AUSTRALIA’S NATURAL WONDERS

17 nights

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Day 1
Arrive Sydney

Park Hyatt Sydney

- Arrive Sydney from USA.
- After clearing customs meet our local guide and transfer by private vehicle to your accommodation.
- Join your guide on a walking introductory tour of The Rocks and Circular Quay.
- Accommodation for 4 nights plus immediate check-in on arrival at Park Hyatt Sydney
  - Opera King with Cooked Breakfast daily

Day 2
Sydney

- 9.00am: Join your guide on a Sydney Sider Guided Day including a city overview, Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk, Water Taxi from Rose Bay to Manly Beach, lunch and walk at Manly (meal included today) followed by a visit to Taronga Zoo. Conclude with a Fast Ferry Service back to Circular Quay on conclusion of your day.

Day 3
Sydney

- Leisure Days to explore Sydney – your guide will be available to assist with activity suggestions and help plan your day.
- Note: Your guide will hand your tickets for the Sydney Opera House Essentials Tour which can be done at your leisure during your stay. Tours start from 9.00am – 5.00pm, departing on the hour.
Day 4  
Wolgan Valley, Blue Mountains  

- Make your own way to the:  
  Hertz Sydney City Office - Corner William & Riley Street.

- Collect Rental Vehicle.

- Today, self drive to Wolgan Valley via Bells Line of Road – approx. 3 hour journey.
- Enjoy lunch on arrival followed by a guided nature activity in the afternoon.

- Accommodation for 2 nights at Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa  
  o Heritage Suite, including gourmet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, non-alcoholic beverages, a selected range of local wines and beer with meals, nine course degustation dinner on one night of stay and complimentary one hour Signature Mountain Aroma Massage.
  o Scheduled guided experiences included during your stay.

Day 5  
Wolgan Valley, Blue Mountains  

- Scheduled Guided Touring Options during your stay to include a choice of:  
  o Wildlife Safari – seeing Australia’s wildlife in their natural habitat  
  o Lazer Target Shooting  
  o Archery  
  o Historical & Heritage Tour  
  o Stunt Kite Flying  
  o Stargazing
Day 6
Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island

- Self drive from Wolgan Valley to Sydney Airport – allow 3 hours for the journey.
- Check in at least 60 minutes prior to your domestic departure.
- Depart Sydney to Adelaide.
- Arrive Adelaide, make your way to the Rex Counter to connect with your flight to Kangaroo Island
- Note: Luggage restrictions apply – 1 checked piece of luggage per passenger, maximum weight 15kg. Additional weight will cost $AU5.50/kg. Luggage storage is available at Adelaide Airport; please liaise with the Rex Airlines Representative.

- 5.25pm: Depart Adelaide onboard Rex Airlines ZL4771 to Kingscote Airport, Kangaroo Island.

- 6.00pm: Arrive Kingscote Airport, Kangaroo Island where you are met by a Southern Oceans Lodge representative and transferred to your accommodation.

- Accommodation for 3 nights at Southern Ocean Lodge
  - Flinders Suite including all meals, open bar with premium wines and spirits, in-suite bar.
  - Scheduled Island Airport Transfers
  - Scheduled Guided Activities during stay

Day 7 & Day 8
Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island

- Scheduled Guided Touring during your stay to include a choice of:
  - Wonders of KI – Flinders Chase Experience
  - Seal Bay exploration
  - Kangas & Kanapes evening experience
  - Walking Guided Tour followed by an afternoon presentation about endangered Echidna’s
  - Coastal Clifftop Walk
  - Beach Fishing
Day 9
Kangaroo Island – Adelaide - Portland

Transfer with your hosts to Kingscote Airport this morning.

10.30am: Depart Kingscote onboard Rex Airlines ZL4754 to Adelaide.

11.05am: Make your way to the Hertz Counter to collect your rental vehicle.

Self drive to Portland – Approx. 5-6 hours, as you head along the rural route towards the start of the Great Ocean Road.

Accommodation for 1 night at Clifftop B&B
- Studio Apartment Style accommodation including breakfast basket (for self service)
- Local restaurants are a walkable distance from your accommodation.

Day 10
Portland – Cape Otway

Self drive to your accommodation near Apollo Bay – Approx. 3 hours.

Arrive after noon, and join the Great Ocean Walk experience.

Accommodation for 1 night at Great Ocean Eco Lodge
- Hollow Room including cooked breakfast, afternoon tea, dinner.
- Great Ocean Walk (Day Experience) and twilight walk with nature talk.
Day 11
Cape Otway - Melbourne

- Self drive to Melbourne today – Approx. 3 to 4 hours
- Accommodation for 2 nights at The Langham
  - King Club Room
  - Includes Club Lounge Access, Deluxe continental breakfast, all day tea/coffee, traditional afternoon tea, pre-dinner drinks and canapés.

Day 12
Melbourne

- Leisure Day to explore Melbourne at your own pace.
- Walk along Southbank, visit Crown Casino, take the tram to Federation Square, wander through the city, see the Botanical Gardens and explore the lane ways. There is much to see and do in this vibrant metropolis.

Day 13
Melbourne – Cairns - Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef

- Self drive to Melbourne Airport. Drive time from the city is approximately 30 – 40 minutes during peak hour.
- Check in at least 60 minutes prior to your departure.
- Depart Melbourne to Cairns.
- Disembark the aircraft and make your way to the baggage carousel.
- You’ll be met by a Coral Reef Coaches Driver and escorted to the awaiting transfer service.
- Transfer to the Hinterland Terminal is approximately 10 minutes.
- Depart Cairns on Hinterland Scheduled flight to Lizard Island.
- Note: Luggage restrictions apply on flight from Cairns/Lizard Island/ Cairns – 1 carry on and 1 checked item, equating to a maximum of 32kg total (eg: 28kg checked baggage, 4kg carry on). Excess luggage can be stored at the hinterland terminal (costs apply)
- Arrive Lizard Island where you’re met and escorted to your accommodation.
### Day 14
**Melbourne – Cairns - Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef**

- **Accommodation for 3 nights on Lizard Island**
  - Anchor Bay Suite all meals, selected alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, use of motorised dinghies, paddle skis, sailboards and catamarans as well as tennis, picnic hampers, nature presentations, gym access and glass bottom boat trips

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### Day 15 & Day 16
**Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef**

- Enjoy the relaxation of the Island and participate in activities at your leisure.

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### Day 17
**Lizard Island/ Cairns/ Sydney**

- Farewell your hosts today as you are escorted to your awaiting flight.

- **Depart Lizard Island onboard the Hinterland scheduled flight to Cairns.**

- Arrive Cairns and transfer with Coral Reef Coaches to the Cairns Domestic Terminal.

- **Depart Cairns onboard to Sydney.**

- Arrive Sydney and make your way to the Baggage Carousel to collect your luggage.

- You’ll be met by our local representative and transferred by private vehicle to your accommodation.

- **Accommodation for 1 night Park Hyatt Sydney**
  - Opera King with Cooked Breakfast daily

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### Day 18
**Depart**

- Meet our local representative and transfer by private vehicle to Sydney Airport

- **Depart Sydney onboard International Outbound flight.**
Park Hyatt Sydney reopened its doors in March 2012, featuring three new exclusive rooftop suites built on a new fourth level. Every aspect of the hotel has been dramatically transformed, setting a new benchmark in contemporary luxury. Architecturally designed guest rooms feature floor-to-ceiling glass that open onto private balconies, honouring Park Hyatt Sydney’s coveted harbourfront location. Renowned Australian artists including sculptors, painters and a photographer have been commissioned to create artwork especially for the new hotel.

The hotel’s restaurants and bar, private dining rooms, day spa and recreational facilities have also been enhanced to reinforce Park Hyatt Sydney’s position as one of Australia’s premier hotels.

The Park Hyatt flows in a gracious curve around Sydney Harbour and looks out to the Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Behind the hotel is The Rocks, Sydney’s oldest district, while the main business district and Circular Quay are just a 5 minute stroll away.

A true five star hotel, all guest rooms are spacious and beautifully appointed with the necessities as well as the luxury touches. Many of the rooms have floor to ceiling glass doors that open onto a private balcony affording wonderful harbour and Opera House views.
A popular introduction to Sydney today’s tour begins with the city’s historic sights, shops and restaurants - the historic Rocks area and Australia's most famous icon, the Sydney Opera House. Learn about its history and architecture during an informal look at this legendary performance centre. Hear about Sydney’s colonial days as you pass historic Macquarie Street landmarks en route to the Royal Botanic Gardens – the perfect spot for a photo with views over the Opera House and Harbour Bridge.

Drive around the scenic Harbour foreshore with its glamorous waterfront homes and views. Begin at Woolloomooloo's restored finger wharves and naval history, followed by Potts Point and Kings Cross, where the nightlife is legendary. Pass through Rushcutters Bay, lined with luxurious sailing yachts, to the exclusive neighbourhoods of Double Bay, Point Piper and Vaucluse, home to Sydney's 'rich and famous'. You'll soon appreciate why Sydneysiders say "Nobody cares about the meaning of life - its Harbour frontage that counts!"

Explore Sydney City before travelling to the Eastern Suburbs for a gorgeous coastal walk from Bondi to Coogee. From there it’s a short transfer to Rose Bay where you’ll board a water taxi for a ride across to Manly Beach. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before heading to Taronga Zoo where you’ll get to meet some of Australia’s prized wildlife. Take the Ferry back to Circular Quay where it’s a short walk to your accommodation.
**Exploring Sydney City**

**Sydney**

Sydney, the oldest, largest and (some say) most beautiful city in Australia is memorable for far more than its famous landmarks – the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. Created around a dazzling harbour, the city has a relaxed style but manages at the same time to be vibrant and alive with world class restaurants, sparkling beaches, great shopping, clubs and pubs, art galleries and theatre.

We will be happy to arrange as much or as little touring as you like, here are just a few ideas –

- We can arrange a private viewing at a leading art gallery of contemporary Australian art
- Take a seaplane flight over Sydney Harbour to lunch on The Hawkesbury River
- Browse one of the weekend markets offering wares from farm-fresh produce to arts & crafts
- Visit The Australian Museum or the NSW Art Gallery, within walking distance of the City
- Discover great restaurants at Darling Harbour, also home to our excellent Maritime Museum, Sydney Wildlife World and the Sydney Aquarium

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Transfer from Sydney to Wolgan Valley via Bells Line of Road
Depart Sydney and self drive to Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa
Head across Sydney’s Harbour Bridge and across the North Shore tracking northwest. Your journey today takes you towards Lithgow via Bells Line of road stopping at Mt Victoria - Australia’s most elevated botanical gardens at Mount Tomah, enjoy breathtaking views while enjoying morning tea. This drive will take about 3 hours, arriving at Wolgan Valley in time for lunch.

Emirates’ Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa is a luxury conservation-based resort located in Australia's Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage area; about 3 hours drive from Sydney. Modelled on the acclaimed Al Maha Desert Resort & Spa in Dubai, but with Australian style, the resort is set within its own private conservation and wildlife reserve where guests can enjoy absolute luxury, tranquillity and connection with nature. Spread out at the foot of towering sandstone cliffs, the homestead-style resort occupies just 2% of the resorts 4,000 acres; the remainder is dedicated to restoring & preserving all manner of native species.

Up to 90 guests are catered for in 40 free-standing suites each with private swimming pool and a main homestead with luxury facilities and stand-alone Timeless Spa. The Wolgan and Wollemi Suites are perfect as family retreats, and each presents as a private lodge, with a large living room, separate lounge and dining areas and two (and three in the case of the Wolgan Suite) spacious bedroom suites each with their own en-suite bathrooms. The suites are thoughtfully arranged to provide families with sufficient space as well as separate areas, to be together, or find a peaceful nook to curl up and enjoy a good book. The Heritage Suites are a luxury hide-away just for two but with all the same features and luxury touches.
Wolgan Valley

Each has a small private, temperature controlled swimming pool with separate pool deck and courtyard garden. Amenities include a double sided fireplace, LCD TV, DVD player & sound system, international TV channels, high-speed internet access, iPod docking station, binoculars for wildlife viewing, two mountain bikes and all the conveniences you would expect in an exceptional luxury resort.

Guests are able to appreciate the very special natural, cultural and scenic values of the Wolgan Valley through a range of nature based activities including four wheel drives, guided Aboriginal interpretive tours, nature walks, wildlife spotting and horse riding.
Activities during your stay may include: horse riding (experience required) 4WD safaris through property, wildlife spot lighting at Dusk (nocturnal animals), star gazing, heritage tour of the area (land and history of land), Aboriginal track tour, mountain bike tours of the area. There are also many walking trails in the area (guests can do at their own leisure) and 2 mountain bikes per suite available for their own use.
**Southern Ocean Lodge** provides more than an accommodation experience – expect serenely beautiful guest rooms, captivating coastal views, a sanctuary of comfort, exceptional cuisine based on the island's fresh and innovative produce as well as a high level of intimate and professional service.

Located at Hanson bay on the Island's south west coast, the Lodge site adjoins the Flinders Chase and Cape Bouguer / Kelly Hill National Parks. Set back from a cliff above the pounding surf the design showcases a full frontal panorama and is within easy reach of the Island's major attractions.

The lodge offers twenty-one luxurious suites; the Flinders Suite is the lead in room type (photographed above) and it features a walk-in dressing area, comfortable king sized bed, sunken lounge, bathroom with shower (no bath tub) and separate toilet as well as an outdoor terrace. The lodge has been designed so that from your living spaces, your shower and your bed you will have stunning ocean views. The ‘little touches include’ complimentary room bar, twice daily housekeeping, heated floors and music system.
When you arrive at Southern Ocean Lodge your guides will have mapped out the activities that will be included during your visit. **Scheduled guided options include:**

- An early morning visit to Seal Bay - home to Australia’s third largest colony of Australia Sea-Lions
- The Wonders of Kangaroo Island - a half day experience of Kangaroo Island’s wildlife, maritime heritage and stunning coastal landscapes - Cape du Couedic lighthouse, Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch are just some of the trip highlights.
- Exploring Kelly Hill Caves – accompanied by a National Park Guide discover the amazing sinkholes and caverns of a complex that has evolved over thousands of years.
- Kangaroos and Kanapés - drive through the property along fire trails to a clearing in the bush where local wildlife including kangaroos and wallabies congregate to graze. Sit quietly on the deck, sip on champagne and nibble on a canapé whilst the sun goes down on another magical day.
- Star Gazing - When the night sky is clear take a journey and learn of ancient tales and mythologies derived from the Southern night sky.
- Coastal Clifftop Trek - a scenic walk atop the limestone cliffs of Hanson Bay. This easy walk affords a bird’s eye view of the thundering waves crashing along the coastline. To the south there is nothing but ocean between here and Antarctica. Your guide will explain local flora, fauna and coastline ecosystems.
- Peggy Rismiller Presentation - Peggy Rismiller, is the world authority on echidnas – one of only 2 monotremes in the world. Peggy will spend a couple of hours with the guests explaining just how unique these animals are and discussing her research work. Past clients have really enjoyed meeting her and the chance to learn more about Australia’s unique fauna.
From your room you can watch for whales and dolphins, beautiful sunrises, daily movements of international shipping and the local fishing fleet. Take a walk along the cliff top, or take the stair access to stroll on the beach. The accommodation facilities are modern and stylish with FULL sea views, balconies, ensuite, cooking facilities, leather lounges, queen beds, quality linen, telescopes, 1 unit free standing Italian style bath, quiet location with free off street parking, suitable for adults. Close to the beach, Cable Tram, World War II memorial lookout, local restaurants and the great south west walk.
Great Ocean Eco Lodge offers an immersive nature experience: guests live sustainably and are invited to accompany dedicated ecologists, observe the exquisite wildlife ranging freely through the property, assist with the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wildlife and participate in ecological monitoring and habitat restoration projects.” Sustainable Living The Eco Lodge has only five bedrooms, so your visit will be unique and personal. From every window the views over the Otway Ranges, Kitchen Gardens or kangaroo meadows are breathtaking and the dawn chorus is magical. Dining is a special experience, watching the kangaroos while enjoying gourmet delights created by our talented chefs.

Your bedroom is private and peaceful, furnished with a comfortable bed, crisp clean linen, and timeless antiques. The ensuite bathroom is equipped with fluffy towels and a delicious assortment of locally made natural soaps and shampoos. The Eco Lodge is perfectly located, adjoining the Great Otway National Park and within the grounds of a conservation research and wildlife rehabilitation centre. This ensures unsurpassed opportunities for observing wildlife in a natural setting.
The Langham Melbourne, on the banks of the Yarra River in the exclusive Southbank precinct, delivers an opulent and grand residential experience, in the heart of Melbourne. The property has stunning views across the city skyline and Yarra River. Federation Square, Melbourne’s best shopping, an array of riverside restaurants, art galleries and theatres are all just footsteps away.

In a city famous for restaurants and bars the property’s Melba restaurant (named after Melbourne’s world famous opera singer) and chic Aria lounge are destinations in their own right. Melba offers a theatrical and interactive dining experience featuring a selection of open kitchens including Tubo Woks, Seafood Ice Blocks, Tandoori Oven and Floating Desert. Aria offers classic cocktails and refreshments throughout the day including the hotel's famous afternoon tea experience.

Guests can also relax in the acclaimed Chuan Spa. This feng-shui designed day spa features treatments based on Traditional Chinese Medicine and five elements. The Fitness Centre has a conservatory covered pool, jacuzzi, steam rooms, saunas, snail showers and gymnasium.
As Australia’s sporting capital, it is also host to a number of major sporting events. Beyond Melbourne there is much to discover from wine famous producing regions such as the Yarra Valley and Rutherglen to Daylesford spa country. The Great Ocean Road is one of Australia’s most popular and scenic self drive routes with it’s rugged coastline, pretty fishing ports and renowned Twelve Apostles.

- Ride the tram circuit through the city and become a local
- Explore the Lanes and Arcades that Melbourne is so famous for and discover local designers and specialty retailers, quirky cafés, independent designers, street art and architecture. There is something for everyone, locals and visitors alike.
- Have lunch on the banks of the Yarra River or take a tram to St. Kilda, Melbourne’s leafy bay-side village.
- The Botanic Gardens, the Melbourne Aquarium and the Melbourne Zoo are also worth a look
- The Yarra Valley is just an hour or so away – a great place for wildlife, wine and long lazy lunches. Ballooning can be included if you are happy with a very early morning start.
- In the evening check out one of Melbourne’s top restaurants – Ezard, Circa, Donovans at St Kilda Beach, Flower Drum or The Botanical. Or, get behind the scenes and enjoy the more Bohemian side of Melbourne’s bars and eateries fostered by its mix of European immigrants. Try the Greek restaurants of Lonsdale Street or the Italian specialties of Lygon Street.
**Lizard Island** is considered one of Australia’s most stylish and luxurious island retreats and is located in the remote northerly section of the Great Barrier Reef. The island is rimmed by 24 powdery white sand beaches and fringed with colourful coral reefs.

Guest accommodation is offered in 40 villas – all with private en suite bathroom and a private veranda with ocean or beach views, the ideal place to while away the siesta hour. The décor is best described as contemporary-Australia-seaside, rooms are spacious and furnished with relaxation in mind. All are equipped with air conditioning as well as ceiling fan, CD player, tea & coffee making facilities, a well stocked mini-bar, beach towels, umbrellas, modem access and more.

Dining is one of Lizard Island's many pleasures. In the relaxed lounge and bar and in Osprey's Restaurant enjoy a menu that changes daily to best showcase the finest local produce and freshest seafood.
As you can imagine activities at Lizard Island are all about the Great Barrier Reef - a World Heritage Site extending 2,000 kilometres along Australia’s east coast. This is the world's most extensive coral reef system and is one of the richest areas in terms of faunal diversity containing the largest collection of coral reefs, with 400 types of coral, 1,500 species of fish, and 4,000 types of mollusc. Scuba diving, snorkelling and fishing safaris can be arranged locally. The kitchen will happily provide you with a picnic hamper and you can head off to find a private beach on which to spend the day lazing and swimming.

Out of the water you may like to play tennis, work out at the gym, climb the craggy peak of Cook’s Look Out, walk a guided nature trail or treat yourself to pampering treatments at Azure Spa, after all – Lizard Island is about indulging your body and soul!