

Australian Safari With The Ningaloo Reef

Day 1 ARRIVE BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA. Welcome to Brisbane! Hotel check-in available upon arrival. A pre-night is not required for early check-in. Schedule flights to arrive by 4 pm in time for a welcome meeting and dinner. (D)

Day 2 BRISBANE. EXCURSION TO THE AUSTRALIA ZOO. BRISBANE Orientation tour. Excursion to the Australia Zoo includes a [LF] behind-the-scenes tour of the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital. Have your photo taken with a koala. Free time this evening. (B)

Day 3 BRISBANE. BRISBANE Free day. (B)

Day 4 BRISBANE–CAIRNS. Fly to Cairns, “Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.” CAIRNS Orientation tour. Visit to the Cairns Aquarium includes a 3-course dinner. (B,D)

Day 5 CAIRNS. EXCURSION TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF. OUTER GREAT BARRIER REEF Scenic catamaran cruise to the Outer Great Barrier Reef (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) includes the option of snorkeling, a glass-bottom-boat tour, an underwater observatory, and watching a fish feeding. CAIRNS Free time this evening. (B,L)

Day 6 CAIRNS. CAIRNS Free day. (B)

Day 7 CAIRNS–ULURU (AYERS ROCK). Fly to Australia’s red center. ULURU Visit with sunset drink at Uluru (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). (B)

Day 8 ULURU–ALICE SPRINGS. Scenic drive through the Outback to Alice Springs. ALICE SPRINGS Private guided tour of [LF] the Kangaroo Sanctuary. (B,D) ENHANCE YOUR FREE TIME in Uluru with a sunrise camel ride across the rich red sand dunes to view “The Rock.” This and many more options throughout your tour are available with MyGlobus. Get local maps and tips for free time on your GlobusGO mobile app.

Day 9 ALICE SPRINGS–ADELAIDE. ALICE SPRINGS Guided sightseeing includes the School of the Air and the Old Telegraph Station. Fly to Adelaide. ADELAIDE Orientation tour. Free time the remainder of the day. (B)

Day 10 ADELAIDE. EXCURSION TO KANGAROO ISLAND. Travel by motorcoach and ferry to Kangaroo Island. KANGAROO ISLAND [LF] Sightseeing includes Seal Bay Conservation Park with a Park Ranger plus visits to Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park to see native koalas, wallabies, and wombats. Visit Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery before returning to Adelaide this evening. (B,L)

Day 11 ADELAIDE–MELBOURNE. Fly to Melbourne. MELBOURNE Guided sightseeing includes Federation Square, Parliament House, the Shrine of Remembrance, Queen Victoria Market, and beautiful Fitzroy Gardens. Free time the remainder of the day. (B)

Day 12 MELBOURNE. EXCURSION TO PHILLIP ISLAND. MELBOURNE Free time this morning before traveling to Phillip Island. PHILLIP ISLAND Visit the Koala Conservation Center. Observe the famous [LF] Penguin Parade. Note—Cameras are not permitted during the penguin parade. (B,D)

Day 13 MELBOURNE. MELBOURNE Free day. (B)

Day 14 MELBOURNE–LAUNCESTON–CRADLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. Fly to Launceston.LAUNCESTON Stop at an ice creamery for a local treat before driving to Cradle Mountain National Park in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage area (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). CRADLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK Wildlife presentation by a Local Specialist this evening. (B,D)

Day 15 CRADLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. CRADLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK Guided sightseeing includes visit to Ronny Creek Boardwalk and Dove Lake with an optional trail walk. Free time in the park this afternoon. This evening, a behind-the-scenes visit to [LF] the Devils@Cradle sanctuary to learn about the famous Tasmanian Devil. (B,D)

Day 16 CRADLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK–HOBART. CRADLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK Scenic drive en route to Hobart. HOBART Orientation tour. Free time this evening. (B)

Day 17 HOBART. EXCURSION TO THE TASMAN PENINSULA. TASMAN PENINSULA [LF] Scenic cruise includes waterfalls, rock formations, deep-sea caves, and the chance to spot whales, dolphins, and seals. Walking tour with a Local Guide at Port Arthur Historic Site (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) to learn about Australia’s convict past. HOBART Free time this evening. (B,L)

Day 18 HOBART–SYDNEY. Fly to Sydney.SYDNEY Guided sightseeing includes the financial district, Mrs Macquarie’s Chair, the Botanic Gardens, and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Walking tour with a Local Guide at the Sydney Opera House (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). Free time this evening. (B)

Day 19 SYDNEY. SYDNEY Free day. (B)ENHANCE YOUR FREE TIME in Sydney with a guided tour, surfing lesson, and lunch at famous Bondi Beach. This and many more options throughout your tour are available with MyGlobus. Get local maps and tips for free time on your GlobusGO mobile app.

Day 20 SYDNEY. SYDNEY Free day before a farewell dinner at a local restaurant this evening. (B,D)

Day 21 SYDNEY–PERTH–NINGALOO REEF (EXMOUTH). Fly to Learmonth Airport via Perth. Transfer to your hotel located at the Ningaloo Reef (Exmouth)EXMOUTH Free time the remainder of the day. (B)

Day 22 THE NINGALOO REEF (EXMOUTH). WHALE SHARK OR HUMPBACK WHALE EXCURSION. Today enjoy a once-in-a-life time opportunity to glide alongside whale sharks (April-June) or Humpback whales (July-September). Swimming with one of these beautiful creatures is one of life’s most breathtaking experiences. Also be on the lookout for other playful creations like manta rays, turtles, dolphins, dugongs, and tropical fish. Whale watchers are welcome onboard as well (those not wanting to snorkel). Return to Exmouth where the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B,L) **NOTE:***Both whale sharks and Humpback whales are wild creatures. Everything will be done to maximize the likelihood you will swim with a whale, but we cannot guarantee it. Since the whales will continually move, swimming is required to do the interaction. You will need to be a confident swimmer and be able to snorkel and swim freestyle. The whales are found in the open ocean so you may be swimming in currents and swells. If you do not wish to get in the water, you may remain on the boat and watch these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat.*

Day 23 THE NINGALOO REEF (EXMOUTH). Enjoy a full day at leisure. Take a stroll on the beach or relax at your resort. You may wish to canoe, kayak, or snorkel more of the beautiful Ningaloo Reef on your own. You can also opt to take a guided gorge walk or cast a fishing rod in the nearby waters. Make sure to visit the town's shops for a favorite souvenir and get your photo next to the town's giant prawn statue. A must do! (B)

Day 24 NINGALOO REEF (EXMOUTH)–PERTH. Transfer to Learmonth Airport and fly to Perth. Transfer to your hotel in PerthPERTH Remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 25 PERTH. Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)