

A photograph of three people smiling on a tour. On the left, a man in a red polo shirt and a brown hat. In the center, a woman in a blue patterned top. On the right, a man in a dark polo shirt. The background is a blurred landscape under a sunset sky.

GUIDED TOURS

With more than 100 years' experience, AAT Kings are highly regarded within the tourism industry, enjoying a reputation for customer service, professionalism, safety and of course, amazing holidays. In 2015 more people chose to travel with AAT Kings than any other guided holiday company in Australia and they are committed to maintaining this high standard and to creating memorable travel experiences for their guests.

FULLY GUIDED TOURING EXPERIENCES

If you're ready to set off on an unmatched adventure, an AAT Kings Guided Holiday is the best way to discover Australia in all its glory. Their experienced and fun loving Tour Directors and Driver Guides will share their detailed knowledge and local insights to make sure you experience each destination to the fullest and have an incredible time along the way.

AAT offers Guided Holidays through Tasmania, Southern Australia, Queensland, Western Australia and the Kimberley, as well as the Red Centre and the Top End in the Northern Territory. Just a small collection of the many guided tours available are featured in this brochure so please ask us for details and prices for the many more touring options available.

An escorted tour with AAT Kings provides you with the perfect way to share new and fascinating experiences and make life-long friendships.

TWO HOLIDAY STANDARDS TO CHOOSE FROM

AAT Kings offers two standards of Guided Holiday to suit your budget. Look for these symbols on our Guided Holiday itinerary pages:

FIRST CHOICE

First Choice holidays offer premium accommodation in central locations, more meals and sightseeing inclusions, plus unique 'Be My Guest' dining experiences.

Best Buys holidays offer great value, comfortable accommodation with easy access to city centres and more free time.

BEST BUYS

TRAVEL IN COMFORT

AAT Kings boasts the newest coach fleet in Australia. The fully air-conditioned coaches are equipped with modern features like reclining seats with seat belts and footrests, panoramic windows, on-board restroom, two-door access and state of the art technology including DVD player, GPS & PA systems. Most of their vehicles are also equipped with phone chargers and free WiFi to keep you in touch with the outside world.

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

When arranging your holiday well in advance, there is nothing worse than having your plans turned upside down when something is cancelled. AAT have guaranteed many of the tour departures shown in this brochure so you can have confidence in booking your flights and other travel arrangements around your chosen tour. These dates are highlighted in bold but as tours fill, many new dates become guaranteed so have your travel agent check with ANZCRO for more information.

SOLO TRAVELLERS

Some guests travelling alone do not wish to incur the additional expense of a single room supplement. On First Choice and Best Buys holidays, AAT Kings will accommodate you with a guest of the same gender (non-smoking rooms only), at no extra cost. If they fail to match you, you will be accommodated in a single room at no additional cost. Naturally, if you wish to be guaranteed your own room, then single room supplement costs are shown for each tour.

SAVE MONEY WITH OUR EARLY BIRD OFFER

Many travellers plan their holiday well in advance and if you would like to book your tour early, then we can help you save money. Book and pay any AAT King Guided Tour up until 31st January 2020 and save 10%. Valid for any travel, 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. That's a great saving and means more spending money for you to take on holiday!
(Note: discount not valid with any other offer).

COMPLIMENTARY TRANSFERS

Complimentary arrival and departure transfers are provided between designated airports and AAT Kings hotels on scheduled start and end days of Guided Holidays and with pre or post tour accommodation booked through AAT Kings.

FIRST CHOICE

13 DAY AUSTRALIAN HIGHLIGHTS

13 days Melbourne to Sydney

The Great Barrier Reef, North Queensland.
Credit: Tourism Australia



Sydney Harbour, NSW. Photo Credit: Tourism Australia



Uluru (Ayers Rock), Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, NT Credit: Tourism Australia

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- » 12 nights quality Hotel accommodation
- » Travel by luxury coach accompanied by experienced Tour Director
- » 12 breakfasts, 2 lunch, 4 dinners
- » Indulge with a unique dining experience on board Melbourne's Colonial Tramcar Restaurant
- » Discover Melbourne's colourful hidden laneways and arcades
- » Savour a unique Aussie BBQ experience at Earth Sanctuary
- » Toast an Uluru Sunset with gourmet canapés and wine
- » Experience a spectacular Red Centre sunrise
- » Discover aboriginal rock art and learn about sacred sites at Uluru
- » Explore Kata Tjuta and hike through Walpa Gorge
- » Interact with local Aboriginal artists and create your own dot painting masterpiece
- » Cruise and snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef
- » Dip your toes in the Pacific Ocean at famous Bondi Beach
- » Experience Sydney Opera House on a guided tour

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - Welcome to Melbourne (D)

Welcome to Melbourne. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. This evening join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and dinner onboard Melbourne's famous Colonial Tramcar Restaurant.

Stay: *Crowne Plaza, Melbourne, 3 nights*

Day 2 - Melbourne Sights (B)

Explore Melbourne on a city sights tour then discover its eclectic little laneways, arcades, café society and street art on a private walking tour. The rest of your day is free. You may like to take an optional experience to Phillip Island or even experience some of Melbourne's well known food and culture.



Melbourne shopping and laneways. Credit: Tourism Australia

Day 3 - Melbourne Free Time (B)

Today is free for you to explore the delights of Melbourne. You may like to take a full day optional experience to the Great Ocean Road Twelve Apostles. Or maybe treat yourself to a theatre production.

Day 4 - Melbourne - Alice Springs (B,D)

Today you fly from Melbourne to Alice Springs. On arrival visit School of the Air and hear how this school delivers education to children living in remote areas. Next stop is the Royal Flying Doctor Service. This evening you're invited by Joe, Dan, Tommy and Ben Falzon for a home-cooked gourmet BBQ dinner at Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre. Join them as they share stories of ecology, culture and astronomy and even lead you on a sing-a-long.

Stay: *Mercure Alice Springs Resort, Alice Springs*

Day 5 - Alice Springs - Uluru (B)

Travel through the West MacDonnell and James Ranges and pause to view majestic Atila (Mt. Conner) often mistaken for Uluru, before arriving at Ayers Rock Resort. This afternoon is free for you to enjoy. Later, travel to the Uluru sunset viewing area. Witness and photograph the striking colour changes of Uluru at sunset while enjoying gourmet canapés and wine.

Stay: *Desert Gardens Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights*

Day 6 - Uluru and Kata Tjuta (B)

This morning, view the magical Uluru (Ayers Rock) sunrise. Afterwards, gain insight into the traditional owners of the land, the Anangu, as you tour the caves at the base of Uluru discovering ancient rock art and hearing stories of the Aboriginal Dreamtime. Travel through the desert plains to Kata Tjuta and take a walk at Walpa Gorge. Later experience a Kata Tjuta sunset with sparkling wine and nibbles.

Day 7 - Uluru - Cairns (B)

Join an Aboriginal artist for a fun introduction to Western Desert Art. Your Anangu artist will provide you with cultural insight, explaining the meanings of their totems, before assisting you to complete your own painting to take home as a memento of your experience. In the afternoon you will fly from Ayers Rock to Cairns.

Stay: *Hilton Cairns, 3 nights*

Day 8 - Cairns Free Time (B)

Today is free for you to do as you choose! Maybe visit Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park for an insightful look at indigenous culture or journey to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures for an opportunity to encounter native Australian animals. You may choose to travel to Kuranda on the historic scenic railway or just sit back and enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant.

Day 9 - Great Barrier Reef (B,L,D)

Get ready for an experience of a lifetime - board a high speed catamaran and cruise out to the Great Barrier Reef. You can snorkel and view this natural living wonder up close (equipment provided) or stay dry and explore the stunning reef from the comfort of a semi-submersible craft, just one metre underwater. Enjoy a tropical buffet lunch before you return to Cairns. This evening enjoy a delicious meal overlooking the Cairns waterfront.

Day 10 - Cairns - Sydney (B)

Today you'll fly to Sydney. This evening is free for you to do as you wish. Your Travel Director will give you hints and tips on the best places to eat, and after dinner why not take a stroll along the beautiful waterfront.

Stay: *InterContinental Sydney, 3 nights*

Day 11 - Sydney Sights (B,L)

A day of sightseeing around this stunning harbor city awaits! Join a guided tour of iconic Sydney Opera House before discovering Sydney's famous Eastern Suburbs and putting your feet in the sand at famous Bondi Beach. Take to the water on a Captain Cook lunch cruise. Spend the rest of your day seeing the sights of your choice.

Day 12 - Sydney Free Time (B,D)

Today is free for you to do as you choose. Why not take a day trip to the spectacular Blue Mountains for fresh mountain air and stunning scenery. You'll visit the charming village of Leura, see the famous Three Sisters rock formation and visit a Wildlife Park to get up close and personal to some of Australia's cuddly native animals. Spend your last evening in Sydney together along with your Travel Director and companions in a local restaurant by the water.

Day 13 - Farewell Sydney (B)

This morning you say goodbye to Australia.



2020 - 21 Departure Dates

2020: 12 Apr, 31 May, 28 Jun, 30 Aug, 13 Sept, 27 Sept, 11 Oct, 01 Nov, 08 Nov and 13 Dec

2021: 10 Jan, 24 Jan, 07 Feb, 21 Feb, 07 Mar & 21 Mar

Per Person From IMSE*	Apr 20 – Mar 21
Twin share	\$4,780
Single room traveller	\$6,548

*Flights are not included