

A South Pacific Adventure with The Detroit Anthropology Group

The Grand Australia Tour

July 14 – 24, 2017

\$3895.00

(The Price includes all the very expensive air fares to, from, and in Australia!)

Melbourne, Sydney, and Tasmania, the island of Australia



Join The Detroit Anthropology Group on our 18th and final tour to Australia. This last D.A.G. DownUnder tour is intended to be our grandest of all, as we visit 3 of the most popular, and most beautiful, places in Australia – Melbourne, Sydney, & Tasmania, the island of Australia.

We've put together the most compact, and easiest trip possible, & a tour that lets you visit 3 different places in the Wonder DownUnder.

AUSTRALIA is a huge country, & a continent and the distances between cities are great. But there are **no long bus rides** on this Grand Tour of Australia. Instead of 10-hour bus rides - we take 1-hour **non-stop flights** between each place in Australia. All flights on are on Delta Air Lines & Delta partners – that's a lot of Sky Miles.

Included Features in the Tour Price

- * **Air Fare:** Roundtrip **Non-Stop** air fare between Detroit & Seattle or Los Angeles on **Delta Airlines**.
- * **Air Fare:** Roundtrip **Non-Stop** air fare between Seattle or Los Angeles & Australia on **Delta**.
- * **Air Fare:** **Non-Stop** flight, Sydney to Melbourne.
- * **Air Fare:** **Non-stop** flight, Melbourne to Tasmania.
- * **Air Fare:** **Non-stop** flight, Tasmania to Sydney.
- * **In Australia**, all flights on **Delta partner airlines**.
- * **Delta Sky Miles:** A whole lot. (on each flights)
- * **Hotels:** 1st-class accommodations, with private bathrooms. (2 per room; single room is \$795 extra.)
- * **Pre-trip Planning Meeting** to help you prepare.
- * **Newsletters:** A series of 10 pre-trip Newsletters.
- * **Cruise:** Sightseeing cruise in **Sydney**.
- * **Cruise:** Sightseeing cruise in **Melbourne**.
- * **Cruise:** Sightseeing cruise in **Tasmania**.
- * **Tour Leader:** Experienced tour leader. (Jim.)
- * **Pre-planned Itinerary:** See "Day-by-Day Itinerary"
- * **Sightseeing Tours:** Sydney, Melbourne & Tasmania.

The easiest & most comfortable way to see Australia, and the best places!

Kangaroos, Koalas, Aboriginals & Tasmania Island: The Day-by-Day Itinerary in Australia

Day 1 (July 14, 2017): Departure from Detroit.

We depart this evening on a **non-stop** flight to Seattle or Los Angeles, where we change planes & then board our **non-stop** flight to **Australia**. Take your 16-page “Day-by-Day Itinerary” with you to read on the flight, for a preview of the city of Sydney and the very colorful of Australian island - **Tasmania**.



Day 2 (July 15): Across the Pacific to Australia.

This is a calendar date only, as we fly over the time zones of the Pacific, with **free meals, drinks, and over 200 free movies** to choose from on your own private TV screen. Enjoy your “**Bliss Sheets**” too. On all flights to Australia, you lose this day on the calendar, but gain it back near the trip’s end. The **very expensive roundtrip non-stop** flight between Detroit & Los Angeles or Seattle is **included** in the price, as well as the **non-stop** flight between the **west coast & Australia**. And all **flights in Australia, and to and from the island of Tasmania** are included. All of our flights are on **Delta Air Lines, & Delta** partner airlines. That’s a lot of **Delta Sky Miles**.

Day 3 (July 16): Sydney – A World Class City.

Sydney, Australia – one of the most beautiful cities in the world, & you are **DownUnder**, in the South Pacific. We arrive early this morning, too early to go the hotel, so a private bus & expert guide pick us up at the airport & take us on a very nice sightseeing tour as an **introduction to Sydney**. We’ll see many of the major highlights of Sydney, including that **world-famous Opera House** standing majestically in the Sydney harbor. (We’ll take a **cruise** around the Opera House & harbor leading out to the **Pacific Ocean** later.) The sightseeing tour of Sydney today is **included** in the price of the trip, and the **Cruise** later in the week is **also included**. We’ll stop for lunch at a café along the **ocean**, & sample those delicious **Aussie pies**, a meal in themselves....you can choose sea food, ham, vegetarian, lamb, beef, chicken, kangaroo, or a cheese pie. Australian hotels do not have check-in’s until **4:00pm**, so we make good use of the day with our introduction to **Sydney on our private bus**. And, to **help you stay awake** till bedtime tonight, **and** to make good use

of our time & **not** sit around in the hotel lobby waiting to check in, our private bus takes us back to the airport where we board an **easy 1-hour flight** to the beautiful city of **Melbourne**. (**Instead** of the usual 10-hour bus ride on most trips.) We had a good introduction to Sydney today, & we’ll be back for more days in Sydney at the end of the trip. And we make very **good use of the time** today, & fly on to **Melbourne**, where we stay the next 3 nights.

We’ve designed this tour to be very compact, letting us see **3** different places in Australia, **without wasting** a lot of time on 10-hour bus rides. We travel between these **3** wonderful places on 1 or 1½ hour flights, on **Delta** partner air lines. This day is a key to the entire tour.

We also save more time by going to and returning from Australia in the **least** amount of time and the **fewest** number of flights possible to get there and back. It often takes **3 or 4 plane changes and 3 or 4 flights** to get to Australia from Detroit. **We** go all the way to Australia with only **one** change of planes. **We** come all the way back to Detroit **from** Australia with only **one** change of planes. We would rather spend a lot of extra time **IN Australia**, rather than in airports and on planes! **On the non-stop** flights to & from Australia, you can **sleep off & on as much as you want**, enjoy all the **free meals and drinks**, and choose from more than **200 free movies on your personal TV** in the seat back. It’s the most comfortable way to travel to Australia....with only one plane change all the way there. And a lot of **Sky Miles**.

We arrive in lovely & elegant Melbourne after the 1-hour flight, & our guide & private driver will take us to our **1st-class** hotel. After check-in, the rest of the evening is free, to enjoy the hotel area with its cafes, restaurants, and shops. And we’ll show you where you can sample one of the famous **Aussie pies in Melbourne!**

Day 4: (July 17): Sightseeing Tour of Melbourne.

We are picked up this morning by our **private deluxe motor coach & professional guide** for a comprehensive sightseeing tour of all the highlights of this magnificent city on the southern coast of Australia. It will also serve as an excellent introduction to Melbourne & its major areas, including Chinatown, City Centre, the Old Town, the **Crown Casino & Entertainment District**, House of **Parliament**, Queen Victoria Market & a shopping district.

CRUISING MELBOURNE: This afternoon we take a scenic cruise up and down the **Yarra River**, for a unique **inside look** at life in Melbourne. **Both** the morning sightseeing tour & the afternoon cruise **are included in our trip**.

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Day 5 (July 18): Visit with Australian Aboriginals.

Another highlight of the trip today when we meet with Aboriginals in a natural setting, and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. (What would an **Anthropology** tour be, without an opportunity to meet with members of the **world's oldest continuously-living culture** dating back more than 40,000 years ago?) The visit will include a nature walk, and the Aboriginals will tell you about their culture & lifestyle, and their "Dream time". They'll also show you how to throw the **boomerang**, & play the world's oldest musical instrument – the **digerreedom**. Aboriginals from the **Woiwurrung** & the **Boonerwrung** tribes will be doing symbolic dances.



The afternoon is free to visit **Melbourne's museums or shopping** in Melbourne's "old town", with many Australian bargains.

THE PENGUINS! You can join us on an optional late afternoon excursion if you want to see the famous **Penguin walk at dusk**, every day in their **natural** setting.

Day 6 (July 19): Adventure to Tasmania island.

Today, **instead** of a long bus ride followed by a 10-hour ferry boat, we **instead** take a **1-hour flight** to the **exotic & historic Island of Australia – Tasmania**. Very few people get to visit this scenic island off the southeastern coast of Australia. Our flight arrives at the historic capital of Tasmania, **Hobart**, where our expert guide and private bus will be waiting to pick us up for the first of 2 & ½ days to enjoy this unique location. We have a **tour of Hobart** today that, like almost everything else, **is included in the price of our trip**. **Tasmania** is considered to have the best food in Australia & we'll have a chance to sample that tonight in the nearby restaurants. The **sea food** in Tasmania is considered the best in the South Pacific.



Day 7 (July 20): More in Tasmania – The Devil?

Another day on the island of Tasmania - be sure to keep an eye out for the famous **Tasmanian Devil**. We begin the day in **picturesque Salamanca Place** featuring numerous pubs, cafes, restaurants, galleries, and a huge market. This afternoon you can join us for our **Tasmanian Harbor Highlights Cruise** for stunning views of Hobart, a fishing village, and characters along the **Sea**.

Day 8 (July 21): Tasmania; Flight back to Sydney.

Instead of a 10-hour ferry ride & a 4-hour boat ride, we take an **easy 1 & ½ hour flight** back to Sydney today. If we did not take a cruise in Sydney on the first day, we'll go to the very scenic Sydney Harbor to board our boat. We'll cruise – with refreshments – through the **Sydney harbor** and toward the Pacific Ocean, on this **narrated sightseeing** ride. Have your camera ready, as we sail around the famous Sydney **Opera House, twice**, to make sure you get great photos from different angles. Later we will actually go to visit and tour the Opera House.

After the cruise, we visit "**The Rocks**", which is the "old town" of Sydney, with cafes, museums, shops, restaurants, historic sites, and ornate cobblestone streets.

Day 9 (July 22): Kangaroos, Koalas & Aussie wild life.

Today will be a highlight of the tour when we visit a live animal reserve where you'll have **close-up** views of Australia's very unusual animals that date before the last **Ice Age**, more than **13,000 years ago**. You'll see – close up – various types of **kangaroos** & **not** in cages like a zoo; those cute **koala** "bears", which are not really bears but **marsupials** that carry the young in their pouch; ; the kangaroo relative **wallabies**; **wombats**; Australian **owls**; **flying squirrels**; **pea cocks**; and many other unusual types of Australia wildlife. Back in Sydney in mid afternoon, with the rest of the day free for **shopping**, or walking the famous Harbour Bridge, or amazing photo opportunities.

Day 10 (July 23): Harry's – Aussie Pies – Free Day.

Today - the only free day on the trip, for last-minute shopping & stop at Sydney residents' famous institution, "**Harry's Floating Pies**", a favorite of The D.A.G. for 30 years. The famous **Aussie pie** is a meal in itself. Later, we take a visit on foot to the **unique Opera House**.

Day 11 (July 24): Goodbye Australia, Going Home.

Sad, & that ain't no pun, but we're leaving Australia. It ain't that bad – **only 1 change of planes** all the way to MoTown. With **free meals and food, free beverages, free wine & beer, & 200 free movies** to enjoy. Meanwhile, **The Experience is Ended. Long Live the Experience.**