

Cruising Australia

Rhapsody of the Seas - Royal Caribbean

13 Days from €156 (Lm 67) per day Prices quoted are per person in Euro and may vary without notice. Conditions apply



Ports of Call

Sydney: The whole world's in love with Sydney. It's stylish, it's sophisticated, it's home to some of the friendliest people on the planet. And yes, a few koalas, if you know where to look. What's not to love? This gateway to the Outback has it all: endless outdoor adventure around the harbour or in spots like the Blue Mountains. Golden sandy beaches named Bondi, Bilgola and Coogee (which are not only beautiful, but also fun to say). A bustling art and entertainment scene. Countless museums, galleries and world-class restaurants where the dishes go way beyond the local Vegemite. You've seen it in pictures; now see it in person. The Sydney Opera House is more than an architectural icon. There's over 11 acres of floor space to cover. Take in a show or just pop in to admire its stately structure; the reception and concert halls both offer amazing views of Sydney's sparkling harbour. And a stroll along the shoreline.

Airlie Beach: Is the gateway to the Whitsundays, Queensland's pristine 74 islands. It is a cosmopolitan and vibrant town filled with palm-fringed beaches, waterfront parks and alfresco dining restaurants. Its the epitome of a beach town; you'll instantly feel the carefree and relaxed attitude emanating from every space. You'll find it in the Airlie Beach Lagoon, a manmade saltwater swimming area surrounded by sand and grassy knolls, where backpackers and travellers lounge away the day in the sun. You'll find it in the beachside parks where afternoon barbeques proliferate and continue into the evening hours. And you'll find it in the alfresco dining restaurants where fresh seafood overflows from every dish.

Cairns: Rapidly becoming the "capital of the Great Barrier Reef," the tropical paradise of Cairns (pronounced "Cans") is one of Australia's fastest-growing tourist areas. Our cruise guests will experience both the wet and the wild as they explore lush rain forests, wetlands and woodlands and spy the glorious creatures that inhabit them. Head to Tropical North Queensland, where you'll explore melaleuca wetlands and riverine rain forests. See how many of the 500 different species of eucalyptus you can identify as you trek through the eucalypt woodland.

Port Douglas: Fishing village charm meets aquatic amusement and jungle intrigue in Port Douglas. And if you think this sounds like the perfect setting for your Australian adventure, wait till you experience it firsthand. Take a dip in the warm tropical waters. Sip a fruity drink at one of the many seaside cafés. Or relish the heart-pumping thrill of reef, river and rain-forest exploration. The eco-opportunities are endless in Australia's Tropical North. You'll literally be surrounded by peaceful coves, spectacular reefs, amazing jungles and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Only one hour from Cairns, your stop in Port Douglas offers an extra day to explore the famous Great Barrier Reef and all its colorful inhabitants.

Willis Island: Located east of Australia just beyond the Great Barrier Reef and its the only permanently inhabited island in Australia's Coral Sea Islands Territory. The Australian Bureau of Meteorology has a weather monitoring station on the island, staffed by three people, who make up the island's human population. Thousands of masked, brown and red footed boobies - a seabird that looks like a dressed up seagull - keep them company. The unique seabirds around Willis Island are a joy to watch. One of the boobies' strange habits is to pretend to have a broken wing if a human gets near one of their nests; hopping away, the "wounded" booby tries to lead the approaching person astray. Many other birds also wheel around this tiny island, including wedge-tailed shearwaters, sooty terns and common and black noddies.

Brisbane: The cool and casual capital of Queensland offers all the glitz and glam of a big city without the big city airs. Located on the banks of the Brisbane River and surrounded by rolling hills, this urban oasis sure is easy on the eyes. Whether you're headed uptown, downtown or out of town, you'll be sure to encounter your fair share of first-ever experiences. Scale the legendary Story Bridge, take a sandboarding tour on North Stradbroke Island. Or if you'd like to connect with your inner Aussie, try your hand at sheep shearing at the Australian Woolshed. If finding furry Australian natives is on your to-do list, take a tour of the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary - it's the largest in the world. Here you can spend some quality time with the resident kangaroos and even cuddle.

Price Includes: Flight Malta-Sydney-Malta on Emirates Airlines, airport - hotel - cruise terminal - airport transfers and 10 night Australasia cruise on Rhapsody of the Seas by Royal Caribbean on full board basis. Airline tax, fuel surcharge, service charge, port charges and gratuities.

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