



Sydney, Rock and Reef

9 Nights from \$2710

For Reservations Please Call 1-800-22-SWAIN

Destinations

Sydney, Uluru (Ayers Rock), Cairns

Includes

- Internal coach class air in Australia
- Round trip airport transfers
- 3 nights Sydney
- Sydney half day city tour
- 2 nights Uluru
- Spirit of Uluru half day sunrise tour
- Kata Tjuta and Dunes half day sunset tour
- Sounds of Silence dinner
- 4 nights Cairns
- Great Barrier Reef full day tour
- Daintree Rainforest full day tour
- 2 lunches 1 dinner



Day 1 Fly USA to Sydney

Day 2 Cross the International Date Line

Day 3 Welcome to Sydney, Australia

On arrival into Sydney you will need to clear customs and make your way through the main arrivals hall from where you will be met and transferred to your accommodation.

Sydney – Australia's premier city is the oldest settlement in Australia, the economic powerhouse of the nation and the country's capital in everything but name. Built on the shores of the stunning Port Jackson, you would have to die and go to heaven before you see a more spectacular setting for a city. It's a vital, self-regarding metropolis, exuding both a devil-may-care urbanity and a slavish obsession with global fads. The Sydney area was the ancestral home of the Daruk tribe, whose territory extended from Botany Bay to Pittwater.

There are some 2000 Aboriginal rock engraving sites in the Sydney area, and many of Sydney's suburbs have Aboriginal names. The city of Sydney began life as a penal colony in 1788 and for the next 60 years received the unwanted, persecuted and criminal elements of British society. Despite its brutal beginnings, the city's mixture of pragmatic egalitarianism and plain indifference has transformed it into a thriving multicultural society. Sydney now attracts the majority of Australia's immigrants and the city's predominantly Anglo-Irish heritage has been revitalized by large influxes of Italian, Lebanese, Turkish, Greek, Chinese and Vietnamese.

Day 4 Sydney city tour

Sydney truly is one of the most beautiful cities in the world with its spectacular harbor setting, fascinating convict history, bustling downtown area and an exciting blend of architecture, ranging from convict built early colonial style reflecting our heritage, through to the world famous Sydney Opera House.

Enjoy a city sights tour, which will provide you with an introduction to the highlights of this fabulous city, giving you a taste of what you may wish to further explore during your stay.

Day 5 At leisure, Sydney

At your leisure to explore Sydney. Most of the major attractions of the city are within easy walking distance of your accommodation - Sydney Opera House, Darling Harbour, Centrepont Tower, Circular Quay, The Rocks etc.

Day 6 Fly Sydney to Uluru (Ayers Rock)

You will be met at your hotel and transferred to the airport for your flight to Uluru. Upon arrival, transfer to your accommodation via the courtesy airport shuttle bus.

Uluru, in the heart of the Red Centre, has a desert climate – mostly dry, with brilliant blue skies all year. Autumn and spring will give you sunny days with cloudless skies and crisp, cool nights which is the perfect kind of weather for exploring the sights by foot or in the comfort of a vehicle. Summer is the time when Central Australia is at its most vivid, with hot days and balmy nights. December through February are the hottest months – usually more than 95° Fahrenheit – so take a hat and sunscreen.

Day 6 Sounds of Silence

Tonight is an outback dining experience to remember, with Desert Oaks framing the view, the sounds of the didgeridoo, the taste of outback cuisine, the 'sounds of silence' and the Milky Way.

Journey into the desert and see the brilliant outback sunset over Kata Tjuta. Enjoy a three course meal prepared before we dim the lanterns and listen to the sounds of the great outback. Look up to see the brilliant southern skies, the Milky Way gleaming amongst stars and constellations.

Day 7 Spirit of Uluru

This is a vehicle based tour around Uluru, providing the opportunity to witness the spectacular sunrise and absorb Uluru's natural history and deep significance to the Anangu people. Short walks will bring you close to this wonderful and powerful place, viewing rock art, waterholes and appreciating the unique flora and fauna of Uluru.

There is time to amble, to absorb images and to gain an insight into Uluru's remarkable presence. The final step is to the Uluru and Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre. Light breakfast is included – morning tour duration of around 4 hours.

Kata Tjuta and Dunes

Leaving from your hotel mid-afternoon, the guide will explain the nature of the desert and its development. A short walk to the dune lookout puts one in touch with the environment and lets you delight in the spectacular panoramic view of Kata Tjuta – a very sacred place to the Aboriginal people.

Arriving at Walpa Gorge, walk into this mystic place, to hear how it has evolved over millions of years. The scale of the walls and the wind far above, add a sense of mystery here. The sky deepens and the great domes of Kata Tjuta flush red as you move to the sunset viewing area to celebrate the fantastic color changes wrought by sunset with complimentary champagne.

Sit back and absorb the desert solitude or relax and chat to your guide about Australia's red center. The spectacle fades as you return to Yulara beneath a sky of brilliant stars – afternoon tour duration of around 4 hours.

Day 8 Fly Ayers Rock to Cairns

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairns. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The heart of the tropical north, Cairns offers great access to reef and islands and is a perfect base for exploring the wider region. With 600 day tours departing the city daily there is plenty to do.

Day 9 Great Barrier Reef tour

This morning, transfer to the wharf for your full day excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. You will have four hours at the reef site, to explore what makes the Great Barrier Reef one of the wonders of the world.

The day trip has been designed with the water enthusiast or novice alike - snorkel gear and instruction is provided for all guests, or stay dry and explore the stunning reef from the comfort of a semi-submersible vessel, just one meter underwater.

Introductory and certified dives are run in conjunction with snorkeling day trips at an additional cost, and guided snorkel trips with a marine biologist are also available for a nominal fee. A tempting hot and cold buffet lunch is included, as well as morning and afternoon tea on board.

Day 10 At leisure, Cairns

Cairns is the gateway to Tropical Far North Queensland, a region of contrasts and surprises. It is home to the Great Barrier Reef, palm-fringed isolated beaches, Kuranda and the Atherton Tablelands, World Heritage listed rainforests and the sun burnt outback. This dynamic area serves as a diverse hub for many attractions and activities of the Tropical North. Apart from the major tourism attractions of the Reef and Rainforest, there are many adventure sports such as white water rafting and bungy jumping, as well as other activities such as golf and trail riding.

Day 11 Daintree Rainforest full day tour

Cross the Daintree River and continue to the Daintree Environmental Centre for morning tea. Here an expert guide will take you on a boardwalk whilst explaining some of the fascinating secrets of one of the world's oldest rainforests. After the walk, you may obtain a closer look at life in the rainforest by ascending the Rainforest Canopy Tower.

Continue to Cape Tribulation Beach while your guide explains the rich history of the area. Walk the beach or boardwalk and relax in this tranquil outdoor environment, before heading for lunch in a rainforest setting. During the afternoon stop to enjoy the panoramic view from Alexandra Lookout.

Re-crossing the river, join a calm water cruise of this important waterway – your guide will point out the different types of wildlife and plants that make their home along the river. Keep your eyes peeled for the elusive and fearsome Estuarine Saltwater Crocodile!

The cruise ends in Daintree Village, where you will board the coach for the return journey to Cairns, stopping enroute at beautiful Mossman Gorge.

Day 12 Fly Cairns to USA (Via Sydney)

You will be met and transferred to the airport for your departure flights.

Hotels

For more information about the hotels visited in this itinerary please click the hotel name below.

City	Standard	Superior	Deluxe	Luxury
Sydney	Travelodge Sydney	Holiday Inn Darling Harbour	Sheraton on the Park	-
Uluru	The Lost Camel	Desert Gardens	Sails in the Desert	-
Cairns	Cairns Colonial Club Resort	Pacific International	The Sebel Reef House & Spa	-

Pricing

To determine pricing for your tour select the appropriate travel season and desired accommodation level from the table below.

	Standard SWSP301	Superior SWSP318	Deluxe SWSP320
1/1/10-3/31/10	\$2,710	\$3,165	\$3,895
4/1/10-8/31/10	\$2,790	\$3,225	\$4,095
9/1/10-11/30/10	\$2,790	\$3,275	\$4,150
12/1/10-3/31/11	\$2,710	\$3,185	\$3,970

Upgrade to a Harbor View Room at Four Points Darling Harbor in Sydney

1/1/10-3/31/10	\$180
4/1/10-8/31/10	\$125
9/1/10-11/30/10	\$145
12/1/10-3/31/11	\$145

Upgrade to an Opera View Premier Room at Four Seasons Hotel in Sydney

1/1/10-3/31/10	\$0
4/1/10-8/31/10	\$85
9/1/10-11/30/10	\$345
12/1/10-3/31/11	\$345

Single Supplement

1/1/10-3/31/10	\$815	\$1,140	\$1,850
4/1/10-8/31/10	\$885	\$1,195	\$2,045
9/1/10-11/30/10	\$885	\$1,245	\$2,095
12/1/10-3/31/11	\$815	\$1,150	\$1,780

International Airfare:

Qantas Airways

Routing: LAX-SYD-LAX

1/23/10-2/15/10; 10/1/10-10/31/10	\$730
2/16/10-4/30/10	\$330
5/1/10-6/8/10	\$320
6/9/10-7/23/10	\$430
7/24/10-9/21/10	\$230
9/22/10-9/30/10	\$530

Terms & Conditions

*Prices are per person, twin/double share in USD. Travel may be restricted to certain days of the week and be available from one or multiple US departure points. Add on fares are available from most US cities and surcharges may be applicable for travel on particular days of the week. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight. Hotels and tours remain subject to availability. US and Foreign Govt. taxes and fees vary depending on the itinerary selected and may range from \$90 to \$395 per person. Passenger Facility Charges of up to \$18 per person and the September 11th Security Fee of up to \$10 per person, are not included. After ticketing changes may not be permissible in some circumstances, or a change fee may be applied. Cancellation penalties and other booking or alteration restrictions may exist. Please note that some air segments may be served by an associated carrier. Full payment for special deals may be required within a number of days of the reservation being made as nominated by your consultant at the time of booking (or 60 days prior to departure). Please note blackout dates may apply to Christmas, New Year and local special event periods. Prices indicated remain subject to change without notice. Group inquiries are welcome however specials remain subject to hotel and airline capacity control and therefore may not be applicable for group travel. The best deal available for group travel will always be given in lieu of the offer indicated. Unless otherwise indicated all travel must be completed by March 31, 2011 if not before. CST #2012413-20