

INDEPENDENT HOLIDAYS



Credit: Tourism Australia

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

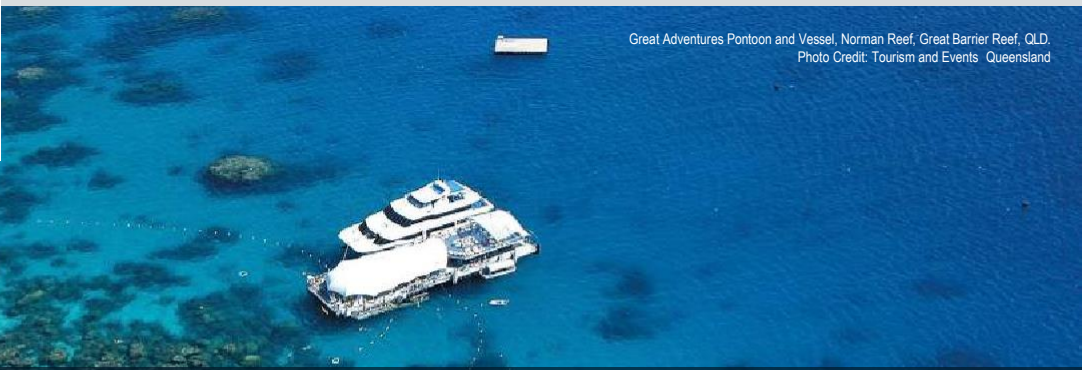
From tasting some of the world's best wines amidst lush vineyards to traversing the otherworldly landscapes of the ancient red desert, exploring vibrant cities to gliding metres above steamy tropical rainforest in a gondola cabin, following vast stretches of pristine coastline to riding a camel in the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



Great Adventures Pontoon and Vessel, Norman Reef, Great Barrier Reef, QLD.
Photo Credit: Tourism and Events Queensland

13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS DUAL CITY & TROPICAL EXPLORER

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- » 12 Nights Accommodation
- » Airport Transfers
- » Hidden Secrets Walking Tour
- » Phillip Island Day Tour
- » Hunter Valley Wine Tour
- » Sydney Opera House Tour
- » Days Car Hire with Excess Buy Down
- » Sailaway IV Reef Cruise
- » Kuranda, Rail, Skyrail

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - Welcome to Melbourne

On arrival into Melbourne you will be transferred to your central city accommodation and have the rest of the day at leisure to explore.

Stamford Plaza Melbourne (4 nights)

Day 2 - Explore Melbourne

Melbourne is a truly international city which it prides itself on its arts, culture, architecture, cafes and bars. Within the city laneways this vibrancy is at play and today, your walking tour will give you an appreciation of what daily life is like for Melbournians. You will also get a number of restaurant, bar and shop recommendations for the rest of your stay.

Day 3 - Phillip Island

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.



Coopers Creek, Daintree Rainforest, QLD. Photo Credit: Tourism Port Douglas and Daintree

Day 4 - Day at Leisure

Today you have free to do what takes your fancy. You could catch the tram to St Kilda for lunch by the sea or indulge in some of the world's best shopping with many arcades and malls on offer.

Day 5 - Farewell Melbourne

Say goodbye to Melbourne and fly North to Sydney.

Parkroyal Darling Harbour (4 nights)

Day 6 - Hunter Valley

Escape to the oldest wine growing region in Australia. Just 2 hours north of Sydney, the rich soil in the Hunter Valley produce some of the world's best wines. Amble your way through serene vineyards and learn about fabulous Australian wines at an intimate cellar door experience.

Day 7 - Sydney at Leisure

Use today to explore at your own pace. Take the train to Bondi to soak up some sun and enjoy Aussie fish 'n' chips or take the Hop on Hop off ferry for a cruise around the harbour.

Day 8 - Sydney Opera House

Today you will visit one of the world's great architectural and cultural treasures. The Sydney Opera House is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and within this most recognisable of Australian landmarks, you will see inside its grand performance halls, theatres and recording studios.

Day 9 - Sydney to North Queensland

Today fly to Cairns, pick up your car hire and make your way to Palm Cove, a tropical paradise in Far North Queensland. Palm trees line its stunning beaches and you can enjoy boutique shopping and great dining in this cosmopolitan village by the sea.

Hotel Grand Chancellor Palm Cove (4 nights)

Day 10 - Reef Day

Sailaway will take you out for a day to remember with a reef and island cruise to Low Isles. Explore this protected WW, with white sandy beaches and coconut palms, surrounded by magnificent coral gardens and the Coral Sea. Relax on the island, join the guided snorkel tour, take a trip on the glass bottom boat or laze on deck before an exhilarating sail back to Port.

Day 11 - Explore Palm Cove

Enjoy a day of activities in your tropical retreat. Explore reef, rainforest, wildlife, adventure or indigenous culture. There's endless opportunities just ask your hotel reception and with your car you have the freedom to go anywhere.

Day 12 - Kuranda Day trip

Australia's extraordinary landscape is on display as you travel by rail above Australia's World Heritage listed Tropical Rainforest canopy and deep into the forest. The famous Kuranda Scenic Railway was built over 120 years ago and winds its way through the tropical mountain ranges between Cairns and Kuranda.

Day 13 - Depart Cairns

Transfer to Cairns airport for your next destination or the journey home.



Bondi Beach, Sydney
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Per Person from	Apr 20 - Mar 21
Twin share	\$3,017

*Flights are not included