

PRINCETON
JOURNEYS

Australia

THE LAND DOWN UNDER

March 14-27, 2024



DEAR PRINCETONIAN,

Few destinations inspire as much affectionate esteem as Australia. The world's oldest continent teems with natural wonders and cultural treasures. From architecturally breathtaking Sydney, with its huge harbor and dazzling Opera House, to Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef, Australia is simply enchanting. Princeton Journeys is thrilled to offer our first-ever educational travel program to the 'land down under.'

The journey begins with three nights in Sydney, the country's cosmopolitan capital. Here enjoy a privately guided tour of the World Heritage-listed Opera House, walk along the cliffs of Sydney Coastal Park to the glamorous Bondi Beach, and embark on an evening harbor cruise as the sun sets on this picturesque waterway. Next, venture north to Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, and experience a marine biologist-led snorkeling adventure through the largest living structure on the planet. In Port Douglas visit an award-winning and eco-certified wildlife sanctuary, where you'll interact with some of Australia's unique fauna, such as koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, and the Southern Cassowary. Enjoy three nights in tropical Port Douglas before heading into Australia's 'red center' for a visit to the famous Uluru, or 'Ayers Rock.' The journey concludes in the sophisticated city of Melbourne, but not before a drive along the Great Ocean Road which follows a spectacular coastline of majestic cliffs and rugged, windswept beaches.

If Australia has always been on your 'must see' list, there is no better time than now to make it happen. We encourage you to reserve your space today on our website: alumni.princeton.edu/journeys.

With kind regards,



Bridget St. Clair
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PRINCETON STUDY LEADER

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ULURU (AYERS ROCK)



SOUTHERN
CASSOWARY



MELBOURNE



CLOWN FISH



GREAT BARRIER REEF



SNORKELING



12 APOSTLES



ITINERARY

MARCH 14-27, 2024

Thursday-Saturday,
March 14-16

U.S. to Sydney

Depart on an overnight flight from the U.S. to Sydney, Australia. Lose one day crossing the International Date Line.

Saturday, March 16

Sydney City Tour

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel near Sydney Harbor and close to Circular Quay. (Your hotel has been booked for immediate access to your rooms). Enjoy an afternoon walk in the historic Royal Botanic Gardens, then gather this evening for a festive welcome dinner.

SOFITEL WENTWORTH HOTEL OR SIMILAR (D)

Sunday, March 17

Vaucluse House Bondi Beach Sydney Opera House

Following breakfast, depart your hotel for a tour of Sydney and the residential suburbs of Woollahra, Double Bay, and Vaucluse. Visit the historic and picturesque National Trust Vaucluse House, a 19th-century estate

with secluded gardens and grounds. Continue to Bondi Beach for lunch at the iconic Bondi Icebergs Club overlooking the beach. After lunch, take a privately guided tour of an Australian icon: the Sydney Opera House. The evening is at leisure to explore this inspiring city. SOFITEL WENTWORTH OR SIMILAR (B, L)

Monday, March 18

Parliament House Sydney Museum Hyde Park Barracks Sydney Harbor Cruise

Following breakfast at the hotel, gather at Parliament House for an informative lecture from study leader Jason Rudy '97. Take a short walk to the Sydney Museum, situated on the site of the original home of the colonial governor, Captain Arthur Phillip. There engage in a discussion on the origins of colonial life in Australia from 1788, and its effect on indigenous Australians. Travel along the historic Macquarie Street to UNESCO World Heritage Site Hyde Park Barracks, one of the oldest buildings in Sydney which housed some of the early convicts who landed in the colony.

Lunch and the afternoon are free for independent exploration before a dinner cruise on the magnificent Sydney Harbor. SOFITEL WENTWORTH OR SIMILAR (B, D)

Tuesday, March 19

Sydney Cairns Port Douglas

Depart on a morning flight to Cairns, the tropical gateway to Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef. On arrival, travel to the Atherton Tablelands, set at about 1,000 feet above the coastal plain. Descend the escarpment on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway to experience an aerial view of the world's oldest continually surviving tropical rainforest, with stops en route to explore up close. Next, enjoy a scenic drive to the village of Port Douglas on a spectacular coastal road surrounded by forest and the Coral Sea. Join a marine biologist for a specially arranged dinner and lecture this evening introducing the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. PEPPERS BEACH CLUB PORT DOUGLAS OR SIMILAR (B, L, D)



SEA FAN



SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE & SKYLINE

Wednesday, March 20

Great Barrier Reef Excursion

Embark on a sailing catamaran for a cruise of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Great Barrier Reef alongside an onboard marine biologist. Wet suits and snorkeling gear are provided to give you the opportunity to discover the stunning coral and marine life of the Low Isles. After a delicious lunch on board return to Port Douglas for an evening at leisure to explore this quaint but sophisticated town and its famous Four Mile Beach. PEPPERS BEACH CLUB PORT DOUGLAS OR SIMILAR (B, L)

Thursday, March 21

Mossman Gorge National Park Daintree Rainforest Nat'l Park

Set out on a morning visit to the Wildlife Habitat, an award-winning and eco-certified wildlife sanctuary, to interact with native Australian animals and birds such as koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, Southern Cassowary, Black Necked Stork, and Cockatoos. Then enjoy a privately guided excursion of the spectacular waterfalls and river that tumble through the sheer-walled Mossman Gorge. In the afternoon,

explore the oldest tropical rain forests in the world located in the surrounding Daintree National Park, part of the UNESCO World Heritage Wet Tropics region. The park is home to 85 of the rarest species on earth, including the six-foot-high, flightless Southern Cassowary. PEPPERS BEACH CLUB PORT DOUGLAS OR SIMILAR (B, L)

Friday, March 22

Cairns Ayers Rock (Uluru)

Depart on a morning flight to Uluru, or Ayers Rock, in the "red center" of the continent. After time to settle into your room and have lunch, depart for a private aboriginal ranger-led tour of the famous rock, including several of its sacred sites, followed by a private aboriginal art class at the Maruku Arts Center. Gather at sunset for a special twilight viewing of Uluru.

SAILS IN THE DESERT OR SIMILAR (B, D)

Saturday, March 23

Ayers Rock (Uluru)

Enjoy a morning excursion to the Olgas or Kata Tjuta, a formation of 36 domes hiding numerous gorges and chasms

that can be explored, with a picnic lunch en route. Return to Yulara for an afternoon at leisure, then wrap up the day with dinner in the sand dunes under the stars. SAILS IN THE DESERT OR SIMILAR (B, PL, D)

Sunday, March 24

Ayers Rock (Uluru) Melbourne

Depart on a late morning flight to Melbourne, the capital of Victoria and Australia's fastest-growing major city. Transfer to your centrally located hotel, with an introduction to this cosmopolitan city en route. Enjoy dinner overlooking the city of Melbourne. SOFITEL MELBOURNE ON COLLINS OR SIMILAR (B, D)

Monday, March 25

Melbourne City Tour Great Ocean Road

Enjoy a morning tour of the city and its parklands before traveling down Victoria's Great Ocean Road, which follows a spectacular coastline of majestic cliffs and rugged, windswept beaches. The Great Ocean Road is arguably the country's most spectacular coastal drive. Stop for tea at the historic Werribee Estate,



home to the National Rose Garden. Arrive at the seaside resort village of Lorne for lunch, then return to Melbourne for an evening at leisure. SOFITEL MELBOURNE ON COLLINS OR SIMILAR (B, L)

**Tuesday, March 26
Melbourne**

Today is at leisure to explore the dazzling city of Melbourne. You might opt to visit Queen Victoria Market, the largest open-air market in the southern hemisphere, or ride the famous City Circle Tram, a government-funded "hop-on, hop-off" service between top attractions. This evening gather for a farewell dinner at one of Melbourne's iconic restaurants. SOFITEL MELBOURNE ON COLLINS OR SIMILAR (B, D)

**Wednesday, March 27
Melbourne to U.S.**

Transfer to the airport for international flights home. (B)

WHAT TO EXPECT

This exclusive program for Princeton alumni and friends is moderately active and will involve some walking and snorkeling. March and April is the fall season in the Southern Hemisphere. In Australia autumn temperatures are mild, generally ranging from 73°F to 50°F in Sydney and Melbourne, 82°F to 68°F in Cairns and 84°F to 55°F at Uluru/Ayers Rock. In order to enjoy this trip, a spirit of adventure, and the desire to explore spectacular natural areas are musts, and, as some travel will be in remote areas, everyone must be flexible concerning time schedules, food, weather, and dust. There are two relatively long drives, which are necessary for the chance to explore the superb scenery. Travel is by regularly scheduled jet aircraft, boat, and motor coach or van.



PROGRAM COST

Land Program \$9,795
(per person, double occupancy)

Single Supplement \$2,450

**Sample Coach
International Airfare
from JFK.....\$2,100****

*(**As of March 2023 and is subject to change. International airfare JFK/Sydney/Melbourne/Sydney/JFK).*

The cost of on-tour flights is approximately \$900 per passenger (Sydney/Cairns; Cairns/Uluru; Uluru/Melbourne).

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. Domestic, international air, and on-tour flights within Australia are not included in this program. Valerie Wilson Travel is the preferred provider for airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 1-800-447-3560. For international flights, you are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local agent, online travel site, or the airline of your choice. However, Royal Adventures will assist and confirm on-tour flight arrangements within Australia, the costs of which will be noted on each participant's final invoice. On-tour flights purchased are approximately \$900 per person and are subject to change until reservations are made.

PROGRAM COST INCLUDES

All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • Professional Tour Director and Princeton study leader and staff host throughout program • Local tour guides • Transportation by private motor coach • Baggage handling • Airport transfers for group flights • Gratuities to local guides and drivers • Entrance fees • Pre-departure information • Coordination and administration.

PROGRAM COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International and U.S. domestic airfare and on-tour flights in Australia (Sydney/Cairns; Cairns/Ayers Rock; Ayers Rock/Melbourne) • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary • Personal items such as laundry • telephone calls • Alcoholic beverages • Dishes or beverages not included with meals • Room service • Passport fees • Australian Visa or Electronic Travel Authority • Private transfers • Medical expenses • COVID testing or quarantine expenses • Travel insurance • Optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT To reserve a space on this tour, please register online or mail authorization of a credit card payment or a check made payable to "Royal Adventures" for \$1,000 per person. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due December 15, 2023, and must be paid by check to "Royal Adventures." For those who register after December 15, 2023, full payment is due upon registration. After the initial deposit, Royal Adventures handles all invoicing. CST #2009579-40.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS All cancellations must be submitted in writing to the Princeton Journeys office. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply. Reservation cancellations received on or before November 10, 2023, are subject to a \$500 per person cancellation fee. No refunds of deposits or payments will be made after November 10, 2023. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations or other trip features.

RATES If there is a significant change in the value and exchange rate of the U.S. dollar, a sharp rise in the cost of fuel or other unanticipated circumstances, there may be an increase in the cost of the program. This quote is based upon the exchange rate of the Australia dollar quoted on February 28, 2023 and is subject to any significant increases to that exchange rate.

CHANGES IN ITINERARY The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Princeton Journeys and the tour operator, Royal Adventures.

TOUR SIZE This program is based on a minimum of 15 paying passengers. If there are less than 15 paying passengers a supplement of approximately \$400 per person may apply.

TRAVEL INSURANCE Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, evacuation, medical problems, baggage loss, delay, etc., is highly recommended. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

UNIVERSITY DISCLAIMER Princeton University is pleased to facilitate travel opportunities for its Alumni and Friends through Princeton Journeys. Princeton Journeys works with tour operators to make available interesting and enriching travel opportunities for the Princeton family. Please note that neither the University nor Princeton Journeys conducts tours, nor does either act as an agent for guests interested in tours. Princeton Journeys acts as a facilitator with tour operators, and tour participants contract directly with tour operators to make arrangements for completing travel. Princeton Journeys encourages you to familiarize yourself thoroughly with the tour operator's cancellation and refund policies, and also to investigate available services such as trip cancellation insurance. Neither the University nor Princeton Journeys is responsible for changes to trips or travel arrangements or for losses or additional expenses resulting from or relating to travel. **Princeton Journeys' complete terms, which you are required to agree to before enrolling in a tour, can be found at: alumni.princeton.edu/connect/princeton-journeys/terms-and-conditions.**

RESPONSIBILITY Royal Adventures (CST #2009579-40), its owners and employees, act only as agents for the various independent suppliers and

contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant, and other services connected with this tour. Such travel and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which such accommodations, services, and transportation are offered or provided, and Princeton University and Princeton Journeys (Collectively referred to herein as "Princeton Journeys") and Royal Adventures and their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns accept no liability therefor. Princeton Journeys and Royal Adventures assume no liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages, or expenses of any kind due to sickness, epidemics, pandemics, weather, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, quarantine, force majeure, animal or insect bites, or other such causes. All services and accommodation are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Princeton Journeys and Royal Adventures reserve the right to make changes to the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour participants. Princeton Journeys and/or Royal Adventures shall not be deemed to be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, and shall not provide any refund, by reason of delay in performance, or by non-performance, of any of our obligations hereunder to the extent that any such delay or non-performance is due to any *Force Majeure Event*. A *Force Majeure Event*, in relation to this tour, shall mean any circumstances beyond our control, including, but without limitation, acts of God, explosion, flood, forceful wind, fire or accident, war or threat of war declared or undeclared, acts of terrorism, sabotage, insurrection, riots, strikes, civil disturbance, sickness, epidemics, pandemics, quarantines, government intervention or other unforeseeable events. Limitations on travel arising from the COVID-19 pandemic shall be considered a *Force Majeure Event*. If this tour is affected by a *Force Majeure Event*, the Princeton Journeys and Royal Adventures shall be entitled to, and may in their sole and absolute discretion, vary, cancel or postpone any itinerary or arrangement in relation to this trip. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to substitute for another qualified leader or special guest. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. The price of the program is given in good faith based on current tariffs and rates and is subject to change. Any tariff, exchange rate, security surcharge, or fuel increases will be passed on to participants. Neither Princeton Journeys nor Royal Adventures accepts the liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour. The air ticket when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline concerned. Participants agree not to hold Royal Adventures or Princeton Journeys and/or its employees or agents responsible for any expense or loss caused by their failure to purchase trip cancellation insurance. As part of the consideration and right to participate in this tour, each participant will be asked to sign a liability release.

PRINCETON JOURNEYS RESERVATION FORM

Enclosed is a deposit for _____ (\$1,000 deposit per person) to hold _____ place(s) on *Australia: The Land Down Under*. Final payment is due by check on December 15, 2023.

REGISTER ONLINE AT ALUMNI.PRINCETON.EDU/JOURNEYS

NAME #1 _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

EMAIL _____ PRINCETON AFFILIATION _____

NAME #2 _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

EMAIL _____ PRINCETON AFFILIATION _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

IF THIS IS A RESERVATION FOR ONE PERSON, PLEASE INDICATE THE FOLLOWING:

I wish to pay the additional \$2,450 for a single supplement (limited availability).

I will share a room with _____

ROOM PREFERENCE

One bed or Two separate beds

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Enclosed is my deposit check made payable to "Royal Adventures"; OR

Please charge my deposit for a total amount of \$_____ to

Visa MasterCard AMEX Discover Card

ACCOUNT NO. _____ EXP. DATE _____ SEC CODE _____

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD _____ SIGNATURE _____

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read the Terms and Conditions and the Responsibility sections of this brochure and agree to their terms on behalf of myself and of my party named above.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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PRINCETON JOURNEYS, P.O. BOX 5256, PRINCETON, N.J. 08543.
QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL US AT (609) 258-8686
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HIGHLIGHTS

ENJOY a sunset cruise of Sydney Harbour and tour its dazzling opera house.

EXPLORE the flora and fauna of Daintree National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the oldest rain forest in the world.

CRUISE and snorkel off the Great Barrier Reef, one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions.

JOURNEY to the mystical and legendary Red Center of Australia and Uluru (Ayers Rock), its beautiful focal point.

TAKE the ultimate road trip atop the majestic cliffs of the wave-lashed Great Ocean Road.

EXPERIENCE Melbourne, Australia's hub of sport, style, food and culture.

OBSERVE koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, Southern Cassowaries, Black Necked Storks and Cockatoos.

