



Signature Australia...

Day 1: Arrive Melbourne

Commence your Australian journey in the city of culture and The Arts – Melbourne. You will be met by an Abercrombie & Kent guide and transferred by private vehicle to your accommodation. Savour 3 nights at the Park Hyatt, a boutique 5-star hotel located at the top of Collins Street, opposite St Patrick's Cathedral and bordered by the delightful Fitzroy Gardens – a perfect location for luxury shopping, theatre and restaurants. Many of Melbourne's best restaurants line the city's streets and laneways. You'll find French fine dining, Italian regional cuisine, tempting Spanish tapas and more. Tonight experience one of Melbourne's hidden gems and marvel at the breathtaking heritage buildings and grand boulevards under lights.

Overnight: The Park Hyatt Melbourne – Park King Room (no meals included)

Day 2: Melbourne

After a leisurely breakfast, your expert guide will introduce you to Melbourne and all its secrets. Beginning with a 1.5 hour city sightseeing tour in the comfort of a vehicle, you will explore the cultural and historic icons of the city including The Shrine of Remembrance, Queen Victoria Market and the arts precinct. Next enjoy a coffee at a local café before taking to the streets for a walking tour to discover Melbourne's architecture and arcades.

You will be expertly led through the city's fascinating labyrinth of atmospheric arcades and alleyways home to trendy cafes and eclectic boutiques not to mention some 'out there' graffiti street art as well as learning about the landmark buildings like the Block Arcade with its dazzlingly high Victorian interior decoration or some truly grand 19th century commercial buildings like the Gothic Bank. You will see the hand of progress as you encounter buildings that have been renewed and transformed like old General Post Office.

With this knowledgeable insight, you will return to the hotel with a greater understanding and appreciation of the framework of Melbourne's architectural and cultural heritage.

Overnight: The Park Hyatt Melbourne – Park King Room with Full Breakfast

Day 3: Melbourne – Yarra Valley

Today is a wonderful private day excursion to one of Australia's premium wine regions, the Yarra Valley.

The route to the Yarra Valley takes you through some beautiful rural countryside, where you will have the opportunity to see wild kangaroos in their natural habitat. With a picturesque backdrop of the Yarra Ranges as well as renowned restaurants throughout the area, wine and food lovers alike will revel in everything the Yarra Valley has to offer.

Enjoy a private 'behind the scenes' barrel tasting with one of the region's most recognised wine makers – Dominique Portet followed by a signature food and wine master class experience at Oakridge Winery. Taste eight wines from the Oakridge exclusive 864 range and canapés to match each wine variety. You'll be treated to a 60 minute private tutorial with a member of the Oakridge team, a master class booklet, technical overview, food and wine matching principles and some recipes from the kitchen.

After a delightful lunch of Chef's seasonal platters, a choice of three mains, matching wine and mini desserts you will have the opportunity to sample wine from boutique wineries off the major highways away from the potential crowds of the larger wineries and tour companies before returning to Melbourne.

Overnight: The Park Hyatt Melbourne – Park King Room with Full Breakfast and Lunch



Day 4: Melbourne – Johanna, The Great Ocean Road

Collect your rental vehicle in Melbourne and drive to Geelong, before joining The Great Ocean Road west of Torquay stopping at Bells Beach, arguably the most famous surf beach in Victoria. Continue along the coast to Apollo Bay. En route to Johanna it is worth taking a look at the golf course in Anglesea, where the fairways are usually populated by kangaroos. Settle in with morning tea and meet your walking guides prior to gearing up for your first trek. Transfer by vehicle and start your walk in Castle Cove. Following the dramatic cliff line, pass through Dinosaur Cove and Rotten Point, and pause in a scenic location for a picnic lunch. Continue through grass-tree forests and melaleucas to Johanna Beach, a river crossing and a 3km walk back to the lodge, where a foot spa, glass of wine and chef-prepared meal await (Approx. 11km).

Overnight: Bothfeet Walking Lodge including Full Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Day 5: Johanna – Moonlight Head (Cape Otway)

Today's terrain is wilder and more diverse. You will traverse farmland and amble down country lanes before heading through Manna Gum and stringybark forests to the beautiful Milanesia Beach. Climb up the ridge and continue along the hillside for a rewarding coastal view over Milanesia. A further ascent west leads to a fabulous vista of Cape Otway with panoramic views (Approx. 20km, option to walk just morning or afternoon).

Overnight: Bothfeet Walking Lodge including Full Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Day 6: Moonlight Head – Princetown

Transfer back to Moonlight Head to commence your walk today. The first part winds through a tunnel of forest that leads to The Gables Lookout. The itinerary for the remainder of the day is dependent on tides, but will include a spectacular picnic spot and an afternoon of stunning coastal views, finishing with a flat gentle walk into Princetown (Approx. 17km, with option to walk just morning or afternoon).

Overnight: Bothfeet Walking Lodge including Full Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Day 7: Princetown – The Twelve Apostles – Robe

Relax and make the most of your final morning at the lodge. After breakfast you are transferred to the small coastal village of Princetown to begin the last dramatic stage of the walk – an 8km hike to the striking rock formations of the Twelve Apostles, one of Australia's premier natural attractions. Transfer to the nearby helipad where you are whisked away on an exhilarating 10-minute scenic helicopter flight over the Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge and Port Campbell – a fabulous finale! Enjoy lunch at Port Campbell and take the opportunity for a shower before continuing your road journey through Port Fairy, a charming and well preserved pioneering coastal town, Mount Gambier with it's famous 'Blue Lake' in the crater of an extinct volcano and onto Robe – a journey of approx. 376km. Robe was once one of South Australia's most important ports, exporting wool and horses and the major arrival for thousands of Chinese people on their way to the Victorian Goldfields during the Gold Rush in the second half of the 1800s. The area is now a popular seaside resort.

Overnight: Ann's Place – Queen Ensuite including Full Breakfast and Lunch



Day 8: Princetown – Robe – Cape Jervis – Kangaroo Island

Early this morning, depart Robe and make your way along the South East Coast past Kingston and on through the wetland areas of the Coorong. Continue to Cape Jervis for the ferry crossing to Kangaroo Island, a journey of approximately approx. 230 km. Meet your A&K driver/guide at your accommodation for a visit to the Seal Bay Conservation Park. The colony of bulls, cows and pups rests on the beach where you can walk amongst them. Journey further south and enjoy a pleasant, easy walk through the bush and come out at the base of KI's spectacular and vast sand dunes of Little Sahara. Climb the dunes and enjoy stunning views of distant Bays and the serene, rural landscape. Fascinate in the wonder of its formation. From the South Coast, traverse the rural areas of the middle of the Island via the Parndana Wildlife Park. This park was set up as an 'animal refuge', where sick, injured, orphaned or unwanted animals could find a home. Marvel at the colours of the Australian Birds here, pat a Koala and feed a Kangaroo! Lunch today is a picnic of marinated chicken breast, fresh salads, tangy Lemon Tart, complimented again by the above beverages. The north coast beaches of Snellings and Stokes Bay are perfect for a leisurely stroll. Enjoy the sound of waves breaking on the pristine sandy coast, or if the weather allows, go for a swim in some of the clearest water you will ever experience. Later in the day enjoy a nature walk through the drooping she-oaks of Latham National Park and observe the kangaroos and wallabies. This is also the habitat of the rare Glossy Black Cockatoo, and great country for the elusive echidna (spiny ant-eater).

Overnight: Seascape Lodge including Full Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Day 9: Kangaroo Island

After a cooked breakfast, depart with your guide to Rocky River, headquarters of the Flinders Chase National Park. Here, kangaroos laze and Cape Barren geese graze. On to Admirals Arch, an ancient limestone formation close to the ocean, a perfect haul-out area for an active colony of the New Zealand fur seal. Continue to Remarkable Rocks, via the spectacular coastline of Cape du Couedic, where the forces of nature have carved modern sculptures out of the granite. A short bush walk searching for the Echidna (spiny ant-eater) and observing the colourful Kangaroo Island endemic Crimson Rosella. Head back for a BBQ lunch of marinated steak, onions and potatoes, cooked in front of you by your guide (now turned chef!). This is complimented by fresh salads, local KI wines and other refreshments. For dessert spoil yourself by indulging in our special Pears poached in KI red wine, accompanied by KI's unique Sheep's Milk Yogurt. All this served in the bush, nestled amongst the beautiful tall Gum trees. After our meal, we head for Koala Avenue just outside the Park where Koalas are easily seen in the 'Manna Gums' that grow in the area. Your guide will then take you down a bush lined track and into 'Grassdale', part of the Kelly Hill Conservation Park. Here you will enjoy viewing the large 'mob' of Kangaroo's that graze the grassy flats and shelter in the surrounding bush. Also listen for the many parrot and other bird species that live in the tall gum trees. Wonder through some of the old relics that speak of a by gone era of early pioneer farming. Head for Vivonne Bay, with its crystal clear turquoise water. Your guide will take you to Point Ellen where you can fossick for shells on the beach and possibly sight a penguin in its rookery.

Overnight: Seascape Lodge including Full Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Day 10: Kangaroo Island – McLaren Vale – Adelaide

After a cooked breakfast, depart Kangaroo Island on the morning ferry to Cape Jervis and then drive to Adelaide, maybe spending time en route in the scenic Adelaide Hills or McLaren Vale. Drop off your rental vehicle in Adelaide. A private transfer will be arranged to your accommodation.

Overnight: InterContinental Adelaide – River View Room including Full Breakfast

Day 11: Adelaide – Barossa Valley – Adelaide

Meet your professional A&K driver/guide in the hotel lobby and commence your full day private tour to the Barossa Valley. The Barossa Valley is one of Australia's most celebrated wine growing regions. Just a one and a half hour drive north of Adelaide. Drive through lovely countryside originally settled by English and German pioneers in the mid-19th century. Enjoy the 'Make Your Own Blend' Tour - the first of its kind in the Barossa Valley. An interactive and fun wine experience for anyone who has wanted to be a winemaker for a day! After a tour of the winery and cellars, guests are invited to the Winemakers Laboratory to try their hand at making their own wine from Genache, Shiraz and Mourvedre, just like Penfold's own Bin 138. It's a fascinating and satisfying experience, blending to suit your own personal taste. Take your wine home in a personalised bottle. Next, taste the excellent local wines and enjoy a relaxing lunch at a local restaurant. The tour includes a VIP private tasting at Peter Lehmann Wines, with a selection of Super Premium and Cellar Door Exclusive wines which are showcased in an intimate private room and accompanied with a taste plate of fresh regional produce for you to indulge on during your tasting. Return to your accommodation passing through historic townships noted for their picturesque Lutheran churches made of the local stone.

Overnight: InterContinental Adelaide – River View Room including Full Breakfast and Lunch

Day 12: Adelaide – Sydney

Transfer by private vehicle to the Adelaide Domestic airport for your connecting flight to Sydney (flight cost not included). Visit the vibrant city of Sydney for 3 nights. Be swept away by the beauty of the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House, Sydney's crown jewels, on the doorstep of the Four Seasons Hotel. Evening at leisure – perhaps enjoy dinner at ARIA restaurant, complimented by sweeping views of Sydney's famous Harbour Bridge, Opera House and the bustle of busy Circular Quay. Co-owned by celebrated Chef Matt Moran, here you will find Australian modern cuisine befitting a six gun salute!

Overnight: Four Seasons Sydney – Premier Full Harbour Room with Full Breakfast

Day 13: Sydney

Welcome to Sydney, one of the most vibrant and panoramic cities in the world. Meet your experienced A&K driver/guide in the hotel lobby for a private look at Sydney. Drive around the historic Rocks precinct, visiting the first church in Australia, the Observatory and the convict-built cottages, and continue around Circular Quay, the Opera House and into the magnificent Botanical Gardens. At the gardens we are met by our private Aboriginal guide for a fascinating tour of the gardens. On this "bush tucker" tour your guide will introduce you to plants used by Aborigines for food and medicine, as well as experiencing the magnificent gardens. Continue on to view Mrs Macquarie's Chair and excellent harbour views to the Harbour Bridge and Opera House. Re-joining the vehicle drive around Woolloomooloo Bay, Potts Point and Kings Cross, as well as the ritzy Double Bay area. Along the foreshore of the Eastern Suburbs pass by the upmarket homes of the rich and famous. Continue past the infamous Gap with stunning views of the Pacific Ocean. At Bondi Beach stop for lunch at Bondi Icebergs. This stunning restaurant overlooks the cliffs at Bondi Beach. Enjoy sumptuous food and stunning views. Afterwards walk with the locals and feel the sand between your toes. From here, head back into the city via Oxford Street and Paddington where you will meet your luxury yacht for a sail on Sydney's stunning harbour. Enjoy the magnificent views as you sit back and relax for two incredible hours. Help the skipper cast the sail or maybe enjoy some afternoon tea. Marvel at the amazing views before finishing your day at Darling Harbour.

Overnight: Four Seasons Sydney – Premier Full Harbour Room with Full Breakfast and Lunch

Day 14: Sydney

After meeting your A&K driver/guide, head west we cross the Anzac Bridge and travel down Victoria Road passing by the 2000 Sydney Olympic site. Entering the National Park we make our way to a hidden valley to seek out wild kangaroos. Next it is onto Kings Tableland to enjoy stunning views. From here you will get a great perspective of the size and the beauty of the Blue Mountains National Park. The village of Leura is renowned for its boutique shops and mountain atmosphere. Today you will have some time to stroll through its main street to see its uniqueness. Next it is onto Katoomba and lunch at the stunning Echoes Restaurant. Enjoy the best seats in the house as you admire breathtaking views of the Jamieson Valley. From here we will also see the famous Three Sisters Rock formation. Next visit the Koomurri Aboriginal Centre for a private Aboriginal performance. Departing Katoomba, pass through stunning scenery and farmland, towards Mount Tomah Botanical Gardens. Part of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Mt Tomah is the most elevated botanical gardens in Australia and feature a magnificent display of native and introduced flora. The gardens feature a charming café where we stop and enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea. Continue your journey through the towns of Bilpin and Kurrajong before arriving back into Sydney.

Overnight: Four Seasons Sydney – Premier Full Harbour Room with Full Breakfast and Lunch

Day 15: Depart Sydney

Meet your A&K representative in the hotel lobby and transfer by private vehicle to the Sydney International airport for your flight home.

Meal Plan: Full Breakfast

Priced from **CHF795.00 per person, per day** based on a twin share basis

Please remember to add your commission before on-quoting to your client.

The price is subject to change depending on availability and seasonality.



Inclusions:

- Ground Operations: A&K has an on-site office in Melbourne. These trusted individuals are on call around the clock to ensure complete care and unsurpassed attention on your journey.
- Accommodation: All accommodation as detailed on a double share basis with private facilities.
- Meals/Beverages: Meals as specified. Beverages are excluded at all properties.
- Transfers/Transport: A&K airport welcome and transportation by private air-conditioned vehicle complete with bottled water.
- Ferry: Return scheduled ferry transfer (guests and vehicle) between Cape Jervis and Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island.
- Sightseeing: Services of an A&K professional guide for sightseeing where specified.
- Rental vehicle: Rates are based on a Toyota Rav 4 or similar and include location fee, max cover, NVS, unlimited kilometres, damage cover (DC) for the Hertz vehicle and third party property (subject to an excess which can be reduced), vehicle registration recovery, administration fee recovery and GST.
- Miscellaneous: Australian Government Goods and Services Taxes.
- Arrangements: The trip price includes planning, handling, operational and communication charges.

Exclusions:

- Any flights/airport taxes not included in inclusions.
- Insurance coverage of personal loss, injury, illness or damages incurred during your trip. We strongly recommend travel / cancellation insurance.
- Items of a purely personal nature such as drinks, laundry, dry cleaning, internet, fax, or telephone charges and transfers/sightseeing or meals not included in inclusions.
- Excess baggage charges.

Please note...

- Quotation is based on 2 people travelling on a Double occupancy basis.
- All rates are subject to reconfirmation if an actual booking is made.
- No actual reservations have been made yet unless stated.
- Accommodation is subject to availability unless otherwise stated.
- Airfares subject to change until tickets are issued.
- Above costs are our nett costs and are non-commissionable.
- Payment made by American Express, Visa, MasterCard and Diners Club Card incurs a 2% surcharge.



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