

Easter in Sydney and the Blue Mountains

Join in the joyous occasions with your friends as we venture to the Blue Mountains in New South Wales and of course indulge in some shopping in the picturesque harbour front city of Sydney. The Sydney city centre comes alive at Easter time and it is a great chance to explore it for its famous sights; Opera House, Sydney Harbour, Botanical Gardens, Olympic Park and Bondi Beach. We experience the finest of the Blue Mountains over 2 nights including gorges, caves and gardens. The skyway will carry us across the Blue Mountains, 270 metres in the air. We will tour and discover the history and settlement of the Blue Mountains across numerous sites and indulge in its tea houses.

Tour details:

- **\$2995**/person twin share
- **Thurs 18 April to Tues 23 April 2019**
- 6 Days / 5 Nights
- Minimum 10 Passengers
- \$650.00 single supplement
- \$500 deposit required (non-refundable)

Tour Price Includes:

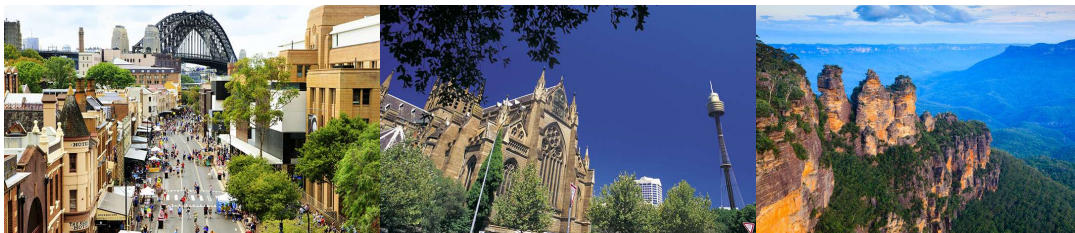
- Return Economy Flights Launceston to Sydney
- Luxury coach travel
- 5 nights 3-4-star accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary
- All entry fees & guides as per Itinerary

Tour highlights:

Opera House Tour
Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise
Sydney Botanic Gardens
Chinatown
Hop On Hop Off Double Decker Bus
Norman Lindsay Gallery
Three Sisters
Scenic Skyway
Hartley Historic House
Mayfield Garden Autumn Festival
Jenolan Cave
Everglade Historic House
Blue Mountains Chocolate Company
Waradah Performance
Sydney Olympic Park
Bondi Beach

Exclusions:

- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic and aerated drinks



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Detailed Itinerary:

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice

Day 1 – Thursday 18th April

Included Meals: Dinner

Home to Sydney

This morning our Coach will collect you from your home and transfer you to the Launceston Airport to meet your guide and start your Easter Weekend away. Landing in Sydney early afternoon, we head into the heart of the city for a tour of the spectacular Opera House. We then check into our Hotel to relax and freshen up before we head to Darling Harbour for an enjoyable Dinner Cruise on the harbour.

Overnight: Grace Hotel

Day 2 – Friday 19th April

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Good Friday in Sydney

We board the coach for a full day in Sydney, starting with a visit to admire the Autumn colours of the Sydney Botanical Gardens and enjoy some morning tea in the park including hot cross buns. Late morning, we transfer to Chinatown where we can immerse in the culture of this busy little strip, and discover the trinkets, cuisine and lifestyle of the Chinese, here you can purchase lunch. Afterwards we travel to Circular Quay where we then have a chance to discover Sydney's hot spots by jumping on the Hop On Hop Off Double Decker Bus to visit the highlights at our own pace including the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Sydney Opera House, Circular Quay, The Rocks, Darling Harbour, Sydney Fish Market, King Street Wharf and Pyrmont Bridge. You may wish to visit places such as Madam Tussauds or The Sydney Tower Eye at your own expense or just enjoy the 90minute tour. Tonight we will enjoy a Good Friday Dinner tonight as a group.

Overnight: Grace Hotel

Day 3 – Saturday 20th April

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Sydney to Katoomba

Checking out of our Sydney accommodation we head to Katoomba in the Blue Mountains. This morning we will visit the Norman Lindsay Gallery, a controversial artist and author in his time, Norman Lindsay's home now serves as a gallery of his many works. His paintings adorn the walls and his sculptures can be found in the beautiful gardens, including characters from the children's classic "The Magic Pudding". We travel to Echo Point and the Three sisters to take in the views at the lookouts and enjoy a 2-course lunch at the Lookout Restaurant in the heart of the Blue Mountains. After lunch we indulge ourselves at Blue Mountains Chocolate Company. The sightseeing continues with a visit to Katoomba Falls and the Scenic Skyway, providing 360° views, suspended 270 metres above ancient ravines, this journey provides the best views of Katoomba Falls, the Three Sisters, and Jamison Valley stretching to the horizon. After that exhilarating experience, we check into our Katoomba Hotel where we will have dinner.

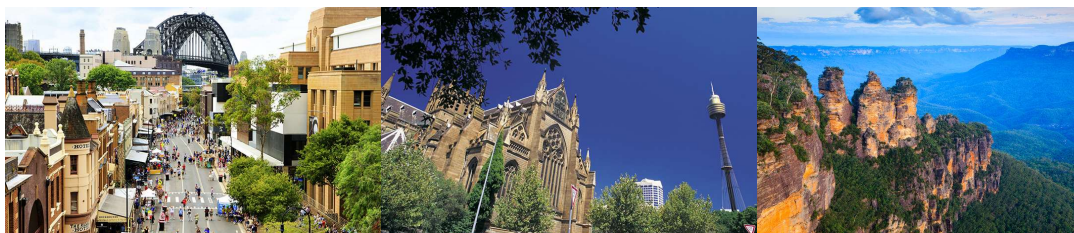
Overnight: The Carrington, Blue Mountains

Day 4 – Sunday 21st April

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Katoomba, Blue Mountains

Today we step into the historic inland settlement among the sandstone buildings of Hartley Historic Site, on the western edge of the Blue Mountains. Set among pastures, orchards, native plants and nineteenth and twentieth-century cottage gardens, the village's lovely sandstone buildings preserve an important piece of history: the settlement of inland Australia. Seventeen buildings tell the story of the village, from the 1837 Greek Revival courthouse to Corneys Garage, built in 1945 of timber and iron. Explore the artefacts and family histories, find out about the region's past at the visitor centre, or enjoy a picnic in the absolute serenity of historic Hartley on a self-guided tour. We visit the Mayfield Garden Autumn Festival with its exclusive adjacent Hawkins Family Garden, which is



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only open 16 days a season. Lunch today will be a picnic from the coach, courtesy of our Driver and Guide. This afternoon we transfer to Jenolan to do the Imperial Cave Tour which displays some skeleton remains of a Tasmanian Devil and Wallabies which were discovered when excavating the cave. After the tour we return to our Hotel for a late Dinner.

Overnight: The Carrington, Blue Mountains

Day 5 – Monday 22nd April

Katoomba to Sydney

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

We head back to Sydney today, but first we will visit the Nationals Trust Site, Everglade Historic House and Gardens for a guided tour. We treat ourselves to a morning tea at one of the local tea rooms. Before departing the Blue Mountains, we enjoy a Waradah performance. The Waradah performance demonstrates aspects of Australia's rich Indigenous culture, as well as details of our Bush Rangers, including the infamous, Ned Kelly, Gold Rush and ANZAC heritage in full period costume. Continuing our journey back to Sydney, we will provide a lunch stop on our way back with a visit to Sydney Olympic Park. Here will we have a guided tour of ANZ Stadium that will give you unrivalled access to exclusive, behind-the-scenes areas of the largest ever Olympic Stadium. Non-sports fans will also enjoy this amazing insight into the operations of an 83,500 seat Stadium! We stay again tonight at the Grace Hotel.

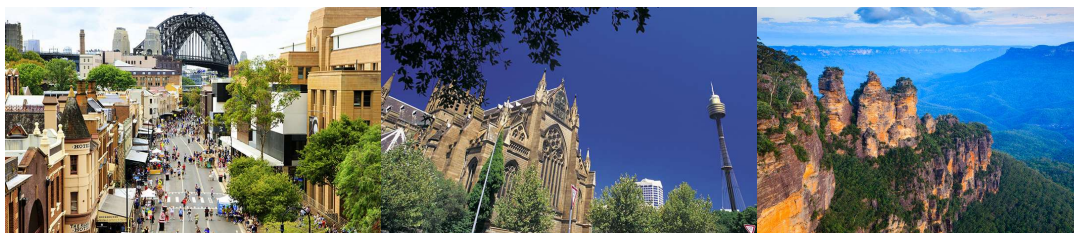
Overnight: The Grace Hotel

Day 6 – Tuesday 23rd April

Sydney to Launceston

Included Meals: Breakfast

After an amazing long weekend away, we check out of Sydney head to Bondi Beach to take in the coastal views of this famous beach and its Surf Life Saving Club. We then give you an opportunity to do some shopping at a local Westfield before moving onto the Airport and heading home. Landing in Launceston you will once again be dropped off at your home, with some new memories after your Sydney and Blue Mountains Experience.



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Why travel with McDermotts Travel Club

McDermott's Travel Club offers a unique door to door, fully inclusive service. Our Travel Club has been operating successfully for 35 years. A local family business, we deliver our services in the best quality coaches with professional caring drivers and tour guides. Providing a personal touch, when you book with McDermott's, you travel with McDermott's. Our Drivers, Guides and staff ensure you have the very best experience – understanding your needs and wants for each tour allows us to make the necessary arrangements ahead of time, and then adjust as we go to ensure you have the most comfortable care free experience while we work hard to go above and beyond your expectations. We plan each tour with the consideration of our client's needs, we make the tour accessible, interesting and educational for our demographic. Based on duration of tour and capacity of coach we can restrict how many passengers we book on to a tour, so everyone is comfortable in the space provided and the Driver and Guide are not overwhelmed.

We, at McDermott's, pride ourselves in securing the best itinerary to provide the most appropriate meals, attractions and accommodation throughout and mindful that you are getting the best value for money.

Expectations on the tour

We establish an open channel of communication with you from the first stage of enquiry, so you come to know what to expect when you travel with us. We mail out a travel pack to you - or host an information session - in the lead up to departure so you can familiarize yourself with your upcoming tour and we can clarify any concerns prior to travel. Our tours are not just about visiting sights or driving you to and from attractions – we want you to remember the places we go for the unique things you learnt about them or experienced while you were there, the food you ate, the people you were with and the care and attention provided by our Driver and Guide with all aspects of your time away. While we plan the tours to run smoothly, on time and without hiccups – we cannot prepare for everything and in the event of a less than fulfilling experience, whether it be some attractions that don't run to schedule or just bad luck for the weather we will amend the itinerary to what we feel will provide you with a comparable experience.

Accommodation standard

We aim to secure 3 & 4-star accommodation or higher, in some instances the standards may be less, particularly when travelling through areas with limited options. We try to ensure that each room has an ensuite bathroom with a walk-in shower (occasionally showers are over a bath or spa on rare occasions) – or in some remote areas there may be the need to share. All accommodation rates are based on twin share with 2 beds in a room. Single supplements are normally allowed and will be described in the pricing detail subject to cost and availability. Doubles can be made up as required.

We select the accommodation with you in mind. Location is important to the activities or travel time on adjacent days, with a preference for onsite restaurant for meal purposes. We are mindful of accommodation that is accessible, for guests and coach parking when possible, with room availability and relevant configurations – so the whole group can stay in one location, in the same standard of room.

If you would prefer to travel twin share, but do not have someone to travel with we will endeavor to match you with a likeminded traveler and encourage you to meet up prior to departure to determine you are suitable roommates.

Meals

Breakfast is normally included with accommodation with buffet style and a variation of continental or cooked breakfast, from time to time there may be off the menu breakfasts.

Where lunch is included it will be as part of an attraction, across select cafes, convenient locations or a picnic style with fulfilling spreads. Often, lunch will be at your own expense, where the itinerary will allow enough time in a location with as much variety as possible or during a free period where you may opt for something dine in or take



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away.

Dinner will often provide you with 2 courses at restaurants selected for their service and menu. Dinner may not always be included, so that you can select a restaurant of your choice and explore some varied cuisine of the region you are visiting. Morning or Afternoon Tea & bottles of water are generally provided on coach travel days for your comfort and convenience.

Health and Safety

Your health is of the utmost importance so please provide us with any details that you think we should need to know prior to joining the tour. We may ask for you to complete a Confidential Medical form and provide it to us in a sealed envelope, should you become unwell during travel with us we will access this document deemed appropriate and use it to ensure you receive the suitable treatment. If we do not require access to it during the tour, we will return your envelope to you at the end of the tour.

During a tour you should disclose any issues that you are concerned about or which may arise to the Driver or Guide. Therefore, we may assist you in seeking out a pharmacist or GP as is required and available in a discreet manner. If you have any concerns about any aspects of the tour, coach or any sights we visit which you feel may present a hazard or risk to other travelers or staff please alert your Driver and Guide at your earliest convenience.

Guide and driver

We want you to feel like you are getting the most out of your tour. We encourage you to communicate with your Driver and Guide throughout the tour – ask questions or raise concerns - so that they may troubleshoot, enhance or amend the itinerary or other arrangements.

Our staff are experts in their field and will do everything they can do ensure the tour operates smoothly and with as little impact to you. You should feel relaxed in knowing that our crew are well organized and ready to go for you each day. They will assist you with your luggage, organize and communicate about meal times, daily schedules and any relevant changes, all the while making the tour the best experience possible.

Bookings

1. Please read our terms and conditions
2. Complete a booking form and return to our sales office with the deposit required for the tour, we cannot accept your booking until a deposit has been paid
3. We will contact you to confirm booking and send through any further necessary documents and information required for the tour

You can book

1. Online at www.mcdermotts.com.au
2. Email through a booking form and payment details to travelclub@mcdermotts.com.au
3. In person at 35 Legana Park Drive, Legana- please call in advance to ensure we are available
4. Call on 03 6330 3717 with details and credit card

