

# GREG FREESTYLE TOUR

## Sydney - Brisbane

**Minimum Duration:** 8 Days // 8 Nights

**Departs:** At least 3 times per week, year-round

**Blackout Periods:** Christmas Day and New Year's Day

**Departure Location:** Sydney

**Finish Location:** Brisbane

**Group Size:** Min 4 / Max 40

**Transportation:** Stray bus

**Age Requirement:** 18+, 16-17 with parental consent

## Day 1: Sydney (Arrival Day)

Check into your central located hostel and get ready for your epic East Coast adventure.

**Accommodation included:** Central Sydney accommodation

**Meals included:** n/a

**Activities included:** n/a

**Optional activities:** Bondi to Coogee beach walk, explore King Street Wharf, Royal Botanic Gardens, Taronga Zoo

## Day 2: Blue Mountains Day Trip

**Meet:** 7.30am Wake Up! Hostel, Sydney Central (please be ready waiting 15 minutes prior to departure).

Prepare for an epic day of adventure to see some of the most spectacular scenery in Australia. Our first stop out of Sydney is at Euroka to spot wild kangaroos and other wildlife in a natural clearing. Next, we stop off in the local town Glenbrook for a coffee/snack break. We then have a 1.5-hour hike to the stunning Wentworth Falls and viewpoints of the beautiful Jamison Valley. Enjoy a light picnic lunch and then trek to a remote waterfall and lookout. We head up to view the famous 3 Sisters lookout to take a couple of selfies, before driving back to central Sydney for a well-earned drink (beer/wine or soft drink).

**Accommodation included:** Central Sydney accommodation

**Meals included:** L

**Activities included:** Blue Mountains day trip - guided walk, wildlife spotting

**Optional activities:** n/a

## Day 3: Sydney to Barrington Tops (Strademark Stop)

**Meet:** Wake Up! Hostel at 8am (please be ready waiting 15 minutes prior to departure).

We depart the big city and head to the Hunter Valley wine area for a tasting at one of Australia's most famous vineyards. We then travel through the backcountry to our stunning stop on the edge of Barrington Tops National Park (a World Heritage Listed Area). We stay in our own private lodge overlooking the Barrington River. You'll spend the afternoon tubing down the river and then in the evening have a few drinks and relax in the hot tub.

**Accommodation included:** Lodge at Barrington Tops

**Meals included:** D

**Activities included:** River tubing, wine tasting

**Optional activities:** n/a

## Day 4: Barrington Tops to Spot X Surf Camp

**Meet:** At the lodge

Wake up in the morning and enjoy breakfast with an amazing view. We then head north, with a break to visit a koala hospital to learn about their efforts in preserving koalas, and then stop at a nature reserve to spot wild kangaroos hopping along the incredible coastline. We arrive at our waterfront accommodation at Spot X in the early evening where you'll have dinner at camp.

**Accommodation included:** Spot X accommodation

**Meals included:** B, D

**Activities included:** Koala hospital visit, wildlife spotting

**Optional activities:** Mountain biking (extra cost), scenic walk

## Day 5: Spot X Surf Camp to River Retreat (Strademark Stop)

**Meet:** At the Stray bus

This morning take part in a fun group lesson, learning the basics of surfing. If you love the beach or are keen to hone in your surf skills, we recommend staying longer to do a Surf & Stay. In the afternoon we travel to our River Retreat and go for a guided canoeing trip, spotting wildlife along the way. In the evening have an Aussie BBQ, learn how to cook some damper and toast marshmallows around the campfire. We sleep in wilderness cabins or in swags under the stars.

**Accommodation included:** Cabins or camping

**Meals included:** B

**Activities included:** Surf lesson, canoeing (or guided walk if bad weather)

**Optional activities:** Hop-off to extend your stay for a Surf & Stay

## Day 6: River Retreat to Byron Bay

**Meet:** At camp

We leave our camp early, hop on our bus and head up towards Byron Bay, Australia's famous surf and arts town. We stop in the picturesque town of Yamba along the way for

lunch where you can have a walk around or a swim in the Angourie Blue Pool. We have an orientation drive on the way to Byron Bay to help you get your bearings.

**Accommodation included:** Byron Bay accommodation

**Meals included:** n/a

**Activities included:** Angourie Blue Pool swimming, Byron Bay orientation drive

**Optional activities:** n/a

## Day 7: Full Day Byron Bay

Today you'll have the day to yourself to explore. You can perfect your surfing skills, party, do a dolphin kayak trip, visit the alternative town of Nimbin (additional costs), or just relax and take in the laidback, hippy vibe. We recommend taking a walk to the lighthouse to view the Australian mainland's most easterly point.

**Accommodation included:** Byron Bay accommodation

**Meals included:** n/a

**Activities included:** Surfboard rental, yoga

**Optional activities:** Surf lessons, kayaking, snorkeling, diving, Nimbin day trip, etc.

## Day 8: Byron Bay to Brisbane

**Meet:** Main bus stop on Jonson St, Wake Up! Hostel or Arts Factory hostel (please confirm in advance)

We cruise up to the New South Wales/Queensland border and hop out at Danger Point to stretch our legs and check out the view of one of Australia's best surf spots, Snapper Rocks. We then drive into Surfers Paradise, you may want to get off here to experience the sun, sand, tans and high-rises of Australia's most developed beach area. We drop you off in Brisbane CBD for the end of your Stray experience with your final night's accommodation included in Brisbane.

**Accommodation:** Brisbane accommodation

**Meals included:** n/a

**Activities included:** Danger Point Border Crossing

**Optional activities:** n/a

### **What's Included:**

- All transport on the Stray bus between Sydney and Brisbane
- 5 meals, 8 nights' accommodation
- Guidance from local guide
- Access to Stray Mate App
- Blue Mountains Day Trip
- Wine tasting Hunter Valley
- Barrington Tops National Park
- Surf lesson at Spot X Surf Camp

- Koala hospital visit, Port Macquarie
- Kangaroo spotting, Emerald Beach
- Canoeing experience, River Retreat
- Angourie Blue Pools, Yamba
- Byron Bay orientation drive
- Danger Point Border Crossing walk

### What's Not Included:

- Most meals
- Additional accommodation in places where you hop-off to extend your stay

### What to Bring:

- Clothes (mainly light with some warm layers)
- Walking shoes (sneakers/trainers)
- Camera
- Swimsuit & towel
- Toiletries
- Hat & sunscreen
- Bug repellent
- Day-pack\*\*
- Water bottle
- Waterproof jacket (shell)
- Do **NOT** bring: Sleeping bag, sheets, blankets or pillow

\*\* our trips are pretty active; you'll need a day-pack to carry the essentials during activities and walks but you won't have to carry your pack/suitcase that far

### Notes:

- **Luggage restrictions:** A backpack or small/medium suitcase (up to 15kg) and a small daypack for day excursions.
- **Reconfirmation instructions:** All the activities/accommodation listed are open-dated, please contact Stray's reservations team at least 48 hours prior to arrival to confirm your bookings. For Fraser Island and Whitsunday trip bookings, we recommend booking at least 7 days in advance to guarantee your spot. In peak periods (e.g. Christmas/New Years Eve , Easter, School Holidays/Events) some accommodation may be subject to an additional surcharge or minimum number of nights.
- You can break your journey at any of the stops through any of the travel days and just connect with a later Stray bus or rail departure (guided or unguided). You can

pre-book your own accommodation via our Stray Mate App or your guide will help book it for you.

- Freestyle Tours include the first night's accommodation at each destination, a selection of top-rated activities and some meals. Due to how Stray's timetable works, travellers may have an additional night in certain places which will need to be booked and paid for in addition to the nights included in their tour. If travellers choose to hop-off and extend their stay in any location, all additional accommodation, meals and activities are at their own expense.

This itinerary is a guide. Given the spontaneous nature of our trips and lack of control over Australia's weather(!), what we do each day might vary occasionally.

**Teilnehmer:** min 4 bis max. 40 Personen (Mindestalter 18 Jahre, 16-17 Jahre in Begleitung der Eltern)

**Transport:** Bus

**Inkludierte Mahlzeiten:** Frühstück, Mittagessen, Abendessen

**Gepäck Limit:** 15 kg, please bring a soft sided bag only

**Die Sprache während der Tour ist englisch**