**Sydney**

**-**Touristy things

* + Bondi Beach
    - Walk from Bondi to Bronte
    - Sunday market
  + Manly Beach
  + Blue mountains (day trip)
  + Sydney opera house
  + Botanical gardens
  + Wake up! Sydney youth hostel
  + Free walking tour

OPTIONS for trips out of Sydney

1. Cairns

* you don’t need so much time in Sydney.. It’s a beautiful city but it’s pretty easy to knock out the touristy things. I recommend a flight to Cairns and spending a few days there. It’s a gateway to the great barrier reef. Its worth it to go snorkeling/scuba diving. People also say the skydiving there is unreal. You can stay at Gilligens youth hostel which is the party spot and they have crazy things each night like hilarious wet T-shirt contests, jelly fighting.. all that jazz. I also did a day trip to a volcanic lake and some awesome waterfalls. Also up north is the only place you can actually hold a koala.
  + check **Jetstar** for really cheap flights
  + book **gilligens** youth hostel in advance, it fills up

2. Byron Bay/ Nimbin/ Gold Coast/Brisbane

* You can rent a car and fly to Gold Coast from Sydney. Gold coast is like a wannabee Miami BUT it is very close to Byron Bay which was one of my favorite places I went to in Australia. You can rent a car and drive there easily. It’s a beach hippy town. You can surf, go out, cool markets, good vibes. Also, If you drive an hour in land, you get to check out Australia’s weed capital which is Nimbin… Nufff said

**Melbourne**

* Touristy things
  + free walking tour around the center business district (CBD)
    - Ask your guide if they can recommend some cool laneway cafes.
  + Healsville sanctuary (better than the zoo)
  + Dandedong ranges (hiking)
  + Great ocean road
  + Phillip island (penguin parade)
    - On the way you can stop at the Animal park and Koala Exhibition
  + Mornington peninsula
    - hot springs
    - strawberry fields
    - Light house
    - Lavender farms
    - You can go on the way to/ back from Great Ocean Road
  + Botanical gardens
  + Queen Vic market
    - \*\*\*Wednesday night market
  + Yarra valley wineries
  + Wilsons promenade
  + Grampians (hiking and camping)
  + Brighton beach houses
  + St Kilda beach also has a penguin parade
  + Melbourne Cricket Ground
    - See if there are any games going on while you are there.
  + Discovery Melbourne youth hostel
    - Great location
    - it's in the free tram zone
    - recommended by other travellers
  + ACE car rental
    - Doesn't charge for being under 25
    - Right near discovery hostel
    - Garage always open to drop off car
  + Fitzroy (neighborhood)
  + Brunswick (Neighborhood)
* Nightlife
  + CBD
    - The Toff in town
      * They have train carts that you sit in. Also it's an entire building of bars including a roof top bar
    - Workshop bar- chill vibes
      * Feels like your in a tree house
    - Fathers office
      * fun rooftop bar
    - State of grace
      * you walk thru a bookshelf to get to the bar
  + Chapel Street (closer to Jewish community)
    - Jungle Boy
      * You walk through a side door of a dank sandwhich place but its pretty upscale
    - Lucky Coq
      * Party vibe
  + Spleen
    - Only go here on Monday night for their free comedy show. I did this every week, I loved it
  + Brunswick
    - The retreat
  + Fitzroy
    - Naked for Satin
      * Well known rooftop with a beautiful view and amazing cocktails
  + Richmond
    - If you go to a game at Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) go to Richmond after and check out the nightlife. There is a lot of live music and good vibes

**Tasmania**

* Tips
  + Depending on how much time you have, I would stick to one side of Tazzy (East or west). To get from one place to another can be a really far drive. I did not go to the west coast.. You don’t want to waste your time in the car when you can be doing stuff.
  + GET CAR INSURANCE. There are a lot of weird looking animals hopping around and you do not want to be $2,500 in debt because of a kangaroo.
  + I have a good friend who lives in Hobart. Let me know if you are interested in meeting up with him (He is a Jew from Melbourne)
* Hobart
  + Mount Wellington hike & cascade brewery
  + This is the only place in Tazzy that you will find nightlife
  + Port Arthur & the “remarkable cave” down the road
    - Port Arthur was one of the first jails. Its cool to go over and learn about some of the history
  + MONA (Modern Art Museum)
    - Known for its wall of vaginas
    - Most interesting museum I have ever been to
  + Chabad
* Launceston (Launie)
  + Theres also a chabad here. I went to the family for Friday night dinner and the wife makes amazing food.
  + Walk around the Gorge.. its beautiful
* East coast
  + Bay of fires
    - Stunning orange rocks
  + Wine Glass Bay
    - Mount Amos was a favorite hike. I definitely recommend it, just dont die.
* West coast
  + Cradle mountain

**New Zealand**

* Tips
  + Transportation
    - Campervan
      * Rent in advance
      * JUCY
    - Bus tour companies
      * STRAY
        + Hop on/hop off style
        + Easy to meet people
        + They book your accommodation each night ($30 NZD/night)
    - Hitchhiking
      * This would be my favorite form a transportation
  + Island choice
    - South Island
      * Best hikes
      * Recommend for you
    - North Island
      * Wellington
      * Tonga crossing (amazing)
      * Auckland
      * Culture
      * This is where people actually live
  + South Island highlights
    - Christchurch
      * Take the bus to  the Port Hills crater rim and Mt Cavendish summit.
        + Gondola ride
        + Amazing views of city
        + Great walking paths around
      * just walk and explore this city. It was hit by a huge earthquake in 2011 so there are some interesting things to see
    - Kaikora
      * Swimming with dolphins.
      * Beautiful hikes
      * Hang out with sea lions
    - Abel Tasman National Park
      * Beautiful 3 day trek
      * They have huts in the middle of the hike. I camped out one night and slept in the hut another. If you are camping out, I recommend doing so near the huts.
      * Kayaking
    - Pancake rocks
    - Fox Glacier
      * I was about to do the helicopter tour into the glacier but they cancelled because of weather. Same day/time a different company went up and they crashed and everyone died.. just be careful. I walked around the glacier instead and had a great time!
    - Wanaka
      * kayaking
    - Queenstown
      * Don’t get too messed up
        + There is a country bar with a mechanical bull and cheap beer
        + Dont bother doing a bar crawl
      * A lot of people do their skydive here
      * Luge is fun with friends and a gopro
      * I did white water rafting- it was awesome
      * Really nice hikes around Queenstown