner and a night safari walk before retiring to your private safari tent.



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## Austravel Secrets.

The perfect accompaniment to your motor home hire is the Tasmanian National Parks Pass, which represents excellent value and offers unlimited <sup>entry</sup> into 20 of Tasmania's National Parks.

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### Daydream Island

Davdream Island Resort and Spa, in the tropical Whitsundays, offers 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 on the 44-foot outdoor cinema. Feed sharks and stingrays at the world's largest outdoor aquarium, or for the more adventurous, experience diving and snorkelling off the fringing coral reef.

PRICES FROM £102 PER ADULT

### Discover Tasmania by motorhome

As Australia's only island state, over 40 per cent of Tasmania is protected as national parks and reserves, and one of the best ways to explore at your own pace is by motor home. Pick up a 6 berth Apollo motor home with plenty of room for the whole family - Austravel recommends a 10 day self drive to see all the wildlife, including the resident Devils at Bonorong. See page 86 & 87 for further details.

FROM £292 PER ADULT BASED ON 4 SHARING A 10 DAY HIRE

Book early and save up to 40%

Bay of Fires, Tasmania

### **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!

PRICES FROM £64 PER ADULT







FROM £97 PER ADULT

gatherings.

available for more intimate

FROM £180 PER ADULT

Mossman river views. The menu showcases the freshest local produce and fine Australian wines.

FROM £206 PER ADULT



Silky Oaks Daintree

The Louise Barossa - Recognised as a world class destination for dining in South Australia, Appellation at The Louise offers a Chef's Tasting Menu with five dishes showcasing fresh, outstanding produce.

FROM £156 PER ADULT

Jacobs Creek Retreat at Moorooroo Park - For absolute peace and tranquillity in the heart of Barossa Valley Winelands, Jacobs Creek Retreat features just six individually appointed suites. The property also boasts a private chef who specialises in creating a tailor made degustation lunch, to be enjoyed within the stunning gardens.

FROM £111 PER ADULT

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### **Drink!** THE BEST VINEYARDS AND BREWERIES

**6** 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.

**Z**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.

**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.

**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.

**1** Orive 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.



**1** 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 £122 PER ADULT

**1 2 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 £107 PER ADULT

**1 3 Colonial Tramcar** - Dine aboard one of the historical trams from this famous fleet, whilst viewing Melbourne city centre and surrounding suburbs. FROM £61 PER ADULT

**1 4 Captain Cook Cruise** - Enjoy contemporary á la carte dining, attentive service and stunning views as you cruise through the iconic Sydney Harbour. New Years Eve cruises are also available for those wanting the ultimate view as the clock strikes midnight. FROM £67 PER ADULT





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### YOUTH ADVENTURE BY TOP DECK

Whether you are young, or young at heart (18 to 39 years), join Top Deck escorted tours 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

11 Day Escorted Tour from £950 per adult (Multi-share)

Twin Share available from £1,335 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. (AAMRMU)

### Highlights include:

- Great Ocean Road and Grampians National Parks
- Two nights in Adelaide
- A day exploring the Flinders Ranges
- Overnight stays in the iconic Prairie Hotel and Coober Pedy Underground Bunkhouse
- Camping 'swag' style in the Central Outback, at Kings Canyon and also Yulara (Ayers Rock Resort)
- Sunset BBQ, and morning sunrise experience at Uluru
- Tour completes at Alice Springs
- All transportation, overnight shared facilities and most meals
- Available to run in reverse
- Shorter options from Brisbane or Daydream Island to Cairns available, or in reverse







### Suntanner

14 Day Escorted Tour from £1,750 per adult Quad-share Twin Share available from £2,030 per adult (sailing still multi-share)

Set off from Sydney along the iconic Australian east coast to the Tropical North and Cairns.

### Highlights include:

- Two nights at Byron Bay
- Overnight stays at Surfers Paradise and Noosa
- Full day trip to Fraser Island
- Kroombit Cattle Station stay
- Whitsundays overnight sailing experience
- Two nights at South Molle Island (Whitsundays)
- Two nights in Cairns with Great Barrier Reef cruise
- All transportation, overnight shared facilities and most meals
- Available to run in reverse



### **TOP YOUTH ADVENTURES**

26 DAY GRAND AUSSIE FROM £2,985 PER ADULT (Quad-share) An epic trip which takes in the best that Australia offers. Starting off in the bustling city of Sydney, and concluding

Starting off in the bustling city of Sydney, and concluding at the Top End in Darwin, this will leave no stone unturned. (AAGASD)

### > 3 DAY ROCK THE CENTRE

FROM £240 PER ADULT (Twin-Share) Discover the best of the Red Centre on this classic tour from Alice Springs. (AARTUU)

# 6 DAY TASSIE UNPLUGGED FROM £525 PER ADULT (Quad-share) Tasmania is known for its many national parks, wildlife and great food! (AATUHH)



### **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)



**Compact Automatic** (Group B) from £34 per day



**Standard Holden Cruze or similar** (Group D) from £39 per day



Intermediate (Group C) from 37 per day



**Full Size Hyundai i45 or similar** (Group E) from £44 per day

### 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.





**Full Size Wagon Holden SV6 or similar** (Group F) from £60 per day



Full Size Sports Ford XR6 or similar (Group P) from £51 per day



**Standard SUV Toyota RAV4 or similar** (Group K) from £66 per day



Full Size Van KIA Grand Carnival or similar (Group V) from £69 per day



**Full Size 4WD** (Group W) from £79 per day

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### **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 40).

### 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 70).

### 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 88).



### **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 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.







2 BERTH - HI - TOP from £37 per day



#### Free unlimited miles .

- Touring maps and discount vouchers
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- 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:**

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- . Gas stove
- Power supply: 12/240V •
- Microwave .
- Power steering
- Cooking utensils .
- Radio/CD player .
- Cold water supply

#### Upgrade To Apollo Inclusive Package From £46 per day Includes:

- VIP cover (excess reduction option 2)
- . One-way rental fee
- GST and 3% admin fee/taxes .
- LP gas refill fee
- Camp chairs and table (on request)
- Baby/booster seat



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 - EURO TOURER** from £81 per day







4 BERTH - EURO CAMPER from £99 per day



6 BERTH - EURO DELUXE from £117 per day







**2 BERTH - ADVENTURER** from £131 per day





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### Apollo Australia



### **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 Sydney and Perth on the Indian Pacific, or between Adelaide and Darwin 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 you can take the Tilt Train, or for an alternative way to travel in style, try out Queenslander Class on The Sunlander.



### 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 - Adelaide

- 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 versaGold Service £752Platinum £1,446

 Alice Springs to Darwin or vice versa

 Gold Service £752
 Platinum £1,446

 Adelaide to Darwin or vice versa

Gold Service £1,446Platinum £2,141Please see austravel.com for full details

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





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### **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.

Gold Service Twin Cabins have private shower, toilet and washbasin facilities. The cabin is spacious offering a 3-seater lounge. Single cabins have private toilet and washbasin facilities, with showers located at the end of each 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.

#### 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 £537 Platinum £853 Adelaide to Perth or vice versa from

Gold Service £1,105 Platinum £1,800

Sydney to Perth or vice versa from Gold Service £1,528 Platinum £2,457

Please see austravel.com for full details Please Note: Prices are per person based on twin share.



# **Ary** Queensland Rail,

### 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 worlds 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 or Tuesday at 09.00 to arrive Monday or Wednesday at 16.15; or Thursday at 13.25 to arrive in Cairns Friday at 19.15.
- Southbound The Sunlander departs Cairns on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 09.15 to arrive the following day at 15.55

#### **Prices From**

Brisbane To Whitsundays	from £269 per adult
Queenslander Class	from £487 per adult
Brisbane To Cairns	from £315 per adult
Queenslander Class	from £568 per adult

### 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 Cairns, the tilt stops at Maryborough West and Proserpine for Fraser Island and the Whitsundays, giving you quick and easy access to some of the best areas in Australia.

TIMETABLE: Brisbane-Townsville-Cairns

Northbound

- Departs Brisbane at 18:25 on Mon, Wed and Fri; Arrives Cairns at 18:20 the following day. Southbound
- Departs Cairns at 09:15 on Sun, Wed and Fri; Arrives Brisbane at 09:10 the following day.

Brisbane To Cairns from £315 per adult (Business Class)

### APT AUSTRALIA

APT is a family owned company established in 1927 and is renowned for offering a comprehensive range of escorted holiday experiences for both Australia and New Zealand. APT have been key partners for over 30 years, and share the same passion, experience, and unrivalled expertise for the destinations. This means that you can sure that with any tour you choose to take with APT you will see not only the famous sights, but some hidden gems too.

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.





### The APT Difference:

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





### East Coast Adventure

12 Day Adventure from £2,645 per adult

#### **Highlights include:**

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)

- 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

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 Cruise
- Relaxing two night stays at Broome and El Questro Resort
- Cruises at Geike 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**





### Broome to The Bungle Bungle Ranges

5 Day Small Group Experience from £1,645 per adult

Start your 5 day small group adventure in the small 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 APT's tented cabins at the Wilderness Lodge. (GBR5)

#### **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 it is Australia's secret hideaway. By joining APT's 10 day Grand Tasman 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
- Strahan River Cruise
- Cradle Mountain
- 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**



### 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 keep your trip as flexible you want it.

### **Rail Passes**

SYDNEY TO CAIRNS (AND VICE VERSA): FROM £240 PER ADULT SYDNEY TO BRISBANE (AND VICE VERSA): FROM £82 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 but the East Coast Discovery pass 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 £42 per adult

#### Pink Passes

Good quality standard hotels or motels. From £52 per adult **Green Passes** 

Hotels with more facilities in tourist areas. From  $\pounds 62$  per adult

#### **Blue Passes** Quality hotels in city centres or popular resorts. From $\pounds 73$ per adult

Red Passes High Class hotels with first class facilities. From £85 per adult Silver Passes

Centrally located luxury hotels in main cities. From £97 per adult



Phillip Island

Gold Coast

### FLEXIBLE EXPERIENCES

AUSTRALIA MULTI-CITY ATTRACTIONS PASS Perfect alongside any Motorhome or self drive holiday, these flexible passes are valid for up to three months, and allow a choice of up to 70 attractions in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and Tasmania

5 IN 1 ATTRACTION PACK: FROM £91 PER ADULT 7 IN 1 ATTRACTION PACK: FROM £126 PER ADULT

PHILLIP ISLAND 3 PARK PASS ULTIMATE PENGUINS, KOALAS & CHURCHILL ISLAND Make the most of your day on Phillip Island with the added extra of flexible timings. The pass includes entrance to the Koala Conservation centre, Churchill Island Heritage Farm, and an upgrade to the Ultimate Penguin Tour with private beach viewing.

PASS FROM £63 PER PERSON

#### TASMANIA NATIONAL PARK PASS

If you would like to try spot the local wildlife at your own pace, the perfect accompaniment to your motor home hire is the Tasmanian National Parks Pass.

This pass represents excellent value and offers unlimited entry into 20 of Tasmania's National Parks.

#### PASSES FROM £39 PER VEHICLE