

Topdeck

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Topdecker, MEET AUSTRALIA

Ready to surf, sail and island-hop your way along the East Coast of Australia? Yeah, you are! On this unforgettable 14-day adventure you'll spend your time flitting between beautiful beaches, a proper Aussie farm, a national park and the odd World Heritage Site. One thing's for sure - there's no better place to fill up your camera roll and make new friends than 'Straya.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Explorer



Nights



Android/iPhone app
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This is a principal
package.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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PLEASE NOTE: We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Wine tasting and grape stomping in Hunter Valley
- + Surf lesson at Spot X Camp
- + Visit Surfers Paradise
- + Party on the Gold Coast
- + Fraser Island day tour (including Lake McKenzie)
- + Outback Queensland farmstay experience
- + Overnight sailing experience in the Whitsundays
- + Visit Whitehaven Beach
- + Visit Magnetic Island
- + Visit a wildlife park

MORE INCLUSIONS

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- + Surf lesson at Spot X Camp
- + See the Big Banana
- + Orientation tour of Byron Bay
- + Visit Surfers Paradise
- + Party on the Gold Coast
- + Orientation tour of Brisbane
- + Fraser Island day tour (including Lake McKenzie)
- + Sail the Whitsunday Islands
- + Visit Whitehaven Beach
- + Visit Magnetic Island
- + Visit a wildlife park
- + Orientation tour of Cairns

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Sydney
Australia/Pacific

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Cairns
Australia/Pacific

Trip currencies

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Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP
LEADER**

DAY 1 | SYDNEY TO SURF CAMP

What's upppp, Sydney! Meet and greet your fellow Topdeckers in the big city, hop aboard the coach, whizz over the Sydney Harbour Bridge and get pumped for the next two weeks of East Coast awesomeness. Our first stop? We're glad you asked! We'll call in at the Hunter Valley for a spot of wine tasting and grape stomping. After stocking up on a bottle or two, we'll hit the road to Surf Camp. Excitement levels: 100/10.



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Wine tasting and grape stomping in Hunter Valley

DAY 2 | SURF CAMP TO BYRON BAY

Roll out of bed, down that coffee and get ready to hit the waves – an included surf lesson awaits! Whether you're a complete beginner or a seasoned pro, the camp instructors will give you some expert tips that'll have you hanging ten in no time (insert shaka). After we've finished carving up the morning swell, we'll stop for a photo op of big, yellow proportions in Coffs Harbour. Then: onwards to ultra-zen Byron Bay. Get your bearings on an included orientation tour before we set you free to explore. Here you can shop till you drop at cute boutique stores, sip matcha lattes with the locals, perfect your downward dog in a yoga class and party hard on an epic night out - all in the space of 24 hours! Oh - and the beaches are incred here, too.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Lunch



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Surf lesson at Spot X Camp
+ See the Big Banana
+ Orientation tour of Byron Bay

DAY 3 | BYRON BAY

Awww, yeah - you've got a free day in Byron Bay! Anti-McDonalds but pro fresh juice bars, sunny beer gardens and hipster beards, it's no wonder Byron Bay is a traveller hotspot. Why not hit the beach and practise your new surfing skills? Alternatively, you could kayak with dolphins (seriously) or explore the array of funky vegetarian and vegan cafés in town. Want something a little more high-octane? How about freefalling at over 200km/hr from 15,000 feet on an optional skydive? Heck yes! Tonight, grab a perch at the Beach Hotel for some live music and awesome views.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Skydiving in Byron Bay: from \$309.00
+ Surf lesson in Byron Bay: from \$65.00
+ Dolphin kayaking in Byron Bay: from \$69.00

DAY 4 | BYRON BAY TO GOLD COAST

Down one last chai latte in Byron Bay before we roll onto Australia's playground: the Gold Coast. New state alert! Known for its golden beaches, trendy restaurants and theme parks, Queensland's GC has something for everyone. We'll hit up glitzy Surfers Paradise and get a chance to see why the nightlife here is up there with the best in the country. Enjoy it while you can - tomorrow, we're island-bound.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Surfers Paradise
- + Party on the Gold Coast

DAY 5 | GOLD COAST TO FRASER ISLAND

On our way to Fraser Island, we'll swing by the state capital: Brisbane. We'll cruise along the mighty Brisbane River and past prominent historic buildings and the pretty South Bank on an orientation tour before cracking on to our next destination. Have you turned your watch to island time? Breathe in the fresh air and relax - you've got two nights on rugged Fraser Island to look forward to. Make sure you keep your eyes peeled for the resident dingoes! Please note: As space is limited, we ask that you pack a small overnight bag to take with you to Fraser Island. Pack items like swimmers, a beach towel, chargers, a hat, sunscreen, a camera, a jacket, toiletries, sandals/flip flops and casual clothes for two days.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Orientation tour of Brisbane

DAY 6 | FRASER ISLAND (GUIDED FULL DAY TOUR)

Rise and shine! We've got a full-day guided tour of this beautiful island on the agenda today. It'll be love at first sight as you hit up gorgeous Lake McKenzie and 75 Mile Beach, visit the Maheno Shipwreck and coloured sands of the pinnacles, explore awe-inspiring rainforest and splash in the fresh waters of Eli Creek. And if that wasn't enough, there's a yummy buffet lunch included, too. Prefer a view from above? There's an optional scenic flight on offer if you're keen. Tonight, we'll share pics, crack open a cold one and watch the sunset. What. A. Day.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Fraser Island day tour (including Lake McKenzie)



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Scenic flight over Fraser Island: from \$80.00

DAY 7 | FRASER ISLAND TO FARM STAY

Wash the salt from your hair and wave goodbye to the coast this morning as we roll onto Myella Farm. Think: stunning landscapes, tonnes of wildlife and plenty of country hospitality. Pinch yourself - staying on a working cattle farm is as unique as it gets!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 8 | FARM STAY

Embrace your inner jackaroo (or jillaroo) and prepare to get stuck into farm life! First up: we'll learn how to crack a whip and milk a cow like a real station hand. Later, you can opt in to explore the farm on horseback, or simply kick back by the pool. This evening, we'll dust off the red dirt and enjoy another delicious meal made with home-grown ingredients. Yum!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Horse riding at Myella Farm: from \$80.00

DAY 9 | FARM STAY TO WHITSUNDAYS SAILING

Stayed overnight on a yacht before? There's a first time for everything! Get ready to indulge in a spot of stargazing as you sail the beautiful Whitsunday Islands. It's a tough life! Please note: As space on the yacht is limited, we ask that you pack a small overnight bag to take with you. Pack items like swimmers, a beach towel, chargers, a hat, sunscreen, a camera, a jacket, toiletries, sandals/flip flops and casual clothes for two days. Twin/double/single upgrades are not available for overnight sailing in the Whitsunday Islands.

MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 10 | AIRLIE BEACH

Sun. Sand. Sea. Does it get better than this? Shorten your bucket list with a visit to Whitehaven Beach and get ready to swim, sunbathe and snorkel the day away. Then: grab a last pic of paradise before we head back to Airlie Beach. The nightlife here is a traveller's dream. It'd be rude not to get out there and enjoy it...

MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Sail the Whitsunday Islands
- + Visit Whitehaven Beach

DAY 11 | AIRLIE BEACH TO MAGNETIC ISLAND

Down that coffee - we're off on another island getaway! After making tracks to Townsville, we'll hop on a short ferry ride to Magnetic Island (with plenty of pretty views en route). Relax and recharge, seek out hidden beaches and hikes, or snorkel the fringing reef. This place is a little slice of secluded paradise! Tonight, we'll rest our heads in bungalows surrounded by eucalyptus trees. Bliss.

MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Magnetic Island

DAY 12 | MAGNETIC ISLAND TO CAIRNS

Before leaving, we've got a visit to a wildlife park lined up for you. Get ready for lizards, native birds and koalas! Once you've snapped your koala selfie we'll make tracks to Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Get your bearings on an orientation tour, then tonight's all yours. Take a stroll around the markets, get out and experience some of the East Coast's best nightlife or hit up the local restaurants for some delicious local seafood. Yum!

MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit a wildlife park
- + Orientation tour of Cairns

DAY 13 | CAIRNS

You've got two days to play with in Cairns - and plenty of optional activities to choose from! Start off with an optional Great Barrier Reef trip for the chance to snorkel or scuba dive this incredible natural wonder. You might see turtles, reef sharks and Nemo! This place is special, trust us. Tonight, swap stories with your trip buddies over a group dinner. Quick! Grab one last group photo, we'll be saying farewell tomorrow. *sad face* Please note: Pre-book your Great Barrier Reef day trip at the time of booking to secure your spot.

MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Great Barrier Reef day trip: from \$165.00

DAY 14 | CAIRNS

After breakfast, say bye to your trip mates and swap those digits. We know you'll be back. Sticking around? Today there's an optional bungee jump or a high octane jungle swing if you're game. Or, if you're after something a little more chill, why not spend the day exploring the Daintree Rainforest - it's World Heritage listed for a reason. Phew! What a trip!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Bungee jumping in Cairns: from \$179.00
- + Skydiving in Cairns: from \$309.00
- + Tully River day trip: from \$199.00
- + Minjin swinging in Cairns: from \$129.00
- + Go Wild Tour in Cairns: from \$175.00
- + Jungle surfing in Cairns: from \$274.00

Meals

Please note that drinks are not included with meals, except at breakfast where coffee, tea and/or juice may be included. If you wish to purchase drinks at dinner you may do so at your own expense.

If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book, or make note of this in the Topdeck App when you check in (refer below). However, please be aware that although we will do everything in our power to arrange it, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we use will be able to cater to all dietary needs. We also cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

Topdeck Travel App

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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Passenger safety

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and

if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended. It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

OTHER INFORMATION



THAT'S IT!