



## **Tour 5: The Outback in Style: A Luxury Cattle Station, a Mountain Retreat, and a fabulous Great Barrier Reef Resort**

**Especially Prepared by Down Under Answers for On Behalf of Essential Downunder Travel**

*Meals included indicated by:*

- (B) Full Breakfast*
- (L) Lunch*
- (D) Dinner*

### **Day 1**

#### **Welcome to Sydney, Australia / Scheduled Rocks Walking Tour**

Welcome to Sydney! Upon arrival on board your flight, please collect your luggage and enter into the arrivals hall. Please look for your Royale Limousines representative who will be holding a placard with your names for your private transfer to the hotel.

Please make your own way to The Rocks Walking Tours' Office, located in the heart of The Rocks at 23 Playfair Street.

2:15 pm

Please check-in for your 2:30 pm tour departure.

2:30 pm

There is no better way to get up close and personal with the living history and heritage of Sydney than on foot with Sydney's foremost team of friendly and enthusiastic guides at The Rocks Walking Tours.



The Rocks may be Sydney's oldest neighbourhood but it's lost none of its zest for life. The stories are alive in the sandstone! Let our experienced guides entertain you with these lively tales from our colourful Past while enjoying the ambience of our vibrant Present.

The Rocks Walking Tours has long been introducing travellers and locals alike to the fascinating story of this unique place in Sydney's history. Hear how The Rocks was inhabited by that First Fleet of convicts arriving as they did into Sydney Cove in 1788 thus impacting forever on the local Indigenous people's way of life. Up onto the rocky land that human cargo was disgorged and so began the British Australian story. We would delight in sharing with you this story of triumph over tragedy and introduce the characters from this early convict settlement era. The story unfolds with many rich accounts of the antics of sailors, larrikins and rogues as they roamed the rugged rocks seeking the haunts of entertainment and friendly company. Still to be seen today are the storehouses, pubs and working class cottages from the time when this place took on all of the characteristics of a dockside area and a disease ridden slum.

Today, The Rocks is renowned for having the oldest streets in Sydney which are dotted with beautifully restored nineteenth century buildings.

The group will weave their way through hidden narrow alleyways, along charming cobbled lanes and into shady courtyards, linger by quaint terrace cottages and visit a gothic church. These enjoyable aspects of a visit to The Rocks could be easily overlooked by the casual unguided visitor.

Accommodation: Shangra-La Hotel x 2 Nights  
(Opera House View Room)

## Day 2

(L)

10:45am

### Cruise Like a Local Day Tour (Small Group Luxury Cruise)

This morning, please make your own way to Circular Quay for your small group cruise (5 minutes walk).

Please meet your Sea Sydney Cruise representative at Campbells Cove Pontoon, adjacent to the Park Hyatt Hotel, Circular Quay for departure on your day cruise at 11:00am. Cruising on Sydney Harbour is a quintessential Australian experience. With a minimum of two, maximum of ten passengers, 'cruise like a local' aboard this luxurious 52' Pacific Motor Cruiser. Perhaps you fancy yourself as an angler? What about taking the sea kayaks and rowing to a secluded beach? Would you like to go for a swim, or would you just prefer to take your chilled glass of Australian wine and relax on the luxurious sunpads? Come aboard and experience what it is like to cruise like a local on one of the most spectacular harbours in the world, with your local, friendly Australian hosts.

## Day 3

(D)

### Morning Free / Sydney to Parkes (Fly) / Burrawang West Station

This morning, is free for you to spend at leisure prior to your flight. This afternoon, please meet your Royale Limousines representative in the hotel foyer for your private transfer to the airport. Depart on board your Regional Express flight to Parkes. Upon arrival into Parkes, you will be met by a station representative and transferred on board the courtesy bus to the station (45 minute drive).

Legendary Burrawang West Station stretches across 12,000 acres of Lachlan River country in Central New South Wales. The fully-operational cattle station produces some of Australia's finest quality beef and is the home of the premium brand, Burrawang Beef. Nestled within Burrawang's rich pastures and endless skies, is a magnificent country estate, Burrawang West Station Retreat.



Burrawang West Station's retreat offers adventuresome, yet discerning guests, an opportunity to experience outback Australia in complete style and luxury. With its quintessential Australian homestead, luxurious individual boutique lodges, and creative fine dining, Burrawang West Station retreat offers quests a unique blend of adventure and relaxation.

Activities included in the tariff are;

- Station Tours - Explore our historic cattle station aboard a four wheel bike, the buggy or in the comfort of a ute. Along side our stockmen, you'll feel the passion and energy of their work.
- Wildlife Spotting - Paddle a canoe or dingy along 8 kilometres of the tranquil Yarrabandai billabong. Paradise for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts,

Burrawang's waterways form a natural wildlife reserve. With the support of the Lachlan River Catchment Authority, we've implemented special measures to ensure the long term viability of this important environment which is home to a wide array of native Australian birds and wildlife, including many protected and endangered species. Common sightings include playful kangaroos and wallabies, entertaining emus, awesome goanna lizards, cheeky hares, insistent galas and cockatoos, laughing kookaburras, colourful grass parrots and majestic eagles. Dedicated birdwatchers can easily observe less common specimen such as Superb Parrot, Sacred Kingfisher and Brown Tree Creeper.

- Feeding time - Who can resist a newborn calf or lamb? Bottle feeding brings you up close and personal with some of our little ones. Even devout city folk can be experts in no time. Our lovely natured alpacas make excellent guards for birthing sheep and their lambs. But these gentle natured alpacas love guests at feeding time. You'll find our female alpacas, along with their babies (called crias) in the Homestead paddock. Foxes beware. Alpacas originated from South America but share a common natural enemy with sheep; the fox. Although no one knows exactly why, alpacas' herd animal instincts, particularly those of male alpacas, make them very protective of birthing ewes, especially when threatened by a fox. Heaven help any fox that gets too close to our lambs!
- Sporting Pursuits - Compete, or just play. Two floodlit tennis courts, a par 3 golf hole, an archery range and sparkling 20 metre swimming pool, and all the equipment, are available on site, any time. Enjoy a full round of golf at our local course. You might have to wait...the roos love those greens!
- Relaxation Facilities - Kick back in an indoor or outdoor spa. Steam your cares away in a soothing sauna. Recline in your favourite squatter's chair, perched on the veranda of your private lodge or at the homestead. You'll find a perfect spot to unwind and wonder at open skies and endless views.
- Catch and Release - Throw in a line. Fishermen and novices alike enjoy the fight of Yellowbelly, Murray Cod and Silver Perch found in our billabong. But if you've never been yabbie hunting, you're in for a thrill. These little crustaceans are crafty creatures and delicious fare. A great pursuit guaranteed to bring out the child in you!
- Star Gazing - Our vast southern sky becomes a heavenly spectacle as night falls. The purpose built viewing tower makes reaching for the stars a favourite night time activity.
- Camp Ovens and Picnics - Al fresco dining takes on new meaning when set in Australia's outback. Whether it's under the star canopy around a traditional bush drover's camp oven, or beneath swaying river gums along side the billabong, there's nothing like fresh air and great food.
- Art Appreciation - If your passion runs to art, a self guided tour of Burrawang's private art and antique collection is sure to satisfy. Tastefully incorporated throughout Burrawang's homestead and boutique lodges, paintings, sculptures, photography and other artworks/artifacts represent colonial and contemporary artists from Gould to Valamanesh.

Accommodation: Burrawang West Station x 3 Nights (Suite)

#### **Day 4 – 5** (B/L/D)

#### **Activities, Burrawang West Station**

These days are free for you to partake in the activities included in your accommodation package.

Optional activities that you may like to include are;

- Champagne sunrise or exquisite sunset hot air balloon ride.
- Choice of Therapeutic, Reiki, Remedial, Relaxation, Sports, Facial, Reflexology, Hot Rock or Aromatherapy massage.

- Aboriginal Cultural activities including Aboriginal Corroboree, Koori Art Painting, Yiddaki/Didgeridoo Playing Workshop & "Spirit" Readings/Artwork.
- *Optional prices are listed at the end of this quote*

Located within traditional lands and home of Calara River people, part of the Wiradjuri Nation of indigenous people of New South Wales, Burrawang enjoys a strong relationship with local Aboriginal people.

Our guests are encouraged to learn about Aboriginal culture by meeting and participating in creative activities with local artists and dancers who are enthusiastic ambassadors for indigenous Australians..

Aboriginal Corroboree - Relax around the outback campfire and experience a traditional Aboriginal Corroboree performed to the ancient rhythms of the Didgeridoo by our local youth dance troupe, the "Wandangs".

Koori Art Painting - Learn about our indigenous culture as you paint a Didgeridoo, Clap Stick, Boomerang or bull-roar using traditional colours, symbols and techniques, under the guidance of a local Aboriginal artist. Discover the "Dreamtime" story which inspires each creation. Take home your finished creation as a unique souvenir.

Yiddaki / Didgeridoo Playing Workshop - Instructed by artist and performer Mark Powell and using your own authentic didgeridoo, you'll learn basic breathing techniques and sounds of this sacred instrument. While you learn, Mark shares traditional teachings and stories to help you appreciate the complexities of his ancient culture. Note: Consistent with Aboriginal cultural beliefs, this package is only available to male guests.

"Spirit" Readings/Artwork - Make a time to sit for your own personal or family "Spirit" readings. During this time with Intuitive Artist, Rebecca Shepherd, you'll discover the 'spirits' and guides surrounding you on your life journey. Learn about Australian Aboriginal totems and their special teachings and stories. You'll take home a large pastel artwork (unframed for easy transport) and a set of Life Journey Stones (pictured) with your interpretive reading. Rebecca is happy to provide a spirit portrait (by commission), in your choice of acrylics or pastels, which can be posted after your stay at Burrawang

## Day 6

### **Parkes to Brisbane via Sydney (Fly) / Brisbane Airport to O'Reillys Transfer (Private Transfer)**

(B/D)

Transfer by courtesy vehicle to Parkes Airport.

Fly Parkes to Sydney. Upon arrival into Sydney, please connect with your flight to Brisbane.

Upon arrival into Brisbane, please meet your Acacia Luxury Transport representative in the arrivals hall for your private transfer to O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse.

For over 90 years the O'Reilly family has been welcoming visitors to their rainforest & mountain retreat in World Heritage listed Lamington National Park (located in the Gold



Coast Hinterland). Their mission is to introduce visitors from around the world to the rainforest, birds and beauty of the natural surrounds. O'Reilly's pride themselves on providing legendary Australian accommodation and hospitality experiences in spectacular natural settings.

Included in your package are 3 meals daily & Participation in "Discovery Program" Guided Activities including: Guided 4WD Bus Excursions, Interpretive Rainforest Walks, Audio Visual Presentations, Evening Guided Walks, Tree Top Walkway & Morning/Afternoon Teas.

Accommodation: O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse x 2 Nights  
(1 Bedroom Villa)

**Day 7**  
(B/L/D)

**Full Day of Activities, O'Reilly's**

Enjoy a full day of activities today.

Choice of Morning Activities: Guided Rainforest Walks & 4WD Bus Excursions.

Choice of Afternoon Activities: Guided Rainforest Walks, Flying Fox & Adventure Activities.

Choice of Evening Activities: Spotlighting Walk, Glow Worm Tour.

Tours and destinations change daily but as sure as the sun rises each morning, there's a full program of interpretive rainforest walks, guided 4WD bus excursions, adventure activities and evening tours scheduled every single day of the year.

**Day 8**

**O'Reillys to Brisbane Airport (Private Transfer) / Brisbane to Townsville (Scheduled Flight) / Townsville to Orpheus Island**

(B)

This morning, please meet your Acacia Luxury Transport representative in reception for your private transfer to Brisbane Airport. Fly Brisbane to Townsville on board your scheduled airline. Upon arrival into Townsville, please connect with your seaplane flight to Orpheus Island.

11:30 am

Your holiday commences the moment you board your scenic flight transfer over the unbelievable blue waters and enchanted isles rising from the sea beneath (30 minute flight duration).

Included in your 2 night package is accommodation in private beachfront Orpheus Retreat accommodation, a la carte full breakfast daily, lunch daily - either alfresco-style in the courtyard or picnic-style on your own private beach, gourmet seven course degustation-style menu each evening, unlimited use of motorised dinghies, paddle skis, catamarans, canoes, snorkelling equipment, light fishing gear, tennis court, pools, gymnasium, bushwalking and selected interpretive activities.

Accommodation: Orpheus Island x 2 Nights  
(Orpheus Retreat)



**Day 9**  
(B/L/D)

**Free Day, Orpheus Island**

Today is free for you to spend at leisure.

**Day 10**  
(B)

**Depart Australia!**

12:15 pm  
12:45 pm

Transfer by seaplane flight to Townsville Airport.

Upon arrival into Townsville, please connect with your onward flight to Sydney.

Depart on board your flight to Sydney. Upon arrival into Sydney, please connect with your international departure flight or alternatively for an additional expense we can arrange an extra night in Sydney so that you fly out on day 11.

End of Arrangements.

**COST per person, double occupancy from: USD \$6,802.00\***

\*based on the exchange rate as May 1, 2010 and subject to change. Subject to confirmation of all arrangements.

Inclusions:-

- Accommodation based in 3 ½ to 4 star properties with private facilities
- Transfers as specified by courtesy vehicle or private sedan
- Meals only as indicated by (B) Full Breakfast, (L) Lunch, and (D) Dinner
- Scheduled Rocks Walking Tour
- Small Group Cruise Like a Local Tour
- Activities included in the tariff as per the itinerary for Burrawang West Station, O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse & Orpheus Island.
- Regional Express Economy Air Sydney to Parkes (return)
- Seaplane flights Townsville to Orpheus Island (return)
- Entry fees & touring as specified in the itinerary
- Emergency phone assistance
- Australian Goods & Services Tax

Exclusions:-

- International and Domestic Airfares
- Meals not indicated on the itinerary
- Activities not included in the tariff are indicated on the itinerary for Burrawang West Station, O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse & Orpheus Island.
- Beverages with meals
- Items of a personal nature i.e. phone calls, liquor, and laundry
- Use of hotel rooms before/after normal check in/out times or pre-registration
- Costs of optional touring
- Any services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Hotel/Airport Porterage
- Personal travel insurance (baggage/medical/tour cancellations)
- Tips or gratuity
- Unforeseen expenses due to last minute airline rescheduling or delays (inclusive of baggage delay, missed departure and loss of passport & cabcharge vouchers)
- Medical or hospital expenses