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2012 SOLAR ECLIPSE TOUR || AUSTRALIA

OPERATING SOLAR ECLIPSE TOURS SINCE 1980

Australia || Port Douglas, Darwin, Cairns, Ayers Rock, Sydney & Papua New Guinea option.

PLUS || Pre & post extensions

DAY 1 – FRI, NOV. 09: DEPART USA

Board your nonstop international flight, departing in the late evening for Brisbane, Australia.

DAY 2 – SAT, NOV. 10: EN ROUTE

DAY 3 – SUN, NOV. 11: BRISBANE / PORT DOUGLAS

Arrive in spectacular Australia, home to the vast Outback, one of the world's oldest civilizations, and luscious beaches. Connect on a short flight from Brisbane to Cairns. Meeting assistance upon arrival and transfer to Port Douglas. Port Douglas has a distinctive laid-back atmosphere, a tropical old-world charm, the world-famous Four Mile Beach and spectacular sunrise views. Check in at **Treetops Resort Hotel**. The rest of the day is free. Join fellow tour members for a welcome dinner and informative evening. Meet some of Australia's native wildlife and become educated by wildlife keepers, all while

your taste buds are tantalized at one of Australia's best Tropical BBQ Buffets. **D**

DAY 4 – MON, NOV. 12: CROCODILES & ABORIGINAL EXPERIENCE

Breakfast at hotel. Travel on one of Australia's scenic highways to the **Melaleuca Wetlands**, the domain of the saltwater crocodile, for a lagoon cruise. Get up close and personal with some of the most fearsome and unique creatures of far north Queensland. Witness a crocodile feeding and enjoy various shows—the notorious 'head shake', the death roll, and the crocodile attack show. Enjoy lunch overlooking the lagoon. Continue to majestic **Cooya Beach**, and join Yaba Yabaju of the Kuku Yalanji people, the traditional owners of the land, for an exclusive and interactive cultural experience. Meander through the primordial habitats with our private indigenous guide as you are initiated

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into the ancient stories and history of the area. Return back to the hotel in the evening. **B,L**

DAY 5 – TUE, NOV. 13: DAINTREE RAINFOREST & MOSSMAN GORGE TOUR OR GREAT BARRIER REEF EXCURSION (CHOOSE SELECTED OPTION AT TIME OF BOOKING)

After breakfast, spend your day exploring the rainforest and amazing landscapes of the **Daintree River**. Our next stop is for lunch in a rainforest setting. Relax and enjoy the delicious food. Later walk through the canopy-shrouded **Mossman Gorge**, in the heart of the rainforest, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Meander along the rainforest walking tracks, past refreshing swimming holes where crystal-clear water flows over moss-covered rocks. Take an Aboriginal-guided walk demonstrating traditional plant uses, identifying bush tucker sources and sharing their dreamtime legends which explain the history of cave paintings. This enchanting narrative explains the aboriginal people's special relationship with this unique tropical environment.

Return back to our Hotel after an informative and fascinating day on our Eco Tours.



DAY 6 – WED, NOV. 14: ECLIPSE DAY

Rise early this morning and travel to our **exclusive eclipse site** (Executive home on hilltop with 360 degree panoramic views, from the Daintree Rainforest to the Pacific Ocean and back to the rainforest) for eclipse viewing with our eclipse expert Prof. Jay (& Naomi) Pasachoff. Return back to Port Douglas, where you'll have the day free to explore this coastal town, which boasts white sandy beaches, colorful arts and crafts markets, and superb scenery. This evening attend a magical event to experience the sights and sounds of the rainforest at night. Dine beneath the ancient rainforest trees, with flame flickers enhancing the natural beauty. **B,D**

DAY 7 – THU, NOV. 15: PORT DOUGLAS/BRISBANE

Fly today to **Brisbane** for a day to shop (or extend your stay); wander through art galleries and museums, watch a performance by the Queensland ballet, opera or orchestra, or see cutting-edge theater. **B**

DAY 8 – FRI, NOV. 16: BRISBANE/HOME

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. **B**

OR EXTEND YOUR STAY

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE, THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE.



OR

OUTER BARRIER REEF CRUISE

Cruise to a magnificent ribbon reef at the very edge of **Australia's Continental Shelf**, to an underwater world that is a dazzling kaleidoscope of color and brilliance. At the Agincourt Reef you can experience firsthand the magic that is the **Great Barrier Reef**. Choose to dive or snorkel, or stay dry and explore the stunning reef from the comfort of a semi-sub, just one meter underwater. Watch the fish feeding from unique underwater viewing platform and underwater observatory, or fly in a helicopter over the reef. **B,L**

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SOLAR ECLIPSE Extended Tour Options

THU, NOV. 15, TO SUN, NOV. 18: CAIRNS OR DARWIN + 1 NIGHT IN BRISBANE

A. CAIRNS OPTION – SUGGESTED – NOV. 15 TO 18

Spend 3 nights/4 days in **Cairns**, one of the most original and exciting destinations in Australia. Snorkel or dive on a full day trip to the **Great Barrier Reef**, a World Heritage-listed spectacular area of coral islands, sponges and seaweed. Stop at three different reef locations. Lunch & high tea served on board. The following day, take a relaxing one-and-a-half hour rail journey from Cairns to **Kuranda**, climbing up mountain ranges and through tropical rainforest. This century-old railway showcases such natural wonders as **Barron Falls** and **Stoney Creek Falls**, as well as the historic engineering feat of Barron River Falls Bridge. In the quaint rainforest village of Kuranda, cruise down the river, past butterflies, gaudy parrots, platypus and fresh-water crocodiles. Or walk on the boardwalk through the World Heritage-listed rainforest to the Barron Falls lookout. Browse the street markets, buy Aboriginal artifacts, and learn to play the didgeridoo. Stay at **Pacific International Hotel** for 3 nights. Includes breakfast daily, 2 lunches, transfers and tours.



SUGGESTED TOUR COMBINATIONS

1. MAIN TOUR + DARWIN OR CAIRNS + PAPUA NEW GUINEA
2. MAIN TOUR + CAIRNS + AYERS ROCK + SYDNEY
3. MAIN TOUR + CAIRNS OR AYERS ROCK + SYDNEY
4. MAIN TOUR + DARWIN + AYERS ROCK + SYDNEY
5. MAIN TOUR + CAIRNS + AYERS ROCK

B. DARWIN OPTION – NOV. 15 TO 18

Spend 3 nights/4 days in **Darwin** and **Wildman Wilderness**. Experience the oldest living culture on earth through ancient art rock and amazing views of Arnhem land escarpment. Enjoy a picnic lunch at **Anbangbang Billabong**, walk through the rain forest, view waterfalls and have the opportunity to swim. Next day take the Wildman home billabong cruise and observe wildlife found on the floodplain. In the evening join the Wildman resident chef and learn how to cook the paperback barramundi using local and indigenous cooking products. While in Darwin, tour a multicultural mix at **Mindil Beach**, **Sunset Markets**, chic **Cullen Bay Marina** and enjoy a heritage walk around the wharf. Stay at **Wildman Wilderness Lodge** (2 nights) and **Mantra** on Esplanade (1 night). Includes daily breakfast, 2 dinners and 1 lunch, transfers and tours.

Note: For those leaving tour at end of A & B options - an overnight stay is included at Brisbane with breakfast and transfers.

C. PAPUA NEW GUINEA OPTION – NOV. 18 TO 23 + 1 NIGHT IN BRISBANE

Papua New Guinea is one of the least-visited countries in the world, a last frontier for international travelers. A colorful equatorial wonderland, as well as a living example of a thousand-year-old culture, this fascinating country is made up of more than 600 islands stretching from mainland Southeast Asia. The country's tribal diversity, represented in more than 700 languages, is fascinating. Visit **Port Moresby**, **capital houses**, **the National Parliament**, **the National Museum**—which houses exhibits of pottery from all the provinces, and historical





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records stretching back 50,000 years—the Botanical Gardens, and the Catholic Cathedral.

Tari, a tribal wonderland, is one of the few places where the traditional way of life can be seen in everyday living. Tari is also home to an incredible 13 species of birds of paradise, as well as numerous orchid species. Learn how the Huli live, and how they interact with and use their environment. Venture along nature trails with traditional vine bridges, and take pictures of secluded waterfalls and possibly even the birds of paradise. The flamboyant Huli Wigmen of the Tari Valley have formed a strong bond between themselves and these beautiful birds. Men revere the birds by imitating them in both daily and ceremonial life, decorating their human hair wigs with the plumage of the most beautiful birds.

Mount Hagen, a town in the upper Whagi Valley—a valley with some of the oldest evidence of agriculture in the world—is home to the Melpa people, who still live a largely traditional, subsistence lifestyle. In the mountains surrounding the Whagi Valley lives a stunning array of bird, orchid and plant life.



Spend a night in **Brisbane** with breakfast and transfers, before flying home on Nov. 24th.

Package includes 5 nights/6 days in Papua New Guinea. Stay at Holiday Inn, Ambua Lodge and Randon Ridge Lodge. Enjoy breakfast in Port Moresby and all meals at Tari & Mount Hagen, traditional Singing presentations, nature walks, Tribal visits, tours and more.

D. AYERS ROCK OPTION – SUGGESTED NOV. 15 TO 17 OR 18 TO 20 + 1 NIGHT IN BRISBANE OR SYDNEY.

Visit **Uluru (Ayers Rock)**, which rises 348 meters from the desert, and matches the light and weather with shades so vivid they upstage the sunset. Learn about Uluru's cultural



significance as you walk around its base. Get up close to the grandeur of nearby **Kata Tjuta (the Olgas)**—sacred russet domes formed through millions of years of erosion—on the Valley of the Winds Walk. Dine under the canopy of the desert night, while your very own storyteller shares tales as told in the stars. Experience some of the world's best stargazing on a tour of the spectacular southern night sky. Witness a sunset over Uluru and Kata Tjuta, an awe-inspiring experience. Watch the remarkable changing colors of Uluru as the sun rises or sets over the desert landscape.

2 nights/3 days stay at **Desert Garden Hotel** with breakfast daily and Sounds of Silence dinner, sunset viewing with wine and snacks, transfers, early morning sunrise Aboriginal Uluru Tour, Kata Tjuta, Dunes and Valley of Winds walking tour.

Fly to Sydney for an overnight with breakfast and transfers stay before flying home, or take the Sydney tour extension.

E. SYDNEY – SUGGESTED NOV. 17 TO 20 OR 20 TO 23

Spend 3 nights/4 days in Sydney to see the city's main attractions on a half-day tour and harbor cruise, including lunch. The next day, take a full-day excursion to the **Blue Mountains and Wildlife Park**. During leisure time, climb to the top of the Harbour Bridge, or take a skywalk on Sydney Tower for a 360-degree view of the city. Stroll through the Botanical Gardens, or tour the famous Opera House. Cuddle koalas in the Taronga Park Zoo, or simply relax or surf at Bondi Beach. *Return home from Sydney, or extend your stay to visit Melbourne, Adelaide, wine country, Tasmania, Kangaroo Island, and other places in Australia and New Zealand.*

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LAND TOUR:

MAIN TOUR

SINGLE \$3090 per person sharing

Single room Supplement \$660

CAIRNS

15 – 19 participants \$1090 per person

SINGLE room supplement \$310

10 – 14 participants \$1190 per persons sharing

DARWIN

10 – 14 participants \$1790 per persons sharing

SINGLE room supplement \$630

5 – 9 participants \$1970 per persons sharing

AYERS ROCK

15 – 19 participants \$1970 per person

SINGLE room supplement \$690

10 – 14 participants \$2240 per persons sharing

SYDNEY

15 – 19 participants \$1375 per person

SINGLE room supplement \$ 464

10 – 14 participants \$1397 per persons sharing

6 – 9 participants \$1400 per persons sharing

2 – 5 participants \$2065 per persons sharing

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

15 – 19 participants \$2888 per person

SINGLE room supplement \$799

10 – 14 participants \$3025 per persons sharing

6 – 9 participants \$3135 per persons sharing

SAMPLE AIRFARES (FROM LOS ANGELES ON QANTAS AIRLINES INCLUDING INTERNAL AUSTRALIA FLIGHTS)

MAIN TOUR - \$1610

MAIN TOUR + CAIRNS - \$ 1610

MAIN TOUR + CAIRNS + AYERS ROCK- \$ 1838

MAIN TOUR + CAIRNS + AYERS ROCK + SYDNEY- \$ 1938

MAIN TOUR + DARWIN & PAPUA NEW GUINEA- \$ 3495

Airfares are based on current tariffs (2011) for travel in Economy class. Fares quoted are based on special group fare and space pre booked as per itinerary. Subject to change and availability. Taxes and Fuel surcharges are extra.

CALL for fares in Premium Economy, Business and First-class.

TO RESERVE SPACE:

Deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure space for reservations received on or before Nov. 5, 2011. 25% of land tour, between Nov. 6, 2011 & Mar. 7, 2012, 40% of land tour between Mar. 08 & Jul. 25, 2012. 100% on Jul. 26 or later.

Interest Free Payment Plan—a more convenient way to pay for the trip. Pay as it suits you, monthly, quarterly? Make payments in affordable amounts. Call for further details.

2nd payment—25% of Land tour is due on or before Nov. 7, 2011

3rd payment—25% of Land tour is due on or before Mar. 7, 2012

Final Payment—due on or before Jul. 26, 2012

Deposit requirements and payments for airfare will be advised Dec. 2011 or later.

CLICK HERE Refer to terms and conditions for price conditions, cancellations, etc.

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