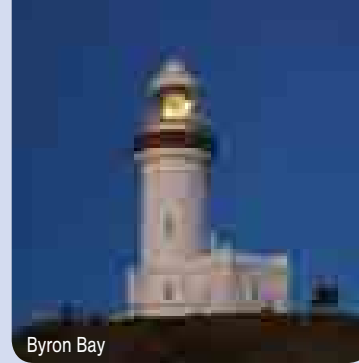




Kroombit



Byron Bay



Whitsunday Sailing

# 14 Day Sydney to Cairns

## Highlights

- Byron Bay
- Rainbow Beach
- Fraser Island
- Kroombit Cattle Station
- Carnarvon Gorge
- Whitsunday Sailing
- Airlie Beach
- Magnetic Island
- Crocodile Farm



Crocodile Farm



Carnarvon Gorge

### Day 1 : Sydney to Spot-X

Today we head to secluded Spot-X surf camp, located beachside north of Sydney. You may wish to sun bake on the crystal white sands or take a walk around the beautiful headland. This afternoon we relax on the beach and in the evening hang out and have dinner at the Mojo Beach House. (D)

### Day 2 : Spot-X to Byron Bay

After a delicious breakfast, hit the beach for your morning surf lesson. The Mojo professional surf instructors are on a mission to get you standing on a board by the end of this lesson! You will start with a theory lesson on surfing and then it's straight out to the beach to get you on a board. After surfing we head north to Byron Bay, Australia's most easterly point. (B)

### Day 3 : Byron Bay to Rainbow Beach

Be the first to see the new day in Australia! An option this morning is to go with your guide to the lighthouse for sunrise. You may even see whales or dolphins. After breakfast we head north to Rainbow Beach via Surfers Paradise. We continue on to Brisbane then take a short break at the spectacular lookout at Wild Horse Mountain. Enjoy panoramic views of the Sunshine Coast overlooking Noosa and Mooloolaba, before arriving at Rainbow Beach; a vibrant young coastal town, with glistening coloured sands and a relaxed atmosphere. This evening relax in our accommodation, located just 100 metres from the beach. (D)

### Days 4-5 : Fraser Island Tour

Spend the next two days exploring Fraser Island on a ranger guided 4WD safari with Fraser Explorer, staying at Eurong Resort. You will drive along Seventy Five Mile Beach, visit Lake Wabby and Lake McKenzie, Eli Creek, the Maheno Wreck and climb Indian Head. Return to Rainbow Beach for an overnight stay. (Day 4: LD; Day 5: BLD)

### Day 6 : Rainbow Beach to Kroombit Cattle Station

There's an option today to feed wild dolphins at Tin Can Bay. You can take the bus or catch the ferry (ferry is your own expense). After dolphin feeding we head inland through cattle country to Kroombit Cattle Station. Here we experience genuine outback living with the chance to ride a mechanical bull and take a walk of the property. Tonight you will taste a traditional camp oven dinner, cooked in the open fire. (D)

### Day 7 : Kroombit Cattle Station

Today is jam-packed with wonderful activities all included in the price of your tour. Learn first-hand about Queensland farming life as you participate in a 'muster' on horseback, try your skill at trap-shooting and join in the fun of a mini-rodeo as animals are herded into the ring. This evening enjoy another hearty camp-oven dinner and re-live your day's experiences around the campfire with a beer from the bush bar. (BLD)

### Day 8 : Kroombit to Carnarvon Gorge

After breakfast we head further inland through Central Queensland's remote outback to the little known jewel of Carnarvon National Park. Carnarvon Gorge, central to this park is a remarkable natural attraction with 30kms of walking trails, 200 species of birds, ancient plants and Aboriginal rock-art dating back 3,500 years. This afternoon we will get a taste of the gorge with a short walk amongst the numerous kangaroos and wallabies that inhabit the area. Stay tonight in large permanent tents amongst the wilderness. (BD)

### Day 9 : Carnarvon Gorge

You will spend the full day hiking through the many walking trails scattered throughout this magnificent gorge. Walks are mostly of easy grade and therefore suitable for all ages and fitness levels, however the options are varied. You will see 500 year old cycads, grass trees and eucalypts, native wildlife and learn about the indigenous ancestors that inhabited this region for more than 3,500 years. See the best examples of rock-art in Queensland, made from the ochre taken from the region. After a day's exercise, you will return to our tented cabins for a good night's sleep within this wilderness region. (BLD)

### Day 10 : Carnarvon Gorge to Airlie Beach

We start early today for our big drive from Carnarvon Gorge to the Mackay region. This is the first time we've hit the coast in four days and we now follow the coast to arrive at the Airlie Beach. Tomorrow you'll be sailing in some of the finest sailing waters in the world – the Whitsunday Islands. (B)

### Days 11-13 : Whitsunday Sailing

This morning your next adventure awaits – Whitsunday sailing! You will have the opportunity to sun-bathe, snorkel and swim whilst exploring the idyllic Whitsunday Islands on a million dollar yacht. Visit the many beaches, coves and islands on this two night sailing trip, with the opportunity to hoist the sails and even take the wheel. Note that you will sleep on the boat, moored in quiet coves. Back on land, we leave Airlie Beach and head to Townsville. From here we take the ferry to Magnetic Island. This evening, relax with a cold beer and watch the sunset from the beach bar of the only backpackers resort in Australia located right on the beach. (Day 11: D; Day 12: BLD; Day 13: B)

### Day 14 : Magnetic Island to Cairns

After the short ferry trip back to the mainland, we drive to the Johnstone River Crocodile Farm to learn more about the most feared animal in Northern Australia: the estuarine or saltwater crocodile. As we arrive into Cairns, you will be able to cherish the many great experiences of Australia's East Coast.

**Included:** Experienced guides, meals as indicated, multi-share accommodation (or upgrade to single/twin/double\*), 2 night Whitsunday sailing†, 2 day 4WD Fraser Island† tour and other activities as indicated.

**Bring/Map/Note** : Please refer to page 30.

## 14 DAYS FROM

(\$AUD) **\$2713**

All prices include \$68 (year round) park fees paid locally

Package includes 13 nights multi-share accommodation with share facilities  
Multi-share **\$2713**

Package incl. 7 nights budget ensuite accom., 4 nights budget accom. with share facilities and 2 nights multi-share accom. with share facilities whilst sailing

(\$AUD) Twin/Double **\$3033**  
Single **\$3533**

### Departs

Sydney at 6.40am from 804 George Street and two other central locations on the following dates:

2010	Apr	04
	May	16 23
	Jun	20
	Jul	04 11
	Aug	15 22
	Sep	12 19
	Oct	17
	Nov	07 21 28
	Dec	12 19
2011	Jan	09 16 23
	Feb	13 20 27
	Mar	06 13 20 27

### Finishes

Cairns accommodation early evening Day 14

Tour operates in reverse

Please refer to page 31

**Max. People 24**



MOTEL OR HOSTEL AND

Tour Code: SC14



## Terms and Conditions

### Climate

Australia is a large country with weather conditions varying considerably from one region to another. You can expect high temperatures in the summer (Dec-Feb) but be prepared for lower temperatures at night and during the Australian winter (Jun-Aug), particularly in Southern Australia where conditions can change quickly. New Zealand's weather is sub-tropical to temperate but be prepared for lower temperatures during winter (Jun-Aug) and we recommend you bring a good wind and/or waterproof jacket year-round. Further weather information can be found at: [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) (AUS) [www.metservice.co.nz](http://www.metservice.co.nz) (NZ).

Weather conditions in the Australian summer are very warm and hiking in these conditions requires an intake of 1.5 litres of water per hour. Our guides are trained professionals and it is very important that their advice is adhered to.

### Average Temperatures and Rainfall Days\*

Region	Location	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep
NSW	Byron Bay	20°/26°/10	20°/27°/13	13°/20°/10	14°/22°/7
NSW	Sydney	18°/27°/7	18°/27°/8	9°/18°/7	12°/23°/6
NT	Alice Springs	20°/35°/4	18°/33°/2	5°/20°/2	10°/28°/1
NT	Darwin	26°/34°/12	25°/33°/14	20°/31°/0	23°/33°/12
NT	Jabiru	25°/35°/13	24°/34°/18	19°/32°/1	22°/36°/1
QLD	Cairns	23°/32°/9	23°/31°/15	17°/26°/7	18°/28°/5
SA	Adelaide	15°/27°/4	15°/26°/4	9°/16°/11	9°/18°/9
SA	Coober Pedy	19°/37°/2	18°/33°/1	7°/19°/2	10°/25°/2
SA	Kangaroo Is.	14°/22°/3	14°/22°/3	9°/15°/11	9°/17°/9
TAS	Hobart	11°/22°/5	10°/21°/4	4°/11°/5	6°/15°/6
TAS	Launceston	10°/21°/7	10°/21°/6	3°/12°/9	5°/14°/10
VIC	Melbourne	12°/24°/6	13°/24°/6	6°/14°/8	7°/17°/9
WA	Broome	26°/34°/4	25°/34°/5	15°/28°/1	18°/32°/1
WA	Kununurra	26°/38°/7	24°/35°/7	16°/31°/1	21°/36°/1
WA	Perth	16°/29°/2	16°/30°/3	9°/19°/13	10°/20°/11
NZ	Auckland	12°/24°/8	13°/20°/11	9°/15°/15	11°/18°/12

\*Average Minimum Temperature Celsius / Average Maximum Temperature Celsius / Average Number of Days Rain for Month

### How much luggage can I bring?

Our vehicles have limited space so please keep your luggage to a **MAXIMUM OF 15 KGS (except KAKADU tours which are MAXIMUM 10KGS & ROAD TRIPS which are a maximum of 20KGS)** in a backpack or soft overnight bag with a small day pack for easy access to camera, sun block etc. It is recommended to plan ahead and arrange to store bulky items at pre-tour accommodation. This is relevant also, when travelling on packages which include Kakadu, as all tours start from and return to Darwin. Any package touring totally within the Northern Territory which includes the Red Centre will start from and return to Alice Springs. It may be necessary to freight excess luggage at passenger's expense.

### What do I eat?

Our emphasis is on fresh food wherever possible and our meals are nutritious and varied. If you are vegetarian or gluten intolerant we can cater for you, but if you have very specific dietary needs you may need to provide your own food. Please discuss this at time of booking. For breakfast we supply cereals, toast, tea and coffee. Lunch is usually a self-serve sandwich and salads; in the evening we have a cooked dinner. We always carry water in the vehicle and you will often have the chance to buy your own drinks, ice-creams etc at stops. Please refer to each individual tour/package to establish which meals are included. Meals are indicated as: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch and D = Dinner.

**'Road Trips'**: A meal kitty of AUD/NZD\$10 per person per day is payable locally. The meal kitty is utilised at the discretion of the tour leader and passengers. Please refer to pages 67 & 91 for further information.

### Where do I meet the tour?

Please ask your agent for your pick-up details at time of booking. Adventure Tours pick up from select accommodation (except Melbourne, Sydney and Cairns where tours depart from 3-4 central locations). Accommodation pick-up times will be earlier than published tour departure time.

**'Road Trips'**: Depart from pre-departure hotels as indicated.

### Do I need to reconfirm my tour?

**YES! FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF YOUR BOOKING.** You must call us on 1300 654 604 (within Australia) and 09 5262149 (within New Zealand) at least 48 hours before departure with the name of your accommodation and room number (except Road Trips, where reconfirmation is not required).

### How fit do I have to be?

Our tours are active and require a reasonable level of fitness. Please refer to our fitness guide. If you enjoy hiking through gorges, swimming in waterfalls and directly experiencing the environment then our tours are perfect for you. If you have any doubts about your suitability for our tours, please check with our Reservations Department before making a booking. We reserve the right to assess your ability to participate at check-in.

**NOTE:** Tours graded '3 boots' on the Fitness Guide are only suitable for very fit and active people who enjoy basic bush camping. They are not suitable for children.

### Do I have to participate?

Part of the enjoyment of our tours is bonding with a group of like-minded adventurers so we make them active and hands on. With the exception of our 'Safari in Style' tour, passengers are expected to help with the preparation of food, washing of dishes and general assistance to the guide as directed. 'Road Trips' use a rotating roster system, please refer to pages 67 & 91 for further information.

### Cancellation policy

Cancellation of a booking or part thereof will incur the following fees. Once travel has commenced, no refunds will be made for any unused services and clients will be responsible for their travel arrangements from that point onward.

Other operator and accommodation cancellation fees may vary from the below and are available on request. Please note: Kangaroo Island airfare is non-refundable. It is necessary to reconfirm tours 48 hours prior to travel - failure to do so may result in the booking being cancelled and fees charged.

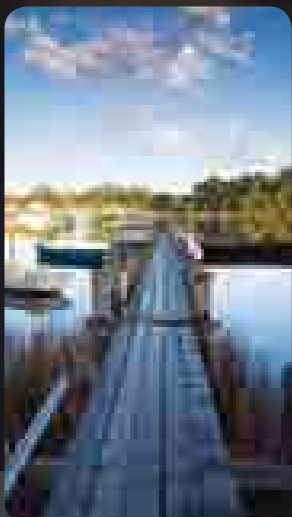
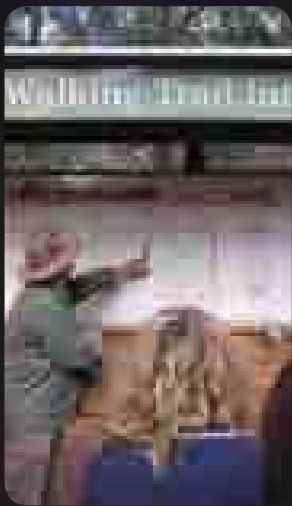
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48 Hours - 30 Days 25% of Fare  
24 Hours - 48 Hours 50% of Fare  
Within 24 Hours 100% of Fare

### 'Road Trips'

30 Days - 8 Weeks 25% of Fare  
14 Days - 29 Days 50% of Fare  
Within 14 Days 100% of Fare

Cancellations should be made with your booking agent who may charge an additional fee.



### Conditions of travel

Adventure Tours reserves the right to alter the route or itinerary of any of its tours and arrange alternative carriers to those advertised if necessary. No refunds will be given in these circumstances or in the event of any delay, curtailment or alteration of a trip resulting from any cause including severe weather conditions or mechanical failure. A minimum of four passengers is required to operate each tour (except Road Trips where the minimum number is five passengers). It may therefore be necessary to cancel a scheduled departure and to offer an alternative or full refund for that tour. Adventure Tours can't guarantee pick up or drop off times and are not liable for passenger failure to connect with other services or any costs associated in such delays. We accept no responsibility for loss or damage to personal belongings or baggage. The Aboriginal components of our Northern Australian tours are subject to cultural conditions. Participants may be absent due to Cultural commitments with little prior notification and Adventure Tours Australia reserves the right to amend the itinerary in these circumstances and no refunds will be given. Components of our tours are weather dependant and we cannot be held liable if they are not available on the day of travel.

### Itinerary disclaimer

Our itineraries are correct at time of printing and may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements based on comments from past travellers and our own research or there are changes in the offerings from operators we use. If we are unable to utilise a product, service or activity detailed in our itinerary, a suitable alternative will be offered where possible. Our brochure is printed in December for release in April, therefore if you have booked from a previous brochure there may have been changes to improve the itinerary.

### Liability

Whilst we make every effort to safeguard our clients, we cannot be held responsible for personal injury or sickness to any customer or damage or loss of property due to events which are beyond our control. Passengers should note that adventure travel involves a higher than normal risk and a signed release will be required from all participants before tour departure. We also take no responsibility for any act of neglect by any operator whose services are used as part of your trip including, but not limited to activity and accommodation providers.

### Child policy

- Children 7 years and under are not recommended to travel on any tour however requests may be considered;
- Children aged 8-12 years receive a discount on most tours, children 13 years or older pay full adult fare;
- Children 12 years and under:
  - Are not permitted to travel on Kimberley Safaris, Kakadu Unleashed or Wilderness 4WD Adventures (N/P = not permitted);
  - Are not recommended to travel on the 2 Day Red Centre Highlights, 2 Day 4WD Kakadu Safari or Western Australian touring other than the Pinnacles Day Tour. (N/S = not suitable).
  - Requests however, may be considered;
- Children under 14 years are not permitted to travel on day tours ex Melbourne (N/P);
- Travellers under 18 years of age are not permitted to travel unless accompanied by an adult. In agreed circumstances written parental consent may suffice if arranged at time of booking;
- 'Road Trips' are designed for travellers 18 years plus;
- Child prices for accommodated tours are based on one child sharing an ensuite room with two adults. If one child travels with one adult the adult rate for accommodation applies and will be provided upon request;

- Requests for child travel and pricing should be directed to [reservations@adventuretours.com.au](mailto:reservations@adventuretours.com.au);
- The policies for children travelling on code-share tours may vary from the above and are available on request.

### Insurance

Travel insurance is NOT included, we strongly recommend that passengers have their own travel insurance against illness, injury, loss/damage to personal belongings and not being able to travel on the confirmed departure date.

### Fees and levies (subject to change) per person

- : Uluru – Kata Tjuta National Park: AUD\$25
- : Kakadu National Park: AUD\$25
- : Boat transfer to Twin Falls (Kakadu National Park): AUD\$12.50
- : Tasmanian National Parks: AUD\$12 per entry
- : Fraser Island: AUD\$18
- : Whitsunday sailing: AUD\$50 (includes Environment Management Charge, national park walks fee and wetsuit hire)
- : Credit card payments will attract a 1.5 – 3% surcharge
- : Fuel levy: We reserve the right to impose a fuel surcharge should fuel prices escalate post brochure release. This will be at a maximum of \$20 per person per tour and payable on day of travel.

### Doubtful Sound (Adventure Tours New Zealand)

This overnight cruise operates through the months September to April inclusive. Outside these months this trip is substituted with an overnight cruise on Milford Sound. If for any reason the Doubtful Sound trip is not available through circumstances beyond our control you will be advised at the time of booking and offered either a Doubtful sound day trip or Milford Sound overnight trip as an alternative.

### Smoking & drinking

Australian Government regulations prohibit smoking and the drinking of alcohol inside tourist vehicles in Australia (smoking and drinking should be limited to stops along the route).

### Behaviour

Adventure Tours is not a common carrier and therefore can refuse to carry a person whose behaviour is detrimental to the enjoyment of the group. By travelling with Adventure Tours, you agree to accept the authority of the guide and accept their decisions. Our staff are entitled to a safe working environment and our passengers to a great holiday. Any threats to safety, being physical or verbal, or inappropriate behaviour may result in removal from the trip. If a guide requires a passenger to leave the trip no refunds will be given and that passenger will be responsible for their own travel costs from that point.

### Prices

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### Brochure validity

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