



Inspiring Australia

Embark on an Inspiring Journey through the rainforests and reefs of northern Australia to the spiritual Red Centre and iconic harbour city of Sydney. It will delight your senses as you encounter ancient cultures, indulge in delicious cuisine, and experience natural locations that are simply out of this world.

Palm Cove is 27 kilometres north of the city of Cairns. It is named after the palm trees that line the beach. The reef shelters the inshore waters from the Coral Sea swells creating relatively calm waters between the reef and the beach.



© Indigenous culture in the Daintree Rainforest, Queensland



📍 Hunter Valley Wines



📍 Great Barrier Reef, Queensland



📍 The Rocks District, Sydney



📍 Kings Canyon, Northern Territory

13 DAYS Cairns • Palm Cove • Daintree • Great Barrier Reef • Alice Springs • Kings Canyon • Uluru • Kata Tjuṯa • Sydney • Blue Mountains • Hunter Valley

Discover

The World Heritage listed Blue Mountains
Iconic Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuṯa (the Olgas)
Spectacular Sydney Harbour and the famous beaches
The spectacular Great Barrier Reef on a cruise 🚢

Explore

Hike to the top of Kings Canyon
The 36 mystical domes of Kata Tjuṯa

Immerse

Enjoy an Indigenous experience in the Daintree Rainforest 📍
Sail a yacht on Sydney Harbour 🚢
Snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef

Relax

Toast an Uluru sunset with sparkling wine
Taste your way through the Hunter Valley



📍 Uluru

Day 1: Welcome to Cairns

A warm welcome to the gateway city of Tropical North Queensland – the launch pad for your epic adventure from north to south, through the untamed wilderness of the outback. Upon arrival, you'll have time to relax before meeting your Journey Director this afternoon for a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés and later dine overlooking the gleaming waters of the Coral Sea.

🏠 **Alamanda Palm Cove, Cairns, 3 nights**
🍷 **Dinner with wine**

Day 2: Daintree and Indigenous Culture



Explore the symbiotic relationship between the local Kuku Yalanji people and ancient landscapes of the Daintree as you **join your Aboriginal guide on an exclusive journey into the rainforest**. Spend the morning learning about their fascinating traditions, bush diet and traditional medicines shared amidst the soundtrack of the untamed forest. Learn how to hunt for elusive mud crabs before enjoying lunch under the leafy canopies of mahogany and oak.

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, lunch**

Day 3: Great Barrier Reef



Go beyond the 'great' and into an underwater wonderland – your **cruise to discover the magic of the Great Barrier Reef will venture to Agincourt Reef on the Quicksilver wave-piercing catamaran**, where you have a unique opportunity to soak up the pristine natural setting before you. Snorkel past iridescent coral formations and colourful marine-life – an undersea treasure-trove as far as the eye can see. Relax up on deck surrounded by the vivid blue of the Coral Sea, bask in the golden Australian sunshine and enjoy a tropical lunch on board before returning to Palm Cove.

🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, lunch**

Day 4: Cairns – Alice Springs

Depart the holiday hotspot of Cairns, flying to Alice Springs where you'll gain unique insights into what life is like in an isolated Australian town. Spending some time at the School of the Air and Royal Flying Doctor Service, learn how these services provide a much-needed medical lifeline to remote



Australian communities. **Join your Alice Springs family hosts this evening for a Local Dining Experience barbecue dinner around a campfire**, as the Milky Way lights up the sky.

🏠 **Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters**
🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience**

Day 5: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon



This morning's journey takes you **through the West MacDonnell Ranges and along the 4WD Mereenie Loop Road, passing Tylers Lookout and Gosses Bluff**. Take a walk through Angkerle (Standley Chasm), created over millions of years, and continue to your destination, Kings Canyon, where you can stroll along the shady creek bed at the foot of the towering sandstone cliffs of the canyon.

🏠 **Kings Canyon Resort, Deluxe Spa Rooms**
🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine**

Day 6: Kings Canyon – Uluru

Rise with the birds and embark on the exhilarating 6km Rim Walk at Kings Canyon past the domes of the Lost City. Next stop is Curtin Springs Station. Learn about the legacy of the Severin family and their wrangling heritage and then kick back in true Aussie style at a delicious barbecue lunch. This afternoon, venture to the spiritual midst of Uluru in time to enjoy sparkling wine at a spectacular sunset.

🏠 **Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights**
🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, lunch**

Day 7: Uluru and Kata Tjuṯa

Venture to the Uluru–Kata Tjuṯa Cultural Centre where you'll learn about the strong connection shared over millennia between the Anangu people and this ancient land. The mystical domes of Kata Tjuṯa are your next stop. Join your Journey Director for a guided walk deep through the whistling Walpa Gorge, tracing the cultural significance of Kata Tjuṯa's ancient rocky domes. Spend the rest of the afternoon at the base of Uluru's red slopes, embracing the timeless stories of the Anangu whose rock art you'll have an opportunity to see before visiting the Muṯitjulu Waterhole, home to the Anangu's wanampi, an ancestral water snake. Afterwards, **meet the magical stars of the Southern Hemisphere this evening at the sensational Sounds of Silence Dinner**.



🍷 **Full buffet breakfast, Local Dining Experience**

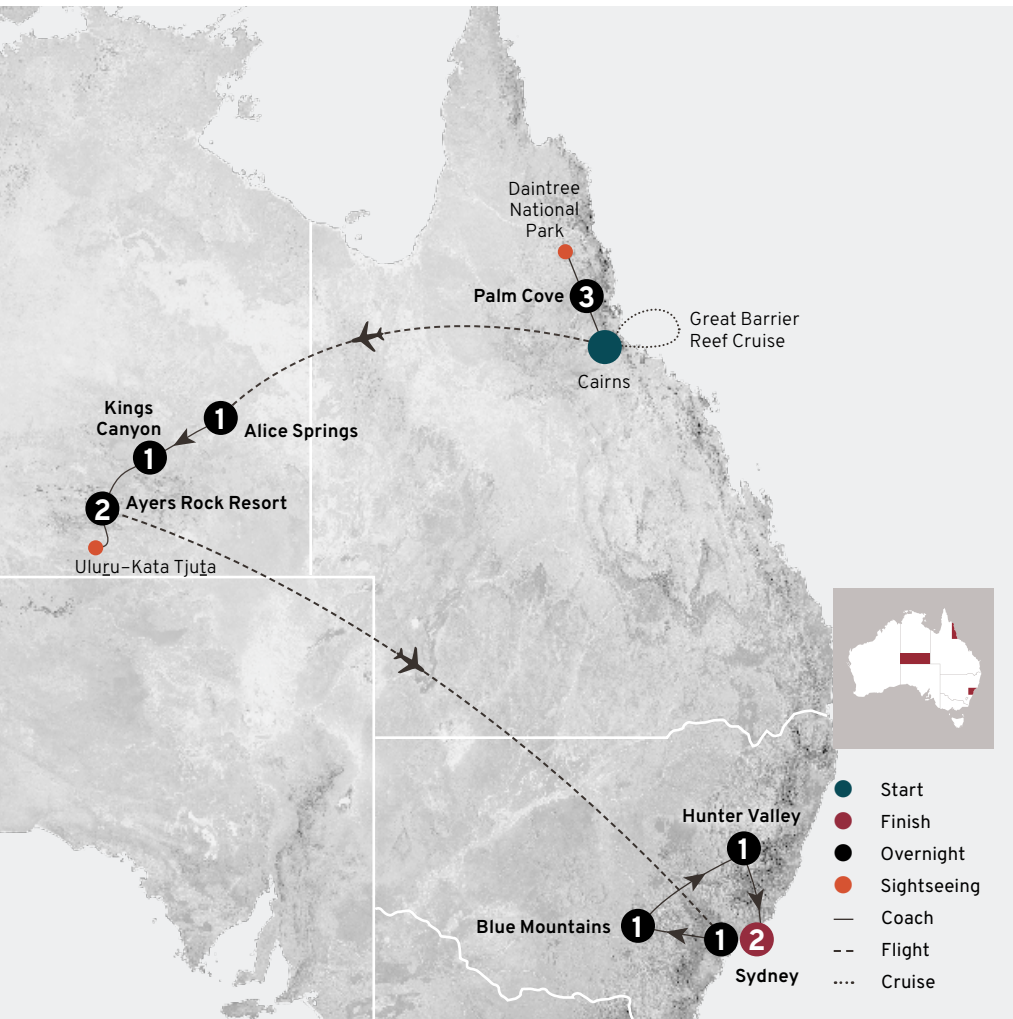
Day 8: Uluru – Sydney

Witness a mesmerising sunrise over Uluru – perfectly viewed from the dune viewing area. Afterwards, kick back and enjoy laidback Aussie vibes before your flight to Sydney. Consider **⊕** an optional experience scenic helicopter flight over Uluru and Kata Tjuṯa, learn the art of Aboriginal dot painting or simply relax with a good book. This afternoon, soulful Uluru gives way to cosmopolitan Sydney.

🏠 **The Langham, Sydney**
🍷 **Full buffet breakfast**

“School of the Air was established in Alice Springs in 1951 and has since been established in other remote parts of Australia. School of the Air gave the children living in isolated areas a voice and gave them friends as every day they got to talk to other children along with their teacher. Our visitors get to join in the classroom, seeing the teacher and children interact and learn and our classroom is very different to a city classroom.”

– Marilyn Spencer, Alice Springs School of the Air



At a glance:

TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Sounds of Silence and Bennelong Sydney Dinners
2. Aboriginal Culture in Cairns and the Red Centre
3. Sail under the Harbour Bridge on famous Sydney Harbour

DINING

- 12 Full buffet breakfasts
- 5 Lunches
- 4 Dinners with wine
- 2 Local Dining Experiences
- 1 Celebration Dinner



Day 9: Sydney – Blue Mountains

The shimmering hue of the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park beckons from afar as you embark on a day of discovery to explore its extraordinary beauty. Soak up eucalyptus scents and discover such icons as the Three Sisters at Echo Point and spectacular Bridal Veil Falls. Go off the beaten path in the company of your Journey Director to secluded lookouts and peaceful short bushwalks.

- 🏠 Fairmont Resort Blue Mountains
- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 10: Blue Mountains – Hunter Valley

Explore Australia's original wine country. A day of guilt-free indulgence awaits as you sample the delectable flavours and award-winning vintages of the Hunter Valley. Enjoy private wine tastings at boutique vineyards and a sumptuous lunch in exquisite surrounds before arriving at your hotel and spending the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

- 🏠 Kirkton Park Hotel, Hunter Valley
- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 11: Hunter Valley – Sydney

🚢 The wind in your sails, it's time to kick-start your afternoon on famous Sydney Harbour. Prime your sea legs and **join your sailing crew on board a luxury yacht**. Take the helm, work the grinders or simply kick back as you sail past the billowing sails of the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and small secluded coves surrounded by multi-million dollar waterfront homes. An evening at leisure follows your exhilarating day on the water.

- 🏠 The Langham, Sydney, 2 nights
- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

Day 12: Sydney Sightseeing

The Eastern Suburbs of Sydney welcome you this morning as you stroll along the coastal walk. No trip to Sydney would be complete without a visit to the iconic Sydney Opera House for a VIP guided tour to learn about this architectural marvel. Afterwards, toast your Inspiring Journey at a Celebration Dinner at chef Peter Gilmore's iconic Bennelong Restaurant under the sails of the Sydney Opera House.

- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast, Celebration Dinner

Day 13: Farewell from Sydney

Bid farewell to the Harbour City and new found friends as your epic discovery of Australia's natural splendour and spiritual soul has come to an end and you are transferred to Sydney Airport for your onward flight.

- 🍽️ Full buffet breakfast

IJFLY: Cairns to Sydney

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 2.00pm into Cairns Airport

Day 13 – flights to depart anytime from Sydney Airport

Internal-holiday flights required to be purchased in order to fulfil the itinerary:

Day 4 – Cairns to Alice Springs: QF1949

Day 8 – Ayers Rock to Sydney: JQ661