

TOUR START MARCH 18, 2023



An Australian Adventure from vibrant Sydney to the Tropical North and World-Famous Outback



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Beautiful Hotel Locations



Stunning Scenery & Wildlife

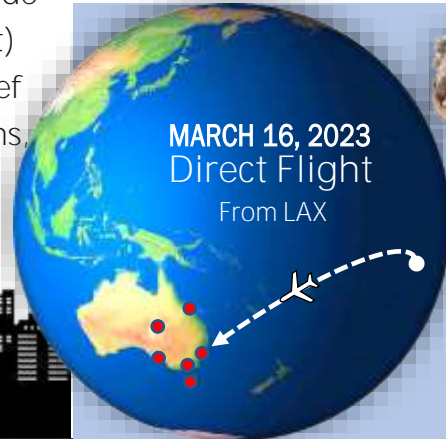


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- 🌀 Beautiful Hotel Stays in 4 Different Regions of Australia
- 🌀 Touring both Northern & Southern Australia
- 🌀 Sydney, Cairns, Barrier Reef, Ayers Rock (Uluru), Adelaide
- 🌀 Add-on Cruise features Melbourne & Tasmania (Hobart)
- 🌀 Two wonderful Yacht Experiences including Barrier Reef
- 🌀 Scenic Restaurants, Beach Walk, Nature Reserves, Trams, Walking Tours & Cultural Experiences.
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**Choose 10-Days Land Only or
10 Days + 7nt Cruise including Tasmania**

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Australia Tour Overview



PART ONE

March 18

After an amazing 16 Days in New Zealand the fun continues today with a short flight from New Zealand to the famous capital city of Australia, Sydney. After arriving at the beautiful ParkRoyal Darling Harbour Hotel, we enjoy a dinner overlooking Cockle Bay for seafood and amazing views. A toast to the start of an Australian journey!

March 19

Sydney Harbour is one of the most iconic and photographed in the world and today we get to experience it aboard 52 feet of private yacht. Learn about the history of the harbor as you take in the sites of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Opera House and the bays and coves of Sydney Harbour.



After seeing the harbor by sea, step ashore to tour the world-renowned Sydney Opera House. Afterwards, continue to the infamous Rocks with a specialized local guide to learn the gossip, shouts, and stories of Australia's first European settlement, hearing about the legends, gangs, and hauntings of this distinctive neighborhood. And enjoy some libations in a few pubs along the way!

March 20

We have a full day in the Blue Mountains today including a stop at Calmsley Hill, a working farm home to Kangaroos, Emus, Wombats and Koalas. Enjoy a morning tea and time to wander at leisure. You'll visit some of the stunning outlooks of the Jamison Valley seeing beautiful vistas before arriving at Eaglehawk Lookout, a remote lookout point away from the crowds with views of the famous Three Sisters. *(Cont.)*



Stop for lunch in Blackheath near the top of the Blue Mountains between Katoomba and Mount Victoria and then experience the view of Govetts Leap and its magnificent waterfall. We'll end with a visit to Mt. Tomah Botanic Gardens, where you will enjoy sweeping views across to Sydney before traveling down the Bells Line of Road to Sydney. It is a full day of exploring one of Sydney's most famous scenic areas.

March 21

Today, we jump three hours north with a short flight from Sydney to **Cairns** in beautiful northern Queensland. Lying at the center of this tropical paradise is the World Heritage listed **Great Barrier Reef**. To the north of the city lies another World Heritage listed treasure, the ancient tropical rainforests of the Daintree National Park. Just a few minutes north of the city on the rugged coast near Port Douglas is the stunning Thala Beach Resort set on 145 lush acres. We spend 3 nights in this impressive location as we explore the surrounding area and visit the Great Barrier Reef.

March 22

Today's agenda? Sit back & relax on a **beautiful yacht** and set sail to the Coral Cays of Mackay or Undine Reefs. We'll enjoy an authentic sailing experience and snorkel the pristine untouched Great Barrier Reef off the Daintree Coast at Cape Tribulation. Once at the protected sites, nature activities will include snorkeling over the coral reef with a qualified marine biologist offering reef interpretation on a guided tour. A glass bottom boat will be available for those not wishing to snorkel the reef. *(Cont.)*



Turtles, giant clam gardens, beautiful corals and a wide variety of fish are there to be witnessed. Exploring the white sands of the coral cays will relax the mind and you will understand the wonder of this World Heritage reef system. We'll enjoy a tropical lunch aboard this intimate sailing yacht supplied by local plantations in the Port Douglas area.

March 23

We explore two more of Cairns attractions starting with the Daintree Forest. Embark on a fascinating journey of discovery with **Skyrail Rainforest Cableway** over and deep into Australia's Wet Tropics World Heritage Area that has survived against all odds to become the home of the world's oldest continually surviving tropical rainforest. Glide just feet above the pristine jungle canopy between Smithfield (Cairns) and Kuranda, enroute descend to discover the rainforest close up at Red Peak and Barron Falls. Next, we'll explore the century-old Kuranda Village, a chance to shop and enjoy the colorful surroundings.



After Kuranda, we continue to the Rainforestation Nature Park for the award-winning **Pamagirri Aboriginal Experience**. It will give an authentic insight into Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture. Created in collaboration with tribe elders, this unique smorgasbord of culture provides an educational look into all aspects of Indigenous Culture. We'll watch a traditional dance performance that depicts aspects of indigenous culture including animals, food gathering and hunting with the rainforest serving as the theatre walls whilst sounds of wildlife provide accompaniment to the haunting sounds of the didgeridoo and clapsticks. Be sure to follow the series of elevated boardwalks to get close-up uninterrupted views of Koalas, Wombats, Saltwater and Freshwater Crocodiles. After a full and exciting day, we return to the gorgeous setting at Thala Beach Resort.

March 24

Today, we journey to the next region of Australia and another jaw-dropping World Heritage site, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. **Uluru**, the true Aboriginal name for what many people know as **Ayers Rock**, rises from the broad desert plain in the deep center of Australia and dates back 500 million years. After a quick flight to the Northern Territory, you be in the very red center of the Australian Outback. (Cont.)

After arriving at our hotel near **Uluru**, you will have some time to relax. Tonight is a very special evening, it's the beautiful **Sounds of Silence Dinner**. Our journey begins on a lone sand dune. A path takes you to an uninterrupted, three-hundred-and-sixty-degree view of this vast landscape. In front of you is the fabled Uluru; behind you are the domes of Kata Tjuta and possibly the most spectacular sunset you have ever seen. Here you'll enjoy sparkling wine and a selection of delectable canapés. As the sun sets, feast on a gourmet bush tucker-inspired buffet deep in the desert landscape. After dinner, with the night sky, overhead enjoy some of the world's best stargazing, as the local star-talker takes you on a tour of the spectacular southern night sky.



March 25

Nothing can give a sense of the size of Uluru like standing beneath this towering 1,144-foot wall of rock at sunrise. As you tour the Rock's base you will fully appreciate not only its size but also the way it appears to continually change. We'll walk in the early morning on a guided experience of the Mutitjulu waterhole, view Aboriginal rock paintings and learn about flora, fauna and Aboriginal history of the area. Visit the cultural center where there is time to read the Tjukurpa (Aboriginal law) or maybe purchase some locally made Aboriginal art. Fun!

We return to the hotel for a relaxing afternoon before we meet again to see the 36 domes of Kata Tjuta (also known as The Olgas). Spend some time exploring the gorge and the unusual conglomerate rock formations. The walking trail through Walpa Gorge follows the natural creek between two of the tallest domes of Kata Tjuta. You will end the afternoon at a beautiful scenic area overlooking Uluru and enjoy a toast of wine and nibbles.

March 26

We leave the stunning red plains of the Outback behind and travel to southern Australia to **Adelaide** on the coast of the Great Australian Bight. Surrounded by parklands, Adelaide is a charming blend of historic buildings, wide streets, groovy shops, street cafes & restaurants. If you have had a chance to partake in an Australian wine at home, it most likely came from this region. If you are joining the week-long southern Australia /Tasmania cruise, this is also the city of departure for that optional relaxing fun week.

March 27

Today we travel into the hills and countryside surrounding Adelaide to see the most famous Australian wine regions, names like Adelaide Hills, Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale and Clare Valley. This full-day experience, filled with gorgeous scenery combined with amazing wines, gourmet lunch and a rich history, will be a wonderful memory.



After a day in the famous wine valleys of South Australia, we'll return to the hotel for a relaxing evening. Maybe a night out in this city full of nightlife and great restaurants.

March 28

We'll take a walk from the hotel today and witness the bustling streets of **Adelaide** on our way to the Central Market. We'll spend an hour and a half on a tour started by chef and noted food expert Mark Gleeson. Learn the history, meet the stallholders, hear their stories, and taste the premium foods grown and produced in this part of Australia.



After nibbling our way across the Adelaide Central Market, we'll return to the hotel. Those travelers continuing the extended Australia program featuring the Southern Australia & Tasmania cruise back to Sydney will transfer with us to the waterfront to board the beautiful Majestic Princess. Those travelers returning to the USA, will transfer to the Adelaide airport for their short flight to Sydney and then the international flight to the USA.

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PART TWO – CRUISE BACK TO SYDNEY

This is the start of **Part Two** of the New Zealand **post tour to Australia**. This **optional touring** adds a relaxing 7-night cruise aboard the splendid Majestic Princess exploring two beautiful ports in Southern Australia as well as Hobart in Tasmania. If you are joining the Australia touring, you can choose the shorter **Part One** only or enjoy **both Part One and Part Two**.

The Modern and Majestic Princess



March 28 (Continued)

Launched in 2017 for the Pacific Rim part of the world, the **Majestic Princess** was the third Royal Class ship to join Princess Cruises. Built in Italy, the ship features beautiful spaces like the stunning gold Italian-style Piazza, Alfredo's Pizzeria, and the exciting World Marketplace with food from around the world.

After departing Adelaide, we set sail into the Indian Ocean this evening with a relaxing day at sea tomorrow – a welcome break to enjoy the dining, spa and entertainment aboard the Majestic Princess. The ship is headed for the picturesque and historic southern city of Melbourne, Australia. (Pictured above)



March 29

A **day at sea** is one of the more enjoyable things in life. The itinerary stops, the choices to fill your day become many or nothing at all. It could be a book on your private balcony, maybe a lecture or afternoon tea. Can you say nap around the pool?

March 30

Melbourne, Australia is often dubbed the most “European” of Australian cities – indeed the eastern, designer section of Collins Street was crowned the “Paris End” in the 1950s. There's also a mini-New York vibe here, thanks to the city's well-ordered grid and scattering of art-deco high-rises. But Melbourne is uniquely Melbourne, too. Much of that is due to the 230-plus laneways that penetrate the heart of city blocks, which are recognized for world-class street art, restaurants, and bars. Today we explore the city and experience some of the wonderful spots that make Melbourne worth the visit.

March 31

After weeks of travel and exploration, another sea day is just the thing as the Majestic Princess sails onto the Tasman Sea and towards Hobart, Tasmania. Maybe experience Princess Cruises' Movies under the Stars tonight – a lounge chair, a blanket, a little popcorn and the stars of the Southern Hemisphere above.



April 1

We arrive in **Hobart on the island of Tasmania**. Australia's second-oldest city and southernmost capital, Hobart is a city where nature rules. It stretches along the foot of Kunanyi/Mt Wellington, angling down to the slate-grey Derwent River, which forms one edge of the city center. The town's colonial architecture and natural charms are complemented by world-class food and drink. It's a gorgeous place, and though there's the sobering fact that it's closer to Antarctica than Cairns, Hobart is Australia's second-driest capital city. Tasmania is full of natural beauty and many endangered species, including the famous Tasmanian Devil. We'll have fun ashore today exploring this famous island part of Australia. You can now say you have been to Tasmania!

April 2

Our last day at sea today to relax and enjoy all the Majestic Princess has to offer. The ship sails for Eden today, the most southerly town in New South Wales. A great chance to try one of the many wonderful specialty restaurants aboard, maybe La Mer the French Bistro, Crown Grill Steak House or Chopsticks Noodle Bar, yummy!



April 3

If you're chasing paradise along the shores of the Sapphire Coast, you'll **find it in Eden**. Set on the breathtaking Twofold Bay, Eden has a laid-back atmosphere, charming locals, and stunning natural surroundings. The town is built adjacent to the third deepest natural harbor in the Southern hemisphere and has an estimated population of 3,043 people. Whether it is the spectacular coast or the rugged bays with dolphins and fairy penguins, Eden is a remote and wonderful place to visit and Stewart Tours spends the day exploring the people, culture and history that make this area special.



April 4

This morning the Majestic Princess arrives back in Sydney, which marks the end of a grand journey across two spectacular countries. The jaw-dropping scenery, the newfound friends, the amazing moments where you had to pinch yourself to believe where you stood. All these memories go home with you today. We transfer from the port to the airport this morning for flights back to the USA.

AUSTRALIA PROGRAM PRICING

You can choose from two lengths of Australia Tour: From Adelaide, either **FLY** back to Sydney and onward to the U.S. (10 days) or **Cruise** back to Sydney before returning home. (17 days)

AUSTRALIA TOUR: PART ONE

March 18th to 28th - **10 Days**

Sydney to Adelaide Tour

Regions: Sydney - Cairns/Port Douglas - Ayers Rock/Red Center - Adelaide

\$4,999 per person + **Airfare Estimate - \$2999 (Economy – International & Domestic Flights)**

International Air from LAX to Sydney / Queenstown to Sydney / Sydney to LAX

Regional Air Sydney to Cairns / Cairns to Ayers Rock / Ayers Rock to Adelaide / Adelaide to Sydney

AUSTRALIA TOUR: PART ONE plus PART 2 - CRUISE BACK TO SYDNEY

March 18th to April 4th - **17 Days**

Sydney to Sydney Tour

Regions: Sydney - Cairns/Port Douglas - Ayers Rock/Red Center - Adelaide - Melbourne – Hobart/Tasmania - Eden

\$7,299 per person + **Airfare Estimate - \$2999 (Economy - International & Domestic Flights)**

International Air from LAX to Sydney / Queenstown to Sydney / Sydney to LAX

Regional Air Sydney to Cairns / Cairns to Ayers Rock / Ayers Rock to Adelaide

* Final Tour Price Subject to Change Until Booked Due to Variable Cost on Cruise and Flights.