

AUSTRALIA VACATION TOUR INFORMATION

Please note, these prices are from 2004 and have not yet been updated for this trip and will be slightly higher. We will have final pricing on these tours a little closer to our trip.

SYDNEY

SYDNEY – April 1st

Panoramic Sydney Half-Day Morning Sights



Here's a tour that will help us get our bearings and give you a pretty good overview of this beautiful city. In the days ahead you can decide where you'd like to spend more time. There is also a trolley/bus tour that stops at most of the cities highlights where you can get off and get on the next trolley which come

by every 15 minutes, but this will be nice to keep the group together. Depart your hotel for an unforgettable Panoramic Sydney half-day city sights tour. On tour you'll visit the historic Rocks area and hear early convict history. Enjoy magnificent views of the Opera House & Harbour Bridge. See the shopping heart of the city, QVB, Centrepont. Visit Sydney's trendy new district Oxford Street. Travel through elegant Paddington with its terrace houses before arriving at the Pacific Ocean. See the superb coast cliff walk around Tamarama and Bronte. Travel on to famous Bondi Beach. Visit the beachfront promenade, enjoy a coffee or cool drink (at own cost). See bronzed Aussie lifesavers & Sydney's best panoramic view. Return to Sydney via Double Bay, Kings Cross & city centre. Passengers can join our optional lunch harbour cruises or seaplane tours, return to their hotels or for a memorable lunch experience, ask to be dropped-off at Watson's Bay to enjoy lunch at Sydney's famous Doyles on the Beach restaurant. Lunch is at own expense and you can return to Sydney city in the afternoon by ferry. This trip is operated by Mount 'n Beach Safaris. [More info](#)
COST: \$49.00 per person (normal price is \$62)

SYDNEY – April 2nd



Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb

This afternoon will be the option to experience the Sydney Harbor Bridge Climb. You will need to wear suitable rubber soled shoes and be ready to wear special suits over your existing clothing. Cameras, video recorders and other loose articles will not be allowed on the Bridge. Following your arrival and check in, you will be given a comprehensive briefing and demonstration of the safety equipment. You will climb to the top of the Sydney Harbor Bridge some 130 meters above sea level. The tour will take approximately three hours.

COST: \$112.00 (normal cost is \$132) Web site:

www.bridgeclimb.com

SYDNEY – April 3rd **SEAPLANE TOUR**

20-minute Sea plane tour covering all the sights of Sydney. A visit to Sydney would not be complete without viewing the world famous Bondi Beach from 500 feet in the air! From Rose Bay we fly through the Sydney Heads and track down the coast to Bondi Beach to check out the surf! Returning back up the coast we fly over Manly and Long Reef before returning to the Harbour. Climbing to a height of 1000 feet for a vista of Sydney Harbour which will take your breath away and returning to Rose Bay. \$89 (reg \$120!). [WEBSITE](#)



SYDNEY – April 3rd **JET BOATING**

35 minute Jetboat cruise on Sydney Harbour. After venturing out of Darling Harbour, we jet to the closest calmest Harbour Bay and commence a mix of 270-degree spins, wild fish tails and awesome power brake stops all at 75km/h while a continual mix of music keeps the jet boat rockin! Cost: \$39. <http://www.harbourjet.com/>

Starlight Dinner Cruise - \$45 (normal rate \$53)

Sydney's most affordable way to dine afloat, set to the brilliant backdrop of Sydney by night. Includes quality 2 or 3 course Contemporary Australian a la carte dining and coffee. Spectacular star gazing from the spacious Star Deck. [Website](#)

SYDNEY – April 4th

Blue Mountains High Country Ecotour



[More info](#)

This fantastic Ecotour begins at your hotel & the historical Rocks area of old Sydney. Heading westwards across the coastal plain we make our way to the Great Dividing Range of Australia. It is here we leave the 'average' Blue Mountains tourist behind & enter the National Park to unlock a piece of Australia you would never have known existed.

We visit an ancient Aboriginal site & outstanding lookouts; examine rock formations & the unusual plants & wildlife that abound the area. From the quaint little village of Leura we skirt around Cliff Drive to Katoomba where you will find yourself looking out over the magnificent Jamieson Valley (Australia's Grand Canyon) & the Three Sisters.

We enjoy a delicious barbeque lunch including a selection of fine Australian wines with a

cheese platter under the canopy of the Australian bush. Before returning to Sydney we drop into a hidden valley where we roam the area, seeking out the many kangaroos that graze in the wild (conditions permitting). Reluctantly we leave the National Park passing through the Olympic 2000 site, arriving at your hotel around 5.30pm. This trip is operated by Australian Wild Escapes.

COST: \$119.00 per person (normal price is \$175)

CAIRNS – April 6th

Snorkel and Dive Trip with Reef Magic Cruises

Here's a trip that can take both our divers and snorkelers together. Located out of Cairns, Reef Magic Cruises offer a full 5 hours to dive and snorkel at Australia's Latest Outer Barrier

Reef Platform "MARINE WORLD". Cruises suit any person, family or group looking for personalized service and the ultimate Outer Great Barrier Reef diving or snorkeling experience. Reef Magic's vessel is a 22-metre air-conditioned fast and stable catamaran with a licensed bar, comfortable seating and spacious outer decks. Reef Magic caters to both certified divers and introductory divers. We offer some of the most awesome diving available. Certified divers can expect to see some of the best dive sites the Great Barrier Reef has to offer. Experience spectacular wall and drift



dives away from the platform. All our dives are guided by one of our highly trained and professional Dive Controllers. Five hours will be spent on the reef. Hot and cold lunch smorgasbord will be served. This trip operated by Reef Magic. <http://www.reefmagic.com.au/>
COST: Certified Divers with all equipment = \$105 (normal price is \$129). Snorkelers = \$95 (normally \$109). You will also be able to sign up for an "Intro Dive" on board for about \$40.

CAIRNS – April 7th

Aboriginal Culture, Sky Rail and Rainforest

Down Under Tours KQS - Kuranda Rail & Skyrail: This breathtaking journey on one of the world's most scenic train routes will take you through hand-hewn tunnels and across bridges with amazing views. Stop at Barron Gorge to view the Falls before arriving at beautiful Kuranda Station.



The remainder of the day is free for you to explore the "Village in the Rainforest". Explore the markets or visit the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary and colorful Birdworld. At the scheduled time, board Skyrail for the world's most beautiful rainforest experience. Glide over the Rainforest canopy and take advantage of the two stops enroute to enjoy a walk through the rainforest or visit the CSIRO Interpretive Centre. Your journey ends at Caravonica Lakes where your coach is waiting to take you back to your accommodation.

COST: \$72 per person (reg. \$79). <http://www.downundertours.com/>

CAIRNS – April 8th

Great Barrier Reef Cruise to Michaelmas Cay



Nice looking “Cat”

huh? This morning, transfer to Cairns wharf and board the ‘Ocean Spirit’, a luxury 105-foot sailing vessel - the largest of kind in the world. Sail to Michaelmas Cay, known as the Isle the Birds, a year-round home to thousands of sea birds of some 14 different species. It is a spectacular coral reef that thrives in the ideal conditions of clear, shallow, sunlit water, and is home to a variety of marine life including giant clams and brilliant fish. Because Michaelmas Cay is a National Park, the fish are so tame you can feed them from the beach and birds know they are safe to wander among you with their chicks.



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Lunch is a buffet of seafood, hot and cold meats, roasted potatoes, salads and tropical fruit, freshly prepared in the spacious galley. You will spend four hours at the reef with time for a variety of activities. You may wish to do a guided snorkeling tour with a graduate marine biologist, do a scuba dive with a qualified instructor (extra cost), or just laze on the beach. Enjoy a leisurely sail back to Cairns and afternoon tea, arriving back at the wharf around 4.30pm. This trip is ideal for snorkelers but scuba diving and intro dives are available as an option. This tour is operated by Ocean Spirit Cruises. [more info](#)
COST: \$105.00 per person (normal price is \$128 per person)

CAIRNS – April 9th

Certified Divers Trip to Great Barrier Reef with TUSA

Our divers may want to go on a dedicated dive boat today, so that’s what we’ve arranged. In the 2,000 km expanse that is the Great Barrier Reef, Tusa Dive is the dive tour operator in Cairns who has the most modern fleet of purpose built dive vessels. Tusa takes divers and snorkelers to the most spectacular sites for the maximum number of hours on the outer Great Barrier Reef. In a day you will visit two magnificent sites chosen as the days best from Tusa Dive's range of 21 moorings. At any one site you may explore vast coral gardens, walls drop-offs, caverns and isolated pinnacles with an array of colorful marine life.



You'll leave the crowds behind you as you cruise at twenty knots and reach the Outer Great Barrier Reef, within 90 minutes from Cairns. You'll be only one of a handful of dive enthusiasts aboard one of Tusa's large comfortable dive vessels. Each vessel is a specially designed, dedicated dive boat with state of the art navigation and communication equipment, on board compressors, spacious back deck areas and transoms that open onto water level platforms for easy entries and exits. This tour includes all dive equipment. You must present your PADI card to take this tour unless you are only planning on snorkeling.

This trip operated by TUSA Dive. <http://www.tusadive.com/>

COST: \$119.00 (normal price is \$135). Snorkelers may join for \$69 (normally \$85)

CAIRNS – April 9th



River Rafting on the Tully River

If you want the ultimate in rafting, you want an unforgettable day on the Tully River. The Tully is Australia's most famous one-day whitewater rafting experience. It's the North's guaranteed tropical white water, white-knuckle adventure. On our Tully River full day trip, rafters can tackle over 45 extraordinary rapids. The magnificent waterfalls that cascade down the gorge walls through World Heritage Jurassic era rainforest provide an unforgettable backdrop. November is an excellent time to raft, and the rapids are up to Grade 4. Lots of excitement. A person looking for a good, exciting time will absolutely love it. Hotel pick up and drop off included. Lunch and snacks are included as well. Cost: \$89 (normal rate is \$105). [More info](#)