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SYDNEY TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

14 days | Sydney | Brisbane | Sunshine Coast | Rockhampton | Airlie Beach | Townsville | Cairns | Great Barrier Reef

In Sydney's Rocks neighborhood, revisit that historic moment when European settlers first came ashore 200 years ago. Up the scenic coast, learn about Australia's amazingly diverse marine biology. Explore a sand island in Queensland and see the Great Barrier Reef. This is nature's largest living organism, home to 400 kinds of coral and 1,500 species of fish.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 2 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director; 1 walking tour
-  **Entrances:** Sydney Tower; ferry to Watsons Bay; Hyde Park Barracks Museum; "Introduction to Opal in Australia" experience; Sand Island excursion; Capricorn Caves; Whitsunday Island cruise; snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef
-  **Personalized learning guide:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; internal flight; ferry; 11 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily
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Anyone can see the world.

YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your Tour Director in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. Expert local guides will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

— MELISSA, TRAVELER



Via Twitter



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Explore Rockhampton's sprawling streets and Victorian-era buildings



Whitsunday Island

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What you'll experience on your tour

Days 1–2: Fly to Australia

- Cross the International Date Line.

Day 3: Sydney

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Sydney, a stunning, cosmopolitan city of 4.6 million people that boasts world-class beaches, iconic architecture, and breathtaking natural wonders.
- Take a walking tour of the Rocks neighborhood. Situated in the shadow of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, this well-preserved colonial neighborhood marks the spot where Australia's first fleet of European settlers landed in 1788.

Day 4: Sydney

- Take a tour of Sydney.
- Enjoy a bird's-eye view of the city from the observation deck of Sydney Tower. At 1,063 feet, it's the second-tallest building south of the equator.
- Enjoy a ferry ride across the harbor to Watsons Bay, Australia's oldest fishing village.
- Explore the Hyde Park Barracks Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, on a unique tour that brings students face-to-face with Australia's convict heritage.
- Enjoy an "Introduction to Opal in Australia" experience.

Day 5: Sydney

- Enjoy a full day to explore more of Sydney or [explore more of the Sydney Harbor area with a tour of the world-famous Opera House, a visit to Luna Park, and more.](#)

Day 6: Sydney | Brisbane | Sunshine Coast

- Fly to Brisbane.
- Travel to the Sunshine Coast, in the heart of Queensland.
- Australia's second largest state, Queensland is two-and-a-half times the size of Texas and is considered to be Australia's crown jewel. Queensland's natural wonders are world-renowned—the state boasts 200 national parks and five UNESCO World Heritage Sites, most notably the Great Barrier Reef. Queensland is also one of the only places on earth where two World Heritage Sites border one another.

Day 7: Sunshine Coast

- Take a ferry to one of the largest sand islands in the world. The creation of the island sand mass, its dynamic nature, and the aging process of the dunes are superb examples of continuing geological and biological processes. You'll explore an incredible array of rich biodiversity. You are likely to spot hundreds of bird species, including the white-bellied sea eagle, as well as animals such as lizards, bandicoots, sugar gliders, turtles, dolphins, humpback whales, and dugongs.
- Enjoy a full day, 4-wheel drive excursion through sand dunes and sunny beaches while visiting one of Queensland's notable sand islands.
- Take a ferry back to the mainland.

Day 8: Sunshine Coast | Rockhampton

- Travel to Rockhampton, Queensland's administrative and commercial center.
- Explore Rockhampton's sprawling streets and Victorian-era buildings.

Day 9: Rockhampton | Airlie Beach

- Visit the Capricorn Caves.
- Travel to Airlie Beach.

Day 10: Airlie Beach

- Enjoy a full-day cruise through the beautiful Whitsunday Passage and behold views of the archipelago's rugged islands.

Day 11: Airlie Beach | Townsville | Cairns

- Travel via Townsville to Cairns.
- Take a tour of Townsville.

Day 12: Cairns

- Enjoy a full free day to see more of Cairns or [take an excursion to Kuranda: Skyrail train and Pamagirri Rainforest Walkabout.](#)

Day 13: Cairns | Great Barrier Reef

- Take an excursion to the Great Barrier Reef, one of the natural wonders of the world. Stretching 1,240 miles along the Queensland coast, the reef is nature's largest living organism. It is home to 400 kinds of coral, 1,500 species of fish, and 4,000 types of mollusk. Cruise from Cairns via speedy, air-conditioned catamaran to the Great Barrier Reef and be amazed by the dazzling blue of the ocean around you. After mooring at the Reef, you can opt to swim, snorkel, or take a glass-bottomed boat ride to view the incredible scenery of this world, like the electric colours of tropical fish, swaying plants, and exquisite corals.
- Explore more of the Great Barrier Reef or [go snorkeling with a marine biologist.](#)

Day 14: Depart for home

The overall experience was amazing. I went on this trip just to have fun, but I also learned so much about the places I visited. I learned more on this trip than I ever had in history class. This trip showed me that I could travel, whereas before I thought I couldn't. If I could give any advice to people thinking about doing an EF Tour, I would say do it! It was the most amazing experience I have ever had.

– ANNMARIE, TRAVELER

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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.

—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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