



Full Itinerary & Trip Details

Beaches And Reefs

- ✓ Snorkel and see the colours of the Great Barrier Reef
- ✓ Relax on the white sandy beaches of the Whitsundays
- ✓ Try your hand at some good country whip cracking
- ✓ Indulge in home-cooked damper and party outback style
- ✓ Watch Instagram likes soar with a snap of Fraser Island
- ✓ Release your inner party animal at Surfer's Paradise

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Trip Overview


PRICE STARTING FROM

\$1,510

DURATION

13 days

IDEAL AGE

18 to 35 year olds

STARTS IN → ENDS IN

Sydney → Cairns

STYLE

Beach

Itinerary

Introduction

Ahh, the famous East Coast, where you can expect wildlife tours and bushwalks between beaches and sunsets. Kicking things off in Sydney, you'll sleep at an Eco Camp in the Noosa Everglades, learn to surf at Byron Bay and gaze out over the Whitsundays from Airlie Beach. This is a one way ticket to wanting to live in Aussie for good.

Day 1: Sydney

Welcome to Sydney! Meet up with your brand new travel family and set out to explore this sun drenched, cosmopolitan and eternally cool city. Your Trip Manager will give you the low down on all of Sydney's best bits as you get a tour of the highlights. After, you could opt to catch the ferry to Watsons Bay to experience the iconic skyline from a different perspective, then venture over to Bondi Beach where you can spend the afternoon lazing about in the sunshine.

Day 2: Sydney

This morning we'll hit the road and head on a day trip to one of Australia's finest: the majestic Blue Mountains (which aren't actually blue, but are still beautiful all the same). Out here in the great Aussie Outdoors we'll be learning about the legends behind the famous Three Sisters rock formation as well as exploring the Jamison Ridge area. We'll head back to Sydney and the evening is yours to make the most of. Why not visit some of the trendy rooftop bars and restaurants that make this city so vibrant? It'd be rude not to!

Day 3: Sydney Day 3

With a full free day to choose your own adventure, we have plenty of Free Time Add-Ons for you to pick from. Wine-lovers can sign up for an Australian wine tasting experience; water-lovers can opt for a sunset cruise or jetboat on the harbour. For the ultimate Aussie slice-of-life evening, get a group together for a signature "Cook your own BBQ" dinner at the swanky Phillips Foote heritage restaurant in the heart of The Rocks, with freshly-caught seafood & succulent steak.

Day 4: Sydney to Byron Bay

With Sydney satisfaction levels at a high this morning we jump on a plane to Byron Bay where all your hippie dreams can come to life. Landing in Byron Bay, we'll drop off our bags at the accommodation and start as we mean to go on, heading straight to the beach. Here in Byron we'll unleash our secret talent for surfing with an included lesson. You'll be a pro in no time!

Day 5: Bryon Bay

We'll continue the surf vibes today with the option to kickstart our morning with some yoga on the beach. Then you have the rest of the day free to explore like a local. Start by finding the best smashed avo Byron has to offer - there's no shortage of tasty and organic cafes here. With the rest of the day stretched out ahead of you, there's kayaking, beer tasting, relaxing on the beach, whale watching (seasonal) and visiting the most easterly point of Australia all on offer - your time here will be nothing short of magic.

Day 6: Byron Bay to Noosa Everglades via Hosanna Farm and Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

It's time to wave goodbye to Byron and head up the coast to Noosa Everglades. On the way north we'll stop at Hosanna Farm, an authentic Aussie working farm where you'll get the chance to try some traditional Australian tucker: damper & billy tea. Next up we'll make our way to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary where you'll see koalas, kangaroos and crocodiles up close and personal. Still buzzing from our farm & wildlife adventures, we'll arrive at our destination, the Noosa Everglades. Here we'll unpack at our Special Stay Eco Camp home for the next two nights and relax with a group dinner in the bistro & bar area, surrounded by the chatter and rustling of local birds and kangaroos.

Day 7: Noosa Everglades - Fraser Island Day Trip

Wake up to the sound of birds chirping at our Eco Camp this morning (you might even spot a kangaroo) and grab a quick brekkie before heading out for a day on Fraser Island. Your spirits (and your Insta Likes) will be at an all-time high after this day full of sand dunes, scenic lakes and dense rainforests. We'll cruise along the world's longest sand highway before you appease your hunger with a tasty lunch. It's back to the Eco Camp this evening for our final night here. You have free time to tuck into some food at the bistro, sample the offerings at the CootharaBAR boutique brewery, or just relax and enjoy the lush surroundings of this beautiful protected National Park.

Day 8: Noosa Everglades to the Whitsundays

Say goodbye to The Glades, we're on our way to find coastal nirvana at the pristine beaches of the Whitsundays. We'll hop on a plane for a flight to Airlie Beach. Landing in Airlie Beach, you'll notice everything starting to look a bit more tropical. Hello Whitsundays! This afternoon is yours for the taking. Head out and enjoy the endless cafes, bars and ocean vistas this backpacker hub has to offer.

Day 9: The Whitsundays

Is there anywhere in the world more beautiful than the Whitsundays? We think not. With 74 perfect islands at your fingertips, an open sea calling your name & FOMO starting to kick in, get out and explore one of the worlds most lusted-after holiday destinations with our optional day sailing excursion.

Day 10: The Whitsundays to Cairns

What can top the Whitsundays? Not much...except the Great Barrier Reef, and luckily it's the next stop on our journey. After a scenic train ride along the East Coast of Queensland, we'll arrive in sunny Cairns - a haven for vibing restaurants, bouncing clubs and endless tropical feels. This town is the gateway to the reef and is buzzing with energy, you won't be short of things to do here.

Day 11: Cairns

Good morning Cairns you delightful palm tree paradise. Today we'll take you on a Dreamtime walk at Tjapukai where you can explore the rich history of the world's oldest living culture. After getting your culture fix for the day, why not unleash your inner-adrenaline junkie and take a leap of faith at AJ Hackett Bungy Jumping? Or take to the rapids for an action-packed afternoon of white-water rafting on the Barron River.

Day 12: Cairns

Make the most of your free day here in Cairns and jump on our optional day trip out to Australia's most famous natural wonder, The Great Barrier Reef. Board a luxury catamaran out to the reef and try your hand at snorkelling, gape at the mindblowingly colourful coral and listen to a marine biologist tell you all there is to know about this wonder. This day is a must-do for any trip to Oz!

Day 13: Depart Cairns

Your final day is yours to explore and do whatever your heart desires - and the perfect chance to sign up for a day trip on the scenic cable car, Skyrail. Here you can gain a truly unique perspective of Australia's World Heritage listed tropical rainforest, gliding above the canopy before descending to the forest floor to continue your guided explorational journey in the tropical hippie paradise of Kuranda. Known for its appreciation of sustainable living and alternate therapies, Kuranda is a unique village in a world of commercialism. Take the famous Kuranda Railway back to Cairns for a relaxing end to your day before your trip finishes in the late afternoon.

What's Included

Accommodation

- Hostel-style accommodation with a special stay at an Eco Camp in the Noosa Everglades (complete with kangaroos). With accommodation this centrally located you'll be right in the action and ready to enjoy your days after a comfy night's sleep.

Guide

- A highly trained Trip Manager who brings your adventure to life. An expert driver who knows foreign roads better than Google Maps. Local Guides who make tourist traps a thing of the past. This is your team. Smart, friendly, fun, and integral to everything we do.

Meals

- We'll provide 14 of your meals and the rest are up to you. Food is an important part of any holiday so we want you to have all of the opportunities to explore modern Australian cuisine and local eats. Our TM's will always be on hand with their must-try meal recommendations.

Transport

All transport included during the trip

Others

- Sydney Sightseeing Tour inc. Mrs Macquaries Chair, Opera House, Ferry to Watsons Bay.
- Spend afternoon at Bondi Beach
- Included Flight: Sydney to Byron Bay
- Included Flight: Noosa to Airlie Beach
- Train: Airlie Beach to Cairns
- Tjapukai - Dreamtime walk with Damper plus Tea

Question & Answers



Are there any special stays on this trip?

Yes! You will stay one night at a surf village on this trip! This is Contiki's way of making your trip a little extra special and giving you some of the Contiki difference.



Do you offer this trip year round?

This trip is offered year round, to see the available departures please click 'Check Availability' on the main tour page. You can also choose to start this tour in Cairns or Sydney depending on the departure you choose.



What is the accommodation like on this tour?

For this trip, you will stay 8 nights in a hotel, 3 nights in a hostel and you will enjoy 1 night in a surf village.

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