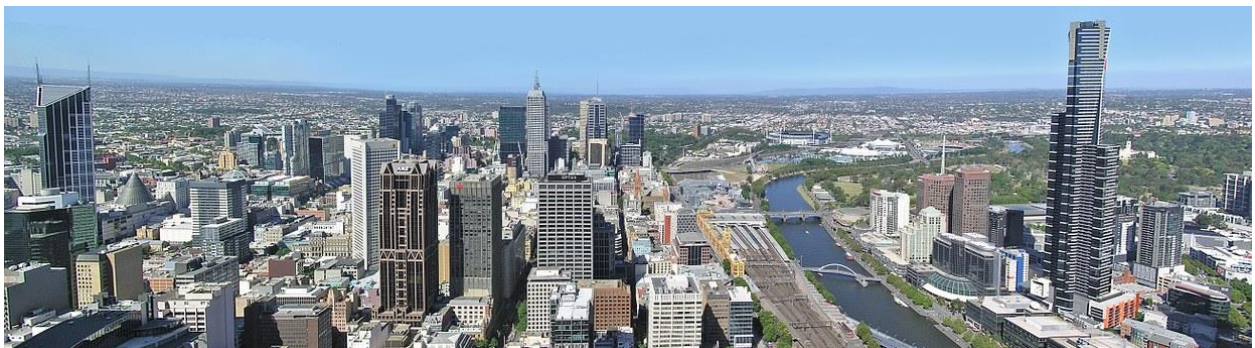


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## 11-15 Day Melbourne To Sydney Adventure Melbourne – Brisbane – Gladstone – Sydney



### ITINERARY



### CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR DATES – FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS – 7-10 DAY ITINERARY

#### Arrival Day 1 Melbourne: US - Melbourne

**Upon Landing in Melbourne,** you will meet your private English-speaking Liaison Representative at custom. You will be escorted through customs and through the airport to meet

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your private English-speaking driver at the Chauffeur Meeting Point. The driver wears a dark blue uniform.

**Your Driver will transfer you to your hotel.**

**Upon arrival at the hotel,** you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

Vibe Savoy Hotel Melbourne - Guest Room for 4 nights

**Your travel Documents;** Tour documents including itinerary and exchange vouchers will be waiting for you upon check-in to your hotel.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

**Dinner is on your own this evening.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining ideas.

## Day 2 Melbourne: Melbourne Sightseeing

**Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast,** meet your private professional local guide for a unique and immersive walking tour of local life in Melbourne.





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### Hidden Secrets Tours - Lanes and Arcades Tour Including Lunch

**Inclusions:** Stylish Goodie bag, map, shop guide, morning tea gourmet lunch and a glass of wine

**Itinerary:** Have you ever been to a city and wondered what all the fuss was about? Or wasted time trying to find that cool local cafe' you were told of, and ended up missing everything? Melbourne's arcades and laneways hide many of these answers. Join this indulgent morning walk through Melbourne's beautiful back streets, and get orientated in the life of the city that locals love.

Discover local designers and specialty retailers, that often are only found in the city. Some of the quirkiest cafes, independent designers, street art, architecture, and historical tales are found in these walkways, there is something for everyone, locals and visitors alike.

**Morning tea is included before a restaurant lunch with a glass of wine.**

See over 30 stores on this casual stroll and return to those you like best in the afternoon: Make a day of it in Marvellous Melbourne.

You will be returned to your hotel after lunch or you can remain for continued shopping at your leisure and make your own way back.

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**Dinner is on your own this evening.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining ideas.

## **Day 3 Melbourne:** Echidna Walkabout - Savannah Walkabout

**Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast,** meet your private English-speaking Driver & professional local guide for a unique and exciting ecotour.



This naturalist guided ecotour gives you quality time to learn about wildlife and enjoy the wide open spaces of Australia. Get close to kangaroos, koalas and abundant birdlife - IN THE WILD!!

Our special Koala Research Project ensures that we often have multiple sightings of these delightful creatures in the wild.

**A delicious bush lunch is included.**

On this naturalist-guided ecotour, spend the morning in the famous grasslands and around the billabongs of our Open-range Sanctuary in the company of hundreds of wild Kangaroos, dozens of Emus and many species of birds. In the afternoon, walk amongst the gum trees in a National Park and see wild Koalas.

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**Dinner is on your own this evening.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining ideas.

## **Day 4 Melbourne:** Australian Wild Escapes - Penguins Koalas and Wildlife

**Breakfast in your hotel.**

**Morning is at leisure today.** Relax in the hotel or do a little exploring on your own.

**Lunch** is on your own today.

**After lunch,** meet your private English-speaking Driver & professional local guide for a unique and exciting ecotour.

**Inclusions:** Hotel Pickup and Drop Off, Afternoon tea, Dinner and entry to Koala Conservation Centre and Penguin Parade



**Itinerary:** From the city we by-pass Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs before driving through beef and dairy cattle farms, horse breeding studs and swampland. A home made afternoon tea will be enjoyed on route before we pass through an

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interesting valley that's home to the world's longest earth worm. As we skirt Westernport and views of French Island we cross over the bridge to Phillip Island.



Recognised as a world leader for environmental conservation, Phillip Island's sandy and rocky shorelines team with wildlife including over 200 species of birds.

Time permitting we can view the local fisherman cleaning their catch of the day whilst battling amongst the fight of gulls and pelicans.

Have a quick distant view of Churchill Island, home to Victoria's oldest garden and crop of wheat. On Phillip Island's northern side, look out for masked lapwings, spoonbills, ibis, herons and black swans.

We then visit the south-side and check out some local surfers on a pristine beach overlooking the highest point of the island.

Lunch is en-route on your own today. Your guide will offer recommendations for dining in the area.



It's now time to visit the Koala Conservation Centre. This is one of the few areas in Victoria where you can see a protected koala colony.

Walk amongst the treetops in nature reserve bushland and see wild koalas within touching distance!

We may spot a wild wallaby or two as well. Time permitting we pass Swan Lake, the island's largest fresh water lake, and head to the Nobbies.



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From this magnificent headland, the views stretch over Mornington Peninsula and Bass Strait. One and half kilometres offshore are Seal Rocks, home to Australia's largest Australian Fur Seal colony.



Finally we get to the Penguin Parade. Each evening at dusk Little Penguins arrive in groups on the beach after a day of fishing. See them waddle their way into the dunes where their burrow nests are situated.

We have access to the less populated boardwalks enabling you to gain close contact with the penguins without any hustle and bustle. Seeing, hearing and learning about the penguin behaviour, and their daily routines is an amazing experience.

**Your evening finishes with dinner in the township of Cowes before returning to Melbourne late evening.**

*Please note in summer you will dine before the Penguin Parade. This itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and time of the year. The itinerary lists many options and the guide will do the best to see all of this before sunset and the arrival of the penguins.*

## Day 5 Melbourne: Melbourne - Brisbane

**Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast**, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport to meet your flight to Brisbane.



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Flight Melbourne to Brisbane

**Upon arrival in Brisbane,** meet your private English-speaking driver in baggage claim and transfer to your hotel.

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will be met with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

**Queensland Country Accommodation:** O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat - One Bedroom Canopy Suite for 2 nights



O'Reilly's is located in the heart of World Heritage Lamington National Park, a scenic 2 hour drive south of Brisbane and 1½ hours west of the Gold Coast. For over 90 years the O'Reilly family has been welcoming visitors to our mountain home, sharing the natural beauty of this stunning area. Lamington National Park is home to a vast array of unique flora and fauna, making O'Reilly's a nature lover's paradise. We promise you an unforgettable experience filled with lasting memories and a renewed appreciation of nature.

**Lunch is on your own today.**

Today is at leisure to enjoy activities at O'Reillys.

**Dinner is on your own this evening.**

**Day 6 Melbourne:** Brisbane - Melbourne

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## **Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast**, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport to meet your flight to Brisbane.

Flight Brisbane to Melbourne

**Upon arrival in Melbourne**, meet your private English-speaking driver in baggage claim and transfer to your hotel.

**Upon arrival at the hotel**, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

**Brisbane Accommodation:** The Sebel Suites Brisbane - Studio Room for 1 nights

Superbly located in the heart of Brisbane's central business district, this 4.5 star deluxe Brisbane apartment hotel offers very modern, stylish facilities and services and has recently undergone a multi-million dollar refurbishment of all guestrooms and corridors.

Right on the doorstep of the main shopping and entertainment precinct, plus all major tourist attractions, The Sebel Suites Brisbane hotel has established itself as the ideal location for both the business and leisure traveller.

## **Lunch is on your own today.**

Today is at leisure to enjoy activities at O'Reillys.

## **Dinner is on your own this evening.**

## **Day 7 Melbourne:** Brisbane - Melbourne

## **Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast**, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport to meet your flight to Gladstone.

Flight Brisbane to Gladstone

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**Upon arrival,** you will meet your personal representative who will transfer you from the Gladstone air terminal to the Chopperline Terminal & your helicopter for your flight to Heron Island.

Heron Island Resort - Helicopter  
Gladstone to Heron Island

**Upon arrival at the hotel,** you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

**Heron Island Accommodation:** Heron Island Resort - Beachside Suite for 3 nights.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, 2 course or buffet lunch and 3 course or buffet dinner.



Heron Island is a true coral cay right on the Great Barrier Reef. Here you can swim straight off the beach to an endless garden of coral, where the waters are literally teeming with beautifully coloured fish and marine life.

It's what you don't see around Heron that makes the resort so special. You won't see any buildings above the tree line.

The reef, a unique experience on Heron, is exclusively for guests.

There's a relaxed island lifestyle that sets Heron apart: a sophisticated yet casual resort atmosphere.

Here the emphasis is on exploring and discovering the natural attractions that have made Heron famous around the world.

**Lunch & Dinner on your own at the resort.**

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax and enjoy the resort.

**Day 8 Gladstone:** [Heron Island](#)

**Breakfast in your hotel.**

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The day is at leisure to enjoy Heron Island.

**Lunch & Dinner on your own at the resort.**

## **Day 9 Gladstone:** Heron Island – Gladstone - Sydney

**Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast**, check out of your hotel and meet your private driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to Gladstone via helicopter.

**Heron Island Flights:** Heron Island Resort - Helicopter Heron Island to Gladstone

**Upon your arrival back into Gladstone**, a representative will transfer you from the Chopperline Terminal to the main Gladstone air terminal.

A **15kg luggage limit per person** applies for all helicopter flights, and secure luggage storage facilities are available at the Chopperline Terminal. Alternatively, you can also arrange for any additional luggage to be transferred to Heron Island via their launch service (this must be arranged in advance).

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Flight: Gladstone to Sydney

**Upon arrival in Sydney**, meet your private English-speaking guide at the Baggage Collection Carousel. The driver will be holding a name-card. You will be transferred to your hotel.

**Upon arrival at the hotel**, you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

The Grace Hotel - Superior Room (B&B) for 1 night.

The Grace Hotel is an elegantly restored 11-storey heritage listed art deco hotel built in 1930. Situated in the heart of downtown Sydney, The Grace Hotel fronts three of Sydney's most prominent streets - York, King & Clarence. Only minutes walk from all the attractions of Darling Harbour, Cockle Bay and King St. Wharf. Also within walking distance, is the city's best shopping.

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Guest Rooms have been designed with the frequent traveller in mind with the latest in modern telecommunications. The Interactive television features in-room movies and also allows guests to set wake-up calls, order room service, view their account at any time during their stay and use Express Checkout.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy the hotel and explore the area in Sydney on your own.

**Lunch & Dinner are on your own.** See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining ideas in Sydney.

## Day 9 Sydney: Sydney – US & Home

**Breakfast in your hotel.**

**After breakfast, meet** your private driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to Sydney Airport to meet your flight for home.

**End of Services.**

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**SPECIAL NOTES:** Australia Accommodations are 4\* on a range of properties. Note that Heron Island is really more 3\* but the advantage of this island is that they can helicopter to/from the island and also they can snorkel right off the island – no boat trips necessary. Also, it's not too far north and will be susceptible to some effects of the rainy season but nowhere near as bad as far north as Cairns.

International Flights from USA to New Zealand Not Included in this Land Package

**Post-Tour Extended Stay Options Sydney**

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## Post Extension In Sydney



**Private customized touring extension in Sydney is available upon request. The details will be offered to specifically coincide with your passions and desires and coordinated for your stay in Sydney.**

**Recommended duration for a post-extension is 3-5 days.**

Sydney, capital of New South Wales and one of Australia's largest cities, is best known for its harbourfront Sydney Opera House, with a distinctive sail-like design. Massive Darling Harbour and the smaller Circular Quay port are hubs of waterside life, with the arched Harbour Bridge and esteemed Royal Botanic Garden nearby. Sydney Tower's outdoor platform, the Skywalk, offers 360-degree views of the city and suburbs.

**Some suggestions to think about for Touring and Spending Time in Sydney:**

- **City Tours – Various areas**
- **Secret Beaches in Sydney**
- **Walks & Hiking in Sydney and surrounding areas**

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- **Parks and Nature Experiences**
- **Escorted Shopping including local crafts and artisans**
- **Aboriginal Culture**
- **Art & Cultural Experiences and Tours**
- **Food & Wine Experiences and Tours**





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