

GROUP ADVENTURES

Aussie Group Explorer 17D/16N

Nature & Adventure

17 Days / 1 Country

Australia

Departure city: Sydney, Australia

End city: Cairns, Australia



HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a 2 day trip to Fraser Island
- Go river tubing on Barrington River
- Explore Byron Bay
- Experience the night in Tully Rainforest - UNESCO World Heritage site
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Travel from Sydney to Cairns on this 17-day adventure! Take a walk through the desert, climb a dune, snorkel, swim in crystal clear waters. Enjoy the islands along Australia’s beautiful East Coast! . .

MAP



What is included

Group Adventures

Group Adventures are designed to forget about all the travel logistics and let our guides take you to the best places with a group of like minded travelers

Accommodation: 16

- Hostel dorms
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Transport:

- Transportation as provided in itinerary
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Meals: 21

- 8 Breakfast(s), 4 Lunch(es), 9 Dinner(s),
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Guides:

- English speaking guides
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What is not included

- *Traveling insurance
- *Tips
- *Additional activities
- *Personal Expenses
- *Accommodation Pick-up/Drop-off
- *Meals/drinks

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Additional information

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Accommodation Note: If staying in a dorm you will be put in single sex dorms wherever possible

Guide Note: You will be with the same group of travellers for the duration of the trip, but you may not always have the same guide.

Group Size Note: Although the group travelling will not exceed 24 passengers, a number of the activities including the cruise in the Whitsundays, four-wheel-drive touring on Fraser Island, and rail journey are not exclusive to the group. You will travel with additional people and will have larger group sizes on those days.

Please note that the details of this itinerary are subject to change according to weather conditions and other circumstances outside of our control.

Please note that for the twin/double accommodation category you will have to pay an additional local fee of \$100AUD upon arrival.

Itinerary

Day 1: Sydney - Barrington Tops, Australia

Wine tasting, river tubing and relaxing night in the lodge

Pick-up location - Wake Up Hostel, Sydney at 8 AM. Your journey starts with a wine tasting in Hunter Valley, which is one of Australia's most famous vineyards. Head further to the next stop on the edge of Barrington Tops National Park (UNESCO World Heritage site). The lodge where you will stay tonight overlooks the Barrington River, where you can experience river tubing while taking in all the wonderful scenery. After that, you can relax in the giant hot tub while the dinner is prepared.

Overnight: Hilltop Lodge - dorm share accommodation

Day 2: Barrington Tops - Surf Camp, Australia

Visit Koala hospital and nature reserve to spot kangaroos

Enjoy breakfast with a breathtaking view. You will continue your journey north towards the Koala hospital, where you will learn about the efforts in preserving Koalas. You will then visit a nature reserve where you will find kangaroos hopping along the Australian coastline. You then travel further to this night's accommodation where you can enjoy the waterfront and relax for the rest of the evening.

Overnight: Spot X Surf Camp

Day 3: Surf Camp - River Retreat, Australia

Take part in a surf lesson and participate in canoeing trip

After having breakfast you can choose to either take part in a surf lesson (included in the package) or simply relax on the beach. In the afternoon you will continue your journey to the River Retreat where you can either go for a guided canoeing trip or take a walk. You can see wildlife on your way. In the evening you can enjoy an Aussie BBQ, learn how to prepare damper and toast marshmallows around the bonfire.

Overnight: Shared Cabins

Day 4: River Retreat - Byron Bay, Australia

Drive to Byron Bay, short stop in Yamba on the way.

After breakfast, you will be on your way to Byron Bay, famous for its arts and surf around Australia. On the way, you will stop at the town Yamba, where you can enjoy a walk or a swim in the Angourie blue pools (Weather dependent). On the way to your resort, we will take a little drive through the town to get you familiar with the surroundings.

Overnight: Backpacker Resort Byron Bay

Day 5: Byron Bay, Australia

Enjoy your free day in Byron Bay

Today is your day to relax and enjoy the beach and the local spots on your own. There is plenty to do here, so make sure to check with your guide on day 4 if you want him/her to help you book any additional activities you would like to do. Enjoy the nightlife of Byron Bay.

Overnight: Backpacker Resort Byron Bay

Day 6: Byron Bay, Australia

Enjoy your free day in Byron Bay

Today you are free to continue to take in all that the city has to offer. We recommend walking to the lighthouse to take a look at the Australian mainland's most easterly point. Consider visiting the alternative town of Nimbin (additional cost).

Overnight: Backpacker Resort in Byron Bay

Day 7: Byron Bay - Rainbow Beach, Australia

Enjoy the ride by the beautiful coastline. Head to the Rainbow beach to enjoy a beautiful sunset.

This morning you will head further to New South Wales/Queensland border. Drive into Gold Coast, Brisbane and Noosa before heading to Rainbow Beach for the night. Take advantage of arriving before sunset and head to the beach for a walk up to Carlo Sand Blow to see the sun setting.

Overnight: Frasers on Rainbow, 18 Spectrum St, Rainbow Beach

Days 8 - 9: Rainbow Beach - Fraser Island, Australia

Explore Fraser Island, hike through the rain forest and swim in crystal clear lakes

Prepare yourself for two days of exploring. After just a 10-minute ferry ride from Rainbow Beach, you will arrive in UNESCO World Heritage Fraser Island where you will be picked up by your driver, who will take you on a wild 4x4 ride through the sandy roads.

During these two days, you will have the possibility to spot dingoes in their natural habitat, swim in crystal clear lakes and swimming holes, and go on a hike through the UNESCO World Heritage rainforest and take in all nature around you.

Before going to sleep don't forget to look up to the sky to see the stars!

In the late afternoon of day 8, your guide will bring you back to Rainbow Beach, where you can check in your hotel and enjoy a relaxing dinner.

Overnight Day 8: Eurong Beach Resort, Fraser Island

Overnight Day 9: Frasers on Rainbow, Rainbow Beach

Day 10: Rainbow Beach, Australia

Explore Marine wildlife at the beautiful coastline of Rainbow Beach

Today you will have the opportunity to experience the marine wildlife that Fraser Coast is famous for. You will experience a dolphin-watching kayak tour and ride through the Great Sandy National Park in a 4x4 wheel drive.

During this tour, you have the chance to see; Bottlenose dolphins, Humpback whales, turtles, manta rays, stingrays, soldier crabs and a variety of marine birds.

Overnight: Frasers on Rainbow, 18 Spectrum St, Rainbow Beach

Day 11: Rainbow Beach - Emu park, Australia

Train ride to Rockhampton

In the morning you will start your journey towards Cooroy, where you start your train ride. Travel by train to Rockhampton where you will change to a local bus which will take you to Emu's Beach Resort. You will be greeted in the resort and provided information about the trip tomorrow.

Overnight: Emu's Beach Resort, 92 Pattison Street, Emu Park

Day 12: Great Keppel Island - Airlie Beach, Australia

Explore the tropical paradise of Area Keppel Island

In the morning you will head towards the tropical paradise like you will have never seen! The destination of today is Great Keppel Island. It is located in the south of the Great Barrier Reef and is surrounded by untouched coral, turtles, reef fish, and manta rays right there by the beach. Relax at the beach or try out snorkeling or kayaking (additional cost) before heading to explore the island. Have dinner at Emu's Beach Resort before catching the overnight train to Airlie Beach.

Overnight: Overnight train

Day 13: Whitsunday Islands and Whitehaven Beach, Australia

Guided walks though Whitsunday Island National Park, snorkeling and nightlife of Airlie's

Today you will experience an exciting ride to Whitehaven Beach. Enjoy spectacular snorkeling reefs and join guided Whitsunday Island National Park walks. Visit the Northern and Southern ends of the Whitehaven Beach. You will have at least 2 hours to either walk the 7km of the coast or simply relax on the beach. Enjoy a guided walk to Hill Inlet and take the possibility of snorkeling for one hour to see the corals. The evening you will have for yourself to explore the nightlife of Airlie as well as find dinner options from various restaurants.

Overnight: Backpacker Resort in Airlie Beach, Australia

Day 14: Airlie Beach - Magnetic Island, Australia

Enjoy local transportation to Magnetic Island. Explore the National Park or relax at your accommodation.

Enjoy a local bus ride, train ride and end with a ferry to topical "Maggie Island." This island is a haven for wildlife as over 50% of it is a National Park. You can join in a guided walk through the island, or enjoy it at your own pace. You can also choose to relax by the pool at your accommodation.

Overnight: Bungalow Bay Koala Village, Magnetic Island

Day 15: Magnetic Island, Australia

Free day to explore Magnetic Island on your own.

Today is your free day, so enjoy the island to the fullest. Take your time at the pool, go for a walk or maybe visit the wildlife park at the resort (additional cost)

Overnight: Bungalow Bay Koala Village, Magnetic Island

Day 16: Magnetic Island - Tully Rainforest Experience, Australia

A train journey to the rainforest of Tully Gorge National Park

You will hop on the ferry to head back to the mainland, where you will catch the train to Tully. You will arrive at Tully around lunchtime. Further, the journey leads to a bus ride into the rainforest of Tully Gorge National Park. Take a refreshing swim in a swimming hole before a BBQ dinner. Enjoy the stories by the campfire before heading to sleep.

Overnight: Camping in a campground in a UNESCO World Heritage Listed rainforest

Day 17: Tully - Cairns, Australia

Walk through the rainforest, train ride to Cairns. Arrival at the Cairns central train station

Wake up early to enjoy breakfast at the rainforest camp. Have an educational walk through the forest, learn about the way indigenous communities use the land. After the walk, head back to Tully to get on your train to Cairns. You will arrive at Cairns' central station at approximately 4:30 PM and end the tour here.

