

### Overview

Australia is known for its Great Barrier Reef, a tropical ocean paradise, however, due to overfishing in this area, we much prefer the Agincourt Ribbon Reefs, with around 21 individual dives sites here in total, such as the fish-abundant Castle Rock coral walls; Nursery Bommie with its array of pelagic fish such as barracudas, rays, sharks, and eels; Harry's Bommie providing the chance to see both sharks and manta rays; and the Three Sisters on the reef's inner edge.

In addition to the fascinating sights below the sea, are the lush, tropical rainforests above it, including the Daintree Rainforest, a fragile ecosystem considered to be over 150 million years old and home to the Kuku Yalanji people. We also love Kangaroo Island, a wildlife sanctuary home to kangaroos, koalas, whales and dolphins!

AUSTRALIA Temperature Highs: High 60's Lows: Mid 50's Area 270,534 SQ KM 104,454 SQ MILES Population 4.5 Million Language English/Maori Capital Wellington Currency New Zealand Dollar	
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#### Day 1

##### Fly to Sydney

Through our sister company, Premium Air Provider Travnet, we may assist with your international airfare, as well as with mileage points conversion.

#### Day 2

##### Arrive Sydney

Upon arrival in Sydney, you will be privately transferred to Park Hyatt Sydney.

##### Park Hyatt Sydney

Though we have been big fans of the Four Seasons Sydney in the past, we freely admit the contemporary designed 155-room, 5-Star Park Hyatt is our new favorite luxury property in Sydney. Set on the edge of Sydney Harbor, the hotel offers striking views facing the Sydney Opera House. Although most of the property's rooms include private balconies with Opera

views, please note that “standard” rooms do not offer this perk. Among the amenities here are 24-hour butler service, a very nice full service spa, and a fitness center. We particularly like the hotel’s picturesque rooftop heated pool/sundeck – among the most amazing views in Sydney! A big perk for staying here: Robin’s lofty Hyatt membership status!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Park Hyatt Sydney

Day 3

Sydney Private Tour

You will start your morning climbing the famous 440 ft. Sydney Bridge. Thereafter, you will take to Sydney’s old cobblestone streets and courtyards passing old haunts. A trip to Sydney’s iconic shoreline, you will visit such places like Sydney’s Opera House and the historic Rock precinct featuring street markets, cafes, and artist galleries! You may also opt to board a boat for a tour of Sydney’s harbour shoreline.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Park Hyatt Sydney

Day 4

Blue Mountain Excursion

Your first stop this morning will be the Featherdale Wildlife Park where you can enjoy a delicious continental breakfast as an animal handler allows guests to get up close and personal with koalas and other animals! Continuing to the Blue Mountain, you will witness the majesty of this unique environment encompassing steep waterfalls, dramatic cliff drops, and lush forests.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: Park Hyatt Sydney

Day 5

Fly Sydney/Cairns + Drive to Port Douglas

Upon, arrival enjoy the amenities of the Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas Resort.

Sheraton Port Douglas Resort (RL)

Among the three hotels we have tentatively chosen for your Australia private tour (including the Park Hyatt Sydney and the Southern Ocean Lodge), we consider the 4-Star Sheraton Mirage Hotel to be the most logical locale in terms of moderate pricing without completely sacrificing luxury. Based on the great amount of time you will spend outside the hotel (Daintree Forest excursion & Agincourt snorkelling/diving), the drop from a luxury 5-Star hotel to the Sheraton is not significant. Being the only beachfront hotel on the famous “Four Mile Beach”, the 294-room Sheraton Mirage is clearly among the finest hotels in the Port Douglas area. A particularly pleasing feature here is the property’s “lagoon-style” swimming pool, where the pool seems to

branch out as mini-islands. Other amenities include tennis courts, an 18-hole golf course, fitness center, and 82 ft. lap pool.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Sheraton Port Douglas

Day 6

Daintree

This ancient, fragile ecosystem, is over 150 million years old, and now protected as a national park. Within this rainforest, you will find plant and animal species that exist nowhere else in the world. Here you will have a chance to meet with an Aboriginal community learning about their way of life in addition to participating in a spiritual cleansing ceremony, if you wish!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Sheraton Port Douglas

Day 7

Agincourt Ribbon Reefs

Aboard a 95 ft. catamaran, you will explore the outer edge reef locations at Agincourt ribbon reef in superb style and comfort. Cruising on the fastest vessel to the reef, enjoy a full-day (5+ hours) of snorkelling, diving, and discovering all of the wildlife and beauty this reef has to offer.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: Wharekauhau Lodge and Country Estate

Day 8

Drive Port Douglas/Cairns + Fly Cairns/Sydney

Southern Ocean Lodge (RL)

We feel a stay at this luxury 21-suite, environmentally friendly lodge is reason alone to visit Kangaroo Island. Located between two national parks, the entire lodge offers striking ocean views in a dramatic setting—this is truly a very special place. The lodge features a contemporary design with limestone floors, glass-walled baths and outdoor terraces. Guided excursions to the nearby flora and fauna are included in your stay here. Recent clients were especially impressed with the lodge's locally procured Australian cuisine/wine selection and the small, very nice spa. Enjoy!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Southern Ocean Lodge

Day 9 - Day 10

Kangaroo Island

Southern Ocean Lodge offers various activities and private hikes through Kangaroo Island, Seal Bay, Cape Younghusband, and Flindersbay National Park to name a few!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Southern Ocean Lodge

Day 11

Fly Kingscote/Adelaide/Sydney

Upon arrival, you will be met by our representative and assisted in checking in to the Rydges Sydney Airport Hotel for your forced overnight.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Sydney Airport Hotel

Day 12

Fly Sydney/Home

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations:--