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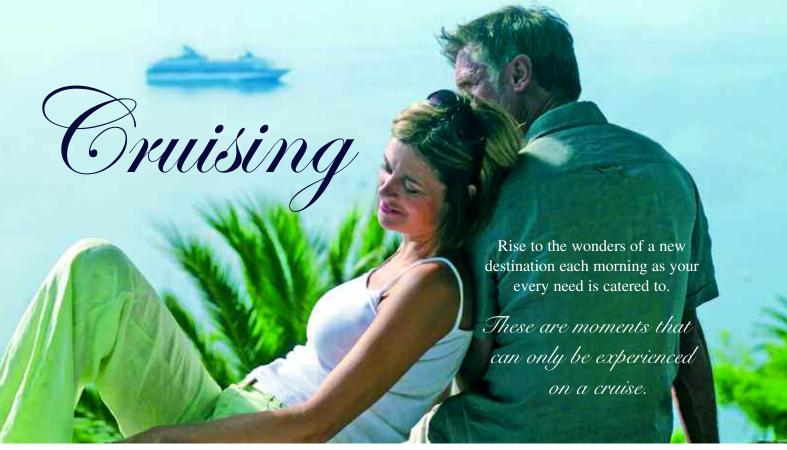
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AUSTRALIA Your Two-Week Walkabout

Australia is a land of adventure, romance, great journeys and an ancient Aboriginal culture that explains how it all came about. It's a country where you'll be welcomed like a local and invited to aet involved in the laidback Aussie lifestyle, a place where the informal attitude shapes the way of life. Even in a twoweek trip you'll go home feeling revived.

If you have never holidayed in Australia what are you waiting for? There are some fantastic deals on flights and accommodation at the moment, and with the Euro so strong there's no better time. So if you have always wanted to holiday Down Under then now is the time to travel.

Australia's many and unique experiences make for a memorable and exciting time. We have excellent food and wine for you to enjoy. A red outback punctuated by stunning greens, purples and an endless blue sky. Vibrant cities, World Heritage listed

rainforests, unique animals to marvel at, beautiful beaches and underwater reefs that stretch for miles. It's yours to explore...

For a jaw dropping start to your trip why not book a private house in the middle of Sydney Harbour boasting stunning views? The two newly opened historic houses on Cockatoo Island each have four bedrooms and cost from just \$300 per house per night (approx €165). A special midweek offer currently gets you four nights for the price of three, including use of the tennis court overlooking the iconic Bridge, as well as two complimentary audio tours to explore the island. Bargain!

After a few days exploring
Sydney from your island pad,
head to Australia's Red
Centre and visit another icon
– Uluru (Ayers Rock). The most
comfortable time to visit the
centre of Australia is JuneSeptember, when you can
explore the incredible UluruKata Tjuta National Park. Enjoy
a glass of Champagne as you
watch the sun set over this
magical landscape before
enjoying a star-lit dinner under
the vast skies of Australia's

outback. This is an experience you won't forget.

To end your holiday on a high, take a flight up to Cairns for some 'winter' sun. From May to October North Queensland's tropical climate comes in to its own with balmy temperatures, low rainfall and lots of sunshine. Check in to a seafront hotel in Port Douglas where you can relax on the beautiful beaches before experiencing the ancient World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest and the awesome Great Barrier Reef. Join a boat tour and dive, snorkel or take in the underwater paradise from a glass bottom boat; either way you'll work up an appetite to enjoy as much of Australia's great local food and wine as you can!

Combining Sydney with the Red Centre and Tropical North Queensland in a two-week walkabout during our summer season of May-October works well weather wise, and ensures you avoid the peak season flight prices in December and January. Swap the BBQ in your backyard for one Down Under this summer as now is the time to go.





Top Tip

The trick with Australia is to plan a holiday that feels like a holiday, rather than a challenge! Once you've been here, you'll want to come back, so don't try and cram everything into that first visit. Plan a trip that includes beach days and time to relax; enjoy the leisurely pace of the cities, or have a long lunch at one of the wineries. This is what life Down Under is about. It's not about rushing from place to place ticking off attractions on a to-do list and coming home more exhausted than you felt before you left home; it's about taking your time and feeling rejuvenated.





Planning your Trip

Planning your Australia trip is the first part of the adventure and www.australia.com is a great starting point. The site is easy to navigate and contains all the essential information about where to go, what to do and how to get around. You can also use the site to find your local Aussie Specialist travel agent who will help you organise a fabulous holiday in Oz. Plan your visit around one of Australia's many events and festivals, be it sporting, cultural, music, food or wine. The www.australia.com website has a list of major events to help build your holiday around a major event. And remember, Australia can be easily explored in a two-week walkabout, but don't try Australia.com and 'do' the whole country in one trip -

A Two-Week Walkabout in Oz

Sydney, Rock and Reef

Days 1 - 4

Spend a few days exploring the fantastic city of Sydney. Enjoy a Harbour cruise or a kayak tour and see Sydney from the water; feel on top of the world with a BridgeClimb as you walk to the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge; relax over a long lunch at one of the waterside restaurants in Darling Harbour before hitting the shops; and, of course, head to Bondi. Here you can learn to surf, sunbathe or sip on a cocktail whilst doing a spot of people-watching from one of the cafes or bars, before exploring the coastline with a relaxed walk to Bronte beach. Join a tour to the Blue Mountains, just 90 minutes' drive from Sydney this beautiful National Park offers great bush walking around mountains that really are blue as a result of the Eucalyptus hues.

Days 5 - 9

Fly to Alice Springs and explore the outback town before joining a tour to the heart of Australia's outback. The drive to Uluru (Ayers Rock) takes about four hours but you can sit back and take in the striking red landscapes - unlike anything you'll have seen before. You'll make it in time to see the sunset and the colours of the rock change as darkness falls, and again as the sun rises - a sight not to miss. Walk the base of Uluru and explore Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), a collection of rocks that although smaller than Uluru are also captivating. Dine under the stars at night at the Sounds of Silence dinner before flying directly to Cairns.

Days 11 - 14

From Cairns transfer to the charming coastal town of Port Douglas. Spend the day chilling out on the beach and soaking up the atmosphere, before taking a day trip to Cape Tribulation where two World Heritage Areas meet - the Daintree Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef. Spend a day or two snorkelling or diving on the Great Barrier Reef where you can get up close and personal with over 150,000 varieties of tropical fish. Lie by the pool or on the beach. Gorge on fresh sea food, tropical fruits and delicious Aussie wines. Treat yourself to a spa treatment overlooking the sea before it's time to head home. Check out from laidback living and transfer back to reality...



you will want to return!



Visit Western Australia & Victoria



PERTH

You'll love Australia's western most capital city which sits on the Swan River, framed by Indian Ocean beaches and Swan Valley vineyards. Take a short trip south to the wineries, waves, caves and tall forests of Margaret River or north to Monkey Mia and Nigaloo Reef.

MELBOURNE

The state of Victoria is packed with both scenic and cultural attractions. Melbourne, its capital, sits on the Yarra River at Port Phillip Bay. This stylish city is a maze of hidden laneways, lively bars and widely acclaimed restaurants serving award winning food and wine from the region.

MELBOURNE CUP CARNIVAL

The Melbourne Cup Carnival is an unparalleled celebration of racing, style, fashion and glamour. For one week in Spring, fabulous Flemington becomes the focus of the nation's social and equine activity.

Melbourne Cup Tickets available on request basis at extra cost.

OUR NIGHTS

Join our group for this great trip to Australia.
Spend your first week in Western Australia based in Perth. Then move onto Melbourne for Melbourne Cup Carnival week.

Our package includes:

- All flights
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Sustainable Tourism How Green are You?

We have all become more conscious of the fragile nature of our world these days. While we are in the depths of economic recession, we are also aware that our climate is undergoing radical change. We know that this will impact on our world and change it forever. Areas of the world that we took for granted may no longer be around in 20 years time.

In a global society, everything begins to look the same. In order to drive down cost, mass production processes create homogeneous products. Waking up in a chain hotel, eating in a chain restaurant or walking through your average shopping centre, you'd be hard pressed to identify whether your in

Dublin or New York. The big brand names appear everywhere.

This has led many to think about what we can do to protect our planet.
Throughout the world, people and organisations are working to address the issue of climate change and globalisation. Those involved in travel and tourism are working hard to ensure the survival of the industry by developing sustainable products and making travel more interesting for customers.

Responsible and sustainable tourism is all about diversity, natural and cultural. What makes a destination unique is an asset, both to the local enterprise and the visitor. Increasingly visitors to a region want to experience

local culture, enjoy local food and meet local people. 'Getting away from it all' means finding something new to do while on holidays and coming home refreshed.

So seek out something different this year, try out a new experience and support a sustainable tourism project. You will come home with a new perspective and you will feel better for having helped our planet along the way.





Spa Breaks in Budapest

If you're not after a tiring sightseeing break you can have an indulging spa vacation in one of the handful spa and wellness hotels in Budapest offering all kinds health and wellness treatments.

Often referred to as Queen of the Danube, Budapest has a dozen thermal baths complexes served by over a hundred natural thermal springs. Budapest has a rich and fascinating history and, for the visitor, is an easy city to explore. It offers great value for money and is a wonderful place to spend a few days chilling out.

Hungary has a range of places to stay from quality budget hotels through to 5-star premium properties in Budapest.

Margaret Island, situated in the middle of the Danube and a short distance from the city centre, is Budapest's most beautiful green space. It provides a peaceful hideaway from hectic downtown Budapest with large green areas, flowery gardens, and old trees.

The island's attractions include romantic walkways, medieval ruins, a small zoo, musical fountain, a water tower, swimming pools, lido and a relaxing atmosphere.

Devote half a day or at least a couple of hours to explore and enjoy the serenity on Margaret Island.

The island is most beautiful in spring, perhaps in April-May when the nature is

green again after the long winter months. It will also fascinate you in early autumn (Sept-till mid-Oct) when the foliage turns into a mixture of colours from yellow and orange to reddish-brownish.

Spa Island Escape

3 nights from **€381**

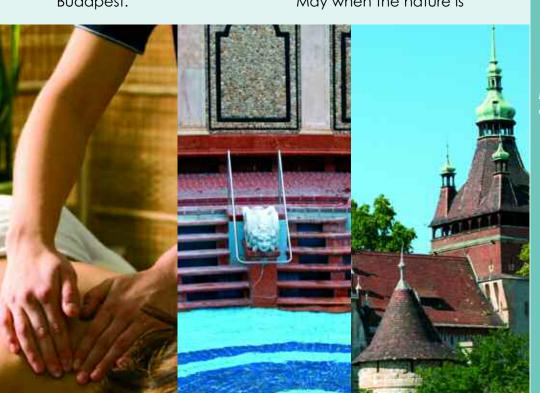
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- Refreshing aroma massage
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- Hydro massage
- Session with Personal Trainer in fitness centre or
- Facial at Beauty Centre
- Unlimited use of indoor and (in season) outdoor pools, thermal baths, aroma & steam rooms,
- Fitness centre
- Bathrobe use

Price range depending on date excluding the flights:

- Based on Twin/Double sharing, from €381 to €456 per person
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BORDEAUX

Bordeaux is the largest fine wine producing region in the world. It is now considered to be the second most beautiful city in France, after Paris and is an elegant sophisticated city with panache.

It is a designated UNESCO world heritage site and it's grand 18th century riverfront facades overlook the Garonne river and pretty quayside walkways.

Gastronomy

Bordeaux lives by one simple rule 'food is for everyone'. It is easily one of the best gastro destinations in France. You will have a difficult time trying to find a fast food joint but you will find restaurants to suit all tastes and budgets.

Culture

Choose from the Museum of Aquitaine, Museum of Fine Art, Museum of Decorative Art, Museum of Contemporary Art, Natural History Museum, 19th Century Goupil Museum, Second World War Museum and Custom House Museum.

Shopping

The 18th century heart of the city is known as the Golden triangle and here you find most of the designer names in haute couture to fashionable young designers.

Bordeaux Wine

Bordeaux is the largest and oldest fine wine producing region in the world with 140,000 hectares under vine. It has 57 appellations, 8,000 chateaux and annually produces 8 million hectoliters of wine.

MEDOC

The Medoc wine region is a narrow strip of land adjoining the left bank of the Gironde estuary and is home to chateaux renowned around the world. Chateau Lafite Rothschild, Chateau Latour, Chateau Margaux, Chateau Mouton Rothschild.

ST EMILION

In 1999, St. Emilion Jurisdiction was the first vineyard to be listed a World Heritage Site. A medieval village in a natural amphitheatre, famous for its natural beauty, wine and architecture. This age old wine region is home to some of the most prestigious world renowned wines that Louis XIV used to describe as 'liquor of the Gods'. Their wines have powerful aromas, concentration and finesse.

SAUTERNES

The region of Sauternes is famous for the production of sweet dessert wine. The areas consist of rounded hills that slope gently down to the Ciron river. The morning mist from the river combined with the autumn sun encourages the ,development of botrytis (noble rot), which increases sugar levels in the grapes. As a result, this rich nectar from late harvest grapes has a particularly intense sweetness and depth of flavour.



Good reasons to take a Wine Tour this year

- Wine touring is a doorway to the unique history, culture and 'joie de vivre 'of a wine producing country.
- Wine tastes better if it comes with a story, such as meeting the winemaker or owner who has conveyed his passion for the craft of winemaking.
- Not everyone will travel in 2009-which is exactly why you should! Less demand means better service and better value.
- We love what we do and it shows!

Wine Tour Itinerary

DAY 1. Welcome aperitifs reception. Dinner in gastronomic restaurant matching the local cuisine with the wine.

DAY 2. Day Tour of Medoc

- Visit to one of the top classified wine producing chateau.
- Cellar and vineyard tour and learn about their terroir, winemaking & wine.
- Taste their wines.
- Travel the wine route to view the classified wine chateau of Margaux, Moulis, St.Julien and Pauillac.
- Lunch for tour group at a classified chateau.
- Visit to a 'Wild Geese' chateau and trace their Irish roots.
- · Cellar visit and taste their wines.
- Option to browse in a Margaux or Pauillac wine emporium.
- Dinner with tour group in Bordeaux.

DAY 3 Day tour of St Emilion

- Option to visit wine sensorial centre, with 3D displays, video shows on the vine calendar and on barrel making, followed by wine tasting.
- Visit to a Grand cru wine chateau-to include the underground limestone cellars and tasting of their wines, in the town of St Emilion.
- Lunch for tour group in the heart of St.Emilion.
- Time to visit the historical sights and the speciality shops of St Emilion.
- Dinner with tour group in Bordeaux.

DAY 4 Guided tour of Bordeaux

- Free time to enjoy the culture and shopping of Bordeaux.
- Depart for airport

Bordeaux Wine Tour €799.00

(per person sharing a double-twin room)

Wine Tour September 25th to 28th 2009. (Fri to Mon)

Price includes:-

- Direct return flights from Dublin to Bordeaux with Air Lingus.
- 3 nights in a hotel in the heart of Bordeaux's old town.
- 2 Lunches in restaurants of typical character.
- · Full day tour of Medoc region.
- Full day excursion to Unesco heritage town of St.Emilion.
- Minimum 3 wine chateaux visits with wine tastings.
- · Welcome drink in Wine bar.
- Private transport transfers to and from the airport.
- · Private transport for the full day tours.
- Cultural tour of Bordeaux city.
- Personal multilingual wine guide for the duration of the tour.
- 1 piece of checked in luggage (max 20 kgs) per person.



Beautiful Baltics for a different experience!

The Baltic states are three countries (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) in Northern Europe, all members of the European Union but not yet members of the Euro currency. They are separate countries each with their own customs and traditions as well as their own currency and economy. The term 'Baltic' stems from the name of the Baltic Sea that touches the western shoreline of each of the three countries.

They were occupied by the Soviet Union through the 'cold war' period and the last of the Russian troops withdrew from the Baltic States in 1994. From that time, they have opened up to international markets and their economies have undergone rapid expansion. Like most other economies though, that growth has now stalled and Latvia in particular has suffered from high debt levels and a weak currency.

A great welcome

The Baltic countries are a great place to visit and their people are open and welcoming to tourists. Their cities and their countryside retain much of the old world look and their 'old towns' in particular have been very well preserved and a 'mecca' for entertainment and nightlife.

Tallinn

The capital of Estonia dates back 5000 years! Today the Old Town retains much of its Medieval charm. During the day-time it's alive with markets and shoppers and tourists, at night becomes the heart of the entertainment district.

Riga

This is Latvia's capital city and is situated on the Baltic Sea on the mouth of the river Daugava. The historical centre of Riga has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage site and the city is particularly notable for its unique architecture. Its a joy to stroll through its cobbled streets and take in the beauty of its design.

Vilnius

The largest city and capital of Lithuania this year is European capital of Culture. The city has a long history of being occupied, many of whom left their mark in the design of this wonderful city. Today the city welcomes another kind of occupier, and each year the locals see many thousands of tourist enjoy the hospitality of this proud capital city.



See it all in one great tour – our Classical Baltics Tour 2009

The Classical Baltics tour is an 8 night/9 day escorted tour starting in Vilnius, then travelling on to Riga and finishing in Tallinn. The tour is planned at a leisurely pace and allows everyone lots of free time to explore or rest as they prefer. Travelling through the countryside you will get to see this special part of Northern Europe with the benefit of a knowledgeable tour guide who will introduce you to local traditions, stories and customs.

e1,179 per person sharing.
Please call us for more details.

Note: if you would like to visit the Baltics for another type of holiday or short break, we can do it for you.



Summer Camp for Teenagers

France, Spain and Italy

If you really want to improve your foreign language skills, the best way is to spend some time in that Country.

In recent years we have seen a big increase in the number of Irish students going to France to learn French. Summer camps are a most enjoyable way of improving your vocabulary. The student not only receives expert tuition from native speakers, but also gets to meet other students of the same age group from all 'round the world. The bonus is of course, the sunshine. Summer camps in Biarritz and Cannes, both in the South of France, are set in glorious sunshine with many of the afternoon activities held outdoors to get maximum benefit from the good climate. The colleges are also located close to the coast, so regular visits to the beach are the order of the day!

SURFACE

Students can choose to stay, either with host families located close to the college, or on the college campus in shared dormitory style accommodation. There is usually little or no price difference between the two options and it is only a matter of preference for each individual.

Students generally arrive at their destination on Sunday and class begins on Monday. When the student arrives at the airport, they are met and transferred to their accommodation. On their first morning in college, they have a simple test to ensure they are in a class most suitable to their level. Formal lessons are run in the college up to lunchtime. The afternoon includes a range of supervised activities such as group tours of the local region and games. The idea is to give the student as much exposure to

the language as possible, in the most enjoyable way. Colleges are well supervised with the safety of students a priority. We have had great feedback from parents and students and would highly recommend this as a great way of helping teenagers have a great holiday and improve their language skills.

On average, students attend for 2 to 3 weeks but courses can be booked for any length of time, starting with a minimum of 1 week. Courses cost from €565 per week including shared accommodation. Flight cost is extra.

Similar options are available for Spanish and German summer colleges in those countries. Just give us a call for details.

