



November 17 - December 4, 2017
\$7500

The Trip:

We will be going to the top four sites in Australia: Melbourne, Alice Springs/Uluru, Cairns/The Great Barrier Reef, and Sydney. The trip will go from Dulles - LA - Melbourne and return the same way from 'Stralia via Sydney. We will have professional guides at each site and for our scheduled and optional excursions. We will also have free time for relaxing and exploring. The package includes all transportation, breakfasts each day, tours of the sites, several additional tours (see below) and one dinner at each site as well as two lunches total. Other lunches, dinners, and the optional tours are not included.



Melbourne (three nights):

Upon arrival we will start with a Welcome Reception and dinner on board the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant which will cruise the city streets of Melbourne. Wine is included. The next morning we will explore Melbourne with a guide. For the rest of day you may do as you please: perhaps an optional trip to Phillips Island to see the Penguin Parade or stay, relax and explore this beautiful Victorian city. The third day is open for your own

adventure: consider the optional Great Ocean Road Tour to see the stunning coast line and the Twelve Apostles.



Alice Springs - Uluru (three nights):

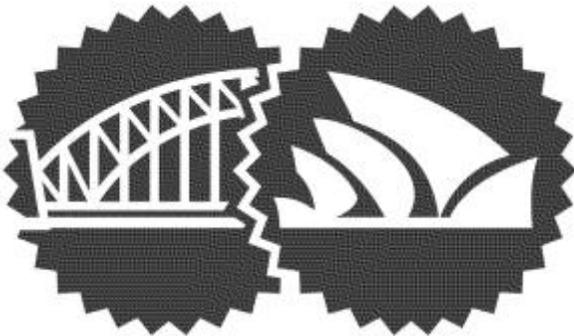
On arrival we will visit the School of the Air and the Royal Flying Doctor Service. These will explain the education system and medical services for people in the outback. In the evening, we will do a tour of Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre. Afterwards we will have a dinner and presentation of life in the outback. The next day we will journey across the rugged outback to Ayers Rock Resort. Uluru (or Ayers Rock) is the **world's** largest monolith. On arrival we will travel to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park to see the spectacular sunset while enjoying nibbles and sparkling wine. On the third day we will see an Uluru sunrise, meet with the Anangu (aboriginal people), visit caves

and ancient rock art and hear stories of Aboriginal Dreamtime. Afterwards we will travel the plains to Kata Tjuta, walk the Walpa Gorge and experience the sunset with sparkling wine. With a sunrise and a sunset, it will be a long and wonderful day. On the fourth day we will fly back to Alice Springs for events to be determined and fly to Cairns in the afternoon.



Cairns/Great Barrier Reef (three nights):

You will have the experience of a lifetime on a high-speed catamaran and cruise to the Great Barrier Reef. You can snorkel or explore the reef in a semi-submersible craft. That trip will include a tropical buffet lunch, and in the evening we will dine and wine at (Crocodile?) **Dundee's** Restaurant on the Cairns waterfront. The next day you can relax or follow your trip leaders on an optional trip to the oldest rain forest in the world as you will travel to Kuranda on the Kuranda Scenic Railway. We will return above the canopy of the Barron Gorge National Park on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway. There are also other options such as the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park, Hartleys Crocodile Adventure or, if you can, you can arrange to go diving.



Sydney (six nights):

On the first day we will fly to Sydney and relax. Our guide will give tips on where to eat dinner. The next day we will have a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House and other sites such as Bondi Beach. Then we will sail around the harbor on a Captain Cook Lunch Cruise. Afterwards you can see the sites of your choice, perhaps taking in an opera (make your reservations on the internet).

The next four days are free and you have options. You can spend the day going to the spectacular Blue Mountains where you will also enjoy the village of Leura, see the Three Sisters rock formation and visit Featherdale Wildlife Park. Other options include the Taronga Zoo, the Sealife Sydney Aquarium, cruising Darling Harbour which can include the site of the 2000 Olympics, stroll through the Royal Botanical Garden, do the Sydney Tower walk, do a Sydney whale-watching tour or climb the Sydney Bridge. Saturday morning is a great time to go to Paddington Market. The hotel is located in walking distance to Circular Quay, which is the terminus of all the ferry boats, as well as The Rocks, the oldest part of Sydney which has been gentrified into restaurants, nightclubs and shops. For those wanting something different to eat, Sydney has a large Chinatown. There will also be a goodbye dinner

Air:

We will be utilizing American Airlines (within the U.S.) and Qantas Airlines from Dulles to L.A. to Melbourne and back from Sydney to Dulles. All internal Australian flights are with Qantas partners.

- 11/17 - AA 2201 @ 3:22 PM Dulles to Dallas/Ft. Worth 5:40 PM
- 11/17 - AA 2426 @ 6:46 PM DFW to LAX 8:13 PM
- 11/17 - QF 094 @ 10:05 to Melbourne 9 AM (11/19)
- 11/22 - QF 796 @ 9:30 AM to Alice Springs 10:55 AM
- 11/25 - QF 1940 @ 10:35 from Uluru to AS 11:20 AM
- 11/25 - QF 1948 @ 5:40 PM AS to Cairns 8:15 PM
- 11/28 - QF 927 @ 4:05 PM Cairns to Sydney 10 PM
- 12/4 - QF 011 @ 11:30 AM Syd to LAX 6:15 AM
- 12/4 - AA 076 @ 9:45 AM LAX to IAD 5:46 PM



The Lodging:

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Since we want the best possible Aussie experience, our hotels are all 4 stars with included breakfasts and are centrally located. In Melbourne: [Hotel Crown Plaza](#); In Alice Springs/Uluru: [Chifley Alice Springs Resort](#) and [Desert Gardens](#); In Cairns: [Hotel Hilton](#); In Sydney: [Sydney Wentworth](#).

Payment Schedule:

The trip is \$7500. Single Supplements (SS) are \$2032. If you opt for the tour **operator's** insurance policy, include a separate check for \$299 with your first payment.

Deposit - \$1,000

February 15 - \$2,000 (if you opt for SS, send \$2500)

April 18 - \$2,000 (SS \$2500)

Final payment June 15 - \$2500 (SS \$3532)

Once your deposit has been made with our tour operator, a \$200 non-refundable penalty takes effect.

Make checks out to PSC and mail to Susie Pumphrey, 3138 Singleton Circle, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please send a note indicating the names of the participants and whether or not you have a roommate. Your intended roommate must agree to room with you and also submit a deposit.

Insurance:

This trip does not include insurance. At a minimum, we encourage all participants to get medical/repatriation insurance because overseas medical costs can be extensive. There is also cancellation insurance, which is more expensive. The PSC does not recommend any company as we are not experts in insurance. However, the tour operator that is handling this trip does have an all-inclusive medical/repatriation/cancellation policy available. If you are interested in that, the policy costs \$299. You should pay for that with a separate check made out to the PSC, and include it with your first payment. If you have questions regarding that policy, we will send you a copy of it.

Sign-Ups:

Although this trip is first-deposit, first-confirmed, we do have to match roommates. If you do not sign up with a roommate, you may need to opt for single supplement or not go. If you choose the latter, please let us know, and we will hold onto your deposit until we or you get you a roommate. You may call us anytime regarding that situation.

If you are interested in this great trip and are mailing a check, please email Susie to let her know to expect it. If you have any questions, contact:



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