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Islands of Australia

From cute quokkas
on Rottnest to luxury
lodges on Lord Howe

Exotic Eastern
Stopovers

Dining
Down Under



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G'day

We know Australia is a big country, but did you also know it has over 8,000 islands scattered around its remarkable coastline? From the dramatic vistas of Bruny Island in Tasmania to the subtropical forests of Lord Howe Island in the Tasman Sea, dive into our feature on Islands of Australia to find out what lies in store – off shore.

Meanwhile, foodies will be intrigued by our feature on local cuisine. We show you how to sample authentic fare from the steamy volcanic pools of Te Puia to Outback picnics in Queensland.

Discover which amazing stopovers to factor into your itinerary en route to Australasia; fascinating Asian cities and laidback island experiences to enhance your journey Down Under, and turn you into a world traveller overnight.

Enjoy this edition and remember, for more inspiring suggestions our Travel Designers are always on hand to craft your holiday plans.

Best wishes,

Lesley Rollo
Managing Director - Austravel



Our magazine is named after HMS Endeavour, the first seagoing vessel to reach the east coast of Australia in 1770, when Captain Cook went ashore at what is now known as Botany Bay.

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Austravel Loves...



Sydney Harbour



Riley, Cairns



Victoria

The royal visit

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have confirmed their first overseas engagement. They will spend time in Australia for the fourth Invictus Games this October, before exploring New Zealand and Fiji.

Follow the royals on our 25 day luxury itinerary from £9,439 per person. Includes return flights.

Riley, Cairns

Cairns' newest five-star resort promises a fresh approach to hospitality. In a prime location at the northern end of the iconic Cairns waterfront boardwalk, it's a place where authentic experiences are king. Indulge in the little luxuries; lounge by the lagoon swimming pool, be pampered at Eléme Day Spa or wine and dine at one of three uniquely modern restaurants and bars.

Stay 3 nights from £202 per person.

Crystalbrook
Collection

Victoria's Hidden Gems tour

Rekindle the wonder of travel with Inspiring Journeys and delight in the benefits of boutique experiences within a smaller group setting. Discover Victoria's hidden gems on this escorted tour; from trendy cityscapes in Melbourne to quaint seaside villages, scenic coastal drives and white-capped surf.

Add this 7 day tour from £2,649 per person.

Inspiring Journeys

ISLANDS OF AUSTRALIA



There are 8,222 islands that surround Australia, each offering unique experiences. Here, we've handpicked our top islands for you to explore.





Lord Howe Island

Lying 600 kilometres off the coast of New South Wales, this island only permits 400 visitors at any time and has just 300 permanent residents. Measuring at just 14.55 km², this small island houses diverse marine and bird life and is the only known location of the Lord Howe Island stick insect.

✓ **Best for:** Undiscovered island getaways

Experience on: A 4 night stay at Capella Lodge – prices from £1,969 per person.

Kangaroo Island

Located in South Australia, 110 kilometres from Adelaide, Kangaroo Island is home to native kangaroos, koalas, seals and echidnas and had the world's first bee sanctuary, established in 1885. The island is bigger than Singapore, measuring at 4,405km².

✓ **Best for:** Wildlife lovers

Experience on: Our 3 day Highlights of Kangaroo Island Odysseys tour – prices from £760 per person.



Whitsunday Islands

Comprising 74 islands, most of which are uninhabited, the Whitsundays are located on the world-famous Great Barrier Reef. A favourite island of ours here is Hamilton Island, home to an abundance of marine life, including green sea turtles, as well as kangaroos and wallabies on land.

✓ **Best for:** Marine encounters

Experience on: A 4 night stay at Reef View Hamilton Island – prices from £439 per person.

Phillip Island

Located 140 kilometres south east of Melbourne, Phillip Island has 60 miles of pristine coastline, an island population of 10,930 and is home to penguins, fur seals and koalas. It also has a scaled replica of the infamous Grand Prix Circuit, the only Go Kart track of its kind in Australia.



Best for: Wildlife encounters

Experience on: Our Phillip Island Penguin Parade Eco Tour & Ultimate Adventure tour – prices from £122 per person.



Bruny Island

With a population of around 620 people, Bruny Island is deceptively large, being about 100 kilometres in length and located off the south-eastern coast of Tasmania. Rare Albino White Wallabies reside here; try and spot them on one of the island's great walks, or sample the gourmet local produce and premium wines.



Best for: Food and wine experiences

Experience on: Our Bruny Island Long Weekend tour – prices from £1,149 per person.



Quokkas on Rottnest Island

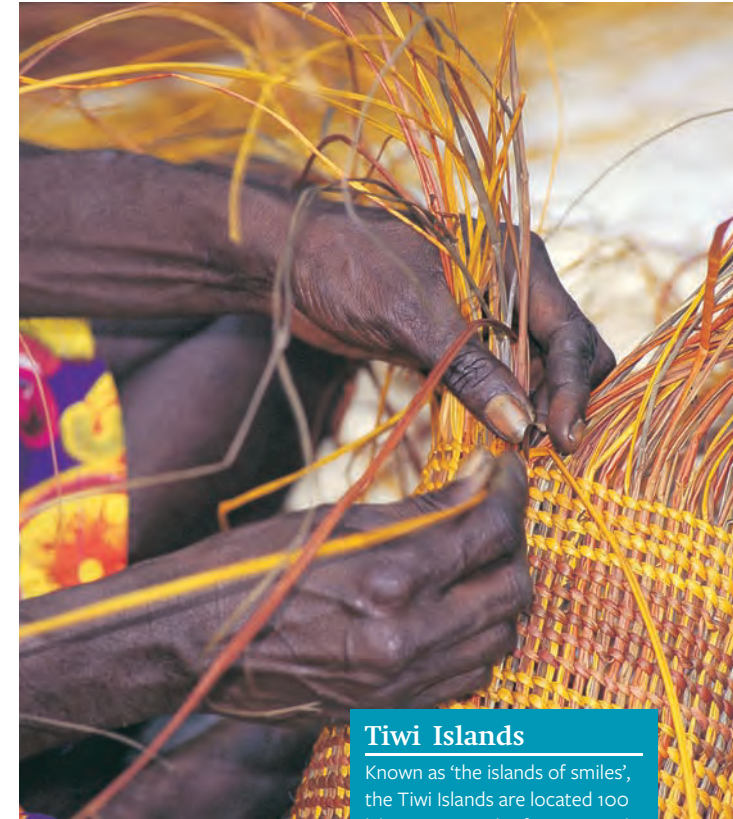
Rottnest Island

This picturesque island is situated in Western Australia, just offshore from the city of Perth. At 19 km², the island is best explored by bicycle, so you can travel at your own pace. Meet some of the 10,000 quokkas that reside here; they are happy to accommodate the island's permanent population of around 300 people. With around 500,000 annual visitors, you can see why this island is a must.



Best for: Outdoor adventures

Experience on: Our Discover Rottnest Island Experience with tour and lunch – prices from £112 per person.



Tiwi Islands

Known as 'the islands of smiles', the Tiwi Islands are located 100 kilometres north of Darwin and contain 11 islands, nine being uninhabited. Bathurst Island is 2,600 km² and home to a large population of endangered Olive Ridley turtles. It has a population of around 1,450 people, many of whom are of aboriginal descent.



Best for: Cultural insights

Experience on: Our Tiwi Islands day tour – prices from £208 per person.

Family Adventures

Back to school and already thinking about your next family holiday?
Be inspired by our family friendly adventures and start planning now.

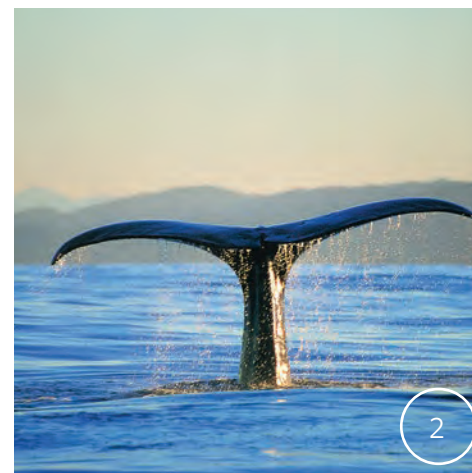


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1. Christmas & New Year in Fiji

Escape the winter back home and celebrate the festive season on a tropical island getaway with the family. Discover Fiji's stunning white sand beaches, vibrant coral reefs and warming hospitality. Take a jet boat safari up the magnificent Sigatoka River for an adventure into the heart of Fiji. Visit local villages, learning about the rich cultures and history and sampling traditional cuisine. Then, sail to the paradise of Tivua Island and snorkel amongst the colorful coral gardens.

15 days from £16,156 per family of four
Includes: Return flights. Based on 2 adults and 2 children aged under 12, selected travel December 2018 – January 2019.

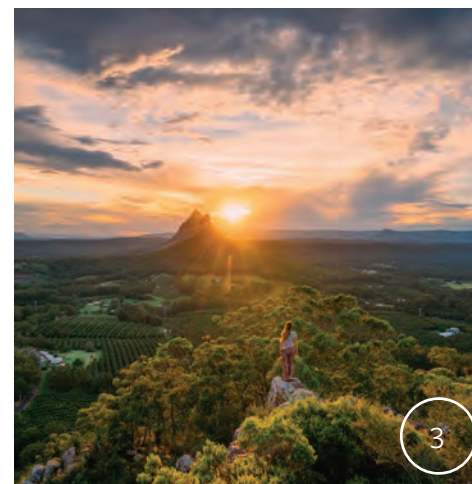


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2. Easter in New Zealand

Explore New Zealand at the right pace for you and your family, stopping when and where you want and enjoying the freedom of your motorhome. Discover the highlights of the North and South Islands with a selection of incredible activities. From whale watching in Kaikoura and gazing at the glow worms of Waitomo Caves to a traditional Maori experience in Rotorua, your family will definitely be entertained.

15 days from £7,016 per family of four
Includes: Return flights. Based on 2 adults and 2 children aged under 12, selected travel April 2019.



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3. Summer holidays in Australia

An exciting mix of beach, nature and city life, travel to Australia's East Coast for an unforgettable family holiday. Visit the theme parks on the Gold Coast and lively Surfers Paradise before discovering the Great Barrier Reef from the family-friendly coral cay of Lady Elliot Island. Explore nature amongst the volcanic peaks of the Glass House Mountains and head to the world's largest sand island, Fraser Island, before ending in Brisbane, Queensland's capital city.

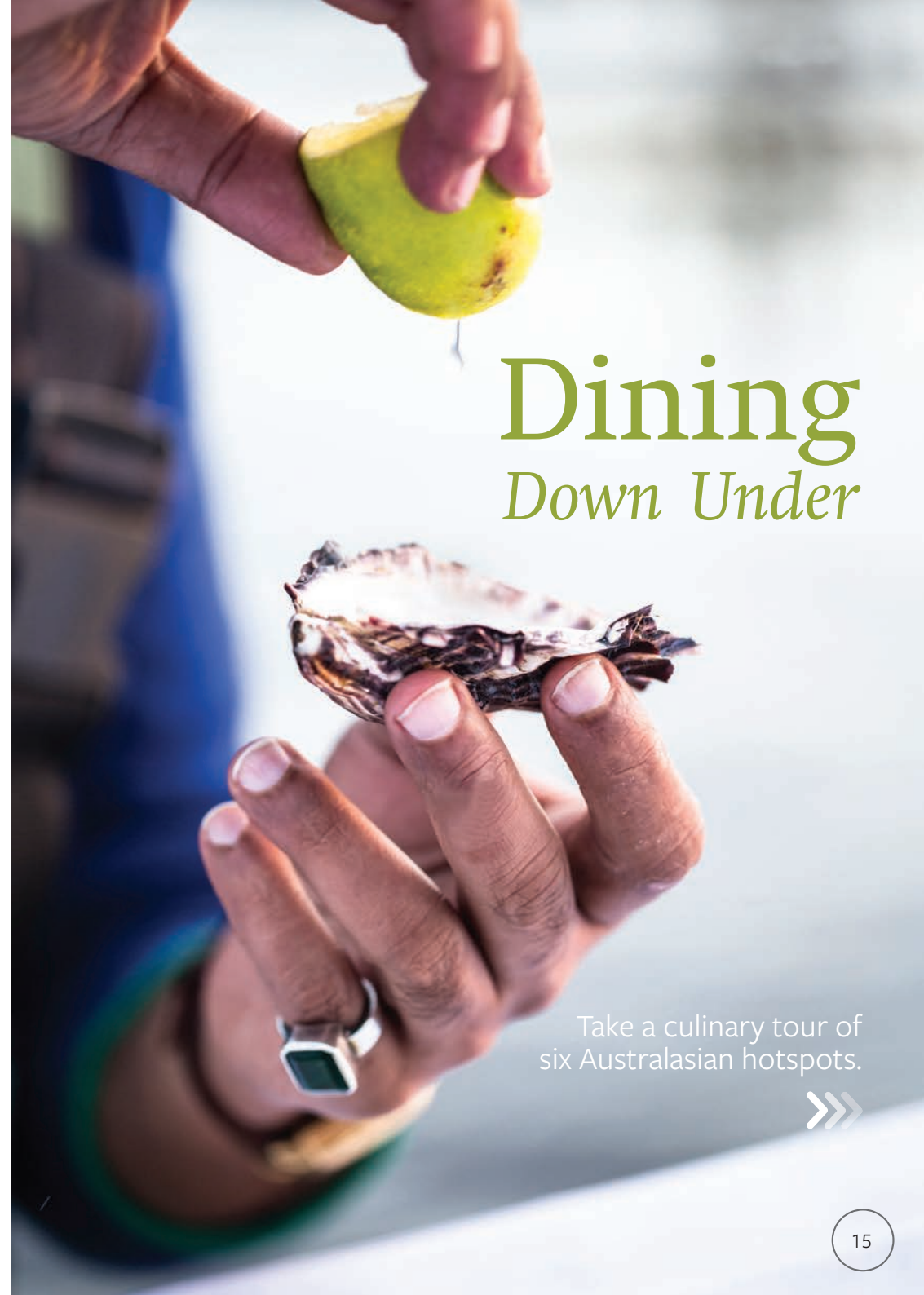
14 days from £9,916 per family of four
Includes: Return flights. Based on 2 adults and 2 children aged under 12, selected travel July - August 2019.



The return of Singapore as a stopover destination, with onward connections to Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth, as well as flying non-stop from London Heathrow to Perth means there are now more ways to fly to Australia.

Whichever cabin you choose from on the award-winning Qantas A380 or the technologically advanced new Qantas Dreamliner, make sure you add a Qantas Explorer Fare to your ticket. That way, you can see more of Australia with savings on Qantas domestic flights. Business and First customers also benefit from Qantas Chauffeur Drive and the Qantas London Lounge.

As Qantas is part of the oneworld alliance, you'll benefit from privileges beyond the Qantas network. With true Aussie hospitality and almost 100 years' experience, you'll enjoy an unparalleled travel experience with Qantas.



Dining *Down Under*

Take a culinary tour of
six Australasian hotspots.



Sounds of Silence dinner experience

As the sun dips below the horizon you'll be welcomed to join a table of fellow travellers atop a sand bank to absorb the unique experience of dining in the desert. Uluru and the domes of Kata Tjuta provide the stunning backdrop, while overhead, stars erupt in their magnificence, brightly illuminating the vast expanse of the Red Centre that surrounds you. Enjoy canapés and chilled Australian wine followed by a delicious buffet, while a stargazer points out features of the Southern Cross and the Milky Way as a didgeridoo plays hauntingly in the distance.

ADD THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE DINNER

from £129 per person.





Flavours of Fiji Cooking tour

Discover Fiji on a sensual South Pacific adventure and introduce your taste buds to an eclectic mix of influences from Indian, Chinese and Polynesian cuisine. Tour local markets getting to know the exotic produce and fresh seafood for which Fiji is renowned. Savour local dishes including kokoda, and delve into the culture with traditional pastimes including coconut bowling, coconut husking, basket weaving and sulu tying.

ADD THE FLAVOURS OF FIJI COOKING TOUR

from £63 per person.



Receive a warm welcome in Te Puia

Enjoy a wealth of authentic cultural experiences and learn how the Maoris harnessed the Earth's natural forces when you are welcomed to Te Puia in Rotorua. You'll experience authentic Maori kai (traditional food) geothermal cooking practises, steam hangi meals and learn how pools of boiling water are used to prepare food at this cultural epicentre of Maori study in New Zealand.

ADD OUR TE PUIA EXPERIENCE WITH STEAM BOX LUNCH AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

from £80 per person.



Outback cuisine at Crystalbrook Lodge

Indulge in a quintessentially Australian outback oasis experience. Crystalbrook Lodge, an authentic homestead and Luxury Lodge of Australia, is just a short flight from Cairns in Tropical North Queensland. Soak up the serenity with views overlooking tranquil waters, explore the red-earth landscape or spend the day kayaking across the 300 acre Crystalbrook Lake. For pure indulgence, sample fresh Australian produce (cooked by campfire using traditional drover methods), nibbles and champagne while you watch the sunset.

**STAY 3 NIGHTS AT
CRYSTALBROOK LODGE**

from £1,609 per person.





Taste the seafood of Tasmania


It's the fertile waters surrounding Tasmania that has helped place this southerly isle firmly on the culinary world food map. Teeming with tuna, trout, salmon and shellfish, abalone, oysters and octopus – if you love seafood with a side order of breath-taking landscapes, welcome to Tasmania.

ADD THE TASMANIAN SEAFOOD SEDUCTION TOUR

from £409 per person.



Beach barbeque on One Foot Island

Blue lagoon, pristine white sand and endless horizons make the Cook Islands' One Foot Island one of the most romantic spots for a beach barbeque. Arrive by lagoon cruise, enjoy cultural music and performances, get your passport stamped and work up an appetite by snorkelling in the turquoise waters of Aitutaki Lagoon. Then retreat under swaying palms to toast the sunset and to feast on fresh-caught mahi mahi. 

ADD THE AITUTAKI LAGOON CRUISE WITH BBQ ON ONE FOOT ISLAND

from £75 per person.



A VIEW WITH A ROOM

Four Seasons Sydney

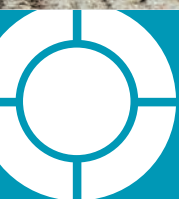
Stunningly situated overlooking Sydney Harbour, Four Seasons Sydney is the epitome of luxury. Located near the city's vibrant shopping and business centres, you won't be short on things to do. Relax in the spa and heated outdoor pool, discover Sydney's best restaurants and explore the famous Rocks district. Upgrade to a Harbour View room for spectacular views of Sydney Harbour.

ADD TO MY TRIP

Stay 3 nights from £485 per person

Based on Deluxe Partial Harbour View room.

A DAY IN THE LIFE



WHO: Rosie

OCCUPATION:
Cultural performer and guide at
Tamaki Maori Village

LOCATION: Rotorua,
New Zealand

Q. What steered you towards this profession?

This is my life, Maori. Anything to do with Maori is my life.

Q. What is the most interesting aspect of Rotorua?

Rotorua is the hub of Maori tourism, which has been around since the late 1800's. Our people had a vision and being able to share our stories in the modern day is priceless. It's a place that's rich in history, culture and indigenous people.

Q. What do you love most about working for Tamaki?

The benefit for us is that we get to express our passion and our knowledge as a profession. And also interacting with and teaching our *manuhiri* (guests) about our beautiful culture.

Q. What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

We have so many guests coming in who have researched our stories online before they attend Tamaki, so they are asking questions to ensure we know our own culture. Here at Tamaki, we are not only able to validate their research but provide an even deeper knowledge. We have people who look at our culture as just song and dance. When they come to Tamaki, we actually educate them on the intangible aspects, such as our belief systems and an understanding of our culture's true essence and values.

Q. Why would you recommend people visit Tamaki?

You learn so many different aspects about us, you see the art forms (i.e. dance, tamoko and carving) then you get an insight of the more spiritual side. You get to see



Rosie

our traditions as they were and the transition to our more modern art forms. Not only in our performances but in the stories and knowledge we share. You pretty much can't get that anywhere else!

Q. What is the most memorable experience you've had on the job?

When we opened our doors to the families who lost their houses in the Edgcumbe flooding. We spent the day with them and the joy they had on their faces was something I'll always remember. Just that little bit of happiness you see amongst them, even in the situation they were in.

Q. Who is the most memorable person you've met on the job?

Dawn French. She visited twice, but on her first visit she was bombarded with fans. So she booked out our entire complex for 5-6 people. Someone of that calibre being so down to earth was just great. So it was a very special and intimate experience.

Q. When you're not working, what do you do?

I'm currently looking after my *koro* (grandfather) and studying my Bachelor of Maori Performing Arts.

Q. If you could give one reason why people should visit Tamaki, what would it be?

If you want an authentic Maori experience, come visit us. Every night is special and unique. If you want to learn, *haere mai*, come visit us and come learn. **📍**

ADD TO MY TRIP

Experience the Tamaki Maori Village
from £69 per person.

Exotic eastern stopovers

Take time out in some of the most exotic destinations en route to Australasia.

Bali



Singapore

Singapore and Bali

Garden city meets island jewel

Begin in Singapore, this multi-cultural and thriving botanical city is one of Asia's top destinations for so many reasons. Sentosa Island offers nearby beach fun for the whole family, while the Gardens by the Bay are a breathtaking example of 21st century waterfront planning. Peruse the shopping malls of Orchard Road and take in the delicious aromas arising from the street food stalls of vibrant Little India and Chinatown. Time permitting, don't forget to visit the award-winning and truly magical Singapore Zoo. Time your visit to coincide with one of the many festivals, including Chinese New Year celebrations or major sporting events such as the Singapore Grand Prix. Once you have sampled the delights of Singapore, fly to Bali, an island wreathed in spirituality. Indonesia's bohemian jewel is the epitome of laidback luxury. You'll find peace and tranquillity among a patchwork of paddy fields and misty rainforest landscapes surrounded by golden beaches.

Time zone: GMT +8 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 13 hours direct to Singapore. Additional 2 hours 30 mins (approx.) to Bali

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 5 – 8 hours direct from Singapore (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Singapore Airlines

TAKE ME THERE

22 days from £4,699 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Singapore, 4 nights in Bali, 4 nights in Sydney, 6 day Blue Mountains, Wines & Beyond self drive, 5 nights on Hamilton Island and return flights. Based on selected travel April-May 2019.



Bali



Fly on the world's most awarded airline, with four daily direct flights from London Heathrow on the A380 and five weekly services from Manchester on the state-of-the-art A350. Experience over 1,000 entertainment options, Asian inspired cuisine and an exceptionally warm welcome on board. Enjoy Singapore Airlines Boarding Pass Privileges on dining, tourist attractions and more on your stopover, before flying direct to one of nine Australian cities, including Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, as well as New Zealand.





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Vietnam

Vietnam

Cultural treasures and lush landscapes

Wander through the bustling streets and marketplaces of Ho Chi Minh (Saigon) or Hanoi to discover a fast-paced fusion of old versus new culture, dynamic world-class cuisine and fascinating history at every turn. Energetic and buzzing with motorbikes – embark on a walking tour through districts filled with the fragrance of French-Chinese-Vietnamese street food and you'll soon appreciate that Vietnam's cities are an assault on the senses. If you have longer, delve a little deeper to explore ancient Hoi An with its streets lined with colourful lanterns or even the spectacular sights of Halong Bay. Or why not step back in time among the hill tribes of Sapa, or cycle between the limestone peaks of Ninh Binh and experience the immense natural beauty of this captivating country.

Time zone: GMT +7 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 12 hours direct from London Heathrow to Ho Chi Minh City

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 8 hours direct from Ho Chi Minh City to either Sydney or Melbourne

Recommended airline: Vietnam Airlines

TAKE ME THERE

16 days from £3,209 per person

Includes: 5 nights in Hanoi, 3 day Luxury Halong Bay tour, 4 nights in Melbourne, 5 day Great Ocean Road & Grampians self drive and return flights. Based on selected travel June 2019.



Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia

Shimmering skylines and untamed nature

From the moment you arrive in friendly Kuala Lumpur you'll be drawn to the Petronas Towers, steel and glass-clad towers sparkling both day and night, giving the city its iconic skyline. Shop in Bukit Bintang or hunt for handicrafts and unique souvenirs at Central Market before soaking up the tranquility of the Batu Caves. Then, extend your experience with wildlife encounters; adopt an orangutan at the rehabilitation centre in Sepilok, Borneo or spot rare hawksbill turtles on Selingan Island. Drink tea while experiencing a little slice of England amid the plantations of the Cameron Highlands, renowned for its quaint villages, cool climate and manicured gardens. Or simply relax on the serene beaches of Langkawi combining culture, beaches and tropical city life in one amazing stopover.

Time zone: GMT +8 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 13 hours direct from London Heathrow to Kuala Lumpur

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 6 – 8 hours direct from Kuala Lumpur (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Malaysia Airlines

TAKE ME THERE

15 days from £2,849 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Kuala Lumpur, 4 nights in Penang, 3 nights in Adelaide, 3 day Highlights of Kangaroo Island self drive, 2 nights in the Barossa Valley and return flights. Based on selected travel March 2019.



Fly on Malaysia Airlines' double daily direct service between London Heathrow and Kuala Lumpur and enjoy a free side trip to experience the attractions of Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Langkawi, before travelling onwards to Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane and Adelaide. On board, enjoy Malaysian hospitality with the most well-regarded and recognised teams in the sky.



Hong Kong

A city adventure like no other

Explore Hong Kong, where western styles contrast with over 5,000 years of Chinese history. For foodies this is the epicentre of Cantonese cuisine so Dim Sum is most certainly on the breakfast menu. Venture among its 11,000 restaurants and you'll soon be tucking into wholesome bowls of fish-ball or satay beef noodles for your quick hunger fix. Board the MTR (Mass Transit Railway) to all major districts including Hong Kong Disneyland on Lantau Island, or Tsim Sha Tsui for bustling bargains on Nathan Road. Don't miss Victoria Harbour Waterfront where you'll find the Star Ferry Terminal for excursions across the harbour. Ride the tram to Victoria Peak for photos over Hong Kong and listen out for the Noonday Gun, fired from Causeway Bay since the 1860s, making time to visit Stanley, the seaside village for a laidback take on this extraordinary city.

Time zone: GMT +8 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 12 hours direct from London Heathrow

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 8 – 9 hours direct (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Cathay Pacific

TAKE ME THERE

25 days from £3,995 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Hong Kong, 22 day Best of New Zealand self drive and return flights. Based on selected travel March 2019.



Hong Kong



Dubai



Dubai Desert Safari

Dubai

Dynamic desert metropolis

Stopover in Dubai, the desert city that combines bustling souks and shimmering skyline with pristine beaches. As water erupts from the Dubai Fountains, wander through the souks to haggle for trinkets one moment, then ski indoor slopes the next. Constantly changing, Dubai never stops surprising you with its ultramodern architecture and world-famous hotels, including the impressive Jumeirah Zabeel Saray with its world class-spa or the Atlantis The Palm, featuring the Aquaventure Park and The Lost Chambers aquarium. Feast on Iranian, Filipino, Yemeni cuisine in Bur Dubai or enjoy afternoon tea at the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa enjoying spectacular views, before heading off for a 4X4 jeep safari adventure among the sand dunes. Afterwards relax on the sands with a traditional Arabian picnic, as day turns slowly into a stargazers dream night. 

If you're looking to explore any of these destinations without travelling Down Under, our sister travel company Hayes & Jarvis has been tailor-making holidays for over 65 years.

Call one of their Destination Specialists on 01293 762463* or be inspired at hayesandjarvis.co.uk.

Time zone: GMT +4 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 7 hours direct

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 11 – 14 hours direct (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Emirates

TAKE ME THERE

15 days from £2,469 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Dubai, 4 nights in Perth, 7 day Great Southern Getaway self drive, 1 night in Fremantle and return flights. Based on selected travel February 2019.



Emirates fly 19 times daily from a choice of eight* UK airports to Dubai, with onward flights to Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane in Australia, plus Auckland and Christchurch in New Zealand. Whether you choose to stopover in Dubai on your way to or from Australasia, on-board you'll enjoy world-class service, regionally inspired gourmet cuisine and up to 3,500 channels of award-winning entertainment.

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NEW ZEALAND WONDERLAND TOUR

Personalise your
experience with APT

Milford Sound

With so much to experience in New Zealand, it can be difficult to know where to start. Our escorted touring partner for over 30 years, APT is a family-owned company offering a range of five-star Luxury and four-star Essential experiences to incredible destinations across Australasia.

With APT's Freedom of Choice™ inclusions allowing you to personalise your trip with a choice of included sightseeing and dining options, as well as plenty of free time to truly make your trip your own, you're guaranteed an amazing experience with a difference. APT's experienced drivers, expert tour directors and local guides will ensure you see all the famous sights – and some hidden gems too!

Immerse yourself in the culture with authentic local experiences, take in sights of incredible natural wonders and get close to wildlife with Insider Experiences. Delve deeper into destinations with signature sightseeing tours, from a cruise in the stunning Milford Sound to one of the world's most scenic rail journeys aboard the TranzAlpine train. Plus, enjoy a selection of personalised dining experiences at no extra cost to enhance your journey.



Wellington



New Zealand Wonderland tour

Discover the best of New Zealand's North and South Islands on this comprehensive 17 day escorted tour. From Auckland travel north to the beautiful Bay of Islands before visiting Rotorua's geothermal landscapes and heading to Wellington at the southern tip of the North Island. From here, continue across the Cook Strait to explore the idyllic mountains and lakes of the South Island before finishing in Christchurch.

Highlights

- Explore the Bay of Islands on a dolphin watching cruise to Cape Brett
- Immerse yourself in Maori culture and enjoy a traditional Hangi feast in Rotorua
- Board the TranzAlpine train for one of the world's greatest rail adventures
- Enjoy a luxury cruise exploring the pristine fiord in Milford Sound

TAKE ME THERE

New Zealand Wonderland tour

17 days from £6,189 per person

Includes: Return flights

Based on selected travel February 2019.

COMING SOON!

Keep a look out for our new APT
brochure - launching this month!



Bay of Islands



Red Centre



Hunter Valley



Uluru

The Open Road

Get behind the wheel of your favourite car and cruise the spectacular sights of Australia.



Great Ocean Road

Great Ocean Road

A coastal cruise that's perfect for water sports enthusiasts and nature lovers. Take a pair of binoculars – you'll be spotting everything from pods of dolphins to kangaroos, koalas and colourful birdlife overhead.

Duration: Five days

Driving distance: 650 miles

What car: Station wagon

Destinations visited: The Otway Ranges, Bay of Martyrs, the Twelve Apostles and Barossa Valley

Best for: Beautiful beaches, dramatic rock formations and dense rainforests

Best time to go: September to November – avoiding crowds and enjoying the weather

TAKE ME THERE

22 days from £3,359 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Melbourne, 5 day Great Southern Touring Route self-drive, 2 nights in Mornington, Phillip Island and Wilson Promontory, 1 night in Metung, Gisp Point and Tilba Tilba, 2 nights in Jervis Bay, 3 nights in Sydney and return flights. Based on selected travel May 2019.

Red Centre

Fly into outback town Alice Springs to visit galleries filled with Aboriginal art, before cruising through lush forests, stopping to walk the sandstone cliffs of Kings Canyon and watching the sunset over Kata Tjuta and Uluru.

Duration: Six days

Driving distance: 425 miles

What car: 4X4/SUV

Destinations visited: Kings Canyon, Glen Helen, Kata Tjuta and Uluru

Best for: Experiencing the breath-taking Australian wilderness and inspiring Aboriginal culture

Best time to go: From May to September when the weather is cooler

TAKE ME THERE

17 days from £2,995 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Darwin, 6 day Top End Discovery self drive, 1 night in Alice Springs, 6 day Explore the Red Centre self drive, 2 nights in Uluru and return flights. Based on selected travel May 2019.

Pacific Coast

Cruise into seaside towns including Coffs Harbour and Byron Bay. Take in the vineyards of Hunter Valley, discover Port Macquarie for insights into Australia's convict history and the Gold Coast for thrilling theme parks.

Duration: Six days

Driving distance: 568 miles

What car: SUV – for long distance comfort

Destinations visited: Hunter Valley, Coffs Harbour, Byron Bay, Gold Coast and Brisbane.

Best for: Sweeping through New South Wales and Queensland

Best time to go: April to May – the weather's warm and rainfall is low

TAKE ME THERE

13 days from £2,379 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Sydney, 6 day Pacific Coast Explorer self drive, 2 nights in Gold Coast, 2 nights in Brisbane and return flights. Based on selected travel February 2019.



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Travellers' tales

Travel Designer, Paul explores Melbourne, the Grampians, Great Ocean Road and Tasmania.



Twelve Apostles, Great Ocean Road

From the rugged beauty of the Grampians to charming Hobart, Paul shares his unforgettable experiences from his recent trip, including visiting the majestic Twelve Apostles and flying over the untamed wilderness of Tasmania.

Day 1: Melbourne

Our stay in Melbourne began with a walking city tour. We toured the laneways which was a great way to see an alternative side of the city, showing us some hidden gems rather than the main tourist spots. Next, we had lunch on the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant whilst travelling around the city. It was a really unique experience and the food was fantastic, Melbourne is a great city for foodies. It is also home to the MCG and National Sports Museum which are a must visit for any cricket fans. As the gateway to the Great Ocean Road, the Grampians, Mornington Peninsula and Phillip Island, this city was the perfect place to begin our Australian adventure.

Day 2: Melbourne to the Grampians

I would recommend three nights in Melbourne, but as we were on a whistle-stop visit, the next morning we headed for a day out in the beautiful mountain range of the Grampians with Autopia Tours. We stopped for lunch in Halls Gap and explored the fantastic visitor centre which was filled with maps and information about the history of the Grampians, from an indigenous and non-indigenous perspective. After lunch, we embarked on a walk through the spectacular surroundings stopping at the stunning

Mackenzie Falls to enjoy the panoramic views. We also saw some of Australia's native wildlife, as the Grampians are home to an abundance of animals and you are almost guaranteed to see kangaroos and wallabies in the wild here.

We then spent the night at the Royal Mail Hotel in Dunkeld where we enjoyed an excellent meal at Parker Street Project, the hotel's restaurant. This hotel is in a great location, as it's situated at the southern end of the Grampians, which was ideal for our journey to the Great Ocean Road the next day.

Day 3-4: The Great Ocean Road and Melbourne

Our journey continued with a drive along the Great Ocean Road, a 243 kilometre stretch of road along the breath-taking southern coastline. It really is a beautifully scenic drive and allows you to see a more rural side of Victoria with world-class beaches, rugged rock formations and quaint fishing villages. We stopped along the way taking in the jaw-dropping scenery and dramatic coastline including the iconic Twelve Apostles and the seaside town of Lorne. Whilst the Twelve Apostles are the most well-known, I also recommend you travel further on if coming from Melbourne as there are many more monoliths rising out of the sea which are worth seeing.

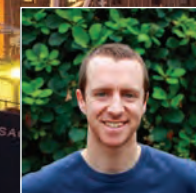




Hobart, Tasmania



WHAT OUR EXPERTS SAY...



"Avoid peak times at the Twelve Apostles when all the day tour coaches that left Melbourne in the morning arrive. Stay somewhere close or spend a night or two in the Grampians beforehand to see this sight without the crowds."

PAUL, TRAVEL DESIGNER



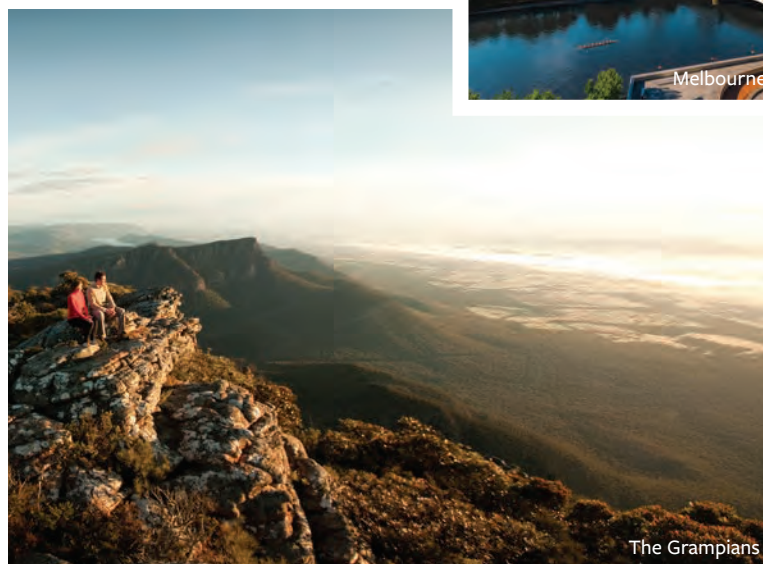
Melbourne

Day 5-8: Tasmania

After a short flight from Melbourne we arrived in Hobart. With the backdrop of Mount Wellington and a picturesque harbour, it is a place of unspoilt beauty. On our first full day in Hobart, we took a day trip to Bruny Island on a wilderness cruise past incredible scenery and playful seals. Our tour guide was very interesting and really informative about the island.

Whilst in Hobart we also explored MONA – the Museum of Old and New Art and enjoyed a superb lunch at the vineyard here. Hobart is becoming increasingly renowned for its culinary culture and on Saturday we visited the Salamanca Markets; an open air market with local produce. The market is on every Saturday so if visiting then be sure to keep the morning free.

On our last afternoon we took a scenic flight and I have to say this was the highlight of my trip and an unforgettable way to end my time in Tasmania. There are different flight options but our trip took us south from Hobart along the coast to a remote landing strip where we had lunch and took a boat cruise into the wilderness which was fantastic. The flight was around two hours in total and the scenery was absolutely breathtaking. 📍



The Grampians



Bruny Island, Tasmania

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Peter Fletcher



CAPTURE THE MOMENT PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

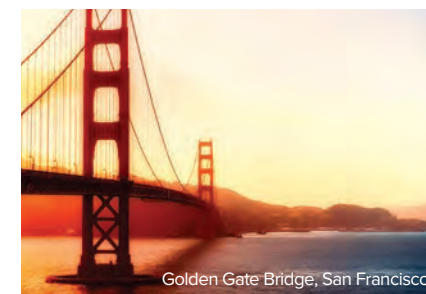
WIN a Hayes & Jarvis holiday
to Western USA



Our sister travel company, Hayes & Jarvis, recently launched their Capture the Moment photo competition in search of inspiring travel images. From breath-taking landscapes, candid shots of local life and wildlife, to loved ones immersing themselves in a destination and its culture, they're looking for exceptional travel moments captured by you.

The winner, plus one companion, will explore Western USA on an incredible 15 day Wings over the West tour provided by ATI with return flights in World Traveller Plus courtesy of British Airways – a prize worth over £8,500!†

For more details, head over to hayesandjarvis.co.uk/capture-the-moment
Competition closes 14 October 2018.



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Welcome to ENDEAVOUR

the magazine by Austravel



G'day

We know Australia is a big country, but did you also know it has over 8,000 islands scattered around its remarkable coastline? From the dramatic vistas of Bruny Island in Tasmania to the subtropical forests of Lord Howe Island in the Tasman Sea, dive into our feature on Islands of Australia to find out what lies in store – off shore.

Meanwhile, foodies will be intrigued by our feature on local cuisine. We show you how to sample authentic fare from the steamy volcanic pools of Te Puia to Outback picnics in Queensland.

Discover which amazing stopovers to factor into your itinerary en route to Australasia; fascinating Asian cities and laidback island experiences to enhance your journey Down Under, and turn you into a world traveller overnight.

Enjoy this edition and remember, for more inspiring suggestions our Travel Designers are always on hand to craft your holiday plans.

Best wishes,

Lesley Rollo
Managing Director - Austravel



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Austravel Loves...



Sydney Harbour



Riley, Cairns



Victoria

The royal visit

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have confirmed their first overseas engagement. They will spend time in Australia for the fourth Invictus Games this October, before exploring New Zealand and Fiji.

Follow the royals on our 25 day luxury itinerary from £9,439 per person. Includes return flights.

Riley, Cairns

Cairns' newest five-star resort promises a fresh approach to hospitality. In a prime location at the northern end of the iconic Cairns waterfront boardwalk, it's a place where authentic experiences are king. Indulge in the little luxuries; lounge by the lagoon swimming pool, be pampered at Elème Day Spa or wine and dine at one of three uniquely modern restaurants and bars.

Stay 3 nights from £202 per person.

Crystalbrook
Collection

Victoria's Hidden Gems tour

Rekindle the wonder of travel with Inspiring Journeys and delight in the benefits of boutique experiences within a smaller group setting. Discover Victoria's hidden gems on this escorted tour; from trendy cityscapes in Melbourne to quaint seaside villages, scenic coastal drives and white-capped surf.

Add this 7 day tour from £2,649 per person.

Inspiring Journeys

ISLANDS OF AUSTRALIA



There are 8,222 islands that surround Australia, each offering unique experiences. Here, we've handpicked our top islands for you to explore.



Bruny Island

With a population of around 620 people, Bruny Island is deceptively large, being about 100 kilometres in length and located off the south-eastern coast of Tasmania. Rare Albino White Wallabies reside here; try and spot them on one of the island's great walks, or sample the gourmet local produce and premium wines.



Best for: Food and wine experiences

Experience on: Our Bruny Island Long Weekend tour – prices from £1,149 per person.



Quokkas on Rottnest Island

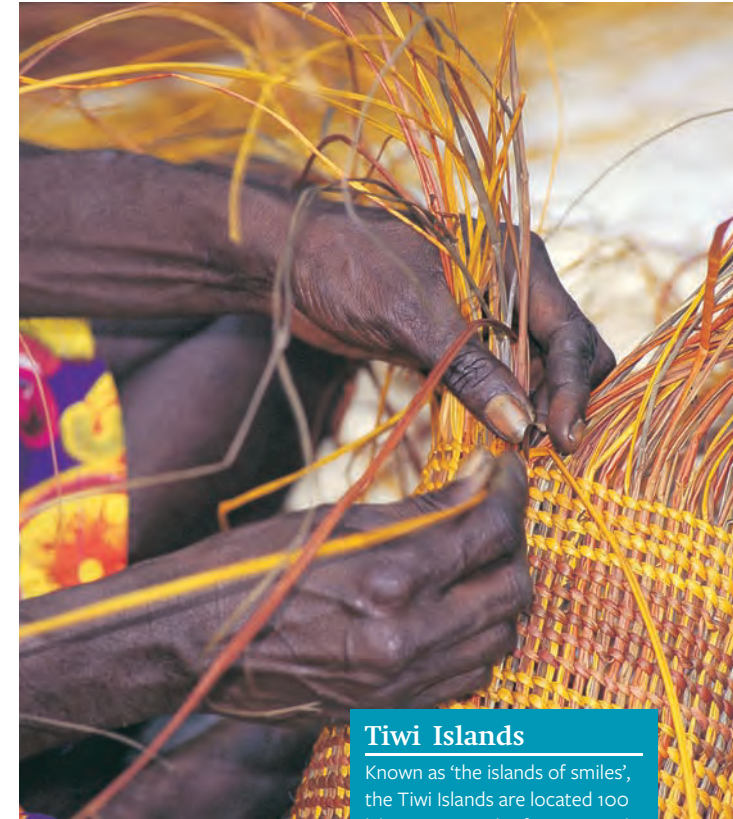
Rottnest Island

This picturesque island is situated in Western Australia, just offshore from the city of Perth. At 19 km², the island is best explored by bicycle, so you can travel at your own pace. Meet some of the 10,000 quokkas that reside here; they are happy to accommodate the island's permanent population of around 300 people. With around 500,000 annual visitors, you can see why this island is a must.



Best for: Outdoor adventures

Experience on: Our Discover Rottnest Island Experience with tour and lunch – prices from £112 per person.



Tiwi Islands

Known as 'the islands of smiles', the Tiwi Islands are located 100 kilometres north of Darwin and contain 11 islands, nine being uninhabited. Bathurst Island is 2,600 km² and home to a large population of endangered Olive Ridley turtles. It has a population of around 1,450 people, many of whom are of aboriginal descent.



Best for: Cultural insights

Experience on: Our Tiwi Islands day tour – prices from £208 per person.

Family Adventures

Back to school and already thinking about your next family holiday?
Be inspired by our family friendly adventures and start planning now.

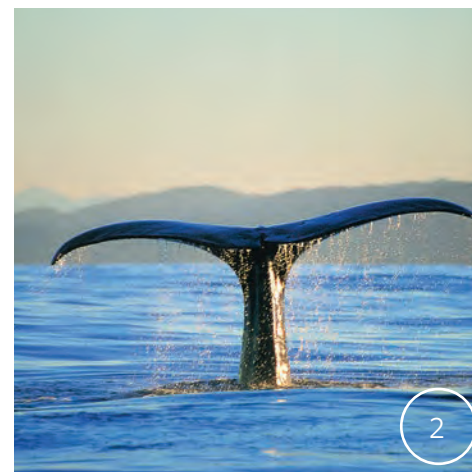


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1. Christmas & New Year in Fiji

Escape the winter back home and celebrate the festive season on a tropical island getaway with the family. Discover Fiji's stunning white sand beaches, vibrant coral reefs and warming hospitality. Take a jet boat safari up the magnificent Sigatoka River for an adventure into the heart of Fiji. Visit local villages, learning about the rich cultures and history and sampling traditional cuisine. Then, sail to the paradise of Tivua Island and snorkel amongst the colorful coral gardens.

15 days from £16,156 per family of four
Includes: Return flights. Based on 2 adults and 2 children aged under 12, selected travel December 2018 – January 2019.

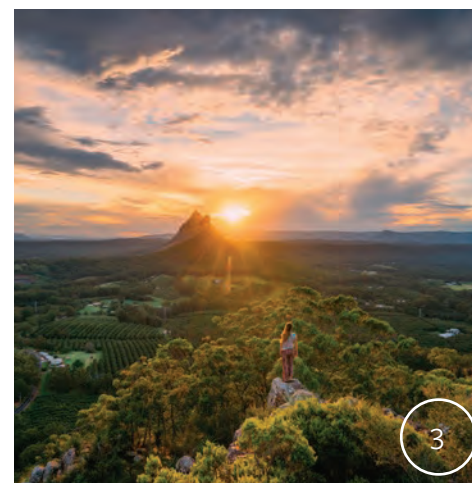


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2. Easter in New Zealand

Explore New Zealand at the right pace for you and your family, stopping when and where you want and enjoying the freedom of your motorhome. Discover the highlights of the North and South Islands with a selection of incredible activities. From whale watching in Kaikoura and gazing at the glow worms of Waitomo Caves to a traditional Maori experience in Rotorua, your family will definitely be entertained.

15 days from £7,016 per family of four
Includes: Return flights. Based on 2 adults and 2 children aged under 12, selected travel April 2019.



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3. Summer holidays in Australia

An exciting mix of beach, nature and city life, travel to Australia's East Coast for an unforgettable family holiday. Visit the theme parks on the Gold Coast and lively Surfers Paradise before discovering the Great Barrier Reef from the family-friendly coral cay of Lady Elliot Island. Explore nature amongst the volcanic peaks of the Glass House Mountains and head to the world's largest sand island, Fraser Island, before ending in Brisbane, Queensland's capital city.

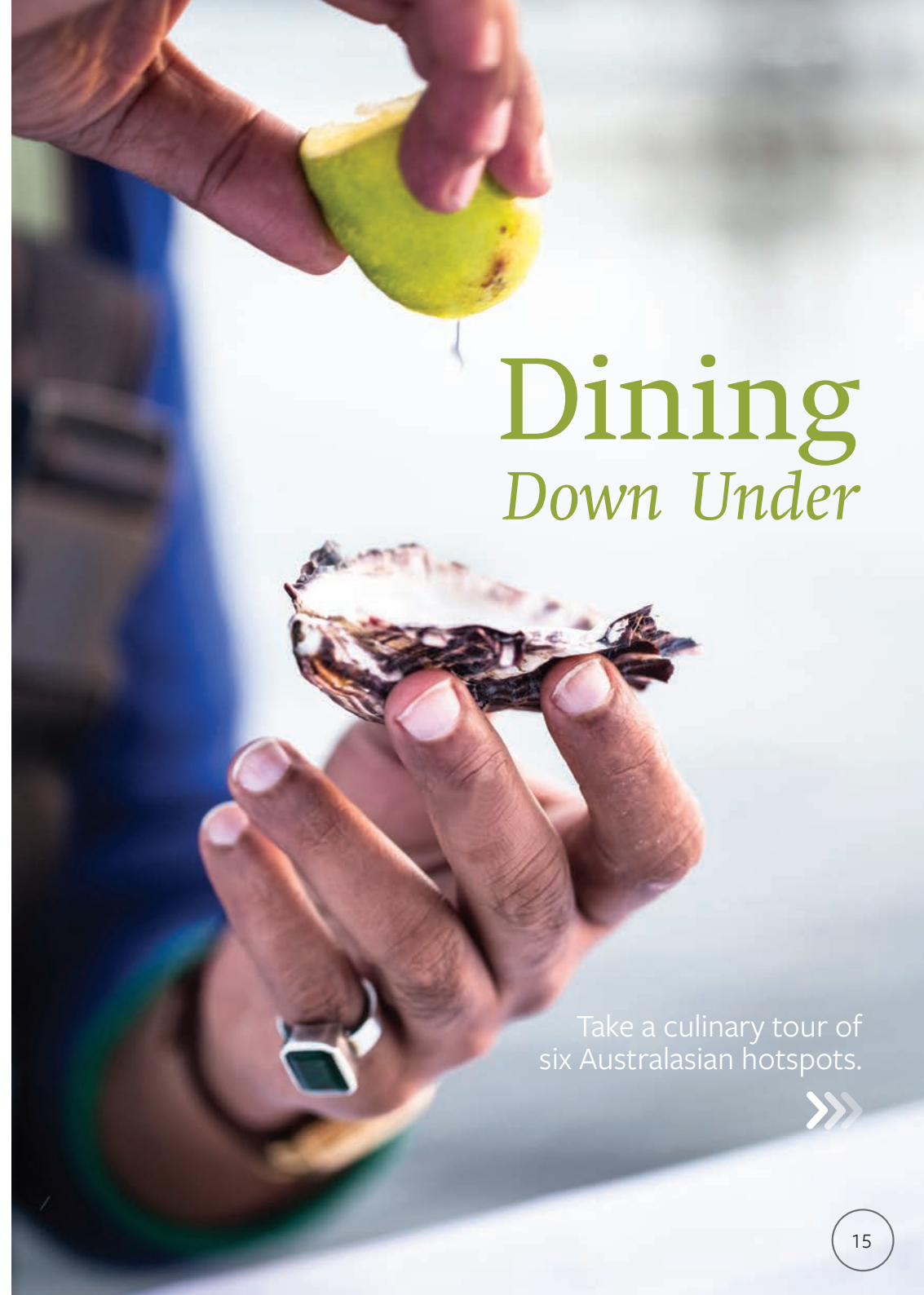
14 days from £9,916 per family of four
Includes: Return flights. Based on 2 adults and 2 children aged under 12, selected travel July - August 2019.



The return of Singapore as a stopover destination, with onward connections to Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth, as well as flying non-stop from London Heathrow to Perth means there are now more ways to fly to Australia.

Whichever cabin you choose from on the award-winning Qantas A380 or the technologically advanced new Qantas Dreamliner, make sure you add a Qantas Explorer Fare to your ticket. That way, you can see more of Australia with savings on Qantas domestic flights. Business and First customers also benefit from Qantas Chauffeur Drive and the Qantas London Lounge.

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Dining *Down Under*

Take a culinary tour of
six Australasian hotspots.



Sounds of Silence dinner experience

As the sun dips below the horizon you'll be welcomed to join a table of fellow travellers atop a sand bank to absorb the unique experience of dining in the desert. Uluru and the domes of Kata Tjuta provide the stunning backdrop, while overhead, stars erupt in their magnificence, brightly illuminating the vast expanse of the Red Centre that surrounds you. Enjoy canapés and chilled Australian wine followed by a delicious buffet, while a stargazer points out features of the Southern Cross and the Milky Way as a didgeridoo plays hauntingly in the distance.

ADD THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE DINNER

from £129 per person.





Flavours of Fiji Cooking tour

Discover Fiji on a sensual South Pacific adventure and introduce your taste buds to an eclectic mix of influences from Indian, Chinese and Polynesian cuisine. Tour local markets getting to know the exotic produce and fresh seafood for which Fiji is renowned. Savour local dishes including kokoda, and delve into the culture with traditional pastimes including coconut bowling, coconut husking, basket weaving and sulu tying.

ADD THE FLAVOURS OF FIJI COOKING TOUR

from £63 per person.



Receive a warm welcome in Te Puia

Enjoy a wealth of authentic cultural experiences and learn how the Maoris harnessed the Earth's natural forces when you are welcomed to Te Puia in Rotorua. You'll experience authentic Maori kai (traditional food) geothermal cooking practises, steam hangi meals and learn how pools of boiling water are used to prepare food at this cultural epicentre of Maori study in New Zealand.

ADD OUR TE PUIA EXPERIENCE WITH STEAM BOX LUNCH AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

from £80 per person.



Outback cuisine at Crystalbrook Lodge

Indulge in a quintessentially Australian outback oasis experience. Crystalbrook Lodge, an authentic homestead and Luxury Lodge of Australia, is just a short flight from Cairns in Tropical North Queensland. Soak up the serenity with views overlooking tranquil waters, explore the red-earth landscape or spend the day kayaking across the 300 acre Crystalbrook Lake. For pure indulgence, sample fresh Australian produce (cooked by campfire using traditional drover methods), nibbles and champagne while you watch the sunset.

**STAY 3 NIGHTS AT
CRYSTALBROOK LODGE**

from £1,609 per person.





Taste the seafood of Tasmania


It's the fertile waters surrounding Tasmania that has helped place this southerly isle firmly on the culinary world food map. Teeming with tuna, trout, salmon and shellfish, abalone, oysters and octopus – if you love seafood with a side order of breath-taking landscapes, welcome to Tasmania.

ADD THE TASMANIAN SEAFOOD SEDUCTION TOUR

from £409 per person.



Beach barbeque on One Foot Island

Blue lagoon, pristine white sand and endless horizons make the Cook Islands' One Foot Island one of the most romantic spots for a beach barbeque. Arrive by lagoon cruise, enjoy cultural music and performances, get your passport stamped and work up an appetite by snorkelling in the turquoise waters of Aitutaki Lagoon. Then retreat under swaying palms to toast the sunset and to feast on fresh-caught mahi mahi. 

ADD THE AITUTAKI LAGOON CRUISE WITH BBQ ON ONE FOOT ISLAND

from £75 per person.



A VIEW WITH A ROOM

Four Seasons Sydney

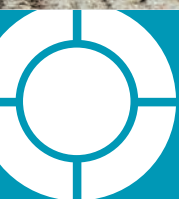
Stunningly situated overlooking Sydney Harbour, Four Seasons Sydney is the epitome of luxury. Located near the city's vibrant shopping and business centres, you won't be short on things to do. Relax in the spa and heated outdoor pool, discover Sydney's best restaurants and explore the famous Rocks district. Upgrade to a Harbour View room for spectacular views of Sydney Harbour.

ADD TO MY TRIP

Stay 3 nights from £485 per person

Based on Deluxe Partial Harbour View room.

A DAY IN THE LIFE



WHO: Rosie

OCCUPATION:
Cultural performer and guide at
Tamaki Maori Village

LOCATION: Rotorua,
New Zealand

Q. What steered you towards this profession?

This is my life, Maori. Anything to do with Maori is my life.

Q. What is the most interesting aspect of Rotorua?

Rotorua is the hub of Maori tourism, which has been around since the late 1800's. Our people had a vision and being able to share our stories in the modern day is priceless. It's a place that's rich in history, culture and indigenous people.

Q. What do you love most about working for Tamaki?

The benefit for us is that we get to express our passion and our knowledge as a profession. And also interacting with and teaching our *manuhiri* (guests) about our beautiful culture.

Q. What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

We have so many guests coming in who have researched our stories online before they attend Tamaki, so they are asking questions to ensure we know our own culture. Here at Tamaki, we are not only able to validate their research but provide an even deeper knowledge. We have people who look at our culture as just song and dance. When they come to Tamaki, we actually educate them on the intangible aspects, such as our belief systems and an understanding of our culture's true essence and values.

Q. Why would you recommend people visit Tamaki?

You learn so many different aspects about us, you see the art forms (i.e. dance, tamoko and carving) then you get an insight of the more spiritual side. You get to see



Rosie

our traditions as they were and the transition to our more modern art forms. Not only in our performances but in the stories and knowledge we share. You pretty much can't get that anywhere else!

Q. What is the most memorable experience you've had on the job?

When we opened our doors to the families who lost their houses in the Edgcumbe flooding. We spent the day with them and the joy they had on their faces was something I'll always remember. Just that little bit of happiness you see amongst them, even in the situation they were in.


Q. Who is the most memorable person you've met on the job?

Dawn French. She visited twice, but on her first visit she was bombarded with fans. So she booked out our entire complex for 5-6 people. Someone of that calibre being so down to earth was just great. So it was a very special and intimate experience.

Q. When you're not working, what do you do?

I'm currently looking after my *koro* (grandfather) and studying my Bachelor of Maori Performing Arts.

Q. If you could give one reason why people should visit Tamaki, what would it be?

If you want an authentic Maori experience, come visit us. Every night is special and unique. If you want to learn, *haere mai*, come visit us and come learn. 

ADD TO MY TRIP

Experience the Tamaki Maori Village
from £69 per person.

Exotic eastern stopovers

Take time out in some of the most exotic destinations en route to Australasia.

Bali



Singapore

Singapore and Bali

Garden city meets island jewel

Begin in Singapore, this multi-cultural and thriving botanical city is one of Asia's top destinations for so many reasons. Sentosa Island offers nearby beach fun for the whole family, while the Gardens by the Bay are a breathtaking example of 21st century waterfront planning. Peruse the shopping malls of Orchard Road and take in the delicious aromas arising from the street food stalls of vibrant Little India and Chinatown. Time permitting, don't forget to visit the award-winning and truly magical Singapore Zoo. Time your visit to coincide with one of the many festivals, including Chinese New Year celebrations or major sporting events such as the Singapore Grand Prix. Once you have sampled the delights of Singapore, fly to Bali, an island wreathed in spirituality. Indonesia's bohemian jewel is the epitome of laidback luxury. You'll find peace and tranquillity among a patchwork of paddy fields and misty rainforest landscapes surrounded by golden beaches.

Time zone: GMT +8 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 13 hours direct to Singapore. Additional 2 hours 30 mins (approx.) to Bali

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 5 – 8 hours direct from Singapore (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Singapore Airlines

TAKE ME THERE

22 days from £4,699 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Singapore, 4 nights in Bali, 4 nights in Sydney, 6 day Blue Mountains, Wines & Beyond self drive, 5 nights on Hamilton Island and return flights. Based on selected travel April-May 2019.



Bali



Fly on the world's most awarded airline, with four daily direct flights from London Heathrow on the A380 and five weekly services from Manchester on the state-of-the-art A350. Experience over 1,000 entertainment options, Asian inspired cuisine and an exceptionally warm welcome on board. Enjoy Singapore Airlines Boarding Pass Privileges on dining, tourist attractions and more on your stopover, before flying direct to one of nine Australian cities, including Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, as well as New Zealand.





Staff Image: Claire, Designer
Vietnam

Vietnam

Cultural treasures and lush landscapes

Wander through the bustling streets and marketplaces of Ho Chi Minh (Saigon) or Hanoi to discover a fast-paced fusion of old versus new culture, dynamic world-class cuisine and fascinating history at every turn. Energetic and buzzing with motorbikes – embark on a walking tour through districts filled with the fragrance of French-Chinese-Vietnamese street food and you'll soon appreciate that Vietnam's cities are an assault on the senses. If you have longer, delve a little deeper to explore ancient Hoi An with its streets lined with colourful lanterns or even the spectacular sights of Halong Bay. Or why not step back in time among the hill tribes of Sapa, or cycle between the limestone peaks of Ninh Binh and experience the immense natural beauty of this captivating country.

Time zone: GMT +7 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 12 hours direct from London Heathrow to Ho Chi Minh City

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 8 hours direct from Ho Chi Minh City to either Sydney or Melbourne

Recommended airline: Vietnam Airlines

TAKE ME THERE

16 days from £3,209 per person

Includes: 5 nights in Hanoi, 3 day Luxury Halong Bay tour, 4 nights in Melbourne, 5 day Great Ocean Road & Grampians self drive and return flights. Based on selected travel June 2019.



Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia

Shimmering skylines and untamed nature

From the moment you arrive in friendly Kuala Lumpur you'll be drawn to the Petronas Towers, steel and glass-clad towers sparkling both day and night, giving the city its iconic skyline. Shop in Bukit Bintang or hunt for handicrafts and unique souvenirs at Central Market before soaking up the tranquility of the Batu Caves. Then, extend your experience with wildlife encounters; adopt an orangutan at the rehabilitation centre in Sepilok, Borneo or spot rare hawksbill turtles on Selingan Island. Drink tea while experiencing a little slice of England amid the plantations of the Cameron Highlands, renowned for its quaint villages, cool climate and manicured gardens. Or simply relax on the serene beaches of Langkawi combining culture, beaches and tropical city life in one amazing stopover.

Time zone: GMT +8 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 13 hours direct from London Heathrow to Kuala Lumpur

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 6 – 8 hours direct from Kuala Lumpur (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Malaysia Airlines

TAKE ME THERE

15 days from £2,849 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Kuala Lumpur, 4 nights in Penang, 3 nights in Adelaide, 3 day Highlights of Kangaroo Island self drive, 2 nights in the Barossa Valley and return flights. Based on selected travel March 2019.



Fly on Malaysia Airlines' double daily direct service between London Heathrow and Kuala Lumpur and enjoy a free side trip to experience the attractions of Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Langkawi, before travelling onwards to Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane and Adelaide. On board, enjoy Malaysian hospitality with the most well-regarded and recognised teams in the sky.



Hong Kong

A city adventure like no other

Explore Hong Kong, where western styles contrast with over 5,000 years of Chinese history. For foodies this is the epicentre of Cantonese cuisine so Dim Sum is most certainly on the breakfast menu. Venture among its 11,000 restaurants and you'll soon be tucking into wholesome bowls of fish-ball or satay beef noodles for your quick hunger fix. Board the MTR (Mass Transit Railway) to all major districts including Hong Kong Disneyland on Lantau Island, or Tsim Sha Tsui for bustling bargains on Nathan Road. Don't miss Victoria Harbour Waterfront where you'll find the Star Ferry Terminal for excursions across the harbour. Ride the tram to Victoria Peak for photos over Hong Kong and listen out for the Noonday Gun, fired from Causeway Bay since the 1860s, making time to visit Stanley, the seaside village for a laidback take on this extraordinary city.

Time zone: GMT +8 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 12 hours direct from London Heathrow

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 8 – 9 hours direct (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Cathay Pacific

TAKE ME THERE

25 days from £3,995 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Hong Kong, 22 day Best of New Zealand self drive and return flights. Based on selected travel March 2019.



Hong Kong



Dubai



Dubai Desert Safari

Dubai

Dynamic desert metropolis

Stopover in Dubai, the desert city that combines bustling souks and shimmering skyline with pristine beaches. As water erupts from the Dubai Fountains, wander through the souks to haggle for trinkets one moment, then ski indoor slopes the next. Constantly changing, Dubai never stops surprising you with its ultramodern architecture and world-famous hotels, including the impressive Jumeirah Zabeel Saray with its world class-spa or the Atlantis The Palm, featuring the Aquaventure Park and The Lost Chambers aquarium. Feast on Iranian, Filipino, Yemeni cuisine in Bur Dubai or enjoy afternoon tea at the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa enjoying spectacular views, before heading off for a 4X4 jeep safari adventure among the sand dunes. Afterwards relax on the sands with a traditional Arabian picnic, as day turns slowly into a stargazers dream night. 

If you're looking to explore any of these destinations without travelling Down Under, our sister travel company Hayes & Jarvis has been tailor-making holidays for over 65 years.

Call one of their Destination Specialists on 01293 762463* or be inspired at hayesandjarvis.co.uk.

Time zone: GMT +4 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 7 hours direct

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 11 – 14 hours direct (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Emirates

TAKE ME THERE

15 days from £2,469 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Dubai, 4 nights in Perth, 7 day Great Southern Getaway self drive, 1 night in Fremantle and return flights. Based on selected travel February 2019.



Emirates fly 19 times daily from a choice of eight* UK airports to Dubai, with onward flights to Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane in Australia, plus Auckland and Christchurch in New Zealand. Whether you choose to stopover in Dubai on your way to or from Australasia, on-board you'll enjoy world-class service, regionally inspired gourmet cuisine and up to 3,500 channels of award-winning entertainment.

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Milford Sound

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Discover the best of New Zealand's North and South Islands on this comprehensive 17 day escorted tour. From Auckland travel north to the beautiful Bay of Islands before visiting Rotorua's geothermal landscapes and heading to Wellington at the southern tip of the North Island. From here, continue across the Cook Strait to explore the idyllic mountains and lakes of the South Island before finishing in Christchurch.

Highlights

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Bay of Islands



Red Centre



Hunter Valley



Uluru

The Open Road

Get behind the wheel of your favourite car and cruise the spectacular sights of Australia.



Great Ocean Road

Great Ocean Road

A coastal cruise that's perfect for water sports enthusiasts and nature lovers. Take a pair of binoculars – you'll be spotting everything from pods of dolphins to kangaroos, koalas and colourful birdlife overhead.

Duration: Five days

Driving distance: 650 miles

What car: Station wagon

Destinations visited: The Otway Ranges, Bay of Martyrs, the Twelve Apostles and Barossa Valley

Best for: Beautiful beaches, dramatic rock formations and dense rainforests

Best time to go: September to November – avoiding crowds and enjoying the weather

TAKE ME THERE

22 days from £3,359 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Melbourne, 5 day Great Southern Touring Route self-drive, 2 nights in Mornington, Phillip Island and Wilson Promontory, 1 night in Metung, Gisp Point and Tilba Tilba, 2 nights in Jervis Bay, 3 nights in Sydney and return flights. Based on selected travel May 2019.

Red Centre

Fly into outback town Alice Springs to visit galleries filled with Aboriginal art, before cruising through lush forests, stopping to walk the sandstone cliffs of Kings Canyon and watching the sunset over Kata Tjuta and Uluru.

Duration: Six days

Driving distance: 425 miles

What car: 4X4/SUV

Destinations visited: Kings Canyon, Glen Helen, Kata Tjuta and Uluru

Best for: Experiencing the breath-taking Australian wilderness and inspiring Aboriginal culture

Best time to go: From May to September when the weather is cooler

TAKE ME THERE

17 days from £2,995 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Darwin, 6 day Top End Discovery self drive, 1 night in Alice Springs, 6 day Explore the Red Centre self drive, 2 nights in Uluru and return flights. Based on selected travel May 2019.

Pacific Coast

Cruise into seaside towns including Coffs Harbour and Byron Bay. Take in the vineyards of Hunter Valley, discover Port Macquarie for insights into Australia's convict history and the Gold Coast for thrilling theme parks.

Duration: Six days

Driving distance: 568 miles

What car: SUV – for long distance comfort

Destinations visited: Hunter Valley, Coffs Harbour, Byron Bay, Gold Coast and Brisbane.

Best for: Sweeping through New South Wales and Queensland

Best time to go: April to May – the weather's warm and rainfall is low

TAKE ME THERE

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Travellers' tales

Travel Designer, Paul explores Melbourne, the Grampians, Great Ocean Road and Tasmania.



Twelve Apostles, Great Ocean Road

From the rugged beauty of the Grampians to charming Hobart, Paul shares his unforgettable experiences from his recent trip, including visiting the majestic Twelve Apostles and flying over the untamed wilderness of Tasmania.

Day 1: Melbourne

Our stay in Melbourne began with a walking city tour. We toured the laneways which was a great way to see an alternative side of the city, showing us some hidden gems rather than the main tourist spots. Next, we had lunch on the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant whilst travelling around the city. It was a really unique experience and the food was fantastic, Melbourne is a great city for foodies. It is also home to the MCG and National Sports Museum which are a must visit for any cricket fans. As the gateway to the Great Ocean Road, the Grampians, Mornington Peninsula and Phillip Island, this city was the perfect place to begin our Australian adventure.

Day 2: Melbourne to the Grampians

I would recommend three nights in Melbourne, but as we were on a whistle-stop visit, the next morning we headed for a day out in the beautiful mountain range of the Grampians with Autopia Tours. We stopped for lunch in Halls Gap and explored the fantastic visitor centre which was filled with maps and information about the history of the Grampians, from an indigenous and non-indigenous perspective. After lunch, we embarked on a walk through the spectacular surroundings stopping at the stunning

Mackenzie Falls to enjoy the panoramic views. We also saw some of Australia's native wildlife, as the Grampians are home to an abundance of animals and you are almost guaranteed to see kangaroos and wallabies in the wild here.

We then spent the night at the Royal Mail Hotel in Dunkeld where we enjoyed an excellent meal at Parker Street Project, the hotel's restaurant. This hotel is in a great location, as it's situated at the southern end of the Grampians, which was ideal for our journey to the Great Ocean Road the next day.

Day 3-4: The Great Ocean Road and Melbourne

Our journey continued with a drive along the Great Ocean Road, a 243 kilometre stretch of road along the breath-taking southern coastline. It really is a beautifully scenic drive and allows you to see a more rural side of Victoria with world-class beaches, rugged rock formations and quaint fishing villages. We stopped along the way taking in the jaw-dropping scenery and dramatic coastline including the iconic Twelve Apostles and the seaside town of Lorne. Whilst the Twelve Apostles are the most well-known, I also recommend you travel further on if coming from Melbourne as there are many more monoliths rising out of the sea which are worth seeing.

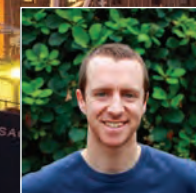




Hobart, Tasmania



WHAT OUR EXPERTS SAY...



"Avoid peak times at the Twelve Apostles when all the day tour coaches that left Melbourne in the morning arrive. Stay somewhere close or spend a night or two in the Grampians beforehand to see this sight without the crowds."

PAUL, TRAVEL DESIGNER



Melbourne

Day 5-8: Tasmania

After a short flight from Melbourne we arrived in Hobart. With the backdrop of Mount Wellington and a picturesque harbour, it is a place of unspoilt beauty. On our first full day in Hobart, we took a day trip to Bruny Island on a wilderness cruise past incredible scenery and playful seals. Our tour guide was very interesting and really informative about the island.

Whilst in Hobart we also explored MONA – the Museum of Old and New Art and enjoyed a superb lunch at the vineyard here. Hobart is becoming increasingly renowned for its culinary culture and on Saturday we visited the Salamanca Markets; an open air market with local produce. The market is on every Saturday so if visiting then be sure to keep the morning free.

On our last afternoon we took a scenic flight and I have to say this was the highlight of my trip and an unforgettable way to end my time in Tasmania. There are different flight options but our trip took us south from Hobart along the coast to a remote landing strip where we had lunch and took a boat cruise into the wilderness which was fantastic. The flight was around two hours in total and the scenery was absolutely breathtaking. 📍



The Grampians



Bruny Island, Tasmania

TAKE ME THERE

15 days from £2,699 per person

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CAPTURE THE MOMENT PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

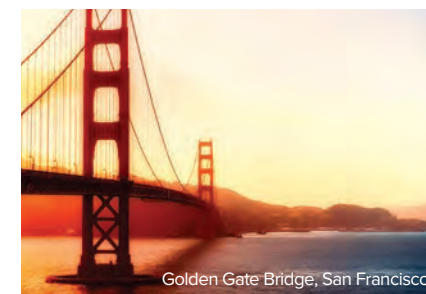
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Our sister travel company, Hayes & Jarvis, recently launched their Capture the Moment photo competition in search of inspiring travel images. From breath-taking landscapes, candid shots of local life and wildlife, to loved ones immersing themselves in a destination and its culture, they're looking for exceptional travel moments captured by you.

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Islands of Australia

From cute quokkas
on Rottnest to luxury
lodges on Lord Howe

Exotic Eastern
Stopovers

Dining
Down Under



Welcome to ENDEAVOUR

the magazine by Austravel



G'day

We know Australia is a big country, but did you also know it has over 8,000 islands scattered around its remarkable coastline? From the dramatic vistas of Bruny Island in Tasmania to the subtropical forests of Lord Howe Island in the Tasman Sea, dive into our feature on Islands of Australia to find out what lies in store – off shore.

Meanwhile, foodies will be intrigued by our feature on local cuisine. We show you how to sample authentic fare from the steamy volcanic pools of Te Puia to Outback picnics in Queensland.

Discover which amazing stopovers to factor into your itinerary en route to Australasia; fascinating Asian cities and laidback island experiences to enhance your journey Down Under, and turn you into a world traveller overnight.

Enjoy this edition and remember, for more inspiring suggestions our Travel Designers are always on hand to craft your holiday plans.

Best wishes,

Lesley Rollo
Managing Director - Austravel



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Austravel Loves...



Sydney Harbour



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Victoria

The royal visit

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have confirmed their first overseas engagement. They will spend time in Australia for the fourth Invictus Games this October, before exploring New Zealand and Fiji.

Follow the royals on our 25 day luxury itinerary from £9,439 per person. Includes return flights.

Riley, Cairns

Cairns' newest five-star resort promises a fresh approach to hospitality. In a prime location at the northern end of the iconic Cairns waterfront boardwalk, it's a place where authentic experiences are king. Indulge in the little luxuries; lounge by the lagoon swimming pool, be pampered at Eléme Day Spa or wine and dine at one of three uniquely modern restaurants and bars.

Stay 3 nights from £202 per person.

Crystalbrook
Collection

Victoria's Hidden Gems tour

Rekindle the wonder of travel with Inspiring Journeys and delight in the benefits of boutique experiences within a smaller group setting. Discover Victoria's hidden gems on this escorted tour; from trendy cityscapes in Melbourne to quaint seaside villages, scenic coastal drives and white-capped surf.

Add this 7 day tour from £2,649 per person.

Inspiring Journeys

ISLANDS OF AUSTRALIA



There are 8,222 islands that surround Australia, each offering unique experiences. Here, we've handpicked our top islands for you to explore.



Bruny Island

With a population of around 620 people, Bruny Island is deceptively large, being about 100 kilometres in length and located off the south-eastern coast of Tasmania. Rare Albino White Wallabies reside here; try and spot them on one of the island's great walks, or sample the gourmet local produce and premium wines.



Best for: Food and wine experiences

Experience on: Our Bruny Island Long Weekend tour – prices from £1,149 per person.



Quokkas on Rottnest Island

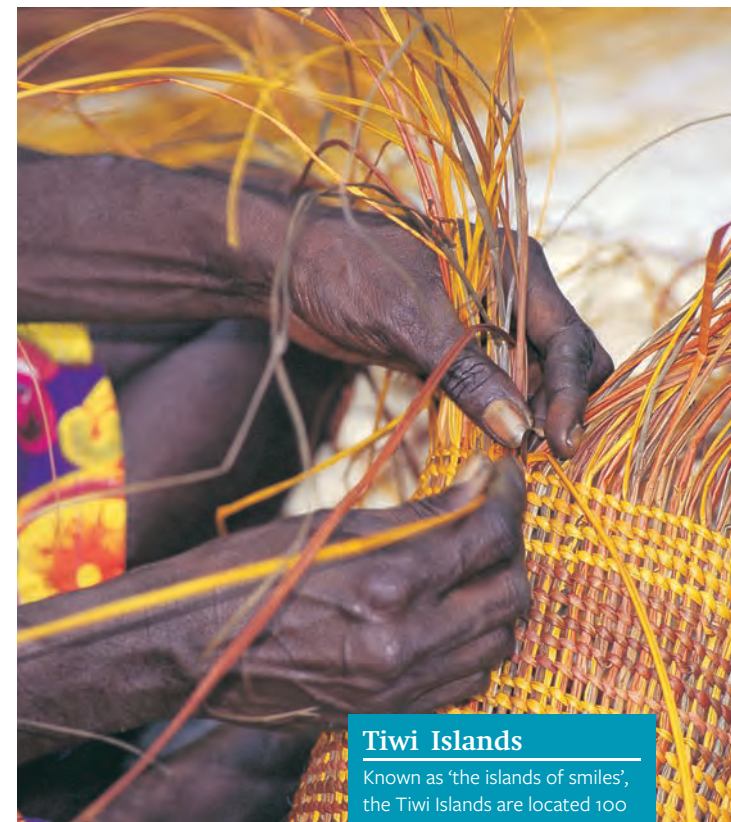
Rottnest Island

This picturesque island is situated in Western Australia, just offshore from the city of Perth. At 19 km², the island is best explored by bicycle, so you can travel at your own pace. Meet some of the 10,000 quokkas that reside here; they are happy to accommodate the island's permanent population of around 300 people. With around 500,000 annual visitors, you can see why this island is a must.



Best for: Outdoor adventures

Experience on: Our Discover Rottnest Island Experience with tour and lunch – prices from £112 per person.



Tiwi Islands

Known as 'the islands of smiles', the Tiwi Islands are located 100 kilometres north of Darwin and contain 11 islands, nine being uninhabited. Bathurst Island is 2,600 km² and home to a large population of endangered Olive Ridley turtles. It has a population of around 1,450 people, many of whom are of aboriginal descent.



Best for: Cultural insights

Experience on: Our Tiwi Islands day tour – prices from £208 per person.

Family Adventures

Back to school and already thinking about your next family holiday?
Be inspired by our family friendly adventures and start planning now.



1. Christmas & New Year in Fiji

Escape the winter back home and celebrate the festive season on a tropical island getaway with the family. Discover Fiji's stunning white sand beaches, vibrant coral reefs and warming hospitality. Take a jet boat safari up the magnificent Sigatoka River for an adventure into the heart of Fiji. Visit local villages, learning about the rich cultures and history and sampling traditional cuisine. Then, sail to the paradise of Tivua Island and snorkel amongst the colorful coral gardens.

15 days from £16,156 per family of four
Includes: Return flights. Based on 2 adults and 2 children aged under 12, selected travel December 2018 – January 2019.

2. Easter in New Zealand

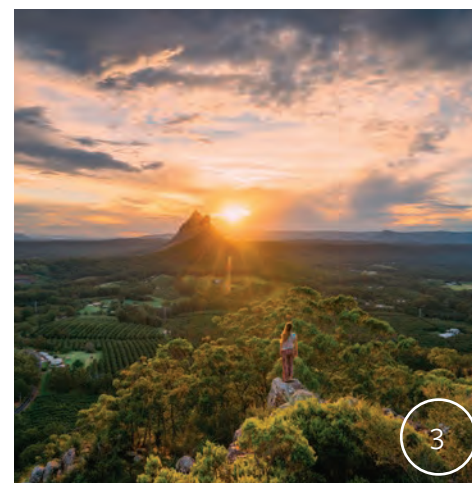
Explore New Zealand at the right pace for you and your family, stopping when and where you want and enjoying the freedom of your motorhome. Discover the highlights of the North and South Islands with a selection of incredible activities. From whale watching in Kaikoura and gazing at the glow worms of Waitomo Caves to a traditional Maori experience in Rotorua, your family will definitely be entertained.

15 days from £7,016 per family of four
Includes: Return flights. Based on 2 adults and 2 children aged under 12, selected travel April 2019.

3. Summer holidays in Australia

An exciting mix of beach, nature and city life, travel to Australia's East Coast for an unforgettable family holiday. Visit the theme parks on the Gold Coast and lively Surfers Paradise before discovering the Great Barrier Reef from the family-friendly coral cay of Lady Elliot Island. Explore nature amongst the volcanic peaks of the Glass House Mountains and head to the world's largest sand island, Fraser Island, before ending in Brisbane, Queensland's capital city.

14 days from £9,916 per family of four
Includes: Return flights. Based on 2 adults and 2 children aged under 12, selected travel July - August 2019.

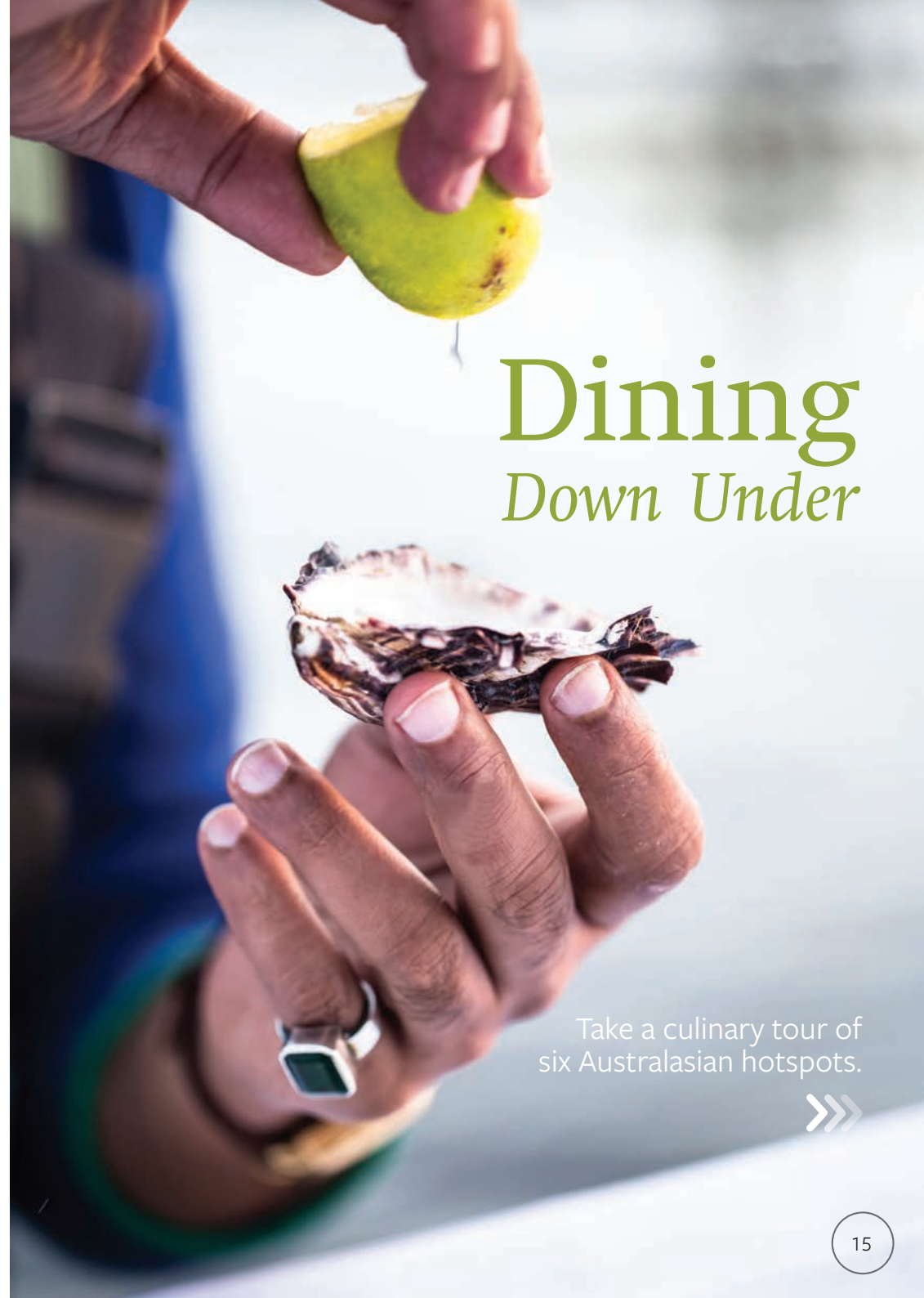




The return of Singapore as a stopover destination, with onward connections to Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth, as well as flying non-stop from London Heathrow to Perth means there are now more ways to fly to Australia.

Whichever cabin you choose from on the award-winning Qantas A380 or the technologically advanced new Qantas Dreamliner, make sure you add a Qantas Explorer Fare to your ticket. That way, you can see more of Australia with savings on Qantas domestic flights. Business and First customers also benefit from Qantas Chauffeur Drive and the Qantas London Lounge.

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Dining *Down Under*

Take a culinary tour of
six Australasian hotspots.



Sounds of Silence dinner experience

As the sun dips below the horizon you'll be welcomed to join a table of fellow travellers atop a sand bank to absorb the unique experience of dining in the desert. Uluru and the domes of Kata Tjuta provide the stunning backdrop, while overhead, stars erupt in their magnificence, brightly illuminating the vast expanse of the Red Centre that surrounds you. Enjoy canapés and chilled Australian wine followed by a delicious buffet, while a stargazer points out features of the Southern Cross and the Milky Way as a didgeridoo plays hauntingly in the distance.

ADD THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE DINNER

from £129 per person.





Flavours of Fiji Cooking tour

Discover Fiji on a sensual South Pacific adventure and introduce your taste buds to an eclectic mix of influences from Indian, Chinese and Polynesian cuisine. Tour local markets getting to know the exotic produce and fresh seafood for which Fiji is renowned. Savour local dishes including kokoda, and delve into the culture with traditional pastimes including coconut bowling, coconut husking, basket weaving and sulu tying.

ADD THE FLAVOURS OF FIJI COOKING TOUR

from £63 per person.



Receive a warm welcome in Te Puia

Enjoy a wealth of authentic cultural experiences and learn how the Maoris harnessed the Earth's natural forces when you are welcomed to Te Puia in Rotorua. You'll experience authentic Maori kai (traditional food) geothermal cooking practises, steam hangi meals and learn how pools of boiling water are used to prepare food at this cultural epicentre of Maori study in New Zealand.

ADD OUR TE PUIA EXPERIENCE WITH STEAM BOX LUNCH AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

from £80 per person.



Outback cuisine at Crystalbrook Lodge

Indulge in a quintessentially Australian outback oasis experience. Crystalbrook Lodge, an authentic homestead and Luxury Lodge of Australia, is just a short flight from Cairns in Tropical North Queensland. Soak up the serenity with views overlooking tranquil waters, explore the red-earth landscape or spend the day kayaking across the 300 acre Crystalbrook Lake. For pure indulgence, sample fresh Australian produce (cooked by campfire using traditional drover methods), nibbles and champagne while you watch the sunset.

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Taste the seafood of Tasmania


It's the fertile waters surrounding Tasmania that has helped place this southerly isle firmly on the culinary world food map. Teeming with tuna, trout, salmon and shellfish, abalone, oysters and octopus – if you love seafood with a side order of breath-taking landscapes, welcome to Tasmania.

ADD THE TASMANIAN SEAFOOD SEDUCTION TOUR

from £409 per person.



Beach barbeque on One Foot Island

Blue lagoon, pristine white sand and endless horizons make the Cook Islands' One Foot Island one of the most romantic spots for a beach barbeque. Arrive by lagoon cruise, enjoy cultural music and performances, get your passport stamped and work up an appetite by snorkelling in the turquoise waters of Aitutaki Lagoon. Then retreat under swaying palms to toast the sunset and to feast on fresh-caught mahi mahi. 

ADD THE AITUTAKI LAGOON CRUISE WITH BBQ ON ONE FOOT ISLAND

from £75 per person.



A VIEW WITH A ROOM

Four Seasons Sydney

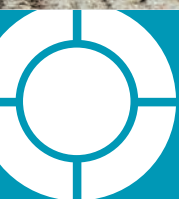
Stunningly situated overlooking Sydney Harbour, Four Seasons Sydney is the epitome of luxury. Located near the city's vibrant shopping and business centres, you won't be short on things to do. Relax in the spa and heated outdoor pool, discover Sydney's best restaurants and explore the famous Rocks district. Upgrade to a Harbour View room for spectacular views of Sydney Harbour.

ADD TO MY TRIP

Stay 3 nights from £485 per person

Based on Deluxe Partial Harbour View room.

A DAY IN THE LIFE



WHO: Rosie

OCCUPATION:
Cultural performer and guide at
Tamaki Maori Village

LOCATION: Rotorua,
New Zealand

Q. What steered you towards this profession?

This is my life, Maori. Anything to do with Maori is my life.

Q. What is the most interesting aspect of Rotorua?

Rotorua is the hub of Maori tourism, which has been around since the late 1800's. Our people had a vision and being able to share our stories in the modern day is priceless. It's a place that's rich in history, culture and indigenous people.

Q. What do you love most about working for Tamaki?

The benefit for us is that we get to express our passion and our knowledge as a profession. And also interacting with and teaching our *manuhiri* (guests) about our beautiful culture.

Q. What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

We have so many guests coming in who have researched our stories online before they attend Tamaki, so they are asking questions to ensure we know our own culture. Here at Tamaki, we are not only able to validate their research but provide an even deeper knowledge. We have people who look at our culture as just song and dance. When they come to Tamaki, we actually educate them on the intangible aspects, such as our belief systems and an understanding of our culture's true essence and values.

Q. Why would you recommend people visit Tamaki?

You learn so many different aspects about us, you see the art forms (i.e. dance, tamoko and carving) then you get an insight of the more spiritual side. You get to see



Rosie

our traditions as they were and the transition to our more modern art forms. Not only in our performances but in the stories and knowledge we share. You pretty much can't get that anywhere else!

Q. What is the most memorable experience you've had on the job?

When we opened our doors to the families who lost their houses in the Edgcumbe flooding. We spent the day with them and the joy they had on their faces was something I'll always remember. Just that little bit of happiness you see amongst them, even in the situation they were in.


Q. Who is the most memorable person you've met on the job?

Dawn French. She visited twice, but on her first visit she was bombarded with fans. So she booked out our entire complex for 5-6 people. Someone of that calibre being so down to earth was just great. So it was a very special and intimate experience.

Q. When you're not working, what do you do?

I'm currently looking after my *koro* (grandfather) and studying my Bachelor of Maori Performing Arts.

Q. If you could give one reason why people should visit Tamaki, what would it be?

If you want an authentic Maori experience, come visit us. Every night is special and unique. If you want to learn, *haere mai*, come visit us and come learn. 

ADD TO MY TRIP

Experience the Tamaki Maori Village
from £69 per person.

Exotic eastern stopovers

Take time out in some of the most exotic destinations en route to Australasia.

Bali



Singapore

Singapore and Bali

Garden city meets island jewel

Begin in Singapore, this multi-cultural and thriving botanical city is one of Asia's top destinations for so many reasons. Sentosa Island offers nearby beach fun for the whole family, while the Gardens by the Bay are a breathtaking example of 21st century waterfront planning. Peruse the shopping malls of Orchard Road and take in the delicious aromas arising from the street food stalls of vibrant Little India and Chinatown. Time permitting, don't forget to visit the award-winning and truly magical Singapore Zoo. Time your visit to coincide with one of the many festivals, including Chinese New Year celebrations or major sporting events such as the Singapore Grand Prix. Once you have sampled the delights of Singapore, fly to Bali, an island wreathed in spirituality. Indonesia's bohemian jewel is the epitome of laidback luxury. You'll find peace and tranquillity among a patchwork of paddy fields and misty rainforest landscapes surrounded by golden beaches.

Time zone: GMT +8 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 13 hours direct to Singapore. Additional 2 hours 30 mins (approx.) to Bali

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 5 – 8 hours direct from Singapore (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Singapore Airlines

TAKE ME THERE

22 days from £4,699 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Singapore, 4 nights in Bali, 4 nights in Sydney, 6 day Blue Mountains, Wines & Beyond self drive, 5 nights on Hamilton Island and return flights. Based on selected travel April-May 2019.



Bali



Fly on the world's most awarded airline, with four daily direct flights from London Heathrow on the A380 and five weekly services from Manchester on the state-of-the-art A350. Experience over 1,000 entertainment options, Asian inspired cuisine and an exceptionally warm welcome on board. Enjoy Singapore Airlines Boarding Pass Privileges on dining, tourist attractions and more on your stopover, before flying direct to one of nine Australian cities, including Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, as well as New Zealand.





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Vietnam

Vietnam

Cultural treasures and lush landscapes

Wander through the bustling streets and marketplaces of Ho Chi Minh (Saigon) or Hanoi to discover a fast-paced fusion of old versus new culture, dynamic world-class cuisine and fascinating history at every turn. Energetic and buzzing with motorbikes – embark on a walking tour through districts filled with the fragrance of French-Chinese-Vietnamese street food and you'll soon appreciate that Vietnam's cities are an assault on the senses. If you have longer, delve a little deeper to explore ancient Hoi An with its streets lined with colourful lanterns or even the spectacular sights of Halong Bay. Or why not step back in time among the hill tribes of Sapa, or cycle between the limestone peaks of Ninh Binh and experience the immense natural beauty of this captivating country.

Time zone: GMT +7 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 12 hours direct from London Heathrow to Ho Chi Minh City

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 8 hours direct from Ho Chi Minh City to either Sydney or Melbourne

Recommended airline: Vietnam Airlines

TAKE ME THERE

16 days from £3,209 per person

Includes: 5 nights in Hanoi, 3 day Luxury Halong Bay tour, 4 nights in Melbourne, 5 day Great Ocean Road & Grampians self drive and return flights. Based on selected travel June 2019.



Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia

Shimmering skylines and untamed nature

From the moment you arrive in friendly Kuala Lumpur you'll be drawn to the Petronas Towers, steel and glass-clad towers sparkling both day and night, giving the city its iconic skyline. Shop in Bukit Bintang or hunt for handicrafts and unique souvenirs at Central Market before soaking up the tranquility of the Batu Caves. Then, extend your experience with wildlife encounters; adopt an orangutan at the rehabilitation centre in Sepilok, Borneo or spot rare hawksbill turtles on Selingan Island. Drink tea while experiencing a little slice of England amid the plantations of the Cameron Highlands, renowned for its quaint villages, cool climate and manicured gardens. Or simply relax on the serene beaches of Langkawi combining culture, beaches and tropical city life in one amazing stopover.

Time zone: GMT +8 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 13 hours direct from London Heathrow to Kuala Lumpur

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 6 – 8 hours direct from Kuala Lumpur (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Malaysia Airlines

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15 days from £2,849 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Kuala Lumpur, 4 nights in Penang, 3 nights in Adelaide, 3 day Highlights of Kangaroo Island self drive, 2 nights in the Barossa Valley and return flights. Based on selected travel March 2019.



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Hong Kong

A city adventure like no other

Explore Hong Kong, where western styles contrast with over 5,000 years of Chinese history. For foodies this is the epicentre of Cantonese cuisine so Dim Sum is most certainly on the breakfast menu. Venture among its 11,000 restaurants and you'll soon be tucking into wholesome bowls of fish-ball or satay beef noodles for your quick hunger fix. Board the MTR (Mass Transit Railway) to all major districts including Hong Kong Disneyland on Lantau Island, or Tsim Sha Tsui for bustling bargains on Nathan Road. Don't miss Victoria Harbour Waterfront where you'll find the Star Ferry Terminal for excursions across the harbour. Ride the tram to Victoria Peak for photos over Hong Kong and listen out for the Noonday Gun, fired from Causeway Bay since the 1860s, making time to visit Stanley, the seaside village for a laidback take on this extraordinary city.

Time zone: GMT +8 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 12 hours direct from London Heathrow

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 8 – 9 hours direct (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Cathay Pacific

TAKE ME THERE

25 days from £3,995 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Hong Kong, 22 day Best of New Zealand self drive and return flights. Based on selected travel March 2019.



Hong Kong



Dubai



Dubai Desert Safari

Dubai

Dynamic desert metropolis

Stopover in Dubai, the desert city that combines bustling souks and shimmering skyline with pristine beaches. As water erupts from the Dubai Fountains, wander through the souks to haggle for trinkets one moment, then ski indoor slopes the next. Constantly changing, Dubai never stops surprising you with its ultramodern architecture and world-famous hotels, including the impressive Jumeirah Zabeel Saray with its world class-spa or the Atlantis The Palm, featuring the Aquaventure Park and The Lost Chambers aquarium. Feast on Iranian, Filipino, Yemeni cuisine in Bur Dubai or enjoy afternoon tea at the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa enjoying spectacular views, before heading off for a 4X4 jeep safari adventure among the sand dunes. Afterwards relax on the sands with a traditional Arabian picnic, as day turns slowly into a stargazers dream night. 

If you're looking to explore any of these destinations without travelling Down Under, our sister travel company Hayes & Jarvis has been tailor-making holidays for over 65 years.

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Time zone: GMT +4 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 7 hours direct

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 11 – 14 hours direct (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Emirates

TAKE ME THERE

15 days from £2,469 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Dubai, 4 nights in Perth, 7 day Great Southern Getaway self drive, 1 night in Fremantle and return flights. Based on selected travel February 2019.



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Milford Sound

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Wellington

New Zealand Wonderland tour

Discover the best of New Zealand's North and South Islands on this comprehensive 17 day escorted tour. From Auckland travel north to the beautiful Bay of Islands before visiting Rotorua's geothermal landscapes and heading to Wellington at the southern tip of the North Island. From here, continue across the Cook Strait to explore the idyllic mountains and lakes of the South Island before finishing in Christchurch.

Highlights

- Explore the Bay of Islands on a dolphin watching cruise to Cape Brett
- Immerse yourself in Maori culture and enjoy a traditional Hangi feast in Rotorua
- Board the TranzAlpine train for one of the world's greatest rail adventures
- Enjoy a luxury cruise exploring the pristine fiord in Milford Sound



TAKE ME THERE

New Zealand Wonderland tour

17 days from £6,189 per person

Includes: Return flights

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Bay of Islands



Red Centre



Hunter Valley



Uluru

The Open Road

Get behind the wheel of your favourite car and cruise the spectacular sights of Australia.



Great Ocean Road

Great Ocean Road

A coastal cruise that's perfect for water sports enthusiasts and nature lovers. Take a pair of binoculars – you'll be spotting everything from pods of dolphins to kangaroos, koalas and colourful birdlife overhead.

Duration: Five days

Driving distance: 650 miles

What car: Station wagon

Destinations visited: The Otway Ranges, Bay of Martyrs, the Twelve Apostles and Barossa Valley

Best for: Beautiful beaches, dramatic rock formations and dense rainforests

Best time to go: September to November – avoiding crowds and enjoying the weather

TAKE ME THERE

22 days from £3,359 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Melbourne, 5 day Great Southern Touring Route self-drive, 2 nights in Mornington, Phillip Island and Wilson Promontory, 1 night in Metung, Gisp Point and Tilba Tilba, 2 nights in Jervis Bay, 3 nights in Sydney and return flights. Based on selected travel May 2019.

Red Centre

Fly into outback town Alice Springs to visit galleries filled with Aboriginal art, before cruising through lush forests, stopping to walk the sandstone cliffs of Kings Canyon and watching the sunset over Kata Tjuta and Uluru.

Duration: Six days

Driving distance: 425 miles

What car: 4X4/SUV

Destinations visited: Kings Canyon, Glen Helen, Kata Tjuta and Uluru

Best for: Experiencing the breath-taking Australian wilderness and inspiring Aboriginal culture

Best time to go: From May to September when the weather is cooler

TAKE ME THERE

17 days from £2,995 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Darwin, 6 day Top End Discovery self drive, 1 night in Alice Springs, 6 day Explore the Red Centre self drive, 2 nights in Uluru and return flights. Based on selected travel May 2019.

Pacific Coast

Cruise into seaside towns including Coffs Harbour and Byron Bay. Take in the vineyards of Hunter Valley, discover Port Macquarie for insights into Australia's convict history and the Gold Coast for thrilling theme parks.

Duration: Six days

Driving distance: 568 miles

What car: SUV – for long distance comfort

Destinations visited: Hunter Valley, Coffs Harbour, Byron Bay, Gold Coast and Brisbane.

Best for: Sweeping through New South Wales and Queensland

Best time to go: April to May – the weather's warm and rainfall is low

TAKE ME THERE

13 days from £2,379 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Sydney, 6 day Pacific Coast Explorer self drive, 2 nights in Gold Coast, 2 nights in Brisbane and return flights. Based on selected travel February 2019.



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Travellers' tales

Travel Designer, Paul explores Melbourne, the Grampians, Great Ocean Road and Tasmania.



Twelve Apostles, Great Ocean Road

From the rugged beauty of the Grampians to charming Hobart, Paul shares his unforgettable experiences from his recent trip, including visiting the majestic Twelve Apostles and flying over the untamed wilderness of Tasmania.

Day 1: Melbourne

Our stay in Melbourne began with a walking city tour. We toured the laneways which was a great way to see an alternative side of the city, showing us some hidden gems rather than the main tourist spots. Next, we had lunch on the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant whilst travelling around the city. It was a really unique experience and the food was fantastic, Melbourne is a great city for foodies. It is also home to the MCG and National Sports Museum which are a must visit for any cricket fans. As the gateway to the Great Ocean Road, the Grampians, Mornington Peninsula and Phillip Island, this city was the perfect place to begin our Australian adventure.

Day 2: Melbourne to the Grampians

I would recommend three nights in Melbourne, but as we were on a whistle-stop visit, the next morning we headed for a day out in the beautiful mountain range of the Grampians with Autopia Tours. We stopped for lunch in Halls Gap and explored the fantastic visitor centre which was filled with maps and information about the history of the Grampians, from an indigenous and non-indigenous perspective. After lunch, we embarked on a walk through the spectacular surroundings stopping at the stunning

Mackenzie Falls to enjoy the panoramic views. We also saw some of Australia's native wildlife, as the Grampians are home to an abundance of animals and you are almost guaranteed to see kangaroos and wallabies in the wild here.

We then spent the night at the Royal Mail Hotel in Dunkeld where we enjoyed an excellent meal at Parker Street Project, the hotel's restaurant. This hotel is in a great location, as it's situated at the southern end of the Grampians, which was ideal for our journey to the Great Ocean Road the next day.

Day 3-4: The Great Ocean Road and Melbourne

Our journey continued with a drive along the Great Ocean Road, a 243 kilometre stretch of road along the breath-taking southern coastline. It really is a beautifully scenic drive and allows you to see a more rural side of Victoria with world-class beaches, rugged rock formations and quaint fishing villages. We stopped along the way taking in the jaw-dropping scenery and dramatic coastline including the iconic Twelve Apostles and the seaside town of Lorne. Whilst the Twelve Apostles are the most well-known, I also recommend you travel further on if coming from Melbourne as there are many more monoliths rising out of the sea which are worth seeing.

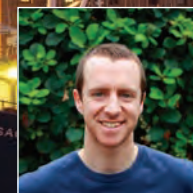




Hobart, Tasmania

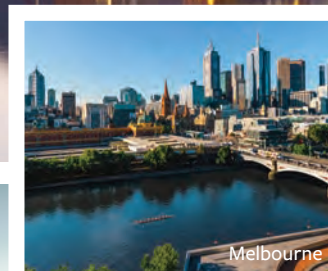


WHAT OUR EXPERTS SAY...



"Avoid peak times at the Twelve Apostles when all the day tour coaches that left Melbourne in the morning arrive. Stay somewhere close or spend a night or two in the Grampians beforehand to see this sight without the crowds."

PAUL, TRAVEL DESIGNER



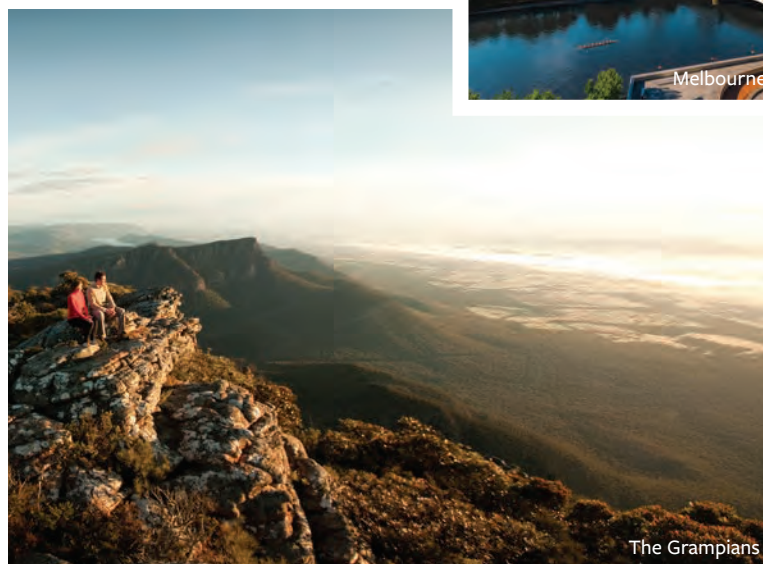
Melbourne

Day 5-8: Tasmania

After a short flight from Melbourne we arrived in Hobart. With the backdrop of Mount Wellington and a picturesque harbour, it is a place of unspoilt beauty. On our first full day in Hobart, we took a day trip to Bruny Island on a wilderness cruise past incredible scenery and playful seals. Our tour guide was very interesting and really informative about the island.

Whilst in Hobart we also explored MONA – the Museum of Old and New Art and enjoyed a superb lunch at the vineyard here. Hobart is becoming increasingly renowned for its culinary culture and on Saturday we visited the Salamanca Markets; an open air market with local produce. The market is on every Saturday so if visiting then be sure to keep the morning free.

On our last afternoon we took a scenic flight and I have to say this was the highlight of my trip and an unforgettable way to end my time in Tasmania. There are different flight options but our trip took us south from Hobart along the coast to a remote landing strip where we had lunch and took a boat cruise into the wilderness which was fantastic. The flight was around two hours in total and the scenery was absolutely breathtaking. 📍



The Grampians



Bruny Island, Tasmania

TAKE ME THERE

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Peter Fletcher



CAPTURE THE MOMENT PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

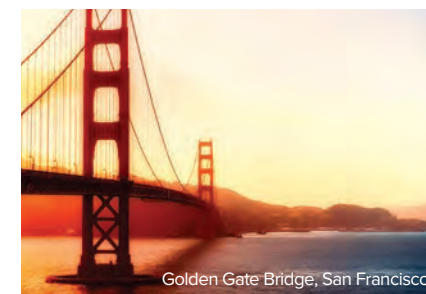
WIN a Hayes & Jarvis holiday
to Western USA



Our sister travel company, Hayes & Jarvis, recently launched their Capture the Moment photo competition in search of inspiring travel images. From breath-taking landscapes, candid shots of local life and wildlife, to loved ones immersing themselves in a destination and its culture, they're looking for exceptional travel moments captured by you.

The winner, plus one companion, will explore Western USA on an incredible 15 day Wings over the West tour provided by ATI with return flights in World Traveller Plus courtesy of British Airways – a prize worth over £8,500!†

For more details, head over to hayesandjarvis.co.uk/capture-the-moment
Competition closes 14 October 2018.



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Welcome to ENDEAVOUR

the magazine by Austravel



G'day

We know Australia is a big country, but did you also know it has over 8,000 islands scattered around its remarkable coastline? From the dramatic vistas of Bruny Island in Tasmania to the subtropical forests of Lord Howe Island in the Tasman Sea, dive into our feature on Islands of Australia to find out what lies in store – off shore.

Meanwhile, foodies will be intrigued by our feature on local cuisine. We show you how to sample authentic fare from the steamy volcanic pools of Te Puia to Outback picnics in Queensland.

Discover which amazing stopovers to factor into your itinerary en route to Australasia; fascinating Asian cities and laidback island experiences to enhance your journey Down Under, and turn you into a world traveller overnight.

Enjoy this edition and remember, for more inspiring suggestions our Travel Designers are always on hand to craft your holiday plans.

Best wishes,

Lesley Rollo
Managing Director - Austravel



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Austravel Loves...



Sydney Harbour



Riley, Cairns



Victoria

The royal visit

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have confirmed their first overseas engagement. They will spend time in Australia for the fourth Invictus Games this October, before exploring New Zealand and Fiji.

Follow the royals on our 25 day luxury itinerary from £9,439 per person. Includes return flights.

Riley, Cairns

Cairns' newest five-star resort promises a fresh approach to hospitality. In a prime location at the northern end of the iconic Cairns waterfront boardwalk, it's a place where authentic experiences are king. Indulge in the little luxuries; lounge by the lagoon swimming pool, be pampered at Eléme Day Spa or wine and dine at one of three uniquely modern restaurants and bars.

Stay 3 nights from £202 per person.

Crystalbrook
Collection

Victoria's Hidden Gems tour

Rekindle the wonder of travel with Inspiring Journeys and delight in the benefits of boutique experiences within a smaller group setting. Discover Victoria's hidden gems on this escorted tour; from trendy cityscapes in Melbourne to quaint seaside villages, scenic coastal drives and white-capped surf.

Add this 7 day tour from £2,649 per person.

Inspiring Journeys

ISLANDS OF AUSTRALIA



There are 8,222 islands that surround Australia, each offering unique experiences. Here, we've handpicked our top islands for you to explore.



Bruny Island

With a population of around 620 people, Bruny Island is deceptively large, being about 100 kilometres in length and located off the south-eastern coast of Tasmania. Rare Albino White Wallabies reside here; try and spot them on one of the island's great walks, or sample the gourmet local produce and premium wines.



Best for: Food and wine experiences

Experience on: Our Bruny Island Long Weekend tour – prices from £1,149 per person.



Quokkas on Rottnest Island

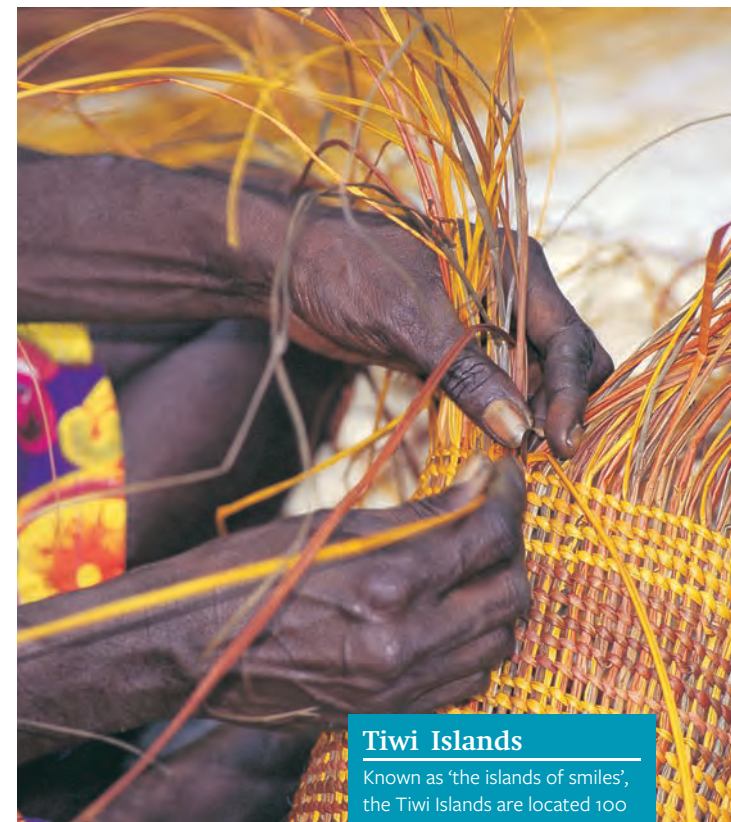
Rottnest Island

This picturesque island is situated in Western Australia, just offshore from the city of Perth. At 19 km², the island is best explored by bicycle, so you can travel at your own pace. Meet some of the 10,000 quokkas that reside here; they are happy to accommodate the island's permanent population of around 300 people. With around 500,000 annual visitors, you can see why this island is a must.



Best for: Outdoor adventures

Experience on: Our Discover Rottnest Island Experience with tour and lunch – prices from £112 per person.



Tiwi Islands

Known as 'the islands of smiles', the Tiwi Islands are located 100 kilometres north of Darwin and contain 11 islands, nine being uninhabited. Bathurst Island is 2,600 km² and home to a large population of endangered Olive Ridley turtles. It has a population of around 1,450 people, many of whom are of aboriginal descent.



Best for: Cultural insights

Experience on: Our Tiwi Islands day tour – prices from £208 per person.

Family Adventures

Back to school and already thinking about your next family holiday?
Be inspired by our family friendly adventures and start planning now.

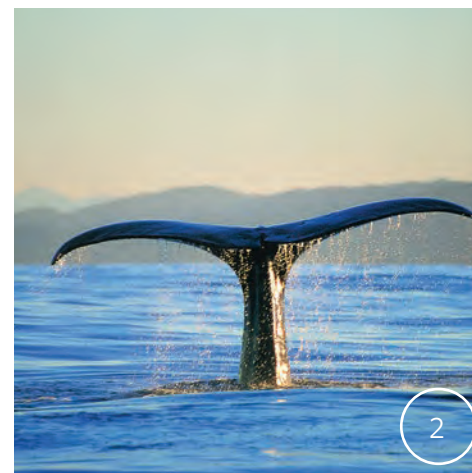


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1. Christmas & New Year in Fiji

Escape the winter back home and celebrate the festive season on a tropical island getaway with the family. Discover Fiji's stunning white sand beaches, vibrant coral reefs and warming hospitality. Take a jet boat safari up the magnificent Sigatoka River for an adventure into the heart of Fiji. Visit local villages, learning about the rich cultures and history and sampling traditional cuisine. Then, sail to the paradise of Tivua Island and snorkel amongst the colorful coral gardens.

15 days from £16,156 per family of four
Includes: Return flights. Based on 2 adults and 2 children aged under 12, selected travel December 2018 – January 2019.

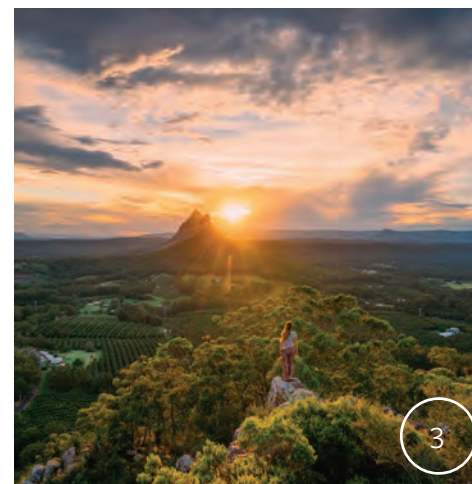


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2. Easter in New Zealand

Explore New Zealand at the right pace for you and your family, stopping when and where you want and enjoying the freedom of your motorhome. Discover the highlights of the North and South Islands with a selection of incredible activities. From whale watching in Kaikoura and gazing at the glow worms of Waitomo Caves to a traditional Maori experience in Rotorua, your family will definitely be entertained.

15 days from £7,016 per family of four
Includes: Return flights. Based on 2 adults and 2 children aged under 12, selected travel April 2019.



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3. Summer holidays in Australia

An exciting mix of beach, nature and city life, travel to Australia's East Coast for an unforgettable family holiday. Visit the theme parks on the Gold Coast and lively Surfers Paradise before discovering the Great Barrier Reef from the family-friendly coral cay of Lady Elliot Island. Explore nature amongst the volcanic peaks of the Glass House Mountains and head to the world's largest sand island, Fraser Island, before ending in Brisbane, Queensland's capital city.

14 days from £9,916 per family of four
Includes: Return flights. Based on 2 adults and 2 children aged under 12, selected travel July - August 2019.



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The return of Singapore as a stopover destination, with onward connections to Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth, as well as flying non-stop from London Heathrow to Perth means there are now more ways to fly to Australia.

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Dining *Down Under*

Take a culinary tour of
six Australasian hotspots.



Sounds of Silence dinner experience

As the sun dips below the horizon you'll be welcomed to join a table of fellow travellers atop a sand bank to absorb the unique experience of dining in the desert. Uluru and the domes of Kata Tjuta provide the stunning backdrop, while overhead, stars erupt in their magnificence, brightly illuminating the vast expanse of the Red Centre that surrounds you. Enjoy canapés and chilled Australian wine followed by a delicious buffet, while a stargazer points out features of the Southern Cross and the Milky Way as a didgeridoo plays hauntingly in the distance.

ADD THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE DINNER

from £129 per person.





Flavours of Fiji Cooking tour

Discover Fiji on a sensual South Pacific adventure and introduce your taste buds to an eclectic mix of influences from Indian, Chinese and Polynesian cuisine. Tour local markets getting to know the exotic produce and fresh seafood for which Fiji is renowned. Savour local dishes including kokoda, and delve into the culture with traditional pastimes including coconut bowling, coconut husking, basket weaving and sulu tying.

ADD THE FLAVOURS OF FIJI COOKING TOUR

from £63 per person.



Receive a warm welcome in Te Puia

Enjoy a wealth of authentic cultural experiences and learn how the Maoris harnessed the Earth's natural forces when you are welcomed to Te Puia in Rotorua. You'll experience authentic Maori kai (traditional food) geothermal cooking practises, steam hangi meals and learn how pools of boiling water are used to prepare food at this cultural epicentre of Maori study in New Zealand.

ADD OUR TE PUIA EXPERIENCE WITH STEAM BOX LUNCH AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

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Outback cuisine at Crystalbrook Lodge

Indulge in a quintessentially Australian outback oasis experience. Crystalbrook Lodge, an authentic homestead and Luxury Lodge of Australia, is just a short flight from Cairns in Tropical North Queensland. Soak up the serenity with views overlooking tranquil waters, explore the red-earth landscape or spend the day kayaking across the 300 acre Crystalbrook Lake. For pure indulgence, sample fresh Australian produce (cooked by campfire using traditional drover methods), nibbles and champagne while you watch the sunset.

**STAY 3 NIGHTS AT
CRYSTALBROOK LODGE**

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Taste the seafood of Tasmania


It's the fertile waters surrounding Tasmania that has helped place this southerly isle firmly on the culinary world food map. Teeming with tuna, trout, salmon and shellfish, abalone, oysters and octopus – if you love seafood with a side order of breath-taking landscapes, welcome to Tasmania.

ADD THE TASMANIAN SEAFOOD SEDUCTION TOUR

from £409 per person.



Beach barbeque on One Foot Island

Blue lagoon, pristine white sand and endless horizons make the Cook Islands' One Foot Island one of the most romantic spots for a beach barbeque. Arrive by lagoon cruise, enjoy cultural music and performances, get your passport stamped and work up an appetite by snorkelling in the turquoise waters of Aitutaki Lagoon. Then retreat under swaying palms to toast the sunset and to feast on fresh-caught mahi mahi. 

ADD THE AITUTAKI LAGOON CRUISE WITH BBQ ON ONE FOOT ISLAND

from £75 per person.



A VIEW WITH A ROOM

Four Seasons Sydney

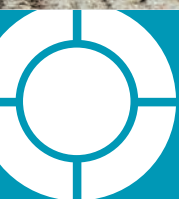
Stunningly situated overlooking Sydney Harbour, Four Seasons Sydney is the epitome of luxury. Located near the city's vibrant shopping and business centres, you won't be short on things to do. Relax in the spa and heated outdoor pool, discover Sydney's best restaurants and explore the famous Rocks district. Upgrade to a Harbour View room for spectacular views of Sydney Harbour.

ADD TO MY TRIP

Stay 3 nights from £485 per person

Based on Deluxe Partial Harbour View room.

A DAY IN THE LIFE



WHO: Rosie

OCCUPATION:
Cultural performer and guide at
Tamaki Maori Village

LOCATION: Rotorua,
New Zealand

Q. What steered you towards this profession?

This is my life, Maori. Anything to do with Maori is my life.

Q. What is the most interesting aspect of Rotorua?

Rotorua is the hub of Maori tourism, which has been around since the late 1800's. Our people had a vision and being able to share our stories in the modern day is priceless. It's a place that's rich in history, culture and indigenous people.

Q. What do you love most about working for Tamaki?

The benefit for us is that we get to express our passion and our knowledge as a profession. And also interacting with and teaching our *manuhiri* (guests) about our beautiful culture.

Q. What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

We have so many guests coming in who have researched our stories online before they attend Tamaki, so they are asking questions to ensure we know our own culture. Here at Tamaki, we are not only able to validate their research but provide an even deeper knowledge. We have people who look at our culture as just song and dance. When they come to Tamaki, we actually educate them on the intangible aspects, such as our belief systems and an understanding of our culture's true essence and values.

Q. Why would you recommend people visit Tamaki?

You learn so many different aspects about us, you see the art forms (i.e. dance, tamoko and carving) then you get an insight of the more spiritual side. You get to see



Rosie

our traditions as they were and the transition to our more modern art forms. Not only in our performances but in the stories and knowledge we share. You pretty much can't get that anywhere else!

Q. What is the most memorable experience you've had on the job?

When we opened our doors to the families who lost their houses in the Edgcumbe flooding. We spent the day with them and the joy they had on their faces was something I'll always remember. Just that little bit of happiness you see amongst them, even in the situation they were in.


Q. Who is the most memorable person you've met on the job?

Dawn French. She visited twice, but on her first visit she was bombarded with fans. So she booked out our entire complex for 5-6 people. Someone of that calibre being so down to earth was just great. So it was a very special and intimate experience.

Q. When you're not working, what do you do?

I'm currently looking after my *koro* (grandfather) and studying my Bachelor of Maori Performing Arts.

Q. If you could give one reason why people should visit Tamaki, what would it be?

If you want an authentic Maori experience, come visit us. Every night is special and unique. If you want to learn, *haere mai*, come visit us and come learn. 

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Experience the Tamaki Maori Village
from £69 per person.

Exotic eastern stopovers

Take time out in some of the most exotic destinations en route to Australasia.

Bali



Singapore

Singapore and Bali

Garden city meets island jewel

Begin in Singapore, this multi-cultural and thriving botanical city is one of Asia's top destinations for so many reasons. Sentosa Island offers nearby beach fun for the whole family, while the Gardens by the Bay are a breathtaking example of 21st century waterfront planning. Peruse the shopping malls of Orchard Road and take in the delicious aromas arising from the street food stalls of vibrant Little India and Chinatown. Time permitting, don't forget to visit the award-winning and truly magical Singapore Zoo. Time your visit to coincide with one of the many festivals, including Chinese New Year celebrations or major sporting events such as the Singapore Grand Prix. Once you have sampled the delights of Singapore, fly to Bali, an island wreathed in spirituality. Indonesia's bohemian jewel is the epitome of laidback luxury. You'll find peace and tranquillity among a patchwork of paddy fields and misty rainforest landscapes surrounded by golden beaches.

Time zone: GMT +8 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 13 hours direct to Singapore. Additional 2 hours 30 mins (approx.) to Bali

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 5 – 8 hours direct from Singapore (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Singapore Airlines

TAKE ME THERE

22 days from £4,699 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Singapore, 4 nights in Bali, 4 nights in Sydney, 6 day Blue Mountains, Wines & Beyond self drive, 5 nights on Hamilton Island and return flights. Based on selected travel April-May 2019.



Bali



Fly on the world's most awarded airline, with four daily direct flights from London Heathrow on the A380 and five weekly services from Manchester on the state-of-the-art A350. Experience over 1,000 entertainment options, Asian inspired cuisine and an exceptionally warm welcome on board. Enjoy Singapore Airlines Boarding Pass Privileges on dining, tourist attractions and more on your stopover, before flying direct to one of nine Australian cities, including Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, as well as New Zealand.





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Vietnam

Vietnam

Cultural treasures and lush landscapes

Wander through the bustling streets and marketplaces of Ho Chi Minh (Saigon) or Hanoi to discover a fast-paced fusion of old versus new culture, dynamic world-class cuisine and fascinating history at every turn. Energetic and buzzing with motorbikes – embark on a walking tour through districts filled with the fragrance of French-Chinese-Vietnamese street food and you'll soon appreciate that Vietnam's cities are an assault on the senses. If you have longer, delve a little deeper to explore ancient Hoi An with its streets lined with colourful lanterns or even the spectacular sights of Halong Bay. Or why not step back in time among the hill tribes of Sapa, or cycle between the limestone peaks of Ninh Binh and experience the immense natural beauty of this captivating country.

Time zone: GMT +7 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 12 hours direct from London Heathrow to Ho Chi Minh City

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 8 hours direct from Ho Chi Minh City to either Sydney or Melbourne

Recommended airline: Vietnam Airlines

TAKE ME THERE

16 days from £3,209 per person

Includes: 5 nights in Hanoi, 3 day Luxury Halong Bay tour, 4 nights in Melbourne, 5 day Great Ocean Road & Grampians self drive and return flights. Based on selected travel June 2019.



Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia

Shimmering skylines and untamed nature

From the moment you arrive in friendly Kuala Lumpur you'll be drawn to the Petronas Towers, steel and glass-clad towers sparkling both day and night, giving the city its iconic skyline. Shop in Bukit Bintang or hunt for handicrafts and unique souvenirs at Central Market before soaking up the tranquility of the Batu Caves. Then, extend your experience with wildlife encounters; adopt an orangutan at the rehabilitation centre in Sepilok, Borneo or spot rare hawksbill turtles on Selingan Island. Drink tea while experiencing a little slice of England amid the plantations of the Cameron Highlands, renowned for its quaint villages, cool climate and manicured gardens. Or simply relax on the serene beaches of Langkawi combining culture, beaches and tropical city life in one amazing stopover.

Time zone: GMT +8 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 13 hours direct from London Heathrow to Kuala Lumpur

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 6 – 8 hours direct from Kuala Lumpur (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Malaysia Airlines

TAKE ME THERE

15 days from £2,849 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Kuala Lumpur, 4 nights in Penang, 3 nights in Adelaide, 3 day Highlights of Kangaroo Island self drive, 2 nights in the Barossa Valley and return flights. Based on selected travel March 2019.



Fly on Malaysia Airlines' double daily direct service between London Heathrow and Kuala Lumpur and enjoy a free side trip to experience the attractions of Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Langkawi, before travelling onwards to Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane and Adelaide. On board, enjoy Malaysian hospitality with the most well-regarded and recognised teams in the sky.



Hong Kong

A city adventure like no other

Explore Hong Kong, where western styles contrast with over 5,000 years of Chinese history. For foodies this is the epicentre of Cantonese cuisine so Dim Sum is most certainly on the breakfast menu. Venture among its 11,000 restaurants and you'll soon be tucking into wholesome bowls of fish-ball or satay beef noodles for your quick hunger fix. Board the MTR (Mass Transit Railway) to all major districts including Hong Kong Disneyland on Lantau Island, or Tsim Sha Tsui for bustling bargains on Nathan Road. Don't miss Victoria Harbour Waterfront where you'll find the Star Ferry Terminal for excursions across the harbour. Ride the tram to Victoria Peak for photos over Hong Kong and listen out for the Noonday Gun, fired from Causeway Bay since the 1860s, making time to visit Stanley, the seaside village for a laidback take on this extraordinary city.

Time zone: GMT +8 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 12 hours direct from London Heathrow

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 8 – 9 hours direct (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Cathay Pacific

TAKE ME THERE

25 days from £3,995 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Hong Kong, 22 day Best of New Zealand self drive and return flights. Based on selected travel March 2019.



Hong Kong



Dubai



Dubai Desert Safari

Dubai

Dynamic desert metropolis

Stopover in Dubai, the desert city that combines bustling souks and shimmering skyline with pristine beaches. As water erupts from the Dubai Fountains, wander through the souks to haggle for trinkets one moment, then ski indoor slopes the next. Constantly changing, Dubai never stops surprising you with its ultramodern architecture and world-famous hotels, including the impressive Jumeirah Zabeel Saray with its world class-spa or the Atlantis The Palm, featuring the Aquaventure Park and The Lost Chambers aquarium. Feast on Iranian, Filipino, Yemeni cuisine in Bur Dubai or enjoy afternoon tea at the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa enjoying spectacular views, before heading off for a 4X4 jeep safari adventure among the sand dunes. Afterwards relax on the sands with a traditional Arabian picnic, as day turns slowly into a stargazers dream night. 

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Time zone: GMT +4 hours

Flight time from the UK: Approx. 7 hours direct

Flight time to Australia: Approx. 11 – 14 hours direct (depending on destination)

Recommended airline: Emirates

TAKE ME THERE

15 days from £2,469 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Dubai, 4 nights in Perth, 7 day Great Southern Getaway self drive, 1 night in Fremantle and return flights. Based on selected travel February 2019.



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NEW ZEALAND WONDERLAND TOUR

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Milford Sound

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Wellington

New Zealand Wonderland tour

Discover the best of New Zealand's North and South Islands on this comprehensive 17 day escorted tour. From Auckland travel north to the beautiful Bay of Islands before visiting Rotorua's geothermal landscapes and heading to Wellington at the southern tip of the North Island. From here, continue across the Cook Strait to explore the idyllic mountains and lakes of the South Island before finishing in Christchurch.

Highlights

- Explore the Bay of Islands on a dolphin watching cruise to Cape Brett
- Immerse yourself in Maori culture and enjoy a traditional Hangi feast in Rotorua
- Board the TranzAlpine train for one of the world's greatest rail adventures
- Enjoy a luxury cruise exploring the pristine fiord in Milford Sound



TAKE ME THERE

New Zealand Wonderland tour

17 days from £6,189 per person

Includes: Return flights

Based on selected travel February 2019.

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Bay of Islands



Red Centre



Hunter Valley



Uluru

The Open Road

Get behind the wheel of your favourite car and cruise the spectacular sights of Australia.

Great Ocean Road

A coastal cruise that's perfect for water sports enthusiasts and nature lovers. Take a pair of binoculars – you'll be spotting everything from pods of dolphins to kangaroos, koalas and colourful birdlife overhead.

Duration: Five days

Driving distance: 650 miles

What car: Station wagon

Destinations visited: The Otway Ranges, Bay of Martyrs, the Twelve Apostles and Barossa Valley

Best for: Beautiful beaches, dramatic rock formations and dense rainforests

Best time to go: September to November – avoiding crowds and enjoying the weather

TAKE ME THERE

22 days from £3,359 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Melbourne, 5 day Great Southern Touring Route self-drive, 2 nights in Mornington, Phillip Island and Wilson Promontory, 1 night in Metung, Gisp Point and Tilba Tilba, 2 nights in Jervis Bay, 3 nights in Sydney and return flights. Based on selected travel May 2019.

Red Centre

Fly into outback town Alice Springs to visit galleries filled with Aboriginal art, before cruising through lush forests, stopping to walk the sandstone cliffs of Kings Canyon and watching the sunset over Kata Tjuta and Uluru.

Duration: Six days

Driving distance: 425 miles

What car: 4X4/SUV

Destinations visited: Kings Canyon, Glen Helen, Kata Tjuta and Uluru

Best for: Experiencing the breath-taking Australian wilderness and inspiring Aboriginal culture

Best time to go: From May to September when the weather is cooler

TAKE ME THERE

17 days from £2,995 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Darwin, 6 day Top End Discovery self drive, 1 night in Alice Springs, 6 day Explore the Red Centre self drive, 2 nights in Uluru and return flights. Based on selected travel May 2019.

Pacific Coast

Cruise into seaside towns including Coffs Harbour and Byron Bay. Take in the vineyards of Hunter Valley, discover Port Macquarie for insights into Australia's convict history and the Gold Coast for thrilling theme parks.

Duration: Six days

Driving distance: 568 miles

What car: SUV – for long distance comfort

Destinations visited: Hunter Valley, Coffs Harbour, Byron Bay, Gold Coast and Brisbane.

Best for: Sweeping through New South Wales and Queensland

Best time to go: April to May – the weather's warm and rainfall is low

TAKE ME THERE

13 days from £2,379 per person

Includes: 3 nights in Sydney, 6 day Pacific Coast Explorer self drive, 2 nights in Gold Coast, 2 nights in Brisbane and return flights. Based on selected travel February 2019.



Great Ocean Road



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Travellers' tales

Travel Designer, Paul explores Melbourne, the Grampians, Great Ocean Road and Tasmania.



Twelve Apostles, Great Ocean Road

From the rugged beauty of the Grampians to charming Hobart, Paul shares his unforgettable experiences from his recent trip, including visiting the majestic Twelve Apostles and flying over the untamed wilderness of Tasmania.

Day 1: Melbourne

Our stay in Melbourne began with a walking city tour. We toured the laneways which was a great way to see an alternative side of the city, showing us some hidden gems rather than the main tourist spots. Next, we had lunch on the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant whilst travelling around the city. It was a really unique experience and the food was fantastic, Melbourne is a great city for foodies. It is also home to the MCG and National Sports Museum which are a must visit for any cricket fans. As the gateway to the Great Ocean Road, the Grampians, Mornington Peninsula and Phillip Island, this city was the perfect place to begin our Australian adventure.

Day 2: Melbourne to the Grampians

I would recommend three nights in Melbourne, but as we were on a whistle-stop visit, the next morning we headed for a day out in the beautiful mountain range of the Grampians with Autopia Tours. We stopped for lunch in Halls Gap and explored the fantastic visitor centre which was filled with maps and information about the history of the Grampians, from an indigenous and non-indigenous perspective. After lunch, we embarked on a walk through the spectacular surroundings stopping at the stunning

Mackenzie Falls to enjoy the panoramic views. We also saw some of Australia's native wildlife, as the Grampians are home to an abundance of animals and you are almost guaranteed to see kangaroos and wallabies in the wild here.

We then spent the night at the Royal Mail Hotel in Dunkeld where we enjoyed an excellent meal at Parker Street Project, the hotel's restaurant. This hotel is in a great location, as it's situated at the southern end of the Grampians, which was ideal for our journey to the Great Ocean Road the next day.

Day 3-4: The Great Ocean Road and Melbourne

Our journey continued with a drive along the Great Ocean Road, a 243 kilometre stretch of road along the breath-taking southern coastline. It really is a beautifully scenic drive and allows you to see a more rural side of Victoria with world-class beaches, rugged rock formations and quaint fishing villages. We stopped along the way taking in the jaw-dropping scenery and dramatic coastline including the iconic Twelve Apostles and the seaside town of Lorne. Whilst the Twelve Apostles are the most well-known, I also recommend you travel further on if coming from Melbourne as there are many more monoliths rising out of the sea which are worth seeing.

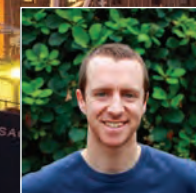




Hobart, Tasmania

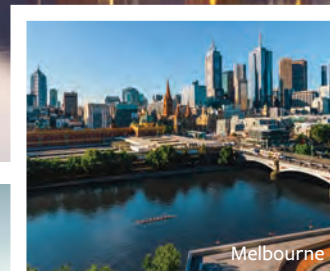


WHAT OUR EXPERTS SAY...



"Avoid peak times at the Twelve Apostles when all the day tour coaches that left Melbourne in the morning arrive. Stay somewhere close or spend a night or two in the Grampians beforehand to see this sight without the crowds."

PAUL, TRAVEL DESIGNER



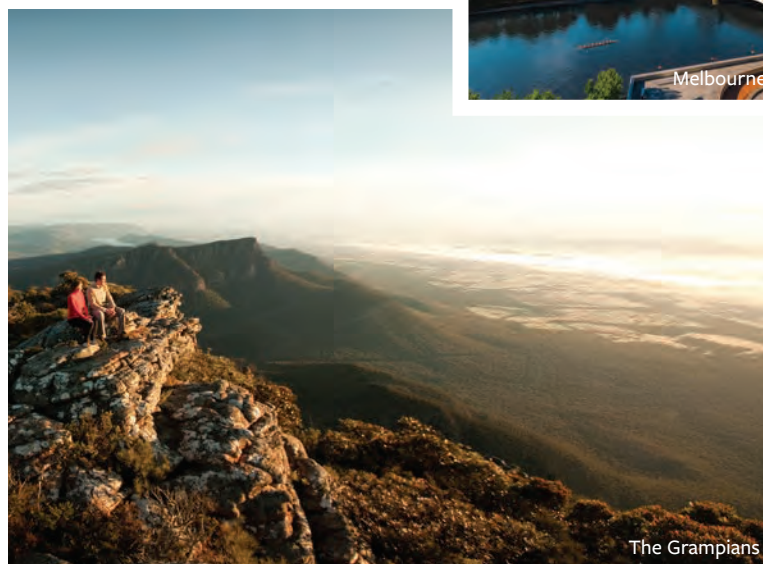
Melbourne

Day 5-8: Tasmania

After a short flight from Melbourne we arrived in Hobart. With the backdrop of Mount Wellington and a picturesque harbour, it is a place of unspoilt beauty. On our first full day in Hobart, we took a day trip to Bruny Island on a wilderness cruise past incredible scenery and playful seals. Our tour guide was very interesting and really informative about the island.

Whilst in Hobart we also explored MONA – the Museum of Old and New Art and enjoyed a superb lunch at the vineyard here. Hobart is becoming increasingly renowned for its culinary culture and on Saturday we visited the Salamanca Markets; an open air market with local produce. The market is on every Saturday so if visiting then be sure to keep the morning free.

On our last afternoon we took a scenic flight and I have to say this was the highlight of my trip and an unforgettable way to end my time in Tasmania. There are different flight options but our trip took us south from Hobart along the coast to a remote landing strip where we had lunch and took a boat cruise into the wilderness which was fantastic. The flight was around two hours in total and the scenery was absolutely breathtaking. 📍



The Grampians



Bruny Island, Tasmania

TAKE ME THERE

15 days from £2,699 per person

Includes: 1 night in Melbourne, 5 day Great Ocean Road & Grampians self drive, 10 day Grand Circle self drive in Tasmania and return flights. Based on selected travel March 2019.



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Peter Fletcher



CAPTURE THE MOMENT PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

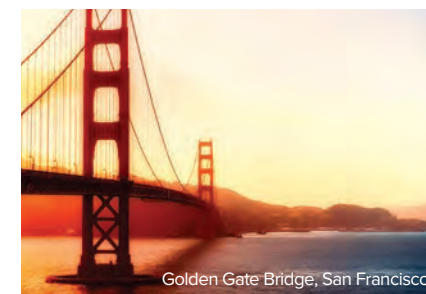
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Our sister travel company, Hayes & Jarvis, recently launched their Capture the Moment photo competition in search of inspiring travel images. From breath-taking landscapes, candid shots of local life and wildlife, to loved ones immersing themselves in a destination and its culture, they're looking for exceptional travel moments captured by you.

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