



Australia is a continent in the southern hemisphere with a land area of 7.77 million sq. km. (about 3.85 million square miles). It is bordered by the Pacific Ocean to the east and the Indian Ocean to the west. It is the world's oldest continent, inhabited for more than 40,000 years by Aborigines. With an area as large as the United States, or the entire European continent, Australia has a highly diverse landscape: the vast, dry Outback, the plateaus of the Great Dividing Range, the woods of Tasmania, the coral reefs and about 18,000 km. (11,000 miles) of coastline. The Great Dividing Range stretches down eastern Australia from Queensland to Victoria, separating the fertile coastal strip from the dusty interior. Australia has a unique collection of fauna such as the kangaroo and koala. The platypus and echidna are the only two surviving members in the monotreme order of egg-laying mammals. The continent was discovered and settled by the British just over 220 years ago, and since then has transformed from a colonial outpost into a nation with a population of 22 million.

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.

Melbourne, capital of Victoria, is the 2nd largest city in Australia. The city had gone through a rapid growth in wealth as well as population during the gold rush in the 1850s. By the end of the 19th century, the city was the financial and industrial capital of Australia. It was also the home of the national parliament until 1927 when the capital was moved to Canberra. After hosting the 1956 Summer Olympic, the city attracted tremendous international attention. Influx of a new wave of immigrants brought in a new range of culture besides the British tradition. This transformation continues today with the arrival of immigrants from all parts of the world. Melbourne has the most elaborate Victorian architecture of all Australian cities; it has a celebrated range of restaurant cuisines; its calendar revolves around immensely popular spectator sports and art events. The city possesses a unique charm that never ceases to enchant visitors.



Tour Itinerary

Day 01:

Depart Honolulu for Melbourne.

Day 02:

Arrive Melbourne, transfer to your hotel.

Day 03:

Philip Island and Penguin Parade tour: travel east through Melbourne's outer suburbs; visit Warrook Cattle Farm; cross over to Philip Island by road bridge, visit Koalas in their natural habitat at the Koala Conservation Center. See the Nobbies rock formations overlooking Bass Strait—one of the most treacherous oceans in the world. Watch the nightly ritual of Penguin Parade at Summerland Beach as the little penguins march up the sand to the nesting places. (B)

Day 04:

Melbourne half day tour visiting Fitzroy Gardens & Captain Cook's cottage; Parliament House; Queen Victoria Market; St. Patrick's Cathedral; tea at the Botanical Garden Café; Shrine of Remembrance; Port Phillip Bay; the Yarra River and Arts Center. (B)

Day 05:

Day free for you to explore Melbourne at your own pace. (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 you day with a visit to the state-of-the-art Sydney Aquarium, the official home of Nemo. (B/L)

Day 09:

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

Day 10:

Transfer to airport for departure. (B)

2010 Seasons	Superior	Deluxe
May 01 - June 08 July 24 - September 21	\$2,650	\$3,150
June 09 - July 23 Sept 22 - Dec 16	\$2,730	\$3,235
Dec 17 - 21	\$2,870	\$3,370
Single room supplement	\$898	\$1,466

Prices include fuel surcharge and subject to taxes.
Prices subject to change without notice.

Hotel accommodations:

Superior

Sydney: Rydges World Square.
Melbourne: Vibe Savoy.

Deluxe

Sydney: Sheraton On The Park.
Melbourne: Grand Hyatt.

