

DREAMING AUSTRALIA

Brisbane

Brisbane is the most populous city in the Australian state of Queensland and the third most populous city in Australia. Is the gateway to the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast , the beautiful seaside towns close to the reef in Australia. Winter is Brisbane's best season. Days are temperate and dry; the city's cultural calendar livens up with festivals and events. So during winter you'll find a lot to do such as finding souvenirs in some of the best markets and antique centres in Brisbane. You can visit the national park Lamington that has a diversity of species of birds, large waterfalls and many varieties of plants. You can see, then, The Story Bridge. It's a steel bridge spanning the Brisbane River that carries traffic between the north and the southern suburbs of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.



Sydney

Sydney is the state capital of New South Wales and the most populous city in Australia. Located on Australia's east coast, the city surrounds the world's largest natural harbour. It is populated by 4.840.600 people. As for the climate, Sydney has a humid subtropical climate, sometimes hot summers and mild winters. In summer (December - February) the temperatures are around 26°C. Sydney is known for the many green areas, so offer many beautiful landscapes to see. The Royal Botanic Gardens are the most important green space in the Sydney region. Other important parks are Hyde Park, The Domain and Prince Alfred Park. There are lots to see here, for example visit the most important theatre, the Opera House, with a particular shaped shell structure. Another very important thing in Sydney to visit is the Harbour Bridge.



If you want to have fun, you can explore the harbour, the beaches, go surfing or go swimming with dolphins in Port Stephens and climb the Harbour Bridge. Another thing you can do is go sailing or kayaking and discover ancient rock art.

Melbourne

Melbourne is the capital and most populous city in the Australian state of Victoria, and the second most populous city in Australia after Sydney. The metropolis is located on the large natural bay of Port Philip and expands into the hinterlands toward the Dandenong and Macedon mountain ranges, Mornington Peninsula and Yarra Valley. It has a population of 4,442,918.

Melbourne's a city that knows how to live. You can choose from fine cuisine, plays, festivals and blockbuster sporting events, all across a city that's is packed full of parks, gardens and historic architecture. The best times to visit Melbourne are between March and May and September and November. To visit Melbourne one week isn't enough. The most important tourist attractions are: the Melbourne Aquarium, the Queen Victoria Market, the city circle tram, the royal botanic gardens and the Eureka sky-deck. Most of the beauty of this metropolis derives by the centres quarters and of the surrounding area. You must see some of the most interesting quarters like the famous Laneways, or the Bourke Street Mall, the most famous pedestrian zone of Melbourne, crowded with shops. In the North of the centre there are Fitzroy and Carlton, while South Yarra, Toorak and Prahran are the main quarters for fashion.



Adelaide

Adelaide is located on the Southern coast of Australia, it faces the Indian Ocean. It's the fifth most populous city of Australia and it's the South Australia's seat of government. Adelaide is important even for festivals, sporting events, for the food especially for wine: for example the Barossa Valley is one of the best regions in the world and for the beautiful beaches such as the Henley Beach or west Beach. In the area of Adelaide there are a lot of things to do: go on cruises, visit museums, go on trips, you can join the day tours and travel by bike or kayaking adventures. You can go to the Kangaroo island taking the ferry or if you want to taste some of Australia's best wines and food it's a must to go to Adelaide Hills which offers a lot of fun activities for kids and families too.



The best time of the year to go to Adelaide is on the months of February and March because they're the hottest months in Australia. The best and cheapest way to travel is with the metro, bus or tram.

Perth

Perth is a beautiful city of Australia. It is situated on the south-west coast of Australia. It's the capital of the largest state Western Australia. Perth is the fourth most populated city in Australia, with an estimated population of about more than 2 million people. Perth has got one of the best beaches of Australia, and es the beautiful river Swan. Perth is defined "The Best Secret of the Land of Kangaroos". Perth is a city with many attractions: Kings Park is bigger than Central Park in New York, a lot of people visited it, also for proposals of marriage and pyisical activities. The Art Gallery of Western Australia. It has got a collaboration with "Museum of Modern Art" (MoMA) of New York. This Art Gallery is a very big showcase for locals talents. The Swan Valley is the oldest region of wines in Australia. There, you can find delicious wines and some excellent restaurants. Sunset on the Indian Ocean is one of the bests things that you find in Perth, the sunset is very beautiful and a lot of people occupy all the beach to watch it. King Street and near places are Heritage of the humanity. There lives rich and important people in Perth, It is a street famous for shopping. There you find the biggest international brands such as Louis Vuitton, Prada, Gucci and Chanel.



Cairns

Cairns is a major city in Queensland and it is Australia's 14 largest city. Cairns was founded in 1876, visiting smaller township in the far north of Queensland. It's a popular travel destination for foreign tourists because of its tropical climate. It serves as a starting point for people waiting to visit the Great Barrie Reef and Far North Queensland. In Cairns you can catch buses, lodging courtesy coaches, taxies or use a bicycle to get around this city. Drop into the Cairn Visitors Centre, a great place to start exploring the largest reef system in the world the Great Barrier Reef. You can sign up for scuba lessons. You can snorkel with the sea turtles, or go for a scenic helicopter flight. On the Barrow River and Tully River you can do a lot of activities like quad biking, horse-riding and water rafting. Visit Tjapukai Aboriginal Park, built on traditional land in a beautiful rainforest. Here you will be immersed in traditional Tjapukai culture with authentic music, dance, and storytelling.



In Cairns there are just two seasons: wet and dry. In the summer it's wet, starting in December and finishing in February. One of the most popular times to visit Cairns is in winter from June to August. In this season the temperatures are perfect for exploring the region. The cooler temperatures and lower humidity are also perfect conditions for golf. On Hamilton Island on the Great Barrier Reef, the Hamilton Island Golf Club is Australia's only championship island golf course. Held every year from August to September.

Alice Spring

Alice Springs is the third largest town in the Northern Territory and it is found in the centre of Australia. The town is surrounded by the MacDonnell Ranges and the landscape is characterized by Red Desert Sands and dunes. It is a fantastic place to visit. As well as being famous for a desert landscape, the tourists visit Alice Springs to get in contact with the aborigines and their ancient and fantastic culture.

In this area of Australia you can do many outdoor activities. First of all, wander out into the great expanse of a spectacular national park but for the adventurous there are also camel, quad and bike riding in the desert. Thanks to aborigines once in Alice Springs you can learn something about ancient myths, symbols, images, art and culture from them. To understand their culture they suggest outdoor tours of local sites. You can enjoy your holidays in Alice Springs whenever you want but remember the weather can be unpredictable so it's best to come well prepared for both hot days and cold nights.



Uluru

Uluru also known as Ayers Rock it is a large sandstone rock formation in the southern part of the Northern Territory in central Australia. It lies south west of the nearest large town, Alice Springs. Uluru is the major feature of the Uluru National Park. Uluru is a sacred place for the aborigines of the area. Uluru is one of Australia's most recognisable natural landmarks. Its natural colour is orange.



The surface, which, from a distance, appears almost completely smooth, reveals approaching many springs, pools, caves, peculiar erosion and ancient paintings. You can climb the rocks but beware of falls and vertigo!

The best moment to go and visit Uluru is in July (31 C°) and the worst is December (47 C°). To enter the park you must pay a ticket which costs 25 Australian Dollar and all the area is checked by park rangers. The environment of the area can be rather wild. For your safety it is important that you follow the instructions and pay attention to warnings that are displayed. For example, you should stay on marked trails, hike in the company of other people, and drink a quarter of water per hour walking when the weather is hot.

The Great Barrier Reef

The Great Barrier Reef is the biggest coral reef in the world, it has a large dimension that can be seen from the space and this is the second most visited destination in Australia after Sydney. It is situated along the coast of Queensland, in the north-east of the country. The best time to travel there is from June to August, during the southern winter, when the weather becomes cooler than in summer, which is a wet season and it rains a lot. Even the autumn and spring are good times to go there because in these seasons the weather is warm everywhere.



To visit the Great Barrier Reef, the main gateway points are the port and the airport of Cairns, which is situated in the north of Queensland and there are

a lot of boats for reaching the islands. In the Great Barrier Reef you can do a lot of activities to see colourful fish, corals and turtles, go snorkelling, ride by speedboat, do many excursions, jump by parachute, stay in a luxurious catamaran and watch the hatching of turtles. A little curiosity about this magical place is that in 1770 the British explorer James Cook landed for the first time on the south-east coast of Australia and proceeding the navigation northward, the ship remained aground in shallow waters adjacent the barrier and in the period that was needed to repair the ship he was able to study fish and corals.

The Sunshine Coast (Queensland)

Sunshine Coast is a metropolitan area and the third most populated area in the Australian state of Queensland. The area was first settled by Europeans in the 19th century with development progressing slowly until tourism became an important industry.

In the 1820s, the Sunshine Coast saw its first white inhabitants: three castaways who shared the life of the local Aborigines for eight months. You can dive in the natural environment, like the Australia Zoo. The Sunshine Coast is a centre for tourism, attracting more than 3.2 million visitors a year. There are significant attractions, such as Steve Irwin's Australia Zoo, UnderWater World marine park, Aussie World with the

Ettamogah Pub, and others more . Sports tourism is supported by several annual sporting events such as Mooloolaba Triathlon, Noosa Triathlon and Sunshine Coast Marathon. In Queensland it's normal to have 3 hundred hot days and people are happy. They go there every time of the year, but the best period is in summer, like in January because the temperatures aren't so hot but warm. It's perfect if you want to visit Whiteheaven Beach, surf with your friends, or have a holiday with your family.



Katherine's gorge

The Katherine's gorge is located in the Nitmiluk national park- Katherine gorge, in the northern territory 30 Km from the city of Katherine and 350 Km south of Darwin, in the region of Katherine. It's a vast territory of 400000 km², almost big as France. Katherine's gorge is beautiful and consists of 13 gorges (in some places the vertical walls seem endless) created, over time, by the river Katherine.

You can navigate the Katherine river by canoe, or with night cruises, to try to see the crocodiles along the river. The Nitmiluk national park – Katherine's gorge is the most visited park in the northern territory and also you can visit the Edith falls, where you can also swim. You can walk at the top of the gorge or at the bottom of it. The seasons for visiting the park are two: the dry season and the rainy season. The best season for visiting the park is the dry season, from mid-March to October. In July and August the temperature rise during the day, so it's better to take a lot of water. In the rainy season it can be difficult or impossible to walk in the gorges, because there usually are floods, so it's possible to visit the gorges with a helicopter. The animals and the plants you will see are typical of the Northern Territory.



One of the most viewed animals is the Goanna, a big harmless lizard. At sunset it's easier to see kangaroos. The forest is covered principally by typical trees of the North of Australia. The vegetation is completely different if you go in the rainy season because it's more extensive and the water can cover a good part of the gorge. To arrive at the park you can rent a car in the city of Katherine or go by bus.

Kakadu National Park



Kakadu National Park in the Northern Territory of Australia; it is a protected area and a destination where you can discover a lot

interesting places. It's a very large territory and also a beautiful place with magnificent rocky mountains, wildlife, valleys and also rivers. Is a really beautiful destination to learn to love nature wildlife. There is lots to see and to listen to in this area. You can see murals and paintings inside the wetlands, the rock art of Aborigines and also a lot of types of animals as reptiles, birds, mammals, frogs, and insects; you can also listen to the birds. This park was also recognized internationally when it was placed on the UNESCO list. The best months to visit are: August, September, October. The ticket costs \$25 and lets you explore the park for 14 consecutive days with park rangers.

For your safety it is important to follow the instruction and be careful of dangers. Do not ever leave the group or the guide.

Broome

Broome is a coastal and tourist town in the Kimberley a region of Western Australia. It has 13000 people. Around the city there is fantastic wildlife with a lot of vegetation and animals. There are too a lot of beautiful beaches like Cable Beach or Roebuck Bay. It's quite a hot country with an average temperature of 22 C. The first people here were the aborigines of Yawuru. In the 1688 the first European person arrived here, and only 200 years later in the 1861 the British sent people to live here because it was discovered that here there were the biggest oysters that gave the biggest pearls. It was very dangerous work so the first who had to do it were aborigines and after the settlers. A lot of Japanese worked here and a lot died too so nowadays there is a cemetery with 919 Japanese tombs. After the 2nd world war Broome started to be a very important city for nacre production but now with new technology it is easier to grow pearls but the economic competition is stronger. Here there are a lot of things to do. One thing you must do is go to the beach one day and relax. It is all perfect and the water is very ,very clear and temperate for swimming. Another fantastic thing to do on the beach is a Broome Camel Safari where, with a guide and an instructor, you can go on a trip on a camel along the fantastic beaches. Another thing to do is whale watching. You will live one of the best experiences in your

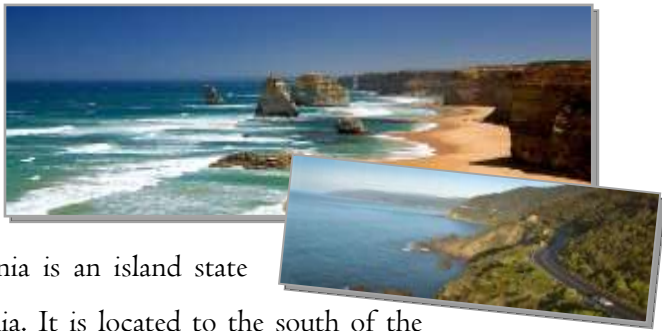


life. A lot of big whales will play around your ship and jump out of the water. That are only a few of the lot of thing you can do in Broome. Broome is a very hot place but if you don't want rain, you have to go from May to November. It's better that you always have a hat, sun cream and some water with you. You have to have a map with you because it easy to get lost and the

wildlife is not always safe. Arriving here is easy because there is an important airport.

The Great Ocean Road

The Great Ocean Road is one of the most beautiful and visited destinations in Australia! It's an absolutely "MUST-DESTINATION" if you have the fortune and the occasion to rent a car to go to the State of Victoria (the state where the road is situated). There you can see a lot of amazing things, such as: the great variety of unbelievable and suggestive coastal landscapes (like the 12 Apostles), the many beaches where you can also practice surfing (in the best seaside resort towns like Lorne and Anglesea) and you can visit the impressive rainforest, where you can find a unique fauna (that include many animals such as: koalas, platypus and water birds), and flora (there, there are the tallest trees in the world!). The best period to visit the road is in December (because the summer starts in this month) to better enjoy the sunset on the coast, but if you go there to March (in winter) you can see the migration of the whales!



Tasmania

Tasmania is an island state that is part of the Commonwealth of Australia. It is located to the south of the Australian mainland, separated by Bass Strait.

One of the most interesting places to visit in Tasmania is Port Arthur, one of the oldest and important prisons in Tasmania, so it was called the "inescapable prison". In Tasmania there are many events all the year, for example, there are many festivals where you can eat the typical local food and wine produced in the area. If you are a sports person you can organise some trips, with guides, into the unspoilt forest. But if you are a quieter person you can take a cruise that goes around to all the most important places of Tasmania.

One of the national icons of Tasmania is the "Tasmanian Devil". The Tasmanian devil is the world's largest surviving carnivorous marsupial and is found only in Tasmania. The daily summer temperatures are between 17° and 23° and winter between 3° and 11°.



Blue Mountains National Park

The Blue Mountains National Park is a protected National Park that is located in the Blue Mountains region of New South Wales, in eastern Australia, it's situated about 80 kilometres west of Sydney. In the Blue Mountains there are two great places: Euroka or Blue Gum Forest where you can pitch your tent beneath the shade of a majestic eucalypt. There are several larger mammal species found in the park. The largest native carnivorous predator is the Tiger quoll. The largest bird of area is the emu.



The Blue Mountains National Park home of the famous Three Sisters, there are 3 rocks that changes colour with the sunlight. The Blue Mountains National Park is one of the most important parks in Australia, it is part of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. You'll discover Aboriginal culture in the protected area, you can travel on tracks, go camping, cannoning, climbing and horse riding. The area is a

beautiful place all of the year.