

# Oz Intro



Oz Intro is the perfect start to your gap year, working holiday or holiday in Australia.

It's an awesome group tour and package showing you the best of Sydney and beyond, that includes everything you'll need to live, work and travel in Australia.

We'll sort your visa, 8 nights accommodation, pick you up from the airport. You'll go jet boating, experience the world famous Bondi Beach, sail around Sydney harbour, party at some of Sydney's best bars and clubs, road trip north and learn to surf, go sand boarding, dolphin spotting, hang out with wild kangaroos, have a spectacular farewell dinner up Sydney tower and much more. All with a Group Leader from the moment you step off the plane and an instant group of friends!

We'll also help you find paid work, accommodation, and help you plan all your amazing travels around Australia with the new friends you've made. So you don't need to worry about a thing.

It's all about good times, new friends and no worries!

**Duration:** 9 days / 8 nights

**Starts:** Sydney

**Finishes:** Sydney

**Transport:** Minibus

**Meals:** 1B, 3L, 2D

**Group size:** 12 - 22

**Age Range:** 18 - 39



**Accom:** 7 Nights Sydney - Mixed Dorm Share Hostel (Base Backpackers)

1 Night Port Stephens - Mixed Dorm Share Bush Bungalow

**Included:** Airport pickup, 8 nights Accommodation, City Orientation, Jet Boating on Sydney Harbour, Learn to Surf, Private Sydney Harbour Cruise, Bondi Beach, Coastal Walk, Snorkeling, Beach BBQ & Volleyball, Port Stephens, Sand Boarding, Dolphin Cruise, Farewell Dinner up Sydney Tower. Plus all Transport, Some Meals, Group Leader, Australian Bank Account, Tax File Number, Medicare Card, SIM Card, 12 months 'Oz Jobs' Membership, Unlimited Job finding assistance, 24/7 Help & Support in Australia, Help with all onward travel after Oz Intro.

**Not Included:** Flights, Travel Insurance, Visas and all other meals & drinks.

## Trip Highlights

- An amazing 9 days of fun in Sydney and the north coast including Jet Boating around Sydney Harbour, Learning to Surf with cool Aussie surf dudes, a private Sydney Harbour cruise, working on your tan on the world famous Bondi Beach and having a real Aussie beach BBQ with your new mates, exploring the stunning Port Stephens, sand boarding, spotting wild dolphins, seeing wild Kangaroos and Koalas, partying at some of Sydney's best bars and clubs and much more!
- Make new friends and share the adventure in your first 9 days in Sydney, then continue your travels with them around Australia!
- Get all the important stuff like an Aussie Bank Account, Tax File Number and Medicare sorted. Then after Oz Intro get a paid job anywhere in Australia with the help, support and advice of your Group Leader and through our own 'Oz Jobs' program.
- Have the experience of a lifetime travelling around Australia when we help plan and organise all your onward travel after Oz Intro.

## Itinerary

**Day 1: Arrive and Meet your Group** – When you land in Sydney after your long flight we'll be at the airport to meet you and take you to the hostel. You'll have plenty of time check in, relax and meet the rest of your group.

**Day 2: City Orientation, Jet Boating & Night out** – First things first we'll get your bank account organised this morning, so your spending money is sorted. We'll then show you around the beautiful city of Sydney before Jet Boating on Sydney Harbour! It's a great way to see the Opera House, Harbour Bridge and soak up the spectacular views of Sydney. All whilst having a great laugh with your new mates.

**Day 3: Private Sydney Harbour Cruise** - Today we give you lots of information on travel around Australia, New Zealand and SE Asia before heading out on our private cruise sailing around Sydney Harbour!

**Day 4: Bondi Beach and Snorkeling** – Today we'll visit the world famous Bondi Beach where you can take a swim or just relax and work on your tan. Then we'll do the Bondi to Coogee Coastal walk. You'll snorkel in secluded bays, play some beach volleyball and enjoy an Aussie beach BBQ and a few cold beers! **(L)**

**Day 5: Learn to Surf and Port Stephens** - We'll take you out of Sydney and head north to the stunning Port Stephens. Along the way we'll stop off at a beautiful secluded beach and learn to surf with qualified instructors and real aussie surf dudes! Tonight, we'll stay in a uniquely Australian bush bungalow and have a BBQ and bonfire on the beach. **(L,D)**

**Day 6: Sand Boarding & Dolphins** – Wake up to the sun rising over what feels like real Australia. Feed wild kangaroos, spot wild koalas before tackling the biggest sand dunes in the southern hemisphere on a sand board! After lunch we'll jump on a boat cruise, work on our tans and spot some wild dolphins! We then make our way back to Sydney just in time for a fun night out on the town! **(B, L)**

**Day 7: Chill out and get yourself sorted** – Today is the day we help sort any or all of your onward travel around Australia. We'll help plan and organise the trip of a lifetime with the new friends you've made!

**Day 8: Essential & Work Help, Farewell Dinner** – Before Oz Intro finishes we'll make sure all the essential stuff you'll need to live and work in Australia is done. We'll give you a comprehensive 'how to find work' seminar and get you signed up to our Oz Jobs program. Then we'll get dressed up for dinner at Australia's highest and most spectacular revolving restaurant. Enjoy delicious food at the 'all you can eat' buffet where you can even try some kangaroo. It's the perfect way to end your amazing Oz Intro experience! **(D)**

**Day 9: Check out and onward travel** – Oz Intro is over but you're now ready to go off and work & travel around Oz with our help and the new friends you've made! We'll be there to support you throughout your whole time in Australia.

### **Arrival Information**

Oz Intro starts every Monday. It's best to arrive on the actual start date as there's no activities on day one so you'll have plenty of time to check in, relax and meet your group. If you do arrive in Sydney before your start date we will still pick you up from the airport and will book you into the hostel from the day you arrive. You'll just need to pay approx. \$32 AUD for any extra nights when you check in.

### **After Oz Intro**

During Oz Intro you'll get lots of help with finding work, accommodation and your onward travel. We'll make sure you're comfortable with what you're doing, where you're going and help you with everything you'll need to have the trip of a lifetime with the new friends you've made.

### **Work in Oz**

Working abroad should be a fun, rewarding experience. But finding a job in a new country can be difficult.

By doing Oz Intro you don't need to worry. We'll give you everything you need to find work in Australia including exclusive access to our own 'Oz Jobs' Program.

**Before You Start:** We'll sort all the important things you'll need before you start working in Australia. We'll have your Aussie Bank Account open with your card and pin ready for when you arrive, along with your Aussie SIM card and Tax File number.

**Training Courses:** Certain jobs such as bar work and construction require you to complete specific training. We'll explain what's needed and can book you onto all necessary training courses after Oz Intro.

**Oz Jobs Program:** You'll get 12 months membership to our Oz Jobs Program. This includes exclusive access to our Oz Jobs App, where we post lots of great job opportunities every day from our Australia wide network of employers.

**Unlimited Help & Advice:** Your Group Leader will give you a comprehensive 'Work in Oz' presentation, as well as one on one advice and support on CV Building, Job Finding, Interview Skills and anything else you'll need to secure a great job in Australia.

**Office Support:** Our Sydney office is your home away from home and base for finding work. With unlimited free internet, printers, jobs boards and lots of friendly staff to help you.

**Farm Work & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Visas:** If you do 88 days of regional or farm work in Australia you can apply for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Holiday Visa. We'll give you lots more info on this during Oz Intro, will help you find farm work and will also help you apply for your 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Visa.

**Tax Stuff:** We'll help you understand how Tax & Superannuation works in Australia, and can organise any refunds you may be due, so you'll have more money to spend on your travels.

## **Visas**

You need a visa to enter Australia. Most people who do Oz Intro are on either a Working Holiday Visa (WHV) or Tourist Visa. A WHV is available to those aged 18 - 30 from the UK, Canada, Ireland and many other European nations. We can organise your visa for you before you go.

## **Travel Insurance**

Although Australia is a relatively safe place, it's important that you cover yourself for the unexpected by arranging Travel Insurance before you go. You can organise travel insurance here: [www.introtravel.com/travel-insurance](http://www.introtravel.com/travel-insurance)

## **FAQ's**

### **When is the best time to visit Australia?**

It's always a good time to go backpacking in Australia! It's generally quite hot in most parts of the country for the majority of the year except for the southern half of Australia during winter (June, July & August). But because Australia is such a big country when it's cold down south most people will head north and follow the sun!

### **Do many people travel alone?**

Yes. In fact most people who do Oz Intro are travelling solo. So it's a great way to meet people and make friends to travelling around Australia with!

### **What luggage do you recommend?**

We always recommend travelling with a backpack and packing light! 15-20kgs of stuff should be plenty. Australia is a BIG country so dragging around a huge suitcase is not much fun.

### **What is a Working Holiday Visa?**

A Working Holiday Visa allows you to stay in Australia for up to 12 months. You are legally allowed to work with a WHV for each employer for up to 6 months, or 12 months in two different locations. Once your visa has been approved you have 12 months to use it. You must be aged 18 – 30 to get a WHV. Or 18-35 if you're from Canada or the Republic of Ireland.

### **Can I extend my Working Holiday Visa?**

Yes. If you do 88 days of seasonal work in regional Australia, you can apply for a 2<sup>nd</sup> WHV. You can use your 2<sup>nd</sup> WHV at any time before your 31<sup>st</sup> birthday (or 35<sup>th</sup> birthday if you're from Canada or Ireland). We'll give you lots more info and help with 2<sup>nd</sup> Year visas during Oz Intro.

### **Do I need a certain amount of money to enter Australia?**

You should have sufficient funds to support your trip. If you're on a WHV or have a return ticket out of Australia, then it's unlikely you'll be asked to show evidence of your funds. If you're on a Tourist Visa or only have a one-way ticket then you might be asked to show a bank statement when you land in Australia, so it's a good idea to have at least \$3,000 AUD.

**What's the best way to access my money?**

If you're on a WHV then we'll open up a local Bank account for you. So we recommend transferring your money into your new Aussie bank account. That way you'll avoid international bank fees. If you're just travelling and don't plan on working it's best to take a Visa or Master Card debit, credit or travel money card. There are ATM's available throughout Australia so it's easy to get access to cash and most places accept credit card.

**Is it easy to find work in Australia?**

By doing Oz Intro you'll get unlimited help & support to find a job in Australia. Not just during Oz Intro but for the entire time you're in Oz. You'll also receive 12-Months Membership to our Oz Jobs Program, which includes unlimited access to our network of employers all over Australia through our Oz Jobs App, where we post lots of great jobs every day!

**What is the average wage in Australia?**

Obviously this will vary depending on the type of work you're doing. The most common backpacker jobs such as Bar Work, Office/Admin, Construction or Farm Work generally pay around \$18-25 AUD per hour.

**What should I expect to pay in rent in Australia?**

After Oz Intro most people will go on to stay in a hostel, a shared room in an apartment or a private room in a shared apartment. Rent will range from \$150-\$300 AUD per week depending on the type of accommodation and the area you're in.

**What is Medicare?**

Medicare is the Australian National Health system. The Australian government has a reciprocal agreement with certain countries including the UK, and many European Nations meaning people from those countries can get access to Medicare which includes subsidised medicine and medical treatment in Australia. We'll organise your Medicare membership for you during Oz Intro.

That's about it for now.

Once you've booked you'll get access to our online Check in Area and the Intro Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need on Australia and Oz Intro, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience.

If you have any more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!

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