

Swain Destinations: Luxury in Australia

Day 1 Fly USA to Melbourne

Today you will begin your Swain Destinations customized itinerary. Please note, international air has not been included in this package price.

Day 2 Cross the International Date Line

Cross the International Date Line, an imaginary line on the surface of the Earth that runs from the North to the South Pole - and defines one calendar day from the next. Crossing the International Date Line adds one day (24 hours) traveling west, and subtracts one day (24 hours) traveling east.

Day 3 Welcome to Melbourne, Australia

Today you will arrive in Melbourne, Australia. Your driver will meet you after you have collected your luggage and cleared Customs & Immigration. You will be transferred by private vehicle from Melbourne Airport to the city.

At first glance, Melbourne may resemble any other modern city with its skyline full of concrete and glass. However, if you look a little closer, you'll find the real Melbourne, a city of unique charm. There are the clanging trams (street cars), swanky boutiques, friendly taxi drivers, Australian Rules Football, fickle weather and 'BYO's', by the hundred (restaurants to which you bring your own liquor or wine).

Add to this, Melbourne's traditional virtues of tree lined boulevards, glorious parks, elegant buildings and imposing Victorian Banks and Churches, and of course the giant Melbourne Cricket Ground and you'll have some idea of the city.

Melbourne has become a polyglot society with a huge diversity of cultures, Italian, Greek, East European, Middle Eastern and Asian. This diversity is reflected in the food styles, the lifestyle, and even the language spoken in the street.

Crown Towers

Day 4 Lanes & Arcades Private Tour

Have you ever been to a city and wondered what all the fuss was about? Or wasted time trying to find that cool local cafe you were told of, then ended up missing everything? Melbourne's arcades and laneways hide many of these answers. Join this indulgent morning walk through Melbourne's beautiful back streets, and become orientated in the life of the city that locals love. Discover local designers and specialty retailers that often are only found in the city. Some of the quirkiest cafes, independent designers, street art, architecture, and historical tales are found in these walkways, there is something for everyone, locals and visitors alike.

Crown Towers

Meals: B, L

Day 5 Foodies Journey Through the Mornington Peninsula

Embrace the day with a stunning scenic coastal drive south of Melbourne and prepare to be constantly inspired and delighted by this diverse, boot-shaped region. Marvel at the panoramic views of the city, bay and peninsula from Arthurs Seat lookout before embarking on the next part of

your journey.

Meet our highly regarded local chef for a private, culinary expedition through the Peninsula. Your journey changes seasonally (and almost daily) but you may do some of the following: meet cheese makers at a private goat dairy to discuss processes and techniques, press olives and learn about olive oil production, pick berries, visit Harry's mussel farm and collect fresh seafood, experience a working bakery, discover the joys of juicy hydroponic tomatoes, select premium quality quinces, learn about chocolate making or get involved in a spice blending class.

It's now back to the kitchen with your produce for an afternoon of fun with an intimate, hands on cooking class. Learn more about using local, seasonal ingredients and then feast on your hard work made entirely from produce from the Peninsula.

Crown Towers

Meals: B, L

Day 6 Melbourne to Kangaroo Island

Today your driver will meet you at your hotel and you will be transferred by private vehicle from the city to Melbourne Airport for your onward flight and transfer to Kangaroo Island.

As Australia's third largest island, Kangaroo Island is just 100 miles long by 35 miles wide. The Island boasts outstanding natural beauty and its relative isolation since European settlement has ensured an abundance of wildlife in a stunning and protected natural environment. With 21 national and conservation parks covering more than 30 per cent of the Island's total area, Kangaroo Island has established itself as a premiere destination for nature lovers of all types.

Southern Ocean Lodge provides a level of style and sophistication on Kangaroo Island. Set in natural bush land overlooking a spectacular section of coastline, the organic luxury of the contemporary Lodge will ensure guests have every opportunity to relax and explore the Island's wonders with a dash of indulgence.

Located at Hanson Bay on the Island's south west coast, the Lodge site adjoins both Flinders Chase and Cape Bouguer/Kelly Hill National Parks. Set back from a cliff above the pounding surf the sensitive design showcases a full frontal panorama and is within easy reach of all of Kangaroo Island's major attractions. Its location, stunning views, contemporary environmental design, locally sourced food and beverages, personalized interpretative activities and modern wellness spa will ensure its status as a South Australian icon.

Southern Ocean Lodge

Meals: B, D

Day 7 Activities at Southern Ocean Lodge

Southern Ocean Lodge offers guests a complete Kangaroo Island experience. With selected guided island experiences, all guests enjoy a personalized experiential touring itinerary of the Island's unique natural attractions.

A range of signature activities are offered daily allowing guests to encounter rich and varied wildlife, indulge in world-class food and wine and discover the Island's unique natural attractions, often with exclusive access and always with a touch of luxe. Rates include Signature Lodge Experiences. A menu of Bespoke Experiences provides further opportunity for exploration and excellent private charters are also available at additional cost.

Southern Ocean Lodge

Meals: B, L, D

Day 8 Activities at Southern Ocean Lodge

There are many activities on offer at the Southern Ocean Lodge for you to enjoy. Some of those include the following:

Wonders of Kangaroo Island is a half day experience, and a spectacular introduction to the Island's wildlife, maritime heritage and stunning coastal landscapes. The Coastal Clifftop Walk is a scenic walk starting on the Lodge's doorstep atop the limestone cliffs of Hanson Bay. Kangaroos & Kanapés. Soak up the history of the early island settlers at Grassdale, an historic island property reached by a short drive from the Lodge and where local wildlife including kangaroos and wallabies congregate to graze.

Southern Ocean Lodge

Meals: B, L, D

Day 9 Kangaroo Island to Barossa Valley

Transfer from Southern Ocean Lodge to Kingscote Airport for your transfer to the Barossa Valley. The Louise is a luxury vineyard retreat on a gentle hill, surrounded by acres of vines overlooking the world renowned Barossa Valley.

With just fifteen suites, each with private terraces, soft contemporary furnishings and spacious en suites, the romance of an idyllic vineyard hideaway is complete. Acclaimed on-site restaurant Appellation, offers seasonal cuisine nightly for casually elegant dining. One hour from Adelaide, The Louise is one of Australia's premier vineyard retreats.

Hentley Farm Experience

This excursion is a hosted experience in which you and your companions will discover the life journey of a luxury wine: from terroir to vine to barrel to glass. Start by taking a walk through their on-premise vineyard, discussing growing techniques with a knowledgeable guide, then taste your way through barrel samples in the winery before wandering over to Hentley Farm's gloriously restored barn. There, you will be treated to a memorable four-course lunch prepared by chef Lachlan Colwill (former chef of highly regarded Adelaide restaurant, The Manse), complemented with a selection of Hentley Farm's luxury wine range.

The Louise

Meals: B, L

Day 10 Barossa Valley to Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Today you will be transferred from the Louise to Adelaide Airport for you flight and transfer to Longitude 131 Resort.

Longitude 131 is the first of its kind in Australia, and takes camping to a new level, combining an Outback experience with five-star luxury. The unique campground features elevated safari-style luxury tents with stone floors, beautiful linens and premium fixtures in the bathrooms. Modeled after South African safari camps, Longitude 131 offers a true safari experience in our 'Red Centre' - an unprecedented way to explore the rugged Outback, but still enjoy the comforts of a five-star hotel.

Longitude 131

Meals: B, D

Day 11 Longitude 131 Touring Options

The touring program at Longitude 131 has been developed with the aim of sharing an authentic experience that will allow each guest a chance to immerse themselves in the mystery and spirituality of this remarkable desert region. Explore the living and cultural landscapes of your doorstep - Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuta (the Olgas). Please Note, tours are scheduled on a rotational basis for a specific time and date, and some are weather dependent. Therefore for short stays at Longitude 131, some tours and excursions may not be offered or available during your stay. Some of the touring options include a tour of Kata Tjuta & Walpa Gorge, the Cultural Centre and Kantju Gorge, Table 131, dining under the stars, Uluru Sunrise Walk, Mulgara Gallery & Township Tour. Participate in any of these activities, or enjoy your day relaxing at the stunning resort.

Longitude 131

Meals: B, L, D

Day 12 Uluru to Daintree Rainforest

A complimentary 4WD transfer will take you from Voyages Longitude 131, to Ayers Rock Airport for your departure flight to Cairns Airport and onward transfer to Silky Oaks Lodge.

Experience the soothing sights and sounds of the rainforest at Silky Oaks Lodge, nestled on the edge of the World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park. The Lodge blends casual and contemporary design, amongst the most tranquil surrounds. There are 50 Treehouses and Riverhouses each featuring wide verandas and spa baths.

Enjoy fine food and wine at the Treehouse Restaurant - one of Northern Queensland's premier dining experiences. This unique open-sided restaurant features unobstructed rainforest and river views set above the trees. The menu showcases the freshest local produce and Australian wines. A tropical breakfast is included each day.

Silky Oaks Lodge

Meals: B

Day 13 Silky Oaks Lodge Safari

The journey to the Daintree and Cape Tribulation features incredible coastal and rainforest scenery. Australian Wilderness Experience's full day tour visits a variety of different environments throughout the day including estuary, mangroves, rainforest and beach.

The first stop is Mill Walk in Cape Tribulation National Park, a private track accessed exclusively by Australian Wilderness Experience. Away from the crowds, marvel at the ancient rainforest surrounds and learn about the ecology and fauna from your expert naturalist guide. After a short drive, you will arrive at Myall Beach where a relaxing stroll offers spectacular views of the Cape Tribulation and the Great Dividing Range.

You then travel to our private bush camp for a traditional Australian BBQ lunch followed by a revitalizing swim in a freshwater swimming hole. In the afternoon enjoy a crocodile and wildlife spotting tour on the picturesque Daintree River and return to Silky Oaks Lodge for afternoon tea in the open sided Treehouse Restaurant.

Silky Oaks Lodge

Meals: B, L

Day 14 Daintree Rainforest to Great Barrier Reef

Today you leave Silky Oaks Lodge and head south to Cairns. From there you will be transferred to Lizard Island on the Great Barrier Reef.

Lizard Island, Australia's most northern island resort, is renowned for both diving, especially the 'Cod Hole' where you can see huge Moray Eels and the famous Potato Cod, and game fishing for Black Marlin. Located on the Inner Great Barrier Reef (170 miles north of Cairns), Lizard Island offers a private paradise in an exclusive environment.

The lodge appeals to discerning guests wanting to combine a nature experience with daytime water-based activities. Guests may choose as much privacy as they want; the activity generally centers around the main lodge building, with an intimate tropical atmosphere. You may choose from dining indoors or al fresco on the veranda overlooking the majestic waters of Anchor Bay. For a romantic interlude, dine on the beach by the soft light of the moon, enhanced by the delicate flicker of flares.

Lizard Island
Meals: B, D

Day 15 At leisure, Lizard Island

Renowned for its powdery white sand beaches and spectacular diving opportunities, Lizard Island takes pride in being one of only a few to be nestled right on the Great Barrier Reef. While the fish may not respect your privacy, rest assured the staff on the island will. Lizard Island seamlessly blends indoors and out in an elegant open plan design - the essence of stylish Australian beachside living.

Lizard offers some of the best diving in the world, and with its enviable location right on the reef, you can be sure spectacular diving opportunities abound around this marine national park. Snorkelers are rewarded with coral gardens, brightly colored tropical fish and giant clams just moments from the island's beaches. Discover secluded, pristine beaches by foot or by motorized dinghy with a gourmet picnic just for two. Try a gentle bush walk, sailing, fishing or a glass bottom boat trip, or perhaps indulge in the serenity of a treatment at the luxurious Azure Spa. Lizard is island luxury at its finest.

Lizard Island
Meals: B, L, D

Day 16 At leisure, Lizard Island

This day is at your leisure. Explore the surrounding area on your own or indulge in some of the resorts varied activities.

Lizard Island
Meals: B, L, D

Day 17 Lizard Island to Sydney

Today you will fly from Cairns to Sydney. Upon arrival into Sydney Airport, your driver will meet you in the baggage claim area, holding a Swain Destinations sign with your name on it. You will transfer by private vehicle from the airport to the city.

It is no surprise that when the British first arrived in Sydney they named the area Botany Bay. Even

today, with a population of over 4 million people and a reputation for fun rather than flora, one is still surrounded by bush land in this bustling city. Native Waratah wind their way through the historic Rocks area, palm trees frame long stretches of pristine beach, and Eucalyptus embrace the endless and beckoning bays of Sydney Harbour.

It is Sydney's manmade wonders, however, that draw most visitors. The Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge are the most photographed icons on the continent. Choose a Seaplane Safari experience and enjoy a bird's eye view of the Opera House's signature sails.

Park Hyatt Sydney

Meals: B

Day 18 Sydney in Style

Sydney truly is one of the most beautiful cities in the world with its spectacular harbor setting, fascinating convict history, bustling downtown area and an exciting blend of architecture, ranging from convict built early colonial style reflecting our heritage, through to the world famous Sydney Opera House. On this tour, travel through the business district and shopping areas, see Darling Harbour and the vibrant China Town and drive along Oxford Street with its trendy terrace houses and boutique fashion shops. See Centennial Park, a 220 hectare urban parkland in Eastern Sydney. Reaching the coastline, see Bronte, Tamarama then on to explore the famous Bondi Beach. Spend 30 minutes walking the promenade or enjoying a coffee overlooking the beach.

Visit Watsons Bay before following the harbor foreshore towards Sydney City, passing some of Australia's most exclusive waterfront suburbs where harbor mansions may be seen. Drive through Vaucluse, Double Bay before reaching the colorful Kings Cross. Head through Woolloomooloo and see the famous Harry's Cafe De Wheels. Visit Sydney's Botanical Gardens, and enjoy some spectacular Harbour Bridge and Opera House views. Return to Sydney's CBD via Saint Mary's Cathedral, historic convict buildings, State Parliament House and the historical quarter of the 'Rocks'. Finish the tour at Sydney's Observatory Hill for amazing views over Sydney Harbour to the Blue Mountains.

Park Hyatt Sydney

Meals: B, L

Day 19 Sydney Touring

Morning Harbour Highlights Cruise

Sydney's harbor is home to a multitude of sensational attractions and experiences. With thousands of people visiting harbor attractions each week, you can skip the crowds & see it all from a well-appointed 54 foot cruiser. Take in the sights and delights on a private cruise along the waterways of Sydney Harbour.

Bridge Climb

The Bridge Climb is a 3.5 hour guided journey to the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. It takes you along the outer arch of the Bridge on catwalks and ladders all the way to the summit, 400 feet above Sydney Harbour. In Climb groups of up to 14 people, you'll be led by one of Bridge Climb's professional Climb Leaders on an adventure of the world's most recognizable bridge. The steady incline to the summit leaves you free to focus your attention on your Sydney experience, with opportunities to witness 360 degree views of Sydney, including east to the Sydney Opera House, west to the Blue Mountains and the city surrounds. When you reach the top you will have a sense of achievement that you will remember forever - you've conquered an Australian icon recognized the world over!

Park Hyatt Sydney

Meals: B

Day 20 Sydney to Wolgan Valley

Today you will be transferred by private luxury vehicle to Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley.

Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley is spectacularly located at the southern end of the valley, at the foot of Mount Wolgan and Donkey Mountain. Set in Australia's Great Dividing Range with unbeatable views of the mystical Blue Mountains, Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley promises guests a once-in-a-lifetime journey into the wilderness.

Emirates One&only Wolgan Valley

Meals: B, D

Day 21 Activities at Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley

The resort's engaging Field Guides are able to offer inspiring suggestions in which to see Wolgan Valley and the surrounding Blue Mountains region. Choose from hiking nature trails, exploring the countryside on horseback, touring by four-wheel drive, mountain biking through forests, or star gazing in the dead of night. These are just some of the many adventures awaiting those with a love for Australia's great outdoors. Activities include horse riding, nature walks, mountain biking, wilder safaris and historical tours.

Emirates One&only Wolgan Valley

Meals: B, L, D

Day 22 Wolgan Valley to USA

Today you will be transferred back to Sydney Airport for your departure flight to the USA.

Meals: B