



AUSTRALIA

2023-2024 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



FIRST CHOICE 5-21 day Fully Curated Experiences **From page 24**

BEST BUYS 3-15 day Flexible Guided Holidays **From page 58**



Welcome



Wild, wide and wonderful, Australia and New Zealand continually excite and inspire. It doesn't matter how many mountains you've climbed or remote island shores you've visited, there's always a different creation story to be told or gallery of ancient rock art to be revealed.

We offer our respect and gratitude to the First Nations Australian, Torres Strait Islander and Māori custodians who have nurtured the land and its cultures for so many millennia, and who are now some of our most trusted partners in introducing them to a curious world.



Welcome Traveller,

This is your first step. Waiting for you within these pages are endless possibilities. In one moment, you could be dazzled by Bruce Munro's Field of Light, as 50,000 glass spheres slowly dim with the rising sun, only to reveal Uluru's grandeur in the distance. Then next, where the outback meets the tropics in Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, jaunting from deep green pool to sandstone escarpment – your pathway to ancient Aboriginal rock art and enchanting Jawoyn stories will be revealed.

With AAT Kings, you'll go behind the scenes with the makers, it's what 100 years of expertise allows you to uncover. You won't want to leave small towns like Penguin, after being hosted by a fifth-generation Tasmanian farmer, tasting Mt Gnomon Farm's handcrafted produce from the heritage apple orchard. And, island life never tasted so sweet, as you meet Island Beehive's owner and advocate protector of the Ligurian Bee heritage, who will dish up samples of Kangaroo Island honey (and honey ice cream). These are remarkable experiences that many unknowingly pass by – those unexpected moments which are the memories you treasure the most.

We are, and always have been pioneers leading the way and pushing boundaries. Together with our extraordinary Travel Directors on the road, we're committed to worry-free and sustainable travel – making every single second of your journey remarkable.

Wherever you decide to roam, you'll be in good hands.

Sincerely,

Ben Hall
AAT Kings Group | CEO



Uluru base walk,
Northern Territory

Start Exploring

First Choice Guided Holidays

24-57

Tour	Days	Code	Page
Northern Territory			
Outback Adventure	15	NAAD	26
Outback Adventure + Rail	19	NAADR	29
Outback Safari	11	NUAD	30
Western Australia			
Untamed Kimberley & West Coast	21	WDBP	32
Wonders of the West Coast & Kimberley	21	WPBD	34
Untamed Pilbara & West Coast	13	WBMP	36
Wonders of the Pilbara & West Coast	13	WPMB	38
Wonders of the Kimberley	11	WBD	40
Untamed Kimberley	11	WDB	42
Tasmania			
Perfect Tasmania	13	THLH	44
Tassie's Parks & Nature	7	THHL	46
Tassie Getaway	7	TLHH	48
Southern Australia			
Tastes of Southern Australia	11	ESMA	50
Great Ocean Road & Kangaroo Island	7	EMKA	52
Southern Capitals: City Meets Bush	5	ESBM	54
Queensland			
Queensland Spirit: Heart of the Outback NEW	7	OQLD	56

Best Buys Guided Holidays

58-91

Tour	Days	Code	Page
Northern Territory			
Northern Territory Explorer	11	NDAU	60
Top End Highlights	6	NDKD	62
Western Australia			
Western Wonderland	15	WEMP	64
Western Wonderland + Rail	18/19	WEMPRE	67
South Western Escape	11	WPPP	68
The Wildflower Wanderer	7	WPKG	70
Monkey Mia Dolphins & West Coast	5	WPMP	72
Tasmania			
Tasmanian Wonders	10	FHLH	74
Tassie's Wilderness Icons	6	FHHL	76
Tassie's East Coast Highlights	5	FLHH	78
Australian Capital Territory			
Capital Blooms	3	CBFT	80
Southern Australia			
Outback Explorer: Uluru to Adelaide NEW	4	NUCA	81
South Australian Outback Adventure NEW	8	SAMC	82
Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island NEW	5	SAKI	84
South Australian Eyre Peninsula Escape NEW	7	SAEP	86
Queensland			
East Coast Islands & Rainforest	12	QSC/QCS	88
Gulf Savannah Wanderer	9	QGS	90
Cape York Frontier	7	QCY/QYC	91



Cover Image:

**Earth Sanctuary
World Nature
Centre,
Northern Territory**

Join us at Earth Sanctuary, in the middle of the outback, for a Be My Guest Dinner. Chat with brothers Tom and Danny about their sustainable lifestyle on the land, and the dazzling stars above.

Visit Earth Sanctuary on
Outback Adventure & Outback Safari.

GUESTS – 1300 228 546 • hello@aatkings.com.au

AGENTS – 1300 556 100 • guidedholidays@aatkings.com.au

The information in this brochure was correct at time of publication. However, advertised itineraries and accommodation may change after publication. Please visit aatkings.com for latest details.

Today, we're proud of
our history and of our people.
Some things never change...



100+ Years of Adventure and many more to come

A century ago, the Australian outback was but a twinkle in most travellers' eyes. But thanks to visionaries like the Pyke family and Bill King, the way we explore the Land Down Under was about to change in unimaginable ways. Over the coming decades, maps were unfolded, desert cruisers and coaches were customised, and guides were trained. From humble beginnings, the company now known as AAT Kings was going places few had gone before, pioneering new paths across Australia and New Zealand and taking intrepid domestic and international travellers on a wild and wonderful ride.

No corner of the Antipodes was – or is – off-limits, from the remote reaches of the Kimberley and spiritual heartland of the Red Centre, to the untamed Milford Sound, bubbling thermal Rotorua and quiet shores of Tasmania. Not to mention in-depth journeys across Sydney and its surrounds, where this forward-thinking travel venture came to fruition all those years ago.

We've come a long way and clocked a few kilometres in the process. But some things will never change. Like our spirit for adventure. Our oh-so-knowledgeable Travel Directors. The local characters we meet (and will never forget) along the way. The epic, goosebump-inducing stories we're told by First Nations guides. The life-changing experiences on offer – the kind that only 100 years of exploring affords.

Now, we're just jumping into more waterfalls, finding ourselves humbled by more sacred sites, laying more footprints on deserted beaches and hiking through more tropical rainforests than ever before. And we've never been more passionate about our next discovery. Join us, and fall in love with Australia and New Zealand all over again.

***"Keep doing what you're doing,
but try and do it better" – Bill King***



1920s

AAT Kings can be traced back to George Page's modest transport service from Melbourne to Brighton.

1930s

The Pike family introduced Sydney to Katoomba and Jenolan Caves which is still apart of our Day Tours business.

1960s

Bill King decided there was a real future with off-the-beaten-track journeys – Bill purchased two Land Rovers, an ex-army international ambulance and a Denning Bus and launched Bill King's Northern Safaris.

1970s

Bill designed and built his own 18 passenger vehicles and called them Desert Cruisers. AAT Coachlines had commenced operations in the Northern Territory.

1980s

AAT Coachlines purchased Bill King's Northern Safaris and operated as Bill King's Australian Adventure Tours.

1984

AAT Kings brand formed.

1997

AAT Kings joined The Travel Corporation Family of Brands.

1999

We began operations in New Zealand.

2010

Small group immersive Inspiring Journeys brand was born.

2018

Down Under Tours joined the AAT Kings Group.

2019

SEIT Outback Australia joined the AAT Kings Group.

Australia, but not as you *know* it.

At a time when exclusivity is the world's greatest travel luxury, Australia ticks every box. It delivers every wide and wonderful landscape conceivable, from record-breaking canyons to soaring sacred monoliths; from tangles of rainforest to ribbons of reef. And in between await innumerable soul-stirring stories to hear, characters to meet, adventures to enjoy, meals to savour, and spirits to accompany. We've spent the last century perfecting a Holy Grail of life-changing moments around the country – ones you likely never knew even existed, and that you won't find in a guidebook or listed on any website. Our DNA has never changed – we are, and always have been pioneers committed to worry-free and sustainable travel, revealing Australia in a way that you never imagined possible.

Amazing Experiences

We were built on pioneering spirit, and to this day our tours include adventures that few others experience. We're constantly looking for ways to make journeys extraordinary, whether that's remote night-sky gazing or lunch on a dairy farm. This is Australia, but not as you've ever seen it.

Diverse Travel Styles

What you want from your holiday is not necessarily the same as your neighbour. Sometimes, it's about adventure. Often, it's a good glass of wine and a remarkable view. Perhaps you want to see major sights, or choose your own path while we handle the main roads. Whatever your destination and route, we have an itinerary for you.

Conscious Travel

There are plenty of things we can all do while travelling to contribute to sustainable tourism practices. We've developed a series of tours with signature **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experiences – to ensure travel has a positive impact on our planet, the communities we visit and the wildlife we encounter.

Worry-free Travel

Your wellbeing is our primary concern. In addition to elevated hygiene protocols, AAT Kings tours guarantee upgraded coach air-conditioning filtration systems. We only work with partners we know and trust, and our Travel Directors ensure everything runs smoothly, with a support team on call.

Family Values

When you travel with AAT Kings, you're not only part of our century-old heritage, but are welcomed into just as many years of experience in The Travel Corporation. Journey confidently knowing our family-owned parent company has welcomed millions of people around the world across its brands.



Amazing Experiences

Over the last century, we've explored almost every corner of this wide and wonderful country. Needless to say, we've met a few characters along the way. These encounters have turned into enduring friendships that allow us to get beneath the skin of the destinations we take you to, offering only-locals-know adventures and insights that most other travellers will never even know existed. We take you places, and our passionate insiders – whether vintners, farmers, astronomers, chefs, historians or Aboriginal artists – reveal their true beauty.



Fancy dinner under a billion stars? NT

This exclusive barbecue dinner is so close to Uluru you could almost touch it, the only one of its kind set under the Rock's towering shadow. With sparkling wine in hand, watch a kaleidoscope of colour as the sun sets and you dine on favourites from the grill. Enjoy dessert in the desert while the night sky lights up with billions of stars and your specialist AAT Kings Guide shares insights into the Southern Hemisphere's constellations.

Farm-to-table freshness at Mt. Gnomon, TAS

If visiting the cutest-sounding town on the planet is on your bucket list, ensure this is included on your itinerary. The Mt. Gnomon Farm sits just outside Penguin in the north of Tasmania, and is the site where fifth-generation farmer Guy Robertson and his family have perfected centuries-worth of skills in cider orchards and gardens. Your farm-to-fork Be My Guest lunch amid this lush setting is like Tassie in a fresh and flavourful mouthful.

Discover ancient culture and creativity, NT

Aboriginal artist and Katherine local Manuel Pamkal has been painting since he was 15. Today, he has more awards under his belt than he cares to admit, and he'll share his creative inspiration with you on his Top Didj Cultural Experience. You'll learn techniques behind different Aboriginal art styles, and hear about Manuel's life growing up near the King River – his childhood stories are humbling, inspiring and hilarious.

A Cornucopia of Colour, SA

You'd be forgiven for thinking you'd been transported to Mars when flying over the Anna Creek Painted Hills, a smudge of fiery colours decorating a rocky outcrop popping from the South Australian desert. It's almost as otherworldly as the salt pans of Lake Eyre which – on miraculous occasions – fills with water and attracts all manner of birds. Both are aerial art of the most inspiring kind.



Mai Uluru La Ila (Uluru Barbecue Dinner)



Painted Hills Flight Experience, South Australia

A Unique Australian Story, QLD

The Queensland outback is mesmerising in its vastness – long stretches of nothingness and then suddenly, Ray Station. This immense estate has been family owned since 1874, and offers a glimpse into life on the land, and the hardships (and hilarious moments) generations past faced here. There are plenty of stories to be had around the campfire before you bed down in the restored shearers' quarters.



Mount Gnomon Farm

Connect your soul and spirit, WA

Just north of Perth, Yanchep National Park is a lush bush reserve and wetland known for its resident population of western grey kangaroos and rich birdlife. You'll discover this and more, from the perspective of an Noongar Aboriginal local, on a Cultural Tour – a rare chance to meet with Derek Nannup and see, in a new light, the land his elders have called home for tens of thousands of years. Wild, wide and wonderful, this is Australia in a gripping snapshot.

4.6/5

feefo

independent &
transparent
satisfaction rating

Experience places that will fill you with wonder and let us take you beneath the surface to show you the enchanting beauty and soul of this sunburnt country we call Australia. From red sands as far as the eye can see, to awe-inspiring natural formations and quaint country towns, you'll learn about the history of our ancient land, and be inspired by our Aboriginal culture and spellbinding stories. Our experts' knowledge and passion for showcasing Australia is unrivalled, making our Guided Holidays a truly unforgettable experience. **But we'll let you see it for yourself and hear it in our guests' own words.**

“ **Experienced team, well organised enjoyable tour, would definitely recommend.** ”

Great experienced Guide and Driver and well thought out itinerary changes where necessary. All questions answered and nothing was too much trouble. We've toured with AAT Kings before & would definitely do it again. Top marks!

Janice D ★★★★★



@sarah_littlelegs
Base of Uluru

“ **Perfect way to see it all.** ”

Fantastic guide + driver, super knowledgeable and friendly. Inclusions + food was all fantastic. Got to see so much of Tassie by doing the tour, couldn't have fit it all in ourselves.

Joanne ★★★★★

Travel Your Way

No two travellers are ever the same. Which means that with AAT Kings, neither are any two tours. We understand that sometimes you want to switch off and enjoy the scenery, with your itinerary, accommodation and exclusive experiences all seamlessly sorted 'behind the scenes'. Other journeys require the essentials covered and insider tips provided, but need built-in flexibility so you can go your own way. Whether you have a couple of weeks or a couple of hours, whether you want to leave everything to us or customise parts of your journey, AAT Kings offers a travel style for every kind of traveller. And regardless of the tour you choose, you'll leave a minimal footprint, connect with culture and support the local communities you visit.

First Choice Guided Holidays

For explorers who want:

- Exclusive experiences and adventures around Australia
- Everything taken care of by talented Travel Directors

There's nothing quite like setting off to see Australia, knowing that each wild encounter, all your accommodation – and everything in between – has been taken care of by your Travel Director, guides and the team of supporting experts. All you need to do is enjoy the relaxed pace, make lasting connections and delve into the country's culture. This is about going to wild places, with creature comforts.



Best Buys Guided Holidays

For explorers who want:

- A flexible holiday with some inclusions, and some independent travel
- All the essentials managed by in-the-know Travel Directors

Take a fully curated holiday, add in a good dose of flexibility, and you arrive at this travel style, designed for those who like travel fundamentals taken care of – the transportation, accommodation – but also like the option of exploring independently, with tips from knowledgeable Travel Directors to point you in the right direction if needed.





Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge Cruise

Short Breaks

For explorers who want:

- To see Australia, but don't have weeks to spare
- A seamless travel experience to take in as much as possible in a short space of time

When you have a week or less to dive into thundering waterfalls, snorkel the world's biggest reef or dine under a carpet of stars at Uluru, this travel style is for you. Your journey unites everything that's great about AAT Kings – the cultural connections, insider knowledge, wondrous sights – and condenses it into a fully curated, blissfully efficient, bite-sized package.



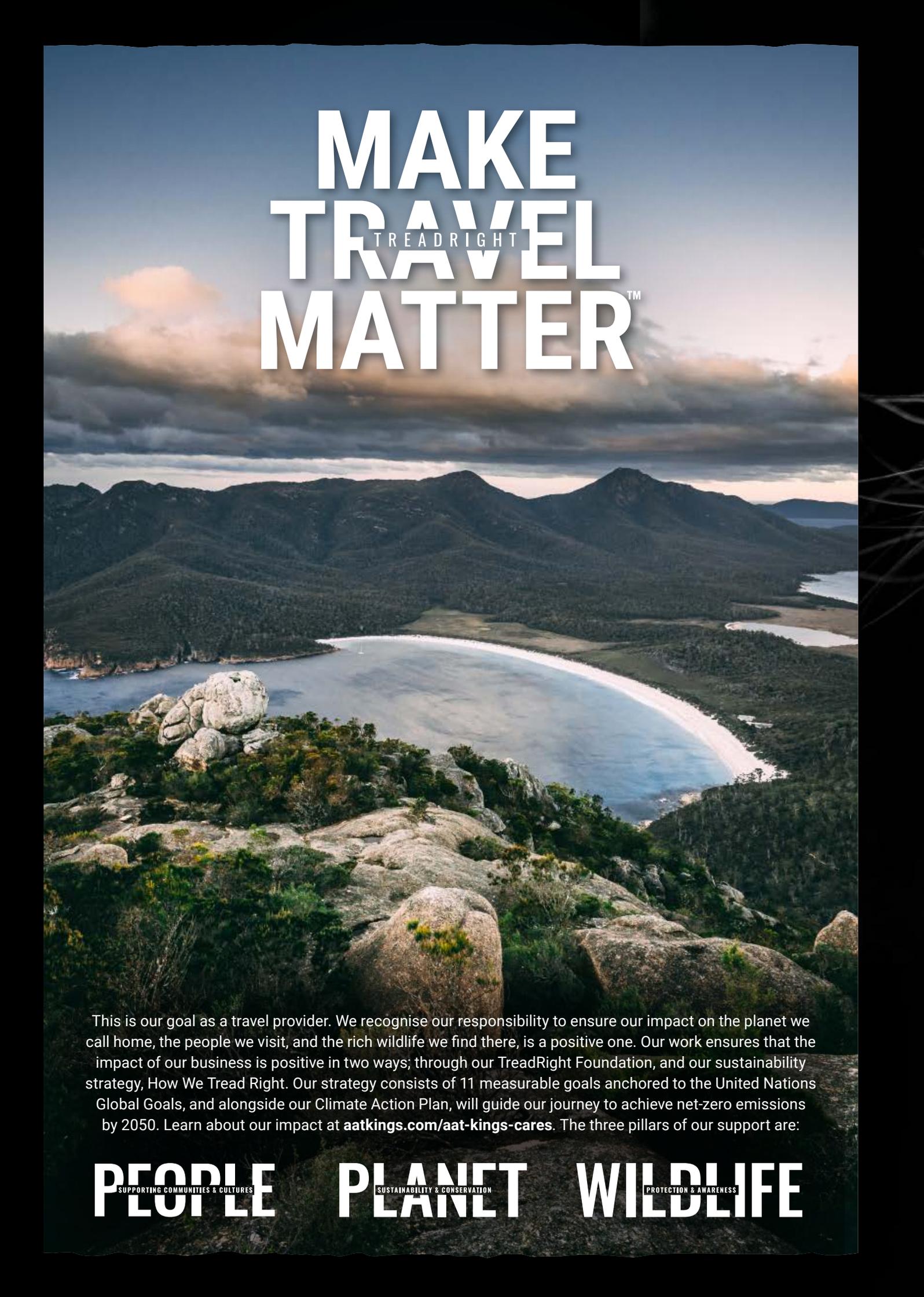
Day Tours

For explorers who:

- Have a few hours and want life-changing experiences packed in

A century ago, AAT Kings became an Australian pioneer in day tripping, taking adventurous explorers where few others had gone before. We know this space well, and our Driver Guides have every connection to make your day of adventure – whether around the Blue Mountains or Tiwi Islands – as meaningful as possible. Why spend a day watching TV, when you can forge a memory for a lifetime?





MAKE TREADRIGHT TRAVEL MATTER™

This is our goal as a travel provider. We recognise our responsibility to ensure our impact on the planet we call home, the people we visit, and the rich wildlife we find there, is a positive one. Our work ensures that the impact of our business is positive in two ways; through our TreadRight Foundation, and our sustainability strategy, How We Tread Right. Our strategy consists of 11 measurable goals anchored to the United Nations Global Goals, and alongside our Climate Action Plan, will guide our journey to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. Learn about our impact at aatkings.com/aat-kings-cares. The three pillars of our support are:

PEOPLE
SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES & CULTURES

PLANET
SUSTAINABILITY & CONSERVATION

WILDLIFE
PROTECTION & AWARENESS

AAT Kings *Cares*

Enrich your travels while supporting the people and places you visit.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

experiences are chosen with great care based on the positive social or environmental impact they have on their communities and those who experience them.

There are plenty of things we can all do while travelling to contribute to sustainable tourism practices. We've developed a series of tours that each include a signature **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, allowing our guests to see and understand firsthand the important work we support and its impact. Look for the symbol below to see how you can **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



WE SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Save the Tasmanian Devil, Tasmania

AAT Kings supports the work done at the University of Tasmania to develop a vaccine to ensure these creatures can thrive disease-free in the wild. See Tasmanian Devils feeding at night as an optional experience on *Tasmanian Wonders* (page 74).



Seal Bay Conservation Park, South Australia

Visit the Park that directly protects and rehabilitates one of the country's most important seal breeding colonies. Included on *Tastes of Southern Australia* (page 50).



Pudakul Aboriginal Cultural Experience, Northern Territory

This Aboriginal owned and operated family business offers an authentic Aboriginal culture and nature based experience. Included on *Northern Territory Explorer* (page 60).

Our TreadRight Foundation – TreadRight is a not-for-profit founded by AAT Kings and our sister brands under The Travel Corporation (TTC), to support sustainable tourism projects around the world. Through TreadRight, AAT Kings has helped fund more than 60 projects worldwide. Learn more at [TreadRight.org](https://www.treadright.org)

Worry-free Travel

The travel landscape is forever changing, something we know only too well at AAT Kings – after all, we've been crafting life-changing itineraries for more than a century. Now, more than ever, we're committed to sparking your wanderlust, while ensuring your wellbeing. We're by your side to take the hassle and worry out of your holiday, so you can enjoy the journey (and the company), then sleep soundly knowing we're doing what it takes behind-the-scenes to ensure your safety and health.

Trained Travel Directors

Our Travel Directors not only hold a wealth of information about the destinations you visit, but also have their finger on the pulse when it comes to the latest protocols in hygiene and local etiquette.

Always in the know

AAT Kings is an integral part of a much bigger family, The Travel Corporation, with a network of in-the-know advisors and travel professionals around the globe. We're up-to-date when it comes to the latest health protocols, and are ready to apply internationally proven best practices if issues arise.

A full team of support, 24/7

Our Travel Directors and Drivers rarely need backup, but they have it thanks to a full support team on call around the clock to ensure your journey is seamless and hassle-free, from the moment you sign up until the moment you return home.

Air conditioning

Relax and breathe – we're filtering the air through our fleet of coaches using top-of-the-range air filtration systems to ensure impurities are not left lingering. Expect a full replacement of fresh air every couple of minutes, to protect your health and wellbeing.

Stringent on-the-road protocols

We've always maintained high levels of hygiene on our coaches, but we've now elevated precautions to include enhanced deep cleaning and sanitisation for your safety. Our protocols meet international standards, and we're continually monitoring the travel landscape for best practices.

Trusted partners, exceptional standards

The people we work with around Australia and New Zealand care about our guests as much as we do. We're extremely selective when it comes to our partners – whether restaurants, hotels, suppliers or venues – and we ensure upfront that we're aligned in our commitment to health and hygiene.

Safe travels

by

WORLD
TRAVEL &
TOURISM
COUNCIL

We have worked closely with the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) to guide and co-create their "New Normal Safe and Seamless Traveller Journey" global protocols.

Find out more at:
aatkings.com/about-us/wellbeing

Family Values

At AAT Kings, we're proud of our service and experience, revealing the wonders and characters of Australia and New Zealand to guests for more than 100 years. We're even prouder to be part of a much bigger family, The Travel Corporation (TTC), which enjoys a global reach and a portfolio that includes some of the world's most prestigious travel brands – from luxury hotels and boutique river cruises to independent holiday package companies and guided travel experiences. The collection is diverse, but we all share standards of excellence and common goals: to offer outstanding service and experiences, whichever corner of the planet our guests choose to roam.



Our Commitment

We want our guests to experience everything they expect on their holiday – but we're committed to giving them a whole lot more. We consistently deliver unexpected moments of joy, so you return home with lasting memories, not just a stamp in your passport.

Our Customers

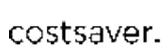
You, our guests, are the reason we have been operating and innovating as a family brand for the past century. You return time and time again, and your loyalty and feedback help keep things fresh and fun while we keep discovering the world together.

Our Passion

We're passionate about the planet, and about sustainably revealing its many wonders to our guests through the highest levels of service, exceptional experiences, and hugely knowledgeable employees and Travel Directors.

Our Responsibility

Travel offers the power to have a positive impact not only on us, but also on the destinations and communities we visit. Which is why, through our non-profit TreadRight Foundation, we strive to create meaningful, lasting relationships and projects that enhance and protect the people and places we visit. Learn how you can help at treadright.org/checklist.



Explore Australia

The vibrant colour and irresistible spirit of Australia can be found everywhere, across its vast plains and mountain ranges, beaches and islands. So many unforgettable moments await you – watch the sun turn golden across waterlily-filled Kakadu billabongs, immerse yourself in Queensland’s bath-warm waters amongst hundreds of tropical fish, or explore some of the world’s most pristine beaches in Tasmania’s Freycinet.

Australia holds the key to the most unique and remarkable holiday you’ve ever had.

Stories Worth Sharing

Share your memories with us by using **#aatkins** and **#wildawaits**



@Kiara.ventures | ULURU
 #uluru #redcentre #aboriginalland
 #wildawaits #yesaatkins

Broome

You'll be captivated by its small town charm and relaxed coastal vibe; experience the colours and warmth of the landscape and find out why travellers have been exploring Broome for more than a century.

The Pinnacles

The lunar-like Pinnacles are thousands of limestone spires, rising eerily out of the desert sands of Nambung National Park.

Wave Rock

A magnificent prehistoric rock formation, you will marvel at its size and shape, eroded by the weather over millions and millions of years.



Nitmiluk National Park

Be drawn to the spectacular sandstone country of Nitmiluk National Park and the majestic Katherine Gorge with spectacular cliffs that glow in the changing light.



Great Barrier Reef

One of the seven natural wonders of the world, to experience the Great Barrier Reef is to explore an underwater paradise of colour and life.



Uluru

Australia's most sacred Aboriginal site, mighty Uluru stands proud, watching over the Red Centre, its history filled with myth and legend.



Freycinet National Park

Marvel at Wineglass Bay, one of the world's most beautiful beaches, in perfect formation, surrounded by ancient native bushland.



Eyre Peninsula

Blessed with natural beauty Eyre Peninsula features rugged landscapes and beautiful coastline. Enjoy world famous oysters at Coffin Bay in this nature lovers' paradise.




First Choice

Uncover the heart and soul of Australia.
Choose from 16 fully curated guided holidays.

Outback Adventure

15 DAYS • NAAD • P26



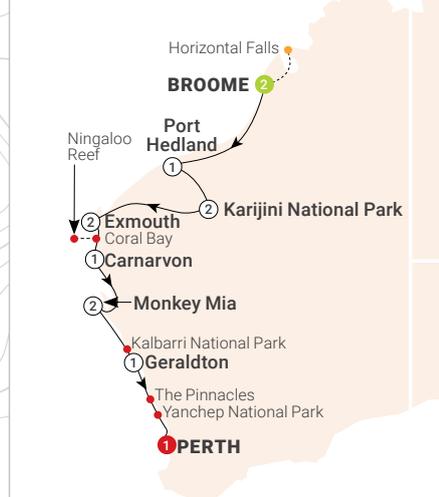
Wonders of the West Coast & Kimberley

21 DAYS • WPBD • P34



Untamed Pilbara & West Coast

13 DAYS • WBMP • P36



Wonders of the Pilbara & West Coast

13 DAYS • WPMB • P38



Tassie's Parks & Nature

7 DAYS • THHL • P46



Tassie Getaway

7 DAYS • TLHH • P48



Tastes of Southern Australia

11 DAYS • ESMA • P50



Outback Adventure + Rail

19 DAYS • NAADR • P29

This itinerary starts in Darwin and travels south through Kakadu National Park, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, and Uluru. It includes a visit to Kings Canyon and the Ghan train. The route ends in Adelaide.

Outback Safari

11 DAYS • NUAD • P30

This itinerary starts in Darwin and travels through Kakadu National Park, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, and Uluru. It includes a visit to Kings Canyon and the Ayers Rock Resort. The route ends in Adelaide.

Untamed Kimberley & West Coast

21 DAYS • WDBP • P32

This itinerary starts in Darwin and travels through the Kimberley region, including Kununurra, Broome, and Port Hedland. It then heads to the West Coast, visiting Exmouth, Carnarvon, and Perth.

Wonders of the Kimberley

11 DAYS • WBD • P40

This itinerary starts in Darwin and travels through the Kimberley region, including Kununurra, Katherine, and Broome. It includes visits to El Questro and Fitzroy Crossing.

Untamed Kimberley

11 DAYS • WDB • P42

This itinerary starts in Darwin and travels through the Kimberley region, including Kununurra, Katherine, and Broome. It includes visits to El Questro and Fitzroy Crossing.

Perfect Tasmania

13 DAYS • THLH • P44

This itinerary starts in Darwin and travels through the Kimberley region, including Kununurra, Katherine, and Broome. It then heads to Tasmania, visiting Strahan, Hobart, and Launceston.

Great Ocean Road & Kangaroo Island

7 DAYS • EMKA • P52

This itinerary starts in Adelaide and travels through Kangaroo Island, Naracoorte, Melbourne, and the Great Ocean Road. It includes visits to The Barossa and Warrnambool.

Southern Capitals: City Meets Bush

5 DAYS • ESBM • P54

This itinerary starts in Melbourne and travels through Wangaratta, Canberra, and Sydney. It includes visits to Berrima and Beechworth.

Queensland Spirit: Heart of the Outback **NEW**

7 DAYS • OQLD • P56

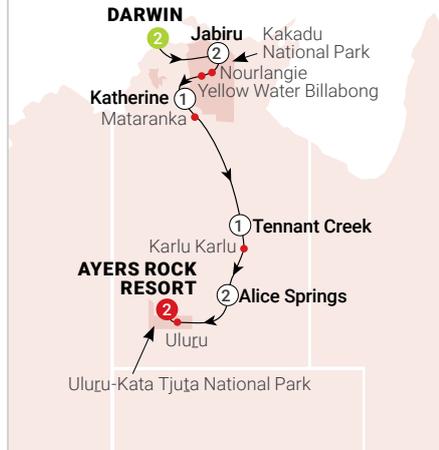
This itinerary starts in Brisbane and travels through Queensland, including Roma, Charleville, and Longreach. It includes a visit to the Spirit of the Outback.

Best Buys

Travel your way, with 17 flexible itineraries that combine AAT Kings' unrivalled expertise with must-see destinations, optional experiences and free time to explore.

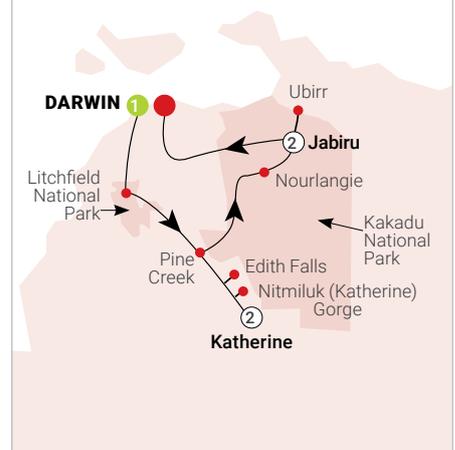
Northern Territory Explorer

11 DAYS • NDAU • P60



Top End Highlights

6 DAYS • NDKD • P62



The Wildflower Wanderer

7 DAYS • WPKG • P70



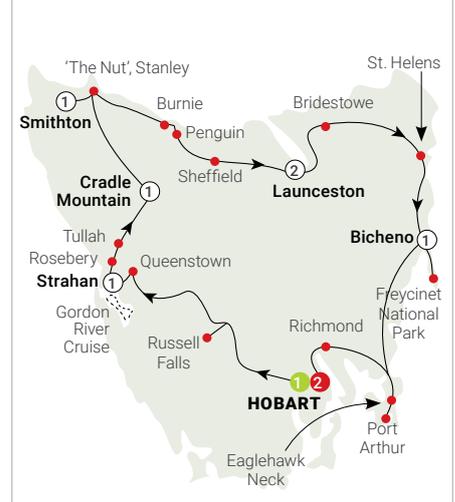
Monkey Mia Dolphins & West Coast

5 DAYS • WPMP • P72



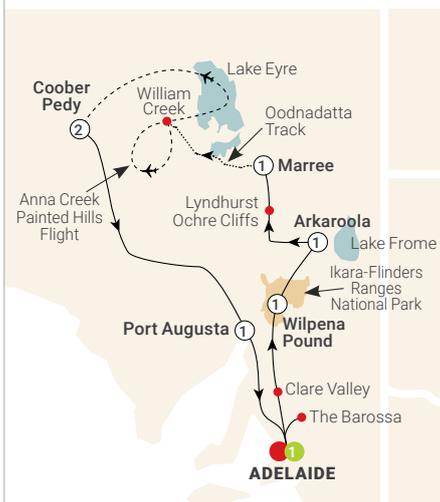
Tasmanian Wonders

10 DAYS • FHLH • P74



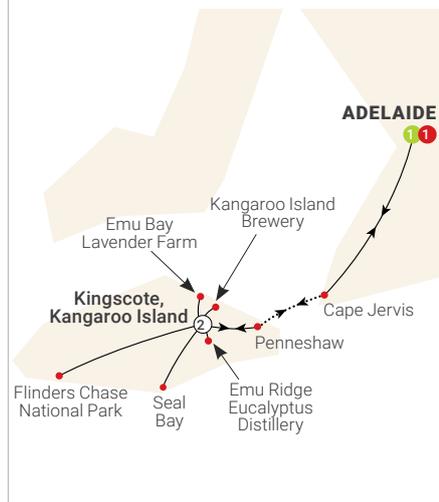
South Australian Outback Adventure NEW

8 DAYS • SAMC • P82



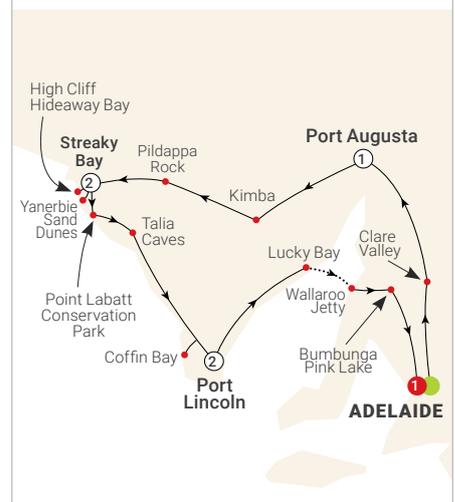
Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island NEW

5 DAYS • SAKI • P84



South Australian Eyre Peninsula Escape NEW

7 DAYS • SAEP • P86



Western Wonderland

15 DAYS • WEMP • P64

This itinerary starts in Perth and follows a loop through the western coast of Australia. Key stops include Geraldton, Kalbarri, Wave Rock, Esperance, Albany, Margaret River, Fremantle, and back to Perth. It features several national parks like Yancheep and Stirling Ranges, and the Pinnacles. Night stays are indicated by circled numbers at various points along the route.

Western Wonderland + Rail

18/19 DAYS • WEMPRE • P67

This itinerary combines the Western Wonderland experience with a rail journey. It starts in Perth, travels east via the Indian Pacific rail line through Rawlinna, Cook, Port Augusta, Broken Hill, and Adelaide, then continues to Sydney. A note mentions the 'Longest stretch of straight track in the world'.

South Western Escape

11 DAYS • WPPP • P68

This itinerary focuses on the southern and southwestern regions of Western Australia. It starts in Perth, goes to Fremantle, then south to Margaret River, Albany, Esperance, and Kalgoorlie. Key locations include the Valley of the Giants and Stirling Ranges National Park.

Tassie's Wilderness Icons

6 DAYS • FHHL • P76

This itinerary explores the wilderness of Tasmania. It starts in Smithton, goes to Cradle Mountain, Strahan, and ends in Hobart. Key stops include 'The Nut', Stanley, Burnie, Penguin, Sheffield, Tullah, Queenstown, Rosebery, and Gordon River Cruise.

Tassie's East Coast Highlights

5 DAYS • FLHH • P78

This itinerary highlights the east coast of Tasmania. It starts in Launceston, goes to Bicheno, Richmond, and ends in Hobart. Key stops include Bridestowe, St. Helens, Freycinet National Park, and Eaglehawk Neck.

Outback Explorer: Uluru to Adelaide

4 DAYS • NUCA • P81

NEW

This itinerary takes you from the heart of the Australian outback to Adelaide. It starts at Ayers Rock Resort, goes to Coober Pedy, Woomera, Port Augusta, and ends in Adelaide. Key locations include Lake Hart and Clare Valley.

East Coast Islands & Rainforest

12 DAYS • QSC/QCS • P88

This itinerary explores the Queensland coast and islands. It starts in Sydney, goes to Coffs Harbour, Byron Bay, Gold Coast, Rockhampton, Airlie Beach, Townsville, and ends in Cairns. Key stops include Kuranda, Atherton Tablelands, and Great Barrier Reef Cruise.

Gulf Savannah Wanderer

9 DAYS • QGS • P90

This itinerary focuses on the Gulf of Carpentaria region. It starts in Cairns, goes to Malanda, and returns to Cairns. Key stops include Karumba, Normanton, Mt. Surprise, Ravenshoe, and Einasleigh.

Cape York Frontier

7 DAYS • QCY/QYC • P91

This itinerary explores the northern frontier of Queensland. It starts in Cairns, goes to Cape York, and returns to Cairns. Key stops include Thursday Island, Horn Island, Seisia, Bramwell, Weipa, Musgrave, and Cooktown.

First Choice

Captivating Holidays, Premium Inclusions

For explorers who want to visit wild places with creature comforts, a First Choice Guided Holiday delivers exclusive experiences and quality accommodation around Australia, with everything taken care of by your Travel Director so you can relax and enjoy the adventure.

Field of Light, Uluru, Bruce Munro 2016
Photo by: Mark Pickthall



Local Connection

Sip pinot noir with the winemaker, meet a 5th generation farmer and tour his free-range property, explore an outback station with the owners – exclusive Be My Guest experiences connect you to the heartbeat of Australia.

Insider Knowledge

Our Travel Directors take you places and offer experiences you may never know existed if travelling on your own.

Cultural Immersion

Discover the ancient stories and spiritual cultural sites of the world's oldest culture, as revealed by Aboriginal guides.

Sustainable Footprints

We're passionate about protecting the environments and communities we visit for future travellers to discover, and do this in partnership with the TreadRight Foundation.

Wildlife & Nature

Tap into wide and wonderful pockets of Australia exploring glorious nature reserves and wilderness areas that are a magnet for native animals.

What's included on a First Choice Holiday?

- All accommodation in premium hotels, lodges and eco-resorts
- More 2 night stays with later starts
- Most meals including daily breakfasts
- Exclusive Be My Guest Experiences
- Wine with all included dinners
- Cultural activities in your destinations
- Community engagement activities
- Travel in purpose-built air-conditioned coaches with reclining seats, and WiFi where available
- All National Park Entrance Fees
- The services of a highly experienced Travel Director
- Luggage handling, transfers and taxes

Outback Adventure

Highlights

Local Connection

Gain new appreciation for the vastness of the Australian outback with those-in-the-know at the Royal Flying Doctor Service and School of the Air.

Insider Knowledge

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE  At Earth Sanctuary, the Falzon family inspire sustainable travel through off-the-grid operations. Learn how you can follow suit over a Be My Guest dinner.

Cultural Immersion

From Uluru to Kakadu, nothing puts life in perspective quite like glimpsing 40,000-year-old rock art with an Aboriginal guide.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE  Sleep soundly at Wilpena Pound Resort knowing your stay contributes directly to the local Adnyamathanha people and regional conservation projects.

Wildlife & Nature

Ancient red rock cliffs encircle desert palms at Kings Canyon, the spectacular heart of Australia and a place that will make your pulse race.



1 Welcome to Adelaide

At once cultured yet cool, Adelaide attracts foodies, historians and art aficionados in equal measure. Explore at your leisure, before meeting a local gourmand to tour the city's legendary Central Market. This place has been selling cheese, green ant gin and artisan bread for 140-plus years. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. DW**

2 Adelaide – Flinders Ranges

One of Australia's oldest wine regions, the Clare Valley is all rounded hills, rippling vines and native forest. It's the postcard-perfect setting for historic Knappstein Enterprise Winery, producing sweet-scented rieslings and mineral-rich reds. The route north lands you at Hawker, the gateway to the Flinders Ranges. The best is yet to come, as you arrive at Wilpena Pound Resort in the shadows of a staggering natural amphitheatre. **Hotel: Wilpena Pound Resort. B DW**

3 Flinders Ranges – Port Augusta

The river red gums that envelop Hills Homestead will leave you lost for words. You get here on a leisurely walk along Wilpena Creek and continue to Wangarra Hill Lookout for views over the pound's peaks and curves. The drama is echoed as you climb to Pichi Richi Pass, then ease into Port Augusta. **Hotel: Majestic Oasis Apartments. B DW**

4 Port Augusta – Coober Pedy

The main attraction in Woomera is a former rocket-testing site, today stocked with disused rockets and missiles. Speaking of space, you'll think you've landed on the moon as you travel through sun-baked country to Coober Pedy, known as 'the opal capital of the world'. Things get deep as you travel underground to visit the town's head-scratching subterranean facilities. **Hotel: Desert Cave. B DW**

5 Coober Pedy – Uluru

Emerge from your cave and cross the border into the Northern Territory. Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park has World Heritage status for a reason; under the gaze of the world's mightiest monolith, toast the end of the day with a glass of bubbles and a camera full of sunset photos. **Hotel: Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights. B**

6 Uluru Sunrise – Kata Tjuta

Pre-dawn wake-up calls are worth it when you get to enjoy a Red Centre sunrise. Marvel at the majesty of Uluru as you circumnavigate its base or join a guided walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole. This landscape takes you back to the beginning of time, a sacred place among the Anangu people. More soul-salving landscapes await at Kata Tjuta, cool relief provided as you walk amid its domes to Walpa Gorge. **B**

7 Uluru – Kings Canyon

Another sunrise excursion awaits, with this morning's optional tour to the *Field of Light* – a blanket of 50,000 glowing bulbs. Next chance to stretch your legs is at Kings Creek Station, the largest exporter of wild camels in Australia. All your senses will be activated at Kings Canyon, 440-million years in the making. **Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort. B DW**

8 Kings Canyon – Alice Springs

Things are bigger in the NT outback, from the cattle stations to the MacDonnell Ranges, which stretch like a dinosaur spine toward Alice Springs. Aside from its plethora of Aboriginal galleries and art stores, Alice makes Australian history for her 1872 Telegraph Station, one of 12 along the Overland Telegraph Line between Adelaide and Darwin. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B**

9 Alice Springs

Aboriginal culture is strong in Alice, as you'll fast find on a tour revealing the history of the Arrernte people. The other thing that's mighty is community spirit – it's essential when there are so few people scattered over such a vast area of land. Enter the Royal Flying Doctor Service, its base a museum that goes behind the scenes of the life-saving health services delivered to people in remote realms. One of the benefits of being this far-flung is the lack of light pollution. And at Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre, this equates to epic stargazing. Your Be My Guest BBQ dinner here with the Falzon family is enlightening and uplifting. **B BG**

10 Alice Springs – Tennant Creek

1.3 million square kilometres – that's the eye-watering distance the School of Air's lessons are broadcast across daily. Watch a live session with children who would otherwise have no access to education. It doesn't matter how studious you are, you might just believe in aliens when you pass



Uluru Barbecue (Optional Experience)

From **\$8255**

per person twin share land only

23 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023

Jun 13, 20

Jul 11, 18

Aug 08, 15

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Jun 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

14 Full breakfasts B

1 Be My Guest dinner BG

8 Dinners with wine DW

1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Adelaide Airport

Day 15 – flights to depart anytime from Darwin Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price

Wycliffe Well, the self-proclaimed 'UFO capital' of Australia. It's the devil (well, his marbles) that awaits at Karlu Karlu, where precariously balanced boulders appear superglued together. **Hotel: Bluestone Motor Inn. B DW**

11 Tennant Creek – Katherine

Since the 1930s, the Daly Waters Historic Pub has been dishing up schnitzels, barramundi burgers and hearty steaks. The walls are lined with treasures that passers-by leave behind. 'Land of the Never Never' awaits at Mataranka. Visit a replica of the Elsey Homestead, used in 1982 Aussie drama *We of the Never Never*. Or wander palm-lined walkways to take a dip in the region's thermal springs. **Hotel: Contour. B DW**

12 Katherine – Kakadu National Park

The Jawoyn have called Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge home for millennia. You can feel their presence as you cruise the waterway, home to more than a few resident crocs. They'll make another appearance in Kakadu, when you explore Yellow Water Billabong. You don't need binoculars to spot the sea eagles, broilgas and kingfishers; they're everywhere you look. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru. B DW**

13 Kakadu – Darwin

Decisions, decisions: optional morning flight over Kakadu and Arnhem Land, or a sleep in. We vote for the former before you venture toward Ubirr and its ancient Aboriginal rock art. The night is yours in steamy Darwin, where the characters are as large as the shadows cast at sunset. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B**

14 Litchfield National Park

Nature rules today, your explorations into Litchfield National Park revealing magnetic termite mounds standing two metres tall. And then there are the waterfalls: Florence, for its dreamy cascades, and Wangi, where you can cool off in a crystal-clear waterhole. See the NT capital in a new light when you venture out on a Darwin Harbour Cruise, your champagne glass full to toast your last evening on this epic adventure. **B FD**

15 Farewell from Darwin

Time to bid adieu and head home to sort through all those photos. Even better are the memories; two weeks of wild outback adventures. **B**

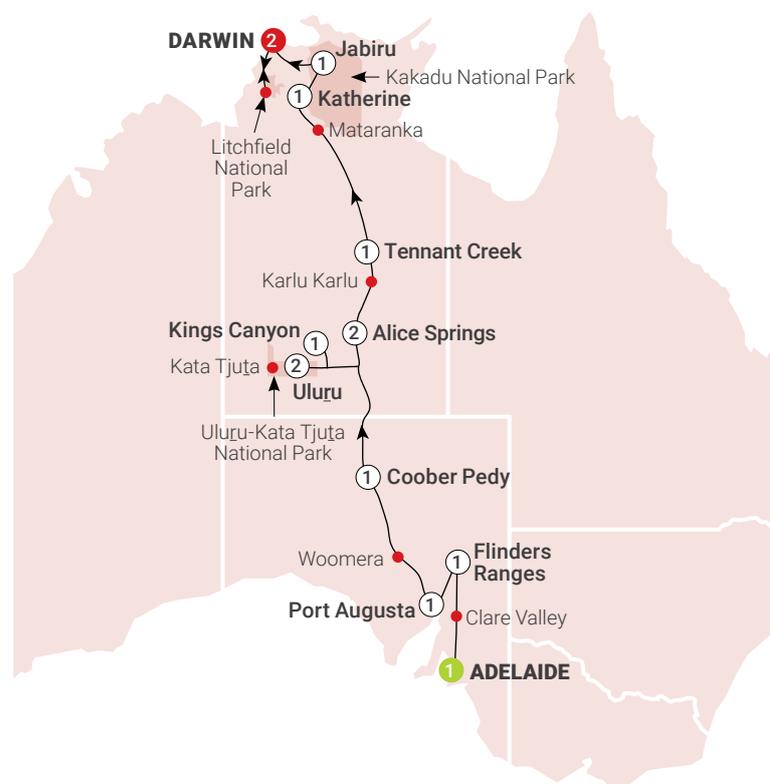


● **START**

● **END**

① Number of night stays

● Sightseeing stops





JOURNEY BEYOND
THE GHAN

Take a journey Beyond Expectation

Experience the vast Australian outback onboard The Ghan Expedition, a legendary train and unforgettable adventure.

Combining one of the world's greatest rail journeys with AAT Kings' flagship Outback Adventure provides the ultimate exploration through Australia's dramatic outback.

Prepare to discover some of Australia's most iconic landscapes, while stopping to experience the very heart and soul of the welcoming local communities along the way; a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

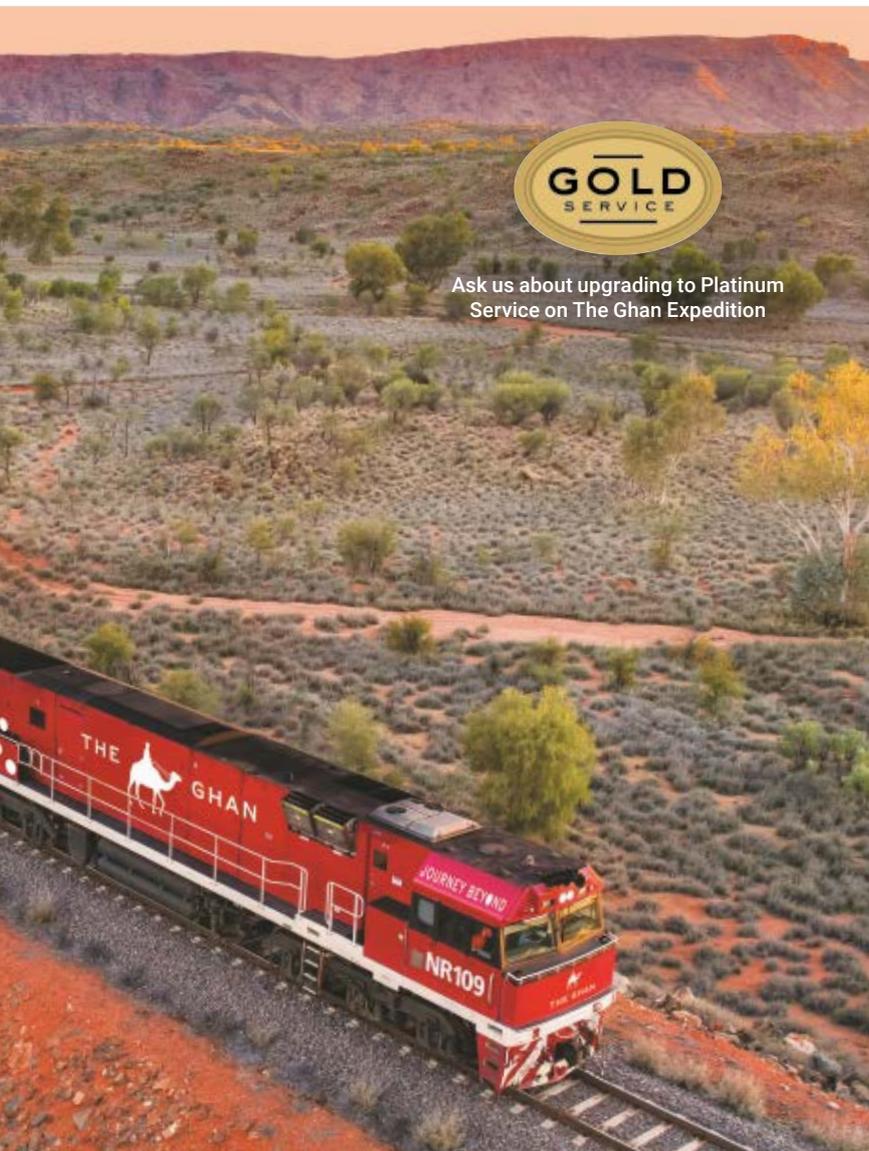
The reasons to combine a guided holiday with a rail journey are endless... You will experience the romance and refinement of an old-style rail adventure, while the versatility of your Outback Adventure allows access to rugged and wild areas. By combining two modes of travel, you truly get the opportunity to fully explore Australia; in every sense of the word.

As you travel through the heart of Australia and fall in love with the diverse, dramatic landscapes, relax and experience the style and comfort of The Ghan Expeditions' iconic Gold Service. Be treated to all-inclusive fine wines and beverages, and delight as you indulge in a regionally inspired menu. On the ground on your AAT Kings Guided Holiday, be guided by a passionate expert as they continue to share the very best of this incredible country with you and your fellow travellers.

Reap the benefits of almost 200 years of experience combined, in sharing the very best of Australia – a truly unforgettable Australian adventure, guided by the experts.

See the Outback Adventure Holiday on pages 26-27





Ask us about upgrading to Platinum Service on The Ghan Expedition

From **\$13225**

per person twin share land and rail only

Departure Dates

2023

Jun	13, 20
Jul	11, 18
Aug	08, 15

Single traveller must pay the single price on The Ghan Expedition. See available prices at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

15 Full breakfasts B	1 Be My Guest dinner BG
3 À la carte breakfasts AB	11 Dinners with wine DW
3 Lunches L	1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Adelaide Airport
 Day 19 – flights to depart after 3.00pm from Adelaide Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price
 The rail portion is operated by Third Party partners at Journey Beyond Rail Expeditions. Visit aatkings.com for details.

OUTBACK ADVENTURE + RAIL

4 days rail journey and 15 days Outback Adventure

Experience The Ghan Expedition from Darwin to Adelaide at the end of your Outback Adventure holiday. See pages 26-27 for the rest of the itinerary.

Accommodation in Darwin on Day 15 is included in the price.

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton. B

16 The Ghan Expedition Gold Service Darwin – Katherine

Your journey aboard The Ghan Expedition begins at Darwin Berrimah Rail Terminal, where friendly staff will lead you to your comfortable private cabin. Take your time settling in, as the views from your window grow ever more rugged and spectacular. Lunch in the lushly appointed Queen Adelaide Restaurant is bound to delight, with all dishes prepared on board by talented chefs. Arrive in Katherine this afternoon refreshed and ready to experience spiritual Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge. **Private cabin: The Ghan, 3 nights. L DW**

17 Katherine – Alice Springs

Wake up this morning in a world that feels a million miles from home. The outback sunrise could be one of the most majestic you'll ever see. After breakfast you'll arrive in Alice Springs, where you can embark on one of the included Off Train Experiences, taking in the delights of this famous outback town. A full day in Alice Springs gives you ample opportunity to visit the town's landmarks,

take a closer look at some of Australia's unique flora and fauna, or explore Alice Springs at your leisure. Returning in time to meet the rest of your fellow guests at a spectacular barbecue dinner under a million stars at the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station. **AB L DW**

18 Alice Springs – Coober Pedy

After breakfast this morning, as you pull into the middle-of-nowhere stop at Manguri, a friendly guide awaits to whisk you away to the remote opal-mining capital of the world, Coober Pedy, where more than half of the residents live underground. Venture into the tunnels and caves of the town, visiting the otherworldly underground Serbian Orthodox church. The famous Coober Pedy Golf Course is the only course in the world boasting reciprocal rights with St. Andrew's in Scotland. Enjoy a gourmet lunch in a unique underground location before setting off to the stunning outback moonscape of the Breakaways Conservation Park. **AB L DW**

19 Coober Pedy – Adelaide

A dramatic transformation takes place this morning as the rich ochre tones of the outback landscape make way for the lush green fields pastoral lands of South Australia. After breakfast you'll have time to reflect on your journey before The Ghan Expedition rolls into Adelaide and your momentous journey comes to an end. Make your own way to your hotel or airport. **AB**



Outback Safari

Highlights

Local Connection

Many Aussie kids live in such remote realms that they would have no access to education if it weren't for the School of the Air. Watch a live class.

Insider Knowledge

Aside from being jam-packed with fish, Kakadu's Yellow Water Billabong boasts dramatic scenery. Cruise with a local guide – they know where the crocs hide.

Cultural Immersion

Thirsty visitors have been leaving mementos on the walls of the Daly Waters Pub for 40+ years. Over a beer think about what you can contribute.

Sustainable Footprints

 Sleep soundly at Ayers Rock Resort knowing your stay is helping the Mutitjulu Foundation fund projects in health and education for Uluru's Aboriginal communities.

Wildlife & Nature

There's nothing quite like cooling off under a waterfall, particularly when it drops from ridges shrouded in rainforest that drapes Litchfield National Park.

1 Welcome to Uluru

Today is one of colours. The ochre soil spiked with cycads as you come into land. The endless blue sky. The russet hues of Uluru... And that's all before the enchanting hour. Come sunset, the landscape changes with every click of your camera. If you can stop snapping, have a glass of bubbles and some nibbles with your fellow adventurers. **Hotel: Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights. B**

2 Uluru Sunrise – Kata Tjuta

If you're looking for a reason to roll out of bed before dawn, make it an Uluru sunrise. We're not saying it's better than the sunset. But rising with the birds certainly has benefits. Like being cool when you tour the base of the world's biggest monolith. A circumnavigation is 11 kilometres, if you're up for it. Or you can join a guided walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole, a sacred spot decorated with millennia-old Aboriginal rock paintings. Dive even deeper into First Nations traditions at the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre. Then wander through Kata Tjuta and Walpa Gorge, with more bubbles to serenade the day's end. **B**

3 Uluru – Kings Canyon

The only other reason to get up before dawn is to glimpse the Uluru Field of Light, a dazzling installation by British artist Bruce Munro that sees 50,000 stem-like globes blanket the Uluru soil. It's optional – we won't judge you for sleeping in, steeling yourself for today's adventures. But if you've come this far, it would be a shame to opt for shut-eye over eye-popping. Speaking of which, did you know Australia has the largest population of wild camels in the world, and Kings Creek Station, your next stop, is the largest exporter of these doe-eyed creatures? From here, the land eases into Kings Canyon, part of the immense Watarrka National Park. Views over the Red Centre are perspective-resetting. **Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort. B DW**

4 Kings Canyon – Alice Springs

Cattle stations are the size of small nations in the NT outback, as you'll discover on your journey toward Alice. The other 'big' thing in these parts is the MacDonnell Ranges, undulating across the red earth like

a serpent's spine. Back in 1872, Alice Springs was a hive of activity, as a Telegraph Station was built to connect Adelaide and Darwin as part of the Overland Telegraph Line. Sweat and tears went into the project, as you'll discover browsing the grounds-cum-museum. If you thought you were getting out of a sunset, think again – panoramas from Anzac Hill steal the scene. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B**

5 Alice Springs

In remote parts of Australia, community is everything, whether to ensure stories of the Arrernte people are not forgotten, or to help those who need help. The passionate Royal Flying Doctor Service health workers commute hundreds of kilometres to provide aid. Their stories are at once uplifting and inspiring. End the day on a high at Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre, where the Falzon family host a BBQ Be My Guest dinner under the stars. This is a lesson in off-the-grid, sustainable living. Let it inspire you to follow suit at home. **B BG**

6 Alice Springs – Tennant Creek

The whole of Peru covers 1.3 million square kilometres – the same size playing field that the School of the Air broadcasts daily classes to. Watch a live session with kids in some of Australia's most remote reaches, providing them with educational tools otherwise unavailable. Not on the curriculum? Aliens, although you will learn all about them passing through Wycliffe Well, also known as Australia's 'UFO capital'. Undeniably otherworldly are the precariously balanced boulders that characterise Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) and the landscapes surrounding gold-rich Tennant Creek. **Hotel: Bluestone Motor Inn. B DW**

7 Tennant Creek – Katherine

When you're not working hard in the Australian outback, you're having a lot of fun. Case in point the Daly Waters Historic Pub, where the food – schnitzels, burgers – comes second to the atmosphere. Follow the lead of those here before you and leave a memento to decorate the walls. If you were a fan of TV drama *We of the Never Never*, you'll recognise your next destination: the (replica) Elsey Homestead in Mataranka. Explore, or soak in the palm-shrouded thermal springs. **Hotel: Contour. B DW**



Kings Canyon Rim Walk

From **\$6460**

per person twin share land only

18 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2023 continued
Apr 29	Jul 01, 29
May 20	Aug 26

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

10 Full breakfasts B 4 Dinners with wine DW
 1 Be My Guest dinner BG 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Ayers Rock Airport
 Day 11 – flights to depart anytime from Darwin Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

Upgrade

Start your tour in Adelaide. See *Outback Adventure* on page 26.

8 Katherine – Kakadu National Park

Cruising around Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge this morning is a humbling experience. You can almost feel the spirits yawning as they created this landscape on Jawoyn land, part of Nitmiluk National Park. A sprinkling of crocs, a flutter of rare birds. It takes your breath away. More wildlife lurks in Kakadu’s Yellow Water Billabong, which is a mecca for sea eagles, brolgas and little kingfishers. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru. B DW**

9 Kakadu – Darwin

The best way to grasp the immensity of Kakadu and Arnhem Land? From the air, should you wish to take an optional flight. You won’t regret it – perspective is always a good thing. Speaking of which, Ubirr’s Aboriginal rock art dates back an eye-watering 20,000+ years. If it looks familiar, that’s because it starred in classic Aussie movie, *Crocodile Dundee*. Get your Darwin bearings on a quick tour – we want to give you as much time as possible to enjoy a bite to eat at the Mindil Beach Sunset Market. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B**

10 Litchfield National Park

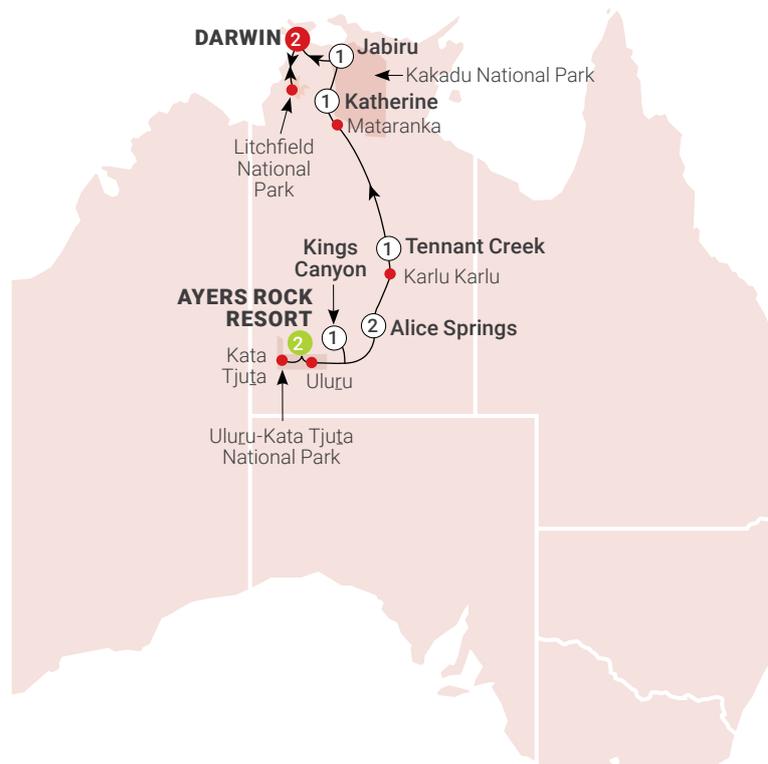
Think of today as dessert: the sweet finale to a decadent degustation. Travel deep into Litchfield National Park, pocked with 100-year-old, two-metre-high magnetic termite mounds. We’re not sticking around though – Florence and Wangi falls await. Change into your swimming costume and take a dip in the gem-like waterholes. Darwin can get steamy, but you’ll have wind in your sails as you cruise the harbour at sunset, enjoying one last toast to the NT. **B FD**

11 Farewell from Darwin

‘Ma Muk’ (‘See you later’), as the Larrakia people would say. This Dreamtime adventure is over for now, but we’re positive your memories will last forever. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Untamed Kimberley & West Coast

Highlights

Local Connection

Sandalwood is one of Kununurra's agricultural assets. Meet the passionate people who work with it and learn about the processing journey.

Insider Knowledge

Cruising the Kimberley's Danggu (Geikie) Gorge is a humbling experience. Discover how it was formed and rely on your eagle-eyed guide to point out crocs.

Cultural Immersion

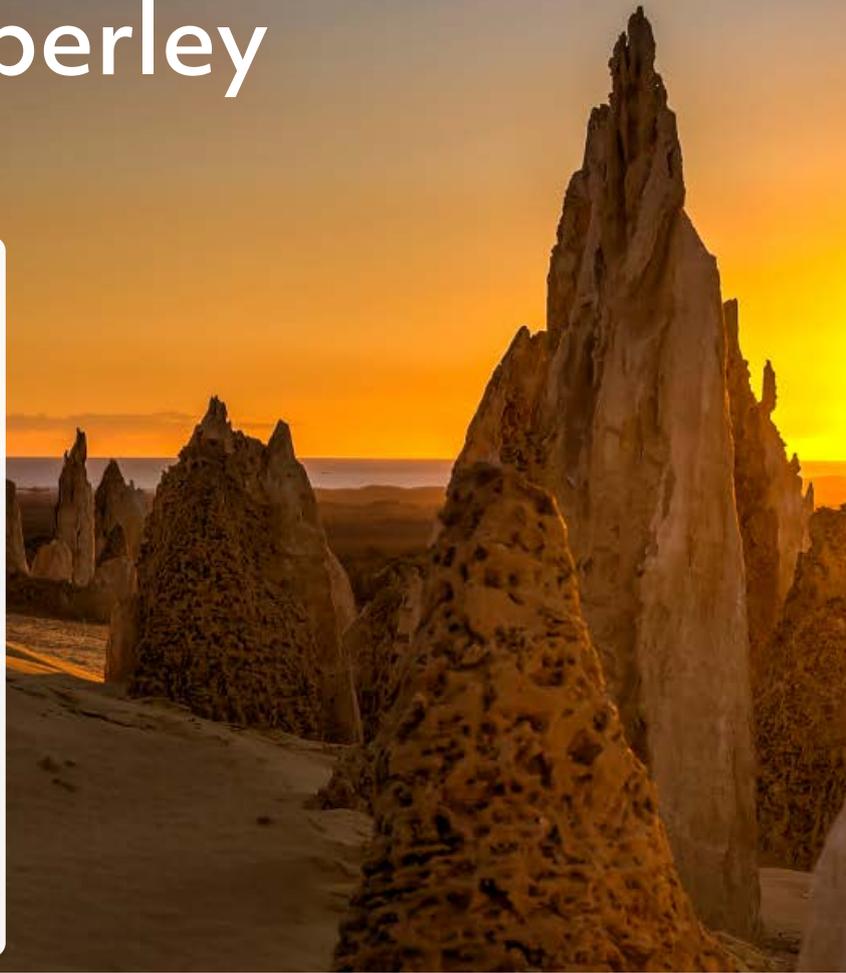
The only way to understand life on the land is to visit a working farm. The Katherine Outback Experience is not only eye-opening, but entertaining.

Sustainable Footprints

Sleep soundly knowing your stays at Karijini National Park's Eco Tents and El Questro's Emma Gorge Resort are not only stylish, but sustainable.

Wildlife & Nature

The Ningaloo Coast has World Heritage status for good reason – it cradles one of the most biodiverse marine sanctuaries in Australia.



1 Welcome to Darwin

You'll fall for the capital of the NT; its balmy tropical climes, fiery sunsets and laid-back locals. Take in the sights on a tour, learning about the city's architectural style as well as the events that have shaped it over the years. **Hotel: Vibe Darwin Waterfront. DW**

2 Darwin – Katherine

Nature takes over at Nitmiluk National Park, where you cruise through dramatic Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge. There's no time to catch your breath – you're off to meet Tom Curtain on a working station, where he entertains through song and stories. **Hotel: Paraway Motel. B DW**

3 Katherine – Kununurra

Kununurra exists thanks to the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. The project not only helped water the countryside, but created Lake Argyle. You won't forget your sunset cruise. **Hotel: Kununurra Country Club Resort, 2 nights. B DW**

4 Kununurra

Today is one of decisions: An optional early-morning flight over (or 4WD tour of) the Bungle Bungles? Or a wander with your Travel Director through Mirima National Park. Regardless, enjoy sunset atop Kelly's Knob. **B**

5 Kununurra – Emma Gorge

Go behind the scenes at Hoochery Distillery, which not only makes lip-smacking rum, but also delicious rum cake. From here you're on the epic Gibb River Road to El Questro Wilderness Park, where an oasis of pandanus and palms envelops your safari-style accommodation. **Hotel: Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities, El Questro, 2 nights. B DW**

6 El Questro Wilderness Park

The Kimberley's sounds follow you across the mighty Pentecost River to freshwater Chamberlain Gorge, your boat dwarfed by its soaring escarpments while you cruise. Afternoon remedy? A splash in the pool, perhaps, or a dip in the waterhole within Emma Gorge. Take your pick. **B DW**

7 Emma Gorge – Halls Creek

While the Argyle Diamond Mine has stopped producing rare pink diamonds, you can still visit with an Aboriginal guide. Your destination for the night, Halls Creek is small in population, but big in personality. **Hotel: Kimberley. B L DW**

8 Halls Creek – Fitzroy Crossing

Dive deep into First Nations culture at the Aboriginal art gallery in Fitzroy Crossing, the gateway to Danggu (Geikie) Gorge. This remarkable part of the Kimberley was formed by the Fitzroy River carving the Napier Range. It's a fertile home for creatures big and small. **Hotel: Fitzroy River Lodge. B L DW**

9 Fitzroy Crossing – Broome

The reason Broome was born is because of pearls. Today, it's just as well known for its sizzling Indian Ocean sunsets, best enjoyed from the Cable Beach sand. **Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, 2 nights. B**

10 Broome Free Time

Today is yours to explore. Stay in town and shop for pearls, wander the coast on the lookout for dinosaur footprints, or venture further afield to glimpse some of the biggest tides in the world on an optional experience at Horizontal Falls. Fly over them, then cruise through them. **B DW**

11 Broome – Port Hedland

The eye-opening colours of the Pilbara are your backdrop today. It's sparsely populated, but there are plenty of local characters to meet over dinner in Port Hedland. **Hotel: Hedland. B DW**

12 Port Hedland – Karijini National Park

Karijini is where gorges seem to cleave off the edge of the Earth, waterfalls tumble from escarpments and turquoise rock pools shimmer like precious gems. You're hundreds of kilometres from anywhere, so expect dazzling stargazing from your safari tent. **Hotel: Karijini Eco Resort, 2 nights. B DW**

13 Karijini National Park

It took billions of years to create Karijini's geological wonders: the red layered cliffs, the quiet gorges, the soaring gum trees and distinctive termite mounds. Cooling off under waterfalls is highly recommended. **B DW**

14 Karijini National Park – Exmouth

There are a few (hundred) kilometres of Pilbara to cover between Karijini and Exmouth on the World Heritage listed Ningaloo Coast. This pocket of the state is also blessed with Cape Range National Park, where gorges and waterfalls beckon. **Hotel: Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort, 2 nights. B DW**



The Pinnacles

From **\$15195**

per person twin share land only

22 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023		2023 continued	
May	09	Jul	04, 11
Jun	20	Aug	01, 15

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 May 2024 at atkings.com.au or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

20 Full breakfasts B 15 Dinners with wine DW
 2 Lunches L 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2.00pm into Darwin Airport
 Day 21 – flights to depart anytime from Perth Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

15 Exmouth Free Time

Depending on the time of year, Ningaloo Reef is home to both whale sharks and humpbacks. Opt to snorkel with both (ethically) or book a sunset cruise, champagne in hand. The decision is yours. **B DW**

16 Exmouth – Carnarvon

Today's cruise in a glass-bottomed boat allows you to glimpse Ningaloo's extraordinary marine life in comfort. Next stop is the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum. Did you know it played a role in the 1969 moon landing? **Hotel: Best Western Hospitality. B DW**

17 Carnarvon – Monkey Mia

Prepare yourself for the 'living fossils' at Hamelin Pool, home to the most abundant colony of stromatolites in the world. The state's World Heritage listed Shark Bay is also characterised by Shell Beach, formed from billions of coquina bivalve shells. **Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, 2 nights. B DW**

18 Monkey Mia Free Time

Meet the wild resident dolphins that turn up to the shore every morning, then spend the afternoon at leisure. Optional sunset cruise or scenic flight over the bay, anyone? **B**

19 Monkey Mia – Geraldton

Peregrine falcons swoop over Hawks Head Lookout in Kalbarri National Park, particularly pretty during wildflower season. Arriving in Geraldton, pay homage to sailors lost at the HMAS Sydney Memorial. **Hotel: Mantra. B**

20 Geraldton – Perth

Nambung National Park's Pinnacles are a staggering collection of natural limestone structures, jutting into the sky. It's a spiritual place, as is Yanchep National Park, where your Aboriginal guide decodes native plants and tells Dreamtime stories. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. B FD**

21 Farewell from Perth

It's hard to believe this epic adventure has come to an end. Three weeks of incredible memories to take home with you. **B**



Wonders of the West Coast & Kimberley

Highlights

Local Connection

We've known the family behind Hoochery Rum Distillery for eons. Go behind the scenes to sample their award-winning spirits, now proudly served at our Uluru BBQ.

Insider Knowledge

The Argyle Diamond Mine once produced 95% of the world's rare pink diamonds. Visiting with an Aboriginal guide is eye-opening.

Cultural Immersion

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Your First Nations host in Yanchep National Park is on a mission to reveal its ancient history. Dreamtime stories and bush-tucker tastings await.

Sustainable Footprints

Every step you take, every move you make... will help protect the national parks you visit for future generations, whether on land or in the water.

Wildlife & Nature

Have you ever wondered what life was like 3,500 million years ago? At Hamelin Pool you'll find out while witnessing the world's most abundant colony of stromatolites.



1 Welcome to Perth

The WA capital is colourful in more ways than one. There are alleys lined with eye-popping street art, and wildflowers blanket Kings Park. Discover the sights, then meet your fellow adventurers. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. DW**

2 Perth – Geraldton

Talk about starting on a high. First stop is Yanchep National Park, where your Aboriginal guide decodes native plants and tells Dreamtime stories. Just as scene-stealing are Nambung National Park's Pinnacles, limestone structures jutting into the sky. Arriving in Geraldton, pay homage to sailors lost during WWII at the HMAS Sydney Memorial. **Hotel: Mantra. B**

3 Geraldton – Monkey Mia

Prepare yourself for the 'living fossils' at Hamelin Pool, home to the most abundant colony of stromatolites in the world. The state's World Heritage listed Shark Bay is also characterised by Shell Beach, formed from billions of coquina bivalve shells. **Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, 2 nights. B DW**

4 Monkey Mia

If you didn't fall in love with the gin-clear waters and powdery sand of Monkey Mia last night, you will today. Meet the dolphins that turn up to the shore every morning, then spend the afternoon at leisure. Optional sunset cruise, perhaps? Or a scenic flight over the bay? **B**

5 Monkey Mia – Carnarvon

Did you know the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum played a role in the 1969 moon landing, and was instrumental in the space race? Your visit here is interactive, so prepare to try on space suits and climb aboard a supercraft simulator. **Hotel: Best Western Hospitality. B DW**

6 Carnarvon – Exmouth

Today's cruise in a glass-bottomed boat allows you to glimpse the World Heritage listed Ningaloo Coast in comfort. Gliding around Coral Bay, your guide will point out colourful corals, turtles and angelic fish. **Hotel: Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort, 2 nights. B DW**

7 Exmouth Free Time

Depending on the time of year, Ningaloo Reef is home to both whale

sharks and humpbacks. You can opt to snorkel with both (ethically) or book a sunset cruise to see some breaching and blowing, champagne in hand. **B DW**

8 Exmouth – Karijini National Park

A frontier like no other, Karijini is where gorges seem to cleave off the edge of the Earth, waterfalls tumble from escarpments and remote turquoise rock pools shimmer like precious gems. Expect dazzling stargazing from your safari tent. **Hotel: Karijini Eco Resort, 2 nights. B DW**

9 Karijini National Park

It took billions of years to create Karijini's geological wonders: the red layered cliffs, the quiet gorges, the soaring gum trees and distinctive termite mounds. If you packed your swimsuit, cooling off under waterfalls comes highly recommended. **B DW**

10 Karijini – Port Hedland

The Pilbara is sparsely populated, but you will find people in Port Hedland. There are plenty of local characters to meet over dinner at your hotel, which gets busy when musicians play. **Hotel: Hedland. B DW**

11 Port Hedland – Broome

The reason Broome was born is because of pearls. Today, it's just as well known for its Indian Ocean sunsets, best enjoyed from a vantage on the Cable Beach sand. **Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, 2 nights. B DW**

12 Broome Free Time

Today is yours to explore. Stay in town and shop for pearls, or venture further afield to glimpse some of the biggest tides in the world on an optional experience at Horizontal Falls. Fly over them, then cruise through them. **B**

13 Broome – Fitzroy Crossing

Things are bigger in Broome, including the 125-million-year-old dinosaur footprints. Remote Fitzroy Crossing is the gateway to Danggu (Geikie) Gorge. This remarkable part of the Kimberley was formed by the Fitzroy River carving the Napier Range. **Hotel: Fitzroy River Lodge. B DW**

14 Fitzroy Crossing – Halls Creek

Dive deep into First Nations culture on a visit to an art gallery, a



Boab Tree, East Kimberley

From **\$15195**

per person twin share land only

22 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023

Jun 06, 20

Jul 11, 25

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Jun 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

20 Full breakfasts B
2 Lunches L

15 Dinners with wine DW
1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Perth Airport

Day 21 – flights to depart anytime from Darwin Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price

community venue supporting Aboriginal creatives in the Fitzroy Crossing region. Aboriginal culture is strong in the Great Sandy Desert as well, on the edge of which sits Halls Creek. **Hotel: Kimberley. B L DW**

15 Halls Creek – Emma Gorge

While the Argyle Diamond Mine has stopped producing rare pink diamonds, you can still visit with an Aboriginal guide. From here you're on the epic Gibb River Road to El Questro Wilderness Park. **Hotel: Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities, El Questro, 2 nights. B L DW**

16 El Questro Wilderness Park

The Kimberley's sounds follow you to Chamberlain Gorge, your boat dwarfed by its soaring escarpments. Afternoon remedy? A splash in the pool, perhaps, or a dip in the waterhole within Emma Gorge. Take your pick. **B DW**

17 Emma Gorge – Kununurra

Kununurra was born through the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. It now waters crops like sugarcane, turned into lip-smacking rum at Hoochery Distillery. A sunset cruise here is something you won't forget in a hurry. **Hotel: The Kimberley Grande, 2 nights. B**

18 Kununurra

Today is one of decisions: An optional flight over (or 4WD tour of) the Bungle Bungles? Or a wander with your Travel Director through Mirima National Park. Follow the lead of locals and enjoy sunset atop Kelly's Knob. **B DW**

19 Kununurra – Katherine

NT locals come with plenty of country swagger, as you'll discover when you meet award-winning musician Tom Curtain for an afternoon of knee-slappin' songs and stories on a working station. **Hotel: Paraway Motel. B DW**

20 Katherine – Darwin

Nature rules at Nitmiluk National Park, where you cruise through dramatic Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge. Your northern sojourn reveals the region's historic events, all the way to Darwin. **Hotel: Vibe Darwin Waterfront. B FD**

21 Farewell from Darwin

It's hard to believe this epic adventure has come to an end. Three weeks of incredible memories to take home with you. **B**



Untamed Pilbara & West Coast

Highlights

📍 Local Connection

The Carnarvon Space Museum enjoys a special place in Australian history. Passionate guides reveal how it played a role in the 1969 moon landing.

🐋 Insider Knowledge

Whale sharks, turtles, a ridiculous number of fish – Ningaloo Reef deserves its World Heritage status. Glimpse the underwater world on a Coral Bay glass-bottom boat tour.

🏛️ Cultural Immersion

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER | EXPERIENCE Noongar culture and Dreamtime history shine bright on an adventure through Yanchep National Park with charismatic Derek Nannup.

🌿 Sustainable Footprints

Your national park fees protect the places you visit, ensuring this fragile part of the world will be around for future generations to enjoy.

🦋 Wildlife & Nature

We'll forgive you for not wanting to leave Karijini National Park, a magical place where waterfalls drop into turquoise rock pools. A salve for the soul.



1 Welcome to Broome

Multicultural Broome delivers many surprises, from its eclectic restaurants to its long pearling history – the pristine waters produce some of the most prized pearl oysters in the world. Get your bearings on a city tour, before discovering Broome's other standout attraction: its sunsets. Follow locals to the sand on Cable Beach and salute the end of your first spectacular day in WA, glass of bubbles in hand. **Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, 2 nights.**

2 Broome Free Time

Which direction should you choose to venture today? Head north deep into the Kimberley where the Horizontal Falls reveals the power of nature. Get some perspective of the tides here on an optional scenic flight, then feel the force of the water on a heart-starting cruise across the rapids. Or perhaps veer off to a pearl farm, to witness the precision that goes into growing and harvesting these gems. Or simply enjoy Broome's tropical climes, strolling along 22-kilometre Cable Beach, hunting for dinosaur footprints and browsing boutiques. **B DW**

3 Broome – Port Hedland

At first glimpse of the Pilbara, you may well think you've been transported to Mars. The soil couldn't get any redder, the skies any wider, the rock formations any more dramatic, much of the countryside streaked with mineral deposits. People are few and far between until you reach the town of Port Hedland. There are plenty of local characters to meet over dinner at your hotel, which gets busy when musicians begin to play. **Hotel: Hedland. B DW**

4 Port Hedland – Karijini National Park

Love at first sight? It's likely to happen at Karijini National Park. This is nature amplified, a place of immense gorges and deep, dark chasms; waterfalls and gem-like rock pools. This red slice of the Hamersley Range is a magnet for nature lovers, not only for the earthly delights but also the creatures that call the cliffs home. You're hundreds of kilometres from the nearest town, so expect dazzling stargazing from your safari tent. **Hotel: Karijini Eco Retreat, 2 nights. B DW**

5 Karijini National Park

It took billions of years to create the geological wonders of Karijini: the striking red escarpments and the quiet gorges all enveloped by tall gums. You have a single day to explore, so bring your stamina and sense of adventure. You're heading deep into the national park, discovering hidden nooks and waterholes just begging you to swim in them. Things get hot here – why not dive in? **B DW**

6 Karijini National Park – Exmouth

It's an epic commute across the Pilbara from inland Karijini to Exmouth on the World Heritage listed Ningaloo Coast. While you're driving, dream about all the marine creatures that await in Ningaloo Reef. Many fish and cetaceans live here year-round, but some larger-than-life visitors only drop in at certain times, on their migratory path. **Hotel: Mantarays Ningaloo Reef Resort, 2 nights. B DW**

7 Exmouth Free Time

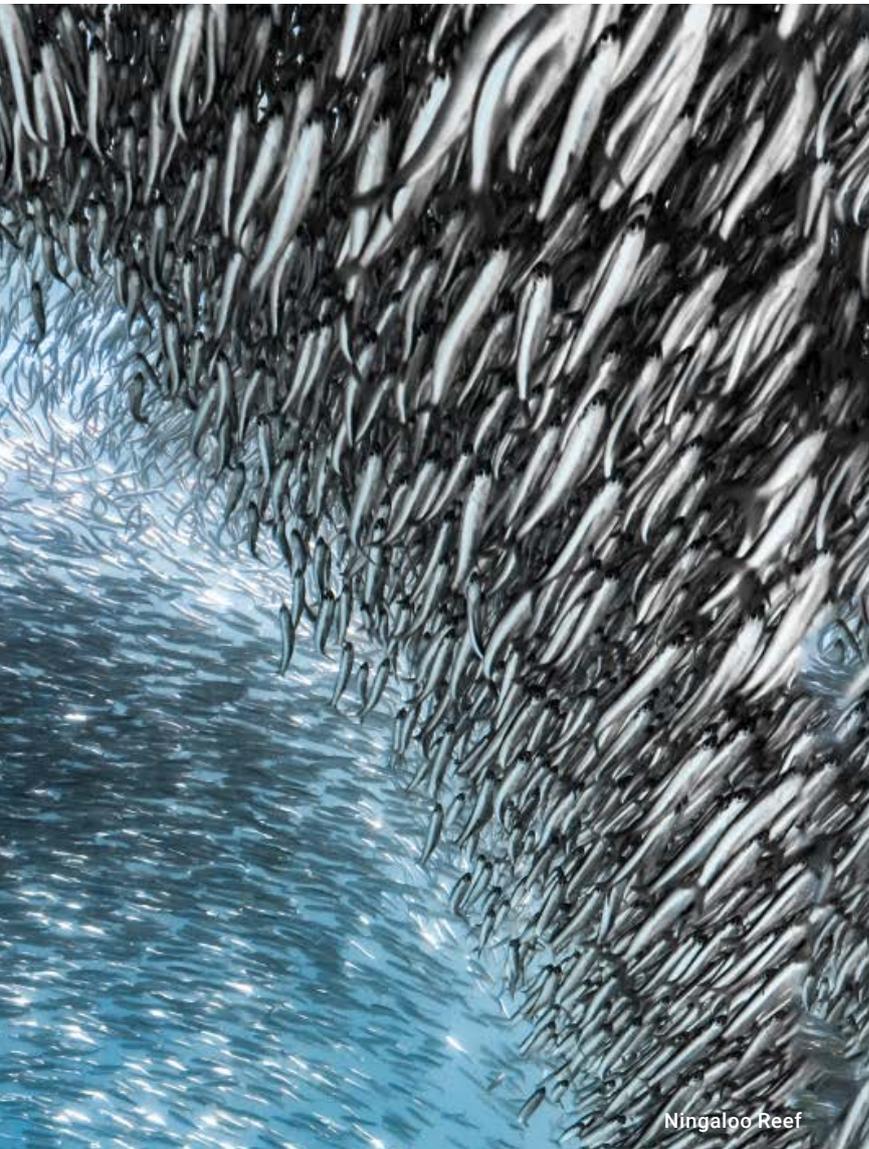
Steel yourself for a few 'pinch-me' moments today. You could choose to snorkel (with an ethical operator) over Ningaloo Reef. Time of year pending, you may have whale sharks and possibly humpback whales in your company. Nothing quite prepares you for the initial moment you glimpse these gentle giants up close. Or, spend your day strolling the sand and cruising with dolphins at sunset. The choice is yours. **B DW**

8 Exmouth – Carnarvon

You don't need to get your hair wet to experience the sheer wonderment of Ningaloo Reef. A Coral Bay glass-bottom boat cruise gets you within a whisker of turtles, colourful coral and an embarrassment of fish. You won't know where to look, although your on-board naturalist will help guide your gaze. From staring at the sea to staring at the stars: your next port of call is the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum. Did you know it played a role in the 1969 moon landing? Just one fascinating fact you'll learn from your passionate guide. **Hotel: Best Western Hospitality. B DW**

9 Carnarvon – Monkey Mia

While stromatolites might sound like something belonging in a cave, these 'living fossils' grow in the water at Hamelin Pool. Rock-like in appearance,



Ningaloo Reef

From **\$9320**

per person twin share land only

15 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2023 continued
May 17	Jul 12, 19
Jun 28	Aug 09, 23

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 May 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

12 Full breakfasts B 1 Farewell Dinner FD
8 Dinners with wine DW

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Broome Airport
Day 13 – flights to depart anytime from Perth Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

Upgrade

Start your tour in Darwin. See *Untamed Kimberley & West Coast* on page 32.

they're actually alive, and reveal what life might have been like 3.5-billion years ago. Remarkably, this is the world's most abundant colony of them. It's just one of the natural allures of the state's World Heritage listed Shark Bay, which is also characterised by Shell Beach, formed from billions of coquina bivalve shells. **Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, 2 nights. B DW**

10 Monkey Mia

Sparkling turquoise water, powdery white sand, ochre dunes – Monkey Mia knows how to dial up the drama. And then there are the wild resident dolphins, which famously swim to shore every morning to splash about in the shallows and interact with humans. It's a hard act to follow. Perhaps choose an optional afternoon sunset cruise, or get some perspective of the bay on an optional scenic flight? **B**

11 Monkey Mia – Geraldton

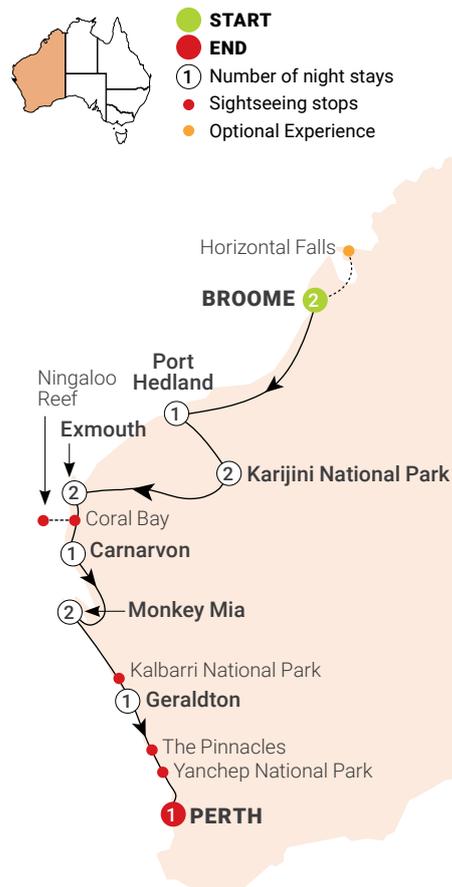
Kalbarri National Park is known for many things: its gorges, towering coastal cliffs and rare wildlife among them – spot peregrine falcons from Hawks Head Lookout. And then there are the wildflowers, which bloom and blanket much of the countryside in spring, transforming it into a floral wonderland. Arriving in Geraldton, pay homage to sailors lost off the WA coast during WWII at the HMAS Sydney Memorial. **Hotel: Mantra. B**

12 Geraldton – Perth

Two final wilderness highs provide a fitting end to this journey of contrasts. Within Nambung National Park, the Pinnacles create a moonscape that appears plucked from a science fiction film, its staggering collection of natural limestone structures jutting into the sky. It's a spiritual place, as is nearby Yanchep National Park. Here, Noongar man Derek Nannup's Dreamtime stories tell the tale of how the land was created. His tours are hands-on, so expect to taste bush tucker and try the didgeridoo. Arriving in Perth you have a Farewell Dinner to swap contact details with your new friends and reminisce about your western adventure. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. B FD**

13 Farewell from Perth

How do you pick a favourite adventure from the last 12 days? You don't have to – let them all shine in equal measure in your memory. **B**



Wonders of the Pilbara & West Coast

Highlights

Local Connection

Whale sharks, turtles, a ridiculous number of fish – Ningaloo Reef deserves its World Heritage status. Glimpse the underwater world on a Coral Bay glass-bottom boat tour.

Insider Knowledge

The Carnarvon Space Museum enjoys a special place in Australian history. Passionate local guides reveal how it came to play a role in the 1969 moon landing.

Cultural Immersion

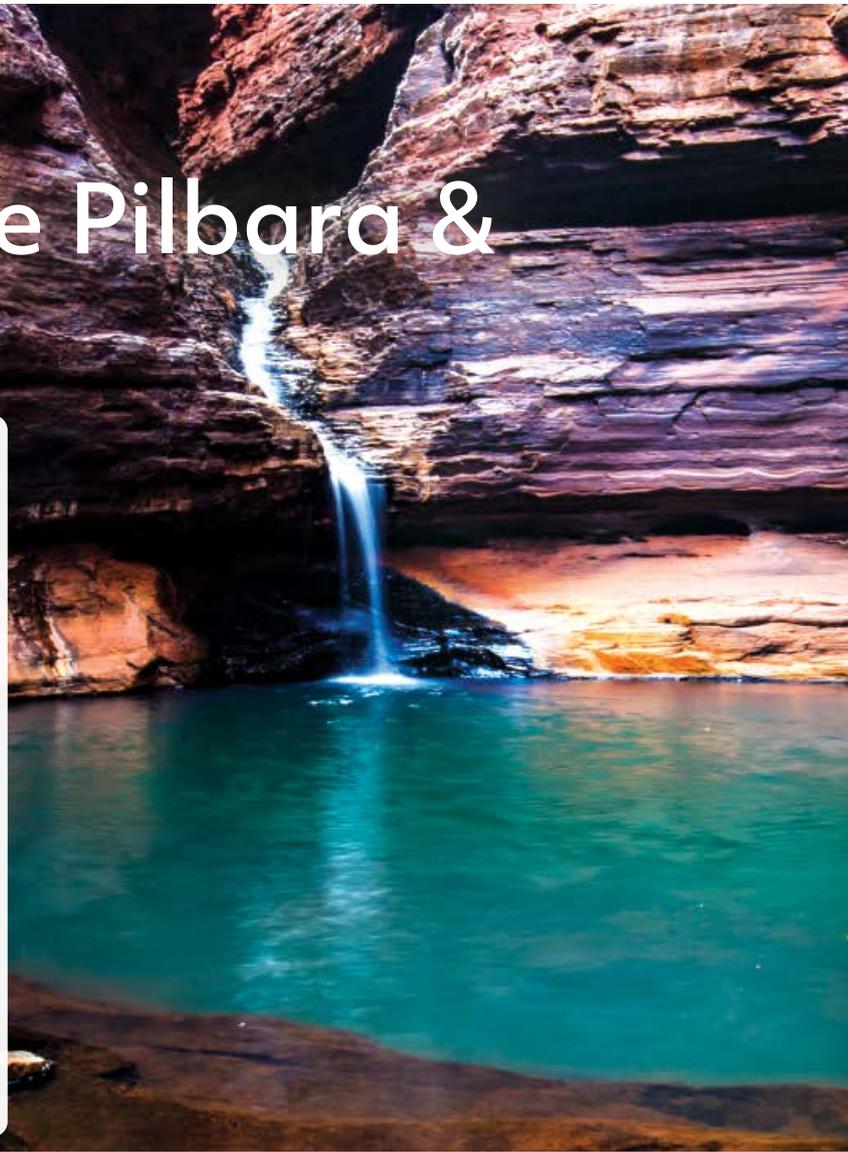
MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE  Playing the didgeridoo and hunting with spears is fun, but not as easy as it looks. Charismatic Derek Nannup introduces you to Noongar culture and Dreamtime history in Yancheep National Park.

Sustainable Footprints

Your national park fees protect the places you visit, ensuring this fragile part of the world – and the First Nations communities that call it home – will be around for future generations to enjoy.

Wildlife & Nature

Monkey Mia's dolphins are wild – and wildly friendly. They surf the waves to shore every morning to greet rangers and onlookers.



1 Welcome to Perth

Almost two weeks of adventures lie before you, the first a twirl around Perth. The Western Australian capital almost steals the street-art trophy from Melbourne, the city's alleys and warehouses decorated with eye-popping murals and installations. It's also remarkably green, with 400-hectare Kings Park and Botanic Garden sitting pretty in the CBD, on a lazy bend of the serpentine Swan River. Two thirds of the grounds are reserved for native plants. If you don't know your fellow travellers by now, you will by the time dinner is over. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. DW**

2 Perth – Geraldton

It's time to go north to Yancheep National Park. Here, Noongar man Derek Nannup's Dreamtime stories tell the tale of how the land was created. His tours are hands-on, so expect to taste bush tucker and try playing the didgeridoo. Think the day couldn't get any better? Within Nambung National Park, the Pinnacles create a moonscape that appears plucked from a sci-fi film, its staggering collection of natural limestone structures jutting into the sky. Arriving in Geraldton, pay homage to sailors lost off the WA coast during WWII at the HMAS Sydney Memorial. **Hotel: Mantra. B**

3 Geraldton – Monkey Mia

While stromatolites might sound like something belonging in a cave, these 'living fossils' grow in the water at Hamelin Pool. Rock-like in appearance, they're actually alive, and reveal what life might have been like 3.5-billion years ago. Remarkably, this is the world's most abundant colony of them. It's just one of the natural allures of the state's World Heritage listed Shark Bay, which is also characterised by Shell Beach, formed from billions of coquina bivalve shells, and fabled Monkey Mia. **Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort, 2 nights. B DW**

4 Monkey Mia

Sparkling turquoise water, powdery white sand, ochre dunes – Monkey Mia knows how to dial up the drama. And then there are the wild resident dolphins, which famously swim to shore every morning to splash about in the shallows and mingle with humans. It's a hard act to follow. Perhaps choose an optional sunset cruise, or get some perspective of the bay on an optional scenic flight? Or both. The afternoon is yours. **B**

5 Monkey Mia – Carnarvon

Your next port of call is the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum. Did you know it played a role in the 1969 moon landing? Just one of the fascinating facts you'll learn from your passionate guide. The experience is interactive, so budding astronauts can opt to try on space suits and climb aboard a spacecraft simulator. **Hotel: Best Western Hospitality. B DW**

6 Carnarvon – Exmouth

You don't need to get your hair wet to experience the sheer wonderment of Ningaloo Reef. A Coral Bay glass-bottom boat cruise gets you within a whisker of turtles, colourful coral and an embarrassment of fish. You won't know where to look, although your on-board naturalist will help guide your gaze. This is part of the World Heritage listed Ningaloo Coast, a popular hangout for larger-than-life migratory marine life including whale sharks and humpbacks. Before you settle into your plush Exmouth hotel, admire the curves of the coastline from Vlamingh Head Lighthouse. **Hotel: Mantarays Ningaloo Reef Resort, 2 nights. B DW**

7 Exmouth Free Time

Steel yourself for a few 'pinch-me' moments today. Opt to snorkel (with an ethical operator) over Ningaloo Reef. Time of year pending, you may have whale sharks and possibly humpback whales in your company. Nothing quite prepares you for the initial moment you glimpse these gentle giants up close. Or spend your day strolling the sand and cruising with dolphins at sunset. The choice is yours. **B DW**

8 Exmouth – Karijini National Park

It's an epic commute across the Pilbara from Exmouth to inland Karijini. But it's oh-so worth it. If you've ever wanted to fall in love at first sight, it'll happen at Karijini National Park. This is nature amplified, a place of immense gorges and deep, dark chasms; waterfalls and gem-like rock pools. This red slice of the Hamersley Range is a magnet for nature lovers, not only for the earthly delights but also the creatures that call the cliffs home. You're hundreds of kilometres from the nearest town, so expect dazzling stargazing from your safari tent. **Hotel: Karijini Eco Retreat, 2 nights. B DW**



Karijini National Park

From **\$9320**

per person twin share land only

15 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023

Jun 06, 20

Jul 11, 25

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Jun 2024 at atkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

12 Full breakfasts B

9 Dinners with wine DW

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Perth Airport

Day 13 – flights to depart anytime from Broome Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price

Upgrade

End your tour in Darwin. See Wonders of the West Coast and Kimberley on page 34.

9 Karijini National Park

It took billions of years to create the geological wonders of Karijini: the striking red escarpments and the quiet gorges all enveloped by tall gums. You have a single day to explore, so bring your stamina and sense of adventure. You're heading deep into the national park, discovering hidden nooks and waterholes just begging you to swim in them. **B DW**

10 Karijini National Park – Port Hedland

At first glimpse of the Pilbara, you may well think you've been transported to Mars. The soil couldn't get any redder, the skies any wider, the rock formations any more dramatic, much of the countryside streaked with mineral deposits. People are few and far between until you reach the town of Port Hedland. There are plenty of local characters to meet over dinner at your hotel, which gets busy when musicians begin to play. **Hotel: Hedland. B DW**

11 Port Hedland – Broome

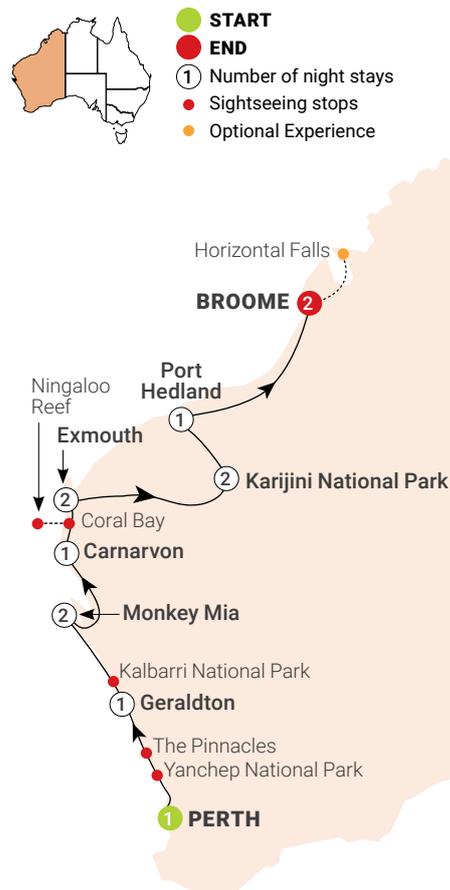
Skirting the edge of the Great Sandy Desert, your morning outlook is flat – almost as far as the eye can see, the sand eventually giving way to mountain ranges, and then multicultural Broome. This city delivers many surprises, from its eclectic restaurants to its long pearling history – the pristine waters produce some of the most prized pearl oysters in the world. The other standout attraction here happens at sunset. Follow locals to the sand on Cable Beach and salute the end of another spectacular day in WA. **Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort and Spa, 2 nights. B DW**

12 Broome Free Time

Which direction should you choose to venture today? Head north deep into the Kimberley on an optional experience where the Horizontal Falls reveals the power of nature. Get some perspective of the tides here on a scenic flight, then feel the force of the water on a heart-starting cruise across the rapids. Or veer off to a pearl farm to witness the precision that goes into growing and harvesting these gems. Or simply enjoy Broome's tropical climes, strolling along 22-kilometre Cable Beach, hunting for dinosaur footprints and browsing boutiques. **B**

13 Farewell from Broome

How do you pick a favourite adventure from the last 12 days? You don't have to – let them all shine in equal measure in your memory. **B**



Wonders of the Kimberley

Highlights

📍 Local Connection

WA sunsets are epic, as you'll discover cruising the Ord River from Lake Argyle. Some moments burn into your memory.

🗝️ Insider Knowledge

Danggu (Geikie) Gorge knows how to dial up the natural drama. Your ranger will point out lurking crocs.

👤 Cultural Immersion

Your Aboriginal guide through the Argyle Diamond Mine knows about the rare pink gems once mined here. They'll also enlighten you on how sacred this land is.

🌿 Sustainable Footprints

Aboriginal Songlines are strong across Western Australia. Ensure they stay that way with a visit to a First Nations art gallery, and support creatives by picking up a piece or two.

🐾 Wildlife & Nature

Sometimes, it's the small things in nature that wow the most. Like waking up with the sun and the birds in a glamping tent within El Questro Wilderness Park.



1 Welcome to Broome

You're about to spend the next 10 days with a group of similarly minded adventure-seekers who will likely become best friends before you even leave tonight's dinner venue. Break the ice over a few cool drinks and a suitably dazzling Broome sunset. **Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, 2 nights. DW**

2 Broome Free Time

Multicultural Broome became a base for fortune-seekers the world over during its 'pearl rush'. The pristine waters here grow great oysters, and the resulting pearls are prized by lovers of all things that gleam. Your day here is one of decisions. Go to the source and opt to see how pearls are grown and harvested, or head north to feel the full force of nature on an optional scenic flight over (and heart-starting cruise through) the Horizontal Falls. **B**

3 Broome – Fitzroy Crossing

Preserved for 125 million years in the reef rock at Gantheaume Point are the imprints of long-extinct dinosaurs. Remarkably, the Broome coast has become one of the most significant paleontological sites in the world. Next stop – Fitzroy Crossing, the gateway to Danggu (Geikie) Gorge. Jump aboard a boat to discover how this part of the Kimberley was formed. **Hotel: Fitzroy River Lodge. B DW**

4 Fitzroy Crossing – Halls Creek

Begin your deep dive into First Nations culture at a Fitzroy Crossing art gallery, a thriving venue dedicated to works by Aboriginal creatives. Your connection to this culture continues as you travel toward the Great Sandy Desert, on the edge of which is Halls Gap. **Hotel: Kimberley. B L DW**

5 Halls Creek – Emma Gorge

The Argyle Diamond Mine was once the world's largest producer of rare pink diamonds. While operations have ceased, you can still visit. Your First Nations guide will explain the Aboriginal significance. The Gibb River Road is the stuff road trip legends are made of. You'll see why, your route to El Questro Wilderness Park covering a few kilometres of the epic expanse. **Hotel: Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities, El Questro, 2 nights. B L DW**

6 El Questro Wilderness Park

The best way to wake up? With the sun streaming through your tent. The Kimberley's sounds follow you across the mighty Pentecost River, a mecca for those who love a spot of barramundi fishing. Arriving at Chamberlain Gorge, your cruise chariot awaits. Jump aboard to feel very small indeed, your boat dwarfed by soaring 65-metre escarpments. When it's time to cool down, take a dip in the resort pool or at a waterhole within Emma Gorge. **B DW**

7 Emma Gorge – Kununurra

Discover how Kununurra's Hoochery Distillery makes its lip-smacking rums and whiskeys. Try a tasting paddle to get your heart started or sit down to a slice of rum cake - morning tea sorted. Kununurra only exists because of the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. Farming pioneers came here to establish vast cattle stations, the life of one family is chronicled at the Durack Homestead Museum, which you'll visit before enjoying sunset while cruising the Ord River. **Hotel: The Kimberley Grande, 2 nights. B**

8 Kununurra

How active and adventurous do you want today to be? Rise early for a bird's-eye view of the beehive-like Bungle Bungles on a scenic flight, or stay grounded on a 4WD tour through the national park. Otherwise lace up your walking shoes and wander with your Travel Director through Mirima National Park, known as the 'mini-Bungles' for its rocky resemblance. **B DW**

9 Kununurra – Katherine

Say goodbye to WA and hello to the NT. Locals come with plenty of country swagger, as you'll discover when you meet the horseman and award-winning musician Tom Curtain for an afternoon of knee-slappin' fun on a working station. Tom is larger than life, and entertains crowds through songs and bush stories. The ultimate way to discover life on the land. **Hotel: Paraway Motel. B DW**

10 Katherine – Darwin

Nature reigns supreme at Nitmiluk National Park bordering Kakadu. This is Jawoyn land, and a place where you'll feel your spirit soar. Particularly when you're cruising through dramatic Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, your boat the only sound in this enormous chasm. The balmy Darwin



Mirima National Park

From **\$8215**

per person twin share land only

22 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023		2023 continued	
Jun	02, 09, 16, 23, 30	Aug	04, 11, 18
Jul	07, 21, 28	Sep	01, 08

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Jun 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

10 Full breakfasts B 7 Dinners with wine DW
 2 Lunches L 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Broome Airport
 Day 11 – flights to depart anytime from Darwin Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

Upgrade

Start your tour in Perth. See Wonders of the West Coast and Kimberley on page 34.

climate sets the pace for your final city tour: relaxed. Discover the city's architecture and learn about the events that have shaped life. **Hotel: Vibe Darwin Waterfront. B FD**

11 Farewell from Darwin

Eleven days. Countless adventures. A bunch of new friends. And a renewed appreciation for the wild side of Australia. What a journey. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops
- Optional Experience

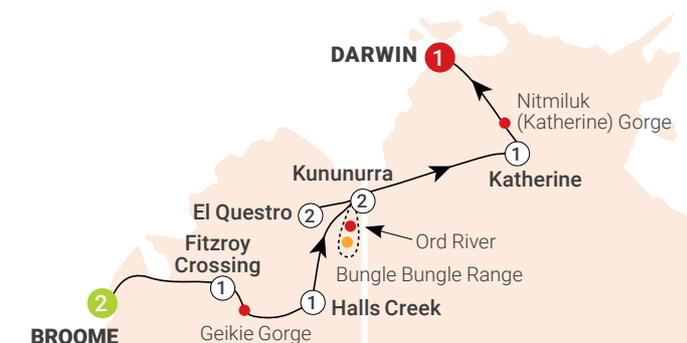


Optional Experience

Bungle Bungle Scenic Flight

Enjoy the exhilarating sensation of freedom in a high winged aircraft especially selected for a spectacular view while air touring. You'll be amazed at what you will see and learn in this two hour flight, from the irrigation and farming areas, the vastness of Lake Argyle, dam walls, cattle stations, mineral exploration sites, rivers, the largest diamond mine in the world, and not to forget the star of the tour, the World Heritage listed Purnululu National Park home to the famous Bungle Bungle Range.

We recommend you book your optional experience at the same time as your holiday.



Untamed Kimberley

Highlights

📍 Local Connection

The owners of Hoochery Rum Distillery in Kununurra are WA pioneers. They'll show you how they make their award-winning spirits.

🗨️ Insider Knowledge

Sunsets don't get much better than those enjoyed cruising the Ord River and Lake Argyle outside Kununurra. Your local guide knows where all the crocs hide.

🎨 Cultural Immersion

Aboriginal Songlines are strong across Western Australia. Ensure they stay that way with a visit to a Kimberley First Nations art gallery.

🌿 Sustainable Footprints

Every footstep you take into a national park ensures your visit treads lightly. Fees go toward protecting the environment, and the animals that call it home.

🦋 Wildlife & Nature

Nature humbles at Purnululu National Park in the Kimberley, where the striated domes of the Bungle Bungles pop from the desert like Jurassic beehives.

1 Welcome to Darwin

The balmy Darwin climate sets the pace for your city tour: relaxed. Things don't happen in a hurry here. Even the fiery sunsets seem to linger. You'll catch one later, but first an orientation tour to meet locals, discover the city's architecture and learn about the events that have shaped life, from Cyclone Tracy to WWII when the Northern Territory capital was bombed. Now it's time to watch the day disappear and meet your fellow adventure seekers. **Hotel: Vibe Darwin Waterfront. DW**

2 Darwin – Katherine

As you begin your travels south, yet more reminders of the impact of WWII line the banks of the Adelaide River, where the headquarters of a military base once stood. Then nature takes over at Nitmiluk National Park bordering Kakadu. This is Jawoyn land, and a place where you'll feel your spirit soar. Particularly when you're cruising through dramatic Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, your boat the only sound in this enormous chasm. There's no time to catch your breath – you're off to meet larger-than-life character Tom Curtain on a working station, where he entertains crowds through song and stories. **Hotel: Paraway Motel. B DW**

3 Katherine – Kununurra

Say goodbye to the NT and hello to WA, your introduction to the state the unexpected delights of Kununurra. It's in the middle of nowhere, and only exists because of the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. Before it was a twinkle on the map, farming pioneers came here to establish vast cattle stations. The life of one family is chronicled at the Durack Homestead Museum, which you'll visit before enjoying yet another sunset, this time cruising the Ord River and Lake Argyle. Some experiences burn into your memory. **Hotel: Kununurra Country Club Resort, 2 nights. B DW**

4 Kununurra

How active and adventurous do you want today to be? Rise early to enjoy a bird's-eye view of the beehive-like rock formations of the Bungle Bungles on an optional scenic flight or stay grounded on a 4WD tour through the national park. Otherwise, lace up your walking shoes and

wander with your Travel Director through Mirima National Park, known as the 'mini-Bungles' for its rocky resemblance. Whatever direction you go, be sure to join the locals atop Kelly's Knob for views over the town. **B**

5 Kununurra – Emma Gorge

It's not every day that you get to go behind the scenes of a rum distillery with the family that owns it. Discover how Hoochery Distillery makes its lip-smacking, award-winning rums and whiskys. Try a tasting paddle to get your heart started or sit down to a slice of rum cake – morning tea sorted. The Gibb River Road is the stuff road trip legends are made of. You'll see why, your route to El Questro Wilderness Park covering a few kilometres of the epic expanse. Now exhale – your safari-style tents for the night are surrounded by an oasis of pandanus and palms. **Hotel: Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities, El Questro, 2 nights. B DW**

6 El Questro Wilderness Park

The best way to wake up? With the sun streaming through your tent, wildlife all around. The Kimberley's sounds follow you across the mighty Pentecost River, a mecca for those who love a spot of barramundi fishing. Arriving at Chamberlain Gorge, an enormous fresh waterhole, your cruise chariot awaits. Jump aboard to feel very small indeed, your boat dwarfed by soaring 65-metre escarpments. When it's time to cool down, take an afternoon dip, whether in the resort pool or at a waterhole within Emma Gorge. Take your pick. **B DW**

7 Emma Gorge – Halls Creek

Until recently, the Argyle Diamond Mine was the world's largest producer of rare, and dazzling, pink diamonds. While operations have ceased, you can still visit and go behind the scenes. Your Aboriginal guide will not only point out where the magic once happened, but also explain the significance of this land. Equally important to Aboriginal communities is the Great Sandy Desert, which Halls Gap perches on the edge of. This place is small in population, but big in personality. **Hotel: Kimberley. B L DW**



Lake Argyle

From **\$8215**

per person twin share land only

22 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2023 continued
May 09, 23, 30	Jul 04, 11, 18, 25
Jun 13, 20, 27	Aug 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 May 2024 at atkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

10 Full breakfasts B 7 Dinners with wine DW
2 Lunches L 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2.00pm into Darwin Airport
Day 11 – flights to depart anytime from Broome Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

Upgrade

End your tour in Perth. See *Untamed Kimberley & West Coast* on page 32.

8 Halls Creek – Fitzroy Crossing

The remote town of Fitzroy Crossing acts as the gateway to Danggu (Geikie Gorge). But before you cruise the waterway, continue your deep dive into First Nations culture at the Aboriginal art gallery here. Then embark your boat to discover how this remarkable part of the Kimberley was formed by the Fitzroy River carving the Napier Range, leaving behind a dramatic chasm, home to a plethora of wildlife. Keep watch for freshwater crocs, fruit bats and wallabies. **Hotel: Fitzroy River Lodge. B L DW**

9 Fitzroy Crossing – Broome

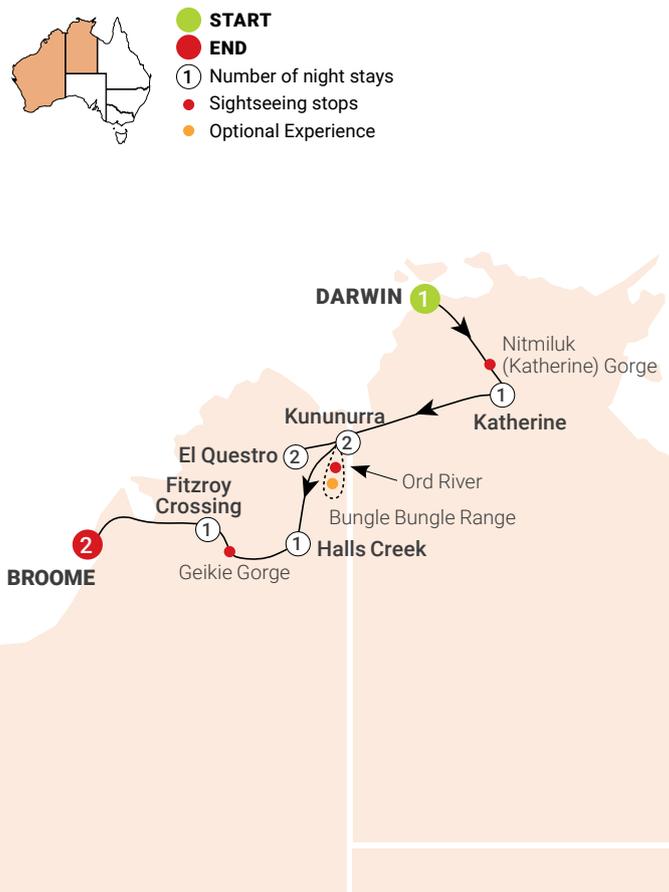
Among the most multicultural cities in Australia, Broome became a base for fortune-seekers the world over during its 'pearl rush'. The pristine waters here grow great oysters, and the resulting pearls are prized by lovers of all things that gleam. A city tour will give you your bearings. Then it's time to settle in for Broome's other attraction: its sunsets. Follow locals to the sand or find a perch in a beachside bar to salute the end of another spectacular day in WA. **Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, 2 nights. B**

10 Broome Free Time

A day of decisions. Head north to feel the full force of nature on an optional scenic flight over (or heart-starting cruise through) the magical Horizontal Falls. You can also enlist to do both. Or simply enjoy Broome's tropical climes, strolling along 22-kilometre Cable Beach, hunting for dinosaur footprints and browsing the pearl boutiques in town. It's hard to resist a purchase; even harder when you go straight to the source at a pearl farm, to see how they're harvested. **B FD**

11 Farewell from Broome

Eleven days, countless memories, a bunch of new friends... you'll leave Broome with your travel wanderlust ignited. **B**



Perfect Tasmania

Highlights

Local Connection

Whether you're cruising the Gordon River and Wineglass Bay, or going behind the scenes at wineries and whisky distilleries, in-the-know locals will keep you company.

Insider Knowledge

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE A cider in Penguin – no, it's not the name of a novel, but instead your Be My Guest lunch experience at Mt. Gnomon Farm in this charming north-coast town.

Cultural Immersion

Cataract Gorge is a special, and spiritual, place – and it's remarkably close to Launceston's CBD. Explore at your leisure.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Help keep Tasmania pristine, by assisting horticulturists with propagating seeds, which will be planted to regenerate the site at a former wood chip mill.

Wildlife & Nature

Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park is the kind of place that makes you put life into perspective. How can nature be this humbling?

1 Welcome to Hobart

You don't have to venture far from your hotel to find inspiration in Hobart, whether you're exploring the harbour or easing into one of the city's applauded galleries and wine bars. Save room for dinner, enjoyed in the company of your fellow adventure-seekers. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. DW**

2 Salamanca Market and City Sights

From alpaca throws to woodwork, Salamanca Market unites Tassie talent. Grab a coffee and roll and navigate stalls, wedged alongside the precinct's historic sandstone warehouses. Your afternoon excursions delve deep into many of the things that make Hobart great: the Botanical Gardens, historic Battery Point and the Cascade Brewery. End the day on a literal high at Mt. Nelson Lookout, offering dizzying views over the city. **B**

3 Hobart – Strahan

Waterfalls, lakes and ancient moonscapes – today is a journey of contrasts. Not to mention soul revival. Exhale amid the forest enveloping Russell Falls in Mt. Field National Park. Forget your worries at Lake St. Clair, the deepest of its kind in Australia. Sigh as you skirt the World Heritage-protected Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. Then revel in the serenity of Strahan. You're overlooking Macquarie Harbour, seven times the size of Sydney Harbour. **Hotel: Strahan Village. B DW**

4 Strahan – Cradle Mountain

No day that involves a cruise is a bad day. Even better if it's the deep, dark waters of the Gordon River. Soak up the silence of this untouched wilderness area en route to Sarah Island, Tassie's oldest convict settlement; today, haunting ruins have been reclaimed by nature. Your commute toward immense Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park visits Rosebery – tagline: "welcome to the rainforest, don't complain about the rain" – and tiny Tullah, population 165. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain, 2 nights. B L DW**

5 Cradle Mountain

At the heart of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, Cradle Mountain is all moss-covered ancient rainforests and deep river gorges,

snow-tipped peaks, wild alpine moorlands and glacial lakes – case in point Dove Lake, where you'll likely spot Bennetts wallabies, echidnas and pademelons. Pause at Waldheim Chalet, once the home of Gustav and Kate Weindorfer, the duo pivotal in the park's formation. **B DW**

6 Cradle Mountain – Launceston

A pioneer in delicious Aussie distillations, Hellyers Road Distillery produces some of the tastiest whiskys you'll come across. Breakfast sorted. Continue your palate expansion at Mount Gnomon Farm, in the hills overlooking the petite town of Penguin. Farmer Guy Robertson is as passionate about his orchard as he is the cider he makes. Sip your way through a Be My Guest lunch. Continue to quirky Sheffield, the 'Town of Murals' and through the Meander Valley to Launceston. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. B BG**

7 Launceston

Prepare for goosebumps – Cataract Gorge is humbling. Even more remarkable is the fact that this enormous cavern is just a few minutes' walk from the heart of Launceston. Explore at your leisure. By the time you reach Josef Chromy Wines, you'll have worked up a thirst. We've got you covered. This afternoon is yours: an optional cruise along the Tamar River, perhaps? **B L DW**

8 Launceston – Bicheno

You'll smell Bridestowe Estate well before you arrive – this lavender farm welcomes with soothing aromas, and addictive flavours in the form of lavender ice-cream. Moving moments await at Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, a series of trees carved with sculptures as an homage to fallen WWI soldiers. It's a poignant reminder just how lucky we are to have Tasmania's scene-stealing landscapes to gaze over. Be sure to head out tonight to catch a glimpse of the little penguins that call Bicheno home. **Hotel: Diamond Island Beach Resort. B DW**

9 Freycinet National Park & Wineglass Bay Cruise

There's a reason this part of Tasmania takes home top honours for its beaches – they were made for postcards. The brilliant blue ocean follows you through Cape Tourville's virgin eucalypt forests, with golden beaches as far as the eye can see. Perhaps the only sight



Gordon River Cruise

From **\$7245**

per person twin share land only

16 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2022	2023	2024
Oct 14	Jan 20	Jan 19
Nov 11	Feb 10	Feb 09
Dec 09	Mar 03, 24	Mar 01, 22
	Apr 14	
	Sep 15	
	Oct 13	
	Nov 10	
	Dec 08	

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at atkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

- 12 Full breakfasts **B**
- 3 Lunches **L**
- 1 Be My Guest lunch **BG**
- 7 Dinners with wine **DW**
- 1 Farewell Dinner **FD**

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Hobart Airport
 Day 13 – flights to depart anytime from Hobart Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

more dazzling is the flawless crescent of sand that marks Wineglass Bay, your cruise boat backdrop by the dusty pink Hazards mountains of Coles Bay. **Hotel: Eastcoaster Tasmania. B L DW**

10 Triabunna – Hobart

Freestone Point was once home to the world's largest wood chip mill, built on the unceded lands of the Paredarmerne people. It's had a philosophy change, and is now intent on charting a sustainable path. As if your Welcome to Country at Oyster Bay wasn't humbling enough, you'll then have the chance to visit beehives and worm farms, and assist horticulturists in propagating seeds to regenerate the area. The GPS is now set for the historic township of Richmond; explore the convict-built gaol and bridge or browsing the quaint boutique shops in town. This evening is at your leisure in Hobart. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor (Harbour View Room), 3 nights. B**

11 Port Arthur Historic Site

While the World Heritage listed Port Arthur Historic Site has a grim convict history, you wouldn't know it today – the countryside is all rolling green fields and ocean views. Only the place names give its heritage away: cruise around the Isle of the Dead, glimpse rugged sea cliffs from Pirate's Bay Lookout, and veer past Tasman's Arch, Devil's Kitchen and the Blowhole. Tonight is at your leisure – we can recommend any number of stellar restaurants. **B**

12 Hobart Free Time

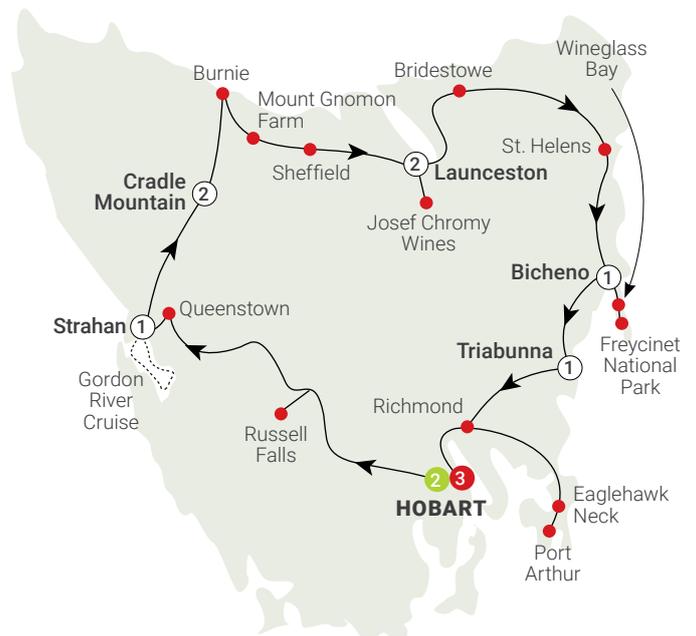
There's something about Tasmania's capital that encourages life in the slow lane. You'll quickly fall into step today, yours to spend as you will. Perhaps add on a Bruny Island cruise to spot playful sea lions and ogle Australia's highest sea cliffs? Or enjoy a bird's-eye view on a scenic flight down to the great Southwest? Or get your cultural fix with a visit to the Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery. **B FD**

13 Farewell from Hobart

If you can still count all the delicious things you have eaten and drunk, and all the epic things you have seen and done, two weeks down the track, we commend you. Now's the time to re-live them with friends and family back at home. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Tassie's Parks & Nature

Highlights

📍 Local Connection

Bring your elastic-waisted pants: cheese, wine, whisky and cider all await. The best bit? You get to go behind the scenes with the makers.

🔑 Insider Knowledge

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Farmer Guy Robertson knows a thing or two about growing heritage apples. Taste the fruit of his labour in lip-smacking ciders, enjoyed over a Be My Guest lunch.

🎭 Cultural Immersion

Listen to local street performers as you taste delicious homegrown produce at Tassie's iconic Salamanca Market.

🌿 Sustainable Footprints

Your visit contributes to National Parks and Wildlife, protecting Tasmania's wilderness including the Franklin-Gordon Rivers.

🦘 Wildlife & Nature

Carved by ice during glaciations over the last two million years, Lake St Clair is the deepest of its kind in Australia. Added bonus – it's surrounded by World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park.



1 Welcome to Hobart

The Tasmanian capital packs a lot of punch into such a small perimeter, from restaurants that garner global praise to moody wine bars, eye-opening galleries, waterside walks and character-filled historic precincts. Explore at your leisure before meeting the adventurous souls who will keep you company over the next week. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. DW**

2 Salamanca Market and City Sights

Three hundred – that's the number of stalls you'll navigate this morning at Hobart's mighty Salamanca Market. Get your heart started sampling gin and whisky, or order a coffee and bulging burger and pick up made-in-Tasmania arts and crafts. The precinct, amid historic sandstone buildings, is almost as pretty as the produce. This afternoon you'll see what makes Hobart tick, from the leafy Botanical Gardens to historic Battery Point and Cascade Brewery. It all fits neatly together when you get some perspective from the lofty Mt. Nelson Lookout, gazing over the River Derwent, all the way to Bruny Island in the south. **B**

3 Hobart – Strahan

The West Coast of Tassie is wild – in the best possible way. The air seems cleaner, the lakes cooler, the colours brighter, the waterfalls larger... as you'll discover when the mist envelops you at tiered Russell Falls. This is part of Mt. Field National Park, the state's most diverse nature reserve. Speaking of breaking records, Lake St. Clair is the deepest of its kind in Australia, carved by ice during glaciations over the last two million years. Pausing here puts life into perspective. Skirt the World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park, characterised by soaring Huon pines, before arriving in Strahan. Small in population but big in personality, the town overlooks the immense Macquarie Harbour. Did you know it's seven times the size of Sydney Harbour? **Hotel: Strahan Village. B DW**

4 Strahan – Cradle Mountain

Today's watery welcome is the deep, dark Gordon River, its expanse coloured by tannins from button grass. Soak up the silence of this untouched wilderness area on a cruise out to Sarah Island, a former penal settlement – Tassie's oldest – where convicts laboured under harsh conditions felling pines for boat-building. The haunting ruins that

remain have been reclaimed by the rainforest, telling a chilling story of life on the land. As do mining towns Rosebery and Tullah, enveloped by dense forest and volcanic mountains. This is your backdrop en route to immense Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park, a mecca for some of Australia's most elusive wildlife: keep watch for Tasmanian devils and platypuses. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain, 2 nights. B L DW**

5 Cradle Mountain

Cradle Mountain has not always been pristine – it owes much of its protected status to early settlers Gustav and Kate Weindorfer, who were pivotal in championing the conservation of the area. Their efforts are remembered at Waldheim Chalet, their former home, set among myrtles and King Billy pines that gradually give way to moss-covered ancient rainforests and deep river gorges, snow-tipped peaks and wild alpine moorlands. This is the heart of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, carved by glacial waterways like Dove Lake. You can see why Bennetts wallabies, echidnas, wombats and pademelons live here – you, too, will find it hard to tear yourself away. If you're a night person, consider enlisting to spot Tassie's nocturnal animals, whether at a devil sanctuary or in the wild. **B DW**

6 Cradle Mountain – Launceston

Bring your appetite – today you'll try some of the state's standout produce. First stop is Hellyers Road Whisky Distillery. Tasmanian tipples – whether whisky or gin – take home global awards for good reason. Steel yourself for the ciders fermented at Mount Gnomon Farm, in the hills overlooking the petite town of Penguin. If there's an Australian destination with a cuter name, we're yet to find it. Here, passionate farmer Guy Robertson will pour brews made from apples grown in his orchard, before you sit down to a farm-to-table Be My Guest lunch. Then you're on your way to quirky Sheffield, the 'Town of Murals', before travelling through the Meander Valley to Launceston. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor. B BG**

7 Farewell from Launceston

Your final day ends on a high in Cataract Gorge, a rare natural phenomenon on the outskirts of Launceston. There's bushland on one side, and a Victorian garden replete with ferns and exotic plants on the



Josef Chromy Wines

From **\$4055**

per person twin share land only

11 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2022	2023	2024
Oct 14	Jan 20	Jan 19
Nov 11	Feb 10	Feb 09
Dec 09	Mar 03, 24	Mar 01, 22
	Apr 14	
	Sep 15	
	Oct 13	
	Nov 10	
	Dec 08	

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at atkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

6 Full breakfasts B 2 Lunches L
 1 Be My Guest lunch BG 4 Dinners with wine DW

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Hobart Airport
 Day 7 – flights to depart after 5.00pm from Launceston Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

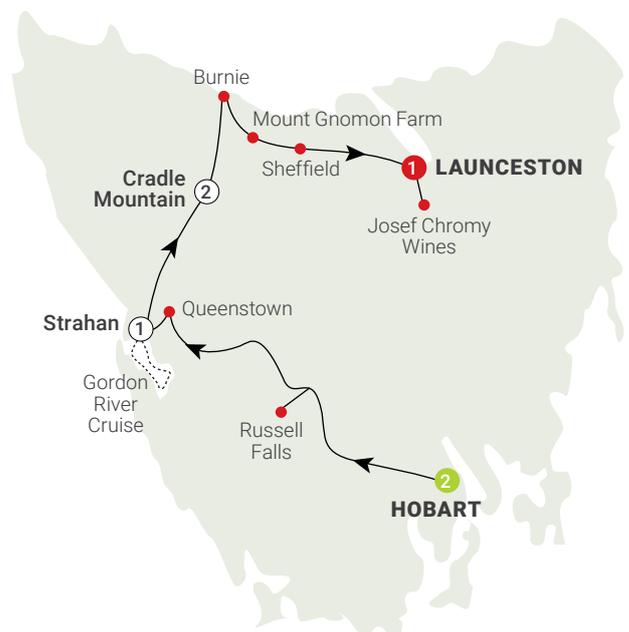
Upgrade

Start & end your tour in Hobart. See Perfect Tasmania page 44.

other. Get a different perspective of the green cavern on the scenic chairlift, zipping you over the water to a lofty lookout. You can't leave Tassie without sipping a few of its cool-climate wines, perhaps a pinot noir or flute of sparkling enjoyed overlooking the manicured grounds of the Josef Chromy Estate. Sample the range, then settle in with your favourite drop enjoyed over lunch. This afternoon is yours: if you're not heading home yet, we recommend extending your adventure with an optional cruise along the Tamar River. A fitting end to a week of wonderment. **B L**



Mount Gnomon Farm



Tassie Getaway

Highlights

📍 Local Connection

Whether meeting the growers at Bridestowe Lavender Estate or spotting wildlife on a Wineglass Bay nature cruise, in-the-know locals offer eye-opening insights.

🗝️ Insider Knowledge

Hobart is one of Australia's coolest little capitals. Your Travel Director knows all the best places to wine, dine and explore.

🏛️ Cultural Immersion

Port Arthur's heritage shaped modern-day Australia. The best way to understand its significance? With a historian guiding you through the World Heritage Site.

🌱 Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Ensure Tassie's wilderness areas stay pristine by assisting horticulturists with propagating seeds, which will be planted to regenerate the site at a former wood chip mill.

🦋 Wildlife & Nature

Wander a few steps from Launceston and you're in the natural wonderland that is Cataract Gorge, where rivers carve a landscape of rolling green fields and ferns.



1 Welcome to Launceston

Tasmania's second-largest city, Launceston sits pretty on the banks of the Tamar River. Arrive early? Distractions are endless. We suggest jumping on a boat to cruise the waterway, gliding through the Tamar Valley or up into Cataract Gorge. This rare natural phenomenon unites bushland with neat Victorian gardens, replete with ferns and exotic plants. Get a different perspective of the green cavern on the scenic chairlift, zipping you over the water to a lofty lookout. Consider yourself a bit of a gourmand? Some of Tassie's top wineries are within easy reach. Sip your way around the Josef Chromy estate, Swinging Gate or Jansz before meeting the adventurous souls that will keep you company over the next week. Meet your Travel Director at a Welcome Reception and dinner before embarking on your journey along Tasmania's glorious east. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor. DW**

2 Launceston – Bicheno

Arriving at Bridestowe Lavender Estate, you could be forgiven for thinking you've been transported straight to Provence. This bucolic patch of purple is a feast for all the senses (did you know lavender is a great sleep aid?). Then taste the wares, whether in lavender ice-cream or honey made from the 500,000 very happy bees that live here. Moving moments await at Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, an avenue of sculpted trees, carved in homage of fallen WWI soldiers. It's a poignant reminder of just how privileged we are to have Tasmania's scene-stealing landscapes to gaze over today. Head out tonight to catch a glimpse of the little penguins that call Bicheno home. **Hotel: Diamond Island Beach Resort. B DW**

3 Freycinet National Park & Wineglass Bay Cruise

Embarking on your Freycinet adventure, you may think someone has taken the glasses off your nose and cleaned them for the first time. The towering Hazards Range that backdrops your base gleams pink in the morning sunshine. Fun fact: the prized granite here was used to build the foyer of New York's Empire State Building. The brilliant blue ocean curves into coves dusted with golden sand. And dusty greens patchwork Cape Tourville's virgin eucalypt forest, stretching as far as the eye can see. Amid it all is Wineglass Bay, a gem-like crescent with gin-clear water. Rest up – you're taking this in over a lunchtime cruise. **Hotel: Eastcoaster Tasmania. B L DW**

4 Triabunna – Hobart

Freestone Point was once home to the world's largest wood chip mill, built on the unceded lands of the Paredarmerne people. It's had a philosophy change, and is now intent on charting a sustainable path. Today's onward journey takes you to Hobart, but before you arrive in the Tasmanian capital, you're treated to a Welcome to Country by the Traditional Owners of Oyster Bay. If you thought the industrial setting is beyond repair, wait till you see the organic gardens – help horticulturists propagate seeds that will be returned to the mill's grounds. Richmond impresses in a different way – this historic town is like stepping back in time. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor (Harbour View Room), 3 nights. B**

5 Port Arthur Historic Site

Isle of the Dead, Pirate's Bay Lookout, Devil's Kitchen... the attractions around Port Arthur Historic Site give away the region's grim convict heritage. But don't be put off by the colourful names; the rolling green countryside, rugged cliffs and dramatic rock formations make this one of the most postcard-perfect pockets of the state. Explore what remains of the World Heritage Site with a historian – they know all the secrets that took place behind these walls – then enjoy a different perspective from the water on a scenic cruise. Tonight is at your leisure. We can recommend any number of stellar restaurants and wine bars to while away the evening in. **B**

6 Hobart Free Time

Today is one of decisions. Do you fancy lingering in Hobart's city centre, exploring gallery-lined streets and taking in glorious Georgian architecture, either at your leisure or with a guide? Or perhaps you're inclined to explore the Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery, occupying one of Australia's most historically significant sites and home to an eye-watering 800,000 objects ranging from fossils to fine art. Maybe you want to end your Tassie adventure the way it began, savouring the state's end-of-the-Earth wilderness areas. Take on Mount Wellington, with its glorious views of Hobart and beyond, or cruise to spot playful sea lions and ogle Australia's highest sea cliffs around Bruny Island. The choice is yours. **B FD**

Tastes of Southern Australia

Highlights

Local Connection

Ever wanted to know what life on a 400-hectare sheep farm is like? Meet Craig Starr and his family at Gold Creek Station for a tale or two, and a BBQ.

Insider Knowledge

Australian Parliament House and the War Memorial offer insights into the Australian capital best revealed with an in-the-know local by your side.

Cultural Immersion

 Visiting Tower Hill reconnects you with First Nations Australian culture. Your tour around this inactive Victorian volcano with a local guide reveals Aboriginal creation stories.

Sustainable Footprints

 By visiting Kangaroo Island's Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, you not only gain insights into Australian animals, but also have the chance to support them.

Wildlife & Nature

Across the Great Ocean Road's 240 kilometres you'll discover all manner of natural drama, from limestone stacks to World Heritage listed rainforest and untouched coastal coves.



As this holiday departs at 7.30am from the Vibe Hotel Sydney, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Sydney – Canberra

As hard as it is to say goodbye to Sydney, it's just as easy to say hello to the Southern Highlands. South of the 'Harbour City', the bucolic countryside of Berrima awaits – fun fact: this is the oldest Georgian village in Australia. Further on, you're welcomed to Gold Creek Station by sheep farmer Craig Starr for a Be My Guest BBQ lunch and tales about life on the land. Onward to the country's cool little capital, home to Parliament House, where you'll go behind the political scenes, as well as the Australian War Memorial. Hearing the Last Post is a moving experience. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. BG DW**

2 Canberra – Wangaratta

Get some Canberra perspective from the summit of Mt. Ainslie. You won't be able to see the Murray River, but you'll soon cross it en route to Beechworth, Victoria's best-preserved gold rush town. We'll give you the Beechworth lowdown, then set you on your way to explore character-filled antiques stores, galleries and museums at your leisure. There are plenty of charming places to refuel, as well, before Wangaratta's cathedrals beckon. **Hotel: Quality. B**

3 Wangaratta – Melbourne

Meandering south toward historic Glenrowan, you're well and truly in Ned Kelly country – this is where the infamous bushranger and his gang were finally captured in 1880. We'll tell you all the tales, then a few more about Melbourne, the home of Aussie rules football, some of the country's best arts institutions, and a swag of stellar restaurants, cafés and bars. Once you have your bearings, explore as you will. We can help with evening restaurant reservations. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. B**

4 Melbourne Free Time

You're on your own today. Well, not really, because your Travel Director is at your service to help arrange optional sightseeing experiences. After you've enjoyed a strong coffee in one of Melbourne's atmospheric laneways, that is. Adrenaline junkie? Linger in the city, gaining bird's-eye views from the Eureka Skydeck. Animal lover? Venture to Phillip Island to see hundreds of little penguins pad along the sand. Want to get back to nature? Chug

through the lush Dandenong Ranges on the Puffing Billy Steam Train, followed by a sip or two of wine in the Yarra Valley. The choice is yours. **B**

5 Melbourne – Warrnambool

The Great Ocean Road is one of the world's most epic journeys, a dramatic 240-kilometre union of limestone stacks (Twelve Apostles, we're looking at you), World Heritage listed rainforest, untouched coastal coves and sleepy towns, like Lorne and Apollo Bay. It's hard to know where to point your camera. We recommend having it poised to snap shots of the Loch Ard Gorge and London Bridge rock formations. It doesn't get any better than this. **Hotel: Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs. B DW**

6 Warrnambool – Naracoorte

Emus, kangaroos, koalas, echidnas... These are just some of the animals you'll likely spot visiting Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve – housed in a dormant volcanic crater – with an Aboriginal guide. Remarkably, this pocket of paradise was once wasteland, transformed by volunteers. More volcanic history awaits across the South Australian border in Mt. Gambier, home to the crater-filling Blue Lake. By now you'll be pretty thirsty, so it's a good thing the Coonawarra wine region is around the corner. After a few sips, you may find yourself getting deep – literally. Naracoorte's Alexandra Cave is a maze of delicate needle-like stalactites and massive twisting columns. **Hotel: William MacIntosh Motor Lodge. B DW**

7 Naracoorte – Kangaroo Island

The Fleurieu Peninsula is a natural adventure playground, all rolling hills, rugged clifftops and sandy beaches. Seaside Victor Harbor turns on the charms – there are steam locomotives – before your ferry blasts its horn. All aboard for Kangaroo Island. A well-deserved tasting of craft beer awaits at a boutique brewery, the only one on the island. How does a Golden Ale sound? Your destination is South Australia's oldest European settlement, Kingscote. **Hotel: Aurora Ozone, 2 nights. B DW**

8 Kangaroo Island

If you like alliterations, you'll love today's attractions: first stops are Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch, home to an immense colony of raucous fur seals. AAT Kings-sponsored Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary was badly damaged by the 2019 bushfires; your visit reveals the part fire



Admirals Arch

From **\$5135**

per person twin share land only

23 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2022	2023	2024
Oct 18	Jan 10, 24	Jan 09, 23
Nov 01, 22	Feb 07, 21	Feb 06, 20
Dec 20	Mar 07, 21	Mar 05, 19
	Apr 11	
	May 02	
	Aug 29	
	Sep 19	
	Oct 17, 31	
	Nov 21	
	Dec 19	

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

- 10 Full breakfasts B
- 1 Be My Guest lunch BG
- 2 Lunches L
- 4 Dinners with wine DW
- 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Sydney Airport
 Day 11 – flights to depart anytime from Adelaide Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

plays within this delicate ecosystem, and how koalas and other wildlife adapt to their environment. More wildlife greets you at Seal Bay Conservation Park, where enormous sea lions barrel down the sand to the water. This is one of the most significant breeding colonies in the country. **B L**

9 Kangaroo Island – Adelaide

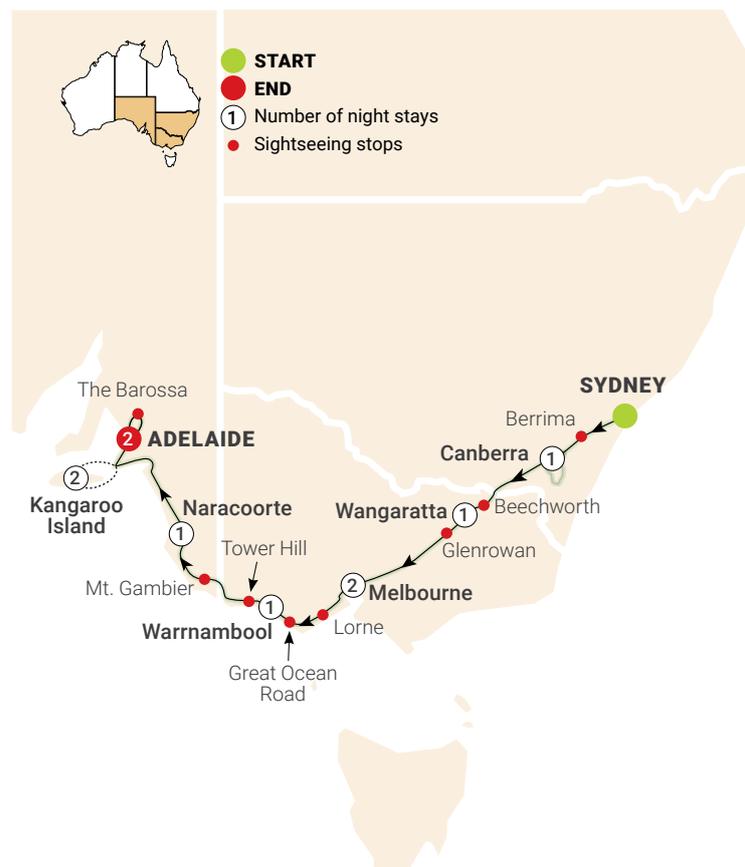
You've arrived in the South Australian capital, known for its well-preserved churches and well-admired cuisine. Did you know that Adelaide boasts more restaurants per capita than any other city in Australia? The afternoon is yours to see just how many you can sample – we have a few recommendations, including the epic Central Market, where you can try green ant gin with cheese, among so many other delicacies. This place is the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. B**

10 Adelaide Hills & The Barossa

Today is one of indulgences through the Adelaide Hills and atmospheric towns like Hahndorf, Australia's oldest German settlement. Wander down its tree-lined streets and take time to explore the quaint shops. This part of the state is known for its food and wine, and you'll discover local flavours for lunch at the South Australian Company Store, followed by a visit to a popular local vineyard for a wine tour and tasting in neighbouring Barossa. Return to Adelaide through landscape dotted with stone cottages and olive groves to join your Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner at Koomo, Adelaide's highest restaurant, for a Japanese inspired feast. **B L FD**

11 Farewell from Adelaide

By day 11, you will have a suitcase full of gin, wine and cheese; a camera full of dreamy images; and more memories than you can count. **B**



Great Ocean Road & Kangaroo Island

Highlights

Local Connection

Mike established Kangaroo Island Brewery in 2015, and loves talking to guests about the flavours distinguishing his beers.

Insider Knowledge

Who better to guide you around a Barossa vineyard than a local wine aficionado? You'll be an expert in no time.

Cultural Immersion

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Tower Hill is a spiritual place, its Aboriginal significance revealed by in-the-know guides. Koalas, emus and kangaroos are a bonus.

Sustainable Footprints

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Support bushfire and wildlife rehabilitation projects on Kangaroo Island when you visit Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary.

Wildlife & Nature

The underworld beckons at Naracoorte's Alexandra Cave, a maze of delicate needle-like stalactites and massive twisting columns.



As this holiday departs at 7.30am from the Crowne Plaza Melbourne, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Melbourne – Warrnambool

Want an adventure that starts with a bang? This is it. You're on your way to the Great Ocean Road, a snaking coastal route that is one of the world's most epic journeys. Across a dramatic 240 kilometres you'll take in limestone stacks like the Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge and London Bridge. Then traverse through World Heritage listed rainforest, skirting untouched coastal coves, and pausing in sleepy towns like Lorne and Apollo Bay, where bare feet and boardshorts are the dress code. **Hotel: Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs. DW**

2 Warrnambool – Naracoorte

The south's volcanic history bubbles to the surface at Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve, an immense natural wonder spanning a dormant volcanic crater. You'll learn about the area's flora and fauna – emus, kangaroos, koalas and echidnas – with an Aboriginal guide. More volcanic history awaits across the South Australian border in Mt. Gambier, home to the crater-filling Blue Lake. Bring your sunglasses, because the lake's name doesn't do it justice – the intensity of the hue is blinding. By now you'll be pretty thirsty, so it's a good thing the Coonawarra wine region is around the corner. Fancy a world-class cab sav, shiraz or merlot? You've come to the right place. Your final adventure is deep, in every sense of the word. Naracoorte's Alexandra Cave is a maze of delicate needle-like stalactites and massive twisting columns. **Hotel: William MacIntosh Motor Lodge. B DW**

3 Naracoorte – Kangaroo Island

Nature rules large again today as you weave along the Fleurieu Peninsula to Victor Harbor. After rolling hills, sandy beaches and rugged cliffs, you're greeted with the charms of this seaside town – the gateway to Kangaroo Island. All aboard the ferry for your journey toward this 'mini Galapagos'. Kangaroo Island deserves its moniker, as you'll discover tomorrow. But today, all you have to do is ease into the island with a tasting of craft beers at Kangaroo Island's only brewery. How does a Limestone Road Pale Ale sound? **Hotel: Aurora Ozone, 2 nights. B DW**

4 Kangaroo Island

First stop today truly deserves its name: the orange-lichen-clad Remarkable Rocks command your attention over the blazing blue of the Southern Ocean. Then there's Admirals Arch, home to an immense colony of raucous fur seals and a very photogenic lighthouse. Like much of the island, AAT Kings-sponsored Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary was badly damaged by the 2019 bushfires. On your visit, you'll discover the role that fire plays within this delicate ecosystem, and how koalas and other wildlife adapt to their environment. More wildlife greets you at Seal Bay Conservation Park. Move aside: enormous sea lions regularly barrel down the sand toward the water. **B L**

5 Kangaroo Island – Adelaide

On your cruise back to the mainland, picture some of the culinary opportunities that await in the South Australian capital. Adelaide is known as the 'city of churches', but we think a more apt title is the 'city of cuisine'. The afternoon is yours to see just how many restaurants and bars you can sample. Want recommendations? We might point you in the direction of the epic Central Market, the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere with more than 70 stalls selling artisan edibles (and drinkables). **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. B**

6 Adelaide Hills & The Barossa

Now that you have a taste for South Australian produce, take a deep dive on today's adventure through the Adelaide Hills and the Barossa, dotted with atmospheric towns like Hahndorf, Australia's oldest surviving German settlement. Wander down its tree-lined streets and take time to explore the quaint shops. Wining and dining dominate the landscape, with some of the country's oldest grape vines planted across this pocket of the state. Discover local flavours at the South Australian Company Store, followed by a visit to a popular local vineyard for a wine tour and tasting in neighbouring Barossa. Return to Adelaide through landscape dotted with stone cottages and olive groves to join your Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner at Koomo, Adelaide's highest restaurant, for a Japanese inspired feast. **B L FD**

From **\$3720**

per person twin share land only

13 Included Experiences**Departure Dates**

2022	2023	2024
Oct 22	Jan 14, 28	Jan 13, 27
Nov 05	Feb 11, 25	Feb 10, 24
Dec 26	Mar 11, 25	Mar 09, 23
	Apr 15	
	May 06	
	Sep 02, 23	
	Oct 21	
	Nov 04, 25	
	Dec 23	

A limited number of single rooms are available.
Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at atkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

6 Full breakfasts B
2 Lunches L

3 Dinners with wine DW
1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Melbourne Airport
Day 7 – flights to depart anytime from Adelaide Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

Upgrade

Start your tour in Sydney. See Tastes of Southern Australia on page 50.



The Twelve Apostles

7 Farewell from Adelaide

A week in this part of the world really isn't enough. We hope we've inspired you to come back for another taste. **B**



Seal Bay



Hahndorf



Southern Capitals: City Meets Bush

Highlights

📍 Local Connection

Crisp air, blue skies, the melody of sheep... there's nothing like being on a 400-hectare working farm. Meet Craig Starr and his family for a BBQ and a yarn or two.

🗝️ Insider Knowledge

The Australian capital holds some of the country's greatest stories, whether of politics at Parliament House (your guide knows the secrets) or history at the humbling War Memorial.

🏡 Cultural Immersion

Gold rush towns always come with stories about infamous bush rangers and love scandals. Hear them when you arrive in historic Beechworth.

🦘 Wildlife & Nature

More than 32,000 little penguins live around Phillip Island, and some 4,000 of them pitter patter from the sea to their sandy burrows every evening. Say goodnight.



As this holiday departs at 7.30am from the Vibe Hotel Sydney, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Sydney – Canberra

It's hard to believe that just 1.5 hours from Sydney lies a patch of countryside that could have been transplanted straight from the English Cotswolds. Think atmospheric villages amid rolling hills of grape vines – the Southern Highlands is the closest wine region to Australia's largest city, after all. And then there are the grand gardens and emerald farms, one of which you'll visit to meet Craig Starr and his family. Gold Creek Station farm is your backdrop for a Be My Guest BBQ lunch and tales about life on the land. This is your entrée to the country's cool little capital of Canberra, home to Parliament House, where you'll go behind the political scenes, as well as the Australian War Memorial. Hearing the Last Post is a moving experience. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. BG DW**

2 Canberra – Wangaratta

Thanks to architect Walter Burley Griffin, Canberra is an urban planner's delight – the city is that well laid out, as you'll discover when you head to the summit of Mt. Ainslie for panoramic views. You won't yet be able to see the Murray River, but you'll soon cross it en route to Beechworth. From Australia's longest river to Victoria's best-preserved gold rush town, Beechworth saw an influx of fortune-seekers during the 1850s. Your Travel Director will give you the Beechworth lowdown, then set you on your way to explore character-filled antiques stores, galleries, leafy parks and gardens, and museums at your leisure. There are plenty of charming cafés and restaurants to refuel in as well, before Wangaratta's cathedrals beckon. **Hotel: Quality. B**

3 Wangaratta – Melbourne

Meandering south toward historic Glenrowan, you're well and truly in Ned Kelly country – this is where the infamous bushranger and his gang were finally captured in 1880. The story is remembered on pretty much every city corner, whether in enormous statues or at the museum. We'll tell you all the tales – some of them true, many of them heresay. All of them entertaining. Then we'll tell you a bit more about Melbourne, like how it's the home of Aussie rules football, covets some of the country's

best arts institutions, and has a swag of stellar restaurants, cafés and bars. Small wonder it's known as Australia's cultural, culinary and sporting capital. Once you have your bearings after a city tour, head off to explore. Forget your map – one of the joys of being in Melbourne is getting lost. Discovering a hidden jazz bar. Stumbling upon a hole-in-the-wall restaurant. Finding a gallery that catches your eye. Enjoy. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. B**

4 Melbourne Free Time

You could spend weeks exploring Melbourne and its surrounds and not tire of the attractions. But you just have today, so make the most of it. We wouldn't hold it against you if all you want to do is jump on a tram and ride the rails to the city's character-filled neighbourhoods. But if you want to explore further afield, we've got you covered on an optional experience. For a bird's-eye view of the bay, sign up to scale the Eureka Skydeck, offering dizzying vistas in every direction. Animal lover? Venture to Phillip Island to see hundreds of little penguins pad along the sand en route to their burrows. Want to get back to nature? Chug through the lush Dandenong Ranges on the Puffing Billy Steam Train, followed by a sip or two of wine in the Yarra Valley. The choice is yours. **B**

5 Farewell from Melbourne

Wait, how did you just pack so much action into a working week? Cities, countryside, farms, wineries, islands... what an adventure. **B**

Queensland Spirit: Heart of the Outback

Highlights

📍 Local Connection

Roma Explorers Inn comes with plenty of country swagger. And standout cuisine hero-ing local produce. Dig in!

🗨️ Insider Knowledge

You'll feel positively sprightly going behind the scenes at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum, discovering the region's prehistoric giants.

🏡 Cultural Immersion

Working stations in this part of the world are as big as they are remote. In short, the ideal places to learn about life in the Queensland outback. Oh the stories farmers will tell.

🌿 Sustainable Footprints

Sleep soundly under the canvas of your glamping tent at Mitchell Grass Retreat, knowing you're treading lightly on the land at this eco-resort.

🦘 Wildlife & Nature

The Queensland outback is mesmerising, its vast, empty stretches of road creating a hypnotic backdrop to your adventure through the state.

As this holiday departs at 8.00am from Grand Chancellor Hotel, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Brisbane – Roma

It doesn't take long for the towers of Brisbane to give way to bucolic countryside, fading from rainforest to the vivid hues of the outback. Small in population but big in personality, Chinchilla is the first chance to stretch your legs. The 'Big Watermelon' hints to the fact this is the melon capital of Australia. Grab a slice, or a heartier bite to eat, at the historic Club Hotel (fun fact: it's the only hotel in town that hasn't burnt down) before you journey on to ravishing Roma. The horizons here extend for days, only matched in expanse by the smiles of locals – expect plenty of country hospitality. Toast the end of the day over a glass of wine and regional fare at your Welcome Reception. **Hotel: Roma Explorers Inn. DW**

2 Roma – Quilpie

The further west you travel in Queensland, the slower the outback lifestyle. As evidenced in Charleville, which is a slice of natural paradise for the endangered bilbies and wetland birds. The locals will happily reveal the best places to spot wildlife, ideally over a cold beer and a pub meal at heritage listed Hotel Coronas. The stories that get told here... The countryside onward to Quilpie is mesmerising – long stretches of road and vast expanses of nothing can be humbling. And welcoming, as you'll discover when Mark and Sandra throw open the doors of Ray Station. The family has owned this estate since 1874 and designed the rooms you'll bed down in – set in restored shearers' quarters. But before then, there's a campfire dinner and tunes on the tin piano to be enjoyed. **Hotel: Ray Station, 2 nights. B DW**

3 Ray Station, Quilpie

There's something about being in the country that whets your appetite. Wake, and look forward to a delicious breakfast prepared by your hosts. You won't go hungry here – they're also thinking about what to cook you for lunch and dinner. It's this kind of generosity that flows naturally into eye-opening, and entertaining, stories about the property, including previous caretakers, and how they tended the land. You can even discover more about their fascinating history: at the family cemetery. Head out on a tour, fossick for boulder opal, and revel in the vastness of Quilpie. **B L DW**

4 Quilpie – Longreach

If you're looking for the centre of Queensland, Longreach is pretty much it. After waving goodbye to station life, you're bound for this patch of outback perfection, all red dirt and spinifex and blazing sunsets. There are detours aplenty in this country town, like visiting the Qantas Founders Museum, which pays homage to the fact this is the spiritual heart of Australia's national airline. If the idea of glimpsing 100+ years of aviation history gets your pulse racing, then the vast swathes of nature that surround your glamping tent for the night will slow it down. Switch off, relax and enjoy your eco-friendly cocoon, replete with creature comforts including air-conditioning, ensuites and dreamy beds. There's also a kitchenette, so you can enjoy a BBQ on your private deck. Or venture out for more country flavour at an optional experience outback dinner and show. **Hotel: Mitchell Grass Retreat, 2 nights. B**

5 Longreach – Winton – Longreach

For a petite town, there's an impressive number of things to do in Winton. The biggest attraction of all are the dinosaurs that once roamed here, leaving behind the country's largest collection of dinosaur fossils. Follow in their (large) footsteps at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs, part museum, part working laboratory, where you'll go behind the scenes. Winton's other claim to fame is the fact Banjo Patterson wrote 'Waltzing Matilda' here in 1903. He's not the only creative drawn to town. Graeme Leak created a fence that can be played as an instrument (aka the Musical Fence), and Arno Grotjahn erected a quirky art wall studded with every household object imaginable. The unexpected stories continue at Camden Park Station, a 7,300-hectare sheep and cattle station where fifth-generation farmer 'Outback Dan' will tell you about life on the land... including the visit of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. They didn't have a three-course dinner awaiting them in historic shearing shed; you do. **B DW**

6 Longreach – Spirit of the Outback – Brisbane

Australia has its fair share of epic outback train tours that let you witness the wild beauty of a region while travelling the historic routes taken by past generations. Among them is Spirit of the Outback, your chariot back to Brisbane on the last leg of your adventure. Exclusive access to the train's Shearers Rest Lounge means you can enjoy a glass of bubbles while



Longreach

From **\$5055**

per person twin share land only

5 Included Experiences

See available prices and departure dates at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

Dining

6 Full breakfasts B 4 Dinners with wine DW
2 Lunches L 1 Dinner D

Flight Information

Day Prior - Flights to arrive anytime into Brisbane Airport
Day 7 - Flights to depart after 3.00pm from Brisbane Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

remote towns and vast stretches of bush zip by outside, the click-clack or the rails a meditative soundtrack. Dinnertime in Tuckerbox Restaurant celebrates Queensland's culinary bounty. And then your plush cabin awaits. Sweet dreams. **Private Cabin: Spirit of the Outback. B L D**

7 Farewell from Brisbane

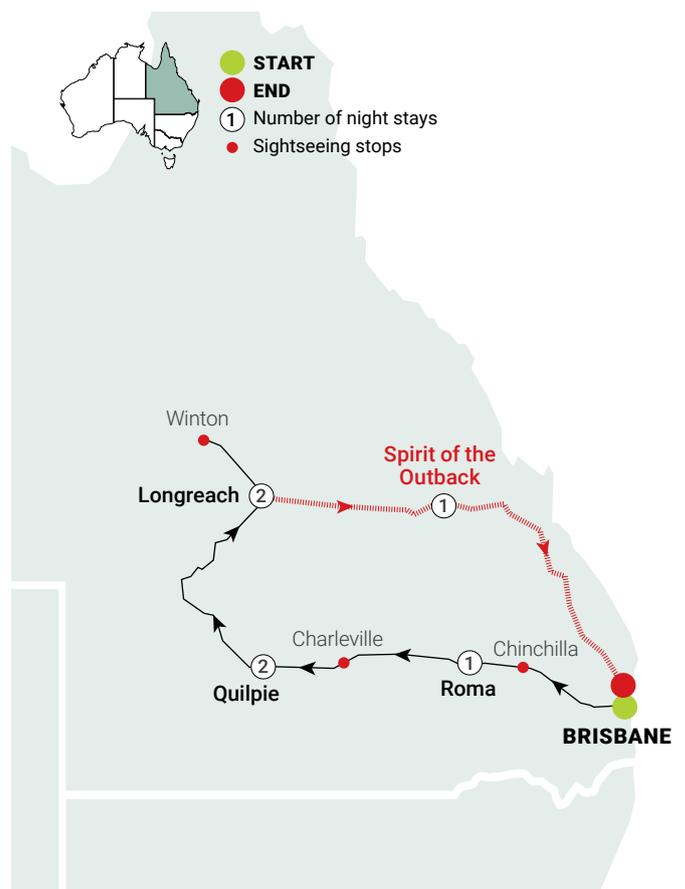
Wake up to vistas of the Queensland outback and savour the scene over coffee and your final breakfast in the train's dining carriage. As the Brisbane River and the city's gleaming towers come into view, you know your adventure is about to end. But what joy it has sparked for future outback tours. **B**

Outback Dinner Add-On



Smithy's Outback Dinner & Show

That free evening on day 4? How better spent than enjoying a camp-oven dinner beside the river in Longreach. Enjoy drinks at sundown before sitting down to a two-course meal. As tasty as the food is, this experience is all about the entertainment, with Smithy's crew entertaining with songs and stories that speak to the soul of the Queensland outback. If the billy tea and damper don't win you over, then the bedazzlement of stars overhead surely will.



Best Buys

Awe-inspiring Attractions, Built-in Flexibility

For explorers who want the essentials taken care of and the unrivalled knowledge of a Travel Director, but also the option of exploring independently, Best Buys Guided Holidays offer flexibility with optional extras.

A photograph of two women standing outdoors, smiling and holding purple ice cream cones. The woman on the left has curly hair and is wearing a white top. The woman on the right is wearing a red shirt with 'AATRE' on it and a wide-brimmed hat. They are in front of a building and a vehicle. The background shows a clear blue sky and some potted plants.

Bridestowe Lavender Estate, Tasmania



✂ Flexible Holidays

Striking the perfect balance between a guided holiday and an independent tour, with peace of mind and expert advice alongside the freedom to choose your own adventures.

📍 Iconic Sites

Whether a UNESCO World Heritage listed site or a fabled landmark, Australia doesn't disappoint in its natural attractions. We help you get there, sharing some fascinating stories along the way.

📷 Time For You

Sometimes, the travel moments you remember the most are those that are unplanned and unscripted, when you slip away to explore at your own pace and discover a side to a destination you never imagined possible.

🌱 Sustainable Travel

We've been exploring Australia for 100 years, and hope to do so for many more to come. Over that century we've worked with, supported and sustained environments and communities, far and wide, big and small. Their future ensures our future.

🏞 Natural Wonders

Being amid nature boosts your happy hormones. And Australia is blessed when it comes to wide, open spaces. From World Heritage listed wilderness areas to record-breaking natural attractions, wonder at what nature intended.

What's included on a Best Buys Holiday?

- Comfortable accommodation with easy access to city centres
- Flexible free time on your holiday
- Earlier starts to maximise your days
- Many meals including daily breakfast
- Iconic destinations = Bucket List achieved!
- Optional experiences, for you to add on to your holiday
- Travel in purpose-built air-conditioned coaches with reclining seats, and WiFi where available
- All National Park Entrance Fees
- The services of a highly experienced Travel Director
- Luggage handling and taxes

Northern Territory Explorer

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Darwin life goes at a leisurely pace. Fall into step and explore the steamy NT capital in the only way the locals know how – slow.

📍 Iconic Sites

Have your camera poised: we're taking you from the wilds of Kakadu to the escarpments of Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge and epic landscapes of Uluru.

📷 Time For You

World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park is wide, wild and wonderful. And packed with wildlife. Choose your own adventure.

🌱 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Supporting Aboriginal-owned and -operated businesses helps ensure the world's oldest culture thrives into the future.

🌅 Natural Wonders

Sunrise over Uluru has this incredible ability to make you forget everything else around you and just focus on the now.

1 Welcome to Darwin

Get to know the steamy NT capital at your own pace – you'll fast find that the characters here are almost as colourful as the sunsets. You'll enjoy the latter over drinks and nibbles with your Travel Director and fellow adventure-seekers. A tasty entrée to your 11-day odyssey. **Hotel: Vibe Darwin Waterfront, 2 nights.**

2 Darwin

Today is about getting your Darwin bearings on a city tour revealing the events that have shaped the city over the decades, from wars to natural disasters. You'll be a Darwin expert after visiting attractions like East Point Military Reserve and the Darwin Museum. The afternoon is at your leisure. If you're at a loss for ideas, we can point you in the direction of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Facility, perhaps, or the Mindil Beach Sunset Market, loaded with 200+ stalls. Grab a bite and watch the day end with your feet in the sand. **B**

3 Darwin – Kakadu

Aboriginal culture is strong in this part of Australia, and its kept alive by Traditional Landowners on this morning's tour. Dive deep into Aboriginal heritage on a family-owned experience highlighting art, music and bush tucker. Your next deep dive is into the heart of Kakadu, a World Heritage listed national park that is one of Australia's most important living ecosystems. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru, 2 nights. B D**

4 Kakadu National Park

Kakadu is vast, spanning almost 20,000 square kilometres. The best way to gain appreciation for just how immense it really is from the air on an optional (but highly recommended) morning flight. Now that you have your bearings, take to the land to discover ancient Aboriginal rock art and cruise the wildlife-packed Yellow Water Billabong to search for enormous saltwater crocs – your eagle-eyed guide knows where to look. End your day on a high, watching the sun set over floodplains. **B**

5 Kakadu – Katherine

From one glorious national park to another... today's backdrop is the end-of-Earth escarpments of Nitmiluk National Park, carved by rivers millions of years ago. Cruising through Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge is a humbling experience even before you know the region's history. Small wonder freshwater crocs and all manner of birds call the cavern home. **Hotel: Contour. B D**

6 Katherine – Tennant Creek

If the Eley Homestead looks familiar, that's because it starred in the 1982 Aussie drama *We of the Never Never*. Today it's better known for its Mataranka thermal hot springs. Pop on your swimsuit and have a soothing soak, the magical setting surrounded by palms. The only thing more refreshing is a cold beverage at the Daly Waters Pub, self-declared as Australia's 'original outback pub'. You can imagine the kind of swagger the locals bring. Visitors are encouraged to leave their mark as well; a memento, perhaps, or autograph on the walls. **Hotel: Bluestone Motor Inn. B D**

7 Tennant Creek – Alice Springs

The Stuart Highway is long (2,700 kilometres), very straight and very flat. Which makes the appearance of Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) on the horizon all the more dramatic. These massive granite boulders pock the countryside. But they're not just a pretty sight – they're a sacred place for the Aboriginal community, created by the fossilised eggs of the Rainbow Serpent. Get the lay of the land atop Alice Springs' Anzac Hill. From this vantage, the East and West MacDonnell Ranges appear to stretch to the horizon. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B**

8 Alice Springs Sightseeing & Free Time

Sleep in, take to the skies in a hot-air balloon as the desert awakens, explore the West Macs on a guided tour... this morning is yours to spend as you choose. Save some energy for this afternoon's visit to the historic Telegraph Station – the reason the town was formed – and School of the Air, to gain an insight into outback and remote learning. **B**



Mataranka thermal hot springs

From **\$5720**

per person twin share land only

16 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	2023 continued
Apr 19	Jul 05, 19, 26
May 10, 31	Aug 02, 16
Jun 07, 21, 28	

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at atkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

10 Full breakfasts B 1 Farewell Dinner FD
3 Dinners D

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Darwin Airport
Day 11 – flights to depart anytime from Ayers Rock Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

9 Alice Springs – Uluru

From the moment you wake up until the last of day disappears, spiritual Aboriginal culture is all around. Get set to be in awe over Dreamtime stories about the creation of Uluru, the world's largest monolith. It's particularly pretty at sunset when the fading rays change the desert's colour with every sip of your sparkling wine. **Hotel: Outback Pioneer, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights. B**

10 Uluru Sunrise

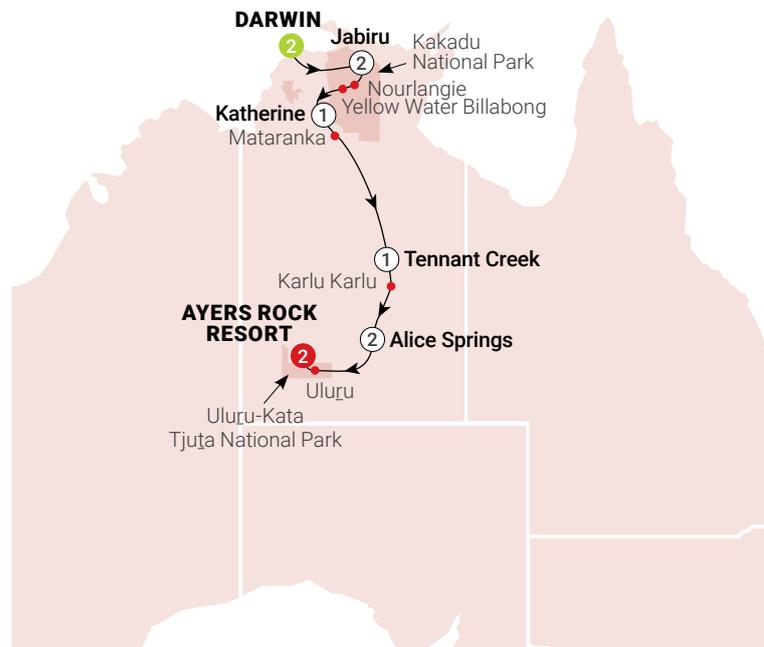
There aren't many things worth getting up in the dark for. Sunrise over Uluru is one. It's a magical time of day, the shifting light casting the countryside aglow. Exploring the base of the monolith, you'll begin to understand why this part of the country is so special to the Anangu people. Go at your own pace this afternoon. We wouldn't blame you for taking a dip in the resort pool. But if you want to see the monolith in another different light, opt to chopper around it, in a helicopter or on the back of a Harley. Either way, you'll have plenty of stories to tell over your Farewell Dinner. **B FD**

11 Farewell from Uluru

Another reason to rise early: to catch the (optional) Field of Light art installation that blankets the desert floor. Your spirit will glow just as brightly as you bid farewell to the NT. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Top End Highlights

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

You'll want to linger in Katherine and Darwin, the steamy capital of the Top End. It's a good thing you've got free time to explore at your leisure.

📍 Iconic Sites

If you love the great outdoors, you've come to the right place. Discover the wilds of Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks, as well as Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge.

📷 Time For You

Find your own adventure amid the mesmerising landscapes of Kakadu, a UNESCO World Heritage listed national park with more wildlife than your camera can capture.

🌱 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE With every visit to a Top End national park, you're helping to protect some of Australia's most fragile wilderness areas.

🏞 Natural Wonders

Litchfield National Park is shaped by water, from its lakes and rivers to its waterfalls and waterholes. And there's nothing quite as invigorating as taking a dip.



1 Welcome to Darwin

Darwin is the kind of place that excites all your senses. It's always steamy, which means you have a constant glow. The aroma of tropical fruits wafts from markets. The horizons are wide and sunsets blazing. And the locals... Well, they're as colourful as your outlook. You'll meet some of them on a city tour taking in sights and attractions that tell stories of the NT capital's unexpected history. As the day begins to disappear, follow the lead of locals to the Mindil Beach Sunset Market. Your Travel Director will give you the lowdown, highlighting the eclectic range of cuisine on offer – expect everything from Greek to Japanese. What a tasty start to your getaway. **Hotel: Travelodge.**

2 Darwin – Katherine

The ancient landscapes of Litchfield National Park are shaped by water, as you'll fast discover when exploring this immense protected wilderness. There are lakes and rivers, waterfalls and waterholes. Get set to visit Florence Falls, then take a dip in the gin-clear pool of Wangi Falls, this dreamy setting enveloped by monsoon forest. The landscape is also shaped by termites. The national park is pocked with enormous termite mounds, which are architectural feats complete with tunnels and nursery chambers. Small creatures with a big vision. **Hotel: Contour, 2 nights. B D**

3 Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge

Katherine is a little bit tropical, a little bit outback, and a whole lot gorgeous. The region's main attraction is its gaping Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, which carves the countryside in spectacular form. Sit back on your boat and enjoy a cruise through this ancient landscape, home to the Jawoyn people for millennia. You'll learn about First Nations culture with a Jawoyn guide and who will tempt your tastebuds with some bush tucker. Support the community by picking up paintings by Jawoyn artists. **B**

4 Katherine – Kakadu

Today is your chance to reset your body's natural rhythms with a morning dip in Edith Falls – because days are better when you begin them with your head under water. This series of cascades in Nitmiluk National Park will set your pulse racing. Before venturing deep into Kakadu, you're poised for refreshments – we recommend a mango smoothie – in the film-set-like town of Pine Creek, where buildings date back to the heady gold rush days. In Kakadu you'll take a guided walk to view ancient Aboriginal rock art at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie). **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru, 2 nights. B**

5 Kakadu National Park

If you want a different perspective, sign up for an optional scenic flight over the national park, revealing just how wide, wild and wonderful this part of the world really is. Australia is home to some of the oldest art in the world, and much of it decorates rock walls at Ubirr – this jaw-dropping site protects Aboriginal rock paintings and carvings dating back more than 20,000 years. If you thought that was impressive, wait till you see the view over Kakadu from the top of the escarpment. This afternoon, there's nothing between you and nature, the dramatic escarpments, waterholes and abundant wildlife of Kakadu looming large. Speaking of large, there are saltwater crocs to spot while you drift away on a Yellow Water Billabong cruise. Your local guide will share the secrets of these ancient waterways. Top off your holiday sharing a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and travel mates. **B FD**

6 Farewell from Darwin

Departing Kakadu, this is your last chance to spot enormous 'salties' lurking in river crossings you pass by. You won't see them at Fogg Dam, but what you will witness is a cacophony of birds. This really is a twitchers paradise. A fitting (and slightly noisy) end to this epic wilderness journey. **B**



Ubirr

From **\$2840**

per person twin share land only

11 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023		2023 continued	
May	25	Jul	06, 13, 20, 27
Jun	01, 08, 15, 22, 29	Aug	03, 10, 17, 24

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 May 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

5 Full breakfasts B 1 Farewell Dinner FD
1 Dinner D

Flight Information

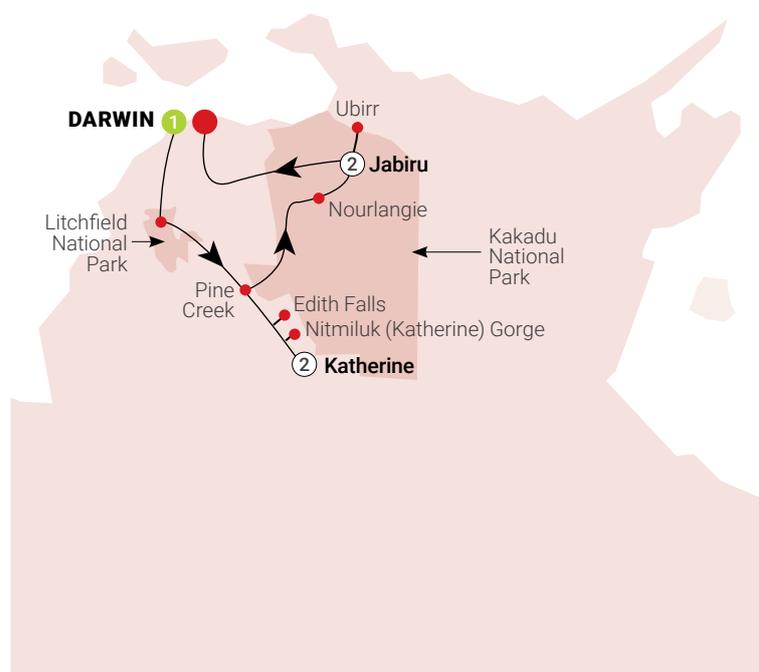
Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 1.30pm into Darwin Airport
Day 6 – flights to depart after 1.30pm from Darwin Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price



Edith Falls



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Western Wonderland

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

From its beaches to its history, Albany is the kind of town you could lose yourself in. And you have a day to do just that. Ask us for tips.

📍 Iconic Sites

From dramatic geological formations (we're looking at you Wave Rock) to blindingly blue water (Lucky Bay) and record-breaking attractions (Busselton Jetty), we've got you sorted.

📷 Time For You

Make sure you have your phone ready for selfies with quokkas on Rottnest Island – their smile is infectious, as is the landscape of sandy coves and gin-clear water.

🌱 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Australia is home to the oldest living culture in the world. It's brought into full focus exploring Yancheep National Park with a traditional landowner.

🏞 Natural Wonders

The colours of Monkey Mia sear into your memory, the turquoise ocean here home to a famously friendly pod of resident dolphins.

1 Welcome to Perth

Perth may be the West Australian capital, but it's home to a remarkable amount of green space. Follow your Tour Director to Kings Park to witness 3,000 floral species in the Botanic Gardens, overlooking the Swan River, not to mention art installations and the Anzac Memorial. **Hotel: Rendezvous. D**

2 Perth – Wave Rock

Wave Rock deserves its name – the cliff resembles an enormous surf wave above the bush. The rainbow-hued granite swell is a short walk from another imaginatively named rock formation: Hippo's Yawn. You can climb through the 'neck' to grab a happy snap. Wave Rock locals are a friendly bunch, passionate about the place they call home. But don't take our word for it. Meet Sheenagh, who will show you her farm and talk life on the land. Which can be harsh, but also healing, in a way unique to the Aussie outback. Feed her cattle and glimpse her collection of vintage cars. **Hotel: Wave Rock Motel. B D**

3 Wave Rock – Kalgoorlie

Get your bearings on a Kalgoorlie town tour, with vistas over the staggering 'Super Pit' open-cut gold mine. Today's outings continue to gleam as you visit Hannans North Mine; nothing puts life into perspective like standing next to enormous U-Haul trucks and loaders. **Hotel: Rydges. B D**

4 Kalgoorlie – Esperance

More than 31,000 hectares of sweeping heathlands, rugged coastal peaks and white sandy beaches... it's no wonder Cape Le Grand National Park is voted among the most alluring of its kind in Australia. Just when you thought WA couldn't get any prettier, you arrive at Thistle Cove – sun, sand, sea and sculpted rock formations that 'whistle' with the sounds of the wind and waves – and Lucky Bay, a postcard-worthy cove where kangaroos sunbake on the sand. **Hotel: Comfort Inn Bay of Isles. B D**

5 Esperance – Albany

Today's journey takes you through Fitzgerald River National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, then Stirling Range National Park, blanketed with 1,500 species of wildflowers, some of which are found nowhere else on Earth. Enjoy perspective from the Bluff Knoll Lookout, one of WA's highest peaks. **Hotel: Dog Rock Motel, 2 nights. B D**

6 Albany Free Time

Nature, history, food and wine... there's not much that Albany can't do. The hardest thing you have to decide is which direction to wander. Perhaps opt for a tour to the last port of call for ANZAC troopships departing Australia in WWI. Maybe explore Torndirrup National Park, where steep cliffs give way to dramatic rock formations and whales are a common sight. Or get a taste for the region on a culinary excursion. The choice is yours. **B**

7 Albany – Margaret River

Suspended 40 metres above the forest floor, the Tree Top Walk offers a bird's-eye view of the tingle trees that stand large through the Valley of the Giants. More lofty attractions await at the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, the tallest of its kind in Australia, set where the Indian and Southern Oceans meet. You'll feel like you're on the edge of the Earth. Being amid nature makes you thirsty. It's a good thing the Margaret River wine region is on the horizon. **Hotel: Stay Margaret River, 2 nights. B D**

8 Margaret River

The Margaret River's 200 vineyards produce 25 per cent of Australia's premium wines. And then there are the gourmet purveyors in between... you're in for a tasty day. Vasse Virgin makes olive oil that's sweet enough to drink. We recommend you savour it with bread, however. Lunch is leisurely, at a vineyard with plenty of time to sip and savour local drops. If you still have room for dinner, ask us for recommendations. **B L**

9 Margaret River – Fremantle

The Margaret River's coastline follows you to Busselton, home to the longest wooden jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. Tip your cap to those who built this 1.8-kilometre structure out into Geographe Bay. The afternoon is all yours in Freo. Hot tip: The city's markets feature 150 stalls under one roof. **Hotel: Esplanade Fremantle by Rydges, 2 nights. B D**

10 Fremantle Free Time

Sometimes, the most memorable travel moments are those when you lose yourself wandering the foreshore, lingering over lunch or a cool ale. Spend your day of leisure doing just that (Freo's Little Creatures Brewery is legendary). Of course, having a local show you around also has its benefits,





Kalbarri Skywalk

From **\$6995**

per person twin share land only

24 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2022	2023
Oct 01, 08, 15, 22	May 21
	Jun 04
	Aug 06, 20, 27
	Sep 03, 10 ^A , 17 ^A , 24 ^A
	Oct 01, 08, 15, 22

^A Expected wildflower season departure. A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 May 2024 at atkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

14 Full breakfasts B 9 Dinners D
1 Lunch L 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Perth Airport
Day 15 – flights to depart anytime from Perth Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

with a walking tour revealing those hidden haunts most visitors pass right on by. If you're catching the ferry to Rottnest Island, make sure you have your phone ready to capture selfies with the island's smiley quokkas. **B**

11 Fremantle – Geraldton

Yanchep National Park is incredibly spiritual, as you'll discover on an Aboriginal cultural experience revealing First Nations history through Dreamtime stories and didgeridoo sessions. We've left some of the best to last: entering Nambung National Park you're greeted by a moonscape spiked with the Pinnacles, a series of head-scratching limestone formations. This afternoon, Geraldton's HMAS Sydney Memorial beckons. **Hotel: Mantra. B**

12 Geraldton – Monkey Mia

The colours of World Heritage listed Shark Bay are so vivid, you'll think they're painted on, a patchwork of blues fading into powdery white sand. This is what awaits in Monkey Mia, where the day is all yours. Other than a cruise to spot sea creatures great and small, perhaps the best way to gain perspective is on a scenic flight over the Marine Park. **Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort. B D**

13 Monkey Mia – Kalbarri National Park

Bring your stamina – today's adventures begin early. But if there's anything worth getting out of bed for, it's Monkey Mia's wild dolphins, which swim close to shore to greet visitors every morning. Keep your sunnies handy at Shell Beach, a powder-white cove formed from billions of coquina bivalve shells, and Hamelin Pool, the world's best-known colony of stromatolites. Arriving at Kalbarri National Park you'll take in the Murchison River Gorge from the Kalbarri Skywalk. If you're here during wildflower season, expect acacia, banksia and caladenia in full bloom. **Hotel: Kalbarri Edge Resort. B D**

14 Kalbarri National Park – Perth

Just when you thought you couldn't get any more colourful, Hutt Lagoon appears – one of the state's bubblegum pink lakes. Arriving in Perth you have one final dinner to swap contact details with your new friends and reminisce about the last two weeks. Where to begin? **Hotel: Rendezvous. B D**

15 Farewell from Perth

Fourteen days of wild adventures – it's hard to pick a WA highlight. That's what your journey home is for. **B**





JOURNEY BEYOND

INDIAN PACIFIC

Take a journey Beyond Expectation

Experience a transcontinental rail journey like no other. There are endless reasons to combine your coach holiday with an iconic Indian Pacific rail journey.

The iconic Indian Pacific rail journey combined with AAT Kings' flagship Western Wonderland Guided Holiday is a monumental adventure across this great Southern land.

You will get a sense for the true Australia; venturing through the vast landscapes with the potential to travel coast to coast, while stopping to experience the local communities along the way. You will experience the romance and refinement of a rail journey as you travel in Gold Service style, while benefiting from the versatility of a guided holiday, allowing access to remote and rugged areas.

Prepare to discover landscapes of every kind, as you traverse mountain ranges, arid deserts and subtropical savannahs on board the Indian Pacific; a true journey of contrasts.

Be treated like royalty on the iconic coast-to-coast train journey connecting the Indian and Pacific Oceans; experience the Indian Pacific's famous Gold Service, indulge in all-inclusive food and beverages, and relax in comfort in your private cabin as you watch the ever changing landscapes pass you by.

When you arrive in Perth, it is time to truly connect with the destinations that make Western Australia so spectacular; experience the very heart and soul of the local communities with AAT Kings, the Guided Holiday experts.

Reap the benefits of almost 200 years of experience combined, in sharing the very best of Australia with travellers from across the globe.

See the [Western Wonderland Holiday](#) on pages 64-65





Ask us about upgrading to Platinum Service on the Indian Pacific

From **\$9980**

per person twin share land and rail only

Departure Dates

2023

May 17, 31

Aug 02, 16, 23, 30

Sep 06, 13, 20, 27

Oct 04, 11, 18

Single traveller must pay the single price on the Indian Pacific. See available prices at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

14 Full breakfasts B

11 Dinners D

3 À la carte breakfasts AB

1 Farewell Dinner FD

4 Lunches L

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 9.00am into Sydney Airport

Day 2 – flights to arrive prior to 5.00pm into Adelaide Airport

Day 19 – flights to depart anytime from Perth Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price

The rail portion is operated by Third Party partners at Journey Beyond Rail Expeditions. Visit aatkings.com for details.

Ask us about adding the Indian Pacific Rail Journey from Perth to Adelaide or Sydney to the end of your Western Wonderland Holiday (Code: WEMPRW).

WESTERN WONDERLAND + RAIL

3/4 days rail journey and 15 days Western Wonderland

Experience the Indian Pacific from Sydney or Adelaide to Perth to join the Western Wonderland holiday. See pages 64-65 for the rest of the itinerary.

1 Indian Pacific Gold Service Sydney – Broken Hill

As the gleaming Indian Pacific pulls out of Sydney, the towers of Australia's largest city soon fade into the silvery gums and serrated rock formations of the Blue Mountains. Talk about starting on a high. All you have to do is become acquainted with your cabin and staff, meet fellow guests over a cocktail or two in the Outback Explorer Lounge, and enjoy the scenery. Because boy does it dazzle. **Private cabin: Indian Pacific, 3 nights. D**

2 Broken Hill – Adelaide

Just about as far west as you can travel in NSW, Broken Hill is your backdrop when you wake to the smell of freshly brewed coffee. This frontier mining town enjoys a colourful creative scene and cast of quirky characters, not to mention galleries and museums that re-tell the region's heritage. Back onboard the Indian Pacific, breakfast is served as you pull out of the station and ease into South Australia. The state dials up the natural drama as you chug through the Flinders Ranges, all rocky peaks and weathered gorges. It's a fitting entrée to lunch and then Adelaide, where

yet more indulgences await. Scour the city's Central Market for tasty treats, or sip your way around the Barossa, McLaren Vale or Adelaide Hills. The choice is yours. **Guests beginning their journey in Adelaide will start with a Welcome Dinner at the Adelaide Parklands Terminal. AB L D**

3 The Nullarbor

The Nullarbor Plain breaks records. For starters, it's enormous – around four times the size of Belgium. It's also home to the longest strait stretch of rail in the world, as you discover as you make your way west. It's hauntingly beautiful, in a way that only deserts are. Quiet, endless, meditative. The tiny town of Rawlinna is in the middle of nowhere. Free from light pollution, the stars here appear like glitter dousing the sky, as you'll discover when you step of the train for an alfresco dinner under the Milky Way. **AB L D**

4 Arrive Perth

Your rail journey comes to an end on arrival into the Western Australian capital of Perth after lunch. Make your own way to the Rendezvous Hotel, where tonight's accommodation and breakfast tomorrow morning is included. Meet your Travel Director tomorrow afternoon for the start of your Western Wonderland tour. **AB L**



● **START**

● **END**

① Number of night stays

● Sightseeing stops



See the Western Wonderland map on page 65

South Western Escape

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Quite possibly Australia's happiest critters, quokkas await on Rottnest Island. It's just a short ferry ride from Freo to this haven, should you wish to venture out.

📍 Iconic Sites

From the powdery coves of Esperance to the vine-laced groves of the Margaret River region, we've got the colours of Australia covered.

📷 Time For You

You could spend days blissing out on Albany's beaches. When it's time to dust off the sand, ask us for tips on attractions and experiences.

🌿 Sustainable Travel

Taking in the forest from the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk is not only spectacular, but it's contributing to the sustainability of this pocket of WA.

🌊 Natural Wonders

Surf's up at Wave Rock, a 110-metre granite swell resembling a wave about to crash to shore. If you think that's impressive, just wait till you hear it's three million years old.



1 Welcome to Perth

Western Australia's capital and largest city, Perth is remarkably green. The snaking Swan River cuts through town, its banks lined with leafy promenades – not to mention glorious Kings Park, a floral wonderland home to more than 3,000 plant species in the Botanic Gardens. Enjoy a stroll with your Travel Director to ease into your WA adventure. **Hotel: Rendezvous. D**

2 Perth – Wave Rock

Say hello to Wave Rock, a 110-metre, rainbow-hued granite swell formed more than three million years ago. It's in the ballpark of another imaginatively named rock formation: Hippo's Yawn. You can actually climb through the hippo's 'neck' to grab a happy snap. Fun fact: the visitor centre here has the world's largest collection of toy soldiers. Wave Rock local Sheenagh knows a thing or two about life on the land. She's passionate about her farm, and proudly shows off the outback while you explore the wide open spaces that characterise the WA countryside. You even get to feed her cattle and glimpse her collection of vintage cars – who knew folks in this part of the world were such avid collectors? **Hotel: Wave Rock Motel. B D**

3 Wave Rock – Kalgoorlie

Today is deep – quite literally. Your journey through classic WA outback lands you in Kalgoorlie – get your bearings on a town tour, pausing to take in vistas over the staggering 'Super Pit' open-cut gold mine. Put life into perspective standing next to monstrous loaders and haul trucks at Hannans North Mine. It's a shimmering opportunity to experience gold rush history and discover the Golden Mile. **Hotel: Rydges. B D**

4 Kalgoorlie – Esperance

Nature humbles at Cape Le Grand National Park, a staggering 31,000 hectares of sweeping heathlands, rugged coastal peaks and powdery beaches. It's so pretty that kangaroos come here for a little sunbaking on the sand – at Lucky Bay, you'll see Australia's national emblem dozing beside the water. And then there's Thistle Cove, replete with sun, sand, sea and sculpted rock formations that 'whistle' with the sounds of the wind and waves. **Hotel: Comfort Inn Bay of Isles. B D**

5 Esperance – Albany

Bring your stamina for a day of unparalleled wilderness encounters. Well, until tomorrow, and the next day. Fitzgerald River National Park is one of the most ecologically important pockets of WA, home to 20 per cent of the state's flora. Small wonder it's a designated UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Journey on through the Stirling Range National Park, blanketed with more than 1,500 species of wildflowers, some of which are found nowhere else on Earth. Get some perspective from the Bluff Knoll Lookout, one of WA's highest peaks. **Hotel: Dog Rock Motel, 2 nights. B D**

6 Albany Free Time

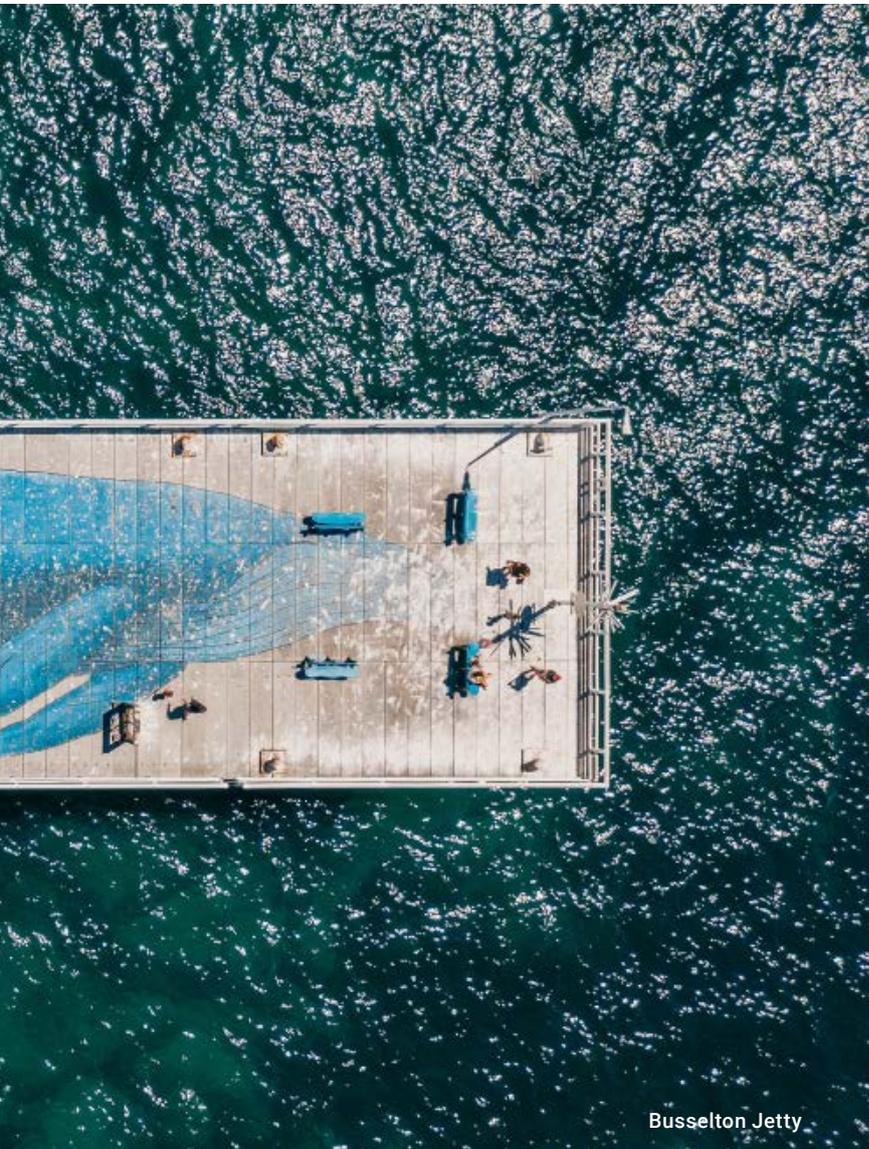
Albany turns on pretty much every charm, whether you're ready for more nature, are a history buff, or feel like it's time for food and wine. You have a day at leisure to go in whichever direction you please. Perhaps opt for a tour that relives the town's heritage as the last port of call for ANZAC troopships departing Australia in WWI. Maybe explore Torndirrup National Park, where steep cliffs give way to dramatic rock formations and whales are a common sight during migration. Or get a taste for the region on a culinary excursion. **B**

7 Albany – Margaret River

Think big when you visit the Valley of the Giants, where the Tree Top Walk gives you a bird's-eye view of the soaring tingle trees that stand large all around; you're suspended 40 metres above the forest floor. More lofty attractions await at the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, the tallest of its kind in Australia, set at the tip of a peninsula where the Indian and Southern Oceans meet. Being amid nature makes you thirsty. It's a good thing the Margaret River wine region is on the horizon. **Hotel: Stay Margaret River, 2 nights. B D**

8 Margaret River

There aren't many places in the world where grape vines grow metres from the sand – the Margaret River region is one. Here, 200 vineyards sit beside talented makers, bakers and purveyors. All you need to know is that today is one of indulgences, beginning at Vasse Virgin to savour olive oil that's good enough to drink. But maybe try it on bread instead. Lunch is leisurely, at a vineyard with plenty of time to sip and savour local drops. If you still have room for dinner, ask us for recommendations. **B L**



Busselton Jetty

From **\$5230**

per person twin share land only

13 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2022	2023
Oct 01, 08, 15, 22	May 21
	Jun 04
	Aug 06, 20, 27
	Sep 03, 10 [^] , 17 [^] , 24 [^]
	Oct 01, 08, 15, 22

[^] Expected wildflower season departure. A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 May 2024 at atkinings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

10 Full breakfasts **B** 7 Dinners **D**
1 Lunch **L**

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Perth Airport
Day 11 – flights to depart anytime from Perth Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

Upgrade

Extend your tour to include Monkey Mia. See Western Wonderland on page 64.

Or add on the Indian Pacific rail journey from Perth to Adelaide or Sydney to the end of your tour. See Western Wonderland+Rail on page 66.

9 Margaret River – Fremantle

You've seen the bucolic vine-laced countryside; now experience the region's coast as you journey north to Busselton. Yet another record-breaking attraction awaits: the longest wooden jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. Tip your cap to those who built this 1.8-kilometre structure out into Geographe Bay. The afternoon is all yours in Freo. Hot tip: The city's markets feature 150 stalls under one roof. **Hotel: Esplanade Fremantle by Rydges, 2 nights. B D**

10 Fremantle Free Time

Freo sits at the mouth of the Swan River, its port the gateway to all manner of watery expeditions. One that will surely make you smile is the ferry ride to Rottnest Island, where Australia's happiest (and friendliest) critters await. Bring your swimsuit to cool off between cycling expeditions. If you're ready for some downtime, follow the lead of locals to Little Creatures Brewery for an icy ale. Or explore the town in the company of an in-the-know local. Today is yours to create, but we always have a few ideas in our little black book. **B**

11 Farewell from Fremantle

Eleven days. Too many beaches to count. Wildlife galore. A few wine bottles and a few thousand memories... this tour is one for the record books. **B**



The Wildflower Wanderer

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

From a jaw-dropping Skywalk to striated seaside cliffs, estuary beaches, wild pelicans and national parkland, you'll need a day at leisure to explore Kalbarri.

📍 Iconic Sites

Get set for colour: botanicals in King's Park, wildflowers in national parks and the bleached limestone towers of The Pinnacles.

📷 Time For You

Walking barefoot along beaches is not only good for your soul, but also your health – science proves it. Get a dose of wellness wandering Geraldton's sandy coves.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

Heritage Lynton Station was a convict depot way back in 1853. Your visit helps preserve the buildings and landscapes that remember this slice of history.

🌿 Natural Wonders

Eye-popping is one way to describe Hutt Lagoon, a high-salinity waterway that changes hue from bubble-gum pink to crimson red.



1 Welcome to Perth

Arrive early into Perth? The West Australian capital has some of Australia's most happening lifestyle precincts, many filled with eye-popping street art, others with the kind of cafés you might expect to find on the streets of New York. Explore at your leisure before meeting fellow flower lovers for canapés as the sun sets over the mighty Swan River. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza.**

2 Perth – Kalbarri

Settle in for a few hours of hypnotic coastal scenery as you make your way north to Kalbarri. All the wave gazing is thirsty work. Thankfully, family-owned Illegal Tender Rum Co. has a few quenching distillations prepared for your arrival. Go behind the scenes to glimpse how this distinctive sugar-cane-based spirit is made, sampling award-winning spiced rum (among others) while you wander. Lunch is served on the distillery's deck overlooking dreamy fields, with each bite like Western Australia in a mouthful. **Hotel: Kalbarri Edge Resort, 2 nights. B L D**

3 Kalbarri National Park

Some 400 million years ago, the Murchison River carved its way through Kalbarri National Park, leaving behind echo-inspiring gorges of red-and-white banded sandstone as well as soaring coastal cliffs. It's quite the sight, and best taken in from a height. Enter the Kalbarri Skywalk, a precipitous projection 25 metres beyond the gorge rim and a dizzying 100 metres above the river. A different perspective is offered from the Hawk's Head Lookout and Nature's Window, the latter a natural rock arch that frames the gorge far below. The real reason you're here, however, is for the wildflowers – more than 12,000 species carpet this part of the state, 60 per cent of which are found nowhere else on Earth. Some are hard to find, so tread lightly. **B**

4 Kalbarri – Geraldton

Step back in time – all the way to 1853 – when you arrive at Lynton Station, a former convict depot and homestead composed of a collection of historic limestone buildings. Just as eye-opening is Hutt Lagoon, an enormous lake that is sometimes bubblegum pink, sometimes lilac, and occasionally even red. The high salinity here determines its hue. Your last stop is the moving HMAS Sydney Memorial, high on the hill overlooking

Geraldton; it pays homage to the ship's crew who were lost when it went down off the WA coast. **Hotel: The Gerald, 2 nights. B L D**

5 Geraldton & Surrounds

Geraldton is the gateway to a bedazzlement of wildflowers – picking where to go can be daunting. We have a little black book of hotspots, like Mullewa, which straddles both geological and climatic transition zones. Translation: it's a floral wonderland. Expect waves of everlastings and flowering shrubs along roadsides and in surrounding nature reserves, and have your camera poised to snap the star attraction: the wreath flower. Your Travel Director knows where to look. **B**

6 Geraldton – Perth

Arriving at Nambung National Park, you may think you've been transported to the moon, so surreal is the desert landscape of limestone pillars that surrounds. Welcome to The Pinnacles, jutting out from shifting yellow sands and standing up to five metres tall. You're walking amid history: these structures were created millions of years ago as seashells were broken down into sand and then eroded by water and wind. After a scenic drive back to Perth, join your Travel Director and fellow wildflower lovers for a Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. B FD**

7 Farewell from Perth

You've seen blooms around the state. But one final glimpse remains in Perth's lush Kings Park. It's remarkable to think that this inner-city patch of green is home to the Western Australian Botanic Gardens, replete with more than 3,000 species of the state's unique flora. What a powerful end to a flower-filled journey. **B**



Wildflowers

From **\$3380**

per person twin share land only

11 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023

Sep 10, 17, 24

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 May 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

6 Full breakfasts B
2 Lunches L

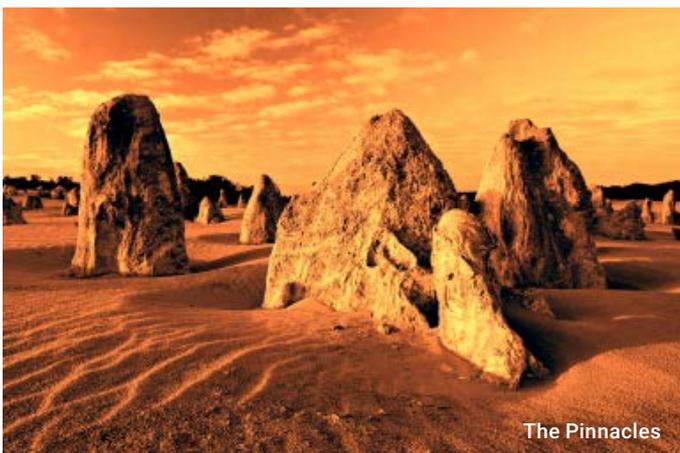
2 Dinners D
1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

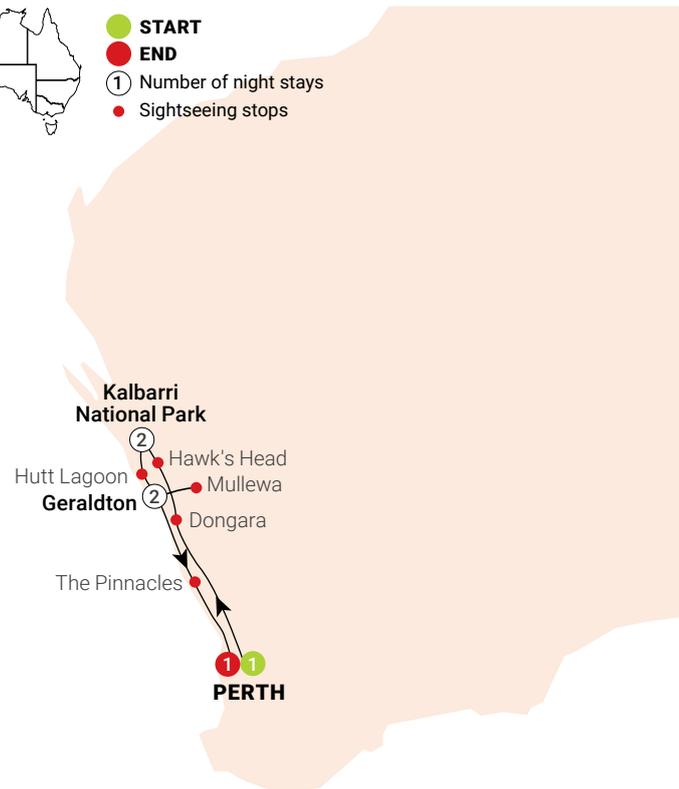
Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Perth Airport
Day 7 – flights to depart after 1.30pm Domestic or after 2.30pm International from Perth Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price



Kings Park, Perth



The Pinnacles



Monkey Mia Dolphins & West Coast

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

You need time to appreciate the beauty of Monkey Mia, on land and in the water. Choose to cruise in the company of dolphins at sunset or discover Aboriginal culture after dark.

📍 Iconic Sites

Come for Monkey Mia's resident population of wild dolphins; linger for the rugged landscapes of Kalbarri and Nambung national parks.

📷 Time For You

Shark Bay deserves its UNESCO World Heritage listing. You'll discover why as you watch the day disappear, the only sound the occasional splash of dolphins.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE



Aboriginal culture is strong and spiritual in Yanchep National Park. Discover how the land has sustained First Nations communities for millennia.

🏞 Natural Wonders

You'll be lost for words exploring the lunar-like landscape surrounding The Pinnacles, a surreal union of limestone formations jutting into the sky.



As this Guided Holiday departs at 7.30am from the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Fremantle – Geraldton

Get set for a good dose of coastal drama today as you journey north from Freo all the way to Geraldton. But before you get there, pause in Yanchep National Park, a union of bush and wetlands that is as spectacular as it is sacred. The best way to understand its significance to First Nations communities is in the company of an Aboriginal guide. There are Dreamtime stories and didgeridoo playing, and hands-on learning with bush tucker and traditional tools. Just try not to leave more informed than when you arrived. Two national parks in one day – your next stop is Nambung. We'll forgive you for thinking you've been transported to the set of a sci-fi movie when you arrive at this moonscape, studded with limestone pillars stretching five metres into the sky. Welcome to The Pinnacles. Arriving in Geraldton, more moving moments await at the evocative HMAS Sydney Memorial. **Hotel: Mantra.**

2 Geraldton – Monkey Mia

Shark Bay is one of the planet's greatest wilderness areas – if you don't believe us, chat to UNESCO about the World Heritage listing they gave this pocket of WA. A window in time and a wildlife refuge, it's all powdery white coves and gin-clear waters that naturally attract a plethora of wildlife. This afternoon, take in the bounty at your own pace, perhaps on a cruise to spot sea creatures great and small, or from the air, where your bird's-eye view reveals just how wide and wonderful the coast really is. Come dusk, be sure to find an oceanside perch and a cold beverage. Cheers to the end of another amazing day in WA. **Hotel: Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort. B D**

3 Monkey Mia – Kalbarri National Park

If you need a reason to be up with the birds, make the dolphins of Monkey Mia it. These wild bottlenoses swim to shore every morning to greet visitors before heading off to surf the waves. It's a hard act to follow. But then again, so is Shell Beach, formed from billions of coquina bivalve shells that pile up to 10 metres deep. Hamelin Pool is home to the world's

largest colony of stromatolites. They appear rock-like, but are actually living, and they date back to the beginning of life on Earth. Talk about putting things into perspective. We hope you brought your stamina – there's more to come. Kalbarri National Park was carved by the Murchison River millions of years ago. The gorge that remains is particularly pretty during wildflower season, when acacia, banksia and caladenia are in dazzling bloom. **Hotel: Kalbarri Edge Resort. B D**

4 Kalbarri National Park – Perth

If you thought you'd seen it all, wait until Hutt Lagoon appears on the horizon. One of Western Australia's eye-popping pink lakes, this body of highly salty water changes hue at different times of the year – sometimes it's bubblegum, often it's lilac, occasionally it's red. It's always incredible. What a blazing way to end your WA stay. But wait, you still have a Farewell Dinner and drinks with your new friends. Don't forget to exchange email addresses. **Hotel: Rendezvous. B FD**

5 Farewell from Perth

Short and sweet, we hope your journey inspired extended West Australian wanderlust. **B**



Monkey Mia

From **\$2475**

per person twin share land only

7 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2022		2023	
Oct	11, 18, 25	May	31
Nov	01	Jun	14
		Aug	16, 30
		Sep	06, 13, 20, 27
		Oct	04, 11, 18, 25
		Nov	01

^ Expected wildflower season departure
A limited number of single rooms are available.
Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 May 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

4 Full breakfasts B 1 Farewell Dinner FD
2 Dinners D

Flight Information

Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Perth Airport
Day 5 – flights to depart anytime from Perth Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

Upgrade

Extend your tour to include Kalgoorlie and Esperance.
See **Western Wonderland** on page 64.

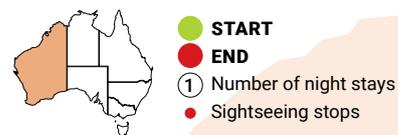
Or add on the Indian Pacific rail journey from Perth to Adelaide or Sydney to the end of your tour. See **Western Wonderland+Rail** on page 66.



Optional Experience

Shark Bay Scenic Flight

On this 40 minute flight you'll have the opportunity to see sharks, stingrays and turtles, perhaps even humpback whales and whale sharks (seasonal), as well as the famous elusive dugongs, which feed on the marine kelp forests. You'll also observe a wide range of geological and marine formations, which have contributed greatly to the area's popularity. The flight crosses part of Dirk Hartog Island and continues over shallow waters and sand bars adding to the astonishing range of blue and green hues of the region. Book this experience with your Travel Director.



Tasmanian Wonders

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Discover Tasmania's wild side spotting devils after dark, searching for wombats or following in the footsteps of little penguins. Or just chill out with a glass of wine.

📍 Iconic Sites

From untamed wilderness areas like Cradle Mountain and Freycinet National Park to the World Heritage listed Port Arthur, Tassie is not short on attractions.

📷 Time For You

Forward-thinking galleries, cafés, restaurants and parks await in Hobart and Launceston. Explore them at your own pace.

🌿 Sustainable Travel



Your entry fees into the state's national parks assist with the conservation of these pristine natural environments.

🌲 Natural Wonders

Cruise the Gordon River amid World Heritage listed wilderness, the banks clad with ancient forest, including a 2,000-year-old pine.



1 Welcome to Hobart

The Tasmanian capital of Hobart may be small in size, but it's big in attractions, as you'll discover on a tour around the city. Step back in time at Battery Point, settled as a defensive outpost in the 19th century. Then explore the cobbled streets of Salamanca Place, the site of epic weekend markets. Gaze over boats at Constitution Dock – this is where yachts finish when competing in the annual Sydney to Hobart race. Put your destination into perspective from the summit of Mt. Nelson, offering endless vistas over Australia's southernmost city. **Hotel: Best Western. D**

2 Hobart – Strahan

Western Tasmania is like nature amplified, a place where the wilderness rules and people are few and far between. Visiting Mount Field National Park is a humbling experience, not only for the fact it's part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, but also because it's home to some of the tallest eucalypts and flowering plants on Earth. Wander amid these giants to reach Russell Falls – take a deep breath; you're officially on holiday. Records continue to be broken at Lake St. Clair, the deepest freshwater Lake in Australia, before you arrive in Strahan, gateway to World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. **Hotel: Strahan Village. B D**

3 Strahan – Cradle Mountain

The Gordon River is your playground today, the dark waters here given their colour by amber button-grass tannins. The only thing breaking the mirror-like surface is your chariot as you cruise to Sarah Island, a former penal colony where convicts would fell Huon pines for boat building. Thankfully, they didn't get to the 2,000-year-old pine that still stands proud at Heritage Landing. Glide past Hells Gates, the treacherous entrance to the harbour, before motoring on to Cradle Mountain. This wilderness area offers one of the best chances of spotting Tasmanian devils in their natural habitat. Opt to head out after dark to spot these elusive creatures. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain. B L D**

4 Cradle Mountain – Smithton

Today has multiple highs – quite literally. The first is 1,545-metre Cradle Mountain, your backdrop as you wander to Dove Lake. You don't need to look too hard to spot Bennetts wallabies, echidnas, and pademelons. The second high is 'The Nut', a dramatic 152-metre plateau created by the remains of an ancient volcanic plug. It guards over Stanley, a tiny village with swagger to spare. You could spend days exploring the town's remarkably well-preserved heritage buildings. But more adventures await around the corner. **Hotel: Tall Timbers. B D**

5 Smithton – Launceston

If there's a town with a cuter name than Penguin, we're yet to find it. Locals embrace its appeal – there are penguin sculptures at every turn, including one measuring 10 metres high. Your journey along the northwest coast also passes through Burnie, Ulverstone and Sheffield, the latter delivering a surprise collection of 60 murals telling the area's history. All this exploring builds an appetite. Refuel at Ashgrove Tasmanian Farm, where happy cows contribute to award-winning cheeses – everything from cheddar and red Leicester to creamy Tasmanian blue. **Hotel: Best Western Plus, 2 nights. B**

6 Launceston

There are few places in the world where you can leave the city behind and within minutes be amid an immense wilderness area. Launceston is one. Blink and you're at Cataract Gorge, a yawning chasm carved by ancient rivers. This rare natural phenomenon unites bushland with neat Victorian gardens, replete with ferns and exotic plants. Get a different perspective of the green cavern on the optional scenic chairlift, zipping you over the water to a lofty lookout. We wouldn't blame you for lingering here, or perhaps sample more of Tassie's finest fare on a Tamar Valley winery tour. This afternoon, the choice is yours. **B**



Richmond Bridge

From **\$4435**

per person twin share land only

17 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2022	2023 continued	2024
Oct 08, 19, 26	Apr 01, 12, 22	Jan 03, 10, 13, 24, 31
Nov 02, 05, 16, 26, 30	May 03, 13	Feb 03, 14, 21, 28
Dec 07, 17, 28	Jun 28	Mar 09, 13, 20
	Jul 26	
	Aug 23	
2023		
Jan 04, 11, 14, 25	Sep 06, 26	
Feb 01, 04, 15, 22	Oct 07, 18, 25	
Mar 01, 11, 15, 22	Nov 01, 04, 15, 25, 29	
	Dec 06, 16, 23	

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at atkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

9 Full breakfasts B 5 Dinners D
 1 Lunch L 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Hobart Airport
 Day 10 – flights to depart anytime from Hobart Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

7 Launceston – Bicheno

You'll smell Bridestowe before you see it, this enormous lavender farm perfuming the Tasmanian countryside. The flowers grown here aren't just used in fragrances – they're also infused into ice-cream, teas and jams. It's a tasty entrée to the Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, sculpted into World War One soldiers. Little penguins come out to play in Bicheno; sign up to spot them after dark as they waddle to shore from the water. **Hotel: Beachfront Bicheno. B D**

8 Bicheno – Hobart

The colours at Freycinet National Park are so vivid you'll think someone has taken the glasses off your nose and cleaned them for the first time: The patchwork of ocean blues that lap Coles and Wineglass bays. The powdery white of sand. The pink hues of the granite mountains. There's a reason why the peninsula stars on postcards. The other place on postcards is Richmond, its grand 1820s Georgian buildings today home to bijou boutiques, galleries and cafés that appear to be lost in time. **Hotel: Best Western, 2 nights. B**

9 Port Arthur Historic Site

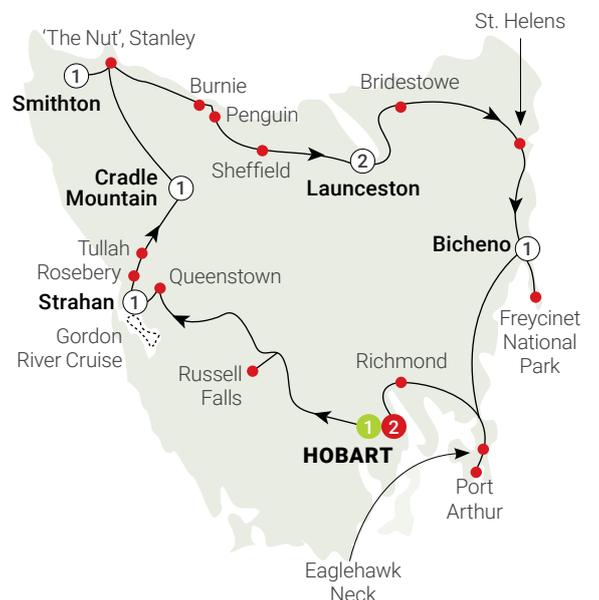
The Isle of the Dead, Devil's Kitchen, Blowhole... the attractions at and around Port Arthur nod to the region's notoriously grim history. This is the best-preserved convict site in Australia, and among the most significant convict-era destinations worldwide. The stories these walls could tell. **B FD**

10 Farewell from Hobart

It took early explorers months to circumnavigate Tasmania. You've done it in 10 days. What a wild ride. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Tassie's Wilderness Icons

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Do as much (spot wombats and Tassie devils after dark) or as little (sip wine by the fire) as you like. This is your holiday, after all.

📍 Iconic Sites

From Cataract Gorge to the Gordon River, Cradle Mountain to 'The Nut', Tasmania is not short on natural attractions.

📷 Time For You

The view from the top of Stanley's 'The Nut' is impressive. But if you don't fancy a hike, then explore the atmospheric town at your own pace.

🌱 Sustainable Travel

 Your entry fees into the state's national parks assist with the conservation of these pristine natural environments.

🏔 Natural Wonders

World Heritage-listed wilderness is your playground in Mount Field National Park, a soul-stirring union of soaring eucalypts and thundering waterfalls.



1 Welcome to Hobart

At the mouth of the River Derwent, Australia's southernmost city embraces its history, but has one eye firmly planted on the future. You only need to visit Salamanca Place to see how forward-thinking purveyors and curators have transformed heritage spaces into restaurants, cafés and galleries. Step back in time once again at Battery Point, settled as a defensive outpost in the 19th century, and Constitution Dock – this is where yachts finish when competing in the annual Sydney to Hobart race. Put your destination into perspective from the summit of Mt. Nelson, offering a dreamy outlook over the Tassie capital. **Hotel: Best Western. D**

2 Hobart – Strahan

Not many people live in the West of Tasmania – even less visit. This is not for want of appeal. Mount Field National Park dials up the drama from the moment you arrive, delivering World Heritage listed wilderness in the form of soaring eucalypts (some of the tallest on Earth) and thundering waterfalls. Russell Falls will take your breath away in more ways than one. And just when you think nature couldn't get any more humbling, you arrive at Lake St. Clair, the deepest freshwater lake in Australia. It's one of numerous waterways breaking your path to Strahan, gateway to World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. **Hotel: Strahan Village. B D**

3 Strahan – Cradle Mountain

The inky waters of the Gordon River – given its colour by amber button-grass tannins – are as eerie as they are beautiful, the mirror-like surface only broken by your chariot out to Sarah Island. It's hard to reconcile the beauty of this part of the state with its grim history as a penal colony; a place where convicts would fell Huon pines for boat building. Thankfully, they didn't get to the 2,000-year-old pine that still stands proud at Heritage Landing. Early settlers didn't mince their words when they called the treacherous entrance to the river's harbour Hells Gates. You'll understand why when you drift past. Cradle Mountain awaits to the north. If you're content by the fire with a glass of wine – stay there. Otherwise, follow your guide into the night to spot Tassie devils. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain. B L D**

4 Cradle Mountain – Smithton

When the first thing you see is 1,545-metre Cradle Mountain, you know you're in for a good day. This is your backdrop as you wander to Dove Lake, a natural magnet for Bennetts wallabies, echidnas, and pademelons. Just when you thought the west coast couldn't get any more dramatic, 'The Nut' appears on the horizon. This 152-metre bluff created by the remains of an ancient volcanic plug guards over Stanley, an atmospheric fishing village with remarkably well-preserved heritage buildings. Browse boutiques at your leisure, or lace up your walking shoes – The Nut summit awaits. **Hotel: Tall Timbers. B D**

5 Smithton – Launceston

While you may not see any shy, nocturnal penguins on your visit to the town of Penguin, you will find dozens of statues commemorating just how cute these creatures are. Be sure to snap a picture in front of the 10-metre-high installation. You'll also want to have your camera ready arriving in Sheffield, home to a surprise collection of 60 murals telling the area's history. All this exploring builds an appetite. Refuel at Ashgrove Tasmanian Farm, where happy cows contribute to award-winning cheeses – everything from cheddar and red Leicester to creamy Tasmanian blue are yours for the tasting. **Hotel: Best Western Plus. B**

6 Farewell from Launceston

There are few places in the world where you can leave the city behind and within minutes be amid an immense wilderness area. Launceston is one. Blink and you're at Cataract Gorge, a yawning chasm carved by ancient rivers. This rare natural phenomenon unites bushland with neat Victorian gardens, replete with ferns and exotic plants. Get a different perspective of the green cavern on the optional scenic chairlift, zipping you over the water to a lofty lookout. You won't want your time here to come to an end; it's a good thing you have afternoon options. Perhaps linger in Launceston's pretty streets, or get a taste for the region on a Tamar Valley wine tour. How you end your Tasmanian tour is completely up to you. **B**



Cradle Mountain

From **\$2835**

per person twin share land only

10 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2022	2023 continued	2024
Oct 08, 19, 26	Apr 01, 12, 22	Jan 03, 10, 13, 24, 31
Nov 02, 05, 16, 26, 30	May 03, 13	Feb 03, 14, 21, 28
Dec 07, 17, 28	Jun 28	Mar 09, 13, 20
	Jul 26	
	Aug 23	
2023	Aug 23	
Jan 04, 11, 14, 25	Sep 06, 26	
Feb 01, 04, 15, 22	Oct 07, 18, 25	
Mar 01, 11, 15, 22	Nov 01, 04, 15, 25, 29	
	Dec 06, 16, 23	

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at atkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

5 Full breakfasts B 4 Dinners D
1 Lunch L

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Hobart Airport
Day 6 – flights to depart after 2.00pm from Launceston Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

Upgrade

Start & end your tour in Hobart. See *Tasmanian Wonders* page 74.



Extend Your Holiday

Bruny Island Traveller

If you would like to spend more time in Hobart to immerse yourself in the local flavours of the city, why not book extra nights' accommodation before your guided holiday? Explore spectacular landscapes and gourmet local produce on Bruny Island. This is a delicious day out where every course on the menu is a stop on your journey. Visit the home of Bruny Island's cheese, oysters, fudge, honey, wine and whisky to savour their produce and hear the stories behind the harvest. At every stop sit back, relax and enjoy a fully-inclusive experience. Throughout the day you'll see incredible scenery. Take a stroll and leave your footprints in the sand of a deserted beach. The light bush of the northern island gives way to the dense rainforest of the south - this pristine wilderness is home to diverse wildlife including rare white wallabies. Travel with a local guide, who will show you the very best of what the island has to offer.

We recommend you book your accommodation and optional experience at the same time as your holiday.



- START
- END
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Tassie's East Coast Highlights

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

You won't be the only one yelping with excitement when you spot Bicheno's little penguins march up the sand from the ocean. We recommend you sign up to see them – the choice is yours.

📍 Iconic Sites

From untamed wilderness areas like Cradle Mountain and Freycinet National Park to the World Heritage listed Port Arthur, Tassie is not short on attractions.

📷 Time For You

Get an early flight into Launceston to explore Cataract Gorge at your own pace. How many cities in the world have this natural wonderment on their doorstep?

🌱 Sustainable Travel



Your entry fees into the state's national parks assist with the conservation of these pristine natural environments.

🏞 Natural Wonders

Cruising around the Southern Ocean off the coast of Port Arthur gives you a front-row seat to dramatic geological sites including the Isle of the Dead, Devil's Kitchen and the Blowhole.



1 Welcome to Launceston

You don't have to arrive early into Launceston, but we highly recommend you do. Time on your side? Walk the short distance to Cataract Gorge, home to the longest single-span chairlift in the world. It's quite the ride, taking you up high into this intensely beautiful, and spiritual, place. Otherwise, meet your Travel Director and fellow Tassie companions for a drink in the evening. **Hotel: Best Western Plus.**

2 Launceston – Bicheno

Bridestowe is an assault on all your senses – in the best possible way. There's the piercing purple of the lavender grown here, backdropped by horizon-wide blue sky. Then the musky aroma of the flowers, which has an instant calming effect. And the taste, beyond anything you ever imagined – try lavender in ice-cream, jams and teas, and thank us later. It's a tasty entrée to the Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, sculpted into World War One soldiers. Come dusk in Bicheno, sign up to spot tuxedoed little penguins waddle to shore from the water. **Hotel: Beachfront Bicheno. B D**

3 Bicheno – Hobart

Nothing quite prepares you for the drama of Freycinet National Park – the colours here seem more vivid, the air crisper, the water cleaner, the skies wider. A patchwork of ocean blues lap Coles and Wineglass bays, framed by powdery white sand and silvery eucalypts. There's a reason why this place stars on postcards. The other destination that deserves notoriety is Richmond, its grand 1820s Georgian buildings today home to bijou boutiques, galleries and cafés that appear to be lost in time. **Hotel: Best Western, 2 nights. B**

4 Port Arthur Historic Site

Port Arthur's rather grim convict past is reflected in the names of attractions around it: Isle of the Dead, Devil's Kitchen, the Blowhole... But believe us, they're all spectacularly pretty. As is the Port Arthur Historic Site, its immaculately maintained buildings scattered over green pastures that fade into the Southern Ocean. This is the best-preserved convict site in Australia, and among the most significant convict-era destinations worldwide. The stories these walls could tell. **B FD**

5 Farewell from Hobart

Short and sweet and packed with highlights – this Tasmanian tour is sure to inspire future travels. **B**

Capital Blooms

Floriade, Canberra

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Pause to smell the flowers at Floriade, an immense wonderland of bulbs and blooms you'll want to explore at a leisurely pace.

📍 Iconic Sites

From Floriade and Parliament House to the Australian War Memorial, Canberra's attractions don't disappoint.

📷 Time For You

Pop in to Bowral's antique stores, find a cosy café, wander through parks and gardens... the choice is yours.

🌿 Natural Wonders

Canberra is one of Australia's greenest cities, from its alternative energy ethos to its ample parks that welcome visitors at every turn.

From **\$1180**

per person twin share land only

5 Included Experiences

See available prices and departure dates at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

Dining

2 Full breakfasts B 1 Devonshire Tea T
1 Lunch L 1 Dinner D

Flight Information

Day Prior – flights to arrive anytime into Sydney Airport

Day 3 – flights to depart after 8.00pm from Sydney Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price

As this holiday departs at 7.30am from Rydges Sydney Central, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Sydney – Canberra

Leave Sydney's skyscrapers behind and venture into the bucolic countryside of the Southern Highlands, all heritage villages, vineyards and manicured gardens. The allure all unite in Berrima, the best-preserved Georgian town in Australia – look no further than its convict-era sandstone gaol. Despite its gloomy history, the building awfully pretty to look at. All this touring is hungry work – thankfully, a barbecue lunch awaits on the grounds of working cattle and sheep farm Gold Creek Station, where you'll learn about life on the land from someone who works it every day. Speaking of working hard for the money, 10,000 people spent years constructing Parliament House, the architecturally eye-catching seat of the nation's government. Your guide will take you behind the scenes and reveal all the secrets... Finally, a visit to the Australian War Memorial. Just try to not be moved by the piper's lament. Polish yourself up for dinner, where you'll enjoy seasonal produce, washed down with regional wine and a selection of tempting desserts. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. L D**

2 Floriade & Canberra

There are more than a million bulbs on display annually at Floriade, an explosion of colour that transforms the banks of Lake Burley Griffin – as well as some of Canberra's suburbs. The month-long affair – the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere – was designed to celebrate Australia's Bicentenary and Canberra's 75th birthday. But it has become a regular on the city's event calendar. You'll see why. Browse immaculate flower beds in various patterns and themes, then enjoy entertainment, market stalls and a lively spring vibe. **B**

3 Canberra – Bowral – Sydney

Yet more flowers await in the Southern Highlands, where Bowral's Corbett Gardens play host to 75,000 tulips. The aptly named Tulip Time Festival here will inspire you to buy some bulbs to plant back at home – it's that eye-catching. Thirsty? High tea awaits in the Southern Highlands town of Mittagong. **B T**



Australian War Memorial

Outback Explorer: Uluru to Adelaide



Cooper Pedy

Highlights

📍 Iconic Sites

Things get deep in Cooper Pedy, that Aussie town that lies largely underground. Visit some iconic buildings all marbled with opals.

📷 Time For You

Uluru is one of those places you could spend a lot of time at. Arrive early to soak up the spirituality.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

Sleep soundly knowing that wherever you wander with AAT Kings, you're contributing to the protection of the destinations you visit.

🌄 Natural Wonders

Salt lakes and South Australia go hand in hand. Prepare for your white-out at Lake Hart, a vast pearly plain made all the more dramatic by the pindan soil that surrounds.

From **\$1999**

per person twin share land only

6 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	
Jun	10, 17
Jul	08, 15
Aug	05, 12

See available prices and departure dates from 01 April 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

Dining

3 Full breakfasts **B** 3 Dinners **D**

Flight Information

Day Prior – flights to arrive anytime into Ayers Rock Airport

Day 4 – flights to depart anytime from Adelaide Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price.

As this holiday departs at 7.00am from Ayers Rock Resort, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Uluru – Cooper Pedy

There's something starkly beautiful about the Australian outback. The pindan soil, silvery gums, horizon-busting skies, vast swathes of sun-baked nothingness. This is your backdrop as you cross from the Northern Territory into South Australia, ready to get deep at your destination. Cooper Pedy, known as 'the opal capital of the world', is all lunar landscapes at the surface, and psychedelic colours underground. Locals not only mine rainbow-hued opals in a vast network of subterranean tunnels, but also live here, go to church here and send their kids to school here. You'll get to bed down in an underground hotel as well. Nature's air-conditioning. **Hotel: Desert Cave. D**

2 Cooper Pedy – Port Augusta

It's hard to imagine landscapes more dramatic than those you've experienced so far. But nature ups the ante at Lake Hart, a vast saltpan that sparked a community in the 1930s. Today, it's all but deserted, adding to the ethereal atmosphere. The vastness of the South Australian outback was no doubt one of the reasons why it was chosen to become the world's largest military land base. Believe it or not, Woomera has been a testing base for atomic bombs, ballistic missiles

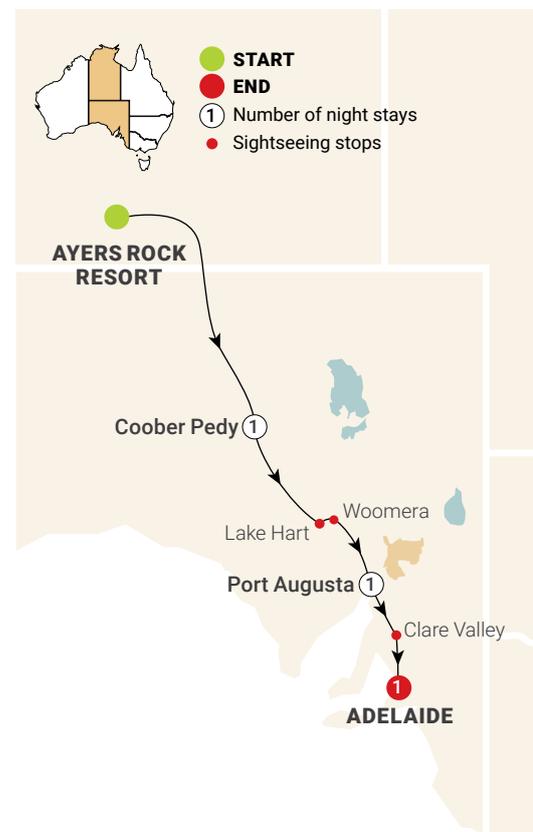
and satellite boosters. Mull over that en route to SA's natural harbour of Port Augusta. **Hotel: Majestic Oasis Apartments. B D**

3 Port Augusta – Adelaide

The Wadlata Outback Centre was created to decode some of the countryside you've been traversing over the past two days. Come face-to-face with giant ripper lizards, journey back in time to when dinosaurs roamed this land, and meet some of the people who first owned, explored and settled the region – as well as some of those who live here today. There are fossils and more opals, and interactive exhibits; have you ever tried Morse code? All this outback is thirsty work. Thankfully the Clare Valley is on the horizon. Gather in the cellar door at historic Knapstein Wines to find out just why their riesling takes home so many awards. Their other drops are pretty tasty, too. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. B D**

4 Farewell from Adelaide

While your AAT Kings journey comes to an end, we seriously hope you have plans to linger in (and around) the South Australian capital. From its wineries to its epic Central Market, there's a reason why this part of the state attracts some of Australia's most innovative bakers, makers, growers, producers and vintners. Dig in! **B**



South Australian Outback Adventure

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

South Australia dazzles, whether from the sky on a flight over Lake Eyre, or from below the ground ogling opals in Coober Pedy. Do either – or both.

📍 Iconic Sites

The South Australia countryside is humbling, as you'll discover when you leave the world behind and hike the Flinders Ranges or gaze at the heavens on an astronomy tour.

📷 Time For You

Tick off 'only-in-Australia' locales: the world's oldest vines in the Barossa, a subterranean community in Coober Pedy, Australia's largest inland sometimes-lake.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER
EXPERIENCE



When you check into Aboriginal-owned Wilpena Pound Resort, your room rate contributes to a sustainable economic future for the Adnyamathanha people.

🏔 Natural Wonders

The landscapes of the Flinders Ranges are ancient, and reveal history through endemic flora and fauna as well as some of the most dramatic geological landscapes imaginable.

1 Welcome to Adelaide

The South Australian capital often flies under the radar – locals like it that way, happy to keep their buzzing dining precincts, glorious gardens and on-your-doorstep wineries to themselves. But the secret is well and truly out, and over the course of the afternoon you'll discover just how diverse Adelaide really is. Touring the city you'll cover every interest base: sports (Adelaide Oval), horticulture (the Botanic Garden), culture (the Art Gallery of South Australia) and food (Adelaide Central Market). Tonight, wander up to the foodie hub of North Terrace. The city offers plenty of eateries in which to while away your evening. **Hotel: Adabco Boutique Hotel.**

2 Adelaide – Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park

You don't have to travel far from Adelaide to be surrounded by vines. In fact, just 1.5 hours north lies the Clare Valley, and therein one of Australia's most awarded wineries. Knappstein Enterprise Winery's roots reach back to 1878, which yields extremely tasty drops, as you'll discover at the cellar door before lunch in the Clare Valley's atmospheric central town. It's the best way to ease into the wide-open, otherworldly spaces of the Flinders Ranges – your commute is a short journey by coach, but it transports you to seemingly Martian landscapes, some 800 million years in the making and home to the Adnyamathanha people for tens of thousands of years. The First Nations community owns and manages your base for the night, Wilpena Pound Resort, and they'll welcome you to Country with spirit and soul. **Hotel: Wilpena Pound Resort. B D**

3 Wilpena Pound – Arkaroola

The cliffs and craters and ravishing red rocks of the Flinders Ranges shine brightly in the morning sun, your outlook particularly pretty from Wangara Lookout. From this vantage, you'll enjoy expansive views over the natural amphitheatre that is Wilpena Pound. It's an awe-inspiring way to start the day, before your journey carves north through dramatic Bunyeroo and Brachina Gorges. Keep your eyes peeled for endangered yellow-footed rock wallabies – only 2,250 remain in Australia, and most call this part of the country home. You'll begin to understand why they favour the South Australian outback when you arrive in Arkaroola, characterised by ancient granite mountains and golden spinifex-covered hillsides and providing a

vantage over Lake Frome and the desert beyond. But the real stars here are those overhead, as you'll discover on an astronomy tour that brings the dazzling night sky into full focus. Prepare to be humbled – in the best possible way. **Hotel: Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary. B D**

4 Arkaroola – Marree

What was happening in Arkaroola 1.6 billion years ago? Your guide will help decode the region's mind-boggling geological history as you navigate the steep slopes and hair-raising ascents of the Ridgetop Track. Plants here are found nowhere else on the planet, and gorges are so vast that they seem to cleave off the edge of the earth. A patina follows your journey northwest to the Ochre Cliffs outside Lyndhurst, where an artist's smudge of fiery hues paints the countryside all the way to the horizon. It's as sacred as it is spectacular, with the Aboriginal community having utilised the rich clay soil in ceremonies for centuries. You can see why this part of Australia was attractive to the 1800s settlers of nearby Farina – but you'll also learn why they departed, leaving an eerie ghost town on the outskirts of Marree, where you'll lay your swimming head for the night. **Hotel: Marree. B L D**

5 Marree – Coober Pedy

Much of the South Australian outback towns exist because of the old Ghan Railway, click-clacking from Adelaide to Darwin. Plenty of history will be revealed on your morning's journey down the line's westward bend, perhaps only outshone by the natural drama of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre. Australia's largest inland lake is – most of the time – a shimmering saltpan covering hundreds of square kilometres, yet is occasionally transformed by desert downpours into a thriving oasis. You'll have the chance to glimpse it from the air, your bird's-eye view unfolding beneath you like a work of art. Speaking of art – your included scenic flight will also pass over the Anna Creek Painted Hills, a rocky outcrop that literally pops out of the flat desert, creating silhouettes resembling cartoon characters. Touch down to explore the otherworldly countryside before jetting on to your destination, Coober Pedy, brimming with compelling quirks. How do you fancy sleeping underground? **Hotel: Desert Cave, 2 nights. B**



Lake Eyre Scenic Flight

From **\$5385**

per person twin share land only

10 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023		2023 continued	
Apr	08, 22	Sep	09, 23
May	06, 20	Oct	07, 21

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

7 Full breakfasts B 4 Dinners D
2 Lunches L

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 11.00am into Adelaide Airport

Day 8 – flights to depart after 5.00pm from Adelaide Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price

6 Coober Pedy

The self-proclaimed ‘opal capital of the world’, Coober Pedy’s many attractions lie primarily below the earth’s surface. Due to the above-ground heat (temperatures can soar) many locals choose to take up a subterranean residence as well. Once you’ve explored this fascinating community – including fossicking for opals in surrounding mines – look further afield to Aboriginal owned Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park, where you’ll travel along a stretch of the ancient Dog Fence: a barrier spanning 5,300 kilometres across three states. As mind-boggling as the construction is, it pales in comparison to the setting’s moonscape of fossilised shells and cracked grey clay. The only thing more surreal than the natural landscape is the constructed one this afternoon at Coober Pedy Opal Fields Golf Club, where the fairways are dirt and sand. Pick up a club to thump balls around the oil-soaked putting green. **B D**

7 Coober Pedy – Port Augusta

It’s hard to imagine landscapes more dramatic than those you’ll have experienced so far. But the bar is officially raised by those at Lake Hart, another vast saltpan that sparked a community in the 1930s. Today, it’s all but deserted, the isolation reminding you that Mother Nature always rules. The vastness of the South Australian outback here was no doubt one of the reasons why it – specifically Woomera – was chosen to become the world’s largest military land base. Established by the British in 1947, the countryside here has been a testing base for atomic bombs, ballistic missiles and satellite boosters. It’s a piece of Australian history few know of, but that you will leave appreciating, as you head toward your evening’s repose in the natural harbour of Port Augusta. **Hotel: Majestic Oasis. B**

8 Port Augusta – The Barossa – Depart Adelaide

The Barossa needs no introduction – your journey today will take in one of Australia’s oldest wine regions, and local makers know a thing or two about creating memorable vintages. The South Australian Company Store reveals some of the finest regional drops, your lunchtime tipples complemented by glorious views over the vines. You’ll arrive in plenty of time for your Adelaide flight, your heart, mind and spirit filled with the natural and human wonders of a region that exudes superlatives. **B L**



Remarkable Adelaide to Kangaroo Island

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

The Kangaroo Island Brewery is an essential stop for thirsty travellers. Beer not your thing? The establishment makes a mean cider.

📍 Iconic Sites

From the Remarkable Rocks to Admirals Arch and Seal Bay, Kangaroo Island's natural drama is only outshone by its abundance of wildlife.

📷 Time For You

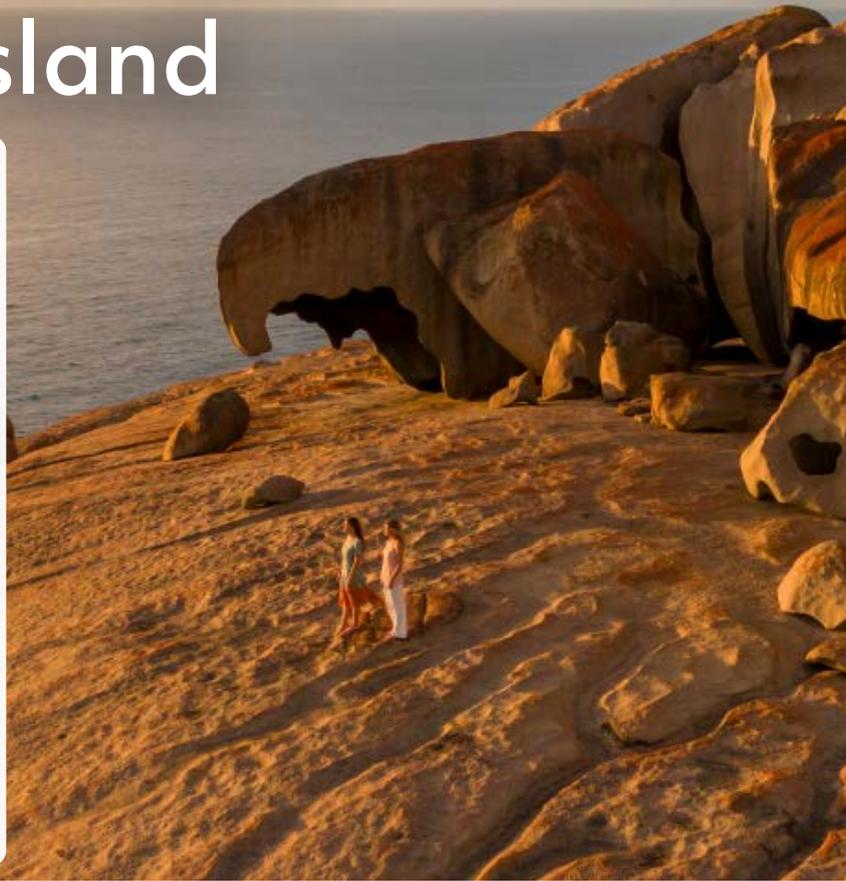
Arrive early into Adelaide to discover why this southern city is developing a reputation as Australia's foodie capital – pop into the Central Market for inspiration.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Visits to Seal Bay Conservation Park and Flinders Chase National Park help protect these fragile ecosystems – and the animals that call them home.

🌿 Natural Wonders

Flinders Chase National Park offers an embarrassment of floral and fauna encounters, from voluptuous rock formations to jagged sea cliffs and tall stands of eucalypts.



1 Welcome to Adelaide

The 'City of Churches' is, it turns out, also the honorary 'City of Food'. You only need to wander around the Adelaide Central Market to discover a smorgasbord of local produce. If you have the time to explore slightly further afield, it's a short drive to the orchards, vineyards and cheesemongers of the Adelaide Hills and the Barossa. Plenty of tasty reasons to arrive early in the South Australian capital. **Hotel: HotelMOTEL.**

2 Adelaide – Kangaroo Island

The pretty-as-a-picture Fleurieu Peninsula is the gateway to all manner of wild and wonderful destinations. Not in the least Kangaroo Island, accessed via the Cape Jervis ferry, cruising south over the Great Australian Bight bound for Penneshaw. Bubbling with excitement to arrive on KI? So is Mike, your host at Kangaroo Island Brewery. This is no ordinary brew-house – Mike makes all his beers using rainwater he collects from the roof of his shed. Try a paddle of his liquid gold, or sip wine and cider while chatting with your affable host. **Hotel: Aurora Ozone, 2 nights. B D**

3 Kangaroo Island

Today mingles wilderness, wildlife and wonderful food in equal measure. Your outlook begins on a high at the Remarkable Rocks. Formed some 500 million years ago, the precariously balanced, rust-hued granite boulders cut a dramatic form against the inky blue of the Southern Ocean and silvery shrubs that cover the countryside. Your outlook is just as wild at Admirals Arch, a natural rock formation within Flinders Chase National Park, and a popular hangout for cacophonous New Zealand fur seals. The colony loll about on just about every surface you can see. They're petite compared to the creatures found at Seal Bay, where playful seals tumble down the sand to splash about in the water – metres from where you stand. And onto that food and drink. After a two-course lunch at Vivonne Bay Bistro, Peter at Island Beehive will dish up samples of the honey (and delicious honey ice-cream) he makes here using Ligurian bees. They're found on KI, and nowhere else in Australia. Meanwhile, the owners of Islander Estate Vineyard will pour you a glass or two and talk through the production of their wines. **B L**

4 Kangaroo Island – Adelaide

One of the reasons bees are so happy on Kangaroo Island is because they have an immense floral bounty to buzz over at Emu Bay Lavender Farm. Maria and Tony have been tending the land for two decades, and today grow 10 varieties of this fragrant flower. They turn it into all kinds of products, from soaps and beauty products to ice-cream, jam and scones. Dig in. Before you leave the island, follow your nose to Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery. If Australia was an aroma, this would be it. Pick up essential oils, body creams, sweets honey and soaps, and taste their cider. Then bliss out knowing that anything you eat or use not only tastes and smells great, but also has therapeutic properties. Back in Adelaide, take in the sights before joining your fellow foodies for a Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: HotelMOTEL. B FD**

5 Farewell from Adelaide

Your bags a few kilos heavier thanks to all that honey, lavender and eucalyptus, it's time to bid farewell to Adelaide and Australia's second-largest (but perhaps most beguiling) island. **B**



Remarkable Rocks

From **\$2485**

per person twin share land only

9 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023	
May	14
Sep	16
Oct	01

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 May 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

- 4 Full breakfasts B
- 1 Lunch L
- 1 Dinner D
- 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

- Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.00pm into Adelaide Airport
- Day 5 – flights to depart anytime from Adelaide Airport
- Flights are not included in the holiday price**



Seal Bay



Adelaide Central Market



South Australian Eyre Peninsula Escape

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Kick back in Coffin Bay with a glass of wine and the sound of a didgeridoo. Or lace up your hiking shoes to explore the bush.

📍 Iconic Sites

The end-of-the-Earth sea cliffs of the Great Australian Bight frame a marine environment that humbles. Explore by land and sea, and get set for goosebumps.

📷 Time For You

There are plenty of ways to explore Elliston. Ask us for tips – we may point you in the direction of the cliff top walking paths.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

Sleep soundly knowing your visit to Coffin Bay National Park helps ensure this patch of paradise remains pristine for future generations.

🏔 Natural Wonders

You'll be dwarfed by the immense Yanerbie Sand Dunes on the Eyre Peninsula, their ripples formed by winds that blow off the Southern Ocean.



1 Adelaide – Port Augusta

Often the best way to get a taste for a region is through its food and wine. And we're determined to help you do just that from day dot of this tour. Just 90 minutes after departing Adelaide you're in the heart of the Clare Valley, one of South Australia's premier wine regions. And one of its premier wineries beckons. Gather in the cellar door at Knappstein Wines, whose riesling (among other drops) will make you weak at the knees. The petite town of Port Augusta is your base tonight, its broad harbour reaching out to the Spencer Gulf. **Hotel: Majestic Oasis Apartments. D**

2 Port Augusta – Streaky Bay

The town of Kimba may be small in population, but it's big in attractions. Look no further than the eight-metre-tall Big Galah, guarding over the Eyre Peninsula. The other larger-than-life drawcard is Kimba's silos, which forward-thinking artists have decorated with eye-popping murals. Talking about colourful countryside, wait until you see the pink ripples that Pildappa Rock casts. This immense granite outcrop was formed 1.5 billion years ago, its wave-like shape swooping over a swathe of pindan soil. **Hotel: Streaky Bay, 2 nights. B D**

3 Streaky Bay

You could spend weeks exploring Streaky Bay and surrounds, tucked into an inlet on the Eyre Peninsula. But you have a day, so bring your stamina. First up: the Westall Way Loop Coastal Scenic Drive, linking attractions like the Yanerbie Sand Dunes (enormous, rippled dunes tumbling to the Southern Ocean); Point Westall (with its 'whistling' rocks and blowholes); Head of the Bight Lookout (for supreme whale spotting); and High Cliff Hideaway Bay. More lookouts await at Hally's Beach, where the water is so turquoise you'll think it has been painted on. And Cape Bauer, at the very end of the peninsula. Worked up an appetite? Get set for a seasonal seafood feast of epic proportions, enjoyed while you cruise the coast around Streaky Bay. **B L**

4 Streaky Bay – Port Lincoln

This part of the South Australian coast is pristine – the kind of place fur seals like to hang out. Marvel at these endangered creatures in Point Labatt Conservation Park, the only place on the mainland where seal pups can be seen learning to swim, play and rest on the beach. Nature continues to reign supreme at Murphy's Haystacks, a series of ancient pillars and boulders that appear to pop from the Earth, and Talia Caves – honeycombed granite rocks framing the beach. Think of this as a geologist's Nirvana. Stretch your legs along a section of the Elliston Coastal Trail at Little Bay, offering a windswept snapshot of some of the Eyre Peninsula's most dramatic scenery. **Hotel: Port Lincoln, 2 nights. B D**

5 Port Lincoln & Coffin Bay

Get your Port Lincoln bearings on a guided tour before we set the GPS for Coffin Bay. This part of the peninsula is what postcards were made for. Case in point, Almonta Beach, its gin-clear waters regularly hosting pods of dolphins that surf the waves. These nutrient-rich waters are also a natural habitat for another marine creature: oysters. Tour an oyster farm, slurp a couple of freshly-shucked molluscs, then sit down to an indulgent seafood platter. Your next deep dive will be into Aboriginal culture on a Wild Yarnbala tour, covering off-grid, organic orchards and gardens and giving you the opportunity to taste bush tucker while being serenaded by a didgeridoo. **B L**

6 Port Lincoln – Adelaide

Today's your day to compare silo art: Kimba vs Tumby Bay, the latter painted by artist Martin Ron. Arriving at the Lucky Bay Jetty, jump aboard the Spencer Gulf Searoad to cruise across the gulf to Wallaroo. And just when you thought your week in South Australia couldn't get any more colourful, you arrive at Bumbunga Pink Lake. This eye-popping waterway changes colour from pastel to bubble-gum to lipstick, depending on the salinity. Join your Travel Director tonight for a Farewell Dinner. **Hotel: HotelMOTEL. B FD**

7 Farewell from Adelaide

Short and sweet, we hope your journey inspired extended South Australian wanderlust. **B**



Bumbunga Pink Lake

From **\$3490**

per person twin share land only

16 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023

Apr 30

Oct 15, 29

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

6 Full breakfasts B
2 Lunches L

3 Dinners D
1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – Flights to arrive by 8.00am into Adelaide Airport

Day 7 – Flights to depart anytime from Adelaide Airport

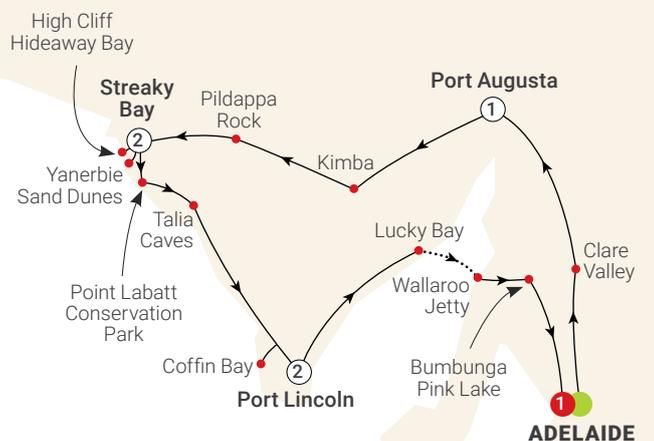
Flights are not included in the holiday price



Coffin Bay



Wild Yarnbala



East Coast Islands & Rainforest

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Choose your own adventure on the Gold Coast, where surf and sand meet rainforest hinterland. Hike, swim, refuel, repeat.

📍 Iconic Sites

How many people get to say they visited three World Heritage Sites on a single holiday? You can: K'gari (Fraser Island), the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics of Queensland.

📷 Time For You

It's easy to drift away in the Whitsundays. And you get to do just that, whether on a catamaran, with a snorkel strapped on or from the air.

♻ Sustainable Travel

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Our '10 Pieces' program encourages guests to pick up 10 pieces of rubbish during their travels. Every little bit helps to protect this fragile part of the world.

🌿 Natural Wonders

Some of the world's oldest tropical rainforest envelops Cairns, this verdant tangle of ferns and palms a natural magnet for native wildlife.



As this holiday departs at 7.30am from Rydges Sydney Central, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Sydney – Coffs Harbour

As much as you'll want to linger in Sydney, Coffs Harbour is calling. On the mid-North Coast of New South Wales, this pocket of paradise has some of the state's most impressive beaches, not to mention the glorious national parkland that surrounds. Follow the breeze (and lead of locals) to the beach for a dazzling end of day, before meeting your fellow adventure-seekers. **Hotel: BreakFree Aanuka Beach Resort. D**

2 Coffs Harbour – Gold Coast

Australia's most easterly point is the stuff that postcards were made for, as you'll discover when you reach the Cape Byron Lighthouse, standing proud over the Pacific Ocean. Dolphins are a common sight year round, and they're joined by whales during migration. For lunch, we can point you in the direction of a tasty Byron Bay fish-and-chip shop – order a haul to eat with your feet in the sand. Which you're going to see plenty of at your next destination. **Hotel: Novotel Surfers Paradise, 2 nights. B**

3 Gold Coast Free Time

Your base in Surfers Paradise is the heart of the Gold Coast, a city that really does sparkle. Today you might choose to explore beaches (there are too many to count), lingering in light-filled cafés and restaurants. Or enlist to see another side of the 'Goldie' in the Mt. Tamborine hinterland – a hub for creatives and foodies. The city also breaks records for its extensive network of canals, which you might opt to explore on a leisurely cruise. **B**

Ask us about starting this holiday on the Gold Coast the morning of Day 4 (Code: QGC).

4 Gold Coast – K'gari (Fraser Island)

Follow the waves north to Hervey Bay, the gateway to K'gari (Fraser Island). The ferry ride across the strait is a highlight, particularly during whale migration when these gentle giants come to the calm, protected waters to calve. Landing on K'gari, expect to see a lot of sand. This is, after all, the world's largest sand island, and the only place in the world where rainforest grows from the sand. **Hotel: Kingfisher Bay Resort, 2 nights. B**

5 K'gari (Fraser Island)

The island also has a really long sand highway, which you'll get to zip along on a 4WD tour across 75 Mile Beach, all the way up the east coast to the Pinnacles Coloured Sands, calm Eli Creek and the Maheno shipwreck, which offers quite the photo opportunity. Just when you thought the island couldn't get any prettier, Lake McKenzie appears on the horizon, this dazzling patch of blue formed only with rainwater. It's a hard act to follow, but the ancient rainforest at Central Station and Wangoolba Creek lives up to the challenge with its huge satiny, scribbly gum and kauri trees. **B L**

6 K'gari (Fraser Island) – Rockhampton

Back on the mainland you're in Queensland's cattle country. Case in point Langmorn Station, where the Creed family will welcome you with afternoon tea and a tour of the immense (and historic) cattle property – the original family homestead was built in 1873. The Creeds will regale you with stories about life on the land. The theme continues as you cross the Tropic of Capricorn to arrive in Rockhampton, the beef capital of Australia. See if it deserves its title sampling some of the town's restaurants. Ask us for tips. **Hotel: Quality Regent. B**

7 Rockhampton – Airlie Beach

Another town with an impressive title is Sarina, Australia's sugar capital. If you've ever wanted to know how sugar cane is processed and distilled, you'll find the guided tour at the Sarina Sugar Shed a sweet addition to the itinerary. And yes, you get to sample the wares. Continue, on a high, to Airlie Beach, the gateway to the Whitsundays. Life moves at a leisurely pace here. Fall into step and take things slow tonight. **Hotel: Mantra, 2 nights. B L**

8 Airlie Beach Free Time

The Whitsunday Islands need little introduction, the 74 tropical drops of land a beguiling union of powdery beaches and rainforest, all ringed by the Coral Sea. There are endless ways to explore this part of the Great Barrier Reef – today, we're letting you choose. Perhaps rise early for an optional helicopter ride over Heart Reef. Or catch a catamaran to Whitehaven Beach, with sand so high in silica it squeaks underfoot. **B**



Great Barrier Reef

9 Airlie Beach – Cairns

After all the excitement of yesterday, today it's time to relax and enjoy the scenery – more sugar cane fields and rolling green paddocks, all framed by the ocean and rainforest-clad mountains. Stretch your legs en route to Cairns and soak up this steamy part of the state. **Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 3 nights. B**

10 Cairns

The Cairns Esplanade is a hive of activity in the morning, with active locals out before the humidity of the day sets in. Keep pace, before cooling off in the Atherton Tablelands, a high tropical plateau of rainforest, including the heritage listed Curtain Fig Tree. And waterfalls, like Millaa Millaa Falls, where enormous iridescent Ulysses butterflies like to dance. Explore Kuranda before getting some perspective on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, high above the canopy of the Barron Gorge National Park. **B**

11 Great Barrier Reef

Just when you thought your outlook couldn't get any better, you're zipping over the Great Barrier Reef on a high-speed catamaran. Snorkel with six of the world's sea turtles bobbing over fans of coral, as well as so many fish you won't know where to look. If you prefer to keep your head above water, the marine world can also be glimpsed from an underwater observatory and glass-bottom boat. **B L FD**

12 Farewell from Cairns

A ridiculous number of beaches, world-record breaking rainforest, dreamy islands and even dreamier ocean... it's going to be hard to say goodbye to this backdrop. Not to mention your fellow travellers. **B**

From **\$6230**

per person twin share land only

10 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

QSC: Sydney to Cairns

2022	2023 continued	2024
Oct 10	Mar 06	Jan 08
Nov 07	Apr 03	Feb 05
Dec 05	Jun 05	Mar 04
	Jul 10	
	Sep 11	
2023	Oct 09	
Jan 09	Nov 06	
Feb 06	Dec 04	

QCS: Cairns to Sydney

2022	2023	2024
Nov 18	Jan 20	Jan 19
	Feb 17	Feb 16
	Mar 17	Mar 15
	Nov 17	

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices, reverse itinerary from Cairns to Sydney (QCS), and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your travel agent.

Dining

- 11 Full breakfasts B
- 3 Lunches L
- 1 Dinner D
- 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

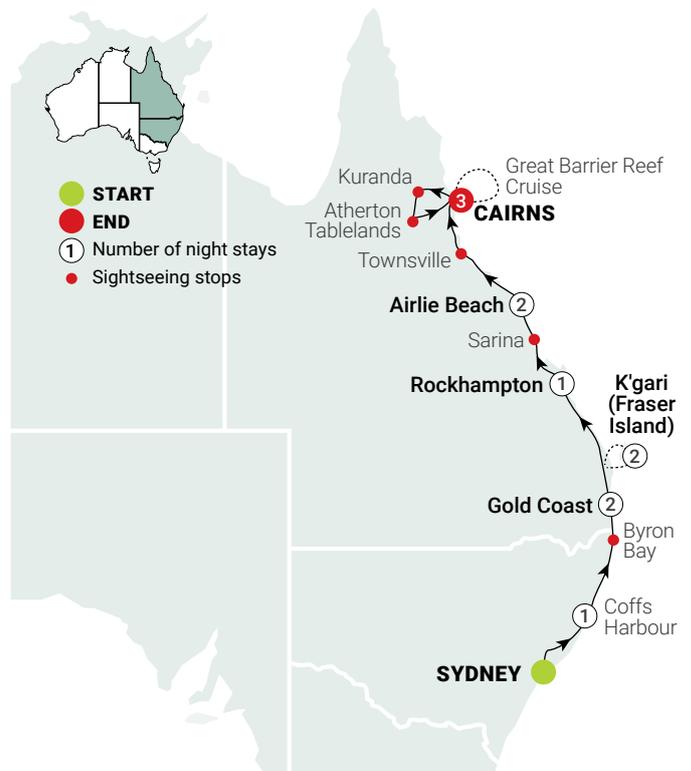
QSC: Sydney to Cairns

Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Sydney Airport
 Day 12 – flights to depart anytime from Cairns Airport

QCS: Cairns to Sydney

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2.00pm into Cairns Airport
 Day 12 – flights to depart after 9.00pm from Sydney Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price



Gulf Savannah Wanderer

Cobbold Gorge

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Croydon has a Historic Precinct dating to the late 1800s, and you can take a trip back in time here on your way to Cobbold Gorge.

📍 Iconic Sites

One of Australia's great rail journeys, the Savannahlander traverses the Wet Tropics region of the Kuranda Range. The 1960's 'silver bullet' cuts a striking form en route to Forsyth.

📷 Time For You

The Historic Village Herberton is like a movie set. Explore more than 50 restored period buildings at your leisure, and re-live the romance of yesteryear.

🏞 Natural Wonders

Feel your spirit soar gazing at the striated sandstone cliffs of Cobbold Gorge, an ancient geological landform carved by rivers more than 10,000 years ago.

From **\$4249**

per person twin share land only

Departure Dates

2023		2023 continued	
May	24, 31	Aug	02, 09, 16, 23, 30
Jun	07, 14, 21, 28	Sep	06, 13, 27
Jul	05, 12, 19, 26	Oct	04

Single traveller must pay the single price. See available prices at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

8 Breakfasts B 8 Dinners D
9 Lunches L

Flight Information

Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Cairns Airport
Day 9 – We recommend that guests fly out the day after the tour returns to Cairns, as it may be delayed getting back into Cairns.

Flights are not included in the holiday price. This holiday is operated by Heritage Tours. Visit aatkings.com for details.

As this holiday departs at 6.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Cairns – Malanda

Your journey begins on a high – literally – as you depart Cairns and weave north into the Atherton Tableland. There are lakes, record-breaking pines and Historic Village Herberton, a recreated tin mining town replete with shops and a pub. **Hotel: Malanda Lodge. L D**

2 Malanda – Georgetown

All aboard the 1960s Savannahlander train as it tracks towards Einasleigh in the Wet Tropics. Order a cold one at the pub or visit Copperfield Gorge before the 'silver bullet' chugs toward Georgetown. **Hotel: Latara Motel. B L D**

3 Georgetown – Karumba

The aquatic jewel of the Gulf Savannah, Croydon's Lake Belmore is the region's largest body of water. Karumba sits at the mouth of the Norman River on the Gulf of Carpentaria; it's a twitcher's delight, as you'll discover on a sunset cruise. **Hotel: Karumba Lodge, 2 nights. B L D**

4 Karumba

The Gulf of Carpentaria is a rare example of a shallow sea on top of a continent. It's a unique marine ecosystem that fosters all manner of fish, as you'll learn at the Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre & Hatchery. Feeling thirsty? Enjoy happy hour at Point Sunset. **B L D**

5 Karumba – Normanton

Explorers Burke and Wills came through this part of Queensland while surveying the gulf. Campsite 119 was their most northerly post. They didn't make it to Mutton Hole Wetlands Regional Park, but you will, with time for croc- and bird-watching. **Hotel: Gulflander Normanton. B L D**

6 Normanton – Cobbold Gorge

When the journey matters just as much as the destination, jump aboard the historic Gulflander train. As locals like to say, "it travels from nowhere to nowhere". But it sure is fun. **Hotel: Cobbold Gorge Cabins or Finnigins Rest, 2 nights. B L D**

7 Cobbold Gorge

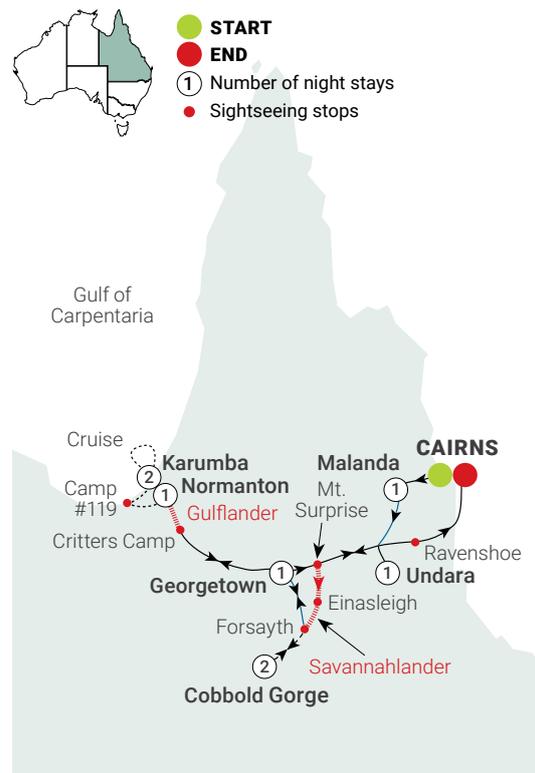
This ancient geological landform is distinguished by its narrow, striated sandstone formations and humbling 10-metre cliffs. Cruising here, the only sounds you'll hear are the wind and wildlife. **B L D**

8 Cobbold Gorge – Undara

Sleep in – we're in no rush today. Forsyth for lunch, then campfire entertainment before retiring to your accommodation in antique railway carriages. **Hotel: Undara Lava Lodge. B L D**

9 Undara – Farewell from Cairns

The Undara Lava Tubes were carved by the world's longest lava flow from a single volcano. Huge caves have formed along the tubes, creating a surreal underground world. Time to say see-you-later to the Savannah. **B L**



Cape York Frontier

From **\$4249**

per person twin share land and internal-holiday airfare

Departure Dates

QCY: Cairns to Cairns

2023	2023 continued
May 23, 27	Aug 01, 05, 15, 19, 29
Jun 06, 10, 20, 24	Sep 02, 12, 16, 26, 30
Jul 04, 08, 18, 22	

QYC: Reverse

2023	2023 continued
May 29	Aug 07, 11, 21, 25
Jun 02, 12, 16, 26, 30	Sep 04, 08, 18, 22
Jul 10, 14, 24, 28	Oct 02, 06

Single traveller must pay the single price. See available prices at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

6 Breakfasts B 6 Dinners D
5 Lunches L

Flight Information

Day Prior – flights to arrive anytime into Cairns Airport
Day 7 – We recommend that guests fly out the day after the tour returns to Cairns, as it may be delayed getting back into Cairns.

Flights to and from your holiday are not included in the price.

This holiday is operated by Heritage Tours. Visit aatkings.com for details.

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

If you can't get enough of wildlife, sign up for an Eco Cruise from Weipa, the largest town on the Cape York Peninsula.

📍 Iconic Sites

At the very tip of Australia, Cape York is the largest unspoilt wilderness area in the country. Few people get to see this magical part of the world.

🏠 Sustainable Travel

Sleep soundly knowing your national park fees are helping protect fragile and untouched pockets of wilderness.

🏞 Natural Wonders

Visiting Quinkan Country, sacred Aboriginal land, is a spiritual experience. The rock art here dates back tens of thousands of years, revealing Dreamtime stories.

As this holiday departs at 6.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Cairns – Cooktown

Moments after departing Cairns you're amid the World Heritage listed Wet Tropics of Queensland. Cross the Daintree River and you're on your way to Cape Tribulation, where the rainforest meets the Great Barrier Reef. You're not here to dive in – your journey takes you off-road along the 4WD Bloomfield Track. Legends (and myths) await at Black Mountain, sometimes dubbed the Bermuda Triangle of Australia. **Hotel: Sovereign Resort. L D**

2 Cooktown – Musgrave

Today you're in Quinkan Country, home to one of Australia's best-preserved rock-art sites. Nearby, Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park is big in more ways than one, from its enormous waterlily-covered billabongs to its unfathomable number of birds. **Hotel: Musgrave Roadhouse. B L D**

3 Musgrave – Weipa

The historic gold town of Coen may be small in size, but it's got plenty of country swagger. Bauxite mining was the reason the tiny town of Weipa was formed. Today, visitors arrive for blazing sunsets over the Gulf of Carpentaria. **Hotel: Albatross Bay Resort or Heritage Motel. B L D**

4 Weipa – Bramwell Station

How do you want to spend your pre-lunch hours? Perhaps on an optional Weipa Wildlife & Eco

Cruise, revealing First Nations culture and wildlife. Or dig deep on a bauxite mine tour. How these rocks are pulled from the ground is head-scratching. As is the size of Bramwell Station, Australia's northernmost cattle station and your base for the night. **Hotel: Bramwell Cattle Station (en suite facilities). B D**

5 Bramwell – Cape York

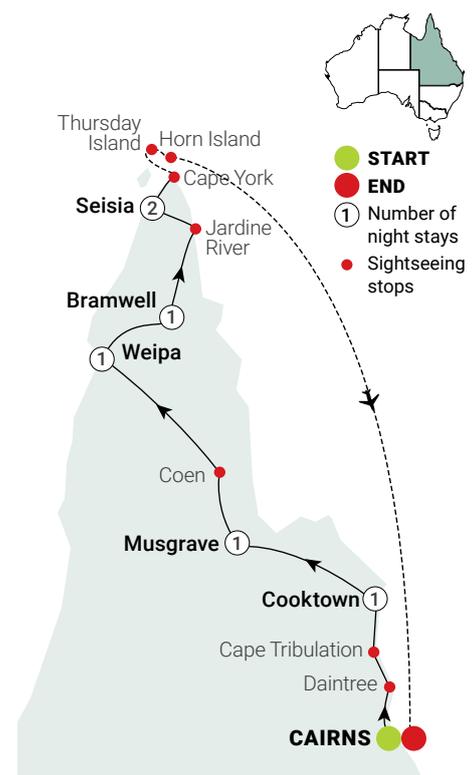
Your early start today is worth it when you arrive at Fruit Bat Falls for lunch. Dive in, splash about, cool off, unwind. There's not much between you and Cape York; cross the Jardine River and you're there. Seisia is the departure point for ferries to Thursday Island and fishing charters. It's also the gateway to tomorrow's adventures. **Hotel: Seisia Holiday Park, 2 nights. B L D**

6 Cape York – Somerset

Not many people can say they've stood at the very top of mainland Australia at Somerset, the first European settlement on the Cape York Peninsula. Lunch is served on palm-fringed Anchorage Beach overlooking the Albany Passage. **B L D**

7 Seisia – Thursday Island – Cairns

Rich in Aboriginal culture and natural beauty, Thursday Island is the capital of the Torres Strait Islands. You're on a guided tour before heading to Horn Island to board your aircraft, flying over the Great Barrier Reef to Cairns. Wait, how did this week pass so quickly? **B**



Travel Essentials

My AAT Kings Travel Portal

For peace of mind and a seamless tour from the moment you book until you return home, you can personalise your tour online with ease in the My AAT Kings Travel Portal.

By registering your details online you'll be able to advise us of any preferences or dietary requirements for a more enjoyable tour, have access to useful information and links and be assured that we have any emergency contact details securely stored in case of an unlikely event whilst travelling with us.

Registering for My AAT Kings

**It's quick & easy
to register online**

1. Visit my.aatkings.com
2. Enter your first name, last name and email address
3. Create a unique password & click Register User
4. Add your booking number and click Add my Booking

Registering is quick and easy. You'll need the following information in order to create your secure login:

- Your AAT Kings booking number and last name
- Emergency contact details
- Passport details for international travellers
- Your COVID-19 vaccination status including the date of your last vaccine or booster shot

You'll be able to register 24 hours after you've confirmed your booking with us. Once you have completed your online registration you'll also be able to download, save and print your travel documents within 3 weeks of your departure date.

To read about how we store and manage your personal information, visit our Privacy Policy at aatkings.com/privacy

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is highly recommended for all guests covering all applicable dates of travel with AAT Kings & Inspiring Journeys. This insurance should cover: trip interruption, personal injury, medical expenses, evacuation and repatriation cover including during pandemic events. The choice of insurer is yours.

Booking Conditions

Full Booking Conditions can be found at aatkings.com/booking-conditions and form the legal agreement between us and you as our guest.

GUESTS 1300 228 546 hello@aatkings.com.au
AGENTS 1300 556 100 guidedholidays@aatkings.com.au

AAT Kings Tours Pty Ltd ABN 97 079 722 464
 82-86 Bourke Road, Alexandria NSW 2015
aatkings.com

Gold Seal Protection

AAT Kings' Gold Seal Protection (GSP) plan costs only \$99 per person upon payment of your deposit. GSP gives you additional peace of mind should your travel plans change, and includes:

Pre-Departure Cancellation

GSP allows you to cancel your AAT Kings holiday for any reason without penalty prior to 30 days from your guided holiday departure date: If no Force Majeure Event* has occurred when you cancel, the value of your AAT Kings Holiday Pre-payment** will be refunded; or If a Force Majeure Event* does occur causing you to cancel, the AAT Kings Holiday Pre-payment** will be converted to a Future Travel Credit (FTC) of the same value. The FTC may be redeemed against the cost of a new holiday provided by AAT Kings or one of our Travel Corporation sister brands, departing at any time within 24 months of your cancellation but is not redeemable for cash.

If the new tour or departure is more expensive than the FTC you are responsible for the difference in price; if the new tour or departure is less expensive than the FTC, a new FTC will be issued for the difference. Airline travel costs and any related cancellation or rebooking costs are not covered by the Gold Seal Protection Plan.

During Your Tour

Should your holiday be interrupted and you leave at any time during the tour due to personal illness or injury; or be required to return home because of the serious injury, illness or death of an immediate family member^:

(a) you will be refunded up to \$90 per person/per day for the unused portion of the holiday. Please note that in some cases hotels require a 1-night cancellation fee.

(b) AAT Kings will pay the additional cost of airline travel for earlier or later return home in the same class of air travel on the first available flight, provided the original return air tickets were booked through AAT Kings from Australia on AAT Kings' recommended airline. A medical certificate is required to qualify for this holiday interruption and return flight security provision.

Your Gold Seal Protection plan is available only upon paying your deposit and cannot be added at a later date. Please note that the GSP plan cost is not refundable for any reason and is only available to Australia and New Zealand residents. Travel Agent fees and cancellation costs may apply.

*Force Majeure Event – means any event or circumstance beyond AAT Kings' control, including but not limited to: an act of God (such as earthquake, flood, fire, explosion, landslide, lightening, action of the elements, force of nature, washout, typhoon, hurricane, tsunami, storm or storm warning or natural disaster); industrial disputes, work ban or other labour dispute or difficulty; acts of terrorism, political unrest, war or threat of war, riots or civil strife; closure of airports or ports; pandemic, epidemic or health risk; governmental and administrative actions (including closure of borders and travel warning and restrictions).

**AAT Kings Holiday Pre-payment – means all monies paid to AAT Kings in respect of land arrangements only.

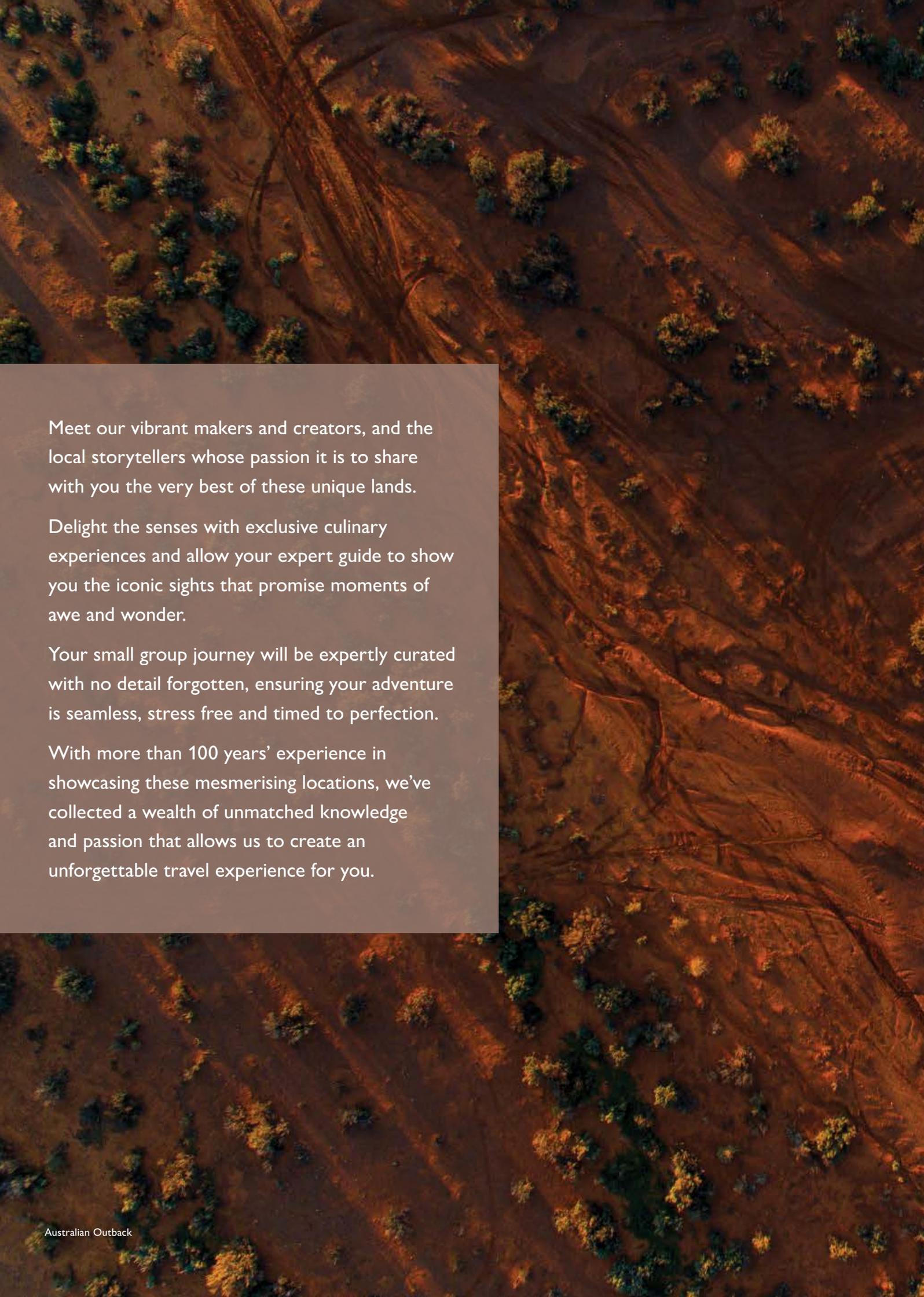
^Immediate Family – means a parent, sibling or child.



AUSTRALIA



TASMANIA • ULURU • KAKADU • THE BAROSSA • MARGARET RIVER



Meet our vibrant makers and creators, and the local storytellers whose passion it is to share with you the very best of these unique lands.

Delight the senses with exclusive culinary experiences and allow your expert guide to show you the iconic sights that promise moments of awe and wonder.

Your small group journey will be expertly curated with no detail forgotten, ensuring your adventure is seamless, stress free and timed to perfection.

With more than 100 years' experience in showcasing these mesmerising locations, we've collected a wealth of unmatched knowledge and passion that allows us to create an unforgettable travel experience for you.




Inspiring Journeys



Inspiring Journeys is proud to pay respect to the continuing cultural practices of First Nations, Torres Strait Islander and Māori peoples.

The immersive, vast beauty of Australia and New Zealand awaits.

You'll witness the many hues of an outback sunset blend into ochre natural wonders, hear ancient languages spoken and see stories written in the sand. Indulge in native flavours and relax in dwellings nestled within the heart of your destination.

This is where your *journey* begins.

START EXPLORING



Inspiring Australia 10
13 days • IJFLY

Explore Australia's highlights on a journey from the Tropical North, to its spiritual heart and on to sparkling Sydney.

Northern Territory Dreaming 12
11 days • MNCR

The wild majesty of the Top End and the dramatic landscapes of Australia's Red Centre combine on this unforgettable journey.

Tastes of Tasmania 14
7 days • IJTHBL

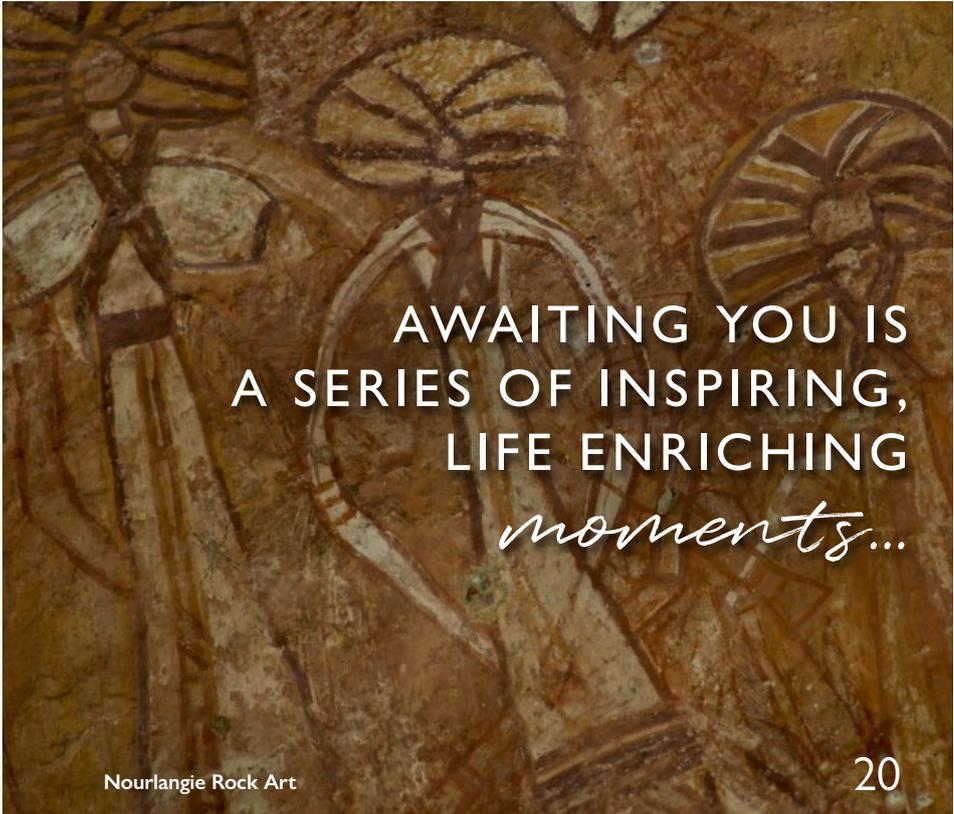
Delve into the untouched landscapes of Maria Island and the Bay of Fires. Head deep into the Tasmanian wilderness and soak up panoramic views of one of the world's most beautiful beaches.

A Journey to the West 16
7 days • IJWA

Unique Rottneest Island, renowned wine region Margaret River and an enriching Cape Naturaliste Aboriginal cultural experience await you.

Outback Contrasts 18
6 days • CRAA

Witness the rugged landscape of the Red Centre and the ancient cultures that have cared for this land for generations.



AWAITING YOU IS
A SERIES OF INSPIRING,
LIFE ENRICHING
moments...

Nourlangie Rock Art

20

Look for these icons to learn about your small group experience:

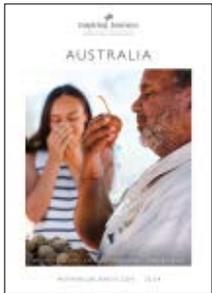
-  **IMMERSE**
yourself in new experiences
-  **INDULGE**
your senses
-  **EXPLORE**
boundless landscapes
-  **RELAX**
and recharge

Kakadu's Ancient Secrets 20
5 days • MNDD

Be awe-struck by Australia's Top End, where you'll discover untamed waterfalls, vast wetlands and ancient cultures.

Flavours of South Australia 22
5 days • SATA

Embark on a culinary discovery through the Barossa, Adelaide Hills and McLaren Vale wine regions.



Cover story:
Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience,
Northern Territory

Discover Australian Aboriginal bush tucker (mai), hear stories in the Luritja and Pertame (Southern Aranda) language and discover the importance of bush medicines, dot painting, witchetty grub and wooden jewellery near Kings Canyon in Watarrka National Park.

Discover Peter's stories
Northern Territory Dreaming, pg 12.

4.5/5 feefo 

Independent reviews from our guests

"The trip was full of highlights, there were no disappointments."

★★★★★ 5.0/5
Neil M

"Everything & every place we went to & experienced was bucket list material."

★★★★★ 5.0/5
Alan S

"Small groups, top quality, everything provided, very knowledgeable guides."

★★★★★ 5.0/5
Trusted Customer

LIFE ENRICHING MOMENTS



Immerse

YOURSELF IN NEW EXPERIENCES

Dive in deep and absorb every small detail of your destination. Embrace the opportunity to connect with descendants of ancient cultures. Go behind the scenes to experience life like a true local. Immerse yourself in the sights, smells, sounds, and folklore that make every stop on your journey a memorable one.

 Look for this icon to find Immerse highlights

Indulge

YOUR SENSES

Meet the growers and producers while indulging in the local delicacies of unique communities. Savour award-winning wines, sample Aboriginal inspired cuisine and embark on a culinary journey as you unwind in spectacular surrounds.

 Look for this icon to find Indulge highlights



Experience Bruny Island cruise on Tastes of Tasmania, pg 14.

Explore

BOUNDLESS LANDSCAPES

Embrace your adventurous spirit and embark on an epic exploration. Visit the wondrous places you've dreamt of, discover hidden gems and insider experiences that may become the highlight of your tour. Walk, cycle, swim, see wildlife – or simply just soak up the awe-inspiring scenery.

 Look for this icon to find Explore highlights



Stay at The Langham on Inspiring Australia, pg 10.

Relax

AND RECHARGE

Sit back and relax knowing that your experience will be seamless from the very moment you start planning your journey with us. With every detail taken care of, you can be certain that the curated encounters, scenic destinations and carefully chosen hotels are exactly what you needed.

 Look for this icon to find Relax highlights

THE INSPIRING JOURNEYS EXPERIENCE



Explore Salamanca Market on Tastes of Tasmania, pg 14.

MEET JOURNEY DIRECTOR,

Courtney

'You can relax knowing that every step of the way on your small group journey you are in the hands of our experts, who are continuously trained and highly experienced. From start to finish, we'll be there making sure your journey is outstanding.'

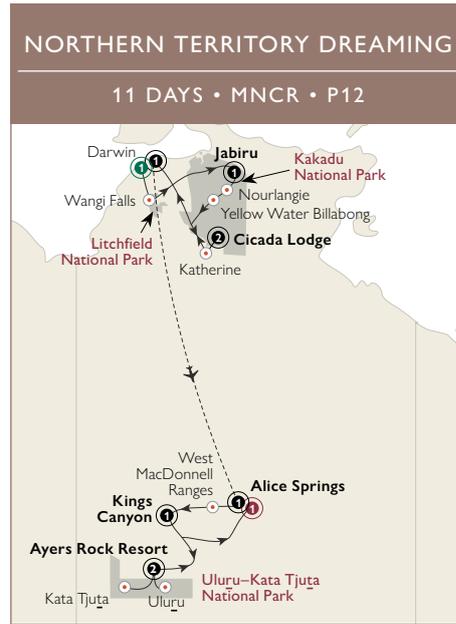


Visit Gemtree on Flavours of South Australia, pg 22.

MEET WINEMAKERS,

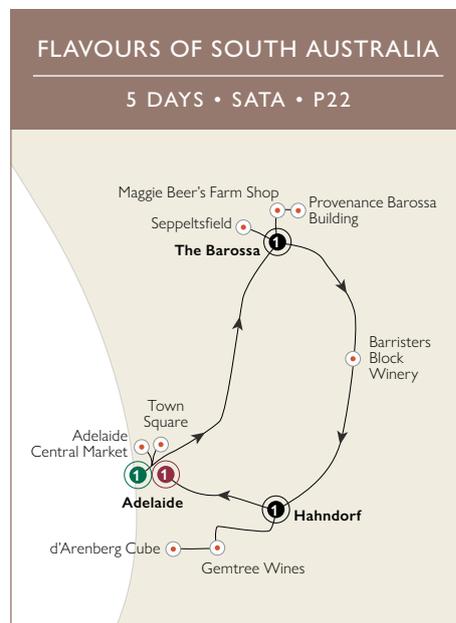
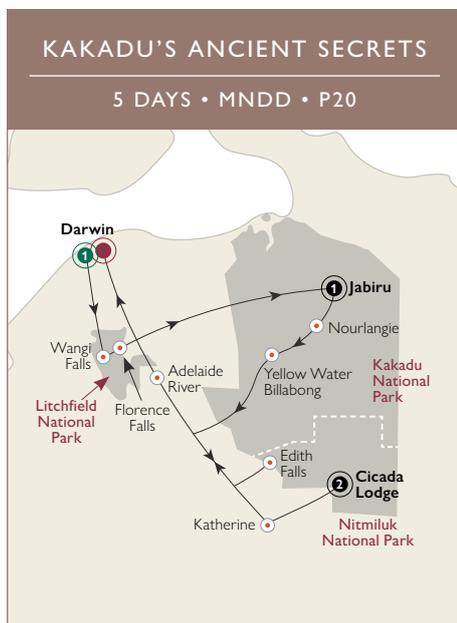
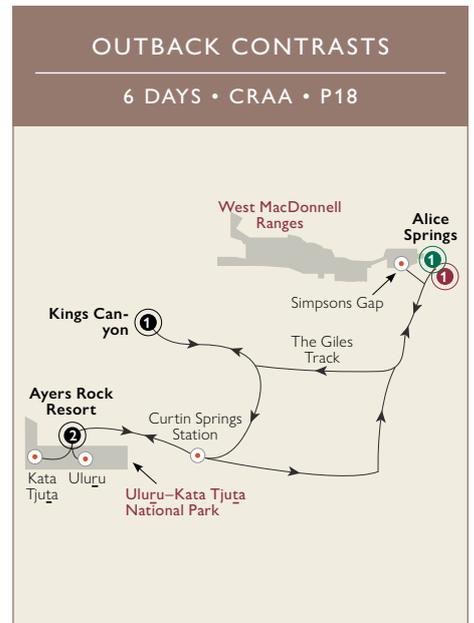
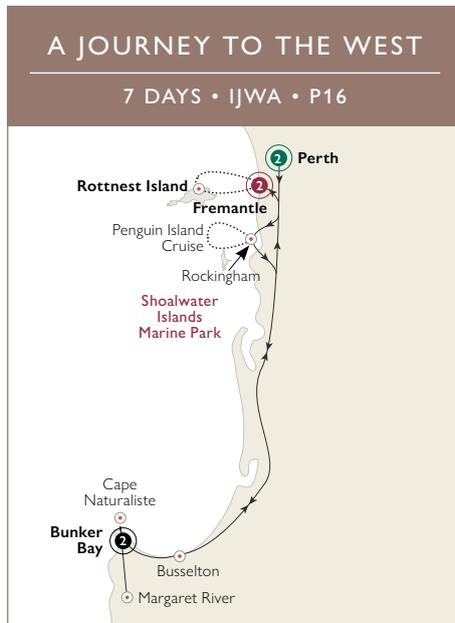
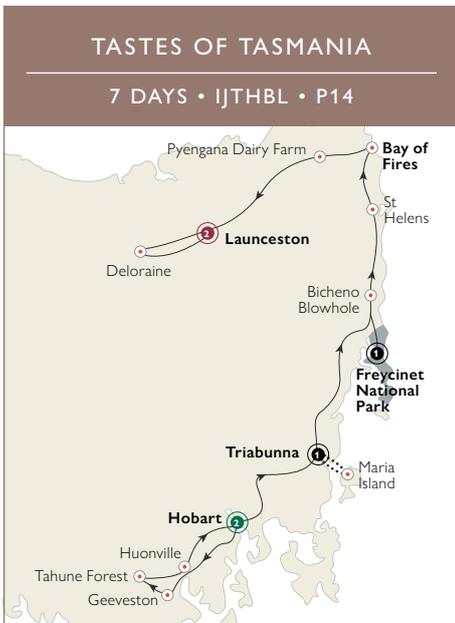
Mel + Mike

Down a narrow gum-lined track next to some endearing alpaca, you'll find the McLaren Vale's beautiful Gemtree vineyard. From their spectacular eco-friendly tasting room, these passionate winemakers will share stories of their unique organic and biodynamic winemaking process. Learn about the vines which are planted, grafted and harvested according to the phases of the moon, and hear how they harvest with care, respecting and nurturing the land.



MAP KEY:

- Start
- Finish
- Overnight
- Sightseeing
- Coach
- Flight
- Cruise



INSPIRING AUSTRALIA

CAIRNS | PALM COVE | DAINTREE RAINFOREST | GREAT BARRIER REEF | ULURU | KATA TJUṬA | KINGS CANYON | ALICE SPRINGS | SYDNEY | HUNTER VALLEY

13
DAYS



Field of Light

IMMERSE

Delve into Aboriginal culture in the Daintree Rainforest and meet host Danny in Alice Springs for an Aussie BBQ in the vast outback.

INDULGE

Dine at the Sounds of Silence in Uluru and devour Australian cuisine inside the Sydney Opera House at Bennelong.

EXPLORE

Wander through the domes of Kata Tjuṭa, snorkel the Great Barrier Reef and cruise on Sydney Harbour.

RELAX

Enjoy serenity at The Langham's star-dappled ceiling pool and stay in the heart of the Tropics at the Reef House Palm Cove.

Venture on a journey through Australia's most iconic sights. Experience the ancient Gondwana Rainforests of Northern Australia, majestic Uluru in the spiritual Red Centre, and the iconic harbour city of Sydney.

Day 1: Welcome to Cairns – Palm Cove

Welcome to Tropical Far North Queensland. This afternoon meet your Journey Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception followed by dinner at Reef House Restaurant nestled under Melaleuca trees, overlooking the stunning crystal clear water of the Coral Sea.

HOTEL The Reef House Palm Cove, 3 nights

MEALS Dinner with wine

Day 2: Daintree Rainforest

Join your Aboriginal guide on an exclusive experience to discover the ancient Daintree Rainforest and gain an insight into the deep relationship the local Kuku Yalanji people have with their land. Learn about cultural traditions, taste bush foods and sample traditional medicine of the Aboriginal people.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch with wine

Day 3: Cairns Included Choice

Today you can explore tropical Cairns in your own style with an Included Choice option. Either board a Quicksilver wave piercing catamaran and cruise to the outer edge of the Great Barrier Reef. The professional crew will take you to an underwater world that is a dazzling kaleidoscope of colour and brilliance. Or if breathtaking rainforest speaks to you, your day begins on the Scenic Railway. Winding your way up to the quaint village of Kuranda. There's time to explore the 'village in the Rainforest', including the Heritage Markets, before returning on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway.

MEALS Breakfast, (lunch Great Barrier Reef cruise only)

Day 4: Cairns – Uluru & Kata Tjuṭa

Today we fly from Cairns to the heart of the Red Centre, Uluru. This afternoon you're off to the domes of Kata Tjuṭa, where you'll join your Journey Director for a guided walk through Walpa Gorge. Later enjoy nibbles and sparkling wine while you watch Uluru change colour as the sun sets below the horizon.

HOTEL Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast

Day 5: Uluru

- 🕒 Rise early to experience the renowned Field of Light, where 50,000 glass spheres in colours of ochre, deep violet, blue and gentle white, have been installed within sight of Uluru. Wander through the paths and then, from the dune-top, watch as the dawn creeps across the desert plain and lights up the Red Centre. After breakfast you will have the opportunity to take a walk around part of the base of Uluru and hear timeless stories, see rock art, and visit Muṯitjulu Waterhole. This evening enjoy a Local Dining Experience under the sparkling outback sky at the award-winning Sounds of Silence Dinner.

MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 6: Uluru – Kings Canyon

- 🕒 Experience the magic of the sunrise over Uluru. Later, travel towards Kings Canyon. Your first stop is Curtin Springs, home to the Severin family since 1956. Enjoy a barbecue lunch, where you will meet one of the locals and gain insight into the cattle rearing heritage.

HOTEL Kings Canyon Resort

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 7: Kings Canyon – Alice Springs

Today you're off on a sunrise six-kilometre Rim Walk exploration of the spectacular Kings Canyon. This evening, join your hosts at an outback bush barbecue Local Dining Experience under the stars.

HOTEL Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters
MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 8: Alice Springs Included Choice – Sydney

Explore Alice Springs in your own style with an Included Choice option. Either visit the School of the Air, a crucial service providing education to children living in remote areas. Or at the Royal Flying Doctor Service you will hear how this facility provides medical assistance to those living in remote Australia. This afternoon, Alice Springs gives way to cosmopolitan Sydney.

HOTEL The Langham
MEALS Breakfast

Day 9: Sydney Included Choice – Hunter Valley

Enjoy a Sydney sightseeing tour including a stroll along the coastal walk for incredible views over the Pacific Ocean and wild coastal cliffs. Mid-morning offers you an Included Choice activity so you can see more of the Harbour City. Escape to a world long ago, before colonial settlement and be touched by the most ancient human culture on earth. Join an Aboriginal guide for a 90-minute leisurely walkabout through the Rocks District, hear dreamtime stories passed down from Elders and discover how Aboriginal people existed by the harbour. For a different pace, say 'cheers' to your local guide from Dave's Tours on a historic walking tour of some of Sydney's oldest pubs. Tread in the footsteps of the convicts, larrikin gangs & locals of the past as you share a drink in four of Sydney's oldest pubs. Between watering holes, your guide will take you through the alleys & cobbled streets of the Rocks as they share the gossip, shouts, and stories of Australia's first European settlement. This afternoon, depart Sydney for the Hunter Valley wine region.

HOTEL voco Kirkton Park, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 10: Hunter Valley

Spend the day exploring the amazing Hunter Valley Wine Region. It includes good food, great wine and beautiful scenery. Indulge in exclusive private wine tastings at boutique vineyards and sit down to an exceptional tasting lunch. There will be time to explore cellar doors, a cheese shop, chocolatier, and more before spending the evening at leisure. You may like to relax on your balcony with a good book and bottle of wine or treat yourself to one of the dining options.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch with wine

Day 11: Hunter Valley – Sydney

Return to Sydney in time to cruise magical Sydney Harbour. Cruise around the glistening harbour while you savour a delicious lunch with a strong focus on local produce and wines. Relax on the spacious deck as you sail past the harbour's iconic sights like the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and small secluded coves surrounded by multi-million-dollar waterfront homes. This evening is free for you to explore and discover one of Sydney's local restaurants.

HOTEL The Langham, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, lunch with wine

Day 12: Sydney at Leisure

Wake up to free day in the harbour city of Sydney. There are so many sights to experience. You may choose to climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge, take the ferry to Manly Beach, or explore some of the lesser-known interesting pockets of Sydney to see how the locals live. Late afternoon, join a VIP guided tour of the Sydney Opera House before a Celebration Dinner at Peter Gilmore's iconic Bennelong restaurant under the famous 'sails', the perfect location to celebrate this inspiring journey.

MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 13: Farewell from Sydney

Bid farewell to the Harbour City as you are transferred to Sydney Airport for your onward flight.

MEALS Breakfast

FROM **\$12,415*** P.P.

TWIN SHARE LAND & INTERNAL-HOLIDAY AIRFARES

DEPARTURES

2022		2023		2024	
Oct	04	Jan	10, 31	Jan	09, 30
Nov	08	Feb	28	Feb	27
		Apr	04		
		Jul	04		
		Aug	29		
		Oct	03		
		Nov	07		

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 Apr 2024 at inspiringjourneys.com/ijfly or contact your local agent. Single traveller must pay the single price.

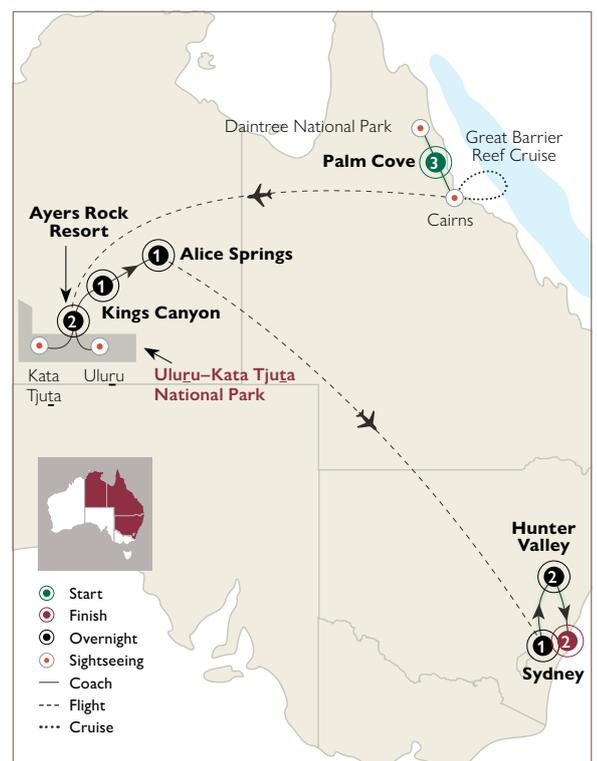
INCLUSIONS

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 17+ Unforgettable experiences
- 23 included meals
- 12 Nights premium accommodation

NOTES

IJFLY: CAIRNS TO SYDNEY

- Flight Information:
 Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2.00pm into Cairns Airport
 Day 13 – flights to depart anytime from Sydney Airport
 *Internal-holiday flights: Please note that the price above includes land and internal-holiday airfares, which are required to be booked in order to fulfil the holiday itinerary:
 Day 4 – Cairns to Ayers Rock
 Day 8 – Alice Springs to Sydney
- Return airfares from your home port are not included in the price above.



NORTHERN TERRITORY DREAMING

DARWIN | KAKADU NATIONAL PARK | NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE | LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK | ALICE SPRINGS | WEST MACDONNELL RANGES | KINGS CANYON | KATA TJUṬA | ULURU |

11
DAYS



Yellow Water Billabong

Be immersed into the very heartland of Australia and experience its most sacred landscapes, bountiful National Parks and thundering waterfalls. Discover the Top End's striking landscape then journey to the magical Red Centre, seeing iconic Uluru, the mystical domes of Kata Tjuṭa, and windswept Walpa Gorge.

As this journey departs from Hilton Darwin at 7.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

Day 1: Darwin & Litchfield National Park

Welcome to Darwin! This morning meet your Journey Director and board your luxury vehicle to begin your journey of discovery in the Top End. Travel across the Finnis River to Litchfield National Park. You'll visit tumbling Florence Falls

and enjoy a swim to cool off at Wangi Falls, surrounded by tropical monsoon rainforest, and hear about its importance in Aboriginal custom before stopping for lunch. This afternoon return to Darwin, where you'll get to know your fellow travellers over dinner with wine.

HOTEL Hilton, Darwin

MEALS Dinner with wine

Day 2: Darwin – Kakadu National Park

Get ready for a cross-country journey to magnificent Kakadu National Park. **Kakadu really is a diverse UNESCO world heritage site.** Keep your eyes peeled for crocodiles as you cross the South Alligator River, and Broilgas, Magpie Geese and Jabiru as you traverse along the long grasses of the marshes and wetlands. After lunch **the famous Yellow Water Billabong boat cruise will be a highlight of your journey.** You will see a myriad of different bird species, spot estuarine crocodiles and simply enjoy the stunning billabong and floodplains system. This afternoon check into the Crocodile Hotel where you'll have the chance to relax by the hotel's shaded pool or wander through the on-site Aboriginal Art Gallery.

HOTEL Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 3: Kakadu – Nitmiluk National Park

This morning there's a chance to take to the air on an optional scenic flight over Kakadu; one of the best ways to experience the enormity of this wonderful National Park, as well as the diversity from waterfalls and billabongs to flood plains and wildlife. Later, **visit Nourlangie to admire the ancient Dreamtime art of the Bininj and Munggyu people.** Hear from your Journey Director a detailed interpretation of the art and the rich Aboriginal culture as you explore the various outdoor 'galleries' with art that dates some 20,000 years. Continue driving through the ancient lands of Kakadu National Park to the town of Katherine and further on to Nitmiluk National Park. **Indulge in five-star luxury at Cicada Lodge**, a stunning eco-lodge surrounded by nature, where each room has a private balcony that opens to the National Park. Cool off in the pool after the heat of the day, and then experience a glorious sunset.

HOTEL Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 4: Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge

This morning meet Dalabon didgeridoo expert Manuel Pamkal and share in his passion for the rich traditional culture into which he was born. Hear about life in the bush and experience first-hand the fine art of rarrk (cross-hatch) painting. Later, **board a special dinner cruise on Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge** and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

IMMERSE

Learn the fine art of 'rarrk' painting and discover the ancient Aboriginal art galleries of Kakadu National Park.

INDULGE

Unwind on an indulgent Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge dinner cruise and dine at the award-winning Cicada Lodge.

EXPLORE

Enter Walpa Gorge, an ancient temple crafted by nature, and keep an eye out for crocodiles on the Yellow Water Billabong.

RELAX

Unwind in your Deluxe Spa Room at Kings Canyon Resort, and stay in the heart of Nitmiluk at eco-friendly Cicada Lodge.

Day 5: Katherine – Darwin

Emerge from the wilderness to journey north on your return to Darwin, stopping to cool off in the cascading and clear waters of majestic Edith Falls. Later, visit the poignant Adelaide River War Cemetery.

HOTEL Hilton, Darwin
MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 6: Darwin – Alice Springs



After a morning flight to Alice Springs your Central Australia Journey Director will share with you their take on what life is like in such an isolated town as Alice Springs. Visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station, site of the first European settlement in the town. Then the **stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell Ranges take centre stage**, as you embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap.

HOTEL Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters
MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 7: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon



Now we're off the beaten track exploring the 4WD Giles Track, crossing dry river beds and outback landscapes to Kings Canyon Resort. **Another unique Local Dining Experience, Under a Desert Moon, awaits you this evening.** The flickering glow of the fire is the perfect accompaniment to sparkling wine and canapés followed by dinner, prepared from fresh produce and ingredients unique to the Australian outback.

HOTEL Kings Canyon Resort, Deluxe Spa Room
MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 8: Kings Canyon – Uluru



Gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on a six-kilometre rim walk past the domed 'Lost City' and the luscious 'Garden of Eden'. If you'd prefer a more relaxed walk you can stroll along the boulder-strewn canyon creek bed. **Immerse yourself in First Nations' culture on a visit to the Wanmarra Aboriginal Community and learn about the Luritja and Pertame people's spiritual connection to the land.** Discover bush food and medicine used for spirituality and healing. Leaving Kings Canyon behind travel across desert landscapes to Curtin Springs Station, a vast farming property, for lunch. Afterwards, arrive at Ayers Rock Resort, your launchpad to Australia's heart, in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. This evening, watch as the outback sun bids a fiery farewell, the perfect backdrop for sparkling sundowners at Uluru.

HOTEL Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 9: Uluru & Kata Tjuta



Enjoy a relaxed start to the day before exploring, and **learning about the spiritual connection the local Anangu caretakers have with the land.** Skirt the red walls of Uluru, hear ancient tales and see rock art, then visit Mutitjulu Waterhole. Relax by the resort pool or take to the skies to see Uluru from above before an afternoon visit to Kata Tjuta for a walk through Walpa Gorge. This evening enjoy dinner at Ilkari Restaurant.

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 10: Field of Light – Uluru – Alice Springs



Observe the shifting lights of Bruce Munro's impressive Field of Light art installation as the desert awakens and the sunrise lights up across Uluru. Traverse the vast outback to the hidden gem, Rainbow Valley, a significant site to the southern Arrernte people, before arriving in Alice Springs. Enjoy free time to wander around the town. The Todd Street Mall has cafés and Aboriginal art galleries to explore. This evening, immerse yourself against the backdrop of the outback at our **open-air bush BBQ Celebration Dinner.** Located off the beaten track in the heart of the East MacDonnell Ranges, you'll enjoy drinks as a bush balladeer sings classic Australian songs and shares stories of outback living, under the Southern Hemisphere's Milky Way.



HOTEL Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters
MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 11: Farewell from Alice Springs

This morning after breakfast your Inspiring Journey comes to an end and you'll be transferred to Alice Springs Airport for your onward flight.

MEALS Breakfast

FROM **\$9,384*** P.P.

TWIN SHARE LAND & INTERNAL-HOLIDAY AIRFARES

DEPARTURES

2023

May	11, 25	Aug	03, 17, 31
Jun	08, 22	Sep	14, 28
Jul	06, 20		

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 May 2024 at inspiringjourneys.com/mnrc or contact your local agent. Single traveller must pay the single price.

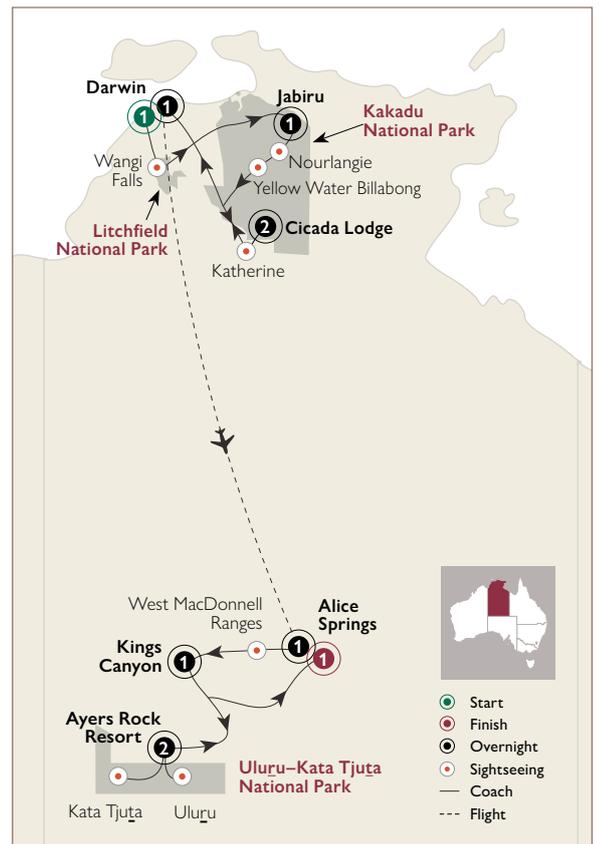
INCLUSIONS

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 21+ Unforgettable experiences
- 23 included meals
- 10 Nights premium accommodation

NOTES

MNCR: DARWIN TO ALICE SPRINGS

- Flight Information:
 Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport
 Day 11 – flights to depart anytime from Alice Springs Airport
 *Internal-holiday flights: Please note that the price above includes land and internal-holiday airfares, which are required to be booked in order to fulfil the holiday itinerary:
 Day 6 – Darwin to Alice Springs
- Return airfares from your home port are not included in the price above.



TASTES OF TASMANIA

HOBART | TRIABUNNA | MARIA ISLAND | FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK | ST HELENS |
BAY OF FIRES | LAUNCESTON

07
DAYS



Salamanca Market

Meet the producers of some of Australia's best food and wine and delve into the untouched landscapes of Maria Island and the Bay of Fires. Head deep into the Tasmanian wilderness and soak up panoramic views of one of the world's most beautiful beaches.

IMMERSE

Immerse yourself in the weird and wonderful world of Mona. Meet the stallholders and soak up the atmosphere of Salamanca Market.

INDULGE

Sample natural Tasmanian ingredients and homemade preserves at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Co. Indulge in a paddock to plate feast of fresh local produce at the Agrarian Kitchen.

EXPLORE

Head deep into the Tasmanian wilderness on the Tahune Airwalk experience. Soak up panoramic views of the one of the world's most beautiful beaches, Wineglass Bay.

RELAX

Unwind at Peppers Silo Hotel on the idyllic Tamar River, and enjoy a relaxing night by the sea on Tassie's tranquil east coast.

As this journey departs from the Crowne Plaza Hotel Hobart at 8.00am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

Day 1: Welcome to Hobart

- 📍 Meet your Journey Director and head out on a walking tour of the historic docks and Salamanca Place. Connect with the local artists as you explore the many galleries and shops hidden in the old sandstone warehouses. **Take in the sights, smells and sounds of the vibrant Salamanca Market** as you wander past hundreds of stalls overflowing with local produce, crafts, jewellery, freshly baked goods and artisanal cider. Working up a hunger, you'll **head to New Norfolk for a Local Dining Experience at the Agrarian Kitchen Eatery**, borne from a longing to grow and cook authentic local food where the ingredients speak for themselves. Afterwards **visit the Museum of Old and New Art (Mona)**. Immerse yourself in the gallery's weird and wonderful installations and exhibitions, before hopping on the ferry to Hobart for an evening at leisure.
- 🍷
- 📍

HOTEL Crowne Plaza, 2 nights

MEALS Local Dining Experience

Day 2: Huon Valley & Tahune Airwalk

- 📍 Explore the Huon Valley, a region renowned for its fresh produce, wine, seafood and other gourmet delicacies, as well as its natural beauty with pristine rivers meandering through valleys bordered by World Heritage listed national parks. Visit the Honey Pot before going behind the scenes and **immersing yourself in traditional wooden boat building, lovingly crafted by hand**. Stop by the side of the road to taste fresh apples, pears and berries from the local orchards before **heading deep into the Australian bush to experience the Tahune Airwalk**, an elevated walkway 30 metres above the forest floor offering spectacular views of the Huon River and beyond to the peaks of the World Heritage Area. Working up a thirst, sample some local ciders at Willie Smith's Apple Shed before returning to the city. Indulge in dinner on Hobart's waterfront, with unsurpassed views of the city and Mt. Wellington.
- 📍
- 🍷

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Hobart – East Coast & Maria Island

- 📍 Travel to the working port of Triabunna just in time to **catch the ferry**

to **Maria Island**. Rich in Aboriginal and European history, abundant in wildlife, and boasting spectacular views and remarkable geological features, this entire island is a National Park. Explore the convict-built Darlington township, take a walk to the Fossil or Painted Cliffs, or simply relax and recharge by the waterside with your packed lunch full of local goodies. You'll be in good company with an abundance of wombats, kangaroos, wallabies, possums and even Tasmanian devils who all call the island home.

🍷 This evening, **enjoy locally harvested scallops and oysters or perhaps a succulent Cape Grim Scotch fillet** from the state's north-west is more to your taste.

HOTEL Eastcoaster Tasmania

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 4: East Coast – Freycinet National Park

🍷 Today your adventure begins with a **wine tasting at Boomer Creek, a lovely family run, boutique style winery** sitting high up in the hills with views to die for! Heading north your next stop is at the region's oldest vineyard. Here you'll meet the makers whilst you indulge in a lunch platter and try some of Tassie's finest wines in their old barn. It's then onto the magnificent Freycinet National Park where you may choose to **hike the 90-minute round-trip up to the lookout to experience panoramic views of the world-famous Wineglass Bay**. For those seeking a slightly slower pace, take a guided walk to the lookout at Cape Tourville that affords you spectacular views across the ocean and golden beaches hidden between rugged rocky outcrops. **Your afternoon is at leisure as you check into your accommodation at Freycinet Lodge**. Take a walk along the beach before your BBQ dinner, or if you prefer, just sit back on the balcony, and watch the sun go down with a cocktail in your hand.

HOTEL Freycinet Lodge (1 and 2 bedroom cabins)

MEALS Breakfast, lunch with wine, dinner with wine

Day 5: Freycinet – Bay of Fires – Launceston

🍷 This morning after a light breakfast, **journey north travelling through the quaint fishing villages of Bicheno and St Helens before arriving at the glorious Bay of Fires, famous for its crystal-clear waters**, secluded, white sandy beaches and orange lichen-covered granite boulders. Explore the Big Lagoon before heading to the southern end, where you'll discover the Gulch at picturesque Binalong Bay. Here you can sit on the rocks and watch the world pass you by as you **indulge in some of the best freshly shucked oysters that Tassie has to offer**.

🍷 From here you'll leave the east coast and head west, **stopping off at Pyengana Dairy Farm Gate to see the cheese makers at work**. Take a tour of the property before enjoying a tasting of the local produce as well as a gourmet lunch platter. On route to Launceston, the capital of the north, you'll stop at the Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, 25 sculpted statues depicting local soldiers who lost their lives in World War One. On arrival into Launceston, your Journey Director will take you on a circuit of this vibrant hub, known for its food and wine, culture and nature, before checking into your hotel and enjoying a night at leisure.

HOTEL Peppers Silo Hotel (River Room), 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, lunch with wine

Day 6: Launceston & Surrounds

🍷 Today, enjoy a full day paddock, plate and pantry tour where you will be immersed in all the very best produce that this region has to offer. Visit the home of hazelnuts and try some saucy treats at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company in historic Evandale. It's then onto 41 Degrees South Salmon Farm where **you'll taste what is arguably the best hot smoked salmon in Tasmania** before stopping at Deloraine for a wander and a bite to eat. This afternoon you'll **take a tour of the Western Tiers Distillery and learn how the pristine water sourced from the Highland Lakes and botanicals found from the majestic mountain ranges close by, makes this the perfect spot to produce spirits**. Relax and taste some of their fine poitin (Irish spirit), vodkas and gins. Heading back to your hotel, you'll enjoy a special 'Feed Me' 3 course Celebration Dinner with your Journey Director and fellow travellers.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Celebration Dinner

Day 7: Farewell from Launceston

🍷 This morning your Tasmanian journey concludes, and you are transferred to Launceston Airport for your onward flight.

MEALS Breakfast

FROM **\$5,355** P.P.

TWIN SHARE LAND ONLY

DEPARTURES

2022		2023		2024	
Oct	15	Jan	14	Jan	13
Nov	12	Feb	04	Feb	03
Dec	10	Mar	11	Mar	09
		Oct	14		
		Nov	11		
		Dec	09		

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 Oct 2024 at inspiringjourneys.com/ijthbl or contact your local agent. Single traveller must pay the single price.

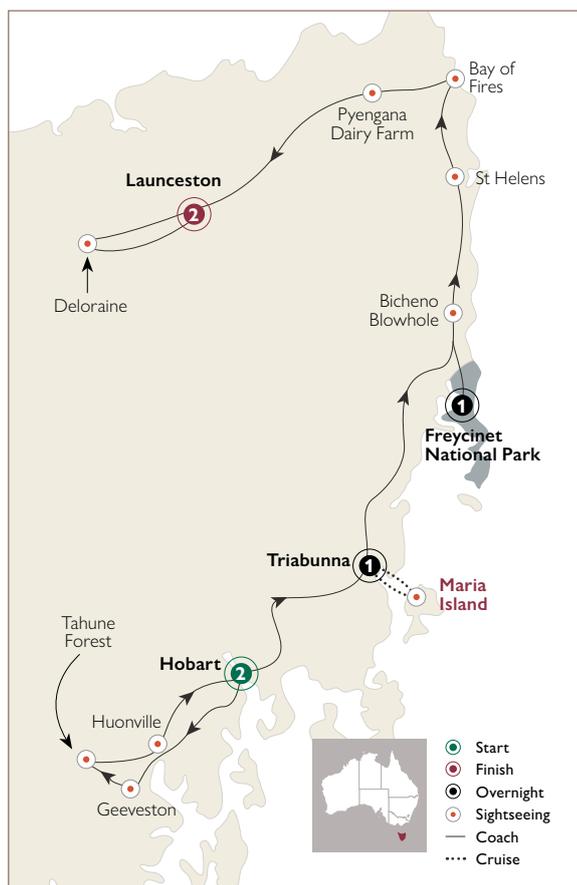
INCLUSIONS

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 8+ Unforgettable experiences
- 15 included meals
- 6 Nights premium accommodation

NOTES

IJTHBL: HOBART TO LAUNCESTON

- Flights are not included in holiday price.
- Flight Information:
Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Hobart Airport
Day 7 – flights to depart anytime from Launceston Airport



A JOURNEY TO THE WEST

PERTH | PENGUIN ISLAND | BUNKER BAY | BUSSELTON | CAPE NATURALISTE | MARGARET RIVER | ROTTNEST ISLAND | FREMANTLE

07
DAYS



Cape Cultural Tour

IMMERSE

Discover the land of Cape Naturaliste through the eyes of an First Nations custodian and learn about the history of Busselton Jetty.

INDULGE

Discover wine-making philosophy and enjoy VIP tastings at some of Australia's best wineries in Margaret River, including the award-winning Hayshed Hill.

EXPLORE

Discover Shoalwater Bay's glorious marine life and meet the colony of the world's smallest penguins, and encounter the adorable quokka.

RELAX

Enjoy the luxurious comfort of the 5-star Pullman Bunker Bay and unwind in the 1850s landmark Esplanade Hotel, located in the heart of Fremantle.

Relax as you enjoy VIP tastings at the Margaret River region's most picturesque vineyards and indulge in exclusive dining experiences celebrating local produce. Hear stories of Aboriginal culture at stunning Cape Naturaliste before discovering marine and bird life at Shoalwater Bay and the idyllic Rottneest Island.

Day 1: Welcome to Perth

On arrival in Perth spend time on your own to relax or explore the surroundings. This evening meet your Journey Director and new travelling companions at your hotel for a Welcome Reception with local Western Australian wine and beers along with local produce canapés.

HOTEL DoubleTree Perth Waterfront, 2 nights

MEALS Dinner with wine

Day 2: Perth

Your Journey Director will show you the must-see sights including Elizabeth Quay, Yagan Square and you will have time to explore Kings Park with its sweeping city views and some of the 3,000 species of the State's unique flora. This afternoon is free for you to relax or explore more of the city.

Tonight, you will dine in the heart of Perth's historical, cultural and dining precinct at the State Buildings.

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 3: Perth – Penguin Island – Busselton – Bunker Bay

Today you'll head to world-renowned winery region of Margaret River. Your first stop is Penguin Island, which lays in the heart of the ruggedly spectacular Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. Here you will board your boat to cruise through Shoalwater Bay's Wildlife Sanctuary to see bottlenose dolphins, Australian sea lions and sea birds such as Spinebills



and Goshawks. Afterwards, you'll continue south to explore the historic Busselton Jetty that has been standing for more than 150 years. There is the chance to explore the jetty on foot or take the Jetty Train along this 1.7km timber piled jetty that is the longest in the Southern Hemisphere. Nestled on the white sandy beaches your accommodation is the 5 star Pullman Bunker Bay. Enjoy dinner at the Other Side of the Moon Restaurant, where you will dine on an array of fresh locally sourced seasonal produce with local wines.

HOTEL Pullman Bunker Bay Resort, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 4: Margaret River & Cape Naturaliste

Your day begins with a moving 'Welcome to Country' ceremony as part of your First Nations experience at Cape Naturaliste. Your local guide will escort you on an interactive walk around Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse precinct, where they interpret the land through the eyes of an Aboriginal custodian, followed by an artefact interpretation and didgeridoo experience. From Cape Naturaliste you'll drive through the vineyard lined roads to your Margaret River winery experience. Upon arrival, the winemakers will take you on a guided walk through the rolling vineyard, followed by a Local Dining Experience at a degustation lunch with matching wines at Hay Shed Hill. After you have indulged in your long lunch, there is time to explore the quaint town of Margaret River before returning to your hotel.

MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 5: Bunker Bay – Fremantle

Leaving the wine country behind you journey back up the beautiful south west coastline towards Fremantle. This afternoon you will join your local expert guide for an immersive walking tour of historic Fremantle. Departing from the hotel, enjoy a relaxed, informative and conversational walk and talk that is designed to entertain and educate. Walk into the past, present and future and get unique insight into the well-preserved architectural heritage.

HOTEL Esplanade Hotel Fremantle, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast

Day 6: Rottnest Island

Board a catamaran and escape across the open ocean to the magnificent and historic Rottnest Island, a paradise lovingly referred to by the sun-worshipping locals as 'Rotto'. Take a leisurely stroll along the beach and keep a keen eye out for the friendliest resident, the Quokka. Join a local guide on a Discovery Rottnest tour covering the island's most spectacular locations. Delve into the island's history and culture, its marine and land environments and the diverse flora and fauna. Enjoy lunch before exploring more of the beaches. This afternoon, you'll leave the pristine shoreline and cruise back to seaside Fremantle, where tonight you'll join your fellow travellers for a Celebration Dinner. What better way to toast to a mesmerising journey with Local Western Australian wines matched with the seasonal farm to table menu.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Celebration Dinner



Quokka, Rottnest Island

Day 7: Farewell from Fremantle

Exchange phone numbers with new friends as your inspiring Western Australia journey ends. Before you depart, you may like to visit the historic Fremantle Markets. A private vehicle will transfer you to Perth airport for your onward flight.

MEALS Breakfast

FROM **\$5,345** P.P.

TWIN SHARE LAND ONLY

DEPARTURES

2022		2023	
Oct	15	Feb	04
Nov	12	Mar	04
Dec	10	May	14
		Oct	01, 29
		Nov	12

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 Feb 2024 at inspiringjourneys.com/ijwa or contact your local agent.

Single traveller must pay the single price.

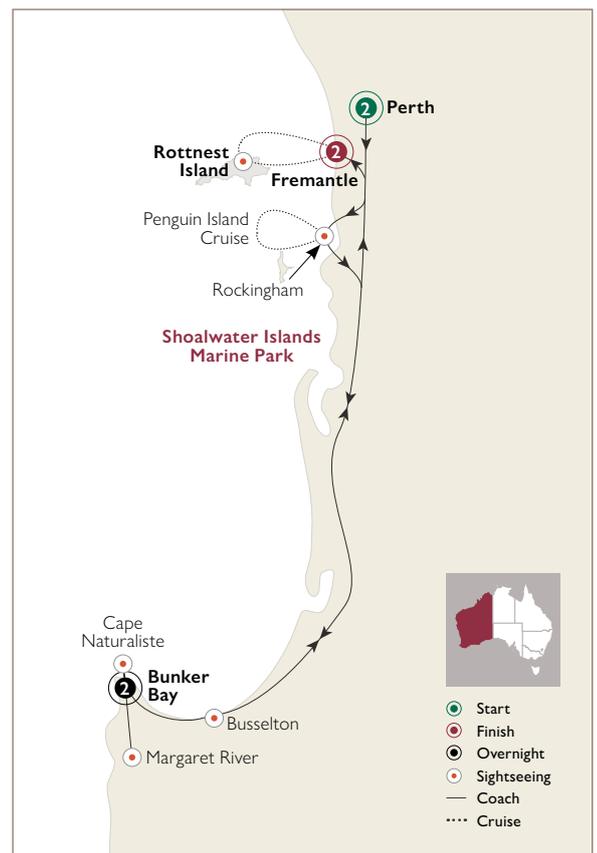
INCLUSIONS

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 23+ Unforgettable experiences
- 13 included meals
- 6 Nights premium accommodation

NOTES

IJWA: PERTH TO FREMANTLE

- Flights are not included in holiday price.
- Flight Information:
Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 4.30pm into Perth Airport
Day 7 – flights to depart after 1.00pm (Domestic) or after 3.00pm (International) from Perth Airport



OUTBACK CONTRASTS

ALICE SPRINGS | WEST MACDONNELL RANGES | KINGS CANYON |
KATA TJUTA | ULURU

06
DAYS

IMMERSE

Experience true outback life as you enjoy lunch on Peter Severin's million acre property in the heart of the Red Centre.

INDULGE

Bask in the glow of the campfire as you indulge in a five course degustation with matching wines in the beautiful Kings Canyon Resort.

EXPLORE

Enter Walpa Gorge, an ancient temple crafted by nature, and discover the scenic wonders of the West MacDonnell Ranges.

RELAX

Nestled in the rugged bush, unwind in your Deluxe Spa Room at Kings Canyon Resort, with a private balcony overlooking a beautiful rock escarpment.



Simpsons Gap

Witness the rugged landscape of the Red Centre and marvel at the ancient cultures that have cared for this land for generations. Experience the majesty of Uluru, Kings Canyon and view rock art dating back thousands of years, witness striking landscapes and be immersed in the stories of the Dreamtime.

Day 1: Welcome to Alice Springs

Meet your Journey Director who will share their take on what life is like in such an isolated town as Alice Springs. Visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station and hear how the north and south of Australia were connected by a single wire. Then **the stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell take centre stage, as you embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap**, and later view Alice Springs and surrounds from the top of Anzac Hill. This evening join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner at Tali Restaurant.

HOTEL Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters

MEALS Welcome Dinner

Day 2: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon

We head off along the 4WD Giles Track, crossing dry riverbeds and **outback landscapes**, to Kings Canyon Resort. The flickering glow of this evening's fire, dancing under the canopy of a starry Southern Hemisphere sky, is the perfect accompaniment to your **Local Dining Experience 'Under a Desert Moon'**. This degustation menu with matching wines is the perfect end to the day. Sit back and listen to the sounds of the outback come alive at night in the company of new friends.

HOTEL Kings Canyon Resort, Deluxe Spa Room

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 3: Kings Canyon – Uluru

- 👁️ Gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on the spellbinding 6 km sunrise Rim Walk, past the sandstone domes of the 'Lost City' and down the stairs to the lush 'Garden of Eden'. Or you can opt for a gentler stroll along the canyon creek bed, treading in the footsteps of the Luritja people who once found sanctuary amidst the Itara trees at the canyon's base. Then we head off towards Uluru, visiting the local Wanmarra Community to learn about the Luritja and Pertame people's spiritual connection to the land. Discover bush food and bush medicine used for spirituality and healing. Now you'll wander across desert landscapes arriving at Curtin Springs Station, a vast farming property, for lunch. Feel the stirring of something bigger than you as you arrive at Ayers Rock Resort, your launchpad to Australia's spiritual heart in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. As the day fades, the outback sun bids a fiery farewell. Uluru towers over the Northern Territory's remote landscape, the perfect backdrop for this evening's sparkling sundowners.

HOTEL Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, lunch



Wanmarra Aboriginal Experience

Day 4: Uluru & Kata Tjuta

- 👁️ Enjoy a relaxed start to the day before exploring, and learning about the spiritual connection the local Anangu caretakers have with the land. Skirt the red walls of Uluru, hear ancient tales and see rock art, then visit Mutitjula Waterhole. Relax by the resort pool or take to the skies to see Uluru from above before an afternoon visit to Kata Tjuta for a walk through Walpa Gorge. This evening enjoy dinner at Ilkari Restaurant.

MEALS Breakfast, Dinner with wine

Day 5: Field of Light – Uluru – Alice Springs

- 👁️ Observe the shifting lights of Bruce Munro's impressive Field of Light art installation as the desert awakens and the sunrise lights up across Uluru. Traverse the vast outback to the hidden gem, Rainbow Valley, a significant site to the southern Arrernte people, before arriving in Alice Springs. Enjoy free time to wander around the town. The Todd Street Mall has cafés and many Aboriginal art galleries to explore. Immerse yourself this afternoon and evening against the backdrop of the outback at our open-air bush BBQ Celebration Dinner. Located off the beaten track in the heart of the East MacDonnell Ranges, you'll enjoy drinks as a bush balladeer sings classic Australian songs and shares stories of outback living. Indulge in a dinner of local produce as the Milky Way lights up the sky.

HOTEL Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters
MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 6: Farewell from Alice Springs

Your inspiring Red Centre journey comes to an end this morning when you are transferred to Alice Springs Airport for your onward flight.

MEALS Breakfast

FROM **\$4,620** P.P.
 TWIN SHARE LAND ONLY

DEPARTURES

2022		2023	
Oct	04, 11	Apr	04, 11, 18, 25
		May	02, 09, 16, 30
		Jun	06, 13, 20, 27
		Jul	04, 11, 18, 25
		Aug	01, 08, 15, 22, 29
		Sep	05, 12, 19, 26
		Oct	03, 10

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 Apr 2024 at inspiringjourneys.com/craa or contact your local agent.
 Single traveller must pay the single price.

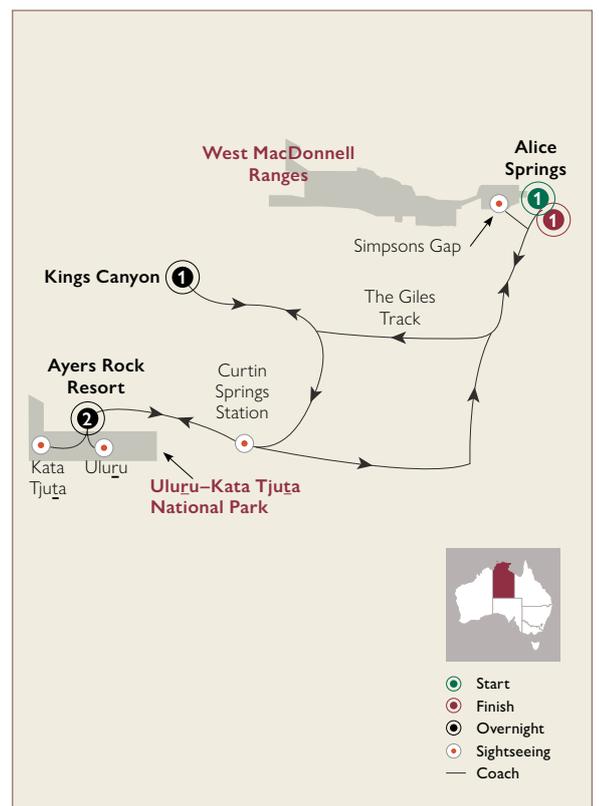
INCLUSIONS

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 10+ Unforgettable experiences
- 11 included meals
- 5 Nights premium accommodation

NOTES

CRAA: ALICE SPRINGS RETURN

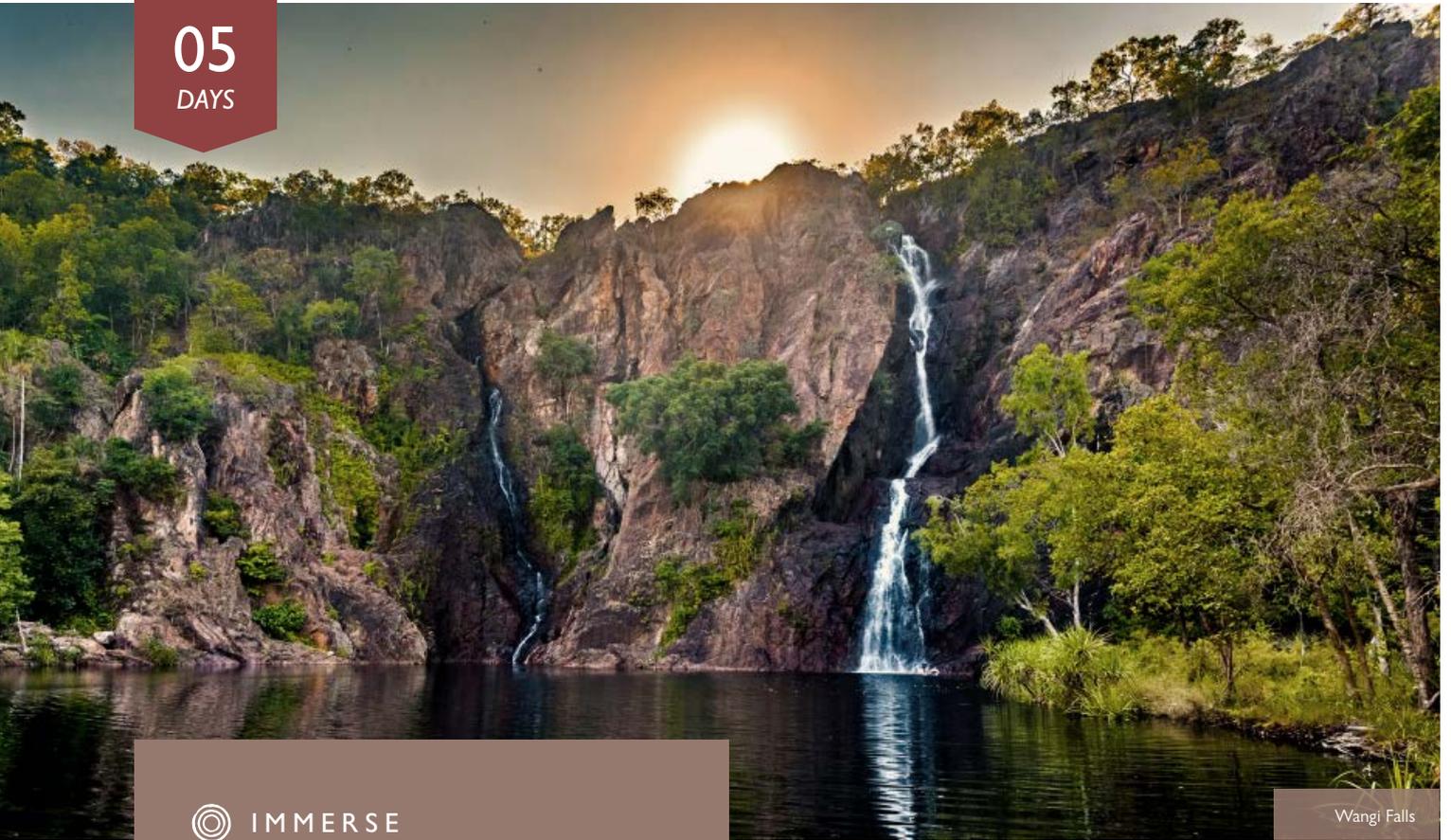
- Flights are not included in holiday price.
- Flight Information:
 Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12.00pm into Alice Springs Airport
 Day 6 – flights to depart anytime from Alice Springs Airport



KAKADU'S ANCIENT SECRETS

DARWIN | KAKADU NATIONAL PARK | NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE | LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

05
DAYS



Wangi Falls

IMMERSE

Visit the Adelaide River War Cemetery and learn of its moving history, and discover the ancient rock art gallery at Nourlangie.

INDULGE

Unwind on an indulgent Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge dinner cruise, and dine at the award-winning Cicada Lodge, where the Chef's menu is crafted daily.

EXPLORE

Climb Nourlangie for spectacular views over Kakadu, spot crocodiles and other wildlife on Yellow Water Billabong.

RELAX

Stay in the heart of Nitmiluk National Park at the eco-friendly Cicada Lodge, where you can enjoy sunset drinks and canapés poolside looking out to the native bushland.

Explore Kakadu, an ancient landscape of billabongs, gorges and hidden canyons teeming with spectacular wildlife. Admire rock art and hear stories of the Dreamtime. Embark on a journey to the haunt of the Lightning Man, Aboriginal clans and the crocodiles that roam Kakadu's floodplains.

As this journey departs from Hilton Darwin at 7.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

Day 1: Darwin & Litchfield National Park

Welcome to Darwin! This morning meet your Journey Director and board your luxury vehicle to begin your journey of discovery in the Top End. Travel across the Finnis River to Litchfield National Park. You'll visit tumbling Florence Falls and **enjoy a swim to cool off at Wangi Falls, surrounded by tropical monsoon rainforest**, and hear about its importance in Aboriginal custom before stopping for lunch. This afternoon return to Darwin, where you'll get to know your fellow travellers over dinner with wine.

HOTEL Hilton, Darwin

MEALS Dinner with wine

Day 2: Darwin – Kakadu National Park

Get ready for a cross-country journey to magnificent Kakadu National Park. **Kakadu really is a diverse UNESCO world heritage site.** Keep your eyes peeled for crocodiles as you cross the South Alligator River, and Brologas, Magpie Geese and Jabiru as you traverse along the long grasses of the marshes and wetlands. After lunch **the famous Yellow Water Billabong boat cruise will be a highlight of your journey.** You will see a myriad of different bird species, spot estuarine crocodiles and simply enjoy

the stunning billabong and floodplains system. This afternoon check into the Crocodile Hotel where you'll have the chance to relax by the hotel's shaded pool or wander through the on-site Aboriginal Art Gallery.

HOTEL Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 3: Kakadu – Nitmiluk National Park

This morning there's a chance to take to the air on an optional scenic flight over Kakadu; one of the best ways to experience the enormity of this wonderful National Park, as well as the diversity from waterfalls and billabongs to flood plains and wildlife. Later, **visit Nourlangie to admire the ancient Dreamtime art of the Bininj and Mungguy people.** Hear from your Journey Director a detailed interpretation of the art and the rich Aboriginal culture as you explore the various outdoor 'galleries' with art that dates some 20,000 years. Continue driving through the ancient lands of Kakadu National Park to the town of Katherine and further on to Nitmiluk National Park. **Indulge in five-star luxury at Cicada Lodge, a stunning eco-lodge surrounded by nature,** where each room has a private balcony that opens to the National Park. Cool off in the pool after the heat of the day, and then experience a glorious sunset.

HOTEL Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 4: Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge

Today **meet Manuel Pamkal who will welcome you with a traditional performance on the didgeridoo.** Manuel was born and raised immersed in his rich traditional Dalabon culture. He'll share with you stories of growing up in the bush and teach you the fine art of rarrk (cross hatch) painting using a special brush from a reed called Julk. Call on the artist within you and paint your own masterpiece to take home! Enjoy lunch back on the deck at Cicada Lodge overlooking the natural surroundings, before time at leisure. This evening, **relax on a Local Dining Experience cruise along Katherine River.** Marvel at the gorges while you spot wildlife such as freshwater crocodile and barramundi, and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people. Enjoy the peaceful ambiance during the candle-lit three course dinner onboard your boat.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience



Top Didj Cultural Experience

Day 5: Katherine – Farewell from Darwin

Enjoy a leisurely start to your day or get up early to experience the National Park completely immersed in the mystical morning light. Travel north along the Stuart Highway stopping at Edith Falls along the way for a relaxing dip. Continue to Adelaide River War Cemetery. During WWII, Adelaide River was the headquarters to a large military base and a cemetery was created especially for those who gave their lives in the service and defence of their country. Your Inspiring Journey concludes on arrival in Darwin.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch

FROM **\$4,190** P.P.

TWIN SHARE LAND ONLY

DEPARTURES

2022		2023	
Oct	06	May	04, 11, 18, 25
		Jun	01, 08, 15, 22, 29
		Jul	06, 13, 20, 27
		Aug	03, 10, 17, 24, 31
		Sep	07, 14, 21, 28
		Oct	05

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 May 2024 at inspiringjourneys.com/mnndd or contact your local agent.

Single traveller must pay the single price.

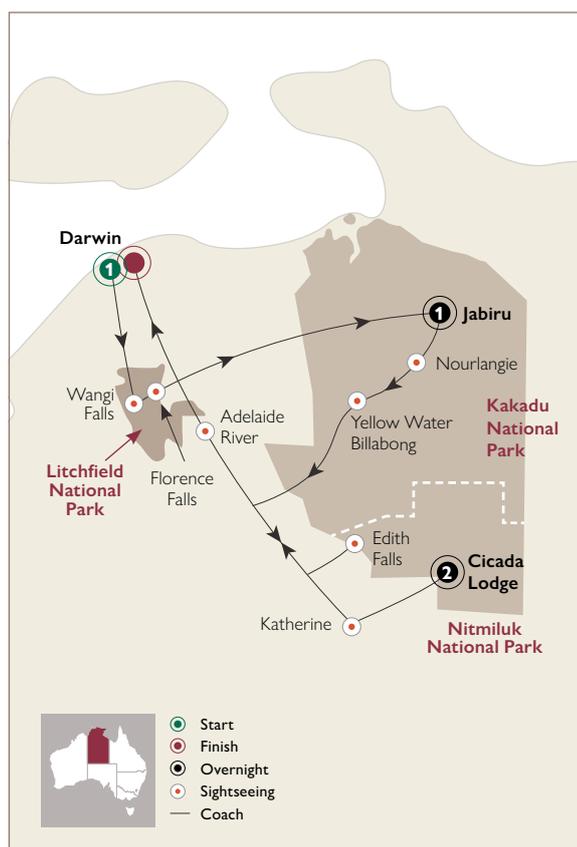
INCLUSIONS

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 11+ Unforgettable experiences
- 11 included meals
- 4 Nights premium accommodation

NOTES

MNDD: DARWIN RETURN

- Flights are not included in holiday price.
- Flight Information:
Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport
Day 5 – flights to depart after 8.00pm from Darwin Airport



FLAVOURS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE | THE BAROSSA | ADELAIDE HILLS | HAHNDORF | MCLAREN VALE

05
DAYS

IMMERSE

The d'Arenberg Cube was inspired by the complexities of wine making. Each level has been designed to entice and excite the senses.

INDULGE

Soak up the smells, sights, and flavours of Adelaide Central Market, and Indulge in your love of art at the Salvador Dali exhibition.

EXPLORE

Take your time as you wander through the Jam Factory at Seppeltsfield while watching the many artists at work.

RELAX

Indulge in a leisurely lunch overlooking the vineyards enjoying a feast that connects you to the region, showcasing local sustainable produce at d'Arry's Verandah Restaurant.



D'Arenberg Cube

We invite you to embark on a journey full of local flavours, showcasing the best of the Barossa, Adelaide Hills and McLaren Vale wine regions.

Day 1: Welcome to Adelaide

Be welcomed into your modern, boutique style Hotel Indigo Adelaide Markets. It's time to unwind and meet your fellow travellers with a glass of local sparkling wine in hand. You'll then effortlessly **explore the city in the back of a zero-emission trike**, ending at Adelaide Central Market. Meet your expert hosts Cheryl and her team, who'll introduce you to the passionate market stall owners. You will taste signature dishes throughout the market, enjoying a four-course roaming dinner. It is serious fun for those with a passion for great food, and the people who grow and supply it to our tables. You will **taste signature dishes throughout the market, enjoying a four-course roaming Local Dining Experience.**

HOTEL Hotel Indigo Adelaide Markets

MEALS Local Dining Experience

Day 2: Adelaide – The Barossa

This morning, enjoy a relaxing breakfast before leaving the city for a taste of the country. On arrival, you'll visit Provenance Barossa, home to Penfolds Cellar Door, Barossa Distilling Company, Ember Pizzas and Stein's Taphouse to name but a few. Here you'll have time to wander and to taste the local fare. Next stop is the quaint township of Tanunda. Enjoy a walk and a bite to eat before checking into your accommodation this afternoon. Later, head off to Seppeltsfield Winery for a walk around the Jam Factory followed

by a behind the scenes look through the estate's treasure trove of historical buildings including the underground blending cellar. Finish up the tour with a delicious tasting of 5 of their famous wines. Tonight, **enjoy a dinner amongst the vines where you will connect to the region through seasonal plates showcasing local, sustainable produce.**



HOTEL Novotel

MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

Day 3: The Barossa – Adelaide Hills



Your day begins with breakfast overlooking the glorious Jacob's Creek vineyards, then **add some Maggie Beer's flair to your cooking**, in the very studio where Maggie and Simon filmed the Cook and the Chef, at a private demonstration. Sample the many products at her farm shop. Leaving the Barossa behind, **head through the picturesque Adelaide Hills to Barristers Block**; a small and friendly family run winery. Here you'll enjoy a wine tasting at their cellar door followed by a leisurely lunch of homemade pizzas and shared local platters. It's then onto historic Hahndorf. Settled by 19th-century Lutheran migrants, it's known for its original German-style architecture and artisanal food. To learn more, **visit the Hahndorf Academy, home to the German Migration Museum**. On arrival, check into your boutique style accommodation for an afternoon and evening at leisure. It will be hard to resist a stroll down the colourful main street where you'll find the Australian Opal Company, the Alpaca Shop or the Hahndorf Leathersmith and Bush Gallery. Tonight, why not head out to taste some true German fare washed down with an ice cold beer?



HOTEL The Manna by Haus

MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 4: Adelaide Hills – McLaren Vale – Adelaide



After breakfast, our journey takes us to the rich landscape of McLaren Vale. Here we **visit Gemtree who produce biodynamic wines**, a simple way of farming that enhances the soil and the taste. Take a guided tour of their picturesque property to learn about this unique process before trying out some of their wines for yourself. It's then onto the quirky d'Arenberg Cube. This building was inspired by the complexities and puzzles of winemaking. Each of the five levels has been carefully designed to entice and excite the senses. Here, you'll be taken on a journey like no other before arriving at the top floor for a tasting and 360-degree views of the vineyards. Afterwards, **enjoy a delicious lunch with wine at the stunning d'Arry's Verandah Restaurant**. There will also be an opportunity for those interested to see the Salvador Dali exhibition. This is our last stop for the day before heading back to Adelaide this afternoon for an evening that's all yours to explore or relax at leisure.



HOTEL Hotel Indigo Adelaide Markets

MEALS Breakfast, Local Dining Experience



Gemtree

Day 5: Farewell Adelaide

Your morning is at leisure until you'll venture out one last time for a celebratory farewell lunch at a stunning local restaurant. On saying goodbye to your newfound friends, you will be transferred by private vehicle to the airport for your onward flight.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch

FROM **\$3,835** P.P.

TWIN SHARE LAND ONLY

DEPARTURES

2022	2023	2024
Oct 28	Mar 03 Oct 27	Mar 01

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 Oct 2024 at inspiringjourneys.com/sata or contact your local agent.

Single traveller must pay the single price.

INCLUSIONS

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 14+ Unforgettable experiences
- 9 included meals
- 4 Nights premium accommodation

NOTES

SATA: ADELAIDE RETURN

- Flights are not included in holiday price.
- Flight Information:
Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2.00pm into Adelaide Airport
Day 5 – flights to depart after 5.00pm (Domestic) or after 6.00pm (International) from Adelaide Airport

