

Sydney & The Great Barrier Reef

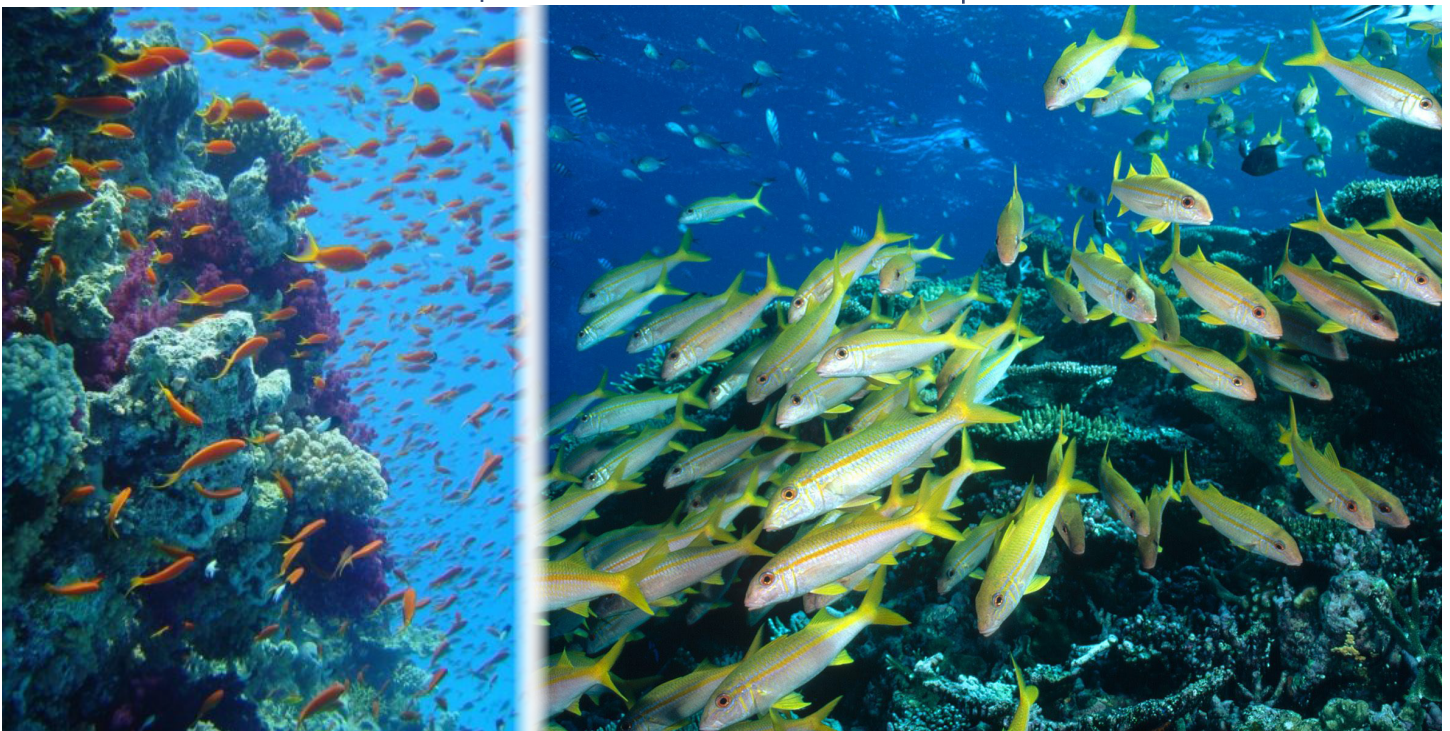
Sydney, the largest city in Australia with a population of approximately 4.5 million in its metropolitan areas. It is the capital of New South Wales, and the first British colony in Australia where the first European settlers landed in 1788. Due to its mild climate and the country's stable democratic government, Sydney becomes a popular destination for immigrants; today, Sydney is one of the most multicultural cities in the world. The center of the city could be roughly divided into four areas: The Rock and Circular Quay are the oldest part of inner Sydney and offer visitors a taste of Sydney's past; the City Centre and Darling Harbour is the central business district, with many museums, galleries, cathedrals and the city's well-known Chinatown; the Botanic Gardens and Domain offers a green oasis

in the city; Kings Cross and Darlinghurst, hub of the cafe culture and Paddington still maintains its 19th century charm with many fine restaurants, galleries and antique shops. It is a vibrant city of diversity and offers visitor a wide variety of activities.

The Great Barrier Reef is the largest reef system in the world and one of the natural wonders. It stretches 2,000 km from Cape York to Bundaberg, covering an area of 350,000 square km. There are about 2,000 islands between the reef and the mainland. Coral reefs are one of the oldest forms of life dating back million of years. Diversity of life forms in the Great Barrier Reef is mind-boggling, about 2,000 species of fish; innumerable species of hard and soft coral; 12 species of sea grass and 500

types of algae. The reef system supports a marvelously colorful variety of marine life. There are semi-submersibles and glass bottom boats for visitor to have a closer look at the reef. The best way to explore is by diving or snorkeling.

Cairns is the main centre of Northern Queensland, it is also a base for exploring the Great Barrier Reef, Daintree Rainforest and the Atherton Tableland. The city has used its natural surroundings to its advantage, with the construction of several small theme parks for visitors. Among them are Rainforestation Nature Park, Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park, and Kuranda Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, which extends for 7.5 km (4.7 mi) over a World Heritage rainforest.



Tour Itinerary

Day 01:

Depart Honolulu for Cairns.

Day 02:

Arrive Cairns, transfer to your hotel.

Day 03:

Experience the natural wonder of the Great Barrier Reef: Board a catamaran and cruise to the Reef. Enjoy a presentation by a marine naturalist to learn more about the reef; view the spectacular coral and tropical fish from a semi-submersible craft and glass bottom boat. You can also snorkel (equipment provided) to take a closer look. (B/L)

Day 04:

Travel to the Daintree River and cross it by vehicular ferry. Visit the Daintree Environmental Centre and the Rainforest Canopy Tower. Walk along Cape Tribulation Beach and enjoy a lunch in a rainforest setting. Cruise through the mangroves along the Daintree River and visit the Mossman Gorge. (B/L)

Day 05:

Day free at leisure for you to explore the city Cairns. (B)

Day 06:

Transfer to airport for domestic flight to Sydney. Transfer to your hotel after arrival. (B)

Day 07:

City Sight and Bondi Beach Tour; see the historic Rocks area, Sydney Harbor, Circular Quay, Opera House, Chinatown, Darling Harbor and Bondi Beach. Enjoy a lunch cruise around the beautiful Sydney Harbour. (B/L)

Day 08:

Featherdale Wildlife Park & Blue Mountain Tour. Visit the award-winning Featherdale Wildlife Park; see the historic township of Katoomba, take in the spectacular scenery of Jamison and Megalong Valley; see the Three Sister rock formation; explore antique shops in the village of Leura; finish your day with a visit to the state-of-the-art Sydney Aquarium, the official home of Nemo. (B/L)

Day 09:

Day at your leisure for you to explore Sydney at your own pace. (B)

Day 10:

Transfer to airport for departure. (B)

2010 Season	Superior	Deluxe
May 01 - June 08 July 24 - September 21	\$2,825	\$3,105
June 09 - July 23 September 22 - December 16	\$2,875	\$3,155
December 17-21	\$2,935	\$3,215
Single room supplement	\$830	\$1,150

Prices based on a minimum of two people traveling together, double occupancy. Prices included fuel surcharge and subject to taxes. Prices subject to change without notice.

Superior Accommodation:

Sydney:

- Harbour Rocks
- Rydges World Square.

Cairns:

- Novotel Oasis Resort.
- Holiday Inn Cairns

Deluxe Accommodation:

Sydney:

- Sheraton On The Park
- Shangri-la Sydney

Cairns:

- Pullman Reef Hotel.
- Hilton Cairns.

