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Laugh and the kookaburras laugh with you. Cry and the kookaburras still laugh. That's the beauty of a journey to happy-go-lucky Australia where sunny days are accentuated by its even sunnier inhabitants. Koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, and wombats are among the many locals eager to greet you on this breezy tour of Australia. With visits to four wondrous waterfront cities, you'll easily see why the world gushes about the land Down Under. Go behind the scenes at Brisbane's Australia Zoo, snorkel above the dazzling coral at the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Cairns and devour the panoramic scenery and a delicious lunch at the iconic Sydney Opera House. With two days in eclectic Melbourne, you can also gobble up all the goodies this hipster city and surrounding areas have to offer. Perhaps take in the Penguin Parade on Phillip Island or chill with a nice chardonnay at a Yarra Valley winery. This 12-day tour shows you all the Great Sights of Australia!

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Meals

Breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

Itinerary

Day 1

ARRIVE IN BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA Welcome to Brisbane, The Capital of Queensland! Your hotel room is available for immediate check-in. A pre-night is not required for early check-in. Please schedule flights to arrive by 4pm in order to attend this evening's welcome briefing and dinner.


 Dinner

Day 2

BRISBANE. EXCURSION TO THE AUSTRALIA ZOO Koalas, Crocs, and Roos, Oh My! Enjoy an orientation tour of Brisbane, including the historical buildings and modern high-rises. Learn about the city's convict past along with its modern cosmopolitan culture. Afterward, travel to the Australia Zoo, "Home of the Crocodile Hunter" where you'll see some of Australia's famous wildlife. You can hand-feed kangaroos, pet a dingo, see the amazing saltwater crocodiles, and more. Return to Brisbane where the evening is at leisure.

 Breakfast

LOCAL FAVORITE

CONSERVATION HEROES Go behind-the-scenes for a look at Australia Zoo's  Wildlife Hospital. Founded by Steve and Terri Irwin, it is home to amazing work being done by an extraordinary team of veterinarians. All proceeds from your included visit directly benefit the hospital to help provide specialized care to wildlife. Whether it's a kangaroo hit by a car, a flying fox entangled in a fence, or a sea turtle that has ingested plastic, the team at the Wildlife Hospital is dedicated to returning them back in to the wild.

Day 3

BRISBANE Brilliant Brisbane A full day to explore more of vibrant Brisbane.

 Breakfast

ENHANCED FREE TIME

EXPLORE MORE with a ride on the Wheel of Brisbane, a large Ferris wheel overlooking the city. Maybe just relax at Streets Beach, Australia's only inner-city man-made beach, or enjoy a stroll on the city's pedestrian street, Queen Street Mall, full of shops and restaurants. Enjoy free time with optional excursions available on your MyGlobus site. Your Tour Director and your GlobusGO mobile app have all the tips and guidance to enjoy your free time.

ENHANCED FREE TIME

EXPLORE MORE For those wanting a little more activity, consider a visit to Tangalooma Island for an optional swim and snorkel excursions among the local shipwrecks.

Day 4

BRISBANE–CAIRNS Diving In Depart Brisbane for Cairns, “Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.” Upon arrival enjoy an orientation tour of Cairns followed by a visit to the Cairns Aquarium. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.

 Breakfast  Dinner

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

SEA STUDIES Touted as Australia’s newest aquarium, the Cairns Aquarium won’t disappoint. Journey through the waterways from freshwater rivers flowing through the rainforest, into the mangroves and finally into the depths of the Great Barrier Reef. Discover 71 different exhibits showcasing this regions extremely rare and unique species. Enjoy animal presentations, habitat talks, and daily shark feeds. It will be a great introduction for your experience on the Reef tomorrow.

Day 5

CAIRNS. EXCURSION TO THE OUTER GREAT BARRIER REEF **Below the Surface** Prepare for the experience of a lifetime when you board a catamaran and cruise to the Outer Great Barrier Reef, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Explore this underwater world that is a dazzling kaleidoscope of dazzling hues. Return to Cairns late this afternoon. Your evening is at leisure.

 Breakfast  Lunch

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

BUCKET LIST. CHECK! The only living structure on Earth that can be seen from space, the Great Barrier Reef is a masterpiece of Mother Nature. Comprising over 3,000 individual reefs and spanning over 135,135 miles (350,000 square kilometres), your day at the Reef will be one to remember. After your scenic catamaran cruise, the day is yours to explore the Reef how you like. Choose to snorkel amongst a kaleidoscope of fish and coral, take a semi-submersible watercraft tour, attend an informative presentation by a marine biologist, or just relax and enjoy the serenity of your surroundings.

Day 6

CAIRNS Aussie Adventures Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore more of Cairns.

 Breakfast

ENHANCED FREE TIME

EXPLORE MORE You may wish to take a ride on one of the world's most beautiful railway journeys to Kuranda, soar high on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, stroll Cairns' famous Esplanade home to shops and art galleries, or just sit back and relax at your resort's pool. Options are available throughout your tour at MyGlobus. Your Tour Director and your GlobusGO mobile app have all the tips and guidance to enjoy your free time.

Day 7

CAIRNS–MELBOURNE Cosmopolitan Cool Touch down today in one of Australia's most well-known cities. Melbourne is home to a diverse culture, world-class shopping, art galleries, museums, coffee shops, vibrant street art, hidden laneways and more. Along with its beaches, parks, amazing restaurants, and near-flawless weather, it's the perfect place to visit year-round. Upon arrival, enjoy an orientation tour before arriving at your hotel.

 Breakfast

Day 8

MELBOURNE Explore More in Melbourne Free time today to explore more of this vibrant city.

 Breakfast

ENHANCED FREE TIME

EXPLORE MORE in Melbourne with a trip to the top of the Melbourne Skydeck for amazing views of the city below. You may also choose to venture to the breathtaking Yarra Valley, one of Australia's premier wine regions. Other options include a full-day trip to the Great Ocean Road to see fantastic scenery and the "Twelve Apostles," or choose to venture to Phillip Island for the famous Penguin Parade. This and more options are available throughout your tour at MyGlobus. Your Tour Director and your GlobusGO mobile app have all the tips and guidance to enjoy your free time.

Day 9

MELBOURNE–SYDNEY Spectacular Sydney Fly to Sydney, one of the most beautiful cities in the world.



 Breakfast

ENHANCED FREE TIME

EXPLORE MORE with free time in Sydney, home to first-class restaurants, grand shopping arcades, and top tourist attractions. This evening, why not enjoy dinner at a waterside restaurant?

Day 10

SYDNEY Surf, Sky & Sips On your morning sightseeing tour, travel to the famous Mrs Macquarie's Chair in the city's Botanic Gardens. The sandstone rock chair was carved by convicts in 1810 and is said to be where Mrs Macquaire would sit and watch the ships from Great Britain sail into the harbor. Next, visit the famous Sydney Opera House, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

 Breakfast  Lunch

LOCAL FAVORITE

CULTURAL GEM Go inside the Sydney Opera House, one of the most well-known buildings in the world. You'll enjoy a private guided tour, hear untold stories, be amazed at the acoustics, and learn how this amazing hall was built. Afterward, sit below the sails and enjoy a panoramic lunch at one of the Opera House's restaurants where you'll enjoy great photo opportunities and sweeping views of the harbor and the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

ENHANCED FREE TIME

EXPLORE MORE with an optional excursion to see the city from a different view from atop the Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb. Enjoy amazing views of the harbor and city skyline below from this unique perspective. In the evening, you might want to walk in the footsteps of Australia's early settlers on the Rocks Pub Tour. This and more options are available throughout your tour at MyGlobus. Your Tour Director and your GlobusGO mobile app have all the tips and guidance to enjoy your free time.

Day 11

SYDNEY Sights & Bites in Sydney Another day for you to explore Sydney. Tonight, join your Tour Director and travel companions for a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

 Breakfast  Dinner

ENHANCED FREE TIME

EXPLORE MORE You may wish to visit the elegant Queen Victoria Building with its three levels of fashion, jewellery, and gifts. Other options including visiting the Art Gallery of New South Wales, strolling through the Royal Botanic Garden, or enjoying delicious Asian food at one of the restaurants in Spice Alley. Your Tour Director and your GlobusGO mobile app have all the tips and guidance to enjoy your free time.

Day 12

SYDNEY Until We Meet Again! Your tour ends with breakfast this morning. You may also choose to extend your time in Sydney and explore more on your own. Extra nights are available for purchase.

 Breakfast

Tour Director

With Globus, there's no better way to get to know your destination than through the eyes of your Tour Director. Averaging over a decade... we'd like you to meet a Tour Director, who is representative of the type of expert that will be with you on your vacation.

KAREN CHOPPING

Escorting tours for more than 20 years

" I have been a Tour Director for over 20 years and I love showcasing the South Pacific region to so many like-minded passionate and adventurous travelers like myself. Family is a very important aspect of my life and I spend a lot of time introducing world adventure travel to my own two children. I live in Cairns, the gateway to two world heritage listed UNESCO Sites which are a must do when you visit my home town. Where the Rainforest meets the Reef is an unforgettable experience, one that shouldn't be missed when visiting Far North Queensland."



JULIET HUDSON

Escorting tours for more than 15 years

" Passionate about sharing the best of what Australia and New Zealand has to offer and ensuring that each of our guests experience the trip of a lifetime is why I love being a Tour Director. I enjoy finding ways to showcase and immerse our guests in the destinations we visit, bringing the itinerary to life, and adding special touches with "meet the locals" experiences, morning "power walks," "local wine tastings," and "where to eat" menu boards. I love sharing my destination knowledge and helping guests, with beaming smiles on their faces, make wonderful holiday memories."



Accommodations

BRISBANE

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON BRISBANE

Hotel as shown or similar

Moderate First-Class

Free Wifi

CAIRNS

PULLMAN CAIRNS INTERNATIONAL

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior First-Class

Free Wifi

MELBOURNE

VIBE MELBOURNE

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

SYDNEY

AMORA HOTEL JAMISON SYDNEY

Hotel as shown or similar

Deluxe

Free Wifi

Optional Excursions

Contact your Travel Consultant for more information.

Price Ranges

\$ (\$50 USD and under)

\$\$ (\$51 - \$100 USD)

\$\$\$ (\$101 - \$150 USD)

\$\$\$\$ (Over \$150)

* The "Starting at" or listed price is based on the lowest price available to book. Price is per passenger based on double occupancy and does not include airfare; additional fees/charges are not included. If a price is crossed out, the new price includes a limited time promotional offer(s) – please review current promotions or deals for additional information. Some tours require intra-vacation flights (and in some cases intra-vacation segments must be purchased from Globus).

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