



EXTRAVAGANT AUSTRALIA TOUR

18 Days / 17 Nights

5N Melbourne + 3N Uluru + 3N Cairns + 3N Gold Coast+ 3N Sydney



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ITINERARY IN BRIEF

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| Day 01 | Arrive in Melbourne and transfer to hotel |
| Day 02 | City Tour, Phillip Island tour with Penguin Parade |
| Day 03 | Full day Great Ocean Road tour |
| Day 04 | Yara Valley Gourmet Tour with Tasting Tour |
| Day 05 | Free day for Leisure (Optional - MCG Tour/ Eureka Sky Deck) |
| Day 06 | Transfer to Uluru by Flight |
| Day 07 | Visit the Field of Light art installation by Bruce Munro |
| Day 08 | Explore Kings Canyon and hike through its stunning sandstone walls. |
| Day 09 | Transfer to Cairns by flight |
| Day 10 | Kuranda Rainforest tour with One Way Skyrail & One Way Kuranda Scenic Railway |
| Day 11 | Great Barrier Reef |
| Day 12 | Transfer to Gold Coast by flight |
| Day 13 | Movie World Theme Park |
| Day 14 | Wet n Wild Theme Park |
| Day 15 | Transfer to Sydney by flight |
| Day 16 | Sydney Attractions |
| Day 17 | Blue Mountains Tour from Sydney |
| Day 18 | Departure |

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DAY 01: ARRIVE IN MELBOURNE

On arrival at Melbourne Airport, you will be met by our local representative in Australia for a brief meet and greet. Later, proceed to your city centre hotel in Melbourne for check-in.

Declared capital of the British colony of Victoria in 1851, **Melbourne** is today recognized as one of the most livable cities in the world. A prominent financial center and Australia's cultural capital, much of the city's growth and wealth is attributed to the gold rush that happened in Victoria in the 1850s. The residents refer to themselves as 'Melburnians' and are extremely fond of sports and love to leisure around local artisan cafes which sell freshly brewed coffee.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Melbourne.

SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION – Melbourne star is an iconic observation wheel situated in Melbourne's lively waterfront precinct. With a height of 120m, the 360 degree view from the passenger pods is stunning. The background commentary informs the visitors about the history and significance of important landmarks of the city. During the evening, thousands of LEDs transform the observation wheel into a sparkling kaleidoscope of colours.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive at Melbourne International Airport
- Explore Melbourne at your own leisure
- Enjoy stunning views of the city from Melbourne star Observation Wheel [RECOMMENDED]

DAY 02: MELBOURNE CITY TOUR AND PENGUIN PARADE AT PHILLIP ISLAND

After breakfast, we will proceed for a sight-seeing tour of Melbourne.

We will begin the sight-seeing tour with a panoramic city tour of Melbourne which will take you to the most popular attractions in the city including the **Parliament House**, **Queen Victoria Market** and **Princess theatre**. The tour ends at **Federation square** which is an open air venue built over a railway junction that is surrounded by world class art galleries and museums. Also visit the iconic **Melbourne Cricket Ground** where we can book for you a behind the scenes tour of the famous MCG lounge and changing rooms.

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In the evening, we will proceed to Philips Island to see the native Australian wildlife. At **Philips Island**, you get to watch little penguins return to their burrows on the sand shore during sunset, after completing their marine adventure for the day.



Overnights stay at the hotel

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the most popular places in Melbourne on a full-day sight-seeing tour
- Meet and interact with penguins at Philips Island for a unique experience

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DAY 03: GREAT OCEAN ROAD TOUR FROM MELBOURNE

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed for a full day tour of the Great Ocean Road.

The world's largest war memorial, the **Great Ocean Road** is a scenic drive hugging the coast line and provides fantastic views of the Antarctic Ocean and the bizarrely shaped limestone cliffs. During the scenic drive, we shall first stop at the most famous attraction on Great Ocean Road **12 apostles**, where beautiful limestone structures formed due to the destructive force of wind and water stand tall at sea. Next we will travel to **Shipwreck coast**, also called Loch Ard Gorge, named after a ship by the same name that crash landed here with just two survivors who managed to tell the tale. Finally, enjoy watching the surfers tackle the waves at one of the best surfing destinations, **Bells Beach**.



Overnight stay at hotel in Melbourne.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour the most scenic coastal drive in the world at Great Ocean Road

DAY 04: YARRA VALLEY GOURMET TOUR WITH WINE TASTING

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for a full-day ecotour departing from Melbourne, savour a genuine taste of the **Yarra Valley**.

As you journey across the mix of vineyards and farmlands, stop with neighbourhood farmers, family-run wineries, and artisan producers. Along the way, stop at Balgownie Estate to indulge

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in wine tasting, the Yarra Valley Chocolaterie to sample delectable handmade chocolates, and Rochford Winery to have a sumptuous lunch.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a marvelous experience to Yarra Valley for a Wine Tasting Tour.

DAY 05: FREE DAY FOR LEISURE

This day is free for your leisure. You can opt to explore and seek any of the following activities:

The **Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) tour** is a must-do for sports enthusiasts who are interested in learning more about Australia's sporting heritage. To enhance your experience, combine the tour of the stadium's top-notch amenities with the optional entrance to the Australian Sports Museum.

The 974-foot (274-meter) Eureka Tower's **Eureka Skydeck 88**, a 360-degree viewing platform, is a defining experience in Melbourne. The Edge, a cantilevered glass cube that slides out from the skyscraper and suspends you over the city streets, is available for the courageous. A green-screen set-up called Vertigo imitates falling from a building.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Day free for leisure in Melbourne.

DAY 06: TRANSFER TO ULURU BY FLIGHT

After breakfast at the hotel, we will transfer to Uluru by flight and immerse ourselves in the unique landscapes of the Red Centre

The gigantic sandstone monolith Uluru, also known as Ayers Rock, is located in the arid "Red Centre" of the Northern Territory. The closest major city is 450 kilometres distant, at Alice Springs. Indigenous Australians revere Uluru, which is believed to have formed some 550 million years ago. The 36 red-rock domes of the Kata Tjuta formation are located within Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Uluru.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Catch flight to Uluru

DAY 07: FIELD OF LIGHT ART INSTALLATION

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed to witness the magical sunrise or sunset at Uluru and Kata Tjuta.

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Later, Visit the **Field of Light art installation by Bruce Munro**. Bruce Munro, a British artist, designed a massive site-specific light installation called The Field of Light. The sculpture gradually changes hue, producing a field of light that shimmers. You can see the brilliant violet, ochre, blue, and white tones of the desert on the moving coloured spheres. The spheres are connected by optical fibre, which glows as night falls, and the exhibition is entirely powered by solar energy.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Uluru.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Witness the magical sunrise or sunset at Uluru and Kata Tjuta.
- Visit the Field of Light art installation.

DAY 08: EXPLORE KINGS CANYON

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed to explore the Kings Canyon and hike through its stunning sandstone walls.

The largest preserved grove of sequoia trees in the world can be found in **Kings Canyon National Park**, which has a landscape resembling Yosemite Valley. John Muir once

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referred to Kings Canyon National Park as "a rival to Yosemite" due to its deep valleys, tall trees, and unusual rock outcroppings.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Uluru.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the Kings Canyon and hike through its stunning sandstone walls.

DAY 09: TRANSFER TO CAIRNS BY FLIGHT

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to Queenstown airport to catch a flight to **Cairns**.

Originally a mangrove swamp home to Aboriginal Australian tribes, **Cairns** has evolved into a world-famous tourist town, serving as the gateway to two UNESCO world heritage

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sites – The Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics. A favourite destination for adrenaline junkies, you can enjoy fantastic scuba diving experience here.



Overnight stay at city centre hotel in Cairns.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Catch a flight to Cairns and check-in at the hotels

DAY 10: EXCURSION TO KURANDA RAINFOREST

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for a full day tour of Kuranda rainforest which is a part of Wet Tropics of Queensland. Wet Tropics are one of the oldest continuously existing rainforest in the world, that has been in existence since 550 Million years ago, preceding even the dinosaurs. Both the koalas and Kangaroos trace their origin to this region.

We will start the action-packed tour with a spectacular journey on the **Skyrail Rainforest Cableway** that flies above the forests canopy giving magnificent views of the surroundings. Next, hop on to an amphibious vehicle from world war II called 'Army Duck' that takes you on a journey of exploration through the stunning rainforest both over land and water. Next learn about the traditions and culture of the aboriginal people of Australia who have been living in these forests since ages. Watch a live folk-dance performance at **Rainforestation Nature Park** by traditionally-clothed forest dwellers with fabulous body-tattoos. Also learn how to throw weapons used by the Pamagirri

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Aboriginal people such as boomerang and spear. Kids can also spend a fun time playing with Koalas, Kangaroos, crocodiles and Lizards at **The Koala and Wildlife Park**. Finally return to Cairns city.

Overnight stay at hotel in Cairns.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend a day full of adventure and scenic beauty at Kuranda Rainforest.

DAY 11: EXPLORE THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

After breakfast at the hotel, we will take a **Catamaran Cruise To Green Island**, The Great Barrier Reef, the largest coral system in the world.

A combination of 2500 coral reefs and 900 islands of various sizes, The **Great Barrier Reef** is the only living structure on Earth that is visible from space. The rich and complex natural ecosystem below the ocean surface comprising of naturally shaped corals and beautiful fishes boast of splendid colours, unique species and spell-binding scenery. Here you can explore the underwater world either by **glass bottom boat** or **snorkelling**. Those who wouldn't like to get wet won't miss out as they can go on a **underwater tour in a semi-submersible**. You can also chose to do a helicopter tour to get a magnificent view of the magnificent Green Islands. The Great barrier Reef is also the world's best spot for scuba diving – so diving enthusiasts can enjoy an out-worldly scuba diving experience here.

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Overnight stay at the hotel in Cairns.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the beautiful life under-water at The Great Barrier Reef

DAY 12: TRANSFER TO GOLD COAST BY FLIGHT

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel. We will proceed to Cairns airport to catch a flight to Brisbane from where we will drive down to Gold Coast, the city famous for its theme parks.

Gold Coast is a famous coastal city located on Australia's Eastern Coast. Originally named "South Coast" due to its proximity to Brisbane, the state's capital, it quickly garnered the label "Gold Coast" because of the insane rise in prices of real estate. Today, it is a world-class tourist destination welcoming travelers to its surfer-ready beaches and fantastic theme parks. The city is also home to Australia's film industry and hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2018.

The day is free for you to explore Gold Coast on your own. Spend some time by the beach or visit the SkyPoint Observation Deck located on 77th and 78th floor of Q1 Building to enjoy stunning views of the city.

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SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION -

With a 57 kilometer long coastline, Gold Coast is one of the world's best places to **learn surfing**. The wave breaks vary in height and intensity at different locations in the coast and the beaches are patrolled ardently by professional lifeguards. For someone who dreams to learn surfing, there can be no better place. Take the plunge and sign-up for a session with a professional trainer. Surfing is not a very demanding sport and basics can be learnt in two hours.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Catch a flight to Brisbane and transfer to Gold Coast
- Rest of the day is free for you to explore Gold Coast on your own
- Learn to surf from a professional trainer [RECOMMENDED]

DAY 13: MOVIE WORLD THEME PARK AT GOLD COAST

After breakfast at the hotel, we will venture out for a fun day at one of Gold Coast's best theme park – Movie World.

Movie World is operated by Warner Bros studio and gives you the experience of Hollywood in Australia. With thrilling rides based on your favourite DC Comics such as Scooby-Doo and Green

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Lantern and a parade by the most loved cartoon characters including Batman, Wonder Woman, Tom & Jerry among others, you will be surely swept off your feet. The DC Rivals Hyper coaster is the tallest and fastest rollercoaster in the Southern Hemisphere. Also enjoy Hollywood Stunt Driver live show which features stunts on cars performed by professional stunt drivers.



Overnight stay at the hotel

HIGHLIGHTS

- Have a fun day at one of Australia's Best theme park - Movie World

DAY 14: WET 'N' WILD THEME PARK AT GOLD COAST

After breakfast at the hotel, we will venture out for a fun day at another one of Gold Coast's awesome theme parks - Wet 'n' Wild.



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Wet 'n' Wild - One of the best water parks in Australia, Wet 'n' Wild features some of the finest water slides in the world. From rides ranging from the crazy Kamikaze and the terrifying Tornado to kid-friendly rides in Wet 'n' Wild junior, the park offers something for the whole family. Enjoy the waves at Giant Wave pool or relax in the hot-water tubs in Whirlpool to unwind.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Gold Coast.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy Australia's Best water park - Wet 'n' Wild

DAY 15: TRANSFER TO SYDNEY BY FLIGHT

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and transfer to airport to catch a flight to Sydney. On arrival at Sydney International Airport, proceed to your city centre hotel in Australia for check-in.

A vibrant city and Australia's financial capital, **Sydney** regularly features as one of the most liveable cities in the world. It was Sydney's fine harbour that drew Captain Philip to the shore of this city who later established this as a British Colony where British prisoners were sent to serve their sentence. The Victorian Gold Rush in Australia in 1852 transformed Sydney into a major global cultural and financial centre.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Sydney.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive in Sydney and check-in at your hotel
- Explore Sydney at your own leisure

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DAY 16: SYDNEY SIGHTSEEING TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for a sightseeing tour of Sydney.

We will begin our city tour with a visit to the **Darling Harbour**. Here, learn about Australia's beautiful aquatic animals at the **SEA-Life Aquarium** and get clicked with Australia's cutest furry animals such as Koala and Kangaroos at **Wildlife World**, and see the amazing cityscape from the tallest building in Sydney at **Sydney Tower Eye**.

Afterwards, we will continue the city tour with a **1-hour guided tour of Opera House** - one of the world's most iconic building. During the tour, you get a chance to see exclusive areas within the building which are off-limit to the general public and capture photos from rare vantage points.



In the evening, proceed to Sydney harbour to catch a ride on the **Sydney showboats dinner cruise**. Enjoy spellbinding views of the illuminations on the beautiful Opera House and Harbour Bridge while relishing a tasty 3-course meal. A one-hour cabaret show is also performed on the cruise for your entertainment. Sailing since 1987, the old world charm of the showboat cruises are cultural legacy of Sydney.



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Overnight stay at hotel in Sydney.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See the popular sights on a sightseeing tour of Sydney
- Visit SEA-LIFE Aquarium, Sydney Tower Eye, Madam Tussaud's Museum and Wildlife World
- Tour the stunning Opera House from inside during a guided tour
- Venture into the sea on Sydney's iconic Showboat Dinner Cruise

DAY 17: BLUE MOUNTAINS EXCURSION AND BONDI BEACH

After breakfast, proceed for a full day excursion of the blue mountains.

The **Blue Mountains** region comprises of dense Eucalyptus forests, majestic waterfalls and breath taking sandstone caves which make it a perfect destination. Here, we shall visit **Scenic world** to enjoy the amazing views from various look-out points, ride the steepest train in the world and marvel at the iconic three sisters rock formation. Also, glide between cliff tops and gaze at the rainforest canopy through the glass floor of the scenic skyway



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After the scenic world tour, proceed to Sydney's iconic Bondi beach to enjoy fun beach activities. Here you can enjoy sunbathing in the golden sandy beach, swim/snorkel in the open ocean or relish the cuisine served by various restaurants around the beach.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Sydney.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the natural beauty of the world famous Blue Mountains

DAY 18: DEPARTURE

After breakfast, transfer to airport to board a flight to India. We check out from the hotel to leave for Airport.

Arrive home with pleasant memories of your **Australia Extravaganza Tour** organized by State Express Global Voyages, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Board flight to India



“TOUR END”

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