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Sydney

New South Wales

Sydney is one of the world's most dynamic and cosmopolitan cities, blessed with a mild Mediterranean climate, stunning beaches, a renowned harbour and bountiful attractions for everyone.

It has an abundance of outstanding natural assets national parks, botanic gardens, pristine waterways and plenty of green space. There are endless ways to enjoy the great outdoors in Sydney with a range of leisure pursuits.



Climb the [Sydney Harbour Bridge](#) on a BridgeClimb experience for a stunning 360-degree view of the harbour city.

Take a backstage tour of the [Sydney Opera House](#) for a behind-the-scenes look at this World Heritage-listed marvel, or, enjoy a performance.



See Australia's native animals as well as rare and endangered species from around the world at the [Taronga Park Zoo](#).

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Melbourne Victoria

Melbourne is set around the shores of Port Phillip Bay in Victoria. The city itself, laid out in a large rectangle and boasting a lively and cosmopolitan pulse, sits on the northern banks of the Yarra River, about five kilometres from the Bay.

This most European of Australian cities offers something for everyone. From chic fashion stores to buzzing laneway cafes and trendy bars, botanic gardens to sports stadiums, elegant Victorian-era streetscapes to Manhattan-style skyscrapers, film and food festivals to galleries and opulent theatres, Melbourne has an activity and attraction that will interest you.



Head to the Southbank precinct for the home of Melbourne art and culture the **Victorian Arts Centre** and the **National Gallery of Victoria**'s international collection. Federation Square fuses art with architecture while city laneways and precincts showcase the innovation and skill of local artists and designers.

Walk through the **Royal Botanic Gardens**, home to over 12,000 different species of plants and are a natural sanctuary for native wildlife. Features of the gardens include the Ornamental Lake, the National Herbarium of Victoria, Old Melbourne Observatory, the Australian Rainforest Walk and the Water Conservation Garden.



Visit the **Melbourne Museum** which explores life in Victoria, from the natural environment to culture and history. Highlights include a complete skeleton of a blue whale and the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre.

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Queensland

Queensland is renowned for its tropical climate, superb beaches, friendly people, relaxed and casual atmosphere, with a multitude of things to do and places to stay.



Cairns is the heart of Tropical North Queensland and Australia's primary gateway to the renowned Great Barrier Reef. Cairns is a vibrant, eclectic city framed by the spectacular twin backdrops of rainforest mountain ranges and the sparkling Coral Sea. The World Heritage listed Wet Tropics Rainforest, Great Barrier Reef and the Outback are all within easy reach.

Port Douglas is also a popular base from which to explore the Great Barrier Reef and the rainforests of the Wet Tropics, Daintree and Cape Tribulation. There are numerous tours that embark from Port Douglas, many combining the adventure experiences of the Reef and the Wet Tropics.



Hayman Island is the epitome of a tropical paradise. The colour of the water of Hayman's Lagoon and Whitsunday Passage is simply stunning - the hues range from turquoise to emerald and sapphire. There's excellent snorkelling directly off the beaches in Blue Pearl Bay.



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South Australia

South Australia is renowned for its wow factor an abundance of Wildlife, Outback and Wine - including Australia's own Galapagos, Kangaroo Island, the stunning Flinders Ranges and Outback, and the Barossa Valley.



Known as Australia's Galapagos, **Kangaroo Island** retains a rich diversity of wildlife. The Island is ideal for walking, wildlife and nature, history, photography, outdoor pursuits, food and wine, fresh air and relaxation. [Click here](#) if you would like more detailed information on a tour available at Kangaroo Island.

The Flinders Ranges is one of the oldest landscapes on earth, and it's here that the very essence of the Outback begins. The Flinders Ranges is dominated by sharply rising ridges and peaks, tree-lined gorges, creeks and red soil. Aboriginal legend says these landscapes were shaped by the ancient serpents and giants of the Dreamtime.



The **Barossa Valley** is a relaxed and friendly place, where you can share a drink with the people who actually make the region's world-class wines. Visitors can browse the local art stores for something special to take home, sit in a friendly cafe and enjoy a brilliant cup of coffee, or get out into the countryside and stretch your legs with a walk in a national park.

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Northern Territory

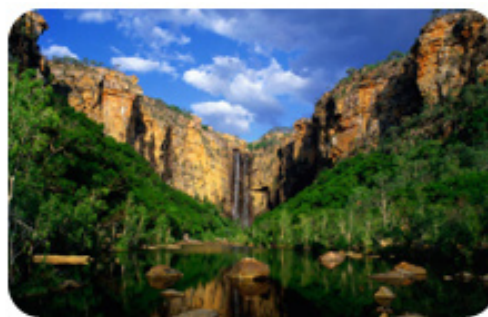
The Northern Territory is Australia's real Outback and home to the iconic natural wonders of Kakadu National Park and Uluru/Ayers Rock. The "NT" is renowned for its colourful outback characters and unique Aboriginal culture.



Kakadu National Park is the largest national park in Australia, covering more than 19,000 square kilometres. Kakadu National Park is World Heritage listed for both its natural and cultural values one of only a few sites in the world with a dual listing, and is jointly managed by the Australian Government and the Parks traditional Aboriginal people, the Bininj. Kakadu National Park contains one of the highest concentrated areas of aboriginal rock art sites in the world; the most famous examples are at Nourlangie Rock and Ubirr. It is home to more than 1000 plant species, a quarter of Australia's freshwater fish species and more than a third of its birds, making it ideal for bird watching.



Rising from the broad desert plain in the deep centre of Australia, **Uluru/Ayers Rock** is Australia's most recognisable natural icon. The famous "Rock" stands 348 metres high and, like an iceberg, has most of its bulk below the surface. It is located 440 kilometres south-west of Alice Springs in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Until recently, this monumental landmark was known as Ayers Rock, as named by European explorer William Gosse in 1873. Today Uluru is jointly managed by the Anangu people and Parks Australia.



Framed by the MacDonnell Ranges and an intense desert landscape, the township of **Alice Springs** is Australia's most famous outback town. Called Mpwante by the traditional owners, the Arrernte people, and situated just 200 kilometres south of the geographic centre of Australia, the town of Alice Springs began as a repeater station along the Overland Telegraph Line. Alice Springs desert climate and landscapes encourage a healthy outdoor lifestyle and sets a great scene for outback adventure. Quad and mountain-bike riding, trekking along the Larapinta Trail, four-wheel driving, bush camping and swimming in lush waterholes are popular activities.

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Western Australia

Western Australia occupies around one-third of Australia's total landmass. That's an area of 2.5 million square kilometres or 965,000 square miles.

The sheer size of Western Australia beckons visitors back time and again to explore the huge number and range of Australian holiday possibilities from beaches to the extraordinary outback.



Ningaloo Reef has gained an impressive reputation as one of Earth's last ocean paradises. Take a dive with hundreds of tropical fish, colourful coral and the world's biggest fish, the whale shark. It's one of the largest fringing reefs in the world and unlike many others; you can get to it just by stepping off the beach. The Ningaloo marine park stretches 260 kilometres from Bundegi Reef near the town of Exmouth to Amherst Point near Coral Bay in the south. It reaches nearly 20 kilometres seaward, encompassing a massive 5,000 square kilometres of ocean with 500 species of tropical fish and 220 species of coral in all.



Broome is an exotic pearling town and offers some deliciously indulgent eco-resorts, dotted across its spectacular landscape. Broome's Cable Beach, with 22 kilometres of white sand, kissed by warm, crystal waters, is justifiably world famous and the ideal place to watch the sunset on a balmy, tropical night. From fiery red ochre cliffs contrasting with bright turquoise waters to pearl diving sagas and dinosaur footprints - the history of Broome is as captivating as the scenery. Thanks to Broome's unpolluted waters, South Sea pearls are among the most coveted in the world.



Explore Australia's North West and be fascinated by the natural wonders of **Purnululu National Park**. Famous for the Bungle Bungle Range, the national park is one of the most amazing geological landmarks in Western Australia. The range rises up to 578 metres above sea level and stands 200 to 300 metres above a woodland and grass covered plain, with steep cliffs on the western plain. Several species of rare animals can also be found in the park. Constant erosion and river movements have formed the huge black and orange striped domes over the last 20 million years.

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Tasmania

Tasmania is Australia's island state. It is a heart-shaped island of lush green valleys, uncrowded towns and villages and still undeveloped coastlines. Tasmania is one of the world's most mountainous islands and while its peaks do not tower to great heights, they are unique in their serrated profile.



Cradle Mountain is the central feature of the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, part of Tasmania's World Heritage area. The park covers an area of 124 942 ha which is characterised by a rugged, glaciated landscape with over 25 major peaks and a wide range of glacial formations - tarns, glacial lakes, moraine deposits, U-shaped valleys and waterfalls. There are numerous walking huts, a wide range of day and overnight walks through the mountains, a road to the edges of Dove Lake which lies in the shadow of Cradle Mountain, and plenty of excellent accommodation.

Freycinet National Park consists of knuckles of granite mountains all but surrounded by azure bays and white sand beaches. Freycinet is effectively two eroded blocks of granite - the Hazards and the Mt Graham/Mt Freycinet sections of the peninsula - joined by a sand isthmus. Freycinet National Park offers a wide variety of activities. Take a walk to the pass overlooking the perfectly shaped Wineglass Bay or try less strenuous activities like beach strolls, swimming or wildlife spotting.



Port Arthur was established in the 1830s as a penal settlement. It remains a physical chronicle of a dramatic part of Australia's history. Its 60 or so buildings and picturesque landscape offer visitors a challenging mix of both beauty and horror and have helped the site to become Tasmania's most popular tourist destination.