



# THE ULTIMATE TRIP TO AUSTRALIA

11 DAYS IN SYDNEY, BLUE MOUNTAINS, ULURU, GREAT BARRIER REEF, DAINTREE AND BRISBANE

Great Barrier Reef, Queensland

This cross-country itinerary allows you to experience Australia's rugged natural beauty, diverse culinary offerings and ancient tradition of storytelling, all while encountering some of its most iconic landmarks. As you explore Sydney's Bondi Beach, Uluru's vast red outback and the Great Barrier Reef's unmatched beauty, you'll not only witness incredible icons but also settle into the Australian way of life.

## AT A GLANCE

- Journey begins Sydney Airport
- 3 nights Sydney
- 3 nights Uluru
- 3 nights Cairns
- 1 night Brisbane
- Journey ends Brisbane Airport

## DAY 1

Welcome to sunny Sydney, a city that knows the secret to true balance. Where else can you start the morning with a surf and an acai bowl, don workout gear to lunch, and then get all dressed up for an indulgent night out on the town, all in the same day?

Begin your morning with breakfast and coffee at Bills Bondi. Walk off your ricotta hotcakes with a stroll along the spectacular cliff-tops between Bondi, Tamarama and Bronte beaches;

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Sydney like a local
- See the sun rise above Uluru
- Explore the colour and marine life of the world's largest coral reef

**States visited:** New South Wales, Queensland & Northern Territory

**Best for:** All, especially first-time visitors.

**When to go:** Year-round

**Duration:** 11 days





BridgeClimb, New South Wales  
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Blue Mountains, New South Wales



Bondi Iceberg Pool, New South Wales



Uluru Segway Tours, Northern Territory

a round trip should take about 1.5 hours. Then finish with a steam and a dip at Bondi Icebergs pool, or a surfing lesson with the friendly crew at **Let's Go Surfing** at Bondi Beach.

**Stay 3 nights** at **Taronga Zoo Wildlife Retreat**.

**DAY 2**

Home to the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge, green foreshore and Aboriginal heritage, there's no shortage of ways to explore Sydney Harbour.

Wake early to climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge with **BridgeClimb** for breathtaking views across the harbour. Afterwards, meander through The Rocks, Sydney's historic quarter. Immerse yourself in Australia's Aboriginal culture on a walking tour of The Rocks with **Dreamtime Southern X**, where you will hear Dreamtime (creation) stories, a tradition that has existed for over 60,000 years in this country, stretching back to the origins of Aboriginal culture. You'll also learn about the history of this landscape and visit significant Aboriginal sites.

**DAY 3**

Just under a two-hour drive west of Sydney are the Blue Mountains. Catch a train, bus or day tour to Katoomba to see the impressive rock formation, the Three Sisters. **Scenic World** in Katoomba features a cableway, a walkway over the rainforest canopy and a glass-floored skyway. Suspended 270 metres (886 feet) above ancient ravines, this is an unparalleled way to view the mountain range in all its blue-hued glory.

Return to Sydney and spend your afternoon at leisure.

**DAY 4**

Wake up for an early morning three-hour flight from Sydney to the beating heart of the outback, Alice Springs, and spend the day exploring this unique and fascinating town.

Surrounded by red dirt and hauntingly beautiful mountain ranges, Alice itself is quite compact and built on relatively flat terrain, making it great for walking about. Stroll through the pedestrian-only main street, Todd Mall, exploring its many shops, cafés and art galleries. Then visit

**Araluen Arts Centre**, a reputable Aboriginal art gallery that is home to works by one of Australia's most famous Indigenous artists, Albert Namatjira.

**Stay 1 night** at **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Alice Springs**.

**DAY 5**

**Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park** is a four- to five-hour drive south-west of Alice Springs and includes both Uluru (formerly Ayers Rock) and the 36 domes of Kata Tjuta (formerly the Olgas).

Head to Uluru first, a rock formation created entirely from sandstone half a billion years ago. It stands at 348 metres (1,141 feet) high and has a circumference of 9.4 kilometres (5.8 miles). But beyond the geology, it is a spiritual landmark for the local Anangu people. Learn about their stories with an Aboriginal-led tour, like the one offered by **SEIT Outback**, or sign up for a dot painting experience led by one of the local artists from **Maruku Arts**. Alternatively, cruise around this magnificent icon and explore the national park with **Uluru Segway Tours**.

**Stay 2 nights** at **Ayers Rock Resort**.



Tali Wiru, Uluru and Kata Tjuta, Northern Territory



Walkabout Cultural Adventures, Queensland



Walkabout Cultural Adventures, Queensland

**DAY 6**

Experience the ever-changing palette of Uluru at sunrise with a tour of the acclaimed art installation **Field of Light**, set glittering at the base of Uluru. You'll get a complimentary ticket with your **Tali Wiru** experience, or you can book directly.

Then take the road 50 kilometres (31 miles) west of Uluru to reach Kata Tjuta, a natural wonder of 36 domes covering more than 20 square kilometres (7.7 miles). Kata Tjuta is an extremely important site for Anangu men, and while everyone is welcome to explore the walking tracks, the stories and cultural knowledge associated with these rock formations are not shared with visitors. You can walk among the domes on the easy Walpa Gorge Walk, or tackle the four-hour Valley of the Winds Walk right into the heart of the landscape.

**DAY 7**

Take the 2.5-hour flight from Ayers Rock Airport to Cairns, the gateway to

the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest. But before you rush off, be sure to explore the brilliant cafés, bustling markets, and beautiful beaches nearby.

Cairns has a thriving café scene, with many trendy ones dotted along Grafton and Spence streets. Tuck into a hearty brunch of chilli eggs and a coconut latte at Caffiend, then mingle with the locals at Rusty's Markets (Friday to Sunday) where you can stock up on fresh local produce, including exotic fruits, dairy and seafood, from more than 180 stalls.

**Stay 3 nights at Crystalbrook Flynn.**

**DAY 8**

Stretching 2,300 kilometres (1,430 miles), the Great Barrier Reef has more than 3,000 coral reefs, 900 islands and 1,500 species of fish.

There are plenty of ways to experience the reef. Book a day cruise with **Dreamtime Dive & Snorkel** which combines a full-day Great Barrier Reef cruise with Indigenous cultural

storytelling from traditional owners with historical connections to the sea country visited. The cruise offers a rare educational opportunity to explore the reef with sea rangers whose north Queensland sea country stretches from the Frankland Islands to Port Douglas.

**DAY 9**

Today, immerse yourself in the spectacular scenery that is the Daintree Rainforest, a unique place where lush tropical rainforest meets white sandy beaches. The Daintree's incredible variety of wildlife includes more than 400 species of birds, the most famous of which is the large, flightless and endangered southern cassowary.

Head 2.5 hours north of Cairns by car (self-drive or on a tour) to explore the mighty World Heritage-listed Daintree Wilderness Area. Join **Walkabout Cultural Adventures** to immerse yourself in Kuku Yalanji traditions, including learning to throw a spear, mud crabbing, sampling bush foods and exploring forests and gorges through Aboriginal eyes.



Return to Cairns in the late afternoon.

### DAY 10

From Cairns, fly just over two hours to Brisbane, the capital of Queensland and a city known for its thriving arts scene.

Enjoy the city's cultural highlights and feel enriched and awakened with an exclusive evening immersed in Queensland's unique Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and culture at the **Queensland Art Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA)**. Make memorable connections to First Nations art, music, native food, dance, culture, and storytelling through an Indigenous Welcome to Country, followed by a private artwork tour and a specially curated dinner. Take away a bespoke gift, courtesy of the QAGOMA store and Aboriginal Art Co.

**Stay 1 night** at **Crystalbrook Vincent**.

### DAY 11

Depart for your onward journey.





# FAMILY TRIP TO LOCAL AUSSIE HOT SPOTS

13 DAYS IN WILSONS PROMONTORY, PHILIP ISLAND, JERVIS BAY, SYDNEY AND HERVEY BAY

Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay, New South Wales ©Hutchings Camps

Take your family on an action-packed journey to three distinct coastal environments - Wilson Promontory, Jervis Bay, and Fraser Island. These favourite local hot spots showcase beautiful scenery, fantastic beaches and Australia's unique wildlife.

**States visited:** Victoria, New South Wales & Queensland

**Best for:** Families of all ages who love spending time at the beach

**When to go:** September to May (avoid Australian school holidays December & January and Easter).

**Duration:** 13 days

## AT A GLANCE

- Journey begins Melbourne Airport
- 2 nights Wilsons Promontory
- 1 night Philip Island
- 4 nights Jervis Bay
- 2 nights Sydney
- 3 nights Hervey Bay
- Journey ends Hervey Bay Airport

## DAY 1

Collect hire car from Melbourne (Tullamarine) Airport for your adventure to Wilsons Promontory (3 hours, plus stops). Enjoy a late brunch on route in the historic town of Loch – a cute little village with fabulous produce.

Wilsons Promontory National Park is a hidden gem at the southern-most

## HIGHLIGHTS

- See wombats, walk on squeaky sand and admire the wilds of Wilsons Promontory
- Discover a rugged and raw granite coastline as you cruise Victoria's largest marine protected area on an amphibious vessel
- Get close and personal with an Australian Fur Seal colony
- Spend an afternoon at the Koala Conservation Reserve
- Watch as the little penguins waddle up the beach at Phillip Island
- Cruise to see Jervis Bay's resident bottle nose dolphins
- Tour world Heritage-listed K'gari (Fraser Island), the world's largest sand island
- Swim in Lake McKenzie – one of the most beautiful lakes in the world
- Catch a glimpse of a dingo, Australia's wild dog





Wilson's Promontory, Gippsland, Victoria



Koala Conservation Reserve, Phillip Island, Victoria



Little Penguin Parade, Phillip Island, Victoria

point of the Australian mainland, about a three-hour drive from Melbourne/Naarm (narr-m). It is a haven for nature lovers - you can walk remote coastal bushland trails, or swim in pristine beaches dominated by granite peaks. Accommodation inside the National Park is limited to camping and a few cabins, however in nearby Fish Creek and surrounds there are several comfortable options. Most options are for self-catering.

**AGENT TIP:**

Tell your clients to keep their eyes peeled and they're likely to spot a wombat and emu, or two!

Depending on your arrival time and activity levels, either head into the national park and summit Mt Oberon for breath-taking views (2 hours return), chill out at Squeaky Beach or pop into **Gurneys Cider** to sample some of the local produce.

**Stay 2 nights** in a **Ross Farm Cabin + Barn**, just outside of the national park.

**DAY 2**

Drive to Tidal River in Wilsons Promontory National Park.

Enjoy a Wilsons Promontory cruise with **Pennicott Wilderness Journeys** (10.30 check in for 11am departure). Drive straight from the sand and into the water on an amphibious vessel to cruise the waters of Wilsons Promontory Marine National Park. Teeming with life above and below the surface, you'll visit an Australian Fur Seal colony, see unique birdlife and maybe even some passing whales.

Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring the short walks of Wilsons Promontory.

**DAY 3**

Drive to Phillip Island (1 hour 15 mins). Phillip Island is famous for its little penguin colony that returns each evening to waddle up the beach after a day out at sea.

In addition to the penguins there are scenic walks and trails, beautiful beaches, and a range of family activities.

Spend the afternoon at the **Koala Conservation Reserve**. See koalas up close in their natural habitat as well as wallabies and echidnas.

This evening, watch the **Little Penguin Parade** after sunset. They don't wear watches so be sure to check their expected time and arrive about an hour earlier.

**Stay 1 night** at your choice of Phillip Island accommodation.

**AGENT TIP:**

Book the Penguins Plus tickets or a ranger-guided tour for an extra special little penguin experience.

**DAY 4**

This morning drive to Melbourne's Tullamarine Airport (2 hours 15 mins) for a lunchtime flight to Sydney/Warrane (war-rang) (1 hour 15 mins).

Pick up hire car. Drive south towards Jervis Bay (approximately 2 hours 30 mins) arriving late afternoon. Jervis



Paperbark Camp, Jervis Bay, New South Wales



Luna Park, Sydney, New South Wales

Bay is a local secret although the word is quickly getting out. Magnificent marine life, pristine bushland and a chilled vibe create the perfect mix for both relaxed and fun-filled days. With some of the whitest sand in the world, aqua waters and fringed by tall shady gums you'll think you are in paradise.

On your drive down, stop in at **Illawarra Fly Treetop Adventures** for a treetop walk or zipline. Experience nature with a newfound perspective in the Illawarra Rainforest, before continuing to your accommodation for the next few nights.

Check in to **Paperbark Camp**, a peaceful bush retreat combining premium tented accommodation with wonderful food and warm hospitality.

**Stay 4 nights at Paperbark Camp.**

**DAYS 5-7**

Spend the days at leisure in Jervis Bay.

**Suggested activities:**

- Take a **Jervis Bay Wild** cruise out on Jervis Bay to spot the local pod of dolphins
- Walk through the tall trees of Jervis Bay's Booderee National Park to

one of the many secluded beaches

- Learn about Aboriginal bush tucker on a guided walk in the **Booderee Botanic Gardens**
- Snorkel or kayak with colourful fish at Murrays Beach

**AGENT TIP:**

There are 21 white sand beaches to explore. Most days the waves are gentle and perfect for swimmers of all abilities.

**DAY 8**

Return to Sydney via the coastal route. Stop for lunch in Kiama and see the blowhole.

**Stay 2 nights at Novotel Sydney** on Darling Harbour.

**AGENT TIP:**

For a quintessential Australian experience, book a hotel at one of the beachside suburbs such as Bondi or Coogee for easy access to the beach and the airport.

**DAY 9**

Spend the day at leisure in Sydney.

**Activities suggestions:**

- Amuse yourself on rides at **Luna Park**
- Do the Sydney Harbour **BridgeClimb** (check out the age and height restrictions before purchasing)
- Encounter animals with the best view in the world at **Taronga Zoo**
- Learn to surf at Bondi Beach
- Spend time mixing with other children at **Darling Quarter Playground**

**DAY 10**

Fly from Sydney to Hervey Bay (1 hour 50 mins) and be transferred by coach and ferry to Kingfisher Bay Resort on K'gari (Fraser Island).

World Heritage Listed K'gari (Fraser Island), is the world's largest sand island with over 250 kilometres of sandy beaches. It's a place of exceptional natural beauty with giant rainforest trees that grow in the sand, both crystal clear 'white' and tannin-stained 'black' lakes, coloured cliffs and sand dunes dotted with the remains of ancient forests.



K'gari, Queensland, ©Tourism and Events Queensland



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Connect to the environment and feel immersed in nature on a three-night, all-inclusive adventure with **K'gari Explorer Tours**. Much of K'gari is accessed only by 4X4 so this is one of the best ways to visit both renowned places like Lake McKenzie and discover hidden gems that only the locals know about.

**AGENT TIP:**

Coach and ferry transfers from Hervey Bay Airport are included with a 3-night Fraser Explorer tour.

growing from sand, wander through subtropical rainforest and experience champagne pools - an amazing natural jacuzzi. You might see dingoes, whales and turtles depending on the season, as well as a huge variety of birds.

**AGENT TIP:**

Splurge and take a scenic joy-flight over the island for a bird's eye view of this enormous sand island.

**Stay 3 nights at Kingfisher Bay Resort**, a short ferry ride across from the township of Hervey Bay. Kids will love the Junior Eco Ranger program, with interactive wildlife experiences led by the resort's expert ranger team.

**DAY 11**

Your journey into the heart of K'gari continues with K'gari Explorer Tours. Visit Lake McKenzie – K'gari's most iconic swimming spot, admire towering trees

**DAY 12**

Today is full of more activities before returning to **Kingfisher Bay Resort** in the afternoon. Spend the rest of your time at leisure enjoying one of the Kingfisher Bay Resort activities.

**DAY 13**

Return ferry and coach transfer to Hervey Bay Airport for your onward journey.







# A FAMILY WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

10 DAYS IN THE CENTRAL COAST, CANBERRA, DARWIN AND LITCHFIELD PARK

Australian Reptile Park, Somersby, New South Wales  
©Destination NSW

Australia is a big place and this itinerary showcases just how diverse its natural wonders are. Experience three completely different seasons in just ten days.

From the surf towns of the New South Wales Central Coast to Canberra's cool climate surrounds to the tropical warmth of the wild Top End, this itinerary packs a lot into a short amount of time.

Designed for families with children over four years old (teens will love it!) but just as interesting for anyone else, you'll discover the best of our nature and wildlife.

## AT A GLANCE

- Journey begins Sydney Airport
- 3 nights Central Coast
- 3 nights Canberra
- 2 nights Darwin
- 1 night Top End Safari Camp
- Journey ends Darwin Airport

## DAY 1

Pick up a hire car and head to the Central Coast, just 90 minutes' drive from Sydney/Warrane (war-rang). Despite its proximity, it's easy to find a beach to yourself and even in the cooler months you'll be tempted to dive in with sunny days and mild nights. The Central Coast is an emerging eco-destination

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Central Coast coastal and wildlife experiences
- Quad-biking the largest coastal sand dunes in the Southern Hemisphere
- The best of Australia's capital, Canberra
- Australia's iconic wildlife at Tidbinbilla – kangaroos, koalas, emus and more
- Crocodile encounter and feeding
- Airboat cruise to spot wildlife and birds
- Scenic helicopter flight over floodplains

**States visited:** New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory & Northern Territory

**Best for:** Adventurous families (children 4 and above)

**When to go:** May to October

**Duration:** 10 days





Sand Dune Adventures, Port Stephens, New South Wales



Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

with endless beaches, waterways, and fantastic national parks to explore.

As you head out of Sydney stop at Glenworth Valley for unforgettable outdoor adventures in the most breathtaking escarpment scenery.

**AGENT TIP:**

Encourage your clients to grab a dinner of fish and chips at Woy Woy Fisherman's Wharf and watch as pelicans fly into land as the sun sets.

**Stay 3 nights** at **Glenworth Valley Eco Villas**.

**DAY 2**

Kickstart the morning with some fresh air and a hike. The Bouddi Coastal Walk runs from Putty Beach to MacMasters Beach, boasting beaches, boardwalks and birdlife. This relatively easy hike is characterised by sweeping views, shady rainforest and inviting picnic spots. You might even see some migrating whales from Gerrin Point lookout (May to November).

In the afternoon, cuddle up to koalas, kangaroos, quokkas and dingoes, and learn about the importance of native animal conservation at the **Australian Reptile Park**.

**DAY 3**

Today, make your way up to Port Stephens for some family fun adventure on quad bikes. **Sand Dune Adventures** combines culture with the exhilaration of riding a quad bike through the amazing cultural landscape.

As you ride through the largest coastal sand dunes in the Southern Hemisphere, hear and learn about the Worimi Peoples age-old connection to Country. This is an Indigenous tourism experience like no other!

Return to **Glenworth Valley Eco Villas** for your final night on the Central Coast.

**DAY 4**

Depart the Central Coast and drive down to Canberra, stopping in Sydney for a spot of lunch on the way (4 hours, plus stops).

**AGENT TIP:**

Canberra is only a 3-hour drive from Sydney and takes about the same amount of time as flying (when you add in getting to/from the airport, check-in).

Check in to your Canberra accommodation, then head off for your 'Twilight Tour' of the **Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary**. This is a unique experience where visitors get to step back in time and experience the Australian bush as it was 100 years ago. On the tour you might be lucky enough to witness the Eastern Bettong foraging on native truffles in the wild. The Eastern Bettong has been extinct from the Australian mainland for almost 100 years. Return to your accommodation.

**Stay 3 nights** at **Jamala Wildlife Lodge**.

**DAY 5**

Witness an abundance of Australian animals in their natural environment. Spend the day at **Tiddinbilla Nature Reserve** just a 45-minute drive from



MV Southern Cross Cruises, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory



Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, Paddys River, Australian Capital Territory

Canberra. Located in a beautiful setting with snow-capped mountains in the distance (winter months), join the ‘Best of Wildlife and Birds Tour’ where you will hopefully witness and get close to kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, platypus, echidnas and emus, plus other native fauna. Take a picnic lunch or enjoy snacks from the café. Spend the afternoon at leisure.

**Suggested activities:**

- Book a ranger tour to learn more about the reserve, its heritage, and cultural connections, and about the plants and animals. Topics include Australian plants, animals and habitats, wetlands and waterbirds, fire ecology or Aboriginal culture and heritage.
- Visit the eucalyptus forest to spot koalas, potoroos and wallabies

- While you are in the region you could also visit nearby **Corin Alpine Adventure** to play in the snow (near Tidbinbilla)

**DAY 6**

There is plenty to do in Canberra and surrounds. Take your pick depending on what your family loves to do.

**Suggested activities:**

- Join the **WILD Night ZooVenture** evening tour where you can choose your tour vehicle to meet and greet the animals
- Visit **Gold Creek Village** which includes **Cockington Green Gardens** and the **National Dinosaur Museum** - one of the biggest permanent collections of interactive dinosaurs in Australia and get up close to the skeletons and fossils

- Cruise Lake Burley Griffin and enjoy the picturesque shoreline on an **MV Southern Cross Sightseeing Tour**

**DAY 7**

Drop off your car at Canberra Airport for your onward flight to Darwin/Gulumerrdgen (golom-murrd-gen).

Arrive in Darwin and check into your hotel.

**Stay 2 nights at Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin Waterfront.**

**AGENT TIP:**

Kids will love the attractions at the Darwin Waterfront (including a safe lagoon, wave pool and aqua park).

*Note: Due to risk of crocodiles it's not possible to swim at Darwin's beaches.*



Top End Safari Camp, Peninsula Way, Northern Territory



Litchfield National Park, Northern Territory



Litchfield National Park, Northern Territory

**DAY 8**

Take a day tour to **Litchfield National Park** to swim in waterholes under cascading waterfalls. Learn about Aboriginal culture and see giant termite mounds. There are a variety of Litchfield day tours to suit every budget and duration.

**DAY 9**

Last but not least, your final day and night will be one of the highlights of your trip! You'll be collected at midday by air-conditioned coach for a 1.5-hour transfer to the Top End Safari Camp - an unforgettable, bespoke outback glamping experience. This is an immersive outback experience like no other. Experience the thrill of an airboat whilst spotting crocodiles, wildlife and birds. See the endless nature and beauty from above on a scenic helicopter flight and soak up an incredible Top End sunset over the floodplains followed by a gourmet dinner and star gazing.

You'll stay in well-equipped glamping tents and return to Darwin the next morning.

**Stay 1 night** with **Top End Safari Camp**.

**DAY 10**

Return to Darwin for your onward journey.

