



Tuesday · January 22nd, 2019 - Tuesday · February 12th, 2019

An Australian Summer Spectacular!

Itinerary for the Southern regions (Best time to travel - September to April)

Tuesday · January 22nd	Arrive Sydney Park Hyatt Sydney (5 nights) Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb
Wednesday · January 23rd	"Sails of Sydney" Private Tour
Thursday · January 24th	Blue Mountains by 4WD
Friday · January 25th	Bondi to Coogee Walk Bondi Beach Surfing Lesson
Saturday · January 26th	"Australia Day" Luncheon Cruise
Sunday · January 27th	Flight - Sydney to Melbourne The Langham Melbourne (4 nights) The Australian Open
Monday · January 28th	Melbourne Food, Art and Laneways Walking Tour
Tuesday · January 29th	Great Ocean Road - Drive/Fly
Wednesday · January 30th	Phillip Island Ranger Led Penguin Parade
Thursday · January 31st	Flight - Melbourne to Hobart MACq 01 Hotel (4 nights)
Friday · February 1st	Port Arthur and Tasman Peninsula
Saturday · February 2nd	Salamanca Markets MONA (Museum of Old and New Art)
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Monday · February 4th	Flight - Hobart to Kangaroo Island Southern Ocean Lodge (3 nights)
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Monday · February 11th	Free Day
Tuesday · February 12th	Return Home

Tuesday · January 22nd

Arrive Sydney

Welcome to Australia!

On arrival into Sydney, you will be met and provided a private transfer to your accommodation.



Image credits: Park Hyatt Hotel Sydney

Jan 22

Check-in

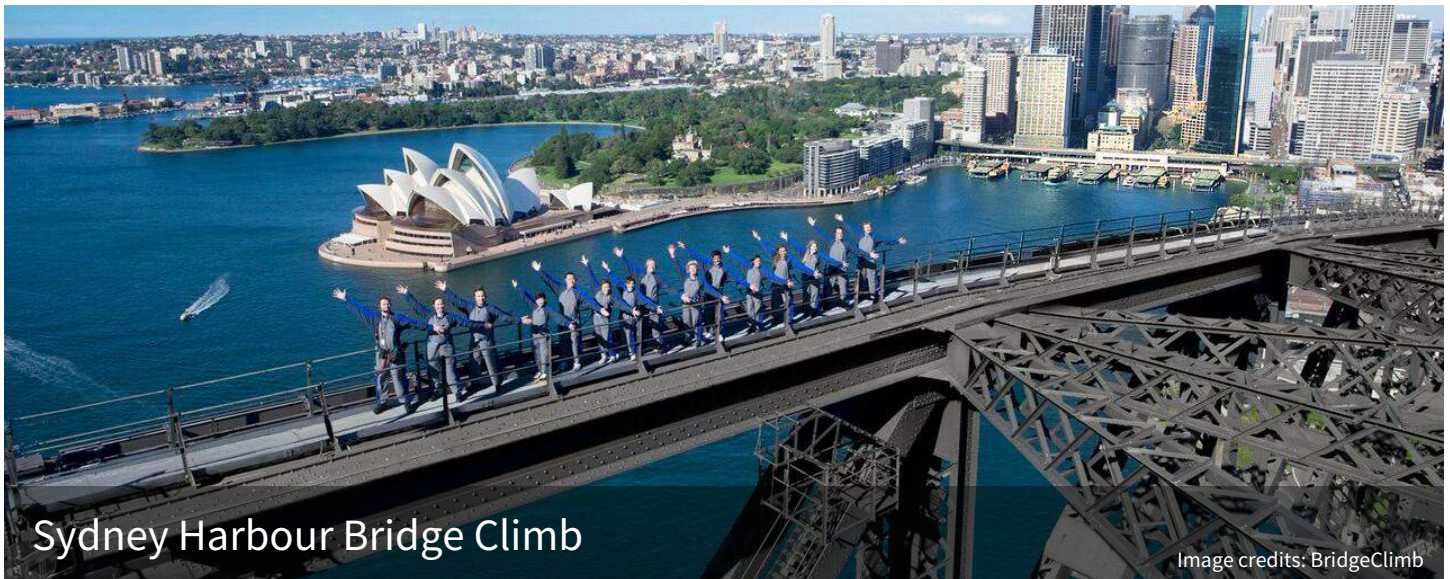
Jan 27

Check-out

5 nights

Duration

The Park Hyatt Hotel is strategically located on the water's edge in the heart of the charming, and very central, 'Rocks' area - Sydney's birth place. After settling into your accommodation, take the opportunity to familiarise yourselves with this beautiful part of Sydney by taking a leisurely stroll along the harbour foreshore, passing musicians, buskers and the ferry wharves, until you reach the white sails of the Sydney Opera House.



Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb

Image credits: BridgeClimb

Enjoy a spectacular Harbour Bridge Climb, all the way to the top, for 360-degree views of the city, harbour, Opera House and surrounds.

Wednesday · January 23rd



"Sails of Sydney" Private Tour

Image credits: Hugh Stewart. Tourism Australia

What better way to view the world's most beautiful sails, architecturally speaking, than from beneath the sails of your own private yacht on Sydney Harbour? This tour is the perfect introduction to Sydney - a half day of touring with your own local guide and private vehicle, followed by a private cruise to see stunning Sydney Harbour from the water.

You'll see all the main sights, learn about Sydney's unique colonial past, and explore the rich aboriginal history. Discover the Rocks, the Opera House precinct, colonial Macquarie Street, and the glamorous Eastern Suburbs. See the views from South Head, visit iconic Bondi Beach and enjoy lunch by the waters edge at a favourite local haunt.

After lunch, enjoy a taste of local life as you cruise Sydney Harbour aboard your privately skippered yacht, for a two hour cruise on the world's most beautiful harbour.

Thursday · January 24th



Blue Mountains by 4WD

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On this private tour, you will travel off road where the tourist buses can't go and venture along 4WD tracks into the heart of the Blue Mountains wilderness. Lunch will be a special highlight. Your guide will set up a table in the great outdoors overlooking a canyon, complete with white linen and you'll enjoy a selection of food, including a cheese platter, as you soak up the incredible scenery.

This unique full day tour features the geographical grandeur of the Blue Mountains, see the Three Sisters like most tourists or locals never see them, the raw beauty and majesty of the World heritage listed great Grose Valley, magnificent rainforests, waterfalls and spectacular cliffs.

This amazing day is not all about the driving, you will stop and smell the flowers and enjoy several short walks, where you can view the local wildlife and flora up close.

Your experienced eco guide has a wealth of knowledge of the Blue Mountains region, geological myths will be explained, the fauna and amazing floral masterpieces of the bush discovered, and the history of the early explorers learnt.

Friday · January 25th



Bondi to Coogee Walk

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Head to iconic Bondi Beach to walk or cycle the “Bondi to Coogee” 3 km walk along the spectacular ocean front. Take in the amazing views, relax and enjoy lunch at one of the many cafes or restaurants, take a refreshing dip and experience the beachside lifestyle of the locals.



Bondi Beach Surfing Lesson

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Perhaps, take to the water for a private surfing lesson.

Saturday · January 26th



"Australia Day" Luncheon Cruise

Image credits: NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet

Australia Day is one of the feature events on the Sydney Harbour calendar. Basking under blue skies on Sydney Harbour is an absolutely magnificent way to spend Australia Day. Enjoy a 4 course premium lunch with premium drinks package on the Sky Deck of flagship "MV Sydney 2000". Experience the festivities and Sydney's iconic landmarks from an extraordinary perspective.

Witness Sydney's beloved ferries line up for one of Australia's most popular and iconic events - the Sydney Festival's Ferrython. Marvel at the Tug and Yacht Ballet - a spectacular display of nautical precision as 10 yachts and 2 powerful tugboats tack in unison to a musical score, including a jaw-dropping cameo by squirrel helicopters and jet boats. Capture the impressive fleet of historic vessels cut their way across the harbour in the Tall Ships Race, finishing beneath Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Notes

Guaranteed window seats



In the evening, enjoy the celebratory Australia Day fireworks display.

Sunday · January 27th

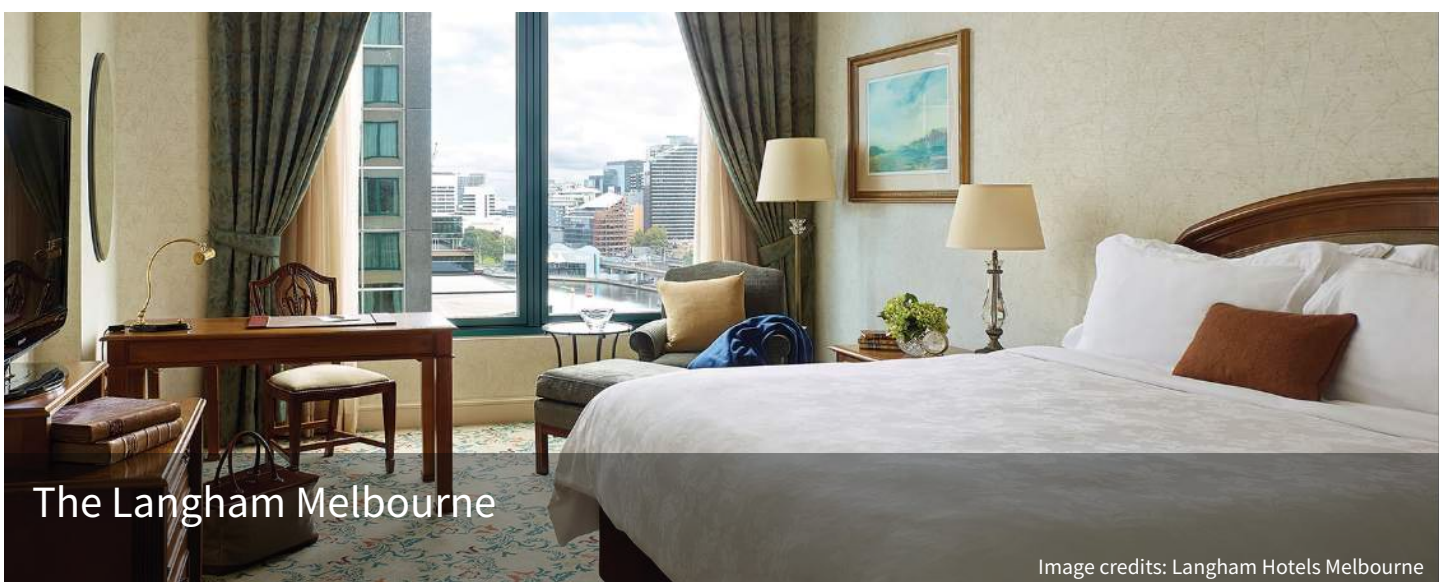
Depart Sydney

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Flight - Sydney to Melbourne

Arrive Melbourne

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Jan 27

Check-in

Jan 31

Check-out

4 nights

Duration

The Langham Melbourne is situated in the exclusive Southbank precinct and offers stunning views of the Melbourne City skyline. The Langham Melbourne is one of the Leading Hotels of the World and delivers a new level of luxury with sophisticated and exceptional service.



Experience one of the world's great tennis events first hand - our Aussie grand slam - the Australian Open.

Monday · January 28th



Have you ever been to a city and wondered what all the fuss was about? Or wasted time trying to find that cool local café you were told about and ended up missing everything else on offer? Melbourne's arcades and laneways hide many of these treasures, and a walking tour is the ideal way to discover and learn about the enchantment of Melbourne through the eyes of a local.

On your tour of Melbourne's signature lanes and arcades, local designers and specialty retailers are unveiled as well as some of the quirkiest cafes, independent designers, street art and architecture, with historical tales of Melbourne told along the way. There is something for everyone, locals and visitors alike.

Tuesday · January 29th



Great Ocean Road - Drive/Fly

Image credits: Great Ocean Road. Tourism Australia.

Experience the very best of the Great Ocean Road with the ultimate tour that showcases the splendour of this famous coastline from the comfort of a luxury touring vehicle before taking to the skies in a private return helicopter journey to Melbourne.

As you journey along the Great Ocean Road you will gain an insight into Australian surfing culture at Bells Beach, spot kangaroos and discover one of the many popular seaside villages such as Lorne where you can take a leisurely stroll on the beach.

Your professional guide will point out resident wild koalas at Kennett River before arriving at Apollo Bay where a gourmet lunch of quality local Great Ocean Road produce and fresh seafood is served opposite the sandy bay beaches.

Following lunch, traverse inland through towering forests towards the Port Campbell National Park and get your first glimpse of The Twelve Apostles. Emerging 65 metres above sea level these towers of limestone are an inspiring sight to see and are truly one of Australia's icons. Visit the historic landmark of Loch Ard Gorge and hear tragic and romantic tales of shipwreck.

Take to the skies in a private helicopter and admire the wonders of the Great Ocean Road and the Otway Ranges from the air, a truly stunning sight, before landing in Melbourne.



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Wednesday · January 30th



Phillip Island Ranger Led Penguin Parade

Image credits: Phillip Island Nature Park

The ultimate way to experience the beauty and nature of Phillip Island is through the eyes of a Phillip Island Nature Parks Ranger.

Spend the afternoon with exclusive access to one of the islands expert Rangers. Phillip Island Rangers are passionate experts with knowledge in the islands flora and fauna, unique and varied birdlife plus the fascinating indigenous Aboriginal History of this small yet diverse island.

Get up close to one of Australia's most iconic marsupials at the Koala Conservation Centre, where the tree-top boardwalks put you eye to eye with koalas in their natural habitat. Wander the extensive trails through Australian bushland, home to many other iconic Australian animals including wallabies, echidnas and bats.

Acquaint yourself with the wonders of the southern waters, while you meander along coastal boardwalks. Catch a glimpse of the world's second largest Australian Fur Seal Colony at Seal Rocks through the interactive cameras at the Nobbies Centre.

Complete an unforgettable day with one of the world's greatest wildlife wonders. Enjoy the sunset return of the Little Penguins on 'The Ultimate Penguin Tour'. This fully accredited eco-tour is restricted to no more than 10 visitors per night and is held on a stunning, secluded beach where guests will view the Little Penguins waddling ashore to their sand dune burrows.

For dinner, you are invited to dine on delicious local produce as you take in panoramic ocean views.

Thursday · January 31st

Depart Melbourne

You will be collected from your accommodation this morning and provided a private transfer to Melbourne airport for your flight to Hobart in Tasmania.

Flight - Melbourne to Hobart

Arrive Hobart

On arrival into Hobart, you will be met and provided a private transfer to your accommodation.



Image credits: MACq 01 Hotel

MACq 01 Hotel

Jan 31

Check-in

Feb 04

Check-out

4 nights

Duration

In the style of a shipping shed that was once on the site, this slick hotel with decor inspired by local history, is centrally located and overlooks Constitution Dock.



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Starting off in Hobart, you head towards the town of Dunalley. A quiet little town known for its fresh seafood and waterfront scenery.

Head towards Eaglehawk Neck - home to the quaint little village of "Doo", where almost every house has the word 'Doo' in its name. You also take a look at the natural formations of the Tasman Arch and Blowhole.

Your next stop is the main attraction being the Port Arthur Historic Site. Sitting tranquilly amidst English oaks and gardens, Port Arthur is a harsh contrast to the beauty of the Tasman Peninsula. Rich in visual history, the Port Arthur Historic Site evokes a powerful sense of Australia's convict history and of early Australian settlement heritage.

Spend time exploring the multitude of restored and ruined buildings and learn of the site's dramatic history. Enjoy a short harbour cruise or a walking tour of the Isle of the Dead and get a feel for what it is like to arrive by boat at this desolate location and gain a more powerful insight into the personal life and struggles of the convicts.

On your way back to Hobart, stop at the Port Arthur Lavender Farm, where you can sample all things lavender (even ice cream), then your final stop is the Tasmanian UnZoo. Known to most as a Tasmanian Devil Conservation Park, you can get up close with one the Tasmanian Devils as well as the other native Tasmanian animals.

Saturday · February 2nd



Today explore the Salamanca Market, which is one of Australia's most loved outdoor markets and can be found every Saturday morning, along the historic Salamanca Place, next to the Hobart waterfront. It's a destination that's hard to beat and is absolutely free to enjoy.

The market has an electric mix of over 300 stallholders showcasing delicious food, artisan jewellery, fine Tasmanian handcrafted timbers, handmade clothing, as well as vintage collectables, pottery, plants and flowers.



Travel via fast ferry from Hobart to the world renowned MONA (Museum of Old & New Art) where you can experience the extraordinary architecture of this world famous gallery and explore MONA's permanent collection as well as an array of visiting exhibitions.

Expect the unexpected!

Sunday · February 3rd



Enjoy rock lobster and oysters shucked straight from the water. Watch your guide dive for abalone and sea urchin and be delighted as your catch is turned into a delicious seafood feast accompanied by gourmet local produce and Tasmanian wines, boutique beers and juices.

This full-day cruise begins on Hobart's vibrant waterfront, amongst the fishing boats moored at Constitution Dock. You will cruise aboard a custom-built vessel, featuring a spacious enclosed cabin and luxury leather seats. You'll be one of up to only 12 guests treated to an unforgettable day of indulgence and relaxation.

Cruise down the Derwent River and into the sheltered waters of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel which surrounds Bruny Island. As you voyage south, you leave all traces of civilization behind.

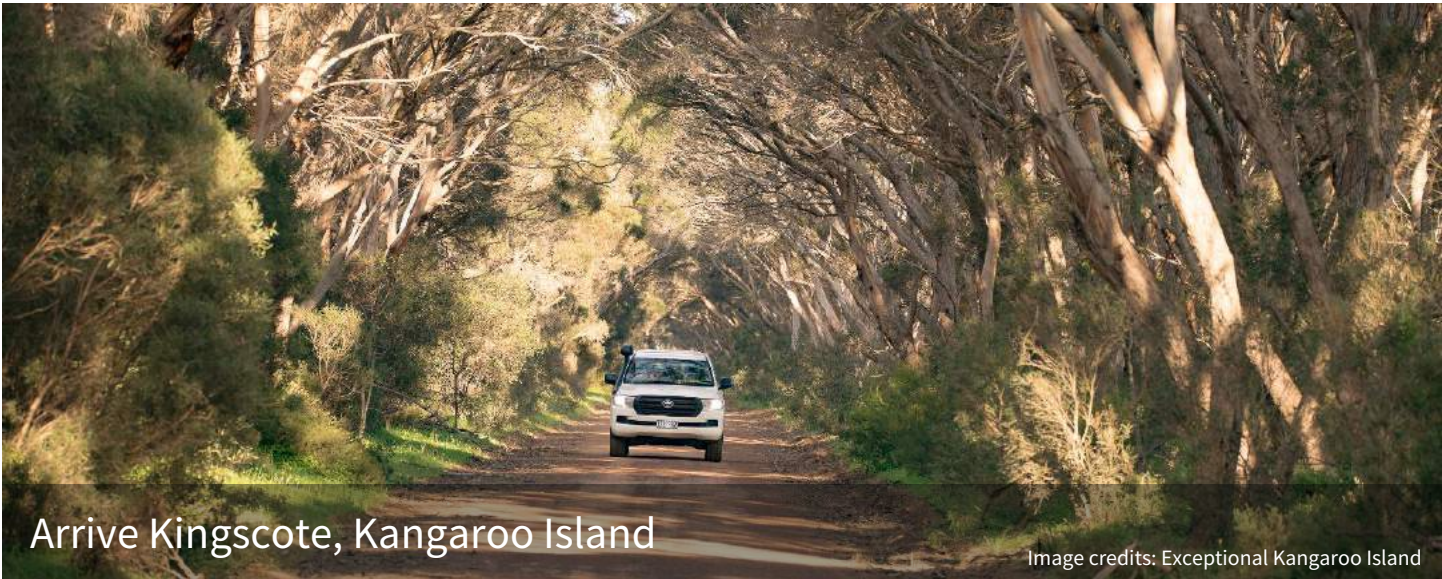
Your guides know these waters intimately. They've grown up in this wilderness environment, with its picturesque landscapes and beautiful deserted beaches. Throughout the day, they'll provide an entertaining insight into the surrounding landscape and animals. Such local knowledge only comes from spending years in and around these clean blue waters.

Monday · February 4th

Depart Hobart

You will be met at your accommodation this morning and provided a private transfer back to Hobart airport, for your flights to Kangaroo Island.

Flight - Hobart to Kangaroo Island



Arrive Kingscote, Kangaroo Island

Image credits: Exceptional Kangaroo Island

On arrival into Kingscote on Kangaroo Island, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation.



Southern Ocean Lodge

Image credits: Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island

Feb 04	Feb 07	3 nights
Check-in	Check-out	Duration

Australia’s third largest island, KI is a microcosm of different landscapes and environments - stunning beaches, forests, desert dunes and farmland, as well as home to amazing native wildlife.

Southern Ocean Lodge offers guests a complete and personal Kangaroo Island experience. A signature itinerary of selected guided island excursions is designed daily and included in the tariff, allowing guests to encounter abundant wildlife in a ‘zoo without fences’ and discover the Island’s unique natural attractions, often with exclusive access and always with a touch of luxe.

The Southern Ocean Lodge guide introduces sea lions at Seal Bay, hosts an exploration of the vast wilderness of Flinders Chase National Park and leads a journey through coastal flora along the limestone clifftops. A menu of Bespoke Experiences offers further exploration and excellent private charters are also available. Discover epicurean delights, visit local artists, or step off the beaten track to encounter wildlife in Australia’s own Galapagos.

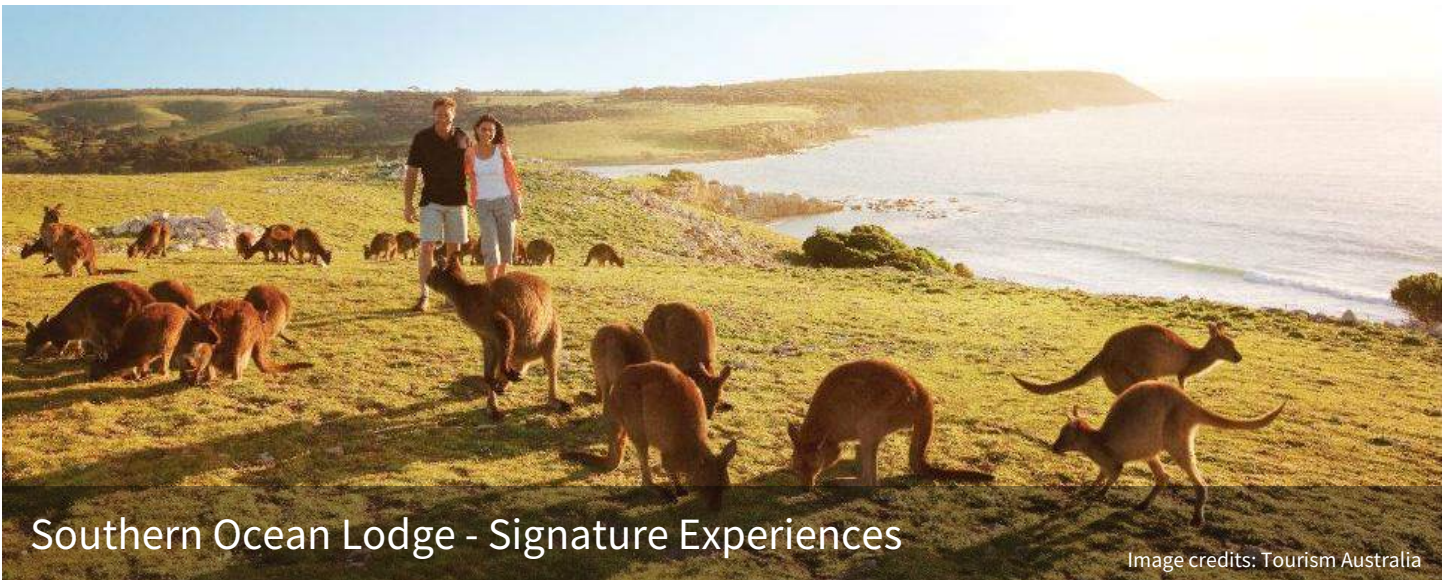


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Southern Ocean Lodge - Signature Experiences

Today explore Kangaroo Island through Southern Ocean Lodge's signature experiences.

Wonders of Kangaroo Island

This half day experience is a spectacular introduction to Kangaroo Island's wildlife, maritime heritage and stunning coastal landscapes and takes full advantage of the Lodge's unique location. Cape du Couedic Lighthouse, Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch and a fur seal colony are just some of the trip highlights. Wander amongst the rare Cape Barren Geese and search the leafy eucalypts for a sleepy koala.

Seal Bay

Seal Bay is home to Australia's third largest colony of Australian sea lions. Join our naturalist guide on the shores of the Southern Ocean for an exclusive tour on the beach with these wild animals. Learn about their unique breeding cycle and the ongoing research programs implemented on site. It's just one of the many privileges of Kangaroo Island.

Coastal Clifftop Walk

Take a scenic walk starting right on the Lodge's doorstep atop the limestone cliffs of Hanson Bay. This easy walk affords a bird's eye view of thundering waves crashing along the coastline. Stand on top of the cliff with the wind blowing, look out to sea and realise there is nothing but ocean between here and Antarctica. Experience and learn about local flora, fauna and coastline ecosystems. Tip: A photographer's dream!

Kangas & Kanapés

Soak up the history of the early island settlers at Grassdale, a historic island property reached by a short drive from the Lodge and where local wildlife including kangaroos and wallabies congregate to graze. Observe these creatures in their natural environment, sip premium South Australian beverages and enjoy a 'Kanapé' whilst the sun goes down on another magical day.

Discover Island Heritage

Discover the intriguing natural heritage of this wild island in the Baudin Lounge. This informative visual presentation hosted by resident naturalist staff provides insight into the Island's discovery and natural history and gives an overview of its many spectacular attractions.

Wednesday · February 6th



Southern Ocean Lodge - Signature Experiences

Enjoy a second day exploring Kangaroo Island with Southern Ocean Lodge's signature experiences.

Thursday · February 7th

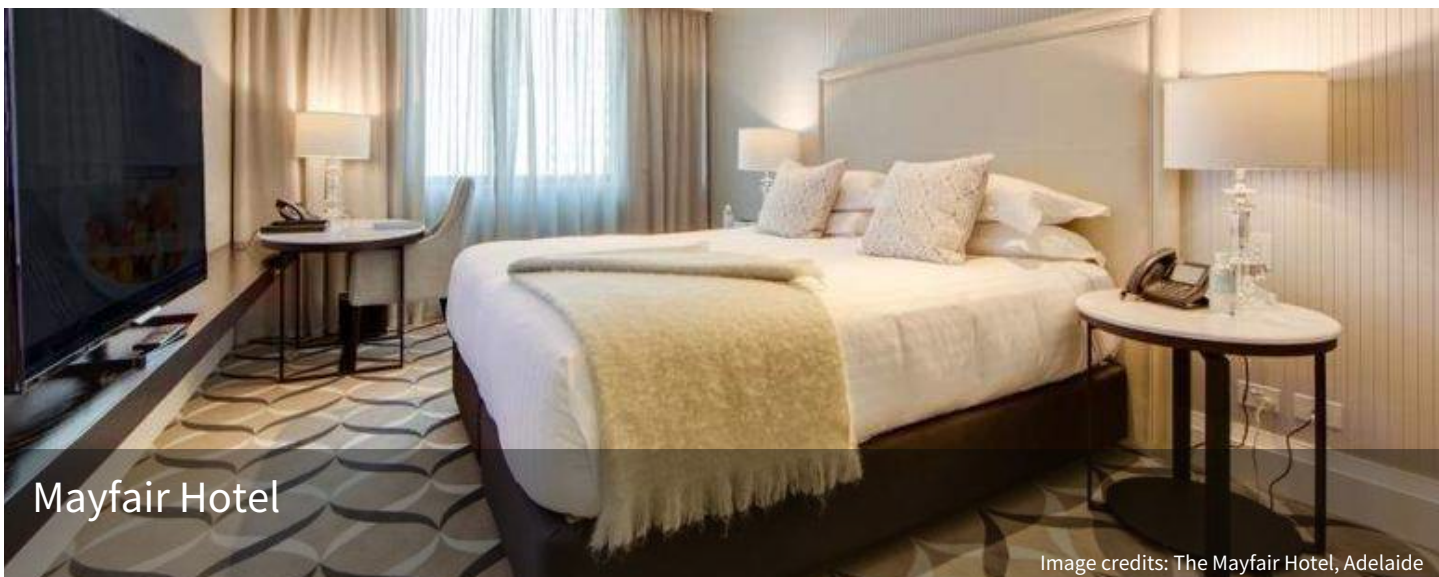
Depart Kangaroo Island

You will be transferred back to Kingscote airport today for your flight to Adelaide.

Flight - Kangaroo Island to Adelaide

Arrive Adelaide

On arrival into Adelaide, you will be provided a transfer to the airport for your flight to Kangaroo Island.



Mayfair Hotel

Image credits: The Mayfair Hotel, Adelaide

Feb 07

Check-in

Feb 09

Check-out

2 nights

Duration

In the heart of the city on the corner of King William and Hindley Streets, nestled in the beautifully renovated heritage-listed Romanesque style Colonial Mutual Life building, is Adelaide's Mayfair Hotel. Complemented by a stunning jewel box addition, the Mayfair is the gateway linking the Rundle Mall and Adelaide's exciting new Riverbank Entertainment Precinct.

Friday · February 8th



Connoisseur Tour of the Barossa

The Connoisseurs tour is the ultimate wine and food experience. This exclusive tour takes you on an in-depth tasting journey, weaving its way through the Barossa's beautiful landscape of contoured vineyards and majestic gum trees.

Meet five specialist winemakers for a personal wine tasting, each followed by a specially created food and wine match. Sit among the vines or barrels and soak in the character of each winery as you enjoy an entree (small plate) created by the winemaker to match one of their flagship wines.

Each stop will be a delicious dance of taste sensations, each plate of food personally created for you from fresh, local and seasonal ingredients.

The Barossa has a dazzling array of amazingly talented winemakers and vigneron.

Saturday · February 9th

Depart Adelaide

You will be collected from your accommodation this morning and provided a private transfer to Adelaide airport for your flight to Lord Howe Island via Sydney.

Flight - Adelaide to Lord Howe Island



Arrive Lord Howe Island

Image credits: Lord Howe Island. Capella Lodge

On arrival into Lord Howe Island, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation.



Capella Lodge

Image credits: Capella Lodge

Feb 09

Check-in

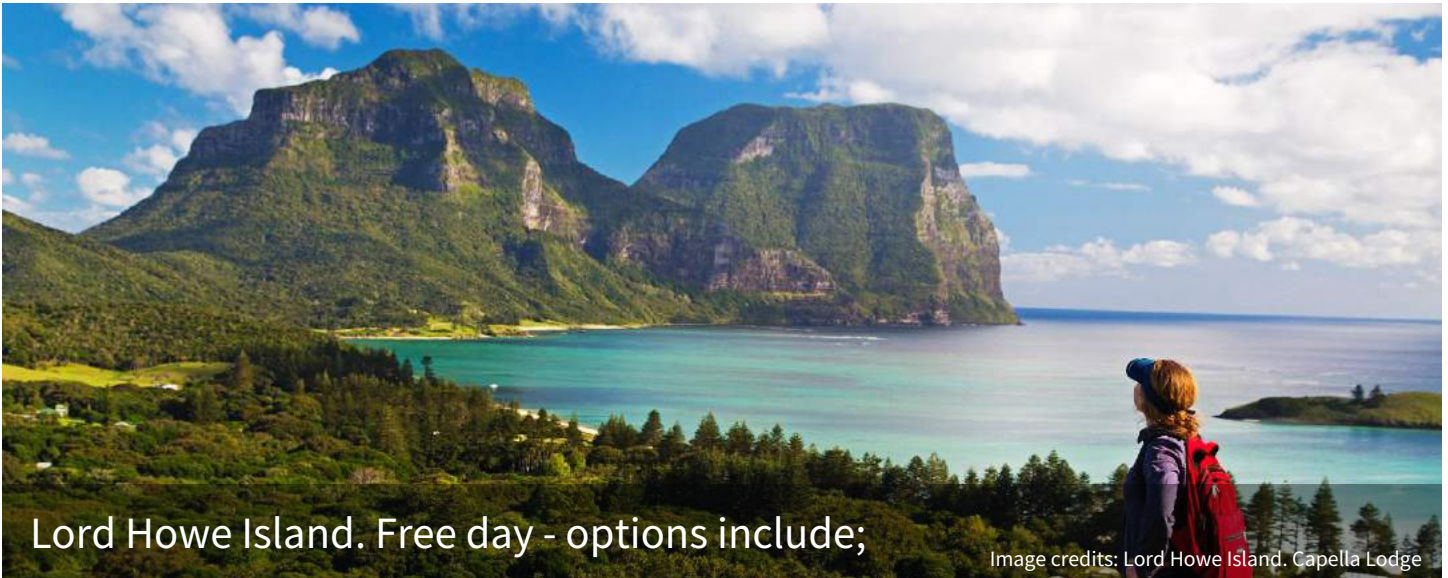
Feb 12

Check-out

3 nights

Duration

Celebrated as the pinnacle of luxury on World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island, Capella Lodge rests above romantic Lovers Bay, at the foot of the imperious mountain twins rising dramatically above. Commanding stunning ocean and mountain views, the lodge affords a civilised, stylish and sophisticated escape. Capella’s contemporary cuisine, first class service, relaxed sophistication and intimate surrounds combine to deliver a unique and exclusive Lord Howe Island experience.



Lord Howe Island. Free day - options include;

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Feed the fish at Ned's Beach

As well as being one of Lord Howe's most picture postcard perfect beaches and a great spot for snorkelling. In 2005 Ned's was voted Australia's cleanest beach. Ned's is also where the Island's fish will come to you.

Be part of a tradition that has enchanted visitors and locals for generations any time of day make your way to Neds and feed the mullet, wrasse, garfish, silver-drummer, spangled-emperor and of course the royalty of Lord Howe fish, metre-long kingfish.

Climb Malabar Hill or take the ridge walk to Kim's Lookout

One of Lord Howe's most popular walks starts on Ned's Beach Road and offers spectacular views along the spine of the Island's mountain ridge as well as magnificent views over The Lagoon. This 3-hour return walk (class 4-5) takes you through Kentia palm groves and shearwater breeding burrows.

At Malabar Hill (209 metres) the cliffs plunge dramatically into the ocean below and the crannies in the cliff shelter one of the world's largest colonies of red-tailed tropic-birds.

Between September and May the birds put on a mesmerising ariel display. If you continue to Kim's Lookout (a more challenging climb that extends your trek to a 5-hour return) you'll be rewarded with superb views of Mt Gower and the Island's jewel-coloured reef.

BBQ Islander style

Islander's know how to enjoy themselves and you too can embrace the relaxed Lord Howe way of life with a BBQ at Ned's Beach or Cobby's Corner. North Bay is another of the Island's magical BBQ areas.

Board a wave at Blinky Beach

One of Lord Howe's eastern-facing beaches, Blinky's has some of the best breaks on the island and has Australia's least crowded waves wax up and go narley, body surf or simply swim and enjoy.

Explore the Marine Park

Snorkel, scuba dive, kayak or join a glass-bottom boat tour of the lagoon. The crystal-clear waters of Lord Howe are home to more than 500 species of fish and 90 species of coral. The pristine fringing reef - the southernmost in the world - is celebrated for its diversity and exceptional natural beauty. All the waters surrounding Lord Howe Island were declared a Marine Park in 1999.

Go Gower

It's not for the faint-hearted, but the one-day hike to Mt Gower (875m) is considered one of the world's best climbs. The guided, 8-hour return, class 5 walk, has a section that is rope-assisted and also includes some narrow ridge walks with nerve-testing sheer drops. However, the 14km walk provides some of the Island's most rewarding experiences including encounters with rare flora and Lord Howe's famous woodhen.

Little Island

A walk to the southern end of Lord Howe takes you to Little Island, home of the woodhen. If you're lucky enough to be here in winter, you'll be able to call down the magnificent providence petrels. Join naturalist Ian Hutton for walking or boat tours.

Goat House

Tackle the challenging climb to the Goat House cave on Mt Lidgbird and as your reward witness spectacular views over the island. Enjoy a picnic lunch in this ancient setting before descending through the rainforest below.

Expedition to Balls Pyramid

Twenty-three kilometres to the south of Lord Howe Island is a spectacular 550-metre spearhead of grey basalt that seemingly explodes from the ocean. The world's largest sea stack is home to extraordinary birdlife and the waters surrounding Balls Pyramid are teeming with marine life. A cruise to Balls Pyramid is astonishing. For experienced divers, Balls is an unparalleled adventure.

Monday · February 11th

Free Day

Tuesday · February 12th

Return Home

You will be provided a transfer back to the airport today for your return flights home.