



**GIPPSLAND
TRAVEL**

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INSPIRING AUSTRALIA

•*Sydney* •*Hunter Valley*
•*Blue Mountains* •*Red Centre* •*Cairns*

7 August to 19 August 2021

Personally escorted by Jacquie Turner



Gippsland Travel is thrilled to present this specially crafted 'Inspiring Australia' journey.

From the Great Barrier Reef to the Red Centre of the Outback, this 13-day journey showcases vast tropical rainforests, otherworldly rock formations and ancient indigenous culture. We listen to the sounds of the didgeridoo at a hosted starlit dinner in Uluru and take in the iconic sights of Sydney aboard a yacht.

We will enjoy the very best of Australian cuisine and experience many journey highlights along with time to relax and absorb our surroundings.

SATURDAY, 7 AUGUST
Melbourne - Sydney - Blue Mountains National Park
(D)

We shall have a morning coach transfer from Warragul to Melbourne Airport for our flight to Sydney. Upon arrival, we are met and then travel by coach to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Blue Mountains National Park**, known for its dramatic landscapes. We see the **Three Sisters** rock formations and **Govets Leap Lookout**, before arriving at our hotel. Later we get together for a delicious dinner made from local produce, at the hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: *Lillianfels Blue Mountains Resort and Spa, Katoomba, or similar.*


SUNDAY, 8 AUGUST
Hunter Valley Wine Country
(B L D)

Take in vistas of pristine landscapes, as we travel north towards the Hunter Valley for a day of fine cuisine and wine. On arrival, we'll enjoy a private wine tasting at **Hungerford Hill Winery**, followed by an exquisite lunch at local winery **Bimbadgen**. You spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure at our boutique hotel, perhaps opting for a massage at the spa? We will enjoy dinner this evening at our hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: *Kirkton Park Hunter Valley, or similar.*

MONDAY, 9 AUGUST
Sydney
(B D)

We return to the bustling capital of Sydney and embark on a Welcome to Sydney sightseeing tour before arriving at our hotel. This evening begins with a VIP tour of the famous **Sydney Opera House**, before we enjoy dinner at Peter Gilmore's iconic Bennelong Restaurant, set in the sails of the **Sydney Opera House**.

ACCOMMODATION: *Hyatt Regency, or similar.*

TUESDAY, 10 AUGUST
Sail on Sydney Harbour
(B)

Prepare for a morning of sailing on iconic Sydney Harbour. We join a skilled crew on board a luxury yacht and take in views of **Sydney Opera House**, **Sydney Harbour Bridge** and the secluded coves surrounded by multimillion-dollar mansions. The evening is at your leisure - perhaps dine at one of the city's popular restaurants?

ACCOMMODATION: *Hyatt Regency, Sydney, or similar.*



WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST**Sydney - Alice Springs****(B D)**

We transfer to the airport for our flight to Alice Springs. On arrival we enjoy a tour of Alice Springs and spend some time at the **School of the Air** to learn about the technology used to teach children in these remote areas, and the **Royal Flying Doctor Service** to see how this organisation is saving lives in the outback. This evening there will be a local dining experience - an outback bush barbecue under the stars.

ACCOMMODATION: *Doubletree by Hilton Alice, or similar.*

THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST**Alice Springs - Kings Canyon****(B D)**

This morning we depart Alice Springs and drive through the vast outback landscape to **Kings Canyon**. There is the opportunity to complete the Kings Canyon Creek Bed walk. Tonight, we enjoy dinner at our resort.

ACCOMMODATION: *Kings Canyon Resort, or similar.*

**FRIDAY, 13 AUGUST****Kings Canyon - Uluru Ayers Rock****(B)**

Perfect for observing the changing colours of the landscape, today we're off on a sunrise 6km rim walk exploration of spectacular Kings Canyon. Highlights include the domed '**Lost City**', and the luscious '**Garden of Eden**'. We return to the resort for breakfast, then later continue to Uluru. This afternoon we join a guided walk deep through whistling **Walpa Gorge**, tracing the cultural significance of **Kata Tjuta's** ancient rocky domes. In the late afternoon, we venture into the spiritual midst of Uluru in time to enjoy sparkling wine and a spectacular sunset.

ACCOMMODATION: *Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock Resort, Uluru, or similar.*

SATURDAY, 14 AUGUST**Uluru - Kata Tjuta****(B D)**

We experience the renowned **Field of Light sunrise** – 50,000 hand-crafted glass spheres of coloured light – a magical sight to behold. We can wander through the paths and then, from the dune-top, watch as the dawn creeps across the desert plain and lights up Uluru. We return to the resort for breakfast and later, spend time at the base of Uluru's red slopes, embracing the timeless stories of the Anangu people, whose rock art you'll have the opportunity to view. We visit the **Mutitjulu Waterhole**, home to the **Anangu's wanampi**, an ancestral water snake, then we venture to the **Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre**, where we'll learn about the strong connection shared over millennia between the Anangu and this ancient land. Next, we explore the **Tjukurpa Tunnel** and read about the history and flora and fauna of the park. This evening see the magical stars of the Southern Hemisphere at the sensational **Sounds of Silence Dinner**.

ACCOMMODATION: *Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock Resort, Uluru, or similar.*



SUNDAY, 15 AUGUST

Uluru - Cairns

(B D)

We transfer to airport for our flight to Cairns. On arrival, we drive north to the beach resort of Palm Cove. In the evening we get together for dinner at the Reef House Restaurant, where we will enjoy a meal made from seasonal ingredients as we overlook the crystal-clear water of the Coral Sea.

ACCOMMODATION: Reefhouse Palm Cove, or similar.

MONDAY, 16 AUGUST

Daintree Rainforest and Indigenous Culture, Cairns

(B L)

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the **Daintree National Park** is the largest continuous area of tropical rainforest on the Australian continent. We join a local expert for an exclusive exploration into this ancient rainforest and learn about the close relationship the indigenous **Kuku Yalanji** people have with their land. Lunch is served in a tranquil setting in the heart of the rainforest. We return to the hotel, where you will have the evening at your leisure

ACCOMMODATION: Reefhouse Palm Cove, or similar.




TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST
Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef, Cairns
(B L)

Visible from space, the Great Barrier Reef is a place of great ecological value and beauty. Board the Silversonic from Port Douglas Marina and visit 3 different Agincourt Ribbon Reef sites. Spend the day snorkelling around these underwater gardens and enjoy a tropical hot and cold buffet lunch. Morning and afternoon tea are also included. Dinner is at leisure this evening.

ACCOMMODATION: Reefhouse Palm Cove, or similar.

WEDNESDAY, 18 AUGUST 1
Kuranda Experience, Cairns
(B D)

Today we visit the 'Village in the Rainforest' **Kuranda**. We ride the **Skyrail Rainforest Cableway**, a 7.5km journey over and through World Heritage protected rainforest. Our 90-minute iconic rainforest experience showcases ancient rainforest and spectacular views, with time at both **Red Peak and Barron Falls Stations**, for education and interpretation. In Kuranda, there will be free time to do your own exploring before we board the famous train, an amazing journey on the world's most scenic rail routes, through hand-hewn tunnels and over bridges spanning spectacular gorges. Tonight, we enjoy a Celebration Dinner together at Nu Nu waterfront restaurant.

ACCOMMODATION: Reefhouse Palm Cove, or similar.

THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST
Cairns – Melbourne
(B)

Our memorable tour ends today with a transfer to the airport for our flight to Melbourne where we will be met and transferred by coach back to Gippsland.





YOUR TOUR LEADER

JACQUEY TURNER, your tour escort, has more than 36 years' experience as a highly successful travel agent and tour guide. Jacquie's attention to detail and personal care ensures that everyone travelling in her group will have a most enjoyable holiday experience.

"I thoroughly enjoy escorting tour members to so many wonderful places in Australia and around the world and am especially looking forward to showing you around our own backyard. The sights, sounds and history all contribute to a fabulous experience but most importantly it is the people that you meet and have the privilege of travelling with that has the most lasting impression. We always have lots of fun and continue to enjoy the memories for many years."

TOUR COST: \$8,799 per person on a twin share basis
\$1800 single supplement

★ Upgrade to business class – cost on application

★ Should you wish to extend your travel arrangements after the tour, please contact me to discuss further options.

★ Should you select to travel on flights other than the included group flights, or upgrade to business/first class, payment for the air fares will be required at the time of booking the flights.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Deposit	To register interest & secure place on tour	\$500 per person
Balance of payment	Friday, 7 May 2021	
Information Night:	Wednesday, 5 May 2021	

The tour cost is based on a minimum of 15 participants. In the unlikely event that this number of participants is not reached, Gippsland Travel reserve the right to cancel the tour. In this instance only, a full refund of all deposits paid will be refunded.

CANCELLATION FEES

Cancellation date	Cancellation fee
Cancellation received after deposit has been paid	\$500 per person
Cancellation received 60-89 days prior	\$1000 per person
Cancellation received 30-59 days prior	30% of tour cost
Cancellation received 29 days or less	100% of tour cost

**Notice of cancellation must be made in writing to Gippsland Travel Centre and cancellation fee charged cannot be credited to another booking.

INCLUSIONS

- Personally escorted throughout entire tour by Jacquey Turner
**In the unlikely event that Jacquey is not available to escort all or part of the tour, she will be replaced with a well-trained tour escort.*
- Minimum 15 guests - maximum 20 guests
- Private coach transfers between Gippsland and Melbourne Airport
- Return economy airfares and taxes
- All airport arrival and departure transfers
- Excellent hotel accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities throughout tour
- Private luxury 48-seater coach
- Experienced driver/guides throughout tour
- Must see sightseeing as per itinerary and admission fees where applicable and surprise extras
- Meals as per itinerary: **23 meals** - 12 Breakfasts (B), 3 Lunches (L), 8 Dinners (D)
- Complimentary water throughout tour
- Gippsland Travel hat or cap; luggage strap; water bottle; insulated water bottle holder; hand gel; and an end of tour journal showcasing your time on the tour.
- Porterage (one suitcase per person)
- **ALL tipping** of waiters/restaurant staff at included meals throughout the tour
- **ALL tipping** of guides and drivers

EXCLUSIONS

- Comprehensive Travel insurance. It is a condition of our tours that comprehensive travel insurance is in place at the time of final payment.
- Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone charges, alcoholic beverages, medical expenses, and transfers/sightseeing or meals not included in inclusions.
- Any optional tours or activities other than those specified in the itinerary
- Excess baggage charges.

GIPPSLAND TRAVEL ESCORTED TOURS - TERMS & CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION:

This contract is governed by Gippsland Travel Centre Pty Ltd and all members of the travelling parties as listed on your itinerary.

Gippsland Travel Centre acts as the agent selling and coordinating products on behalf of a third-party travel supplier/s. A separate contract with the supplier/s will apply and will be governed by the supplier's Terms and Conditions. Gippsland Travel cannot guarantee the performance of any third-party supplier/s. Gippsland Travel may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third party supplier/s under this contract.

LATE BOOKINGS

Higher deposit payments are required for late bookings. A guarantee of full payment is required at the time of booking for all bookings received within 4 weeks of departure.

BOOKINGS SOLD ON A SHARE BASIS

Bookings may be accepted on a share room basis on the proviso that the person requesting the share reservation agrees that while every effort will be made to match suitability of the passengers there is no guarantee that a share room can be provided. If a share room is not available at the time of final payment, either the single room alternative, at an additional cost, or the cancellation conditions detailed in your itinerary will apply.

HEALTH & FITNESS

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Gippsland Travel Tour, you are required to at least:

- Be able to walk at least 1 hour on uneven surfaces without the use of any walking aid (walking stick for stability is acceptable)
- Walk up multiple flights of stairs and short, steep hills
- Stand for 20 minutes without needing to sit down, often in hot/humid climates
- Carry your own hand luggage / handle your own suitcase when portage is not supplied eg. at airports.
- Get on and off various modes of transport without assistance, including small boats. Assistance will be offered where necessary.

Passengers must inform us of any medical conditions which may affect your ability to participate in the tour.

At our discretion we can exclude you from a tour or any activity we consider that you are unable to safely participate in that tour or activity or if we consider your participation may place the safety of other guests at risk.

You will be requested to supply a letter from your doctor indicating your prescription medication and your reason for taking it, which shall be carried in the event of an emergency. This information will remain confidential and can be supplied in a sealed envelope.

ITINERARY CHANGES and ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to amend the hotels, itinerary and excursions if deemed advisable or necessary due to adverse weather conditions, road conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Any necessary alternative arrangements will be made to a similar standard.

Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of Gippsland Travel make it necessary to change airlines, hotels or amendments to daily activities. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they occur.

UNUSED PORTION OF THIS TOUR

We regret refunds will not be given for any unused activities of this tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation or transfers.

GENERAL CONDUCT

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to remove a traveller from a tour if they are acting in a way that interferes with the general operation of the tour or compromises the general enjoyment of the tour by other travellers in any way

FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Airlines schedules are subject to change without notice. Voluntary date changes will incur fees. Gippsland Travel is not liable for delays or disruption of air travel.

FORCE MAJEURE:

Force Majeure means the occurrence of an event that is beyond Gippsland Travel's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by Gippsland Travel. Force majeure includes, but is not limited to: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes and natural disasters (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; government directed travel restrictions or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, explosion, generalised lack of availability of raw materials or energy, nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, licence and the common law as applicable from time to time.

For the avoidance of doubt, Force Majeure shall not include (a) financial distress nor inability of either party to make a profit or avoid a financial loss, (b) changes in market prices or conditions, or (c) a party's financial inability to perform its obligations hereunder.

In the event that a Force Majeure is declared, the customer will be bound by the third-party supplier/s Terms and Conditions, if applicable.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

Subject to Australian Consumer Law, Gippsland Travel does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused by a third-party supplier/s over who we have no direct control. Gippsland Travel is not liable for Force Majeure or any other event which is beyond our control or which is not preventable by us.

GOVERNING LAW

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

TERMINATION OF BOOKING CONTRACT OR CHANGE OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE

If Gippsland Travel, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents Gippsland Travel (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, Gippsland Travel may immediately by written notice; (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or part of); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice for any additional costs.

If you are eligible for a refund once a booking has been cancelled, the balance less any non-refundable amounts will be forwarded to you once received by Gippsland Travel from the third-party supplier/s.

Gippsland Travel is not responsible for any delays of refunds from the third-party supplier/s. Refunds from third party supplier/s can take in excess of 6 weeks. Refunds will be processed as per original form of payment.

Travel insurance policies may provide cover for cancellation fees subject to their terms and conditions.



NOW IS THE TIME TO CONSIDER A FULLY ESCORTED TOUR.

On a Gippsland Travel Escorted Tour, leave absolutely everything to us. Simply enjoy your trip.

While planning a trip on your own can be rewarding, it can also be stressful, as you navigate the ever-changing rules, research the best places to stay and look for amazing restaurants to dine.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW REASONS TO JOIN AN ESCORTED TOUR.

Things may change, but we're always across the latest rules and regulations so you can travel with peace of mind and maintain your well-being.

You'll have a Tour Leader throughout and diligent driver on the ground, 24/7 support team.

We ensure the experiences, restaurants and hotels you visit meet our high standards of excellence for quality, service, hygiene and more.

There is a maximum of 20 guests in a private full size coach giving you twice the personal space.

Leave the driving, fuelling, navigating and parking to our driver, who has complete control over the cleanliness of our coach and sanitises all surfaces multiple times daily.

All hygiene and distancing protocols will be observed

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