HARBOUR TO RED CENTRE, REEF & RAINFOREST



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Sydney, Alice Springs, Uluru & Cairns

Duration: 10 days

Stay: 9 nights hotels

Travel style: Independent with sightseeing & flights

Booking code: SYASCN10AZ

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10 Days Sydney to Alice Springs & Cairns with Flights

About the holiday

This exciting trip captures iconic Aussie highlights, from Sydney and the Red Centre to Far North Queensland.

Begin with three nights in Sydney to see the legendary landmarks, like the Opera House and Harbour Bridge, then take a day tour to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains. Ride the Scenic Railway and get up close to native wildlife.

Next, board the included flight to Alice Springs. Discover the wonders of the Red Centre with an extraordinary full day tour that includes travelling to Kata Tjuta, where you can talk a walk to beautiful Walpa Gorge. Head to the base of breathtaking Uluru, where you'll take a guided walk to learn more about the sacred site and its cultural significance for its traditional owners and local Anangu people. See fascinating examples of ancient art, hear stories of local traditions and complete the incredible day with an Uluru sunset and delicious BBO dinner.

From Alice Springs, fly to Cairns for a reef and rainforest adventure. Spend a day exploring the ancient Daintree Rainforest, cruising down the Daintree River and discovering the coral sands and lush surrounds of Cape Tribulation. The thrills continue with a snorkelling trip on the Outer Great Barrier Reef and cruise to exclusive reef locations.

Travel dates

Departs Daily from Sydney*

2024 & 2025 – 01 January to 31 December

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will vary depending on travel dates and surcharges apply during school holidays, Christmas, Easter and peak travel periods.

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Holiday Inclusions

Our package includes:

Flights – Domestic economy one-way airfares with checked bag up to 20kg included Sydney to Alice Springs, Alice Springs to Cairns & Cairns to Sydney

Accommodation - 9 nights in quality hotels, standard rooms based on twin share

3 nights Sydney – YEHS Sydney Hotel or similar

2 nights Alice Springs – Alice On Todd, Desert Palms Hotel or similar

4 nights Cairns - Bay Village Tropical Retreat or similar

Transfers – All airport & hotel transfers

Sightseeing – Services of English-speaking tour managers

Sightseeing tours as per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach Entrance fees as per itinerary

Package excludes:

Flights to/from Sydney – contact us for the latest airfare deals Meals, sightseeing & activities not specified in the itinerary Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Travel insurance is strongly recommended

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

This package is subject to confirmation by the airlines, hotels and local operators.

Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

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Special features

- View many of Sydney's highlights, including the famous Opera House
- Blue Mountain Nature and wildlife experience.
- Alice Springs Wildlife Desert Park Safari.
- Be amazed by Australia's most iconic massive sandstone monolith Uluru / Ayers Rock.
- Visit the Great Barrier Reef on a day cruise.
- Cape Tribulation & the Daintree Forest

Itinerary

DAY 1, Arrive in Sydney

Arrive in Sydney, Australia's cosmopolitan premier city. You'll be welcomed by our representative and transferred to the hotel. **Overnight:** Sydney

DAY 2, Full Day Touring in Sydney

Experience the beauty of Sydney with this full day tour with our driver & guide. Tick off iconic landmarks like Sydney Opera House & Harbour Bridge. Stroll around vibrant districts like Bondi Beach, Kings Cross and explore the beauty of Mrs Macquarie's Chair (gives the best view of Sydney Opera House & Harbour Bridge) & The Paddington. Visit Milson Point, a suburb of lower North Shore of Sydney, & the other Northern Beaches. In the end, visit The Rocks, a place with some of the city's oldest pubs and many of the upscale restaurants.

DAY 3, Blue Mountains Day Tour for Sydney.

After convenient pick-up in Sydney, voyage into the heart of the Blue Mountains—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stop at secluded lookouts offering magnificent views of the Three Sisters rock formation away from large crowds. At Scenic World, ride on the Scenic Cableway that spans between two cliffs and awards you amazing panoramic views. Learn about local flora from your guide as you walk through the ancient rainforest on the Scenic Walkway. Listen for the native lyre bird and enjoy a peaceful moment in the trees. Discover the thrill of a 52-degree incline when riding the steepest passenger railway in the world—the Scenic Railway. The Railway experience through a cliff-side tunnel, emerging out of the ancient rainforest at the Jamison Valley floor is a definite highlight for many visitors. Your included lunch comes with a variety of menu options and gorgeous mountain views. Visit one final lookout only accessible to small groups away from large coaches before your next stop at Featherdale. At this wildlife park, see native animals like koalas, echidnas, and salt water crocodiles, with the opportunity to hand-feed kangaroos.

DAY 4, Flight to Alice Springs

Depart Sydney by flight to Alice Springs in Australia's Red Centre for 2 nights Upon arrival enjoy an afternoon tour of Alice Springs Wildlife Park. The ruggedly beautiful Australian desert is teeming with life.

Discover the unique birds, plants and animals of Alice Springs Desert Park on a self-guided tour. Get up close with dingos, wander through the kangaroo enclosure and listen to fascinating presentations. Park entry includes access to talks, walking trails, the world's largest nocturnal house and more. No visit to Alice Springs is complete without this authentic wildlife experience. **Overnight:** Alice Springs.

DAY 5, Ayers Rock & Uluru Day Tour.

We will collect you from outside your Alice Springs accommodation and head to the first stop of our day tour at Erldunda (home of the Emu) for a buffet breakfast. Travel to Kata Tjuta (Olgas) for the first walk of the day into the beautiful Walpa Gorge. Take in the stunning natural domes of Kata-Tjuta, see the wildflowers (depending on the season) and marvel at the views of the open plains on the return walk. Your tour then visits the Aboriginal Cultural Centre. Here, you will have time to learn about the local Pitjantjatjara people and buy souvenirs. Built from 90,000 mud bricks, the Cultural Centre was created with the help of the local Anangu people. The sacred site it is built on has special meaning to its traditional owners.

Head to the base of the majestic Uluru (Ayers Rock). From here, your tour guide will take you on a guided Mala Walk. Please note; tourists are no longer permitted to climb Uluru due to its cultural significance. The Mala Walk follows the north-west side of Uluru, where you will see many fascinating examples of Anangu rock art. Along the way, your guide will tell ancient stories of the Anangu People.

Travel by coach to the back section of Uluru and start a guided walk to the utitjulu Waterhole. Your guide will take you along a short track to the waterhole – home of an ancestral water snake called Wanampi. You'll hear stories of local traditions and learn how the Anangu people traditionally used the waterhole for hunting. The caves containing rock art were used in the past by the Anangu people, whose ancestors are still alive today. This is an unforgettable Australian experience, followed by something that everyone should enjoy at least once in their lives. Take in a breathtaking Uluru sunset with a glass of bubbly (or BYO beer) and a delicious Aussie BBQ dinner. We then make the return journey to Alice Springs and drop you off at your Alice Springs hotel.

DAY 6, Flight to Cairns

Depart Alice Springs on a flight to Cairns, the tourist capital of tropical North Queensland and gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Arrive at the hotel and spend the evening at leisure.

Overnight: Cairns

DAY 7, Cape Tribulation and Daintree Rainforest Tour

On this tour you will gain a greater understanding of the Mossman Gorge ecosystem from top to bottom on this outdoor excursion.

Stroll through the ancient Daintree Rainforest, cruise down the Daintree River, walk along the beach at Cape Tribulation, and enjoy stunning views of the region from popular lookout points.

After a convenient morning pick-up from your hotel, travel to the Mossman Gorge Centre. Enjoy morning tea before boarding the shuttle bus into the Gorge. Follow your informative guide into the Daintree Rainforest, breathe in the fresh air, and soak up the enchanting woodland setting. After exploring the Gorge, we make our way to the Daintree River for a 1-hour river cruise; marvel at the abundant wildlife species that call its calm water home including the estuarine crocodile. Next stop is the private access rainforest of Noah Valley. Enjoy a walk through the creekside rainforest before a delicious BBQ lunch. Laid out under the sky-high forest canopy, this midday meal features fresh fish and tropical fruit, followed by a steaming cup of regional Daintree Tea.

Emerging from one of the world's oldest rainforests, venture to Cape Tribulation on the coast. Amble along the beach and take in views of the stretching coastline and captivating coral reefs from the Kulki Lookout. Time for an afternoon refreshment at the Daintree Ice Cream Company. Here you will enjoy a delicious cup of fruit ice cream made from exotic fruits grown on their own on-site orchard. Our final stop is at Alexandra Lookout. Situated over the Daintree River estuary, this breathtaking ledge offers expansive views of Snapper Island, the Alexandra Range and the glimmering Coral Sea. Now sit back and relax on the journey home after exploring the World Heritage Rainforest.

DAY 8, Great Barrier Reef Day Tour

Today, set out from Cairns for a day of snorkelling and sightseeing at two spectacular destinations in the Outer Great Barrier Reef. A large, modern vessel carries you to exclusive, protected locations far away from the crowds, where the spectacle of nature is waiting. Each day, your captain chooses from 12 exclusive moorings at 6 reef locations based on the water and weather conditions, making sure you get the best experience to be found. Seasoned dive masters are on hand to provide an in-depth briefing on your gear and what to expect at each site.

Relax aboard the vessel as you leave the Australian coast behind and get your gear ready for some quality time in the sea. With outer reef locations chosen for their variety and the striking contours of the ocean floor, you're in for an outstanding experience when you plunge into the water. Once you've had a chance to mingle with the amazing sea life of beautiful corals and tropical fish, kick back aboard the vessel to enjoy a barbecue lunch before you cruise back to shore with a complimentary glass of wine to toast to a fabulous day on the Great Barrier Reef!

DAY 9, Free day Cairns.

Today is a free day to explore Cairns at leisure. The beaches north of Cairns are amazing.

Cairns, considered the gateway to Australia's Great Barrier Reef, is a city in tropical Far North Queensland. Its Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park tells the stories of indigenous Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with music and dance. Cairns Esplanade, lined with bars and restaurants, has a swimming lagoon. Northwest of the city, Daintree National Park spans mountainous rainforest, gorges and beaches.

Tour notes: Alternately, for a small extra charge you can fly to Sydney today and have another night in the Opera House city.

DAY 10, Flight to Sydney for departure home

Depart Cairns on a flight to Sydney. The tour concludes when you arrive at Sydney airport. We hope you have enjoyed exploring the very best of Australia.

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions published are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, ocean & river conditions, road accessibility, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

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When to visit Cairns

If you're planning a trip to Cairns but aren't exactly sure when you should visit, here's a guide to the best times to visit, according to popular holiday interests including, weather, climate and local events to help you plan your tropical adventure with ease.

January - March

During the Australian Summer, Cairns boasts a very warm and humid tropical climate. Temperatures average around 30 °C and you can expect hot days, warm nights and increased rainfall. However, despite the wet weather, Summer is still a popular time to visit the Cairns region. Thanks to the heavy downpours, Summer is the perfect time for exploring the World Heritage Listed Daintree Rainforest. Additionally, the increased rainfall makes the water clarity on the Great Barrier Reef unbelievable. Many of Australia's exotic tropical fruits are in season during this time, and can be sampled at the amazing local markets, which are held most weekends.

Summer is stinger season for northern Queensland, with box jellyfish and irukandji jellyfish frequenting the waters. Luckily the main beach at Port Douglas (Four Mile Beach) is enclosed with protective stinger nets. Swimmers are advised only swim in safe enclosures and patrolled beaches. If you plan on visiting the Great Barrier Reef during this time, wearing a full body stinger suit will limit the chance of being stung. These can be hired from your tour operator.

April - June

Boasting cooler temperatures and plenty of sunshine, April through June is a great time to visit Cairns. As the weather begins to cool off, this marks the beginning of Cairns' dry season and temperatures average at a balmy 25°C. May also draws the close of stinger season and swimmers can venture into the water without the need for a stinger suit.

The Annual Quicksilver Port Douglas Race Week kicks off in May and draws yacht enthusiasts from across the globe. This open class regatta is held over five days and showcases a brilliant display of sailing. May also plays host to Port Douglas' biggest event of the year, the Port Douglas Carnivale. Established over 20 years ago, the carnival displays vibrant street performances, art and crafts as well as some amazing food and wine.

July - September

Renowned as a favourite time of year to visit, July through September brings cooler temperatures, gorgeous sunshine a low chance of rainfall. Although the temperatures are slightly cooler, the weather is still lovely and pleasant averaging at 24°C with warm waters. So while the rest of Australia rugs up for the Winter months, you can enjoy swimming, sunbathing and snorkelling in beautiful Cairns and the nearby beaches. During this period, Cairns receives high crowds, especially during the Winter school holidays, so it's recommended to book at least 3 months in advance.

October - December

October through December is a great time to visit Cairns. While October marks the end of the dry season, there are still plenty of sunny days to enjoy with temperatures reaching a top of 28°C. Rain is more common throughout this period, so it's always a good idea to pack a light rain jacket with you. With the festive season drawing upon us, the end of the year is a popular time for families visiting Cairns. The region is buzzing with excitement over the Christmas/New Year's period and there are many wonderful events on offer.

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