Australia for Families
Welcome to Australia

The world’s largest island is a continent of contrasts from stylish modern cities to timeless outback landscapes. Experience lush green rainforests and sparkling turquoise waters complimented by luxurious island resorts and remote outback stations. Interact with a young and vibrant culture from an ancient indigenous history. Magnificently diverse, unforgettably different – welcome to Australia!

Australia offers a wide variety of accommodation choices whether they are in the cities, resorts or perhaps the vast outback regions. Some feature international brands, others are individual and superb. Southern Crossings selects only from the best.

You can certainly expect first class food and wine. Australia’s multiculturalism highlights food of a wonderful variety and freshness with the wines being amongst the best in the world. Your itinerary will give you ample opportunity to experience Australian cuisine.

You can choose from a complete range of activities including fly or deep fishing, diving, wilderness trails, golf tours, garden tours, Outback safaris – indeed, experiences that cover most interests.
Day 01

Upon arrival at Melbourne International Airport you will be met by a representative of Southern Crossings who will hand over your Australian documentation and transfer you by private vehicle to your accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO NIGHTS IN A KING DELUXE ROOM INTERCONNECTING WITH A TWIN DELUXE ROOM INCLUDING BREAKFAST AT: CROWN TOWERS MELBOURNE

Day 02

This morning is at leisure to enjoy independent sightseeing.

This afternoon you will be met at your accommodation by your guide and vehicle for your small group afternoon/evening tour to Phillip Island.

Discover Phillip Island’s unique nature experiences and dramatic landscapes. Your small group tour will help to further the protection and conservation of the local fauna and flora.

Your unforgettable day will commence with a visit to the tiny Churchill Island, a historic working farm where you can discover first-hand the lives of the first settlers to this region. At the Koala Conservation Centre, you are guaranteed a close-up encounter with these furry little fellas in their natural habitat, and you are likely to meet some wallabies and echidnas along the way.

At the Nobbies, you will stroll along the boardwalk to experience the waves crashing along this dramatic coastline and perhaps spot a few seals and some penguin nests.

Equally passionate about football and ballet, food and fashion a new face of Melbourne – cosmopolitan, avant-garde, conservative – is revealed at every bend of the Yarra, in every tiny city arcade and in each of the colourful suburbs of the city fringe. Take a tram to the Greek eateries and bargain factory outlet shopping in Richmond or the designer boutiques in style conscious South Yarra. See world class performing arts and groovy galleries at Southbank and trendy cafes at the beachside suburb of St Kilda.
Day 02 (continued)

If you travel in the summer, you will have some free time in the town of Cowes where you might like to walk along the beach or pier, do some shopping or try some local seafood (meal cost not included).

A trip to Phillip Island is not complete without its black tie gala event: the Penguin Parade. You will head to the Visitor Centre to shop, have a coffee and meander along the boardwalk to the viewing platform where you will see the little penguins come ashore, decked out in their tuxedos as they hurry off to find their burrows.

*Please note: photos and video of the little penguins are not permitted*

Upon conclusion of the tour you will return to Melbourne, arriving at your accommodation late this evening.

Day 03

Today you will be met at your accommodation by your private driver and vehicle and transferred to Melbourne Airport for your onward flight.

Fly Melbourne to Hobart (cost not included).

Phillip Island

Phillip Island is only 90 minutes from the metropolis of Melbourne, across a permanent bridge. You can find yourself nose to nose with koalas, sharing a beach with a colony of fur seals splashing in the sea or following the nightly parade of penguins returning to their nests. Phillip Island is home to some of Victoria’s most popular wildlife and birdwatching. Experience sheltered cove, wild surf beaches and magnificent cliff top look outs, charming guest houses, waterside cafes and stunning golf courses – stop and rest a little longer.
Day 03 (continued)

Upon arrival at Hobart Airport you will be met by a representative of Saffire Freycinet for your private transfer to your accommodation (approximately a 2 hour and 30 minute journey)

ACCOMMODATION FOR THREE NIGHTS IN A KING LUXURY SUITE AND A TWIN LUXURY SUITE INCLUDING ALL MEALS, SELECTED BEVERAGES AND SELECTED ACTIVITIES AT: SAFFIRE FREYCI.NET COLES BAY

Day 04 – Day 05

During your stay at Saffire Freycinet touring options specified below are available, but do not always operate daily and the Resort will confirm your programme on arrival.

The following tours are available and included in the Saffire Freycinet experience:

- Guided tour to the Freycinet Oyster Marine Farm
- Wineglass lookout walk
- The Tasmanian Devil Experience
- Pelican Bay canoeing and bird-watching
- Wine and vine adventures
- Cooking demonstration with the Chef and Cocktail Mixology
- Kite flying
- Archery
- Mountain biking
- Kayaking
- Fishing off the shoreline in front of Saffire
- Golfing
- Star gazing

Freycinet National Park

The Freycinet peninsula on Tasmania’s beautiful east coast, is characterised by sheltered white sand beaches, dramatic wilderness and those breathtaking vistas of Wineglass Bay. Towering walls of pink and grey granite, patched in orange lichen, soar dramatically out of the water, whilst timid wildlife and beautiful orchids grace the lush green forests of this national park. Visitors can feast of local oysters, mussels, olives, cool climate wines and creamy ice cream!
Signature Experiences available at an additional cost:

- Schouten Island Half Day Experience
- Friendly Beaches Quad Bike Experience
- Wineglass Bay by Water Experience
- Saffire Sparkling Cruise

Please note that many optional activities listed on your itinerary, including Spa treatments at Saffire require a minimum 24 hrs advance notice. Please contact Southern Crossings or the property direct for any booking requests.

Day 06

Today you will be met at your accommodation by a representative of Saffire Freycinet and transferred to Hobart Airport for your onward flight.

Fly Hobart to Brisbane (cost not included)

Upon arrival at Brisbane Airport proceed to the Hertz counter to collect your large rental vehicle including unlimited kilometres, daily insurance and GPS satellite navigation and drive to your accommodation (approximately a 1 hour and 30 minute drive)

ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO NIGHTS IN A KING LAGOON ROOM INTERCONNECTING WITH A TWIN LAGOON ROOM INCLUDING BREAKFAST:
PALAZZO VERSACE
GOLD COAST
Day 07

Today is at leisure and while in the Gold Coast area we suggest the following optional activities:

- Enjoy water-based activities including sunset cruises, sailing, jet boat jet-ski rides, reef and game fishing or learning to surf!
- Enjoy a day on the Great Barrier Reef at Lady Elliot Island
- Visit beautiful hinterland areas including Springbrook Rainforest, Lamington National Park and the Tambourine Mountains
- Play golf on one of the Gold Coast's championship courses
- Spend an afternoon at Sanctuary Cove with its waterfront marine village
- Visit one of the Gold Coast's many amusement parks including Seaworld, Warner Bros. Movieworld, Dreamworld or Wet 'n' Wild Water Park
- Explore the beautiful Stradbroke Island
- Visit the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- Take a scenic seaplane or helicopter flight
- Enjoy a thrilling hot air balloon ride

Day 08

Today depart your accommodation, drive to Brisbane Airport and return your rental vehicle prior to boarding your onward flight.

Fly Brisbane to Hamilton Island (cost not included)

The Gold Coast buzzes with waterside restaurants, designer shopping, championship golf courses, endless surf beaches, exciting theme parks and luxury accommodation. Only minutes away, far from the bright lights and glamour of these golden sands, the lush green hinterland reveals a contrasting world of enchanting mountain villages, boutique wineries, rainforest walking trails, and an impressive array of native birds and animals.
Day 08 (continued)

Upon arrival at Hamilton Island Airport please proceed to the One&Only Hayman Island desk which is located on the right hand side of the arrivals hall. One&Only Hayman porters will collect your luggage and direct you to the luxury launch transfer, which is included today.

Upon arrival at Hayman Island you will be met by a representative from the resort and escorted to your accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THREE NIGHTS IN A FAMILY ROOM
INCLUDING BREAKFAST AT:
ONE&ONLY HAYMAN ISLAND RESORT
HAYMAN ISLAND

Day 09 – Day 10

Days at leisure and while on Hayman Island enjoy the use of facilities and complimentary activities including:

- Fitness Centre
- Salt and freshwater swimming pools
- Tennis, table tennis, croquet squash and basketball courts
- Golf Putting Green and Driving Range
- Bushwalking tracks
- Guided bird walks and Wallaby spotting
- Fish feeding
- Non-motorised beach sports including catamaran sailing, windsurfing and stand-up paddles

The Great Barrier Reef’s 2 000 km (1240 mi) collection of colourful coral reefs, that stretches along the Queensland seaboard, is one of the seven wonders of the natural world and makes for some of the most spectacular diving landscape imaginable. Dotted amongst its turquoise waters are hundreds of mainly uninhabited islands of which a few hand selected islands offer some of Australia’s finest holiday destinations catering to romantics, nature lovers, honeymooners, divers and families.
Day 09 – Day 10 (continued)

In addition there are various activities offered at an additional cost including:

- Sailing
- Reef cruises for snorkeling and diving
- Reef helicopter and seaplane flights
- Fishing
- Speedboat Island escapes
- Water-skiing and Wakeboarding
- Sea kayaking adventures
- Treatments at the Hayman Spa

Please note many optional activities listed on your itinerary, including spa treatments at One&Only Hayman Island Resort require advance reservation. Please contact Southern Crossings or the property direct for any booking requests.

Day 11

This morning you will be met by a representative of the resort and escorted to the marina for your onward launch transfer, which is included today.

Upon arrival at Hamilton Island you will be directed to your onward flight.

Fly Hamilton Island to Sydney (cost not included)

The 74 islands that dot the Whitsunday Passage are the peaks of a coastal range submerged by the rising seas during the last ice age. Their steep peaks are largely still cloaked with pine forests and rainforests, their waterlines blessed with glorious sandy beaches and fringing coral reefs. Almost all are preserved as national parks (only 8 in the archipelago are inhabited with resort facilities), making their turquoise waters an idyllic cruising ground.
Day 11 (continued)

Upon arrival at Sydney Airport you will be met by your private driver and vehicle and transferred to your accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THREE NIGHTS IN A KING CITY HARBOUR ROOM INTERCONNECTING WITH A TWIN CITY HARBOUR ROOM INCLUDING BREAKFAST AT:
PARK HYATT
SYDNEY

Day 12

This morning you will be met at your accommodation by your guide and vehicle for your small group eco tour into the heart of a unique World Heritage Region, Blue Mountains.

Your guide will take you off the beaten track to visit remote lookout locations and discuss the history, flora and fauna of this magnificent region.

Your first stop this morning is at Featherdale Wildlife Park where you arrive before any other tourists to meet the native Australian animals here – get up close and personal, stroke a koala and hand feed kangaroos, wallabies and emus...a great experience.

Departing Featherdale, commence your drive to the Blue Mountains. Travel through the picturesque village of Wentworth Falls where you enjoy a leisurely 30 minute walk to see the waterfalls. Continuing on arrive at Eaglehawk Lookout, a remote lookout point away from the crowds, to view the Three Sisters and learn the Aboriginal legends behind this famous rock formation.

Sunny and stylish, energetic and inviting, Sydney shines all year round. Ferries, yachts, jet-boats and harbour cruises share the sparkling waters framed by the world famous white sails of the Opera House and coat-hanger-like Harbour Bridge. The colonial sandstone warehouses of the lively Rocks district nestle at the foot of tall glass towers and contrast with the modernity of the neighbouring Darling Harbour.
Day 12 (continued)

A two course lunch is served at a local restaurant (beverages are at additional cost). Then spend the afternoon taking short walks and visiting a selection of lookouts, including Govetts Leap, one of the most famous lookouts in Australia.

Travel through the picturesque village of Mt Wilson and stop to enjoy a glass of sparkling wine or orange juice at a beautiful remote lookout location.

The last stop is at the delightful Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens where you stop to enjoy the sweeping views across to Sydney before travelling down the Bells Line of Road to arrive back at your accommodation by approximately 5.00 pm.

Day 13

This morning commence independent arrangements to Taronga Zoo for your small group “Wild Australia Experience” tour.

This exclusive journey of Australian discovery is led by a zookeeper and is designed to encourage interaction between visitors, Australian animals and the zoo family, enabling you to have a hands-on, behind the scenes experience. Small personalised groups are fully escorted by expert guides and keepers throughout the zoo. Firstly you will receive an introduction to Australia’s unusual wildlife including excellent photo opportunities with koalas, kangaroos and echidnas. Next, you will venture into the wilderness of the Australian bushland where you will enter the underground world of the endangered Southern hairy-nosed wombat and discover some of the mysteries of the platypus. The zoo keeper will explain the special adaptations of unique Australian animals, which enable them to live in harmony with the Australian environment.

Blue Mountains

Ninety minutes west of Sydney lies the World Heritage Wilderness of the Blue Mountains National Park. Its dramatic sandstone cliffs, thundering waterfalls and eucalyptus forested gorges invite bushwalkers to stretch their legs. Its charming art deco cliff-top villages will entice you to wander their café lined streets.
Day 13 (continued)

The tour includes the following:
- A photo with koalas in their enclosure
- The opportunity to hand-feed koalas and kangaroos
- A visit to a real working 'animal kitchen' to see how all the food is prepared
- Visit behind-the-scenes in the Australia’s Nightlife house and enjoy encounters with nocturnal creatures
- Meet some hand-raised native animals
- Get a round trip on the Sky Safari cable car and discover why Taronga is known as "the zoo with the view"
- All day zoo access.
- Morning tea (such as scones, tea and coffee) at Treetops Café.

The remainder of the day is at leisure and while in Sydney we suggest the following optional activities:
- Embark on a sailing or motor cruise on Sydney Harbour
- Climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge for panoramic views
- Take a surfing lesson at Bondi
- Shop at Pitt Street Mall, the Queen and Victoria Building
- Take an exhilarating scenic seaplane flight over the beaches and spectacular Sydney Harbour
- Visit the Sydney Opera House
- Learn about Australia’s natural history at the fascinating Australian Museum
- Enjoy Australian and international art exhibitions at the Art Gallery of New South Wales and the Museum of Contemporary Art
- For history lovers enjoy a guided walking tour of the historic Rocks area
- Stroll through the Royal Botanical Gardens
- Take a ferry to the iconic beach suburb of Manly

Sydney’s Taronga Zoo is located only 12 minutes from the city by ferry, with breathtaking views of Sydney Harbour. The zoo features one of the largest collections of native and exotic animals in Australia.

Packed with fun and led by experienced guides, Taronga Zoo tours offer a truly fun filled experience for young and old, with a chance to meet native animals up-close and get behind the scenes.
Day 14

Today you will be met at your accommodation by your private driver and vehicle and transferred to Sydney International Airport for your onward flight.

Depart Sydney

ARRANGEMENTS CONCLUDE

Palazzo Versace
Gold Coast, Queensland

Unique in the world, Palazzo Versace takes the beauty, the luxury and the opulence for which the name Versace is famous.

From your arrival in the grand foyer, filled with marble, mosaics and Italian craftsmanship rarely seen in a hotel, through the lobby’s floor-to-ceiling glass, you overlook the sparkling blue of the Broadwater. Accommodation consists of a variety of rooms and suites; in addition there are two and three bedroom condominium suites.

A choice of stylish, yet relaxed restaurants feature contemporary and classical dishes.
Crown Towers, the multi-award winning hotel, continues to set the benchmark as one of the most luxurious hotels in Australia.

Located a short stroll from the Central Business District of Melbourne, Crown Towers delivers the ultimate inner city sanctuary including the renowned Crown Spa, the culinary delights of 9 fine dining signature restaurants and the world class Crown Entertainment Complex with cinemas, bars, live music venues and luxury brand shopping.

Crown Towers has played host to a leading number of guests from around the world with all 482 luxurious oversized guestrooms including villas and suites, having spectacular views of the city or Port Philip Bay.

Featuring a truly unique level of comfort and service, the guestrooms are amongst the most spacious in Australia with the latest in-room entertainment. All rooms feature separate walk-in robes, plasma television, wireless internet technology and marble bathrooms with spa bath.

For the ultimate in unparalleled opulence and privacy, Crown Towers offers 31 lavish Villas with their own lobby and private lifts including Deluxe and Presidential Villas complemented with 24 hour butler service and access to the prestigious Crystal Club.
Saffire Freycinet is Australia’s new luxury coastal sanctuary on Tasmania’s East Coast, delivering sophisticated and intimate style and an inspirational experience.

Discreetly positioned overlooking the Hazards Mountains, Freycinet Peninsula and the pristine waters of Great Oyster Bay, Saffire blends mankind and nature with breathtaking beauty.

Featuring 20 luxurious suites, exclusive day spa, restaurant, guest lounge and bar, this new experience is a celebration of the art of service, internal and external wellbeing, local culinary delights, ancient landscapes and abundant wildlife.

In Palate restaurant, head chef Hugh Whitehouse has ensured innovative dining does not compromise the true flavours of the freshest local produce. From breakfast through to a gourmet degustation or a la carte dinner, guests can customise their dining experiences to suit all tastes and schedules.

Our Schouten Island Signature Experience has been designed exclusively for guests to deepen their East Coast discovery. There’s a world of deserted islands, wild bushland and secluded beaches to explore.
One&Only Hayman presents the genuine island experience of remoteness and natural beauty, pampering guests with exceptional luxury and sensory pleasure. Within One&Only Hayman, stylish elegance reflects the harmonious freshness of the tranquil surrounds. Guests can hide away in their own superbly appointed haven – a room, suite, penthouse or villa, each with stunning appointments and peaceful lagoon, pool, beach and sea vistas.

When it comes to dining, let your mood decide. From a romantic candlelit dinner on the balcony, to fabulous restaurants, offering the finest in contemporary Australian, Oriental, modern European and Mediterranean cuisine, One&Only Hayman promises its guests gracious, attentive service of superbly innovative and traditional menus.

One&Only Hayman’s wonderful reef location provides the perfect setting to savor the magnificence of this world heritage listed paradise which surrounds the island. Enjoy catamaran sailing, paddle skiing, windsurfing, sea kayaking, waterskiing, PADI diving, snorkeling, fishing, beach drops to secluded locations, reef cruises, yacht charters, and helicopter and seaplane adventures. Relax in the solitude of the health and spa facility, work out in the gym, play tennis or squash, practice golf putting and driving, or take a fascinating island walk. Award-winning One&Only Hayman is more than a resort.
Seated majestically in the dress circle of one of the world's most glittering harbours and located in the historic Rocks district, the Park Hyatt Sydney, five minutes from the central business, cultural and shopping districts of Sydney.

The Park Hyatt Sydney has earned its reputation as one of Australia’s most luxurious hotels, welcoming royalty, heads of state, celebrities and a host of local and international guests who choose to make it home whilst in Sydney.

The hotel’s luxurious guestrooms have a timeless style that honour the hotel’s position as one of Australia’s best. Specially commissioned paintings and artwork by prominent Australian artists are on display. Designed to celebrate Park Hyatt Sydney’s unique indoor-outdoor experience; floor-to-ceiling glass doors open onto private balconies from which you can enjoy the magnificent harbour views.

Park Hyatt Sydney’s sophisticated and elegant restaurant, The Dining Room, takes in the spectacular view of Sydney Harbour through floor-to-ceiling glass doors creating a light, airy environment.

A relaxation room, aromatherapy steam room, spa, sauna and rooftop outdoor pool complete the tranquil pampering experience.