

## **Love is in the Air 5\* 13 Day Australian Itinerary**



(as at 23 Dec 22)

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#### Day 1

#### Arrive Sydney/Warrane and transfer to the Blue Mountains

#### Private Car/Driver International Airport to Wolgan via Katoomba

Operated by Revel Drive Pty Ltd

#### Blue Mountains, New South Wales

Named the **Blue Mountains** because of the blue haze that can be seen by light interacting with the vapour emanating from the millions of eucalypt trees, this rugged region features dramatic cliffs, rock formations, waterfalls and caves. Many quaint villages dot the landscape, offering excellent restaurants, cafes, pubs, gardens, galleries, antique stores and other shops to entertain less energetic visitors. The area was listed in 2000 as Australia's 14th World Heritage Area for its unique landforms, geological history, flora and fauna and its cultural significance to the Daruk and Gundungura Aboriginal people. Older than America's Grand Canyon, the area is home to living fossils like the Wollemi Pine. Bushwalking, rockclimbing, canyoning, abseiling, mountain biking and 4WDiving are all possible.



#### Accommodation at Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley

One Bedroom Heritage Villa for 3 Nights

#### Includes:

Full breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, non-alcoholic beverages, a selected range of local wines and beer with meals and two on-site nature based activities per person per day.

A luxury conservation based resort located in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage area. The resort is set within its own private conservation and wildlife reserve where guests can enjoy absolute luxury, tranquility and connection with nature. Nestled between two National Parks and spread out at the foot of towering sandstone cliffs, guests are catered for in free standing suites. Guests are able to appreciate the very special natural, cultural and scenic values of the Wolgan Valley through a diverse range of nature based activities.

## **Scheduled Activities**

These experiences are provided on an intimate shared basis with fellow guests at scheduled times. Signature and private touring can be arranged at additional cost subject to availability.

### **Stables Tour**

Duration: 30 minutes | Scheduled: Mid-afternoon (Daily) | Grade: Easy

Enjoy a guided tour through the stables and meet some of Wolgan Valley's friendly horses. Guides will assist you to feed the horses some of their favourite treats and will provide an insight into the operations of the horse-riding program. All guests are welcome to participate in this activity and it is particularly suitable for families and children of all ages.

### **Carne Creek Nature Walk**

Duration: 1 to 1.5 hours | Scheduled: Mornings (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday) | Grade: Easy to Moderate

This experience provides an insight into the natural environment and cultural heritage of the area as you learn about the natural plant and animal resources of the valley and some of their uses for Aboriginal and early settler society. The Carne Creek Nature Walk provides excellent opportunities for bird spotting.

### **Conservation Activity**

Duration: 1.5 hours | Scheduled; Mornings (Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday) | Grade: Easy to Moderate

Enjoy a morning with the Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley conservation team and take a fascinating journey into the ecology of the Blue Mountains. Make a 'hands on' contribution to the restoration and protection of the reserve with fun and meaningful conservation work that provides an important habitat for native wildlife and helps protect the health of the beautiful Carne Creek and Wolgan River. All equipment is supplied and you will be transferred to the various sites by 4WD vehicle.

### **Colonial Heritage Tour**

Duration: 30 minutes | Scheduled: Afternoons (Daily) | Grade: Easy

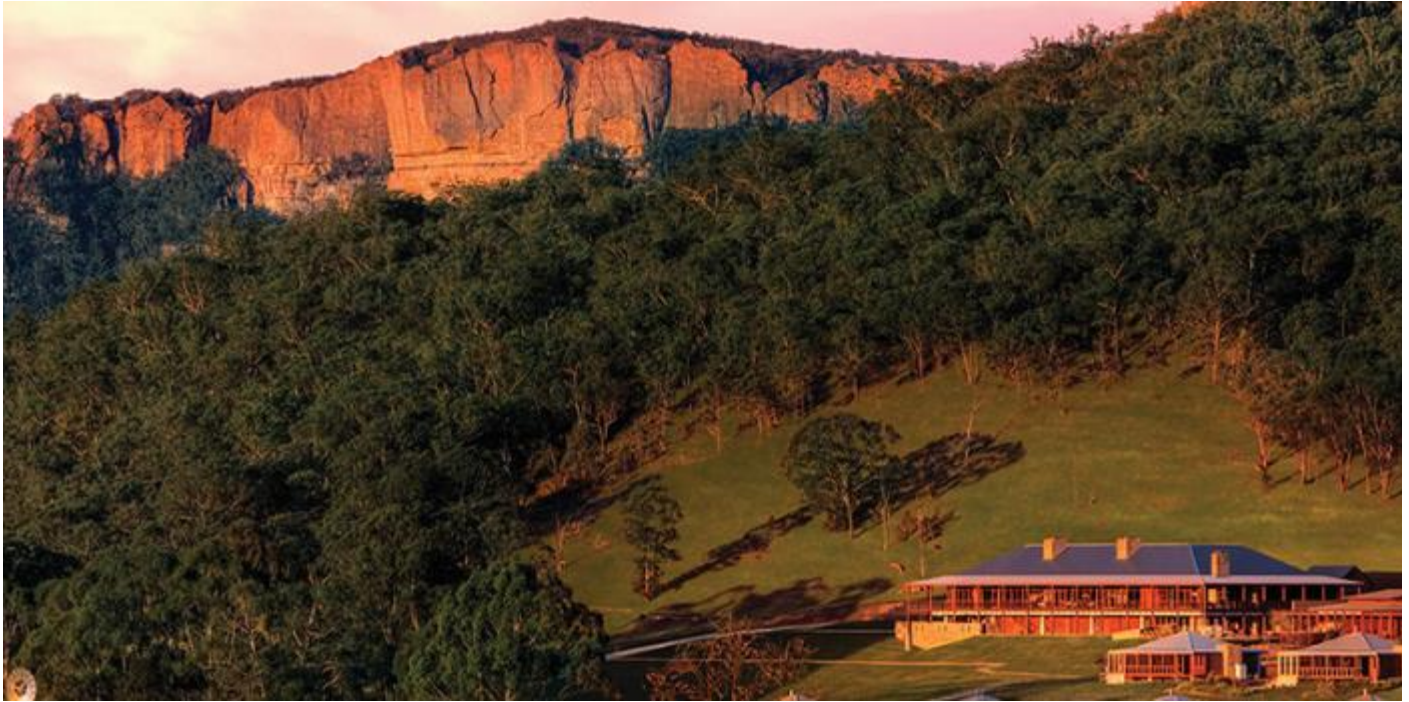
Departing from the 1832 Heritage Homestead and Kitchen Garden, Field Guides will walk guests through this fascinating historic precinct, explaining the process of meticulous restoration necessary to bring the original homestead back to its former glory. Guests will enjoy stories of a past life carved out of the wilderness and capture a glimpse into the trying conditions that early Australian settlers faced. The tour will also visit the fully functioning Heritage Kitchen Garden, which has been re-established to supply fresh vegetables, fruit, nuts and herbs to the resort's kitchen.

### **Wolgan Rangers**

Duration: 1.5 hours | Scheduled: Mornings (Daily) | Grade: Easy to Moderate

The Wolgan Rangers program features a unique collection of nature-based experiences designed for young children to explore the outdoor environment of Wolgan Valley under the care of an experienced guide. Activities are designed to get children out in nature, exploring the pristine creeks of Wolgan Valley, following animal tracks, building bush shelters, looking for ancient plant fossils, building miniature boats and much more. The program is designed for children 5 to 11 years of age however younger children are welcome to attend (minimum age is 5 years). Babysitting services can also be arranged.

Comfortable outdoor clothing and enclosed footwear is recommended for all activities, as appropriate to the season. Sun protection is also recommended.



**Day 2**  
**Blue Mountains, New South Wales**

Included Touring Arrangements

**Day 3**  
**Blue Mountains, New South Wales**

Included Touring Arrangements

**Day 4**  
**Blue Mountains, New South Wales to Sydney/Warrane**

**Private Car/Driver Wolgan to Sydney City via Bells Line**  
Operated by Revel Drive Pty Ltd

**Sydney/Warrane**

Soak up **Sydney's** gorgeous harbour, seductive outdoor lifestyle and great natural beauty. Cruise under the Sydney Harbour Bridge or wave at the Opera House as you ride a ferry across the harbour to Manly. Learn to surf at Bondi Beach or swim in the calm waters of Coogee. Lose yourself in the cobblestone cul-de-sacs of The Rocks or in the markets, boutiques, cafes and pubs of Paddington. As well as a world-famous harbour and more than 70 sparkling beaches, Sydney offers fabulous food, festivals and 24/7 fun.



### **Accommodation at Four Seasons Hotel Sydney**

Deluxe Full Harbour King Room for 3 Nights

**Includes:** 3 x Full Breakfast per person

This property is a short walking distance to Circular Quay and the historic Rocks district. The hotel is vibrant and elegant, and all rooms have been carefully designed and subtly furnished with the highest quality amenities. The guest rooms decor is inspired by the soothing blues and crisp whites of the surrounding harbour, with wood details and spacious marble bathrooms, starting from 26 sq. metres to 53 sq. metres and offers city, partial harbour or harbour views.



This afternoon is at leisure to relax and explore on your own.

## Day 5 Sydney/Warrane

### Private Sydney Harbour Long Lunch Cruise

Operated by Sydney Princess Cruises

#### **Includes:**

Progressive 3 course lunch and beverages

Enjoy a 4 hour cruise on iconic Sydney harbour on board a luxury cruiser. Cruise past the world famous landmarks of the Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House as your crew will be on hand to tell you about the past and modern day history of the harbour. Start with entree at Watsons Bay and then cruise onto Middle Head and into Middle Harbour. Discover the beauty of the harbour and then stop at Balmoral for lunch at a world famous iconic harbour side restaurant.

Depart Balmoral and cruise past the Spit Bridge while you indulge on your dessert and cheese platter & wines to match before the return to the main harbour where you will have an opportunity to stop for a swim if you choose (*time & weather permitting*).



#### **Operates:**

**Duration:** 4 hours and 30 minutes | **Months:** Year Round | **Days:** Daily

**Starts:** 11.00am | **Ends:** 3.30pm

**Does not operate:** Good Friday (07 Apr), Easter Monday (25 Apr), Father's Day (14 May), Mother's Day (03 Sep) Christmas Day (25 Dec), Boxing Day (26 Dec), New Years Eve (31 Dec), New Years Day (01 Jan), Australia Day (26 Jan)

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## Day 6 Sydney/Warrane

### Private Sydney Opera House Tour

Operated by Sydney Opera House

#### Includes:

1 hour guided tour (English Language).

More than 60 years ago, Jorn Utzon designed what is now considered one of the greatest buildings of all time. But for Utzon, the Sydney Opera House story was no fairy tale. The 1 hour tour brings to life the saga behind the making of the world's most famous house. Your guide will take you on an emotional journey inside this modern masterpiece, putting Jorn Utzon on centre stage and is a tribute to his creative genius. You will discover why Utzon was more than an architect: he was an architect of change. And how, against a landslide of political and public criticism, he created the youngest building ever to be World Heritage listed. An immersive digital sight and sound experience provides unforgettable moments from past Concert Hall performances and guides you through the history and future of this performance space. You will be taken inside **one** of the working venues to experience the magic behind the world's most extraordinary opera, ballet, symphony and dramatic performances.

**Note:** *The Sydney Opera House Tour includes up to 200 steps. Flat, enclosed rubber soled shoes must be worn. While on a tour, all bags larger than an A4 size will need to be cloaked. A complimentary, secure cloaking facility is available near the tour desk.*



#### Operates:

**Duration:** 1 hour | **Months:** Year Round | **Days:** Daily

**First Departure:** 9.00am | **Last Departure:** 5.00pm

**Does not operate:** Inhouse Event (26 - 27 Feb 23), Inhouse Event (11-12 Mar 23), Inhouse Event (17-18 Mar 23), Good Friday (07 Apr), Antidote Festival (10 Sep), 50th Anniversary Event (21 to 23 Oct), Christmas Day (25 Dec), New Year's Eve (31 Dec), New Years Day (1 Jan available from 1.00pm), Valentine's Day (14 Feb), Good Friday (29 Mar)

**Note:** Additional Event block out dates and time may be added at the discretion of the Sydney Opera House with no notice.

### **Summit at Twilight**

Operated by BridgeClimb Sydney

**Additional Information:** All climbers must pass an alcohol breath test with a blood alcohol reading below 0.05%.

#### **Includes:**

Climb, Certificate of Achievement, BridgeClimb Cap, Bridge and Sydney history commentary.

Your 3 hour tour commences with a comprehensive briefing and safety demonstration, before you are led by one of BridgeClimb's Climb Leaders, on a guided journey (including preparation and briefing), to the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The tour takes you along the top arch of the Bridge on catwalks and ladders all the way to the summit, 134 metres above Sydney Harbour. The steady incline to the summit leaves you free to focus your attention on the surroundings, with the opportunity to witness 360 degree views of Sydney including east to the Sydney Opera House, west to the Blue Mountains and the Harbour City surrounds. Upon conclusion receive a photograph of your group, a personalised commemorative climbing tour certificate and cap. Make your own way to your Sydney accommodation.

**What to bring:** *Wear enclosed rubber soled shoes such as runners or hiking shoes.*

**Note:** *A reasonable level of fitness is required, climbers must be able to walk and climb independently. Cameras, mobile phones and personal belongings can be stored at the BridgeClimb office during the climb. Pregnant climbers under 24 weeks only, or guests aged over 75 years, may climb by presenting BridgeClimb with a Certification of Fitness from their doctor.*





**Operates:****Duration:** 3 hours | **Months:** Year round | **Days:** Daily**First Departure:** 2.35pm - 5.35pm | **Last Departure:** 3.35pm - 6.45pm*\* Times vary according to Sunset.***Does not operate:** 30 Dec, New Year's Eve (31 Dec)**Restricted Operations on the following days:** Christmas Day (25 Dec), New Year Period (29 Dec, 01 Jan)**Day 7****Sydney/Warrane to Hamilton Island****Private Car/Driver City Hotel to Domestic Airport**

Operated by Royale Limousines

**Includes:**

After Hours Surcharge

**Depart Sydney****Arrive Hamilton Island**

Your flight today is not included in your Southern World arrangements.

**Hamilton Island**

**Hamilton Island** is nestled amongst the Whitsunday Islands at the edge of the Great Barrier Reef. Set amidst pristine surroundings, guests at Hamilton are spoilt for choice with a multitude of activities and accommodation options to suit the most discerning traveller. Of course, there is also the option of doing nothing at all and simply just enjoying island life by laying around one of the pools or by relaxing on the beach. Hamilton Island is also a gateway to other gems in the Whitsundays including Heart Reef, Hill Inlet and Whitehaven Beach.

**Shared Transfer Hamilton Island Airport to qualia Courtesy Transfer**

Operated by qualia

## **Accommodation at qualia**

Windward Pavilion (Gourmet) for 5 Nights

### **Includes:**

Return transfers from Airport/Marina, full breakfast and dinner daily, all non-alcoholic beverages at qualia, a golf buggy for the duration of stay, a chauffeur service around Hamilton Island, use of non-motorised watercraft.

This property is embedded on 30 acres of tropical garden landscape on the northern most tip of Hamilton Island. The very private individual pavilions offer state of the art amenities and have been erected with the least possible intervention of the surroundings. All offer stunning ocean views and boast a private plunge pool or sun deck. The resort features 2 fine dining restaurants, a guest library and a day spa.



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### **Day 8 Hamilton Island**

Today is free to relax and explore on your own.

### **Day 9 Hamilton Island**

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### **Day 10 Hamilton Island**

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**Day 11**  
**Hamilton Island**

Today is free to relax and explore on your own.

**Day 12**  
**Hamilton Island**

**Shared Transfer qualia to Hamilton Island Airport Courtesy Transfer**

Operated by qualia

**Depart Hamilton Island**  
**Arrive Sydney**

Your flight today is not included in your Southern World arrangements.

**Sydney/Warrane**

**Private Car/Driver Domestic Airport to City Hotel**

Operated by Royale Limousines

**Accommodation at Four Seasons Hotel Sydney**

Deluxe Full Harbour King Room for 1 Night

**Includes:** 1 x Full Breakfast per person

This property is a short walking distance to Circular Quay and the historic Rocks district. The hotel is vibrant and elegant, and all rooms have been carefully designed and subtly furnished with the highest quality amenities. The guest rooms decor is inspired by the soothing blues and crisp whites of the surrounding harbour, with wood details and spacious marble bathrooms, starting from 26 sq. metres to 53 sq. metres and offers city, partial harbour or harbour views.



**Day 13**  
**Depart Sydney/Warrane**

**Private Car/Driver City Hotel to International Airport**  
Operated by Royale Limousines

**Includes:**  
After Hours Surcharge

**End of your arrangements**

## Additional Information for Love is in the Air 5\*

**Validity Dates:** 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

### Special Events:

#### **Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley**

**Festive Season:** 22 December 2023 to 04 January 2024 - Minimum 3 night stay, includes surcharge

#### **Four Seasons**

**New Years Eve:** 29 December 2023 to 01 January 2024 - Minimum night stay applies varies by room category, includes surcharge

**Please note:** No arrivals or departures are permitted on 31 December 2023.

#### **qualia**

**Property Closure:** 02 to 22 July 2023 - Blockout

**Hamilton Is Race Week:** 19 to 26 August 2023 - Blockout

**Festive Season:** 21 December 2023 to 07 January 2024 - Minimum 3 night stay, includes surcharge

### Cost Includes

- 12 breakfasts (Day 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13), 4 lunches (Day 1\*, 2, 3, 5), 8 dinners (Day 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)  
*\* Lunch may be on Day 4, instead of Day 1, depending on clients' arrival/departure times*
- Revel Drive Pty Ltd - International Airport to Wolgan via Katoomba
- 3 Nights at Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley - One Bedroom Heritage Villa Includes All Meals & Selected Beverages
- Revel Drive Pty Ltd - Wolgan to Sydney City via Bells Line
- 3 Nights at Four Seasons Hotel Sydney - Deluxe Full Harbour King Room Includes Full Breakfast
- Sydney Princess Cruises - Private Sydney Harbour Long Lunch Cruise
- Sydney Opera House - Private Sydney Opera House Tour
- BridgeClimb Sydney - Summit at Twilight
- Royale Limousines - City Hotel to Domestic Airport
- qualia -Hamilton Island Airport to qualia Courtesy Transfer
- 5 Nights at qualia - Windward Pavilion (Gourmet) Includes Dinner & Full Breakfast
- qualia -qualia to Hamilton Island Airport Courtesy Transfer
- Royale Limousines - Domestic Airport to City Hotel
- 1 Night at Four Seasons Hotel Sydney - Deluxe Full Harbour King Room Includes Full Breakfast
- Royale Limousines - City Hotel to International Airport
- Government Goods and Services Tax of 10% (GST)
- Travel Wallet

### Cost Excludes

- Supplier surcharges when date/time of service required occurs on a public holiday or outside of standard hours
- Both international and internal Australian flights (unless otherwise specified)
- Optional tours and services
- Meals other than those specified above
- Beverages
- Gratuities
- Items of a personal nature (e.g. telephone calls, mini bar, laundry, etc.)
- Travel insurance (cancellations, loss of deposits, delays, etc.)

**Important Notes**

- All itinerary components are subject to change without notice
- All inclusions are subject to availability at the time of booking
- The itinerary is subject to the operation of individual touring components. Certain tours may need to be alternated

# Travel Tips

From the Outback to the Reef, Australia is a land of great diversity. It offers stunning scenery, spectacular white sand beaches and a wide range of interesting and unique animals. Take a journey with us through this magnificent land.

## Business Hours

General retail trading hours throughout Australia are Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm. Saturday is either 9.00am - 12 noon or through to 5.00pm. Sunday shopping is available in most city centres and suburban malls. Please check with your Hotel Concierge for local information on trading hours.

## Currency

The Australian dollar is the basic unit, divided into 100 cents; coins are 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1, \$2 and notes are \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. Due to the discontinuation of 1c, 2c pieces, purchases made in Australia are subject to "rounding" of amounts either up or down. Most retailers have adopted the 'Swedish Rounding System' whereby prices ending in 1 to 4 cents will be rounded down and prices ending in 6 to 9 cents will be rounded up.

## Banking/Travellers' Cheques

Banks open Monday-Friday (except public holidays), 9.30am-4.30pm. Automatic teller machines operate on a card/PIN number system. Cash can be withdrawn 24 hours a day. Use of EFTPOS (Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale) is common. All international credit cards (American Express, Diners, VISA, and MasterCard) are accepted. Travellers' cheques may be changed at banks and hotels.

## Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Goods and Services are taxed 10%. This tax is usually included in the advertised price.

## Tipping Guidelines

In Australia tipping is generally not customary and is only exercised as a genuine thank you for receiving great service. There is no obligation to tip, although the practice is common within the restaurant and tourism transport industries.

### Tips for good service:

1. Restaurants, a tip of about 10% is generally sufficient for good service with 15% for exceptional service.
2. Luggage Porters AU\$2.00 per piece.
3. Coach drivers and guides receive for touring (not transfers) around the AU\$5.00 per person per day, however tips should not be given for average or below average service/driving or commentary.
4. Private Drivers for transfers should be only tipped for excellent service (around AU\$10-20 total). The same applies for touring with a Driver/Guide, with tips for excellent service being anywhere from AU\$40-100 depending on the level of service.
5. Small group touring should be only tipped for excellent service (around AU\$20 per person).

## Electricity Supply

Australia's electrical current is 220/240 volts accepting 3-pin plugs. An adaptor can be used but it is important to note that they do not convert voltage. Universal outlets for 240v or 110v shavers are usually found in leading hotels.

## Emergencies

Dial 000 for police, fire or ambulance services.

## Telephone Local Area Codes

Australia uses 8-digit local phone numbers preceded by a 2-digit STD area code.

02 Central east region (NSW) New South Wales, (ACT) Australian Capital Territory

03 South east region (VIC) Victoria and (TAS) Tasmania

04 Mobile telephones Australia-wide

07 North east region (QLD) Queensland

08 Central and west region (WA) Western Australia, (SA) South Australia and (NT) Northern Territory

For example, if you are calling Canberra in the ACT from interstate, first dial the STD area code 02, then dial the local phone number.

## Health Services

Public and private health facilities have a high standard of treatment and care. Larger hotels often have a local doctor on call; otherwise, doctors and other medical services are listed in the front of the local telephone directory.

## **Pharmaceuticals and Medicines**

These are available from chemists/pharmacies during normal shopping hours. Most cities have urgent dispensaries open outside these hours and your Hotel Concierge will have a list of these. Chemists also sell cosmetics, insect repellent and sun protections.

## **Climate**

The southern parts of Australia have four distinct seasons, the opposite of those in the northern hemisphere. When it is winter in Europe and North America, it is summer in Australia. You will hardly see snow, apart from the mountainous regions in eastern Victoria and southern New South Wales. Australia's north is in the tropics which has two seasons, the dry and the wet; both have high temperatures year round. The centre has a typical desert climate, hot days and cool , which can be very cold in winter.

## **Sun Protection**

Due to Australia's high level of ultraviolet radiation it is highly advisable to wear sun protection such as sunglasses and/or a sun hat and to apply sunblock (SPF 30+) even when the day is overcast.

## **Water Supply**

Tap (faucet) water is safe to drink. City water is chlorinated; most water is fluoridated. Water sourced from rivers and lakes should be boiled or treated before drinking.

## **Time Differences, Time Zones and Daylight Saving**

Australia's East Coast is 10 hours ahead of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time) during the months of April to September (Standard Time) each year. With a land mass close to 7.7 million square kilometres, Australia is the world's sixth largest country and during Standard Time it is divided into three separate time zones.

### **Time Zones:**

#### ***Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)***

Covers the eastern states of Queensland, New South Wales (with the exception of the town of Broken Hill), Victoria, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

AEST is equal to Coordinated Universal Time plus 10 hours (UTC +10).

#### ***Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)***

Covers the state of South Australia, the town of Broken Hill in western New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

ACST is equal to Coordinated Universal Time plus 9.5 hours (UTC +9.5).

#### ***Australian Western Standard Time (AWST)***

Covers Western Australia.

AWST is equal to Coordinated Universal Time plus 8 hours (UTC +8).

### **Daylight Saving:**

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of advancing clocks one hour during the warmer months of the year. In Australia, Daylight saving is observed in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2.00am on the first Sunday in October, when clocks are put forward one hour. It ends at 2.00am (which is 3.00am Daylight Saving Time) on the first Sunday in April, when clocks are put back one hour.