

Cities and Island Escape

Destinations: Melbourne, Whitsunday Islands, Sydney

Your Itinerary Includes:

- Internal coach class air in Australia
- All round trip airport transfers
- 3 nights Melbourne
- Melbourne half day city tour
- 4 nights Whitsunday Islands
- 4 nights Sydney
- Sydney half day city tour
- 1 lunch

Day 1 Fly USA to Melbourne

Please note international air from the USA has not been included in the package price.

Day 2 cross the International Date line

The International Date Line is an imaginary line on the earth's surface that approximately coincides with the 180th meridian (LONGITUDE), and separates the calendar date. Traveling east across the line takes the traveler back one day; traveling west, takes the traveler forward one day.

Day 3 Welcome to Melbourne, Australia

On arrival into Melbourne you will need to clear customs and make your way through the main arrivals hall where you will be transferred to your accommodation.

At first glance, Melbourne may resemble any other modern city with its skyline full of concrete & glass. However, if you look a little closer, you'll find the real Melbourne, a city of unique charm. There are the clanging trams (street cars), swanky boutiques, friendly taxi drivers, Australian Rules Football, fickle weather and 'BYO's', by the hundred (restaurants to which you bring your own liquor or wine). Add to this, Melbourne's traditional virtues of tree lined boulevards, glorious parks, elegant buildings & imposing Victorian Banks & Churches, and of course the giant Melbourne Cricket Ground and you'll have some idea of the city.

Melbourne has become a polyglot society with a huge diversity of cultures, Italian, Greek, East European, Middle Eastern & Asian. This diversity is reflected in the food styles, the lifestyle, & even the language spoken in the street.

Day 4 Tour Melbourne

Melbourne is famous for its magnificent parks and gardens which surround the city. See the famous Floral Clock, Botanic Gardens, Flagstaff Gardens and inspect Captain Cook's Cottage in the beautiful Fitzroy Gardens. See the colorful Victoria Market, Old Melbourne Gaol, Shrine of Remembrance and travel over the Westgate Bridge for panoramic views over Port Phillip Bay.

Day 5 Melbourne at leisure

Melbourne, the capital of Victoria and a cultural hub, is known for the good things in life - fashion, food, entertainment and sport. This is a city of style, architecture, trams, theatres and art. The influence of decades of immigration from all over the world has made Melbourne a paradise for those who love food and wine. Whole streets are dedicated to food, whether it be Indian, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, Greek, or a host of other styles. You can't miss the world-class wines either. You'll barely meet a visitor who hasn't fallen in love with Melbourne. Rattling trams, parklands singing with blackbirds, stately architecture and palm trees - it's like northern Europe on the Mediterranean.

Melbourne to Whitsunday Islands

You will be transferred to the airport for your flight to the Whitsundays. Upon arrival you will board a luxury cruiser for your launch service to Hayman. (*Deluxe option only.*)

Bordered by the Great Barrier Reef and 74 tropical islands in the calm waters of the Coral Sea, the Whitsundays lie midway along Australia's Queensland coast.

Days 7 -9 Whitsunday Islands

Discover the wonder that is Heart Reef. Sink your feet into the white, silica sands of world-famous Whitehaven Beach. Or simply sail at sunset across our crystal-clear waters and take in the Islands of the Great Barrier Reef.

Day 10 Whitsunday Islands to Sydney

Launch from Hayman to Hamilton Island. (*Deluxe option only.*)

Sunny, sexy, sophisticated – Sydney basks as the shining star of the southern hemisphere. The stunning Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge are the pride and joy, but there's much more to offer.

Sydney's sparkling harbor is the jewel in the city's crown. It's flanked by golden beaches and bush land, and is bisected by one of the most famous bridges in the world. Islands sprinkle its waters, and it's crisscrossed by all manner of craft, from water taxis and yachts to tour boats and ferries.

Day 11 Sydney tour

Enjoy a morning touring Sydney's glorious city, harbor and famous beaches. Pass through the historic Rocks area and circular en route to Bondi Beach where we stop for morning tea (own expense). The tour will travel through Chinatown, Darling Harbour, Kings Cross and Double Bay, and you will view the Opera House, Harbour Bridge and visit Mrs. Macquarie's Chair.

Days 11-13 Sydney at leisure

At your leisure to explore Sydney. Most of the major attractions of the city are within easy walking distance from your accommodation – Sydney Opera House, Darling Harbour, Centrepont Tower, Circular Quay, The Rocks, etc.

During your stay ideally you should take a harbor cruise around one of the most beautiful harbors in the world, maybe take a short trip to one of the wildlife parks to see the unique animals (koalas and kangaroos) Australia has. Climb to the top of the Harbour Bridge for some awesome views, and after all

that, enjoy the great restaurants that Sydney has to offer. The local chefs take full advantage of the fresh seafood and produce.

Day 14 Fly Sydney to USA

You will be met and transferred by private vehicle to the airport for your departure flight.