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The only nation to occupy an entire continent, Australia offers visitors a marvellous playground of phenomenally diverse activities, experiences and vistas. From the sublimely beautiful Great Barrier Reef to the red Uluru sandstone monolith, Australia's famous natural wonders are simply unforgettable. Explore terrain that ranges from snowy mountains and glacial lakes to misty rainforests, glowing deserts and tropical coastlands.

Famous for its kangaroos and koalas, Australia is also home to thousands of other exotic animals and plants – including penguins, sea lions, giant ferns and the platypus. View them in their natural environments, whether at a wildlife sanctuary, National Park or coastal protected area.

Spend time in Australia's cities, which also offer wonderful experiences with their easygoing and friendly people, dramatic natural harbours, and diverse ethnic neighbourhoods. Bring your sense of adventure and keep your camera ready, because Australia is filled with iconic landmarks, waterfront entertainment districts and world-famous beaches.

Country Facts

Capital:	Canberra
Major language:	English
Time:	GMT +10 (East Coast)
Currency:	Australian Dollar
National Day:	26 January

Our Favourite Memories

- Views of Sydney Opera House from Park Hyatt Sydney
- Watching the sunset over the Twelve Apostles on the Great Ocean Road
- Diving in the Great Barrier Reef at Hayman Island

Rainforests and Reefs
7 days / 6 nights

This exciting journey offers a great way to explore the underwater treasures and inviting greenery of Queensland. Experience a world of colour at the Great Barrier Reef and take a dip in the clear waters to discover the abundance of magnificent sealife. Explore islands dotted along the coast, venture to hidden away rainforest villages or discover ancient culture and take a leisurely river cruise to spot crocodiles.

Cairns boasts stunning golden beaches lined with lush, tropical rainforests just waiting to be explored. Peel back the leaves and enjoy nature walks, taking in the many sights and sounds of exquisite creatures in their natural habitat.

Suggested Itinerary

Day 1 **Cairns – Port Douglas** – Transfer from Cairns International Airport to Port Douglas. Spend the day exploring at your leisure.

Day 2 **Port Douglas – Great Barrier Reef** – Cruise out to the edge of the reef and observe colourful sealife and coral through the windows of a sub-sea vessel, or while swimming or snorkelling.

Day 3 **Port Douglas – Cairns** – Take in a tour of Daintree Environmental Centre, including a crocodile river cruise. Then stroll along the golden sands at Cape Tribulation.

Day 4 **Cairns – Dunk Island** – Cruise out to the rainforest-clad Dunk Island from beautiful Mission Beach. Explore at your leisure and stay overnight in beachfront accommodation.

Day 5 **Dunk Island – Cairns** – Return to the mainland after breakfast and spend the day relaxing as you choose.

Day 6 **Cairns – Kuranda** – Journey to the rainforest village of Kuranda by train, visit the famous market and travel above the forest's canopy on the Skyrail.

Day 7 **Depart** – Transfer to Cairns International Airport to catch your onward flight.

South East Highlights
7 days / 6 nights

Discover both the excitement and beauty of South East Australia with this six day journey. Explore Sydney with its delightful waterfronts and superb shopping. Soak up the sunshine while dining on national delicacies, take to the harbours to see the sights or get back to nature in the wildlife parks and enjoy spectacular views of mountain scenery.

Cosmopolitan Melbourne boasts stunning coastline and magnificent, stretching beaches. Catch the cultural buzz in the city and explore the busy streets awash with art galleries, museums and theatres. Take time out and watch surfers gliding over the crests of waves, while relaxing in a thoroughly laid-back setting.

Suggested Itinerary

Day 1 **Sydney** – Transfer to your hotel from Sydney's airport. Spend the day exploring the city at your leisure.

Day 2 **Sydney** – Start your day by discovering the delights of the city, before taking a harbour cruise and visiting the famous Sydney Opera House.

Day 3 **Sydney & Blue Mountains** – Catch a glimpse of the spectacular Three Sisters as you journey through the Blue Mountains, then on to a wildlife park where you can cuddle a Koala.

Day 4 **Sydney – Melbourne** – Explore Sydney at your leisure before flying to Melbourne. You will be transferred to your hotel where the delights of this city await you.

Day 5 **Melbourne & Phillip Island** – Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city before being whisked off to glorious Phillip Island to watch the famous Penguin Parade.

Day 6 **Melbourne & Great Ocean Road** – Take in the breathtaking scenery along Victoria's Great Ocean Road, before enjoying a traditional Aussie tea and exploring the beautiful beaches.

Day 7 **Depart** – Transfer to Melbourne's Tullamarine Airport to catch your onward flight.

Melbourne

The celebrated fashion and culture capital of Australia, **Melbourne** charms its visitors with its easygoing ways and sense of style.

Hop aboard one of the ubiquitous trams for a leisurely tour of the city, then dine in a cosy restaurant in the charming Italian, Vietnamese or Chinese districts. Make time for shopping downtown, where styles run from High Street fashion to bohemian funky.

Cruise along the Yarra River as it winds its way through the city, past the botanical garden, several scenic parks and the thriving shopping, dining and entertainment district of Southgate.

In a city famous for its love of sport, the calendar is full of world-class events such as the Melbourne Cup Horse Race, the Australian Open and the Qantas Australia Formula 1 Grand Prix.

Highlights

January - Australian Open (Tennis)
March - Formula 1 Grand Prix
May - Melbourne International Jazz Festival
November - Melbourne Cup (Horse Racing)

Attractions

Great Ocean Road
Melbourne Cricket Ground
Penguin Parade, Phillip Island
Royal Botanical Gardens
Southgate (Dining)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Temp Max (°C)	26	26	24	20	17	14	13	15	17	19	22	24
Temp Min (°C)	14	14	13	11	8	7	6	6	8	9	11	12
Sun (Hours)	8	8	7	5	4	3	4	5	5	6	6	7
Rainfall (mm)	45	59	50	69	54	42	54	50	58	74	70	58

Crown Towers, Melbourne

A New Level of Opulence

Beautifully located on the southern bank of the Yarra River in Melbourne, Crown Towers sets the benchmark for luxury hospitality in Australia. The award-winning hotel has 482 lavishly appointed, spacious guest rooms on offer, each with spectacular views of the city or Port Phillip Bay.

Relax at the spectacular Crown Spa or head to the amazing Crown Entertainment Complex with cinemas, nightclubs, shopping, indoor entertainment theme park and the world renowned Crown Casino. Enjoy the culinary delights of the signature restaurants.

Three nights accommodation, including return transfers from **AED 2,110** per person.
Flights not included.

A Private Retreat in a Cosmopolitan City

Park Hyatt Melbourne

Centrally located in one of Melbourne's most historic areas, Park Hyatt Melbourne provides a relaxed ambience and exceptional levels of service. The oversized guest rooms and suites are designed to offer absolute luxury with a small selection featuring spas, fireplaces and private terraces. Of the 240 rooms, 24 are suites and include the opulent Presidential Suite.

Park Club Health and Day Spa offers first-class facilities and professional, friendly staff. Guests can enjoy Park Club's 25-metre heated pool, Spa, a steam room, a sauna, a fitness studio and tennis court.

Three nights accommodation, including return transfers from **AED 2,015** per person.
Flights not included.

The Windsor, Melbourne

Timeless Elegance

The Windsor combines Victorian elegance with modern luxury. Built in the 19th century, this National Trust listed hotel is truly Australia's grand hotel. The spacious 160 rooms and 20 suites are decorated beautifully and come complete with marble bathrooms and walk-in wardrobes.

From the grand spiral staircase to the classic Victorian architecture, The Windsor is steeped in tradition, yet there are a number of modern services including in-room massages and the Towers fitness centre. The renowned 111 Spring Street Restaurant offers a superb dining experience from a world-class culinary team.

Three nights accommodation, including return transfers from **AED 1,525** per person.
Flights not included.

Sydney

Built along a magnificent harbour, the thriving and beautiful city of **Sydney** welcomes its visitors with a warmth and exuberance inspired by its unique geography, climate and history. A world-class city, this metropolis is best known for its iconic Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Join locals at the famous Bondi Beach to share the festive atmosphere or enjoy the city's waterfront at Darling Harbour's many restaurants and shops. Head to Martin Place for designer shopping and to the waterfront neighbourhood of Double Bay, where European-style pavement cafés provide fuel for browsing in posh boutiques.

Just an hour away, the majestic Blue Mountains feature dramatic peaks and valleys, including the Three Sisters rock formation and the Katoomba Scenic Railway all made inimitable by a blue haze phenomenon caused by the eucalyptus oil in the air above the gum forests.

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Temp Max (°C)	26	25	24	22	19	16	16	17	19	22	23	25
Temp Min (°C)	18	18	17	14	11	9	8	9	11	13	16	17
Sun (Hours)	7	7	6	6	6	5	6	7	7	7	8	8
Rainfall (mm)	104	125	129	101	115	141	94	83	72	80	77	86

Highlights

June - Sydney Film Festival
October - Australian Fashion Week
October - Manly International Jazz Festival
December - Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race

Attractions

Bondi Beach
Darling Harbour
Katoomba Scenic Railway, Blue Mountains
Sydney Harbour Bridge
Sydney Opera House
Three Sisters rock formation, Blue Mountains

Park Hyatt Sydney

Refined Comfort and World-Famous View

Seated majestically in one of the world's most glittering harbours, Park Hyatt Sydney is the epitome of a luxury urban hotel. The hotel's 122 rooms and 36 suites are stylishly decorated and feature an impressive range of modern amenities. Suites boast private balconies overlooking Sydney harbour, as well as guest bathrooms and separate dressing rooms.

Modern Australian cuisine with Mediterranean inspired flavours awaits at the award-winning harbourkitchen&bar restaurant with floor-to-ceiling glass windows overlooking Sydney harbour.

Three nights accommodation, including return transfers from **AED 2,795** per person.
Flights not included.

Experience Sydney from New Heights

Shangri-La Hotel, Sydney

Shangri-La Hotel, Sydney is located in the historic Rocks district between Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge. The hotel offers 563 of the city's most spacious and luxurious guest rooms and suites and every room offers breathtaking views of the surrounding landmarks.

The deluxe Alysium Spa and Health Club offers a wealth of invigorating treatments and fitness facilities, including a Roman-style pool, fitness centre and couples treatment rooms. Enjoy some of the city's finest dining options, including the award-winning Altitude Restaurant.

Three nights accommodation, including return transfers from **AED 2,045** per person.
Flights not included.

Four Seasons Hotel Sydney

Luxury in the Heart of Sydney

Four Seasons Hotel Sydney is set in the city's most desirable area, the historic district of The Rocks, and is only minutes to the main shopping districts. The hotel features 531 luxurious rooms and suites, many of which enjoy a full or partial panorama.

The Spa at Four Seasons offers the most comprehensive facilities in the city and uses a range of tempting Elemis treatments to rejuvenate tired limbs. The hotel also boasts Sydney's largest, heated outdoor pool, providing a vibrant al fresco setting during warmer months.

Three nights accommodation, including return transfers from **AED 1,965** per person.
Flights not included.

Gold Coast

Australia's beachside playground, the **Gold Coast** offers a treasure trove of year-round entertainment and recreation along a 70-kilometre stretch of white-sand beach that justifiably draws visitors from around the world.

An ideal destination for surfing, sailing and swimming, the Gold Coast features four major theme parks and dozens of child-friendly attractions that range from exciting amusement rides to up-close wildlife adventures.

Shop at the many beachside stores and markets or step into one of a dozen major shopping malls. Tee off at one of the 40 championship golf courses or venture further inland to hike well-maintained trails through lush rainforest parks.

No matter when you visit, you will find an engaging event on the calendar including the Magic Millions horse races, the Indy 300 and the Quiksliver Pro Surfing Competition.

Highlights

January - Magic Million Summer Carnival (Horse Racing)
February/March - Roxy Pro Surfing (Womens Event)
February/March - Quiksilver Pro Australia (Mens Event)
October - Indy 300 (Car Racing)

Attractions

Dreamworld
Seaworld
Warner Bros Movie World
Wet 'n' Wild Water Park

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Temp Max (°C)	31	31	31	26	26	26	21	21	21	25	25	25
Temp Min (°C)	121	21	21	18	18	18	13	13	13	16	16	16
Sun (Hours)	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8
Rainfall (mm)	143	183	147	78	57	56	49	30	45	77	92	136

Palazzo Versace

Just five minutes from Surfers Paradise, and an hour from Brisbane Airport, discover the Palazzo Versace, a lavish hotel in the grand tradition. Each of the 205 rooms and 72 residences incorporate signature Versace furnishings, a private jacuzzi and complimentary amenities from the Versace collection.

Salus Per Aquum Spa is as striking as you might expect of the Versace name, offering poolside Tai Chi and a selection of natural treatments, while the choice of three award-winning restaurants will satisfy the most demanding of gourmets.

Three nights accommodation, including return transfers from **AED 2,395** per person.
Flights not included.

Palatial Opulence from the House of Versace

The Sizzle of the Gold Coast

Towers of Chevron Renaissance

A perfect base from which to explore the Gold Coast, The Towers Of Chevron Renaissance enjoys a central location in Surfers Paradise. Choose from one, two and three bedroom fully self-contained apartments occupying three sky-scraping towers. Enjoy scenic views from every apartment, ranging from the Pacific Ocean to the Nerang River.

Head to The Beaches In The Sky to relax, a massive pool and leisure area on level five that connects the three towers. Pamper yourself at the many pools or jacuzzis. Indulge in the eclectic cuisine and plush ambience of al fresco dining, cafe's and bars.

Three nights accommodation, including return transfers from **AED 1,560** per person.
Flights not included.

Q1 Resort & Spa

The iconic Q1 Resort & Spa is set in the world's tallest residential tower, on Australia's stunning Gold Coast. The resort consists of 526 exclusive one, two and three bedroom apartments offering breathtaking ocean and hinterland views. Each state-of-the-art apartment features a fully self-contained kitchen, jacuzzi and a private balcony.

Guests at the exclusive Q1 Spa can be pampered to their heart's content with a range of restorative healing treatments. For food lovers, a separate restaurant area specialises in fine local cuisine, made with the freshest local produce.

Three nights accommodation, including return transfers from **AED 1,445** per person.
Flights not included. * Prices based on room only

At the Height of Innovation

Great Barrier Reef Islands

Visible from space and celebrated as the largest natural feature on earth, the **Great Barrier Reef** is a stunning wonder, not only because of its singular nature, but because of its astounding beauty. This World Heritage site, stretching 2,300 kilometres along the northeast coast of Australia, is made up of a thousand islands surrounded by sparkling clear water, a myriad of reefs and a coral environment that draws a fabulous array of brightly coloured tropical fish and other marine life.

Many of the reef's cays, fringed by white-sand beaches or covered in lush rainforests, can be reached by boat, plane or helicopter for snorkelling and a picnic lunch. Visit the world-famous Whitehaven Beach to enjoy its powder-like white sand and unimaginably brilliant blue waters. Experience your ideal getaway, with Great Barrier Reef accommodation providing a wide range of luxury resorts.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Temp Max (°C)	24	24	23	21	18	16	15	15	19	22	23	24
Temp Min (°C)	31	31	30	29	27	25	24	25	27	28	29	31
Sun (Hours)	7	7	7	9	7	8	9	9	9	9	9	8
Rainfall (mm)	277	285	183	84	33	36	15	15	18	33	48	137

Highlights (Surrounding Area)

July - Cairns Show
August/September - Festival Cairns
(Creative, Cultural and Sporting Events)
September - Carnival on Collins, Cairns

Attractions

Diving
Glass bottom boat tours
Snorkelling
Private reef charters
Whitehaven Beach

Voyages Lizard Island

Lizard Island is an award-winning beachfront retreat, located on the spectacular Great Barrier Reef. Each of the 40 villas is elegant and spacious, with either ocean or beach views. Anchor Bay rooms and suites have a private balcony or verandah with hammock, while The Pavilion, with plunge pool, offers the height of relaxed luxury and total privacy.

Dining is one of Lizard Island's many pleasures - Ospreys Restaurant embodies the resort's understated elegance. The menu, which changes daily, is fresh and creative, showcasing the finest local ingredients.

Three nights accommodation, including return transfers from **AED 8,150** per person. Flights not included.

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Dive into a World of Delights

Elegant Island Chic

Voyages Bedarra Island

A 20 minute boat ride from Dunk Island transports you to the elegantly chic, Bedarra Island. Tucked away inside the rainforest yet with sweeping views of the bay, the 12 villas of Bedarra Island are tasteful and stylish. The four additional Pavilion and Point Residences offer the ultimate in privacy and luxury, with daybeds and plunge pools.

Bedarra Island offers a full range of watersports, while Dunk Island is only a short boat ride away for diving and golfing enthusiasts. A team of resident chefs are on hand to prepare delicious menus changing daily, dependent on the local catch of the day.

Three nights accommodation, including return transfers from **AED 7,405** per person. Flights not included.

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Hayman Island

Hayman is Australia's most stunning private island destination, nestled in the spectacular Whitsunday Islands off the north Queensland coast. The 212 beautifully appointed rooms, suites, penthouses and villa, situated in Pool, Retreat, Lagoon and Beach Wings, all feature private terraces or balconies. For complete solitude, the Beach Wing has a private villa fronting Hayman Beach, set back from the ocean in tropical gardens.

For children up to 12 years, Hernando's Hideaway offers heaps of fun and exciting activities. For couples, the Spa Hayman showcases a range of treatments utilising Pevonia Botanica products.

Three nights accommodation, including return transfers from **AED 3,070** per person. Flights not included. Transfers starting from Hamilton Island.

Pure Indulgence

New Zealand

New Zealand is an exquisite destination that combines breathtaking mountain, geothermal and ocean adventures with fascinating Maori and Victorian cultural experiences.

Situated between two natural harbours on North Island, Auckland offers a gentle climate, splendid beaches and sophisticated cuisine blending European, Asian and Polynesian influences. Auckland Museum celebrates Maori history and artefacts. The epicentre of Maori culture, Rotorua has exciting, volcanic thermal springs, geysers, percolating mud pools and Spas.

South Island boasts New Zealand's magnificent, world-famous Alps, glaciers, fjords and epic landscapes. Nestled on Lake Wakapitu and surrounded by snow-covered peaks, Queenstown is a spectacular base for year-round adventures including skiing, bungee jumping, and white-water rafting. Home of the International Antarctic Centre and endangered kiwi, picturesque Christchurch enchants visitors with Victorian-Gothic architecture, award-winning gardens, and English ambience.

Country Facts

Capital:	Wellington
Major language:	English
Time:	GMT +12
Currency:	New Zealand Dollar
National Day:	6 February

Our Favourite Memories

- Watching the sunset over Mount Cook
- Water shooting geysers at Rotorua
- Swimming with dolphins in the beautiful Bay of Islands

New Zealand Wonders
15 days / 14 nights

This fantastic journey covers New Zealand's North and South Islands and promises memorable sights and sounds. The itinerary offers ample opportunities to experience adrenaline-rush adventure, rich cultural sights, lush gardens and the scenic beauty of the Bay of Islands.

Visit Rotorua, in the pastoral province of Waikato with its magnificent landscapes and thermal pools. Explore the fjords of Milford Sound, spot lazy seals and friendly dolphins while cruising along the sparkling waters.

Visit Mount Cook National Park, relax in the botanical gardens of Christchurch and partake in a range of exciting activities in Queenstown.

Suggested Itinerary

Day 1 **Auckland – Bay of Islands** – Fly from Auckland to the Bay of Islands. Transfer to Eagles Nest retreat.

Day 2 **Bay of Islands** - Cruise the waterways, spot wild dolphins and see the unique natural wonder, the 'Hole in the Rock'.

Day 3 **Bay of Islands - Karikari Peninsula** - Take a scenic flight to the tip of the North Island. Transfer by road to Carrington Resort.

Day 4 **Karikari Peninsula** - Explore the expansive 3000 acre Carrington Resort, home to an impressive 18 hole links golf course.

Day 5 **Karikari Peninsula - Rotorua** - Fly to Rotorua, transfer onto enchanting Lake Tarawera and stay at Solitaire Lodge.

Day 6 **Rotorua** - Enjoy a half day scenic tour with local Maori guide and discover volcanic and cultural attractions.

Day 7 **Rotorua - Wellington** - Transfer by flight to Wellington for a half day city tour and overnight stay.

Day 8 **Wellington - Nelson** - Fly across the Cook Strait to Nelson. Spend two nights at the Motueka River Lodge.

Day 9 **Nelson** – Spend the day at leisure or take an optional boat trip along the Abel Tasman National Park coastline.

Day 10 **Nelson – Christchurch** - Fly to Christchurch, 'The Garden City'. Stay two nights in the charming Huntley House.

Day 11 **Christchurch** – Enjoy a half day guided tour of Christchurch.

Day 12 **Christchurch - Queenstown** - Travel to Mount Cook National Park. Continue on to Queenstown for a three night stay.

Day 13 **Queenstown** – Explore Queenstown at leisure or take an optional helicopter flight to the fjords of Milford Sound.

Day 14 **Queenstown** - Experience the ultimate jet boat ride on the Dart River.

Day 15 **Queenstown** – Transfer to Queenstown Airport and catch your onward flight.

Tourism Auckland ©

New Zealand Highlights
8 days / 7 nights

This journey across New Zealand's North and South Islands promises to be a truly unforgettable experience.

Wander the cosmopolitan shopping streets in Auckland 'The City of Sails' where you will find marinas in abundance and a superb, lively waterfront. Relax in the therapeutic thermal pools of Rotorua and take in the breathtaking beauty of its rippling lakes and enchanting caves.

Explore Christchurch 'The Garden City and relax in its botanical parks. Hop on an historic tram or indulge in a little shopping in the splendid boutiques around town. Enjoy a variety of leisure pursuits in the beautiful lake-scattered setting of Queenstown, boasting the title 'Adventure Capital of the World' or unwind at Mount Cook National Park and take in the breathtaking alpine scenery.

Suggested Itinerary

Day 1 **Auckland** – Transfer from the airport to your hotel. Explore the city at your leisure.

Day 2 **Auckland** – Travel by boat to idyllic Waiheke Island and enjoy a guided tour.

Day 3 **Auckland - Rotorua** - Travel through Waitomo region, famous for its underground grottos. Explore the impressive Ruakuri cave. Stay two nights at Peppers on the Point luxury lodge.

Day 4 **Rotorua** – Enjoy a half day cultural city tour and get close to natural volcanic activity and the welcoming Maori people.

Day 5 **Rotorua - Christchurch** – Fly to Christchurch and enjoy a half day city tour. Stay overnight at the historic Huntley House.

Day 6 **Christchurch - Queenstown** – Enjoy a private tour of Queenstown via Mount Cook National Park. Spend two nights in Queenstown.

Day 7 **Queenstown** - Experience the thrill of a wilderness jet boat safari on the stunning Dart River Jet.

Day 8 **Queenstown - Auckland** – Transfer to Queenstown Airport and catch your onward flight.