

Australia Beaches & Wildlife

14 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

Reef, beaches, wildlife, and two great cities — the local's Australia, packed with hands-on wildlife.

EXAMPLE PITCH — IN YOUR WORDS

This is one of my favorites if your clients love nature and wildlife — it's packed with the kind of local, off-the-beaten-path Australia most first-timers never get to see. You'll start with four nights in **Port Douglas**, one of those small beach towns where Aussies themselves go to get away from it all, so you're actually rubbing shoulders with locals on holiday. Your boutique, adults-only hotel sits right near the famous Four Mile Beach. From there you head out on a beautiful boat to the **Great Barrier Reef** — they take you to two different dive sites, so you get real variety and the best visibility of the day. I really love the small-group **Daintree Rainforest** tour too; everyone raves about the elevated canopy walk and spotting crocodiles on the river cruise, and you'll stand at **Cape Tribulation**, the only place on earth where two World Heritage sites meet. And don't miss **Breakfast with the Birds** at the Wildlife Habitat — the koalas rest right beside your table while you eat. Then it's down to the **Sunshine Coast** and the cozy beach town of Mooloolaba, right on the sand, with a day at Steve Irwin's **Australia Zoo** including a peek inside the Animal Hospital — a really moving way to see his legacy. You'll finish with two wonderful cities: three nights in **Melbourne** with a full-day trip to **Phillip Island** — the Moonlit Sanctuary, getting up close to a koala, and the sunset Penguin Parade where hundreds of little penguins waddle home; it's the cutest thing you'll ever see — and two nights to wrap up in iconic **Sydney**. It's such a well-rounded trip: two big cities and two local favorites, with wildlife around every corner.



ROUTE AT A GLANCE

Port Douglas · 4N > Mooloolaba · 3N >

Melbourne · 3N > Sydney · 2N

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

BEST FOR

Nature & wildlife lovers, beach seekers, and families (families would want a different Port Douglas hotel — just ask me).

SIGNATURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Great Barrier Reef cruise — two dive sites for the best visibility of the day
- Daintree Rainforest & Cape Tribulation — the only place two UNESCO sites meet
- Breakfast with the Birds — koalas resting right beside your table
- Australia Zoo — guided tour with a peek inside the Animal Hospital
- Phillip Island — Moonlit Sanctuary + the sunset Penguin Parade

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN YOUR AUSTRALIA BEACHES & WILDLIFE TOUR

ACCOMMODATION

- Port Douglas — 4 Nights (Shantara Resort & Spa)
- Sunshine Coast — 3 Nights (Seaview Resort Mooloolaba)
- Melbourne — 3 Nights (The Savoy on Little Collins)
- Sydney — 2 Nights (Vibe Hotel Sydney)

FLIGHTS

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

TRANSFERS

- **Shuttle (return):** Cairns Airport ↔ Port Douglas hotel; Brisbane Airport ↔ Sunshine Coast hotel; Melbourne Airport ↔ hotel; Sydney Airport ↔ hotel

DAY TOURS

- **Port Douglas:** Great Barrier Reef Cruise & Snorkeling **ABC Reef Safaris** — full day, approx. 8 hrs; lunch included
- **Port Douglas:** Daintree Rainforest & Cape Tribulation Tour **Billy Tea** — full day, approx. 8–9 hrs; lunch included
- **Port Douglas:** Wildlife Habitat, Breakfast with Birds & Koalas **CaPTA Group** — morning, approx. 2–3 hrs; breakfast included
- **Sunshine Coast:** Australia Zoo Tour **Croc Tours** — full day, approx. 6 hrs at the zoo
- **Melbourne:** Phillip Island Day Tour **Oceania Small Group Tours** — full day into evening, approx. 10–12 hrs; ends at the sunset Penguin Parade

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

LAX

\$5,599 – \$6,299 USD pp

Lowest: Nov 2026/27 & Jan–Mar 2027. Highest: Aug–Sep 2027.

Select **Tue, Thu & Sat**, 1 Oct–27 Nov 2026 & 25 Jul–27 Nov 2027; **Tue & Thu**, 16 Jan–23 Mar 2027; **Thu & Sat**, 24 Mar–28 May 2027.

SFO

\$5,599 – \$6,299 USD pp

Lowest: Mar & Nov 2027. Highest: Aug–Sep 2027.

Select **Thu & Sat**, 25 Mar–28 May 2027 & 25 Jul–27 Nov 2027. No SFO departures 1 Oct 2026–24 Mar 2027.

YVR

\$8,439 – \$8,565 CAD pp

Lowest: Apr–May 2027. Highest: Jul–Sep 2027.

Select **Tue & Thu**, 1 Oct–27 Nov 2026, 16 Jan–28 May 2027 & 25 Jul–27 Nov 2027. Thu only, 24 Mar–28 May 2027.

Oct–mid-Nov 2027 travel to Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane 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:** exclusive Ranger Tour at Phillip Island · Caddie Tour (private golf-cart tour) at Australia Zoo · private evening tour + dinner at the Wildlife Habitat · add a 2/3/4/5-night Fiji stopover (LAX) or 2/5-night (SFO/YVR).

Good to know: Travel Jul–Oct 2027 will use a different Port Douglas hotel (likely Peninsula Boutique Hotel, a similar property). Avoid early-April Melbourne (Australian Grand Prix pushes seasonality up). Rugby World Cup: Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane travel Oct–mid-Nov 2027 is subject to Special Event Pricing. Subject to availability; blackouts and dynamic rates apply.

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

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