

A South Pacific Odyssey, Australia

Base Day	Description	Date	Hotel	City	Breakfast	Depart	Meals	Activities	Notes
3	Arrival to Melbourne	11-Nov	Rendezvous	Melbourne	7:00 AM - 9:30 AM			Arrive to Melbourne. Welcome briefing at 3:30 PM and Orientation walk at 5 PM. Evening at leisure and dinner own arrangements	Bring rain coat all throughout Melbourne See trip leader to help plan out free day Walking shoes for tomorrow
4	Walking tour & Introduction to Aboriginal culture	12-Nov	Rendezvous	Melbourne	7:00 AM - 9:30 AM	08:45 AM	Breakfast Lunch Dinner	We will start the day with a walking tour of Melbourne led by tour leader. We will meet up with Koorie Heritage guide for an introduction to Aboriginal culture. Lunch at Fed Square, afternoon free to explore. Welcome dinner at 6 PM	See trip leader to help plan out free day Outback heat warning and flies - get fly nets and spray in Melbourne
5	Day of leisure or Optional Dandenong	13-Nov	Rendezvous	Melbourne	7:00 AM - 9:30 AM		Breakfast	Day at leisure Optional Tour - 3/4 Day Tour Dandenong Ranges US\$140	Free time options & dinner suggestions from trip leader Outback heat warning and flies Collection of personal belonging from safe i.e. passports Ensure you have a large water bottle (around 1L) for the outback
6	Melbourne to Alice Springs	14-Nov	Double Tree Alice Springs	Alice Springs	7:00 AM - 9:30 AM	05:00 AM	Breakfast Lunch	Lunch and guided tour at the Telegraph station. Visit School of the Air and ANZAC Hill then check in at Hotel	Time change Fly nets for when you are outside as lots of flies Drink lots of water as very hot / easy to dehydrate Passport required if buying alcohol Get any snacks in Alice Springs as Kings Creek Station is expensive Charge phones / cameras etc as none at campsite No phone or email access at campsite - contact home if needed Insect repellent
7	Alice Springs to Australian Outback	15-Nov	Wayoutback Campsite	Outback	6:00 AM - 10:00 AM	07:30 AM	Breakfast Lunch Dinner	Visit Simpsons Gap and lunch at Finke River before a 4 hr overland drive to Kings Creek Campsite. Once at campsite we will be provided wine/beer and nibbles while watching sunset and dinner under the stars after sunset.	Fly nets for Simpsons Gap and Ormiston Gorge There are NO toilets on the 4 hr drive from Ormiston Gorge to the campsite. Bush toilet only. No electricity in tents No reception in the outback. Contact family prior if required. Layers are required in the evening as it gets cold Unsealed road is loud and bumpy. Dinner will be served once sun has gone down.
8	Australian Outback, Kings Canyon & Uluru	16-Nov	Desert Gardens	Uluru	5:00 AM	06:00 AM	Breakfast Lunch Dinner	Early morning half rim walk at Kings Canyon. BBQ lunch at Curtins springs station. After arrival to Uluru we will depart on an orientation walk. Dinner at the Hotel at 6 PM	Pack a bag for the whole day, including swimmers and a pool towel, headphones, book etc for drive to Uluru Fly nets & water for Kings Canyon You can choose to do the Kings Creek Walk but will need to wait a little while for the rest of the group to get back from half rim walk Laundry at Desert Gardens
9	Kata Tjuta & Mutitjulu Waterhole	17-Nov	Desert Gardens	Uluru	6:00 AM - 10:30 AM	09:00 AM	Breakfast Lunch	Morning guided walk of the Kata Tjuta (1 hour 45 min). Lunch included at café in town centre. Freedom to explore. This afternoon we will visit Uluru and be guided around Mutitjulu waterhole(2 hours). After sunset viewing and nibbles we will return to Hotel. Dinner at own arrangements	Fly nets for Kata Tjuta No climbing on Uluru Indigenous art at sunset strip Drinks can not be charged to the room at Desert Garden Hotel, you need to provide reception with a credit card or cash. No food included on flight
10	Uluru to Sydney	18-Nov	The Tank Stream Hotel Sydney	Sydney	6:00 AM - 10:30 AM	10:20 AM	Breakfast	Morning at leisure Optional Tour - Scenic Helicopter Flight US\$195 Today we are flying from Uluru to Sydney Dinner at own arrangements	For those doing helicopters please be packed before you fly
11	Mossman Gorge & Cooya Beach	19-Nov	Oaks Port Douglas	Port Douglas	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	07:30 AM	Breakfast Lunch Dinner	Tour with local Indigenous guide at Cooya beach then visit Mossman for lunch and tour. Return back to Hotel. Controversial Topic Discussion with Marine Biologist - How healthy is the GBR? At 5:15 PM and included dinner at Hotel 6 PM	Pack swim wear and change of clothes and any Medication in day pack for flight to Cairns just in case baggage does not make the plane. Due to extreme heat in the outback Qantas can remove baggage on small planes. Time change new stateWear mosquito spray for Cooya Beach Walking shoes for Mossman Gorge Must have your own drinking water bottle for Cooya Beach No swimming in Mossman Gorge
12	Great Barrier Reef Cruise	20-Nov	Oaks Port Douglas	Port Douglas	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	07:45 AM	Breakfast Lunch Dinner	Full day Great barrier reef cruise, lunch included. Back at Hotel 5:15 PM. Dinner own arrangements.	Sea Sick Tablets Everything for a day on the water - hat, sunscreen, swimmers, towel, change of clothes Activities on boat include: Snorkel over the coral gardens, Guided Snorkel Tour, Relax and swim You can stay at Port Douglas Marina for dinner after the cruise if you wish If you are over age 65 they will require a medical certificate from a doctor to scuba dive,
13	Day at leisure or Optional Australia's Wildlife	21-Nov	Oaks Port Douglas	Port Douglas	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM		Breakfast	Day at leisure Optional Tour - Best of Australia's Wildlife US\$125 Included dinner at Hotel 6 PM.	Comfortable enclosed shoes Mozzie Spray
14	Port Douglas to Sydney	22-Nov	Novotel Darling Square	Sydney	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	09:35 AM	Breakfast	Flight to Sydney. 6:30 PM meet in Hotel lobby for orientation walk.	Time change if daylight savings
15	Sydney Opera House & The Rocks Walking tour	23-Nov	Novotel Darling Square	Sydney	6:30 AM - 10:00 AM	09:45 AM	Breakfast Lunch	Guided tour of Sydney Opera House and The Rocks walking tour. Lunch included. Afternoon and evening at leisure, dinner own arrangements.	Lots of stairs at the Opera House Comfortable walking shoes
16	Day at leisure & Harbour Dinner Cruise	24-Nov	Novotel Darling Square	Sydney	6:30 AM - 10:00 AM	04:15 PM	Breakfast Dinner	Full day at leisure. Harbour Dinner Cruise, 3 course a la carte at 5 PM	Early departure to airport Don't forget your passport Meeting point in King St Wharf for those that don't meet at the hotel for Farewell Dinner. Ensure you have your Opal Card ready for this evenings train and if you used it on your free day you have topped it up.
17	Sydney to Christchurch	25-Nov	Christchurch Hotel	Christchurch	6:30 AM - 10:00 AM	07:05 AM	Breakfast Dinner	Flight to Christchurch to meet with your New Zealand tour leader	Don't forget your passport or valuables Must have departure ticket for America to show Immigration