

# Discover Australia

Sneak Preview

October 21- November 2, 2017



Join Capital Public Radio General Manager and host **Rick Eytcheson** on 13 day exploration of Australia. Soak up the sights of four glorious days in Sydney. Then fly south to Melbourne, where we'll cruise the Great Ocean Road. Flying to Queensland, we'll then sail out to the Great Barrier Reef, visit a nature preserve and explore the bustling town of Port Douglas. Don't miss out on this jazz, food and wine adventure with Capital Public Radio. Space is limited.

## IT'S INCLUDED

- Hosted by Rick Eytcheson of Capital Public Radio
- Roundtrip air to Australia from San Francisco
- Point-to-point domestic flights while in Australia
- Private transport by air-conditioned motor coach
- All breakfasts, plus 12 additional multi-course meals
- A tour of the Sydney Opera House
- Wine tastings with the producers
- A drive along the Great Ocean Road
- A cruise on the Great Barrier Reef
- An excursion by air tram over the Cairns tropical rainforest
- A visit to the Wildlife Habitat wildlife immersion exhibit
- Opportunities for independent exploration
- A group of like-minded travelers

## TRIP FACTS

13 Days/12 Nights

Departing San Francisco: Sat, October, 21, 2017

Returning to San Francisco: Thurs, November 2

\*QANTAS Airlines will be releasing ticket prices in late November 2016. Prices coming soon

## YOUR HOST RICK EYTCHESON

General Manager **Rick Eytcheson** was born and raised in Iowa. He attended Drake University in Des Moines, majoring in Industrial Relations. After working in a manufacturing environment and then retail consulting, Eytcheson stumbled into radio, first as an announcer, then advertising salesman. Eytcheson resides in Sacramento with his wife. He is an avid fisherman and reader who has recently added golf to his collection of vices.

# DAILY ITINERARY\*



## DAYS 1 & 2: OCT. 21 – DEPART FOR AUSTRALIA

Depart San Francisco for Sydney, crossing the International Date Line as you head over the Pacific Ocean.

## DAY 3: OCT. 23 - ARRIVE IN SYDNEY

Your local guide will meet you at the airport and assist with the transfer by private motor coach to the Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel at Circular Quay, which is located just a block away from Sydney Harbour. En route, you'll enjoy stunning views of Australia's glistening coastline and the iconic Sydney Opera House. Relax and freshen up before meeting your guide and host for a Sydney Harbour lunch cruise. Sleep in Sydney.

## DAYS 4 & 5- OCT. 24 & 25 – EXPLORING SYDNEY

You'll spend the next few days exploring Sydney: ferry-hopping and dining on fresh seafood in quaint bistros. Our exploration of the Sydney area will also include a day trip to Hunter Valley to taste a few local wines. We'll also tour the Sydney Opera House and Botanical Gardens.

Thrill seekers may wish to climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Yes, that's really an option! Strapped in by harness you'll walk over the top of the bridge for an exhilarating hour. Tickets are optional and your guide will be available to assist reserving this for you. And you won't want to miss a stroll along Sydney Harbour and a walk through one of Sydney's great foodie neighborhoods affectionately known as "The Rocks." All of this and more lies within a 5 to 20 minute walk from your hotel. Sleep in Sydney.

## DAY 6: OCT. 26 - FLY SOUTH TO MELBOURNE

This morning, we fly south to Melbourne, capital of the state of Victoria and the second most populous city in Australia. Upon arrival, you'll enjoy a city orientation, which will reveal not only the highlights but also the local secrets of this world class metropolis. Your centrally-located hotel is next to the historic Queen Victoria Market. Relax and freshen up before meeting your guide and host for a Welcome to Melbourne feast in a nearby bistro. Sleep in Melbourne.

## DAY 7: OCT. 27 – EXPLORING MELBOURNE

This morning, we'll meet up with an entertaining local guide and explore some of Melbourne's lesser-known neighborhoods. After hearing some of the city's secrets, we'll end up on the seafront where we'll enjoy some local cuisine. The afternoon is free to further explore Melbourne. This evening you may wish to go out on the town and catch a jazz concert. Sleep in Melbourne.

\*Itinerary subject to change



## DAY 8: OCT. 28 - GREAT OCEAN ROAD

After breakfast, we set off to explore the Great Ocean Road. Experience one of the world's most scenic coastal drives. See the towering Twelve Apostles, get up close to native wildlife, and take in iconic surf breaks, pristine rainforest and misty waterfalls as you go. Admire the stunning coastline on the Great Ocean Walk, see koalas, emus and kangaroos at Tower Hill and explore surf towns and seaside villages. Gourmands will relish the opportunity to taste local fresh seafood and other products. Sleep in Melbourne.

## DAY 9: OCT. 29 – NORTH TO PORT DOUGLAS

This morning, we fly north to the state of Queensland, gateway to both the world renowned Great Barrier Reef and the Kuranda Rainforest. Upon arrival in Cairns, we'll drive north to charming Port Douglas via a spectacular coastal road that is surrounded by forest and ocean. You'll enjoy a brief orientation before checking into your four star hotel, which is located just a short walk from the Coral Sea. Tonight enjoy another fabulous dinner. Sleep in Port Douglas.

\*\*\* SAVE \$500 \*\*\*

Reserve your space before March 15 – SAVE \$200

Pay your final balance by check – SAVE \$200

Capital Public Radio travel alumni – SAVE \$100

= \$500 SAVINGS

To reserve your space, call Earthbound Expeditions

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## DAY 10: OCT. 30 – PORT DOUGLAS WILDLIFE HABITAT

Today is a great day to kick back and live like a local. After a leisurely morning, we'll meet up for an afternoon visit to the Wildlife Habitat. Constructed in 1988 on two hectares of land, the wildlife immersion exhibit allows guests and animals to mingle in a spacious and natural setting. Visitors wander along elevated boardwalks for up close viewing of a huge range of flora and fauna. Naturally, you'll be seeing plenty of kangaroos and koala bears! Sleep in Port Douglas.



## DAY 11: OCT. 31 - THE KURANDAS RAINFOREST CABLEWAY

The Skyrail Rainforest Cableway experience spans 7.5 kilometers over Australia's pristine tropical rainforests. You'll glide just meters above the rainforest canopy before descending through the canopy layers and deep into the heart of the forest at Skyrail's two rainforest mid-stations for the ultimate tropical rainforest experience. Return in the afternoon. Relax, walk the beach or simply sit by the pool before meeting your fellow CPR travelers and hosts for a farewell dinner in Port Douglas. Sleep in Port Douglas.



## DAY 12: NOV. 1 - A DAY ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Grab your sandals and sun hat! Today we are heading out to the Great Barrier Reef. We'll spend a full day on the Coral Sea with Calypso Cruises visiting three different sites, providing a glimpse of the extraordinary coral gardens and marine creatures of the reef. Snorkel gear is available and included (scuba excursions are extra.) Lunch is included. Sleep in Port Douglas.



## DAY 13: NOV. 2 - TOUR CONCLUDES

Return home with a lifetime of marvelous memories.

*Note: A post-tour outing to Ayers Rock (Uluru) will also be offered.*

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