

# INDEPENDENT HOLIDAYS



Credit: Tourism Australia

This continent of extremes is an ideal destination for the independent traveller.

From tasting some of the world's best wines amidst lush vineyards to traversing the otherworldly landscapes of the ancient red desert, exploring vibrant cities to gliding metres above steamy tropical rainforest in a gondola cabin, following vast stretches of pristine coastline to riding a camel in the Outback, snorkelling

marine reserves teeming with dazzling sea-life to ascending dramatic mountains; the unexpected waits at every turn.

These packages are based on popular touring itineraries, crafted to ensure an unforgettable experience and fully customisable to create the holiday of your dreams. Use the tear-out map of Australia to plan your ultimate tour of Down Under, then speak with our team of experts who will bring it all to life.

## THE BENEFITS OF AN INDEPENDENT HOLIDAY PACKAGE:

- Freedom to go where you want, at your own pace.
- No set start date.
- Most essentials are included, making for stress-free travelling.



Twelve Apostles, Great Ocean Road, VIC. Credit: Tourism Australia

# 19 DAYS / 18 NIGHTS AUSTRALIAN ODYSSEY

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- » 18 Nights Accommodation
- » Airport Transfers
- » 7 Days Car Hire with Excess Buy Down
- » Coach Transfers
- » Laneways & Lunch tour
- » Melbourne Star
- » Phillip Island Day Trip
- » Return Kangaroo Island Ferry
- » Barossa Day Tour
- » The Ghan
- » Alice Springs to Uluru (Ayers Rock) Tour
- » Sounds of Silence Dinner
- » Sydney Harbour Lunch Cruise

## TOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1 - Arrive Melbourne

Begin your journey in Australia's second biggest city, Melbourne. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel and left to enjoy the afternoon/evening to relax.

*Pan Pacific Melbourne (3 nights)*

### Day 2 - Explore Melbourne

Today you have time to explore the city. Visit the Famous Queens Victoria Markets. Join Hidden Secrets for a Laneways & Lunch tour for a three hour walk through Melbourne's beautiful lanes and arcades. Finishing your afternoon off with a glass of Australian Sparkling, while taking in the striking beauty of the cityscape and surrounding areas from the Southern Hemisphere's only giant observation wheel, The Melbourne Star.

### Day 3 - Phillip Island day trip

Enjoy a day trip to the beautiful Phillip Island. It has a rugged surf coastline with many sheltered beaches and it's here that you will get to enjoy the sights and sounds that make this part of the world a unique haven for Australian wildlife. Experience Moonlit Sanctuary, Churchill Island, Cape Woolamai and the highlight of course the Penguins at dusk. Amongst all the excitement you'll get to enjoy a BBQ lunch as well.

### Day 4 - Apollo Bay

This morning pick up your car and start your journey towards the Great Ocean Road. With lots of waterfalls and walks there's plenty to stop and do. Lorne is a great little seaside town with lots of galleries and cafes for lunch. Then on to your stop for the night Apollo Bay, a perfect spot to sample the local seafood.

*Captains at the Bay (1 night)*

### Day 5 - Port Fairy

Depart early and make your way to the 12 Apostles before the crowds arrive. Take your time to enjoy the views from the ground or you can

opt for a stunning helicopter ride. Afterwards we'd suggest visiting Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve, an interesting volcanic crater that is full of aboriginal history, local wildlife & plants. Tonight you'll spend in the quaint fishing town of Port Fairy.

*Oscars Waterfront Boutique (1 night)*

### Day 6 - Robe

Between Port Fairy and Robe you can enjoy areas like Cape Bridgewater and Mt Gambier, famous for its Blue Lake and volcanic craters.

*Robe House (1 night)*

### Day 7 - Victor Harbour

Cruise down the coast, taking time to stop and see The Coorong wetlands as well as Langhorne Creek, well known for its wine before finding yourselves at Victor Harbor where you can try the world's only Horse Drawn Tram to Granite Island.

*McCracken Country Club (1 night)*

### Day 8 - Kangaroo Island

This morning board the Sealink ferry with your car at Cape Jervis and head across to Kangaroo Island, with its 509km of Coastline, native bushland & wildlife you'll have lots to explore. Pristine beaches, local wines & sunsets are on your doorstep.

*Aurora Ozone (2 nights)*

### Day 9 - Kangaroo Island Tour

Today you'll be picked up from your accommodation and taken on a small group 4WD tour of the highlights that Kangaroo Island has to offer.

### Day 10 - Adelaide

Start the morning early and make your way to Penneshaw where you will catch the ferry back across to Cape Jervis and then drive on to Adelaide. We'd recommend stopping in McLaren Vale for lunch and a wine tasting! Drop your car back to the depot in the city this afternoon.

*Mayfair Hotel Adelaide (3 nights)*



Kangaroo Island, SA. Credit: Tourism Australia



Barossa Valley, SA. Credit: Nick Rains - Tourism Australia



The Ghan train, Alice Springs



Kings Canyon, NT Credit: Tourism Australia/Tourism NT

**Day 11 - Explore Adelaide**

Day of leisure to explore this quirky city. Soak up Adelaide's colonial elegance in the spacious green parklands, bustling Adelaide Central Markets and the museums and libraries of North Terrace.

**Day 12 - Barossa Day Tour**

Spend the day 'Tasting the Barossa'. On today's tour you'll find yourself tasting some of the world's best wines at 4 different wineries and sampling the amazing produce of the region, such as the famous Peter Lehmann's Weighbridge Platter Lunch.

**Day 13 - The Ghan Train**

Begin your epic overnight journey from the deep green pastures of the South into rich red outback splendour on the world famous Ghan. You'll travel in style on the Gold Service, where you can enjoy private cabin accommodation together with all-inclusive dining and a range of fascinating Off Train Excursions at key stops.

*The Ghan (1 Night)*

**Day 14 - Alice Springs**

Arrive into Alice Springs and transfer to your hotel for a good night's sleep.

*Doubletree by Hilton (1 night)*

**Day 15 - Alice Springs, Uluru (Ayers Rock)**

Travel south from Alice Springs through the MacDonnell and James Ranges. Your guide will talk about your surrounds. Visit a camel farm where there is time to take a short camel ride (own expense). Later you will have the opportunity to purchase morning tea at Mount Ebenezer. Marvel at majestic Attila (Mt. Conner) before arriving at Ayers Rock Resort. In the evening you'll get to experience a night under the stars at Sounds of Silence with canapes, a glass of sparkling and bush tucker inspired buffet.

*Voyages: Desert Gardens Hotel (1 night)*

**Day 16 - Sydney**

Farewell the Red Centre and fly back to the East coast for your last few days.

*Parkroyal Darling Harbour (3 nights)*

**Day 17 - Explore Sydney**

Enjoy a beautiful afternoon cruising Sydney Harbour with a gourmet 3 course BBQ lunch, regional wines, local beers and 5-star service. Immerse yourself in all the activities that a private vessel offers including, swimming, fishing and kayaking – or sit back, relax on the expansive sunbed and do nothing at all.

**Day 18 - Explore Sydney & surrounds**

Today you have free to choose what suits you. We'd recommend a tour of the Opera House or take a day trip to the Blue Mountains. The options are endless.

**Day 19 - Depart Sydney**

Say goodbye to Sydney and Australia with many great memories.



Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour, Sydney, NSW Credit: Tourism Australia



Per Person from	Apr 20 – Mar 21
Twin share	\$7,244

\*Flights are not included