

21 Tage Sydney to Cairns East Coast Essentials Package



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Day 1: Sydney to Barrington Tops

Meet at 8am outside of Wake Up Hostel with your Loka guide.

First, we head to the Hunter Valley to kick off the day with wine tasting at one of Australia's most famous vineyards. We then head through the backcountry to our stunning stop on the edge of the World Heritage Listed Barrington Tops National Park. We stay in a private lodge overlooking the Barrington River. You have the option to ride

a tube down a scenic part of the river (included). Relax and enjoy the incredible views in the evening.

Twisttops Retreat: Shared accommodation in lodge. Includes dinner.

Included: River tubing

Meet the farm animals, go for a walk or just relax in the hot tub and enjoy the unreal view.

Day 2: Barrington Tops to Spot X Surf Camp

Meet at the lodge.

In the morning take a walk around the property to take in the scenery and wildlife - there are kangaroos, a variety of birds and even platypus. We head north with a visit a koala hospital to learn about their efforts in preserving koalas and what we can do to help, and then travel on to our waterfront accommodation at the Spot X Surf Camp, arriving in the early evening.

*Spot X Surf Camp - includes breakfast and dinner.
Mountain Biking, Koala Hospital, Kangaroo Spotting.*

Day 3: Spot X Surf Camp to River Retreat

This morning you can take part in a group surf lesson or just relax on the beach. In the afternoon we travel to our River Retreat and go for a guided canoeing trip (or walk if the weather is bad), spotting wildlife along the way. In the evening have an Aussie BBQ, learn how to cook some damper, and toast marshmallows around the campfire.

*Camping in a cabin - Includes breakfast and dinner.
Guided canoe ride, animal spotting, aussie bbq*

Day 4: River Retreat to Byron Bay

We leave our camp and head up towards Byron Bay, Australia's famous surf and arts town. We stop in the picturesque town of Yamba along the way and go for a walk and a swim at the Angourie blue pools (weather dependent). We have an orientation drive on the way to Byron Bay to help you get your bearings.

*Nomads Byron Bay - Includes Breakfast
Included: Swim in the Angourie Blue Pool
Orientation drive in Byron Bay*

Day 5: Byron Bay Free Day

Learn to surf, party, kayak with dolphins, or even get high from a visit to the alternative town of Nimbin - there's plenty of options in this epic little town. We recommend walking

to the lighthouse for sunset and exploring some of the beautiful surf beaches that make this town famous.

Nomads Backpacker Hostel

Optional: Learn to surf, party, Kayak with dolphins, Skydive, Visit the alternative town of Nimbin, Dive at Julian Rocks, Chase waterfalls in the hinterland (extra cost).

Included: Walk to the lighthouse - Australia's most easterly point.

Visit the drum circle at The Wreck at sunset

Relax at beautiful beaches

Day 6: Byron Bay to Rainbow Beach

Meet your Loka guide at 7am (Apr- Sept) or 8am (Oct-Mar) at the Jonson St bus stop. We depart Byron Bay and 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 Rock. We then drive into the Gold Coast, Brisbane and Noosa before we continue onto Rainbow Beach for the night.

Frasers on Rainbow Hostel - Includes Dinner

Day 7 & 8: Rainbow Beach to Fraser Island

Meet your guide from Fraser Explorer at the bus stop opposite Frasers on Rainbow at 7:45am.

Get ready for two full days of exploring World Heritage Fraser Island. After a short 10-minute ferry ride from Rainbow Beach you start your adventure of four-wheel-driving on the roads of sand.

During your stay on Fraser you will have the chance to spot dingoes in the wild, swim in crystal clear freshwater lakes and swimming holes and explore the diverse landscapes in this unique habitat. Before heading to bed don't forget to look up to enjoy the millions of stars and maybe even spot the five stars on the Aussie flag – the Southern Cross.

In the late afternoon of day eight your guide will return you to your Rainbow accommodation where you have dinner included.

Night 1: Eurong Beach Resort, Fraser Island - Includes lunch and dinner

Night 2: Backpacker Resort, Rainbow Beach - Includes breakfast, lunch and dinner

Four wheel driving

Day 9: Rainbow Beach

Meet at the Epic Ocean Adventures shop at the time given on Day 6.

Here you'll have the chance to witness some of the spectacular marine wildlife the Fraser Coast is famous for. You will be treated to a dolphin-watching kayak tour and Great Beach 4WD ride within the Great Sandy National Park. On this three-hour tour you have the chance of seeing bottle nose dolphins, humpback whales (May to November), turtles, manta rays, sting rays, soldier crabs and an array of marine bird life.

Make sure you bring along your swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, water, camera, a dry change of clothes and any snacks you may wish to eat.

Frasers on Rainbow - Includes breakfast and dinner.

Dolphin-watching kayak tour

Great Beach 4WD ride

Day 10: Rainbow Beach to Emu Park

Meet your Loka guide at 7am outside of Frasers on Rainbow.

We hop in our bus in Rainbow Beach and head to Tin Can Bay to see wild dolphins up close. We then head back to Noosa where we have a couple of hours to explore or relax on the beach. We travel to Rockhampton then get met by a local bus, which takes you to Emus Beach Resort. We are welcomed onto the resort and find out more about our Loka Treasure Island Experience on day 13, but not before we prepare for our overnight stay on a working cattle station and farm tomorrow.

Emu's Beach Resort - Includes

Dolphin feeding at Tin Can Bay

Day 11: Myella Farm Stay

Meet at Emu's Beach Resort reception at 5:30am.

Depart bright and early to travel to Rockhampton where a member of the Myella family will pick you up, share information about the farm and its history, and advise what you can experience over the coming days.

Ride your horse through the wide open fields where you can ride very close to cattle and kangaroos, enjoy a buffet style salad lunch and sign up for the motorbike training.

In the afternoon join the cow milking team and enjoy an outback sunset to finish the day around the campfire to relax with a home-made beer. Dinner is served in the outdoor dining area.

Myella Farm Stay - includes lunch and dinner

Included: Horse riding, cow milking, chicken feeding, 4WD farm tour, lasso and whip-cracking lessons

Day 12: Myella Farm Stay

Take an early morning walk to see the sunrise and wild kangaroos before joining the family for breakfast. Feed the chickens, help sort the milking cows and learn to feed and saddle your own horse. Today you will ride a different route over the 2600 acre farm. After lunch take the 4WD farm tour or lasso and whip-cracking lessons, or ride the motorbike for something different. Chill in the pool in the afternoon heat before leaving around 4:30pm to make your way back to Rockhampton and Emu park.

*Emus Beach Resort - includes lunch
Horse riding, Chicken feeding, 4WD, Cow Milking, Lasso & Whip Cracking Lessons*

Day 13: Great Keppel Island

Once you leave the Myella farm, you'll head to Great Keppel Island. Here you'll participate in our "Treasure Island Adventure" on Great Keppel Island and its 17 stunning beaches (return ferry included). Relax or have a go at the optional water activities (snorkeling/kayaking etc) before taking part in the some fun challenges with your guide to win some treasure.

We head back to the mainland late afternoon with a quick stop to go on a walk to Bluff Point and evening meal before returning to the comfort of your accommodation.

*Emu Beach Resort - Includes dinner
Treasure Island Adventure, Bluff Point Walk, Optional: Snorkeling, kayaking*

Day 14: Emu Park to Airlie Beach

Meet at 8:30pm at Emu Park Reception.

After a busy few days we take a little time to relax, play Aussie lawn bowls or visit the local crocodile farm (both extra cost). Meet for dinner before we catch the train in the evening and travel overnight to Airlie Beach. We travel in a modern train with large reclining seats, a bar and a dining carriage. We get into a town called Proserpine in the morning then take a local bus in to Airlie Beach – the gateway to the beautiful Whitsunday Islands where you will have time to store your luggage before your Whitsundays day trip.

*Overnight train with reclining seats - includes dinner
Aussie Lawn Bowls or Croc Farm (extra)*

Day 15: Whitsunday Islands to Whitehaven Beach

Today provides an exhilarating ride to world famous Whitehaven Beach, pristine snorkeling reefs and guided Whitsunday Island National Park walks. Visit the Northern and Southern ends of Whitehaven Beach, spending at least two hours relaxing or exploring the 7km of white silica sand.

Walk to the Southern Whitehaven lookout with breathtaking views of Pentecost Island, join the guided walks to Hill Inlet lookout and snorkel for an hour enjoying the amazing hard and soft corals of the fringing reefs. Upon completion of your Whitsundays day trip, you will have the night free to explore Airlie's great nightlife and choice of restaurants.

*Base Backpackers Airlie Beach - includes lunch
Guided walk and snorkelling*

Day 16: Free Day Airlie Beach

Time to relax and enjoy the large lagoon on the esplanade and the many cafes and restaurants in this quaint coastal town.

Base Backpackers Airlie Beach

Day 17: Airlie Beach to Magnetic Island

Meet your Loka guide at 4:25am at the bus stop outside of Base Backpackers

We start early with a local bus to the train, a ferry out to tropical 'Maggie Island', and a local transfer to the accommodation. There is much to explore on the island, as nearly 50% of it is National Park with amazing beaches and abundant wildlife. Your guide will join you on a walk around the Island; otherwise you can do more exploring or just relax by the pool.

*Bungalow Bay Koala Village YHA
Guided Walk*

Day 18: Free Day on Magnetic Island

Relax or visit the wildlife park at the resort (extra cost). Your guide will not be present today.

Bungalow Bay Koala Village YHA Magnetic Island

Day 19: Magnetic Island to Tully Rainforest

Meet your Loka guide at 7:20am outside of the YHA.

We travel back to the mainland on the ferry, travel by train to Tully – getting in at around lunchtime. We travel by bus into the amazing rainforest of Tully Gorge National Park.

Cool off with a swim in a beautiful swimming hole, before a BBQ dinner and stories about the campfire.

*Camping in a campground in a World Heritage Listed rain forest - includes dinner
Swimming*

Day 20: Tully to Cairns

We wake early at our rainforest camp for breakfast and then have an interpretative walk through the forest, learning about the traditional indigenous use of the land. We then travel back to Tully to catch the train north, arriving into Cairns central train station at approximately 4:05pm.

*Gilligans Backpacker Resort - includes breakfast
Rainforest walk with Indigenous guide*

Day 21: Great Barrier Reef

Make your own way to C Finger at Cairns Marlin Marina, check-in directly on the vessel ReefQuest at 8:00am - Vessel will depart promptly at 8:30am

This luxury vessel takes you to the Great Barrier Reef in only 90 minutes for a full day of snorkelling and/or the chance to do up to three dives (extra cost).

Enjoy exclusive moorings at various reefs and a variety of dive sites to ensure minimal environmental impact to the pristine coral formations we visit. Dive sites are frequented by a myriad of tropical and pelagic fish, rays, turtles, (friendly) sharks and the ever-popular Maori Wrasse. There are swim-throughs, wall and drift dives to appeal to every level of diver. Your tour includes a wetsuit or stinger suit, as well as flotation noodles. Crew keep a constant watch over the snorkeling sites, so you can enjoy the wonders of the reef in complete safety.

Return to Cairns where your East Coast adventure comes to an end.

IMPORTANT NOTES: A direct payment of AU\$20.00 Reef Tax and Fuel Levy is to be paid at check in.

*Scuba diving (extra cost)
Snorkeling*