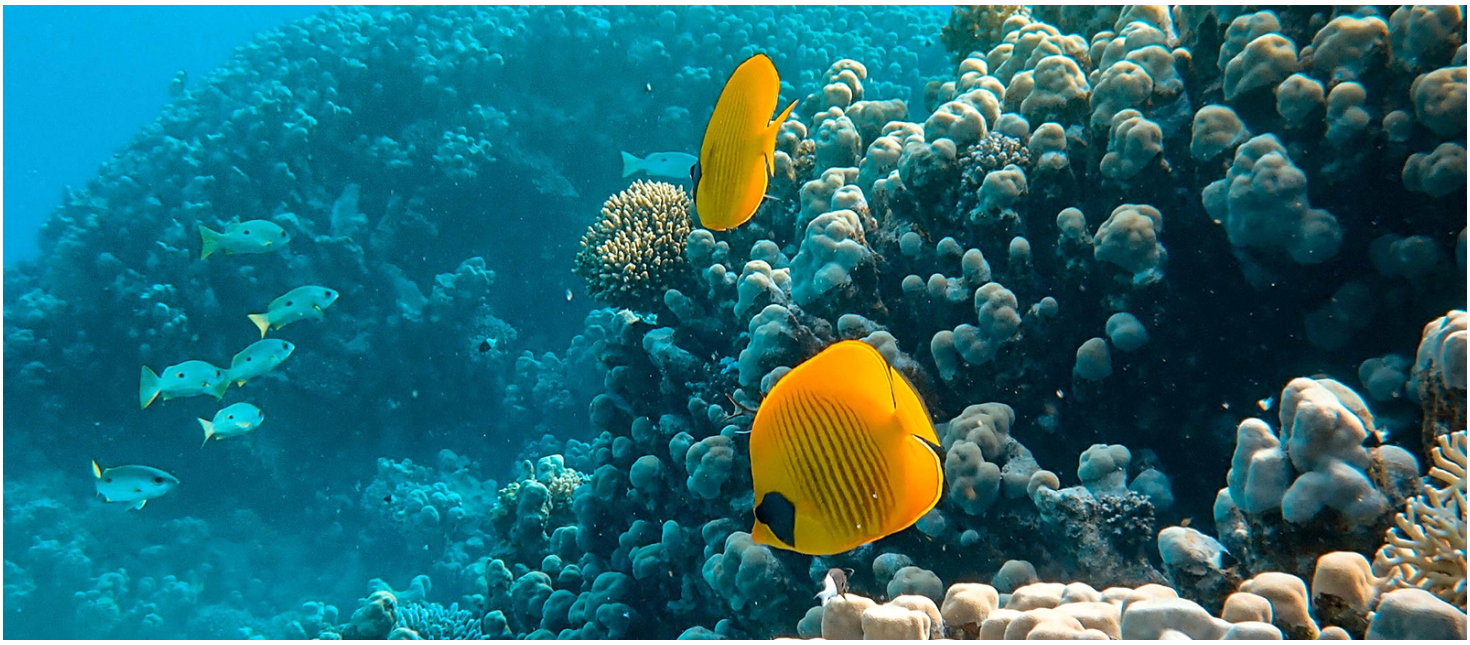
GO AHEAD TOURS



Highlights of Australia: The Great Barrier Reef to Sydney

12 days | 16 days with Adelaide & Kangaroo Island extension

Experience the allure of the Land Down Under when you explore the Sydney Opera House, set out into Mossman Gorge, and snorkel above the Great Barrier Reef. But these iconic adventures are only the beginning. From cosmopolitan Sydney to multicultural Melbourne, Australia is full of surprises for you to discover.



Your tour package includes

9 nights in handpicked hotels
9 breakfasts
1 lunch
3 dinners with beer or wine
4 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach
2 on-tour flights

Included highlights

Bondi Beach
Sydney Opera House
Mossman Gorge
Great Barrier Reef
Carlton Gardens
St. Patrick's Cathedral
Queen Victoria Market

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and gravel paths, with few hills.

Group size

15–35

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Overnight Flight → 2 nights

Day 1: Travel day
Cross the International Date Line in flight and "lose" a day.

Day 2: Travel day
Your flight continues to Australia.

Sydney → 3 nights

Day 3: Arrival in Sydney
Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to Sydney! Transfer to your hotel and then gather with your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner this evening.

Day 4: Sightseeing tour of Sydney
Included meals: breakfast
Join your Tour Director for a guided tour of one of the world's most pleasant cities.

- Pass Darling Harbour and the Royal Botanic Gardens
- See the Rocks neighborhood and stop at Mrs. Macquarie's Chair to take in views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Soak in views of Bondi Beach and the Gap in Watsons Bay
- Step inside the UNESCO-listed Sydney Opera House with a local guide

Day 5: Free day in Sydney
Included meals: breakfast
Enjoy a full free day in Sydney or add excursions.
+ Taronga Conservation Society & Wildlife Visit
+ Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise

Great Barrier Reef Region → 3 nights

Day 6: Transfer to the Great Barrier Reef Region
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Fly to Cairns, a coastal city in the state of Queensland. Then, make your way to the Great Barrier Reef region stopping at Mossman Gorge en route.

- Enter the Mossman Gorge Centre before taking a shuttle into the gorge
- Walk over elevated boardwalks as you stroll through the surrounding rainforest.

Later, sit down to an included dinner.

Day 7: The Great Barrier Reef
Included meals: breakfast, lunch
Enjoy a full day at the Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef system.

- Take a boat from Port Douglas and head out into the Coral Sea
- Enjoy both morning and afternoon tea on the water
- Learn about the reef and its inhabitants during a presentation by a marine biologist
- Choose to view the coral's colors from above, on a glass-bottom boat ride, or hop in the sea with a snorkel to see them up close
- Sit down to an included buffet lunch onboard the boat, then watch as members of the crew feed the fish that call the reef home

Day 8: Free day in the Great Barrier Reef Region
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a full free day in the Great Barrier Reef region or add an excursion.
+ Cape Tribulation Daintree National Park & Crocodile River Cruise

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Melbourne → 3 nights

Day 9: Flight to Melbourne
Included meals: breakfast
Fly to Melbourne this morning. Then, spend a free afternoon in the city or add an excursion.
+ Colonial Tramcar Ride & Dinner

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Melbourne
Included meals: breakfast
Set off with your Tour Director to admire the city's beautiful 19th-century architecture, historic landmarks, and sprawling parks.

- Explore Carlton Gardens, home of the Royal Exhibition Building, and the Melbourne Museum
- Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Shrine of Remembrance
- Pass the Yarra River and the Sports and Arts Precinct, site of the Australian Open, and enter the National Opal Collection
- Stroll through Queen Victoria Market

Enjoy a free afternoon in Melbourne or add an excursion.
+ Phillip Island Penguin Parade

Day 11: Free day Melbourne
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Enjoy a free day in Melbourne or add an excursion.
This evening, join your group at a farewell dinner.
+ Yarra Valley Winery & Steamtrain

Flight Home

Day 12: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

+ Adelaide & Kangaroo Island extension

Fly to Adelaide and continue your adventure. You'll enjoy a sightseeing tour, then set sail for Kangaroo Island, a haven for Australian wildlife, including—yep, you guessed it—kangaroos.

Adelaide → 1 night

Day 12: Adelaide
Included meals: breakfast
Fly to Adelaide, then set out on a sightseeing tour of South Australia's capital city with your Tour Director leading the way.

- Drive past the Colonial-era buildings along the North Terrace boulevard
- Pass by the River Torrens, Adelaide Zoo, South Australian Museum, and Adelaide Botanic Garden
- End your tour in Victoria Square, then enjoy time to peruse the famed produce stalls of the Adelaide Central Market, one of Australia's largest

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Kangaroo Island → 1 night

Day 13: Kangaroo Island and Flinders Chase National Park

Included meals: breakfast

Say goodbye to Adelaide this morning and drive through the scenic Fleurieu Peninsula to Cape Jervis. Here, you'll board a ferry to Kangaroo Island, a haven for Australia's diverse animal species and one of the country's top spots for wildlife sightings.

Upon arrival, head out on a guided sightseeing tour where you'll want to keep an eye out for kangaroos, koalas, tammar wallabies, and little penguins as you drive through Flinders Chase National Park.

- Try to spot New Zealand fur seals at Admiral's Arch and view Remarkable Rocks, naturally occurring rock formations along the coast
- Take in views of the ocean from Cape du Couedic, the most south westerly point on Kangaroo Island

Please note: Due to the nature of ferry schedules, the visit to Kangaroo Island may take place on either day 13 or 14.

Adelaide → 2 nights

Day 14: Seal Bay Conservation Park

Included meals: breakfast

Begin your day by visiting Seal Bay Conservation Park to view endangered Australian Sea Lions and seals who have called the park their home for thousands of years.

Before boarding a ferry back to Adelaide, visit the American River Wharf, Pennington Bay and Frenchman Rock.

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Day 15: Free day in Adelaide

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a full free day in Adelaide or add an excursion. Then, join your fellow group members and raise a toast to your trip with a farewell drink.

+ McLaren Vale Wine Tasting & Lunch

Flight Home

Day 16: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save $10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.com/ATR | 1-800-597-0350**

Day 5: Taronga Conservation Society & Wildlife Visit

$95/$105* (4 hours, departs in the morning)

Make your way to the Taronga Zoo in Sydney by ferry across Sydney Harbor. Next, meet up with a local guide at the Taronga Institute of Science & Learning. This on-site building is where the team's scientists study the country's wildlife and develop programs to conserve threatened ecosystems. Your guide will show you the outside of the prep kitchen and walk you through the animal holdings to show you how and where the animals under their care live. You'll also hear about the many conservation projects the institute is committed to, including recovering native species and protecting their habitats, as well as rescuing and rehabilitating injured wildlife. Then, see both Koala Walkabout and the Tree Kangaroo areas while learning about the community projects the conservation spearheads. After your tour, enjoy free time to explore the zoo before taking a ride on the Taronga Zoo ferry across Sydney Harbour to soak in spectacular views of the city.

Day 5: Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise

$149/$159* (2.5 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)

Take a dinner cruise through Sydney Harbour, soaking in views of the city's famous bridge, opera house, and twinkling cityscape at night. The MV Sydney 2000, one of Sydney's most prestigious cruise ships, features multiple decks and live entertainment. Your dinner will be served on the Sky Deck, offering 360-degree views of the city.

Day 8: Cape Tribulation Daintree National Park & Crocodile River Cruise

$169/$179* (8 hours, Departs in the morning with lunch)

Join a local guide and head inland to Daintree National Park to discover a wealth of unique scenery and incredible wildlife. You'll sip on some tea as you cruise down the winding Daintree River in search of crocodiles and birds. Then, make your way to the coast to visit Cape Tribulation Beach. Watch the waves roll in over the sandy shores as you enjoy an included lunch on the beach. Next, head into Daintree Rainforest for a guided walk. Stroll along the wooden boardwalks to discover the variety of flora and fauna within the world's oldest rainforest. Snap photos of the lush landscapes as you learn about the many rare and primitive plant species that thrive here. You may even spot some of the animals that call the forest home including cassowaries, musky rat-kangaroos, bandicoots, white-lipped tree frogs, and more. The Mount Alexandra Lookout point awaits you at the end of your walk. This panoramic viewpoint is located above the treetops, which means you'll be able to snap photos of the tree-line and the ocean. After, take a cable ferry ride across the Daintree River and transfer back to your hotel by way of the scenic roads around Daintree National Park. Please note: Travelers should feel comfortable getting in and out of ferries. We recommend wearing a sturdy pair of walking shoes and dressing accordingly based on the weather.

Day 9: Colonial Tramcar Ride & Dinner

$99/$109* (2 hours, Departs in the evening with dinner)

A one-of-a-kind dining experience awaits you on this evening's excursion. Step aboard a colonial era tramcar, which is decorated with period style designs. You'll travel through the city on the tramcar as you enjoy local wine paired with high-end cuisine.

Day 10: Phillip Island Penguin Parade

$159 (7.5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Every night, the tiny penguins of Phillip Island waddle ashore in an adorable parade. On this excursion, you'll journey to Summerland Beach to see the penguins come home after a long day of fishing. They're returning to feed their babies, and you'll watch as the penguins arrive for dinner on the beach. Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent. Travelers should wear seasonally appropriate clothing as this excursion takes place entirely outdoors. Because of the penguins' sensitive vision, photography of the parade is not permitted. We recommend bringing snacks or purchasing food at the cafe as you'll arrive back at the hotel late this evening. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 11: Yarra Valley Winery & Steamtrain

$189 (9 hours, departs in the morning with lunch)

Embark on a journey to the Dandenong Ranges rainforest. Next, board the authentic "Puffing Billy" steam-powered train en route to Menzies Creek. Along the way, admire the mountain's eucalyptus forest and fern gullies. After the scenic train ride, you'll travel to a regional vineyard to enjoy an included lunch and wine tasting, followed by a visit to another local winery. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Extension excursion options

Day 15: McLaren Vale Wine Tasting & Lunch

$145/$155* (8 hours, Departs in the morning with lunch)

Spend the day discovering the scenery and flavors of South Australia. Drive through the Adelaide Hills to see the rolling vineyards and lush foliage that the area is known for as you make your way to Hahndorf. Lutherans settled in Hahndorf in the 19th-century and to this day, the town still retains its signature German-style architecture. You'll enjoy a cheese and jam tasting before continuing on to the McLaren Vale. This wine region was named one of the world's "Great Wine Capitals" and you'll find out why when you sit down for tastings at three local wineries. The region produces flavorful white wines, but its calling card is the smooth, red Shiraz varietal. After sampling many of the region's well-known wines, sit down at the last winery for an included lunch featuring fresh local produce. Please note: We recommend dressing accordingly based on the weather.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms