Pre and Post Congress Tours

PRE TOUR
Hunter Valley Overnight Experience 2 Days/1 Night
Dates: 11th – 12th October, 2017
Tour Cost:
AUD$495 per person based on double occupancy
AUD$612 per person based on single occupancy

The Hunter Valley is Australia's oldest and most well-known wine region, and renowned in particular for its Semillon & Shiraz. Located just two hours drive from Sydney, the serene beauty and tranquility of the area give the Hunter Valley the feeling of quiet country charm.

The first stop is at the Australia Reptile Park, where in a delightful setting surrounded by kangaroos, wallabies and pademelons, you will enjoy morning tea/coffee.

Visit a 5-star winery nestled in the Mount View region of the Hunter Valley, a well renowned viticulture area. Sample exquisite wines in your own private area. Continue onto Leogate Estate. This opulent cellar door is the perfect place to enjoy that unique taste which only the Hunter Valley and their award winning wines can provide. All wines produced from the great vines of one of the most highly regarded vineyards in Australia. Enjoy a selection of cheeses to accompany the wine tasting, followed by a tour of the onsite winery to learn of the wine making process. On conclusion of the tour enjoy a relaxing two course lunch (selection of platters, followed by dessert of choice) accompanied by a glass of wine.

After lunch arrive at your accommodation at the Hunter Resort with the remainder of the afternoon free at leisure..

In the morning on Day Two there is more time at leisure. Lunch today is at your leisure. You are collected at approximately 1.30 - 2.30pm to re-join the tour and return to Sydney. 
Tour includes one night’s accommodation at Hunter Resort, breakfast on Day 2, Sydney hotel pickup and drop off, small group touring, morning tea and wildlife park entry, lunch on Day 1, Wine and Cheese Pairing. The Tour Managers will assist with relevant timing details to ensure full participation.
PRE TOUR
Discover Australia’s Red Centre 3 Days/2 Nights
Dates: 10th – 12th October, 2017
Tour Cost:
AUD$2,755 per person based on double occupancy
AUD$4,700 per person based on single occupancy

Renowned as the spiritual heart of Australia, the Red Centre in the Northern Territory is rich in Aboriginal culture and rugged outback beauty. Dual World Heritage-listed Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is a living cultural landscape. Australia’s most recognisable natural icon and one of the world’s largest monoliths, Uluru (Ayers Rock) is the region’s gem and the iconic, sacred red domes of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) stand nearby.

Delve into the foundation of Anangu culture – Tjukurpa and learn some of the ancient creation stories of the traditional custodians; explore the stunning flora and fauna and come face to face with this irresistible land in a sensory experience at once magic, majestic and splendidly isolated.

Enjoy two nights accommodation at the luxurious Longitude 131°, which lies at the gateway to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and faces the fabled Uluru. Meticulously designed, each of the 15 elevated luxury tent style dwellings offer floor to ceiling windows for viewing the dramatic sunrise and sunset. As one of only a select number of guests, awake to your own private view of the sun rising over Uluru.

Tour includes return Ayers Rock airport transfers, two nights accommodation at Longitude 131°, all dining, open bar with premium wines and spirits, in-suite bar and signature touring experiences. Flights to and from Ayers Rock are not included in the tour price and should be booked by the delegate. The Tour Managers will assist with relevant timing details to ensure full participation.
Saffire Freycinet is an Australian luxury coastal sanctuary on Tasmania’s East Coast, delivering sophisticated and intimate style and an inspirational experience. Discreetly positioned overlooking the Hazards Mountains, Freycinet Peninsula and the pristine waters of Great Oyster Bay, Saffire blends mankind and nature with breath taking beauty.

All Saffire’s 20 suites are luxuriously appointed, featuring the best in design and furnishings and capturing the unique nature of the surrounding coastline. The suites are designed to provide guests with the utmost privacy while taking in the magnificent views of the Hazards Mountains, crystal-clear blue waters and white sandy beaches. Featuring an exclusive day spa, restaurant, guest lounge and bar, this experience is a celebration of the art of service, internal and external wellbeing, local culinary delights, ancient landscapes and abundant wildlife.

With the Freycinet National Park on the doorstep, there’s a world of deserted islands, wild bushland and secluded beaches to explore. Saffire has developed a range of activities to suit all ages and interests, from bushwalks to gourmet picnics in remote locations and quad biking through the national park.

Saffire is located mid-way along Tasmania’s beautiful East Coast, just two and a half hours’ scenic drive from Hobart. Hobart is 105 minute flight from Sydney.

Tour includes three nights accommodation at Saffire, breakfast, lunch and dinner, lunch and dinner dining beverages (not including premium ranges), self-serve Lounge Bar beverages until 6.00pm, In-Suite mini bar, $100 spa credit, selected activities, one way helicopter transfer and one way private chauffeur driven transfer from Hobart. Flights to and from Hobart are not included in the tour price and should be booked by the delegate. The Tour Managers will assist with relevant timing details to ensure full participation.
POST TOUR
Blue Mountains Overnight Experience
Dates: 18th – 19th October, 2017
Tour Cost:
AUD$830 per person based on double occupancy
AUD$1168 per person based on single occupancy

The Blue Mountains Canyons and Wildlife Discovery is a real journey into the heart of a unique World Heritage Region just two hours drive west of Sydney. The first stop is at Featherdale Wildlife Park. Get up close and personal, stroke a koala and hand feed kangaroos, wallabies and emus. Travel through picturesque villages, see spectacular views and waterfalls in the Blue Mountains National park. Enjoy some short walks to lookout points and hear about the unique Australian forest species.

At approximately midday arrive at your overnight accommodation, Lilianfels Blue Mountains Resort & Spa. Surrounded by 2 acres of gardens, the 5-star Lilianfels Blue Mountains Resort & Spa is a grand country house providing luxurious accommodations in the Blue Mountains. It features 2 restaurants, an outdoor pool and luxury spa facilities.

Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to explore at your own pace. (Lunch own cost today).

After a relaxing morning and breakfast at leisure on Day Two, you are collected at approximately midday. Travel around the mountain towards the village of Blackheath and the lunch venue at the historic Hydro Majestic. The afternoon is spent visiting a selection of lookouts including the famous Govetts Leap with sweeping views down the valley to the Grose Wilderness. The last stop is at the delightful Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens where we stop to enjoy the sweeping views across to Sydney and enjoy a glass of sparkling wine before travelling down the Bells Line of Road to Sydney.

Tour includes one night’s accommodation at Lilianfels Blue Mountains Resort and Spa, breakfast on Day 2, Sydney hotel pickup and drop off, small group touring, wildlife park entry, National Park Fees, Lunch and Glass of Sparkling Wine on Day 2. The Tour Managers will assist with relevant timing details to ensure full participation.
POST TOUR
Capella Lodge, Lord Howe Island
Dates: 18th – 21st October, 2017
Tour Cost:
AUD$2,592 per person based on double occupancy
AUD$4,212 per person based on single occupancy

Lord Howe Island is a ‘treasure island’ of extraordinary contrasts, with rugged volcanic peaks, lush forests, rolling surf and serene lagoons. Encircled by the world’s southern-most coral reef and inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List, Lord Howe Island is recognised for its pristine natural heritage, around 75% of the island is permanently preserved as Marine Park and subtropical rainforest.

Located just 700 kilometres northeast of Sydney, this tiny, breathtakingly beautiful island is just 11 kilometres long and 2.8 kilometres at widest. Flights are an easy 1 hour and 50 minutes from Sydney with clear views over the Pacific Ocean and the world’s southern-most coral reef.

Capella Lodge rests above the tiny, secret beach at Lovers Bay and at the foot of the imperious twin peaks, Mounts Gower and Lidgbird. Guests are captivated by mesmerising views of the mountains and turquoise lagoon stretching to the horizon from the Lodge’s indoor and outdoor lounging areas, the restaurant and suites. This premium boutique accommodation affords a civilised and sophisticated escape. Capella’s contemporary cuisine, first name service, relaxed sophistication and intimate surrounds combine to deliver a unique and exclusive experience.

On this three night escape take to rainforest walking tracks and explore remote rocky coves alive with magnificent birdlife or valleys brimming with ancient plants. Climb to the summit of Mt Gower, rated as one of the world’s best day walks or comb for shells on pristine white-sanded beaches. Play a round at Lord Howe’s picturesque 18 hole golf course or take time to indulge, unwind and revitalize in the petite Capella Spa.

Tour includes three nights’ accommodation at Capella Lodge, gourmet breakfast, sunset drinks (including canapés), dinner with inspired daily menu, open bar with premium wines and spirits from 6pm daily, non alcoholic beverages, selected in-suite bar# and island airport transfers. Flights to and from Lord Howe Island are not included in the tour price and should be booked by the delegate. The Tour Managers will assist with relevant timing details to ensure full participation. Capella Lodge has only 9 suites, so please book early to avoid disappointment.
POST TOUR
Lizard Island and Great Barrier Reef  
4 Days/3 Nights

Dates: 18th – 21st October, 2017

Tour Cost:
AUD$7,015 per person based on double occupancy
AUD$12,945 per person based on single occupancy

Lizard Island is truly secluded from the rest of the world. With 24 powdery-white beaches and 40 luxurious suites, it is the most northern resort in tropical Queensland and is located directly on the Great Barrier Reef.

A National Park covering 1,013 hectares with 24 sandy beaches and a lagoon, Lizard Island is accessible only by private charter from Cairns Airport in northern Queensland, Australia. Cairns Airport is accessible from all major Australian airports and directly from some cities in Asia.

The island is reserved for the fortunate few who will experience an unforgettable holiday like no other. Enjoy secluded picnics and sunset beach degustation on private beaches, five star cuisine in the beautiful Salt Water restaurant and indulgent spa treatments in the Essential Day Spa. Relax in style in premium accommodation and take in the wonders of Australia’s Great Barrier Reef – right on your doorstep.

Enjoy three nights luxurious accommodation, snorkel the reef right off the beach, explore world renowned dive sites such as Cod Hole which is described on Australia's top dive site or rebalance and rejuvenate enjoy the day spa. Lizard Island ranks number 3 among top hotels in Travel + Leisure's 2013 World’s Best Beach Hotels Awards, so doing absolutely nothing but relaxing on the beach is always an option!

Tours includes shared road transfer from Cairns Airport to private terminal, return scenic fixed wing flight from Cairns to Lizard Island and three nights accommodation at Lizard Island. Nightly room rate includes gourmet meals, unlimited non alcoholic beverages, selected fine Australian wines, beer, spirits and sparkling wine, in room mini bar, picnic hampers, use of non motorised water sports and motorised dinghies. Additional charges apply for Cocktails, the Cellar Master list, Degustation menus. Flights to and from Cairns are not included in the tour price and should be booked by the delegate. The Tour Managers will assist with relevant timing details to ensure full participation.
POST TOUR
True North Cruise – The Whale Sharks of Cenderawasih Bay 10 Days/9 Nights
Darwin/West Papua/Darwin
Dates: 19th – 28th October, 2017
Tour Cost:
- Ocean Class Cabin - AUD$17,215 per person based on double occupancy
- Ocean Class Cabin - AUD$27,745 per person based on single occupancy
- River Class Cabin - AUD$21,215 per person based on double occupancy
- River Class Cabin - AUD$34,145 per person based on single occupancy
- Explorer Class Cabin - AUD$24,215 per person based on double occupancy
- Explorer Class Cabin - AUD$38,945 per person based on single occupancy

Snorkel and dive perhaps the richest waters of all!

Day 1 – 19th October, 2017
Fly from Sydney to Darwin (please book your own flights in and out of Darwin, at your own expense). Upon arrival Darwin Airport you be met at the airport and transferred to your accommodation for the next two nights at the Hilton Darwin.

Enjoy the remainder of the day and evening at your leisure.
Day 2 – 20th October, 2017
Following breakfast at the hotel, today is at leisure to explore the city of Darwin and its surrounds at your leisure. *(Please contact the Tour Managers if you would like to arrange a sightseeing activity today).*

Day 3 – 21st October, 2017
Your cruise adventure begins amidst the tropical charm of Darwin. After collection from your hotel, our attentive crew members will escort you aboard North Star’s chartered aircraft for the short flight to Sorong. Enjoy a welcome aboard cocktail as we set sail on a journey through the very heart of the ‘Coral Triangle’ - the world’s most biodiverse marine region.

West Papua’s coastal areas encompass more than 275,000 km² of land and sea including the Cenderawasih Bay Marine Park - the largest marine park in Indonesia and, setting for one of the most unique animal encounters on the planet!

Day 4 – 22nd October, 2017
Mapia Atoll is a very remote and exquisite coral atoll seldom visited by tourists. Located north of the equator and lying basically in the middle of nowhere, the atoll presents classic opportunity to indulge in nature’s tropical ocean splendour. Vertical walls rise several thousand feet from the ocean floor and come alive with brilliant soft corals, gorgonians, sponges, a myriad of tropical fish and a dense population of green and hawksbill turtles. The area also has an enviable reputation for light game fishing! Snorkel, dive and fish to your hearts content!

Day 5 – 23rd October, 2017
Today we visit Pulau Num and Palau Swande. These highly picturesque islands offer another day of spectacular snorkelling, diving, beach-combing and fishing. Take an expedition boat ride through the bays of Pulau Num where the locals live in huts stilted over the water and soak-up the stunning tropical scenery at Palau Swande. After lunch our local guides will give an informative presentation on what makes Cenderawasih Bay so biologically and culturally unique. At the end of the day stroll along your very own beach, indulge in a refreshing beverage and watch the sun set in paradise!

Day 6 – 24th October, 2017
The Auri Islands offer the most beautiful clear-water snorkelling and diving in Cenderawasih Bay, as well as some of the most beautiful (and uninhabited!) white sand beaches in West Papua. Revel in breath taking snorkelling and diving on the sheer walls of Tridacna Atoll (named for the plethora of giant clams on the reef ) and again at Wild Fish Reef. After lunch, we’ll be treated to an informative presentation on what to expect when we encounter tomorrow’s giants and then everyone will be given the opportunity to enjoy a mid-afternoon heli ride over Auri’s spectacular karst islands. Later in the day, snorkel over a trio of American WWII fighter jets mysteriously sunk in formation in only a few metres of water. End the day with beach drinks on our very own pristine sand spit as the setting sun turns the Cenderawasih sky to fire.

Days 7 and 8 – 25th and 26th October, 2017
The whale shark (Rhincodon typus) is the biggest fish in the sea! They feed predominately on plankton (although in Cenderawasih they’ve taken a liking to small baitfish!) and can grow to more than 12 metres in length. There are several places in the world where snorkelers can seek out a close encounter with these gentle giants - however we are pretty sure that nothing compares to a whale shark encounter in Cenderawasih Bay!

Most encounters with whale sharks are fleeting – although they mostly swim slowly, mouths open and gulping buckets of microscopic plankton – they don’t have any trouble cruising past even the most determined snorkeler. But not in Cenderawasih Bay – here whale sharks linger close to the surface for extended periods and the reason for this unusual behaviour is not difficult to appreciate – they have long become accustomed to taking advantage of small fish that spill from the nets of
local fishermen. This ‘learnt behaviour’ provides even the most inexperienced snorkeler with a unique opportunity to truly interact with these mammoth fish.

Join the crew for many ‘once in a lifetime’ experiences!

Two days will also afford ample opportunity to explore further afield. The Cenderawasih Marine Park features over 15,000km² of relatively undisturbed marine and coastal habitat and the extensive coral reefs rank amongst the finest in the world. Cenderawasih is renowned for its diversity of coral reef fish species. Over 1040 species inhabit the park including numerous species of colourful butterfly fish, angelfish, damselfish, parrotfish, rabbitfish and anemone fish. Renowned Australian ichthyologist Dr. Gerald Allen has called Cenderawasih the “Galapagos of the East” in reference to the numerous endemic species of fish and coral and also because local evolution seems to be heading very much on its own trajectory! Species of mollusc are also particularly diverse and four species of turtle are often seen - the hawksbill turtle (Eretmochelys imbricata), the green turtle (Chelonia mydas), the Pacific ridley turtle (Lepidochelys olivacea), and the leatherback turtle (Dermochelys coriacea). Dugong (Dugong dugon), coconut crab (Birgus latro), dolphin and various shark species are other frequently sighted inhabitants.

**Day 9 - 27th October, 2017**

Roon Island is known for its excellent and varied dive sites, beautiful shallow snorkelling reefs, friendly villagers and stunning aerial scenery. Begin the day with either an energizing snorkel on the lovely reefs of the Numamuran Strait or a dive at the southern end of Roon – where a Zero fighter lies on a hard coral slope in just 12 metres of water and green turtle, barracuda and surgeonfish are known to swim alongside equally curious divers. After morning tea have another go at snorkelling or diving on the unique underwater geological formations or take a heli flight and enjoy the view from above. In the afternoon join a walk around the village at Yende and discover the local culture – the village church contains a bible that dates back to 1898!

Then all too soon we’ll steam east into the Auri islands for one last reflective moment with your fellow-adventurers - celebrate an adventure-packed Cenderawasih sojourn with farewell sunset drinks on the beach!

**Day 10 – 28th October, 2017**

Enjoy breakfast on-board before a private car transfer to Biak Airport and your chartered flight back to Darwin.

Upon arrival at Darwin, connect with your ongoing departure flight (flight to be booked by delegate at own expense).

*Tour includes return airport transfer in Darwin, two night’s accommodation at Hilton Darwin including daily breakfast, return charter flights ex Darwin to Sorong in West Papua. The cruise includes everything from daily activities, swimming, fishing and hiking, to dining and non-alcoholic beverages. The only items not included in the cruise fare are scenic helicopter flights, merchandise and alcohol. Flights to and from Darwin are not included in the tour price and should be booked by the delegate. The Tour Managers will assist with relevant timing details to ensure full participation.*
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