

Great Barrier Reef & Sydney

9 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

The short-and-sweet first taste of Australia — reef, rainforest, and Sydney icons, with an easy Fiji add-on.

EXAMPLE PITCH — IN YOUR WORDS

This one is my go-to when clients want a first taste of Australia but are short on time — it's only nine days and it over-delivers on every one of them. You'll open with four nights in **Cairns**, the gateway to the **Great Barrier Reef**. Your reef day runs on a lovely boat out to two different sites, so you get real variety and the best visibility of the day — and lunch is included, so it's a proper, relaxed day on the water. The next day you head up into the **rainforest** on a waterfalls tour with a wonderful cultural piece: you meet the traditional owners beneath the enormous **Cathedral Fig**, a tree you've almost certainly seen in photos. Then you've got a free day in Cairns to do exactly as you please. From there it's on to iconic **Sydney** for the classic Aussie moments — a guided **Opera House tour** followed by fine dining at Midden, the beautiful Indigenous-fusion restaurant right on the harbour, plus a one-day **hop-on hop-off Harbour cruise** pass so you can explore the bays at your own pace. Your last day is completely free, which is perfect for a Blue Mountains or Hunter Valley wine day. It's honestly the ideal introduction for someone on limited time, and adding a few nights in Fiji on the way through is easy.



SIGNATURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Great Barrier Reef cruise — two dive sites for the best visibility of the day
- Rainforest & waterfalls — a cultural welcome beneath the Cathedral Fig
- Sydney Opera House guided tour + fine dining at Midden on the harbour
- Hop-on hop-off Sydney Harbour cruise at your own pace
- Two free days — ideal for the Blue Mountains or Hunter Valley

ROUTE AT A GLANCE

Cairns · 4N > Sydney · 3N

Fly in via Nadi, Fiji · home from Sydney via Nadi

BEST FOR

First-timers short on time, icon seekers, couples, and reef & rainforest lovers who want the highlights without a long trip.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN YOUR GREAT BARRIER REEF & SYDNEY VACATION

ACCOMMODATION

- Cairns — 4 Nights (Crystalbrook Bailey)
- Sydney — 3 Nights (Vibe Hotel Sydney)

FLIGHTS

- **International:** Los Angeles → Cairns via Nadi (Fiji); Sydney → Los Angeles via Nadi
- **Australian Domestic:** Cairns → Sydney

TRANSFERS

- **Shuttle (return):** Cairns Airport ↔ hotel; Sydney Airport ↔ hotel

DAY TOURS

- **Cairns:** Great Barrier Reef Cruise & Snorkeling **Down Under Cruise & Dive** — *full day, approx. 8 hrs; lunch included*
- **Cairns:** Waterfalls & Rainforest Tour (Cathedral Fig, cultural) **Cairns Adventure Group** — *full day, approx. 8–9 hrs; lunch included*
- **Sydney:** Opera House Tour & Fine Dining at Midden — *guided tour approx. 1 hr, plus dinner*
- **Sydney:** Hop-On Hop-Off Harbour Cruise **Captain Cook Cruises** — *1-day pass, explore at your own pace*

PRICING & DEPARTURE DATES BY GATEWAY — FROM (PP, TWIN SHARE)

LAX

\$3,325 – \$3,485 USD pp

Lowest: Apr–Jun 2027. Highest: Sep 2027.

Select **Tue & Thu**, 1 Oct–2 Dec 2026, 16 Jan–2 Jun 2027 & 25 Jul–2 Dec 2027. Thu only, 24 Mar–1 Jun 2027.

SFO

\$3,325 – \$3,485 USD pp

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Select **Thu & Sat** from 25 Mar 2027; runs to 2 Jun 2027 & 25 Jul–2 Dec 2027. No SFO departures before 25 Mar 2027.

YVR

\$5,045 – \$5,179 CAD pp

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Oct–mid-Nov 2027 travel to Sydney is subject to Special Event Pricing (Rugby World Cup). Confirm exact last sellable date at time of quote.

Objection-buster — “I’m not a strong swimmer, is the reef tour OK for me?” Absolutely. The boat they’re on takes great care of nervous swimmers — flotation devices are provided and the crew keeps a special eye on anyone who lets them know. But if your client really doesn’t want to spend much time in the water, just tell us at booking and we can hook them up with a reef platform (pontoon) option instead — they can enjoy the reef by glass-bottom boat and underwater observatory, relax on the deck, and snorkel only if and when they feel like it. Same incredible reef, done their way. **Upsells:** add a 3- or 5-night Fiji stopover on the way through · a Blue Mountains or Hunter Valley wine day · a Cairns Aquarium visit or dinner.

Good to know: Rugby World Cup runs 1 Oct–13 Nov 2027 — Sydney travel in that window is subject to Special Event Pricing and books up early. This 9-day itinerary must finish travel by each Fiji Airways window close (10 Dec 2026, 10 Jun 2027, 10 Dec 2027), so the last departures fall a week or so before those dates. Subject to availability; blackouts and dynamic rates apply.

Questions or to book: 1-888-359-2877 · AboutAustralia.com

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