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Australia

Photography Down Under

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Itinerary Overview:

October 5: Arrival, Photography at Centennial Park, and Sydney Sightseeing
October 6: Photography Around Sydney
October 7: Photography En Route to Canberra
October 8: Photography Around Canberra
October 9: Canberra Photography and Transfer to Lake Cargelligo
October 10: Photography in Mallee Habitat
October 11: Photo Hide and Mallee Habitat Photography
October 12: Morning Photo Hide and Transfer to Capertee
October 13: Photography in Capertee Valley
October 14: Morning Photography and Departure from Sydney

Detailed Itinerary:

October 5: Arrival in Sydney - Photography at Centennial Park and Sydney Sightseeing

Upon arrival in Sydney, you will be transferred to an airport hotel. We will have a relaxed day and make an afternoon visit to Centennial Park to photograph species like Black Swan, Superb Fairywren, Little Corella, Laughing Kookaburra, Hardhead, Australian Wood Duck, Australian White Ibis, Australasian Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, and Crested Pigeon. The park also serves as a home for the charismatic Gray-headed Flying Fox. We will then head to the famous Sydney Harbor for some sightseeing and have dinner in the shadow of the Sydney Opera House with stunning views of the harbor at sunset!

Overnight: Sydney



Rainbow Lorikeet

October 6: Photography Around Sydney

We will start our first full day exploring several parks and nature reserves around Sydney, searching for some of Australia's most colorful and charismatic birds. Our targets include Powerful Owl, Rainbow Lorikeet, Australian Brushturkey, Australian King-Parrot, Superb and Variegated Fairywrens, Lewin's Honeyeater, Brown Gerygone, Red Wattlebird, and Red-browed Firetail. The variety of habitats around Sydney provides excellent opportunities for photography, from beautiful parrots and fairywrens to some of Australia's more secretive woodland species.
Overnight: Sydney

October 7: Photography En Route to Canberra

We will leave the bustling city of Sydney behind and make our way southwest toward Canberra, Australia's capital city. Along the way, we will make stops in woodland and open habitats to search for a variety of birds. Our targets include Eastern Rosella, Crimson Rosella, Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Australian King-Parrot, and several species of honeyeaters. We will also keep an eye out for raptors and other wildlife as we travel through the beautiful Australian countryside.
We will arrive in Canberra in the afternoon, allowing time for additional photography around the city.
Overnight: Canberra

October 8: Photography Around Canberra

We will spend a full day exploring the variety of habitats around Canberra. The woodlands and nature reserves surrounding the city offer excellent opportunities to photograph a number of Australian specialties. We will target species such as Superb Parrot, Spotted Pardalote, Striated Pardalote, Buff-rumped Thornbill, Scarlet Robin, Eastern Rosella, and White-throated Treecreeper. The area is also home to Eastern Grey Kangaroos, and we will be keeping an eye out for these iconic Australian mammals throughout the day. With a full day in the region, we will have plenty of time to explore different locations and take advantage of the best photographic opportunities.
Overnight: Canberra

October 9: Canberra Photography – Transfer to Lake Cargelligo

We will depart Canberra and begin our journey west toward Lake Cargelligo, making photography stops along the way. As we travel farther inland, the landscape will gradually change to the drier habitats of the Australian Outback. This region is home to a wonderful variety of birds, including several species that are difficult to find along the coast.

Depending on our arrival time, we will visit one of the private photography hides for opportunities with species such as White-winged Chough, Apostlebird, Red-rumped Parrot, White-winged

Fairywren, Purple-backed Fairywren, Little Friarbird, and Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater.
Overnight: Lake Cargelligo

October 10: Photography in Mallee Habitat

The Mallee habitat is home to a number of Australian specialties and offers a true outback landscape. We will spend our day exploring this unique environment, targeting species such as Pink Cockatoo, Red-capped Robin, Splendid Fairywren, White-fronted Chat, Brown Falcon, Galah, Mulga Parrot, Gray-crowned Babbler, Stripped Honeyeater, Spotted Bellbird and the impressive Emu.

This region provides fantastic opportunities to photograph birds that can be difficult to find elsewhere in Australia. We will spend time exploring different habitats and taking advantage of any close encounters with our targets. We will also be keeping an eye out for mammal species throughout the day.
Overnight: Lake Cargelligo



Galah

October 11: : Photo Hide and Mallee Habitat Photography – Transfer to Condobolin

We will spend the morning exploring additional Mallee habitats before traveling toward Condobolin for an afternoon photography session. The private photo hides in this region provide incredible opportunities for close-up photographs of some of Australia's most spectacular birds.
Species that visit these hides include Double-barred Finch, Brown-headed Honeyeater, Yellow-plumed Honeyeater, Greater Bluebonnet, White-plumed Honeyeater, Diamond Firetail, Peaceful

Dove, Diamond Dove, and Willie-wagtail.

These hides offer the chance for intimate portraits and beautiful backgrounds, making them one of the highlights of our time in the outback.
Overnight: Condobolin

October 12: Morning Photo Hide – Transfer to Capertee Valley

We will begin our morning with another photo hide session near Condobolin, giving us additional opportunities to photograph species we may have missed the previous day or improve on our favorite images. We may also spend some time in the field looking for specialties like Banded Lapwing, Painted Honeyeater, Mistloetoebird, and Red-winged Parrot.

After our morning session, we will begin our journey east toward the spectacular Capertee Valley. The landscape will change dramatically as we leave the dry outback behind and travel toward the sandstone cliffs, rolling hills, and wooded valleys of the Great Dividing Range.

The Capertee Valley is one of Australia's most famous birding destinations and provides excellent opportunities to photograph a variety of woodland species. This location also hosts a large variety of mammals including Eastern Gray Kangaroo, Red-necked and Swamp Wallaby, and Common Wallaroo. We will arrive in the evening and prepare for a full day of photography in this beautiful region.
Overnight: Kandos

October 13: Photography in Capertee Valley

The Capertee Valley is surrounded by spectacular sandstone cliffs and contains a wonderful mixture of open woodland, grassy valleys, and forested slopes. This beautiful region is home to an incredible variety of birds, including the rare and endangered Regent Honeyeater.

We will spend our day exploring the valley in search of species such as Regent Honeyeater, Turquoise Parrot, Musk Parakeet, Diamond Firetail, Speckled Warbler, Hooded Robin, Brown Treecreeper, White-browed Babbler, and a variety of other honeyeaters and woodland birds.

The combination of beautiful scenery and fantastic birdlife makes this a wonderful location to finish our photography tour. We will take advantage of the morning and afternoon light as we search for our targets and enjoy our last full day photographing Australia's remarkable wildlife.
Overnight: Kandos

October 14: Morning Photography – Departure from Sydney

Our final morning will be spent photographing around our lodging and exploring nearby habitats

for any last opportunities with the region's colorful parrots, honeyeaters, and other woodland birds. Depending on our success during the previous day, we may revisit a favorite location for another chance at our targets.

After our morning session, we will depart the Capertee Valley and make our way back to Sydney, where we will say our farewells after an incredible journey through some of southeastern Australia's most beautiful and diverse habitats.for any last opportunities with the region's colorful parrots, honeyeaters, and other woodland birds. Depending on our success during the previous day, we may revisit a favorite location for another chance at our targets.



Regent Honeyeater





Target Species

Black Swan
Maned Duck
Hardhead
Pacific Black Duck
Musk Duck
Australian Brushturkey
Great Crested Grebe
Gray-faced Petrel
Providence Petrel
Fluttering Shearwater
Wedge-tailed Shearwater
Wandering Albatross
White-capped Albatross
Black-browed Albatross
Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross
Australasian Gannet
Kelp Gull
Spotted Dove
Brown Cuckoo-Dove
Peaceful Dove
Diamond Dove
Crested Pigeon
Tawny Frogmouth
Dusky Moorhen
Eurasian Coot
Australasian Swamphen
Pied Stilt
Pied Oystercatcher
Masked Lapwing
Red-capped Plover
Far Eastern Curlew
Bar-tailed Godwit
Red-necked Stint
Silver Gull
Little Tern
Australian Tern
Caspian Tern
Great Crested Tern
Australasian Darter
Little Pied Cormorant
Great Cormorant
Little Black Cormorant
Pied Cormorant
Australian Pelican
Little Egret
White-faced Heron
Eastern Cattle Egret
Great Egret
Australian Ibis
Straw-necked Ibis
Royal Spoonbill
Black-shouldered Kite
Whistling Kite
White-bellied Sea-Eagle
Powerful Owl
Azure Kingfisher
Laughing Kookaburra
Sacred Kingfisher
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo
Pink Cockatoo
Galah
Little Corella
Long-billed Corella
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Australian King-Parrot
Crimson Rosella
Eastern Rosella
Red-rumped Parrot
Superb Parrot
Mulga Parrot
Rainbow Lorikeet
Superb Lyrebird
Satin Bowerbird
Spotted Bowerbird
White-throated Treecreeper
Variegated Fairywren
Superb Fairywren
Splendid Fairywren
White-winged Fairywren
Purple-backed Fairywren
Eastern Spinebill
Lewin's Honeyeater
Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Noisy Miner
Little Wattlebird
Red Wattlebird
White-winged Chough
Apostlebird
Greater Bluebonnet
New Holland Honeyeater
White-eared Honeyeater
Black Honeyeater
White-naped Honeyeater
Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater
Blue-faced Honeyeater
White-plumed Honeyeater
Noisy Friarbird
Little Friarbird
Spotted Pardalote
Yellow-throated Scrubwren
White-browed Scrubwren
Gray-crowned Babbler
Yellow-rumped Thornbill
Yellow Thornbill
Striated Thornbill
Brown Thornbill
Brown Gerygone
White-fronted Chat
Olive-backed Oriole
Gray Butcherbird
Australian Magpie
Pied Currawong
Willie-wagtail
Gray Fantail
Black-faced Monarch
Magpie-lark
Australian Raven
Eastern Yellow Robin
Southern Scrub-Robin
Scarlet Robin
Rockwarbler
Red-capped Robin
Red-browed Firetail
Diamond Firetail
Zebra Finch
Chestnut-breasted Munia



Sulphur-crested Cockatoo



Australian King-Parrot

Trip Details:

Cost:

Price per person (double occupancy), from Sydney, Australia: $9,299
Single Supplement: $1,000
Minimum Participants: 5
Maximum Participants: 5

Price Includes:

- Expert Guides
- Ground Transportation in Australia
- All Lodging
- All Meals
- Park Entrance Fees

Price Does Not Include:

- Airfare to and from Sydney, Australia
- Airport Taxes
- Passport and Visa Fees
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Personal Items
- Travel Insurance
- Tips

Deposit:

A deposit of $500 per person is required to hold your spot on this tour. The remaining balance is due no later than 3 months prior to the scheduled start date of the tour (July 7, 2027).

If you have any questions about this tour or would like to sign up for it, please contact us at info@sabrewingnaturetours.com, by phone at 317-324-8505, or register through our website at sabrewingnaturetours.com.

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