



Expedition **AUSTRALIA** *Sydney & the Outback*

FEBRUARY 20 - 29, 2024





FEBRUARY 16-22, 2024 | STARTING AT \$2,399

February 16 - Departure

Board your international flight to Australia.

February 17 - Cross International Date Line

Today may seem like time traveling as you cross the international dateline, an almost straight imaginary line from the North Pole to the South.

February 18 - Arrive in Cairns

Cairns says, "Howdy!" with lively restaurants, a plethora of shopping options, and beaches everywhere. As a base for the Great Barrier Reef, it gives off a casual and adventurous vibe.

Overnight in Cairns.

February 19 - Great Barrier Reef

Witness one of the seven wonders of the natural world and Earth's only living thing visible from space. So many amazing adventure possibilities await at the Great Barrier Reef: snorkeling, scuba diving, tours-by-air, sailing, whale watching, swimming with dolphins, and more!

Overnight in Cairns

February 20 - Kuranda Rainforest, Tjapukai Aboriginal Park

The secluded mountain escape of Kuranda Village lies surrounded by the oldest living tropical rainforest in the world. Even passage within its borders is rife with surprise. Take in its colorful culture, exquisite wildlife, and unique shopping experiences. Touted as the world's oldest living cultural experience, Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park offers visitors a rare chance to enter the world of the Aborigine, guided by one of their own. Walk their native parklands, taste their traditional foods, and hear their mystical stories.

Overnight in Cairns

February 21 - Daintree Rainforest Hike, Cruise on the Daintree River

Enjoy a leisurely hike in the Daintree region, known for its lush vegetation and exotic wildlife. Yellow flowering acacias, copper-colored paperbark trees, and the unusual bottle-brush orchid flourish in the tropical environment. Keep an eye out for jewel-toned fairy-wrens that nest in family groups along the path. Then, glide through the heart of this UNESCO World Heritage Site during a guided river cruise.

Overnight in Cairns

February 22 - Fly to Sydney

Fly to Sydney and meet up with the rest of your group. Get ready for sightseeing in Sydney and outback adventures!

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

ITINERARY

Let Australia surprise you with its sparkling city centers and ancient desert lands. Memories of yesteryear's trading posts haunt coastlines while trendy urban life pulses with innovative themes. Famous for the Sydney Opera House, aboriginal culture, and the Great Barrier Reef, Australia captures the imagination!

February 20 - Departure

Depart the USA on your international flight to Australia.

February 21 - Cross International Date Line

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February 22 - Arrive in Sydney

Arrive in Sydney. Meet your guides, enjoy a half-day city tour, and then settle into your hotel.

Overnight in Sydney.

February 23, Fri - Sydney (Leisure Day)

Laid out around a beautiful harbor, Sydney offers a spectacular level of visual appeal and novel fun. Built from bush and jungle, the city's wild side lingers just under the surface of the commercialized hubbub. Keep an eye out for flying foxes, cockatoos, sooty owls, squirrel gliders, bandicoots, and more! Beyond the exciting animal life, there are fun restaurants, the famous opera house, a gorgeous harbor, and interesting history to explore!

Breakfast included. Overnight in Sydney.

February 24 - Flight to Alice Springs & City Tour

In the heart of Australia lies Alice Springs, a symbol of tradition, ancestry, and pioneering. As you ride through town, it will be easy to imagine how it developed over time. And as the capital of Central Australia's Aboriginal art scene, there are museums and galleries to visit. Peer into stories and legends thousands of years old as you explore this iconic city.

Breakfast included. Overnight in Alice Springs.

February 25 - Outback Drive & MacDonnell Ranges

Australia's most rugged and famous landscapes are yours today during your outback drive through the MacDonnell Ranges. These ranges travel east to west and hold craggy gorges, knotty hills, and white gum trees, all vividly displaying the handiwork of an awesome Creator. You may also glimpse interesting geological formations and Aboriginal rock carvings.

Breakfast and lunch are included. Overnight in Alice Springs.

February 26 - Red Center Drive

Watch the colors of the Earth change from browns and tans to ochre and orange on your way towards the red center of Australia. The uninterrupted sky welcomes you to a land guarded by ancient people. Gaze out over weathered rock formations and plains full of tufted brush. Contemplate a land that has gripped its inhabitants' heartstrings for millennia while enjoying local food and watching a remarkable sunset. Breakfast included. Overnight in Ayers Rock.

February 27 - Mutitjulu Waterhole, Cultural Center, Kata Tjuta, Sound of Silence Dinner

The Mutitjulu Waterhole exudes an unearthly quality – still, deep water against formidable rock walls. The Aboriginal people and indigenous wildlife have relied upon this pool for millennia. Learn about the Anangu culture and the surrounding ecosystem; enjoy exhibits and park ranger presentations. Behold Kata Tjuta, domed rock formations surrounded by flat plainlands. At sunset, they glow like red-hot embers. End your day under shimmering stars during a four-hour magical dining experience. Breakfast and dinner included. Overnight in Ayers Rock.

February 28 - Fly back to Sydney

Enjoy gazing at the impressive terrain during your internal flight back to Sydney. Then, either overnight in Sydney or board your international flight back home.

Breakfast included. Overnight in Sydney or fly back home.

February 29 - Return

Return home with incredible memories from the other side of the world!

Starting at

\$5,698* FROM LOS ANGELES

YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing, Round-trip International Airfare

Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details

Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes

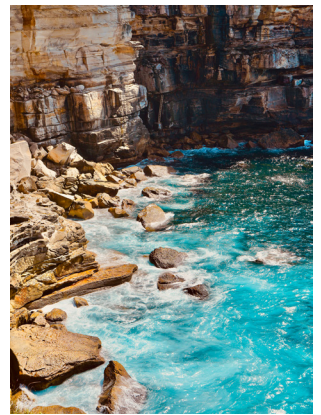
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Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees

Meals as listed in the Itinerary, Deluxe Motorcoaches

First-Class Hotels & much more!

*See back for pricing details



TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

Departure City: _____ Departure Date: 02/20/24 (K)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: _____ (Name Tag: _____)
Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____
Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Dietary Requirement: _____
Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
Email: _____
Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: ☐ M ☐ F
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
How did you learn about this tour? _____
Tour Selection: ☐ Basic Program Only ☐ Add Great Barrier Reef Pre-Tour

Guest 2: First Name: _____ (Name Tag: _____)
Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____
Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Dietary Requirement: _____
Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____
Email: _____
Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: ☐ M ☐ F
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____
How did you learn about this tour? _____
Tour Selection: ☐ Basic Program Only ☐ Add Great Barrier Reef Pre-Tour

Roommate(s): _____

If No Roommate: ☐ Try to Match Me ☐ Single Room (availability limited - \$999)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:		Guest 1:
1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.		<input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline
2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.		
3 Coverage begins when your premium payment is received (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).		Guest 2:
4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 11/07/23.		<input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline

\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION FINAL PAYMENT DUE 11/07/23

☐ via check # _____ ☐ via credit card (circle): **VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX**
Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____
Name on Card: _____ CVN: _____

PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: _____

Guest 2 Signature: _____

Tour: XZ24 Date: 022024 Code: K ID: _____ V.001 07/03/23

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	\$299	\$4501 to \$5000	\$499	\$6501 to \$7000	\$699
\$1001 to \$1500	\$149	\$3001 to \$3500	\$349	\$5001 to \$5500	\$549	\$7001 to \$8000	\$799
\$1501 to \$2000	\$199	\$3501 to \$4000	\$399	\$5501 to \$6000	\$599	\$8001 to \$9000	\$899
\$2001 to \$2500	\$249	\$4001 to \$4500	\$449	\$6001 to \$6500	\$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	\$999

Schedule of Coverages Maximum Benefit

Part A * Trip Cancellation

Part B Trip Interruption

Missed Connection

Travel Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$200 Per Day) ...

Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation

Accident and Sickness Medical Expense

Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation

Accidental Death & Dismemberment

Baggage and Personal Effects

Baggage Delay

Additional Cancellation Protection

When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Educational Travel Services Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Educational Travel Services travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Travel Services Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Educational Travel Services travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Travel Services website (www.elstours.com). Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Travel Services. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. *For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Travel Services at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first); suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Easton/Inwood, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-988-7292 ("In CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in Itinerary) • Meals as listed in the Itinerary • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages & baggage fees • Visas for non-US citizens • Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$999 during the basic tour; \$799 for the Great Barrier Reef.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit	Payment Amount	Due Date
Registration Deposit	\$300	At time of registration
Final Payment	Full payment	11/07/23 If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Premium Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 11/07/23 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after November 7, 2023:

We welcome registrations after 11/07/23. Registrations received between 11/08/23-11/22/23 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 11/23/23-12/07/23 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 12/08/23 will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 11/07/23. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel advisor for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 01/03/24. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers or service.

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.