



Ayers Rock at sunrise



# AUSTRALIA EXPLORER

12 DAYS + FROM \$7,499 + Small Groups of Never More than 16 Guests or Travel Privately

## Our Distinctive A+R Style

- + Savor the farm-to-table cuisine and wines of a family-run farm and vineyard near Melbourne.
- + Hop aboard the *Skyrail Rainforest Cableway* for an exciting aerial adventure over the pristine rainforests of North Queensland.
- + Embark on an excursion to Michaelmas Cay and explore the colorful undersea realm of the Great Barrier Reef.
- + Experience the many moods of Ayers Rock... Enjoy a sunset toast as the sun sets over Uluru and a second visit to behold the sun rise.
- + Go behind-the-scenes at the Sydney Opera House to areas that are normally off-limits.

## OUR JOURNEY

See 3 UNESCO World Heritage sites

### DAY 1 | Welcome to Melbourne

On arrival, you'll be escorted to the sophisticated 5-star *Sofitel on Collins*. Gather this evening for a welcome cocktail reception.

### DAY 2 | Discover Melbourne

See the city's Victorian architecture and tour the Royal Botanic Garden. Then visit the Shrine of Remembrance to learn about Australia's wartime history before exploring the beachfront promenade in the charming coastal enclave of St. Kilda. Back in the city, you'll sample the fine confections of a patisserie in the elegant Royal Arcade

that opened 1870. Tonight, enjoy our specially arranged food and wine walking tour and sample three of our favorite local dining spots. MEALS B+D

### DAY 3 | The Mornington Peninsula

Discover the tranquil fishing hamlets, picturesque farms and award-winning wineries of the Mornington Peninsula. Tour *Green Olive*, a family farm and vineyard, and sit down to a congenial farm-to-table lunch with wine. From Arthur's Seat, you'll have spectacular views of Port Phillip Bay. MEALS B+L

### DAY 4 | Fly to Queensland

Fly to Cairns and visit Kurandu Village and Koala Gardens to see koalas, kangaroos and more. Then experience the *Skyrail Cableway* to explore this

pristine rainforest. Continue to Palm Cove on the coast just north of Cairns and check in to the **Peppers Beach Club & Spa**. MEALS B

#### DAY 5 | **The Great Barrier Reef**

Cruise to Michaelmas Cay on the Great Barrier Reef, situated 25 miles off the coast and close to the pristine outer reef systems. Free snorkeling equipment and our marine biologist promise thrilling exploration of the undersea realm. MEALS B+L

#### DAY 6 | **A free day in Paradise**

Enjoy the amenities of our tropical resort and the charms of Palm Cove. MEALS B

#### DAY 7 | **Ayers Rock + Kata Tjuta**

Fly to Ayers Rock and transfer to **Sails in the Desert**. Then set out with our guide to learn about the life, bush food, and reptiles of the Outback and discover the physical majesty and spiritual importance of the 36 towering red-rock domes that comprise Kata Tjuta. After a relaxing afternoon, enjoy a glass of wine and behold the sun set over Uluru – a magical experience. MEALS B

#### DAY 8 | **Sunrise at Uluru + The Outback**

Enjoy a picnic breakfast and watch the sun cast its first rays upon Uluru. A morning walk reveals Aboriginal rock paintings and a chance to hear the local Creation stories. Tonight's sunset dinner overlooking Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park will be accompanied by the haunting sounds of the didgeridoo. MEALS B+D

#### DAY 9 | **Onward to Sydney**

Fly to Sydney and transfer to the **Sir Stamford at Circular Quay Hotel**. MEALS B

#### DAY 10 | **Out and about in Sydney**

Enjoy our special backstage tour at the Sydney Opera House and see the city's most famous sites, like the Harbour Bridge, St. Mary's Cathedral and Bondi Beach. Enjoy lunch and wine on Watsons Bay. MEALS B+L

#### DAY 11 | **At leisure in Sydney**

Enjoy Sydney at your own pace today. Then gather this evening for a Harbour cruise with dinner and fine Australian wines. MEALS B+D

#### DAY 12 | **Depart Sydney**

We'll escort you to the airport today. MEALS B

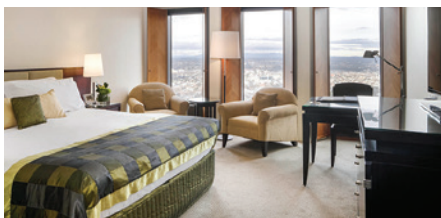
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**OUR SPECTACULAR  
NEW ZEALAND**



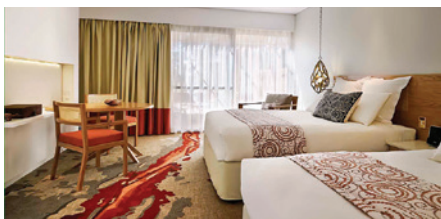
Enhance your travels and continue on to explore New Zealand's magnificent South Island on our 9-day Small Group Journey. See page 44.

### Our Luxury Hotels + Delightful Resorts



#### MELBOURNE – SOFTEL ON COLLINS

Blending French art de vivre with modern Australian style, our luxury hotel is on the city's most prestigious and elegant street.



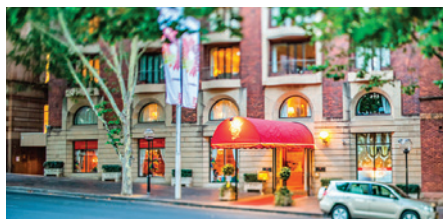
#### AYERS ROCK – SAILS IN THE DESERT

Beneath the soaring white sails that shade our 5-star resort, your stylish room offers free WiFi and a private balcony or patio.



#### CAIRNS – PEPPERS BEACH CLUB & SPA

Surrounded by lush gardens, our tropical beach resort offers spacious guestrooms with private balconies and free WiFi.



#### SYDNEY –

#### SIR STAMFORD AT CIRCULAR QUAY

Our luxury boutique hotel is ideally located near Sydney Harbour and the Opera House.

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OUR  
ORIGINAL  
JOURNEY **Value**

- + Fully escorted with comprehensive expertly-guided sightseeing with never more than 16 guests including all entry fees
- + 17 meals: 11 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners with wine
- + 11 nights in our carefully selected luxury hotels and enchanting 5-star resorts
- + All on-tour transportation and transfers
- + All 3 internal flights
- + All luggage handling, hotel taxes and fees
- + All gratuities are included, except for your Tour Leader
- + 4 or more guests save \$100 each
- + Solo guests enjoy double occupancy accommodations throughout

**2023-2024 Rates** LAND ONLY PER PERSON

#### Never More than 16 Guests

2023	DOUBLE	SOLO SUPPLEMENT
Jan 14, 27, Feb 8	\$7,999	\$2,000
Mar 3, 13, Oct 4, 22		
Nov 22, Dec 28	\$8,599	\$2,200
2024		
Jan 9, 21, Feb 9, 27		
Mar 10, 22	\$8,699	\$2,200

#### Travel Privately Any Day

2023-2024	DOUBLE	SOLO SUPPLEMENT
Jan - Dec	From \$10,999	\$2,800

**Save up to \$1,000 per couple | \$500 solo** when you pay in full at time of booking

#### Go on a Custom Journey

It's a country. It's a continent. By any definition, Australia offers so many things to see and do. Our experts can tailor a tour just for you.