










YOUR AUSTRALIA GROUP TOURS **TRAVEL HANDBOOK**

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YOUR GUIDE TO TOURING **AUSTRALIA** BY COACH

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Planning a tour of a country as contrasting as Australia, while very exciting can also be a bit overwhelming.

We are here to help and share our expert knowledge with you on when is the best time to go, what travelling in Australia is like and the different types of experiences that each state offers you.

Australia has really different regions offering really different experiences, there's rainforest, beaches, desert, cities and tropical regions – we are here to help you plan and get you on the way to booking a tour that is perfect for you.

As Australia coach tour travel specialists, it's our job and passion to help you find the tour experience you are looking for and make the most of your time in here. This guide will show you what Australia is like, give you essential information about what to expect on your visit and offer some insights from our own experiences into what to expect on your tour.

Firstly, you'll learn about Australia, your hosts and its people. This country is a large land mass with so many different regions, climates and experiences to be had and you'll get a sense of why it is unique by learning things you might not know about the land and people.

Then you'll get a sense of what to expect when visiting the region of Australia that you have chosen. Secondly, you'll learn about coach touring in this country of remarkable contrasts. We'll explain your coach tour options, why a coach tour is a great way to explore Australia and what you can expect on a coach tour.

We live and breathe coach tours and just love sharing that knowledge and experience with you, so please don't hesitate to tap into all we know, we are here for you every step of the way. We hope you find this guide helpful and are always happy to answer any questions you might have about touring Australia. Feel free to call us or drop us a line anytime.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT AUSTRALIA

Australia is an incredibly diverse country with millions of years of indigenous history behind it's interesting story. Today it is a large land mass with scenery that is so very different as well as a climate that ranges from tropical to desert, rainforests to coastal and everything in between! This is a country with so much to offer and discover.

HISTORY

Millions of years in the making, Australia has an extraordinary history. The people, places and events that have shaped this country are celebrated in the form of unforgettable festivals, museums, walks, guided tours and more. History lovers will be richly rewarded with one-of-a-kind experiences that delve into the backstory of the island nation.

Dinosaurs lived from about 250 to 65 million years ago and there's plenty of fossil evidence that shows a diverse range roamed Australia's ancient lands. Pre-European colonisation, Aboriginal Australians were cultivating and irrigating farming areas, establishing fisheries and building permanent homes. Their understanding of the environment and its natural resources and culture is something to be treasured.



Lieutenant James Cook, captain of HMB Endeavour, claimed the eastern portion of the Australian continent for the British Crown in 1770 and, eighteen years later, the First Fleet arrived to establish a penal colony in New South Wales this was not only to rid England and Ireland of the criminals, but also to use them as labourers in the newly formed colonies. This continued for 80 years, more than 160,000 convicted men, women and children as young as 13 were transported to the country, usually in extremely harsh conditions. In the early years of the country's colonisation, escaped convicts were known as bushrangers. This was a local take on the classic bandit or highwayman, and today these wild escapees hold a special place in Australian folklore.

Australia is home to the world's oldest continuous culture, as well as Australians who identify with more than 270 ancestries. Prior to the gold rush, most immigrants were of British or Irish descent. The discovery of gold in the 1850s saw an influx of people coming from Continental Europe, China, and to a lesser degree, The United States, New Zealand and the South Pacific. Today you can wander any Australian city and see an A to Z of ethnicities, from Greek and Lebanese, to Vietnamese and Japanese.

LANGUAGE

Australia's official language is English. However, Australia is a multicultural nation with a significant migrant population, so it's common to hear a diverse range of languages in Australia's cities and towns.

CULTURE

Australia is such a diverse country. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have lived on the continent for more than 60,000 years. Go off-the-beaten-track for an immersive journey with an First Nations guide and you'll uncover even more truths about the many cultures here. Each is unique in its language, belief system and powerful connection to place, ensuring countless opportunities for you to learn and connect.



Aussies have a rich and varied cultural history but the one thing they have in common is that they come together over food and drink and to enjoy the world famous landscape. The Australian lifestyle is often associated with a laid-back 'no worries' attitude. And for good reason. Aussie's are a friendly bunch, and love welcoming visitors to the country.

One of the many benefits of a rich diversity is the chance to sample different cultures. From Little Italy in

Sydney and Chinatown in Melbourne, to Australia's oldest surviving German settlement in Hahndorf, South Australia, you can explore how immigrants have maintained their culture while embracing life here.

A VIBRANT WINE & FOOD SCENE

Australian cuisine is all about the wide and varied experiences on offer which largely come from the diverse landscapes in which they're shared. Blessed with a wide variety of climates, from the warm tropical north to the cooler southern regions, there's little Australia can't grow or produce. And thanks to the vast multicultural population, there's barely a cuisine that's not on the menu. As an island, Australia is spoilt when it comes to seafood. Everything from oysters to abalone thrive in our waters, so you can indulge in some of the freshest fish and crustaceans on the planet. Compliment this with Australia's long history of winemaking, with vines dating back to the 1840s. Today, Australia's wine scene is diverse and exciting. Taste chardonnay, shiraz, semillon and more in stunning settings. There is also a booming brewery and craft beer industry as well as a range of gin and rum distilleries throughout the country. In Australia whatever your dining or drinking preference there's sure to be something for everyone!



ABUNDANT & DIVERSE WIDE OPEN SPACES

In Australia, you'll find an incredible bounty of jaw-dropping natural wonders. From peculiar rock formations, bubble-gum pink lakes, idyllic waterfalls and crystal-clear ocean vistas. The diversity is second to none. There's the Great Barrier Reef which is the world's largest coral reef system and home to the most amazing diverse marine life. Above the water, the reef is neighboured by picturesque tropical islands and some of the world's most beautiful sun-soaked beaches. In contrast is the Red Centre in the middle of the country Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is home to two of the country's most amazing natural monuments, Kata Tjuta and Uluru. Imbued with spirituality and rich Aboriginal history. Then there's Lake Hillier which is known for its bright bubble-gum pink hue, it's not the only pink lake in Australia, but it's often considered the most vibrant. Or take a road trip on the Great Ocean Road offering sweeping coastal views, ancient rock formations and an unbeatable feeling of freedom. Or there's the crystal clear waters of Ningaloo Reef which are home to the world's largest fringing reef, a 260km (162mi) long coral reef swarming with turtles, tropical fish, manta rays, humpback whales and the giant-yet-gentle whale shark. This country is dramatic and diverse to say the least!

CHANGEABLE WEATHER

Due to Australia's size, there are many different climates and weather patterns, which means Australia is the perfect place to visit all year round!

In the Southern Hemisphere, the seasons are opposite to those in the Northern Hemisphere. So, when things get colder up north, come Down Under to enjoy an endless summer. Australia's climate varies greatly throughout the eight states and territories; there are four seasons across most of the country and a wet and dry season in the tropical north.



The northern sub-tropical and tropical regions experience two seasons: wet and dry. The wet season, or tropical summer, is between October and April, where you'll experience a mix of sun and rain – making for epic waterfalls – and prices are more affordable. May to September is host to the dry season, with plenty of sunshine and an average maximum temperature around 35°C (95°F).

AUSTRALIA
QUICK FACTS

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GENERAL INFO

Australia is bursting with incredible destinations – the only question is, which ones to pick? Each Aussie spot offers a unique holiday and we have tours that cover all the main regions of this diverse country, so whether you're a foodie, beach lover or adventurer, there's a tour perfectly suited to you. It's also worth considering the time of year you're planning to visit – think school holidays and the weather – and how long you've got to explore.

CLIMATE

Australia is home to tropical, sub-tropical, desert and temperate climates – there's dewy rainforests, sandy plains, snowy alps and sunny beaches. Temperature and climate are important considerations when planning your trip or packing your bags (called the land Down Under, so seasons are the opposite to the Northern Hemisphere). Don't forget to consider peak seasons, spectacular wildlife events and exciting festivals that could influence your decisions on when to visit Australia.

SEASONS

Summer (December through February): The average daily temperatures range from about 20°C to 37°C (68°F to 99°F) in the major capital cities.
Autumn (March through May): Things start to cool down slightly in autumn, with temperature averages slipping to between 17°C and 35°C (63°F and 95°F).
Winter (June through August): The winter months see average temperatures that range from 11°C (52°F) in the south to 30°C (86°F) in the north.
Spring (September through November: Spring boasts average daily temperatures from 17°C and 35°C (63°F and 95°F), from the south to the north, respectively.

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CURRENCY

In Australia, the currency is **Australian dollars** – not to be confused with US, Hong Kong or any other dollars. An online Converter will help you convert your own currency at the market exchange rates.

Currency exchange is available at banks, hotels and international airports. Cirrus-compatible ATMs are everywhere, banks line most main streets, and credit cards are widely accepted. Keep in mind, there's an AUD$10,000 limit for bringing cash into the country (if you bring more, you'll have to declare it at the border).

COMMUNICATION

Mobile data is available in most places in Australia – though you might not be able to access a signal in the outback. Your mobile plan may charge steep international roaming fees, so we recommend, if your phone is unlocked, that you pick up a prepaid Australian SIM card when you land, allowing you to make calls and access data at local prices.

Free Wi-Fi is available in most hotels, cafés and restaurants.

VISAS AND COVID

Please note this information is intended to provide general information only and does not constitute legal advice. We Tour Australia is not the authority on these matters and requirements change frequently. For information on visas to enter Australia, visitors should seek the most up-to-date information from Australian Government Department of Home Affairs given the evolving impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on travel. Please visit https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Travelling in Australia during the local school holiday periods can be busy as local families often use this time to have their own vacations. By planning your trip carefully, you can be aware of peak travel seasons for each state and territory you can find out exact dates here: https://www.australia.com/en-nz/facts-and-planning/when-to-go/australian-school-holidays.html


Bondi Beach

VISITING & TRAVELLING IN AUSTRALIA

We think Australia is a great place to visit. But I guess we would though!



WHAT IS THE AUSTRALIAN LIFESTYLE LIKE?

Australia is an incredibly diverse country, and is home to so many different wonderful cultures and communities. But there is something truly unique that links everyone together – a one-of-a-kind shared spirit and attitude that is the Australian way of life.

From laid-back attitudes to a serious love of nature and sports, here's what you need to know about the Australian lifestyle.

Aussies are known the world over for, and that's their easy-going, friendly attitude.

For Aussies, a stranger is just a mate you haven't met yet. Mateship is the beating heart of the Australian spirit – it's practically a national trait. Aussies pride themselves on being good friends and neighbours, and not just to people they know. They tend to greet everyone from the mail carrier to the cab driver with a "g'day" or "how ya going?

Australia is blessed with some of the most beautiful natural landscapes in the world – so it comes as no surprise that Australians love to be outdoors. This passion for nature runs deep through Australia's veins, and is anchored in the foundations of the country's history; a respectful connection with the earth has been central to Aboriginal culture for more than 50,000 years.

Australia's history heavily influences its lifestyle today, and Australia's first and oldest stories belong to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Their diverse languages, philosophies and histories form the oldest surviving culture on earth, one that stretches back millennia.

Australians find countless ways to kick off their shoes and enjoy their many beautiful beaches, be it surfing, fishing, kayaking, picnicking, sharing an impromptu game of beach cricket or just soaking up some sunshine.

WHAT THE **GUIDEBOOKS** SAY

Australia is the unexpected: a place where **the world's oldest cultures** share vast ochre plains, stylish laneways and unimaginably blue waters with successive waves of new arrivals from across the globe.

lonely planet

More than most other countries, Australia **seizes the imagination.** For many visitors its name is synonymous with endless summers where the living is easy. This is where the adventures are as vast as the horizons and the jokes flow as freely as the beer – a country of can-do spirit and laid-back friendliness. No wonder Australians call theirs the Lucky Country.

ROUGH GUIDES



It's not just about the beaches in Australia, though. The Australian outback is home to an array of different landscapes, countless natural wonders and deep connections to Aboriginal culture and communities.

Because a sense of adventure and love of outdoors feed the Australian lifestyle, you'll find plenty of Aussies outside the cities taking in the fresh air and clear night skies of Australia's regional communities and stunning outback.

Australia's lifestyle is laidback, sure, but there's nothing that excites an Aussie more than sport. Australia's sporting culture has been passed through generations, making for a population deeply invested in cricket, rugby, Australian Rules Football, soccer, tennis and more.

SHOULD YOU BOOK YOUR TOUR WELL IN ADVANCE?

In short....absolutely Yes! That high demand for accommodation makes booking in advance a very good idea. Sure, just about anything can be booked online direct with local providers. But even with the borders closed during the pandemic availability in popular destinations was sometimes limited. Post pandemic we are seeing a lot of interest in visiting Australia, with many tours selling out as border restrictions loosen around the world and flights open up.

So, it is a good idea to make plans and secure bookings as soon as your plans are set. Unsure? Please contact us for advice on booking and the current covid situation, this is what we live and breathe and have



done for all of our careers, we are here to help you get everything you want out of your Australian holiday.

HOW DO YOU GET TO AUSTRALIA?

Australia is 3-4 hour flight from major New Zealand cities with daily flights to Australia's bigger centres. Flights from North America (+/- 10-12 hours across the Pacific) and Asia (+/-8-9 hours from Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan & The Philippines, less from Indonesia). Cruises have also commenced operation out of Australian ports.

The land down under may seem like a world away, but it's a **dynamic destination** that caters to music lovers and fashionistas, urban adventurers and discerning gastronomes, the nature-intrigued and seasoned outdoors explorers. Now reopen to international travelers, Australia beckons with all that it offers. You may come for the very great barrier reef in Queensland and discover scuba diving led by Indigenous guides; or pair Victoria's ski scene with its wine scene. Maybe you should consider a longer trip...

AFAR

A vast island continent, Australia teems with **natural and cultural treasures.** Relax on gorgeous beaches along the sprawling coastline, or plunge below the water in Queensland to explore the Great Barrier Reef. Nature enthusiasts revel in exciting adventures in the interior, from trekking around majestic Uluru to spotting wildlife in tropical rain forests. But there's more to life down under than outdoor activities. Cosmopolitan cities like Sydney and Melbourne entice with thriving dining and arts scenes, while world-class vineyards abound.

Fodor's

TREADING **LIGHTLY**

As travellers it is our responsibility to tread lightly on the lands that provide us with holiday enjoyment and the cultures we get to experience as part of this, here are some guidelines to help achieve this.







We know you also can see and appreciate Australia's unique natural beauty, which is why so many people are attracted to Australia for a holiday and are warmly welcomed with open arms. As travellers and travel providers it is our responsibility to tread lightly on the lands that provide us with holiday enjoyment and the cultures we get to experience as part of this.

We can do this by supporting activities and travel providers that are committed to protecting and preserving the country that they operate in. Our travel partner AAT Kings offers MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experiences which are conscious travel experiences available on selected AAT Kings' itineraries.

They are chosen with great care based on the positive social or environmental impact they have on their communities and those who experience them. AAT Kings have developed a series of tours that each include a signature MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, allowing our guests to see and understand first hand the important work this coach tour company supports and its impact.

There are plenty of things we can all do while travelling to contribute to sustainable tourism practices.

- ***Rubbish in bins, pick up and dispose of any rubbish you see***
- ***If there are toilet facilities please use them***
- ***Care around rivers and waterways, don't pollute or dirty them***
- ***If there are not toilet facilities please bury toilet waste in a hole, well away from rivers, streams or waterways***
- ***Protect plants and animals, walk on designated paths and avoid wetland or protected coastal areas***
- ***Respect cultural areas and restrictions around these as they can have important spiritual and cultural meaning to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and people.***

MAKE TRAVEL JOURNEYS MATTER™



Blue Mountains



THE **BENEFITS** OF COACH TOURING

The top 6 reasons to take an escorted tour in Australia

A coach tour can be a wonderful way to travel where you don't have to worry about driving, how to get around or if you are getting the most out of each place you visit. You also get to meet and travel with a group of like-minded people.

The escorted coach tours we offer give you peace of mind, where your needs are cared for and you are looked after by experts who know so much about travelling in Australia. Their inside knowledge makes sure you are in the know about the best places to visit, eat and enjoy, so you get the most out of your journey.

If there are any interruptions or unforeseen events that happen while you are on tour, your guide is there to help you sort out any hiccups.

A guided coach tour is such a great way to be able to relax and take in the best this beautiful country has to offer without any worries.

1 You are cared for

Your tour guide is there to help you get the most out of your coach tour holiday, they will point out sights of interest, guide you to the best places to eat or visit and if there are any disruptions to your journey or sudden changes of plans they are right there to help you re-organise and sort out any issues you might have. They know this country so well and love to share their passion and knowledge with you.

2 Great value for you

A coach tour offers you great value for money, each coach tour operator has strong and long term relationships with the hotels you stay at, activities you do and sightseeing included while on tour. This means they access good prices and great service that gets passed onto you.

3 Your arrangements are taken care of

The peace of mind a coach tour gives you, is that all your bookings are taken care of, your hotels, transport, sightseeing and often meals are part of the package all booked and organised by your coach tour operator. This means there is one easy point of contact for you and you can sit back, relax and enjoy a stress free holiday.

4 Meet like-minded people

The great thing about a coach tour is that there is often a mix of couples and friends travelling together as well as some people travelling on their own too. This is such a great chance to meet a mix of people who have individually chosen the same tour as you, so are very likely to have similar interests, who knows, you may even make a lifelong friend.

5 No driving

Australia is a beautiful country with a diverse landscape. This means roads are just as changeable and diverse, which can be challenging when you are a visitor especially if you are used to driving on the other side of the road. With a coach tour you get to sit back, relax and enjoy the view and experiences on offer while an experienced coach driver takes care of all the driving for you.

6 Expert knowledge

Your tour has been carefully put together, pulling together years of experience and knowledge so that you get to experience the best of Australia and it's main attractions. The route of your tour has been carefully put together to help make sure you travel in the most efficient way while still maximising the scenic options along the way.



AAT KINGS COACHES

WHY BOOK WITH US?

We Tour Australia are Australian coach touring experts, we put our wealth of industry experience to work to find the perfect tour for you.

PEACE OF MIND

You have lots of options when it comes to touring Australia. It can be overwhelming. And it can be hugely time consuming finding a tour that matches your interests and travel preferences. Why not save time and get some expert help? When you book with us you can be sure you've booked a tour that is right for you.

THE BEST TOURS

The tours we offer are run by respected operators with years of experience helping people make the most of their time in Australia. When you book with We Tour Australia you know you are booking a proven tour experience that is now a wonderful memory for previous passengers.



PERSONALISED SERVICE

The process of booking with We Tour Australia is simple. You tell us what you are looking for in coach touring, either through our website or in person. What do you want to see and do? How you prefer to travel? What sort of accommodation do you like? And we find your best tour options for you.

COACH TOUR SPECIALISTS

We specialise in coach touring. When you talk to us you are talking to a travel professional with years of experience with coach travel.

If you are looking for an unforgettable escorted tour or small group tour, we are the team to talk to.

EXPERIENCE

Nothing beats first-hand experience. As tour professionals, we've experienced the tours we sell, the places they go and the accommodation you will stay in. When we recommend a tour for you its because we know it will work for you.

ACCURATE AVAILABILITY

We work very closely with the tour brands we promote to ensure that we can give a clear indication of what tours are available and when to book to secure your seats.

SUPERIOR SERVICE

We pride ourselves on offering a superior experience from the first time you contact us.

You can expect prompt replies and a dedication to understanding what you are looking for in a tour experience and finding it for you. **Contact us today to book your perfect Australia tour.**

WE TOUR Travel-Tip

The right itinerary

Australia might be big, but there are plenty of itineraries to choose from, no matter how long you've got to explore. You'd be surprised at how much you can see in as little as six or seven days, but if you've got more time on your hands, our seven to 10-day itineraries will give you a flavour of multiple Australian states and cultures. One of our favourite ways to explore by escorted coach – a no-brainer if you've got two weeks or more to spare. Use our expertise to find your perfect coach tour itinerary; whether you're seeking culture, countryside or calming luxury, our tour selection has a tour suited to you.



Twelve Apostles



TYPES OF COACH TOURS

The different types of Australia Coach Tours and how to pick the one that's right for you.

SMALL GROUP TOURS

An Australian small group tour usually has about **12-22 other people** on tour at any one time. You get to enjoy everything that you do on an escorted coach tour but it is a more intimate experience with a smaller group with the tour often taking in more of the off the beaten track locations or more unique and personalised experiences.

You travel with the same group of people for the duration of the tour and travel in modern well-equipped coaches. Often the coaches are full sized but with less seats which makes more legroom and comfort for you.

Another key feature of a small group tour is that the accommodation you stay at during your tour is generally more boutique or a little different from the larger group tour accommodation options. You have a driver guide and/or a tour guide throughout the tour. Operators of the small group tours we feature are Inspiring Journeys and WA NT Tours.

ESCORTED COACH TOURS

An escorted coach tour of Australia is one of the most popular ways to explore this beautiful country. They offer a stress free way to explore Australia where you have a knowledgeable guide with you and all your accommodation, sightseeing and some meals are taken care of. Generally an escorted coach tour has **20-48 people** onboard at any one time.

You get to travel with the same group of people for the duration of your tour and it's a great opportunity to meet like-minded travellers and meet new friends. All accommodation, sightseeing and many meals are included in the tour package and you have a driver/guide and/or a tour guide with you throughout your tour. They are on hand to help you with any questions you have, assist if you encounter any problems while on tour and to share their extensive knowledge of Australia with you to help you get the most out of your tour.

The coaches are modern air-conditioned vehicles with onboard bathrooms, your luggage is handled for you at each hotel and generally breakfast is included daily, most dinners and sometimes lunches also.

AUSTRALIAN CRUISES

We Tour Australia work with Coral Expeditions, Australia's pioneering **expedition cruise company,** sailing for nearly four decades. They operate and manage a fleet of three small expedition ships taking guests to some of the most beautiful, yet undiscovered, regions of Australia and offer a relaxed small ship atmosphere and itineraries which larger ships cannot replicate.

All food is is prepared small batch on board, and while the style is down to earth, it reflects high quality Australian produce and wine. We offer tours with Coral Expeditions through The Kimberley, Great Barrier Reef and Australia's West Coast. Showcasing some of the most stunning coastal experiences in the world.



CORAL EXPEDITION CRUISES

WE TOUR Travel-Tip

Stay longer if you can.

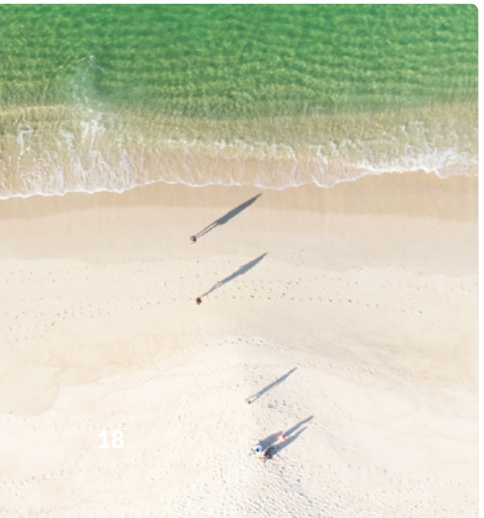
Australia is a large country packed with things to see and do.
The tour companies we work with have developed their tours over many years to help you make the most of your time in Australia. There's only so much you can fit into a day, though. Longer tours let you enjoy more of this beautiful country. We can help you arrange pre or post tour accommodation and sightseeing activities, just let us know and we can help you.

THINGS TO **THINK ABOUT** BRINGING

Tips on what to arrange and remember to pack before you set off for Australia

Travel Insurance

We do recommend you travel with comprehensive travel insurance. We can help you with this if you wish. Simply ask our team. When you look at it, paying for insurance isn't much compared to the cost of your holiday. It can save you a lot of worry and potential costs. Investing in a good travel insurance policy is something we strongly recommend and are happy to help you arrange when you book with us.



Any Medication

Don't forget to pack any medication you need to take regularly or in emergencies. If you have a known health condition, please let us know. We can ensure your tour operator is aware of this so they know how best to assist you during your tour should you need help.

Be Sun Smart

Australia has some of the harshest sun conditions in the world. It is important to bring a good sunscreen with a high SPF factor, sun hat and sunglasses. In Australia you can burn after 10-15 minutes in the sun, even on an overcast day.

Good Footwear

Part of the beauty of Australia is its untouched environment and the ability to easily get "off the beaten track". This means that you need to wear good, comfortable sturdy footwear, suitable for rough or uneven terrain.

A Range of Clothing

Temperatures in Australia can vary greatly from one day to the next. It is important to bring both warm clothes and options for warmer weather too, no matter what the season.

You will need a rain jacket, swim suit and a hat. It is often a good idea to dress in layers so you can remove clothing as the temperature dictates.

Mobile Phones in Australia

We all like to stay connected and post to social media sites, especially when we are on the holiday of a lifetime! You may have data roaming with your normal provider. But it is worth looking at investing in a local SIM card which may be a cheaper option. Mobile data is available in most places in Australia – though you might not be able to access a signal in the outback.

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WE ARE HERE *for you!*

Touring Australia is what we love

...and arranging touring holidays of a lifetime is what we do. Australia is our passion and travel is in our veins. We love to share the knowledge we have built up over the years to help you plan your Australian holiday and get the most out of it. From here please let us know how we can help. We can give you advice, suggest some tour options that might work for you or just have a friendly chat or email conversation at this stage. It's up to you and we are here for you in whatever way helps.

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10 THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT AUSTRALIA

A range of interesting and fun facts about Australia



1 LIFE'S A BEACH... ALL DAY EVERY DAY!

If you visit one new beach in Australia every day, it would take about 29 years to see them all.

2 A COUNTRY AND A CONTINENT IN ONE

Australia is a continent which contains mainland Australia, Tasmania and smaller surrounding islands. It is also a country! It is the only country in the world that covers a whole continent.







3 NO VOLCANOS IN SIGHT

Australia has desert, outback, beaches, islands and rainforest...and is the only continent in the world without an active volcano.

4 THE ONE PLACE IN THE WORLD FOR KANGAROOS IN NATURE

Australia is the only place in the world where Kangaroos exist in the wild. There are over 50 million kangaroos in Australia with the number growing every year.

5 WHAT HAVE MELBOURNE AND ATHENS IN COMMON?

The largest Greek population in the world beside Athens in Greece can be found in Melbourne Victoria. It is a rich and diverse city with a beautiful blend of cultures in one place, making it a great city for food and wine experiences





6 THE LONGEST CORAL REEF SYSTEM IN THE WORLD.

The Great Barrier Reef is composed of over 2,900 individual reefs stretching for over 2,300 kilometres

7 NOT ONLY REEFS BUT 900 ISLANDS

The reef includes more 900 islands. The Barrier Reef is home to over 350 species of corals and over 1,500 species of fish.

8 A CATTLE STATION BIGGER THAN A NATION!

With these wide open spaces, everything seems big: The largest cattle station in the world is located in Australia and it's bigger than Israel.

9 A BUBBLEGUM PINK LAKE - IT'S ALL NATURAL PEOPLE!

Western Australia is home to a number of Pink Lakes - such as Lake Hillier.

10 ANYONE FOR A LOOOONG ROUND OF GOLF?

Australia has the world's longest golf course measuring more than 850 miles long.









AUSSIE Fun Fact

Australians and Beer

Beer arrived in Australia at the beginning of British colonisation. In 2004 Australia was ranked fourth internationally in per capita beer consumption.

Former Prime Minister Bob Hawke even set a world record for sculling 2.5 pints of beer in 11 seconds.

Hawke later suggested that this was the reason for his great political success!



MAP OF AUSTRALIA

	KILOMETERS	MILES
Sydney-Adelaide	1412	877
Sydney-Brisbane	965	600
Sydney-Canberra	286	177
Sydney-Cairns	2421	1504
Sydney-Darwin	4210	2610
Sydney-Hobart	1589	985
Sydney-Melbourne (inland)	879	546
Sydney-Melbourne (coastal)	1030	640
Sydney-Perth	4054	2513
Melbourne-Adelaide	731	454
Melbourne-Canberra	648	402
Melbourne-Hobart	610	378
Melbourne-Devonport	307	190
Adelaide-Alice Springs	1533	952
Adelaide-Perth	2706	1680
Adelaide-Darwin	3021	1873
Perth-Broome	2225	1378
Adelaide-Brisbane	2045	1270
Darwin-Alice Springs	1489	924
Darwin-Kakadu	200	124
Darwin-Broome	1865	1156
Alice Springs-Uluru	443	275
Cairns-Darwin	2857	1771
Cairns-Brisbane	1716	1065
Brisbane-Melbourne (via Sydney)	1674	1039



YOUR PERSONAL NOTES



- Check **Passport**
- Check **Immigration** requirements
- Cellphone **charger** and requirements
- Book **Travel Insurance**
- Arrange **Australian $ currency**
- Disclose any **medical conditions**

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