

AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE



TRIP OVERVIEW

A land of extraordinary beauty, famed for its sun-drenched beaches, stunning coastal cities and vast landscapes. Discover mist-wreathed mountains and verdant vineyards, sample fine Australian wines, encounter adorable Koalas and cruise through Sydney Harbour. Experience a country of incredible vistas from the dizzying heights

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information that you require for a smooth and comfortable trip to Australia. Please take the time to read this dossier to familiarise yourself with all the aspects of our tour. It includes important information such as flight details, visa requirements and travel insurance.

Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

DAY 1-2: UK to Cairns

Depart London on your scheduled flight to Cairns, via Singapore.

DAY 3: Cairns D

Upon arrival, transfer to tonight's hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure, re-joining the group later this evening for a delicious welcome dinner.

DAY 4: Cairns B/L

One of the seven natural wonders of the world, the breath-taking Great Barrier Reef is the largest and most awe-inspiring coral reef in the world, spanning a colossal 2,300km. Gently sail across the glistening emerald waters on a Catamaran Cruise for the chance to witness this natural spectacle, discovering the exotic marine life that make the reef home, consisting of over 1,500 fish, 134 species of sharks and more than 30 species of marine mammals. An ecological presentation led by knowledgeable Marine Biologists follows the opportunity to snorkel near the reef.

DAY 5: Cairns to Kuranda B/L

After breakfast, travel into the midst of Cairns' tropical rainforest on an extraordinary winding trail along Kuranda's Scenic Railway; incomparable views of Barron Gorge National Park dominate this journey, with an unforgettable stop at Barron Falls. On arrival into Kuranda Village, explore Heritage Market's energetic boutiques before lunch at a local restaurant. Next, visit the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway and delight in a spectacular birds-eye view over this flourishing haven

DAY 6: Cairns to Sydney B

Board your morning flight to Sydney and upon arrival, spend the afternoon at leisure exploring one of the most beautiful cities in the world; either wander down to the harbour or explore the historic Rocks area.

DAY 7: Sydney B/L

A unique city where skyscrapers boldly merge with natural splendour, Sydney abounds in iconic landmarks and mesmerising attractions. A morning walking tour begins with visits to the picturesque Darling Harbour, followed by the rapidly emerging cultural district of Barangaroo. Next, experience an infectious buzz emanating from Sydney's Central Business District, before admiring the architecturally prestigious Queen Victoria Building. This afternoon, join Captain Cook's Harbour Lunch Cruise, sailing upon Sydney Harbour's turquoise waters, whose rippling waves hug the golden coast; enjoy a unique perspective of the

megalithic Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House.

DAY 8: Sydney B

Enjoy a day at leisure, perhaps choosing to ascend 134 metres above Sydney Harbour to soak in astonishing vistas at the summit of Harbour Bridge, or alternatively, visit Bondi Beach's famous crescent of golden sand.

DAY 9: Sydney/Blue Mountains B/L

Bask in the refreshing mountainous air and tranquil ambience exuding from the beautiful Blue Mountains on a full day tour of this thriving wilderness. Majestically soaring above Sydney, begin a thrilling ride on the world's steepest railway, arriving in the breath-taking Jamison Valley, whose stunning backdrop comprises of grandiose rock formations and towering eucalyptus trees stretching along the horizon. Next, offering enchanting 360-degree views over this tropical jungle, glide between clifftops on an cable car journey to Echo Point lookout. Behold the distinctive Three Sister rock, which symbolises the three sisters who were, according to Aboriginal Legend, captured and turned into stone.

DAY 10: Sydney to Adelaide B

After breakfast, board a morning flight to Adelaide and spend the rest of the day at leisure to explore this sophisticated city.

DAY 11: Adelaide B

This morning, a glimpse into Adelaide's fascinating heritage will be revealed on a walking tour of this historic capital. Incorporating a visit to the city's most revered heritage sites, begin at the oldest colonial building in Adelaide - Government House, which presently serves as the official residence of South Australia's Governor. Standing adjacently is the majestic Parliament Building, whose classic design, complete with marble columns, emanates an air of sophistication, a quintessential feature for the seat of South Australia's Parliament. Continuing past the city's Railway station, absorb the scenic views of the River Torrens.

DAY 12: Barossa Valley B/L

A vision of supreme beauty, Barossa Valley is a land dominated by views of rolling grasslands and expansive vineyards. Renowned for its hot summers and mild winters, this picturesque retreat provides the perfect conditions for wine-making; over a delectable 2-course lunch, savour the taste of Australia's finest wines at the Jacobs Creek Winery.

DAY 13: Adelaide/Warrnambool B/D

Depart Adelaide and travel towards the charming the coastal town of Warrnambool for your overnight stay.

DAY 14: Great Ocean Road B

Travel along the incredibly scenic Great Ocean Road, a route stretching 250km of Australia's windswept south-west coast, where a plethora of visual treats await. Saunter amongst a play-ground for adventure lovers, winding through Otway

National Park's vast hinterlands and thundering waterfalls, before retreating to the coast to feast your eyes on a collection of solitary rock formations in Port Campbell National Park. Rising elegantly from the crashing waves of the ocean, marvel at the seven remaining limestone structures of the 12 Apostles, and take a short drive to the charming sheltered cove of Loch Ard Gorge and later, London Bridge's freestanding natural arch. This evening arrive in Melbourne and check in to your hotel.

DAY 15: Melbourne B

An impeccable blend of old and new, gain an insight into Melbourne's humble beginnings on a walking tour, wandering past some of the region's most regal heritage buildings which gracefully rub shoulders with Great Barrier Reef Sydney Opera House contemporary commercial avenues. Renowned for its chic back-lane scene, teeming with bustling cafes and hidden bars, experience the lively ambience pulsating from Australia's second-largest metropolis.

DAY 16: Melbourne B

Spend the morning at leisure before enjoying an afternoon amongst Australia's enchanting wildlife at Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park, an award-winning nature haven, spanning ten hectares of forestland. It is home to kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, colourful birds, reptiles, dingoes and many other animals including endangered species. Next, continue to Phillip Island to experience the magic of little penguins returning home at sunset to one of the largest penguin colonies in Australia.

DAY 17: Melbourne B/D

Take in the delights of Melbourne on a full day at leisure and discover why the city is frequently voted amongst the world's most liveable. Re-join your group this evening for a farewell dinner.

DAY 18: Melbourne to UK B

Transfer to Melbourne Airport for your return flight or chosen extension.



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS & MAP

Hotel information

Cairns (3 nights): 4★ Pacific Hotel Cairns

Address: 43 Esplanade, Cairns City QLD 4870, Australia
Contact number: 0061 7 4051 7888

Sydney (4 nights): 4★ Rendezvous Hotel Sydney Central

Address: Cnr of George and Quay Streets Sydney New South Wales Australia, 2000
Contact number: 0061 2 9212 2544

Adelaide (3 nights): 4★ Majestic Roof Garden Hotel Adelaide

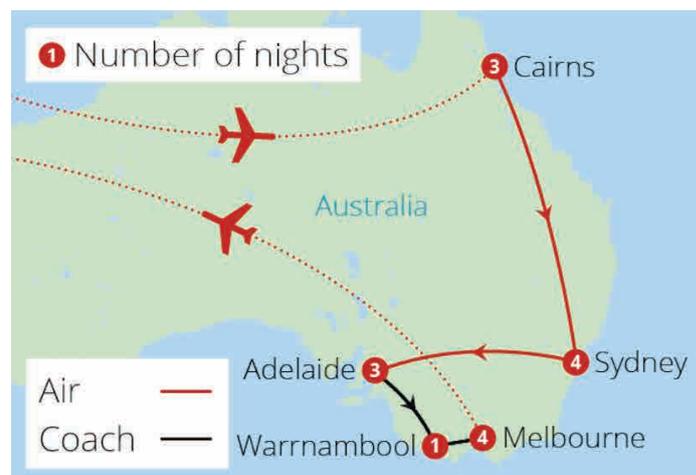
Address: 55 Frome St, Adelaide SA 5000, Australia
Contact number: 0061 8 8100 4400

Warrnambool (1 night): 4★ Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs Warrnambool

Address: Worm Bay Rd, Warrnambool VIC 3280, Australia
Contact number: 0061 3 5559 2000

Melbourne (4 nights): 4★ Travelodge Melbourne

Address: 9 Riverside Quay, Southbank VIC 3006, Australia
Contact number: 0061 3 8696 9600



Accommodation

All accommodation is 3* or 4* and features an ensuite bathroom, air-conditioning/heating and TV. Mercury Holidays has visited and inspected all of the hotels to ensure that they meet the high standards of service which we require for our clients.

Please note: If the hotels detailed are not available, alternatives will be used of a similar standard. Final confirmation of your hotels will be sent in

ON YOUR ARRIVAL

On your arrival in Cairns you will be met by a representative from our local agent **Tour East**, holding a sign displaying: "Mercury Holidays". The Mercury Holidays/Tour East representative will show you to your transfer vehicle. Your national guide will be on hand 24 hours a day should you have any queries. However, If you need to contact your representative during your stay the details are:

Tour East Australia:

Address: Suite 2, Level 2, 189 Kent St, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia

E-mail address: Customersupport@gowayinbound.travel

a document approximately 10 days before you travel.

Meals

Breakfast is always western style and served in the hotel each morning. Lunch and dinner where stated will be taken at local restaurants or at your hotel. A variety of restaurants are visited giving you the chance to experience a range of dishes.

Emergency contact information

Please find below the emergency contact details for **Tour East**

Contact details:

Tel: 1800 812 263

Mobile: 0061 401 353 826

Office: 1800 812 263/61 2 8314 5800

WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR TOUR

Visas

A eVisitor visa and travel insurance is required for your trip to Australia. Further advice should be sought from the applicable tourist authority for other nationalities and for general queries. We strongly advise you check your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy for the most up-to-date guidelines regarding passport validity.

Insurance

We strongly recommend that you and all members of your party are suitably insured as soon as you book your holiday. It is a condition of booking that you must have suitable travel insurance. It is important that you purchase travel insurance that suitably covers your participation in whatever activities you may undertake at the time that you make your booking. To assist you with this, we have arranged travel insurance in partnership with Holiday Extras. To arrange your travel insurance with Holiday Extras, please call **0800 781 4237** and quote **'WK830'** for preferential rates. Please ensure you provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number as soon as possible. Mercury Holidays will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

Health and Vaccinations

It is your responsibility to check any health and vaccination requirements applicable to your booked arrangements. We can only provide general information about this. Health and hygiene facilities and disease risks vary from country to country. You should take health advice about your own needs as early as possible and in good time before your departure. Sources of information include; www.fco.gov.uk, www.travelhealthpro.org.uk, www.hpa.org.uk, your General Practitioner or a specialist clinic.

Physical Accessibility

This tour is accessible to most people with a good level of fitness and normal mobility. It involves climbing of steep stairs and getting on and off coaches and boats. This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties.

Tour Guides

This is a fully escorted tour meaning that you will be met by a local guide in each of the cities that you visit, ensuring that you have first-hand knowledge at all times.

Tipping

Tipping is not compulsory and is at your discretion. We would recommend approximately \$4 per person per day which is split between the driver and guide. Should you wish to tip, this will be collected by your guide at the end of your tour for your convenience.

Group Size

The minimum number of travellers in your group will be 10 and the maximum will be 30. In the unlikely event there are fewer than 10 passengers booked on your tour date, you may be asked to change to a different date. A full refund will be made available to you should this alternative not be suitable.

Currency Exchange

The currency in Australia is Australian Dollar, we recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK. Cash machines are available in all the major cities to withdraw money in the local currency.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take some extra money with you to cover any meals that are not mentioned on your itinerary and personal purchases, such as souvenirs, extra drinks and snacks. Approximately \$50.00 - \$75.00 per person/per day should be sufficient for the duration of your tour.

Credit Card Information

As normal practice you will be asked for your credit card details on check-in at the hotel in order to cover any extras incurred during your stay. If you do not have a credit card you may be asked for a cash deposit. American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted in hotels.

Itinerary Changes

The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. Your local guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Some road construction and/or weather conditions may lengthen the driving times. Our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions.

WHAT TO PACK

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Camera and charger
- A plug adaptor - the electricity in Australia is 230 V. You will need plug adaptor
- Sunscreen, insect repellent and hat
- Waterproof lightweight jacket
- Antibacterial hand gel
- Binoculars

- Personal first aid kit containing travel pills, rehydration powder, plasters, stomach settlers, antiseptic creams, aspirin etc
- Small day pack for excursions
- Waterproof, lightweight jacket
- Lightweight clothing
- Sweater and jacket for the cooler months

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Your initial flight is to Cairns international Airport via Singapore with Singapore Airlines, departing from London Heathrow Terminal 2.

IMPORTANT: Please note that final flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

Baggage Allowance

Each passenger is entitled to 30KG of hold luggage plus 1 item of hand luggage, Sum of length, width and height of each piece should not exceed 115cm and 1 personal item such as a handbag, briefcase or laptop case. Weight restrictions will be finalized on E-ticket receipt. Should you wish to take additional luggage you will need to pay extra at check-in. Check-In should be at least 3 hours before departure.

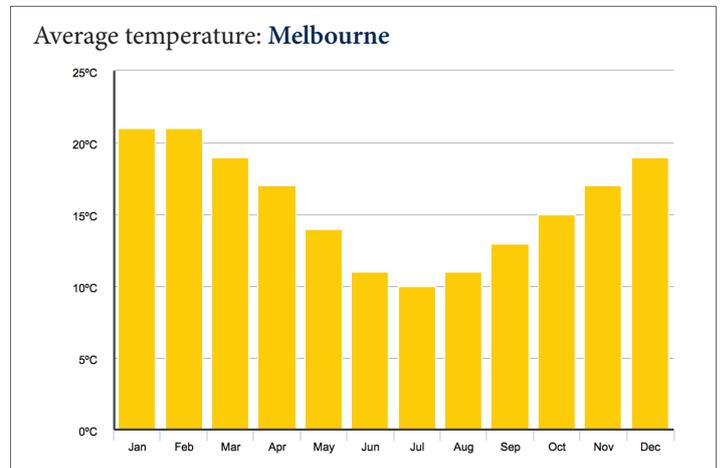
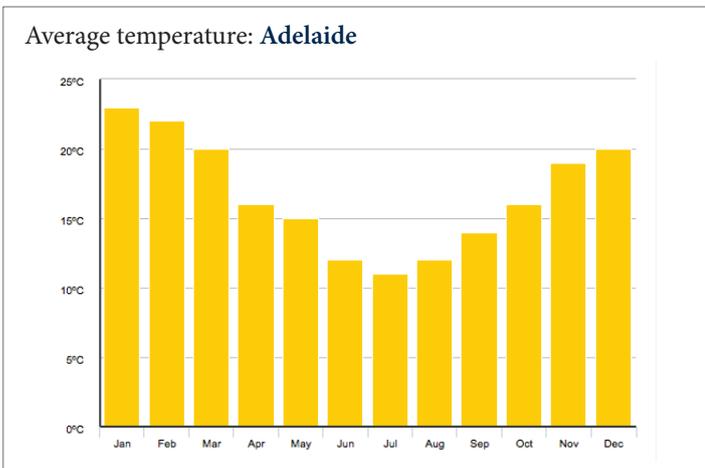
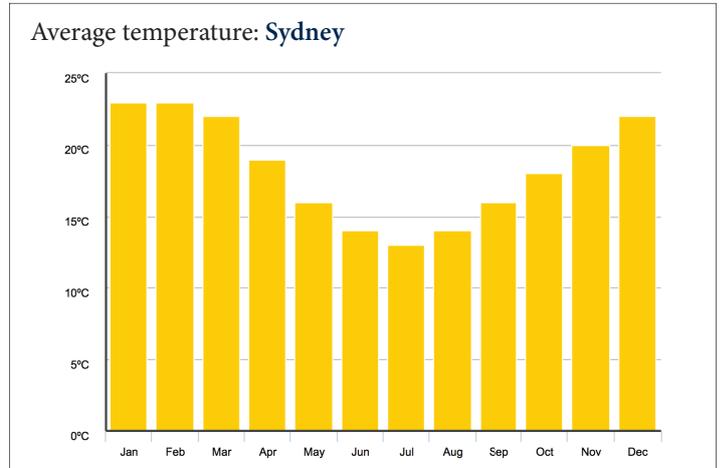
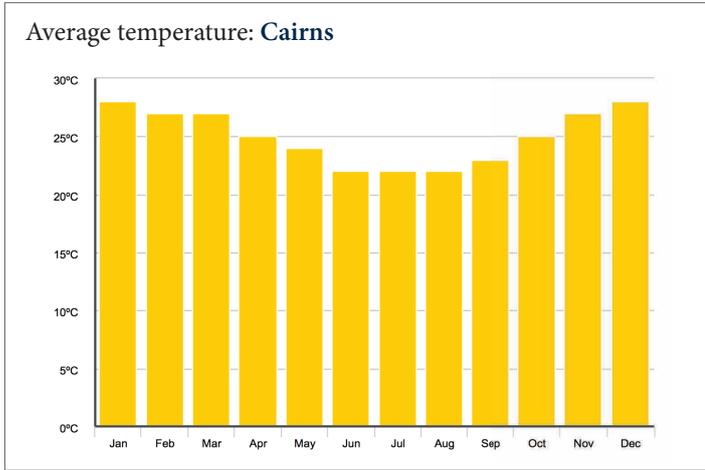
Airport Extras

If you wish to arrange Airport car parking or accommodation at preferential rates, we recommend you book this in advance with Holiday Extras on 0871 360 2000, quoting HX313.



WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate charts below.



RED CENTRE STAY

If you have not yet booked this fabulous extension, there is still time to do so. Please contact 0843 224 0723



TRIP OVERVIEW

Get a glimpse of Australia's Aboriginal culture, witness an extraordinary desert-like landscapes and explore some of the most breathtaking natural spectacles that Australia's Northern Territory has to offer on this fantastic 6-day extension.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension in Alice Springs and Sydney.

Your included meal guide:

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

Day 18: Alice Springs B

On arrival in Alice Springs you will be met by your guide for a short panoramic tour of the town including ANZAC Hill before transferring to your hotel.

Day 19: Alice Springs B/L

Take a seat-in-coach tour of the West MacDonnell Ranges including Simpsons gap, Standley Chasm, Ochre Pits and Ormiston Gorge. In the afternoon stop at Ellery Creek Big Hole.

Day 20: Alice Springs to Uluru B

Travel through rugged desert landscapes on a seat-in-coach tour to stunning Uluru (also known as Ayers Rock) and learn about the traditional customs and beliefs of the local Aboriginals

Day 21: Uluru B/D

Rise early to travel to Uluru for sunrise. Watch this magnificent monolith change colours as it bathes in the sun's rays. Next stroll amongst the mystical domes of Kata Tjuta (also known as the Olgas). This evening enjoy a classic Australia BBQ dinner, sunset and stargazing.

Day 22: Uluru to Sydney B

Take the morning to relax before your flight to Sydney. On arrival transfer to your hotel.

Day 23: Sydney B

Enjoy some leisure time before departing for your flight to the UK

Accommodation

Alice Springs (2 nights): 4★ Mercure Hotel Alice Springs
34 Stott Terrace, Alice Springs NT 0870, Australia
Contact number: 0061 8 8951 4545

Yulara (2 nights):

4.5★ Desert Gardens Hotel - Ayers Rock Resort
1 Yulara Dr, Yulara NT 0872, Australia
Contact number: 0061 2 8296 8010

Sydney (1 night):

4★ Rendezvous Hotel Sydney Central
Cnr of George and Quay Streets Sydney New South Wales Australia, 2000
Contact number: 0061 2 9212 2544

Any alternative hotels or board basis will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure.

Please note: the hotels listed are provided for guidance only and final confirmation of your accommodation will be sent in a document, along with your final flight information, approximately 10 days before you travel.

Tour Guides

Your stay in Alice Springs and Sydney is escorted by a tour guide. All internal transfers are included.

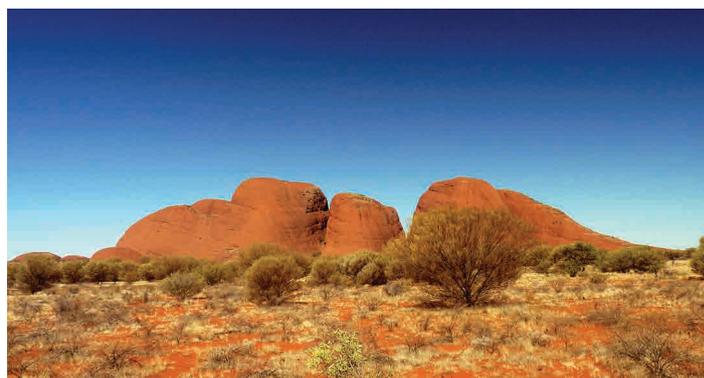
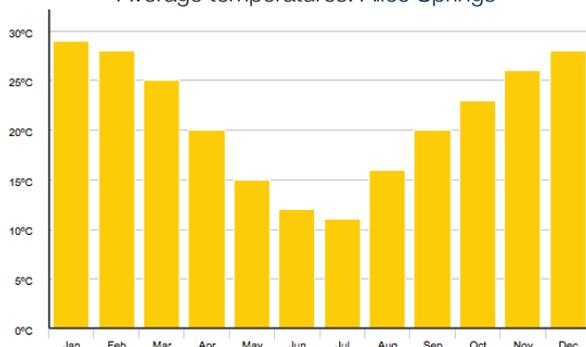
Personal Expenses

You will need to take some extra money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs and laundry plus any meals and drinks that are not included.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

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Average temperatures: Alice Springs



FLIGHT INFORMATION

Please note: Final hotel and flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

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GOLD COAST BEACH STAY

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TRIP OVERVIEW

A beach lover's paradise, bask in the year-round sub-tropical climate and relax upon the powder-soft sands on this fantastic 3-night extension to Australia's sun-drenched Gold Coast.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension in the Gold Coast.

Your included meal guide:

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

Day 18: Brisbane/Gold Coast

On arrival at Brisbane Airport, you will be picked up by a private car for your transfer to Gold Coast.

Day 19: Gold Coast Hinterland Tour B/L

After breakfast, join a small group touring with personal guide for the day into the Gold Coast Hinterland. Visit Tamborine and Lamington National parks, including O'Reilly's, with an award winning, family run 4WD tour company. Experience secluded hillside trails, private venues, rainforests, waterfalls and stunning panoramic views.

Day 20: Gold Coast B

Today is at leisure for individual activities or simply to enjoy the beach

Day 21: Gold Coast/Brisbane B

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Brisbane Airport your departure.

Accommodation

Gold Coast (3 nights): 4★ Novotel Hotel Surfers Paradise

Address: 3105 Surfers Paradise Blvd, Surfers Paradise QLD 4217, Australia
Contact number: 0061 7 5579 3499

Any alternative hotels or board basis will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure.

Please note: the hotels listed are provided for guidance only and final confirmation of your accommodation will be sent in a document, along with your final flight information, approximately 10 days before you travel.

Tour Guides

Your stay in the Gold Coast is escorted by a tour guide. All internal transfers are included.

Personal Expenses

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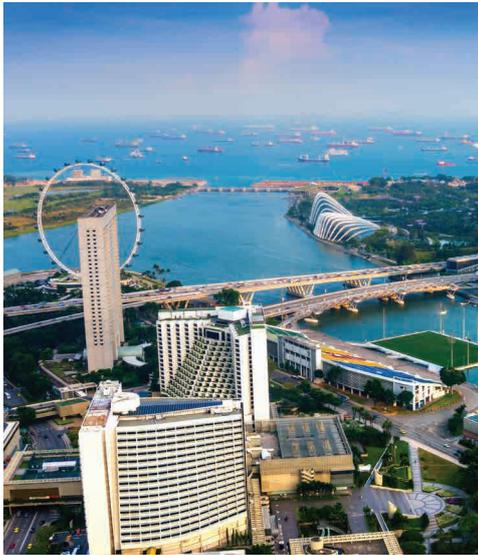
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SINGAPORE CITY STAY

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TRIP OVERVIEW

Abounding contemporary architecture, Singapore is a city of the future; radiating a cosmopolitan vibe, experience this atmospheric metropolis' stunning natural splendour on this spectacular 2-night extension

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension in Singapore.

Hotel Information

Your stay in Singapore will take place at either of the following hotels on a Bed and Breakfast basis

(2 nights): 4★ York Hotel

This luxurious 4-star hotel is located in the quiet area of Mount Elizabeth and is conveniently just a short walk away from the main shopping, dining and entertainment district.

Address: 21 Mount Elizabeth, Singapore 228516

Contact number: 0065 6737 0511

Or

(2 nights): 4★ Grand Park Orchard

Located in the heart of Singapore's main shopping, dining and entertainment centre, this contemporary 4-star hotel offers a fantastic array of on-site guest facilities.

Address: 270 Orchard Road, Singapore, 238857

Contact number: 0065 6603 8888

Any alternative hotels or board basis will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure.

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Tour Guides

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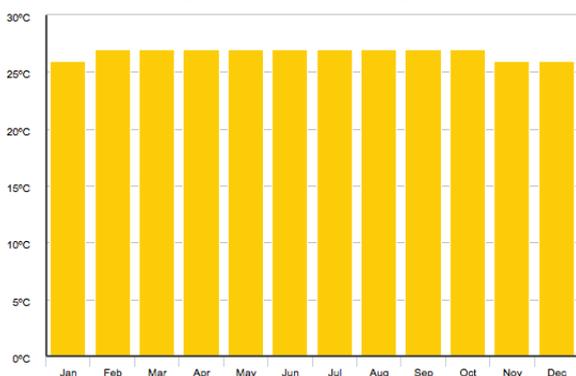
Personal Expenses

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WEATHER AND CLIMATE

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Average temperatures: Singapore



FLIGHT INFORMATION

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