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The Discover Australia tour takes advantage of highly competitive airfares and hotel rates, and offers truly unbeatable value for money. Your 17-day tour includes flights from Manchester or London with award-winning Etihad Airways, superior hotel accommodation, daily breakfast, many sightseeing excursions and you will be accompanied throughout by a dedicated Distant Journeys Tour Manager.

With a limited number of spaces, booking early is absolutely essential!



Day 1: Depart UK

A morning departure from either London Heathrow or Manchester Airport with Etihad Airways. No matter which airport you choose, there is no extra cost. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 2: Brisbane, 3 nights

All flights travel via Abu Dhabi. After clearing customs and collecting our luggage, we meet our Tour Manager and transfer to the Next Hotel Brisbane, our home for our first three nights in Australia. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 3: Brisbane

This morning we take a city sightseeing tour of Brisbane, featuring the Botanic Gardens, Fortitude Valley and panoramic views from Kangaroo Point Cliffs. In the afternoon, we are free to explore Brisbane further, or perhaps take an optional cruise along Brisbane River to the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. **Breakfast included**

Day 4: Brisbane Freedom Day

Today we can choose to relax or explore as we please. Our Distant Journeys Tour Manager will be on hand to help with advice on things to do, where to eat, make any arrangements and book excursions for you to further explore the area.

For example experience the natural splendour of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland's Montville and Mary Cairncross Rainforest Reserve, including a visit to Australia Zoo – made famous by Steve Irwin, the Crocodile Hunter. **Breakfast included**

Day 5: Cairns, 4 nights

This afternoon we make our way back to Brisbane Airport in time for our flight to Cairns. Upon arrival we shall transfer to the centrally located Novotel Oasis, where we spend the next four nights. **Breakfast included**

Day 6: Cairns Freedom Day

The Great Barrier Reef's vibrantly coloured marine life and breathtakingly beautiful coral make this World Heritage site a must see for all visitors. On your Freedom Day, we highly recommend a Great Barrier Reef excursion, where we board a high-speed catamaran and journey out to the Marine World platform located on the Outer Reef. Snorkel in the sheltered coral lagoon, or if you prefer to stay dry, view the reef from the semi-submersible reef viewer, glass-bottomed boat, or underwater observatory. With five hours at the reef there is plenty of time to do it all. For the more adventurous, there are a number of

activities available at an additional cost, including scuba diving (no experience necessary), joining the marine biologist on a guided snorkel safari, or soaring above the reef on a spectacular scenic helicopter flight. **Breakfast included**

We recommend

Great Barrier Reef

With limited spaces on the day excursion to the Great Barrier Reef, we recommend booking at the earliest opportunity. Plus, book more than 60 days before you depart and save 5% on the normal price.





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Day 7: Cairns Freedom Day

Although today has been left free, we may wish to take an optional trip to Kuranda. Our tour begins with traditional Tjapukai aboriginal culture including authentic music, dance and storytelling by Tjapukai people. We ascend to Kuranda by the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, a beautiful experience gliding over the rainforest canopy. 'The village in the rainforest' is a lovely place to while away a few hours visiting the markets, butterfly sanctuary or the Koala Gardens. Travel back to Cairns along one of the most unique rail journeys in Australia, the Kuranda Scenic Railway. See how the track clings to the rock face along a narrow coastal strip. During our journey we encounter no fewer than 40 bridges and 15 tunnels as we make our way back to Cairns.

Breakfast included

Day 8: Cairns Freedom Day

Another Freedom Day to enjoy in tropical northern Queensland. Surrounded by rainforest and mountains, Cairns boasts over 200 walking tracks; there are also numerous interesting museums and art galleries to explore. For those of us who wish to venture further afield, we suggest a day trip to the nearby Daintree Rainforest, where the oldest rainforest in the world meets the reef at the World Heritage listed Cape Tribulation. The tour gives a wonderful insight into the rainforest's unique flora and fauna, including a walk with an aboriginal guide and a cruise spotting saltwater crocodiles. Enjoy your day!

Breakfast included

Day 9: Sydney, 3 nights

This morning we make our way to Cairns Airport in time for our flight to Sydney. Upon arrival we head to the Holiday Inn Darling Harbour. Sydney is a city that takes full advantage of its natural setting – its sparkling harbour is host to the world famous Sydney Harbour Bridge, and the spectacular Sydney Opera House. Sydney's suburbs are blessed

with lush native bushland and pristine sandy beaches. Add to this the excellent restaurants and cafés, endless shopping opportunities and a vibrant culture and it's very easy to understand why Sydney is one of the world's favourite cities. **Breakfast included**

Day 10: Sydney

This morning, our sightseeing tour begins with a drive through some of Sydney's most fashionable inner city suburbs en route to Bondi Beach. Travel by Rushcutters Bay and Double Bay as we make our way back to the city centre. Travel via Hyde Park and Parliament House to Mrs Macquarie's Chair, an exposed sandstone rock cut into the shape of a bench by convicts in 1810, as a gift to Governor Macquarie's wife, Elizabeth. Here we stop for the classic photo opportunity of the world famous Opera House and Harbour Bridge. The afternoon has been left free to spend as we please. Why not spend it enjoying a luncheon cruise around Sydney's beautiful harbour? The views of the Opera House, the Harbour Bridge and the many dream homes nestled along the edge of the water are truly amazing. **Breakfast included**

Day 11: Sydney Freedom Day

Although today has been left free, for those that so desire, we shall be taking an optional trip to the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains. The Blue Mountains are a perfect example of native Australian bushland, with gum trees, majestic peaks and deep gorges stretching as far as the eye can see. Experience the panoramas from a series of lookouts, including Echo Point – the prime position to view the Three Sisters rock formation. The excursion also visits Wentworth Falls and the pretty village of Leura, famous for their annual garden festivals and playing host to many of the region's local artists. **Breakfast included**

Day 12: Uluru (Ayers Rock), Overnight

Following breakfast this morning, we board our flight to Uluru (Ayers Rock) in Australia's Red Centre. Before landing we may have the opportunity to view the world's largest monolith from our aircraft. Rising from the flat surrounding scrubland, Uluru is a site of deep cultural significance to the Aboriginal communities of the Northern Territory. We leave for a tour of the impressive series of rounded sandstone domes known as the Olgas, before taking a tour of Uluru's base. Finally, enjoy a glass of sparkling wine with your travelling companions whilst witnessing the changing colours of Uluru as the sun begins to set. It's truly a photographer's delight. Our home tonight is the Outback Pioneer Hotel, situated within Ayers Rock Resort. **Breakfast included**

Day 13: Melbourne, 3 nights

This morning, we have the option of viewing Uluru at sunrise. After breakfast, we make our way to the airport in plenty of time for our flight to Melbourne, capital of Victoria state and Australia's second largest city. We stay at the Parkview Hotel, located between Albert and Fawkner Parks, just a tram ride away from Melbourne's CBD. **Breakfast included**

Day 14: Melbourne

Melbourne's allure lies in the fabulously preserved Victorian architecture of its many public buildings and gracious homes. Enjoy a sightseeing tour including Captain Cook's Cottage (optional entry at own expense), Victoria Markets, Federation Square, the MCG and Rod Laver Arena. We also head out of the city to see the waterside suburbs of St. Kilda and Port Melbourne. Our afternoon has been left at leisure, where we have the opportunity to take a trip to Phillip Island, home to the world's largest colony of fairy penguins, to view the 'Penguin Parade'. **Breakfast included**

To book, call us on 01695 577 961

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm



Day 15: Melbourne Freedom Day

During our Freedom Day in Melbourne, with an opportunity to enjoy an optional tour along one of the world's most spectacular coastal drives, the Great Ocean Road. Alternatively, take the Puffing Billy steam train through the Blue Dandenong Ranges or explore the city's most famous sporting landmarks. **Breakfast included**

Day 16: Depart Melbourne

The morning is at leisure, until it's time to depart for the airport around lunch time. Our flight to our chosen UK airport operates via Abu Dhabi, where there will be a change of aircraft. **Breakfast, in-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 17: Arrive UK

This morning we arrive into our chosen airport (London Heathrow or Manchester) bringing an end to our incredible adventure. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

Departure Dates & Prices

2019 Departures

12 November 2019*	£2,745
21 November 2019	£2,745

* This tour operates in reverse, beginning in Melbourne and finishing in Brisbane.

Prices

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a twin or double room.

Supplements

Single occupancy supplement £745.

Deposit

£1,000 per person if travelling Economy Class, and £3,750 per person for Business Class.

Flight upgrades

Upgrade to Business Class from £3,395 per person.

Important information

Prices are subject to the availability of flights in the lowest available booking class and may change, however the correct price will always be confirmed before you book.

To enter Australia, British Citizens require an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA). Our processing fee is £25 per person and will be added to your confirmation invoice.

Full booking conditions are available on pages 104-107 of our main 2019/20 Australia and New Zealand brochure or on our website www.distantjourneys.co.uk/terms-and-conditions/.

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