

Australian Adventure Tour

Would you like to travel to Australia's famous Northern Territory, taking in destinations like, **Cairns**, **Gold Coast**, **Alice Springs**, **Melbourne**, and **Sydney**? Why not make the most of your exchange experience and travel to these exciting locations? Whether it's riding in high speed boats to Whitehaven Beach, diving the Great Barrier Reef, climbing Uluru or visiting the Great Ocean Road, this holiday has it all. Terra Australis's all inclusive package tour is filled with fun, adventure and magnificent scenery.



Dates 23rd March to 13th April 2015

Price \$3,550pp – includes flight Cairns to Alice Springs and Tour bag

Inclusions 2 share camping accommodation, 4 – 8 share bunk accommodation, all entry fees, most meals, fully supervised by Rotary Youth Exchange volunteers

Conditions minimum group size of 25 students, maximum 44 students, available to International exchange students aged 15 and over, Rotex, Rotaract or Rotary members.

Registration Deposit of \$750pp to be paid by 1st November 2014. Final payment due by 1st February 2014.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

(MEALS)

DAY 1 23rd March

Forster to Byron Bay

(D)

Students from 9670 are collected from **District Conference** at 10am. We then head North collecting students from 9650 from **Port Macquarie** and **Coffs Harbour**. We arrive late afternoon into **Byron Bay**. Time to watch a tent set up and dismantle demonstration, watch carefully as you will doing this during your journey of discovery around Australia.

DAY 2 24th March

Byron Bay

(BD)

Today you will be transported to the best surfing location around Byron Bay where you will have **learn to surf lessons**. Fully qualified instructors will have you standing up on your boards by the end of the lesson. Boards and wet suits are supplied. Students not surfing can try kayaking (own expense approx \$35pp). Lunch is at own expense today. There is time this afternoon to explore the town of Byron Bay before heading back to camp in the early evening for dinner.

DAY 3 25th March

Byron Bay to Sunshine Coast

(BD)

We head into the fun capital of Australia today - **Gold Coast**. Wander the many shops, relax on the beach or visit a theme park (at own expense). You buy lunch today. Late afternoon we head North to Coolum, set up camp and enjoy dinner.

DAY 4 26th March

Sunshine Coast to Rockhampton

(BLD)

Farewell to Coolum and we continue up North. Tonight we stay at **"The Old Station"** a historic homestead and working farm, you can take a tour of the homestead and see if you can spot any kangaroos. After dinner its time to put on your dancing shoes, warm up your vocal chords with **Karaoke** night. (Please note no washing facilities available)

DAY 5 27th March

Rockhampton to Airlie Beach

(BLD)

North again, this time we see fields of sugarcane flank the road from Mackay, site of the world's largest sugar handling facility. Now the land becomes more suited to grazing. Finally we sight the crystal blue waters of the **Whitsundays**. Arrive at camp and look forward to the action packed day tomorrow!

DAY 6 28th March

Airlie Beach

(BLD)

Join **Ocean Rafting** today as we explore on powered boats. Spend the day visiting the idyllic Whitsunday passage with Ocean Rafting. The raft visits islands within the Whitsundays. Eco guides explain the impact of the modern world on this beautiful wilderness and water surrounds. Relax on the world famous **Whitehaven Beach**, snorkel away from the crowds at Border Islands pristine reefs and and enjoy a guided walk to the beautiful Hill Inlet Lookout.

DAY 7 29th March

Airlie Beach to Cairns

(BLD)

We say farewell to Airlie Beach and continue North. We stop for a lunch break on the outskirts of Townsville before continuing on to **Cairns**, the tropical home of the Great Barrier Reef. Time to explore the town and enjoy a visit to the night markets.

DAY 8 30th March

Cairns

(B)

Today you can relax at camp or you can visit the **Outer Barrier Reef** (at OWN expense). Terra Australis has secured a special price for students of \$170pp – usually \$230pp). Included is all snorkelling equipment, wetsuit hire as well as an Introductory dive or if you are certified you can choose a certified dive. The Marine Biologist on board will inform you about the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef. You can also view coral from a glass bottom boat. Breakfast, Tropical Buffet Lunch and afternoon tea will be served on board. After a day you will never forget we return to Cairns and you can explore the town (dinner at own expense). Return to camp late evening.

DAY 9 31st March	Cairns	(BLD)
<p>This action packed day tour begins when your guide takes you up the spectacular Gillies Range and onto the tropical Atherton Tablelands. Explore the Cathedral and Curtain Fig Trees and take a rainforest walk at Lake Barrine National park before lunch. at Lake Eacham. Travel through the picturesque countryside for the day's highlights, swimming at several pristine waterfalls, such as the famous Millaa Millaa, plus a jungle trek to view the raging Dinner Falls and World Heritage listed Mount Hypipamee National Park. Last stop, On the Wallaby Lodge for tea & coffee to round off your day before we head back to Cairns to enjoy dinner.</p>		
DAY 10 1st April	Cairns to Alice Springs	(BD)
<p>This morning we board our flight and arrive in Alice Springs. You have free time today to explore the town send post cards home and buy some souvenirs of your experience so far. (Lunch is served on your flight). This evening we enjoy a visit from the Reptile Centre where you can see Thorny Devils, frill neck lizards; large pythons up close and personal. There is hands-on fun for everyone. See huge Perentie Goannas, large pythons, venomous Snakes, 'Terry' the Crocodile. Hand feed the lizards or play with a python. You will learn all about Australia's reptiles and have the opportunity to have your photo taken with large snakes wrapped around your neck</p>		
DAY 11 2nd April	Alice Springs	(BD)
<p>This morning we enjoy a Dreamtime & Bushtucker Tour. You will meet with members of the Warlpiri tribe who will demonstrate their artwork, see a demonstration of traditional hair spinning, learn about and taste bush tucker (including witchetty grubs) see indigenous weaponry and try boomerang throwing. After that informative and hands on experience it's time for lunch (at own expense). Then you have free time to explore the town. Return to camp early evening.</p>		
DAY 12 3rd April	Alice Springs to Kings Creek	(BLD)
<p>This morning we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Alice Springs. We start with a visit to the lookout on top of Anzac Hill which offers an all round view of the town. See the vast spread of the MacDonnell Ranges, the Heavitree Gap, Todd River and the surrounding desert landscape. We then head for Kings Creek Station to set up camp. Tonight is Priscilla Night, make sure your camera is fully charged as there will be some amusing photographs! (Please note no washing facilities available)</p>		
DAY 13 4th April	Kings Canyon to Uluru	(BLD)
<p>Early rise this morning, pack up the tents and then proceed to Kings Canyon that was used as a spectacular natural backdrop in "Priscilla Queen of the Desert". The sheer walls of the Canyon rise up 270 metres, making it the deepest gorge in Central Australia. The more adventurous may like to walk to the rim of the Canyon, which offers spectacular views over the 'Lost City' and 'Garden of Eden'. This afternoon we head to Uluru and arrive in the early evening. We enjoy star gazing at night, feel the weight of the heavens as you sleep under the stars</p>		
DAY 14 5th April	Uluru	(BLD)
<p>Early rise this morning to prepare for our day in the twice World Heritage listed Uluru/Kata Tjuta National Park. The Aboriginal Anangu people ask that you do not climb Uluru out of respect for their culture. You can discover the Base Walk if you wish and see many rock art paintings. We take a tour of the Cultural Centre before heading to Kata Tjuta - even larger and, some say, more brooding than Uluru. Optional flights (at own cost) are available over these two central Australia landmarks. Finish the day as we head to Sunset Strip and watch the changing faces of this imposing rock as the sun slowly sets on the horizon.</p>		
DAY 15 6th April	Uluru to Coober Pedy	(BLD)
<p>Early rise again today we head east passing Eralunda before changing direction South, passing the oasis of the Marla Bore with plenty of lizards, mulga and salt bush. We arrive in the late afternoon into Coober Pedy, and enjoy a town tour before heading to your bunks. You sleep underground tonight. (Please note: no washing facilities available.)</p>		

DAY 16 7th April	Coober Pedy to Adelaide	(BLD)
This morning we head off down the centre of Australia towards the Southern Coast. Today is a long drive, so take DVD's to watch or make sure you ipod is fully charged. We arrive late evening into Adelaide (no tents tonight!)		
DAY 17 8th April	Adelaide to Warrnambool	(BLD)
Today we enjoy a tour of Adelaide before heading further South, passing over the Murray River and arriving into Warrnambool late afternoon. Tonight we watch a spectacular sound and light showing depicting the history of the " ship wreck coast ". Embark on a journey at Shipwrecked , an enthralling journey of discovery, tragedy, illusion and intrigue. A spellbinding chronicle of how Victoria's western coastline earned its cruel distinction as the Shipwreck Coast.		
DAY 18 9th April	Warrnambool to Melbourne	(BLD)
Early rise this morning as today we tour part of the Great Ocean Road and see the Twelve Apostles , rising columns of rock surrounded by treacherous reefs and tides. We then head inland and arrive in the late afternoon at Melbourne, the shopping capital of Australia.		
DAY 19 10th April	Melbourne	(BD)
Today is a free day in Melbourne , first we are taken on a town tour of the city, before you can wander at your own pace. Why not take a free city circle tram or visit the Queen Victoria Markets? After an enjoyable day its time to head back to camp and relax after dinner.		
DAY 20 11th April	Melbourne to Gundagai	(BLD)
Today we drive on the Hume Freeway right across Victoria. We arrive at Gundagai, view the famous pioneer's monument, better known in Australian folklore as the Dog on the Tuckerbox . Finally we arrive at camp.		
DAY 21 12th April	Gundagai to Sydney	(BD)
Early rise, time to head to Sydney and enjoy a town tour. See the Opera House , Sydney Harbour Bridge and Bondi Beach – where the famous life guards save countless tourist from the deceptive waves. Free time to explore the town with lunch at own expense. Then we head to our accommodation for the last night in tents!		
DAY 22 13th April	Sydney to Home	(B)
We farewell Sydney and it's a short trip up the freeway, students from 9670 arrive at Maitland Train Station around 10am, students from 9650 are taken to Port Macquarie. Time to go home with marvellous memories of your adventures around Australia		

* see booking conditions on next page regarding wet weather. A \$50 holding deposit will be taken from each student as they board the coach. Any residual value will be refunded to the students on 12th May (this means if it doesn't rain heavily you will get your money back)

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

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No passenger will be permitted to continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the Company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves or becoming a hazard to other passengers. The Operator will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such person being excluded from completing the journey for any reason.

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Cancellation Policy

60 days and over	Loss of Deposit
59 to 35 days	60% of the full fare
34 to 14 days	80% of the full fare
13 days or less	no refund

No refunds made for cancellation on or after the date of departure

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