



SPARK TRAVEL



| 4 Day

VIVID SYDNEY

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Fully Escorted From Adelaide
Return Home Transfers
Return Sydney Flights
Magnificent Archibald Exhibition
Captain Cook 'Vivid Sydney' Dinner Cruise

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Hughes Home Pick Up Service (zoned area only).
- Fly Adelaide to Sydney and return with Virgin Australia.
- Escorted by an experienced Spark Tour Manager.
- Stay 3 nights at the centrally located Vibe Sydney Hotel.
- Dinner cruise on Sydney Harbour and spectacular 'Vivid Sydney' light installations.
- View the 2024 Archibald Exhibiton at the art Gallery of New South Wales.
- Sydney familiarisation sights tour – see Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge, visit beautiful and historic La Perouse.
- Enjoy a delightful lunch cruise along the magnificent Hawkesbury River on board the 'Riverboat Postman.'
- Free time to explore The Rocks Weekend Markets and Darling Harbour.

'VIVID SYDNEY'

'Vivid Sydney' is the Southern Hemisphere's most spectacular outdoor festival. From 6pm each night, mesmerising art installations and 3D projections transform Sydney's architecture and open spaces along the foreshore including Darling Harbour, The Rocks, Circular Quay, Sydney Opera House, Royal Botanic Garden. We will have a very special viewing of the stunning Sydney harbour light displays from our Captain Cook vessel whilst enjoying a sumptuous 4 course a la carte dinner.

ARCHIBALD EXHIBITION AT THE ART GALLERY OF NSW:

The Archibald Prize for portrait painting is the country's favourite and most significant art award. Since 1921 it has highlighted figures from all walks of life, from famous faces to local heroes, reflecting back to us the stories of our time.



NOTES:

****Health and Fitness:** To assist us when booking, please advise your Spark Travel consultant if you have any special needs such as mobility, dietary etc. A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. You will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided and you must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. If you are unable to manage on your own, it will be necessary to be accompanied by another person who is fit and able to assist you in day to day tasks and capable of providing the assistance required. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information in writing.

****Tour extensions** subject to availability and extension booking criteria.

****It should be noted** that to be fair to all passengers, specific coach seats cannot be reserved.

****Please note** that on tours where flights are involved, the seating within the confines of the group is computer allocated alphabetically by the airlines concerned and beyond the control of Spark Travel.

HUGHES TRANSFERS TO AND FROM YOUR HOME:

Hughes transfers apply in the zoned area. These transfers may be available at additional cost to passengers who live outside the zoned area - please ask your Spark Travel consultant.

'HUGHES HOME PICK UP SERVICE' will call you **two (2) days** before the commencement of the tour to confirm the time they will be arriving at your home. **If you have missed the call, please contact Spark Travel (08) 8876 5121 a day prior to departure** for your pickup time. **If you reside at a retirement village, please ensure Hughes have clear instructions from you as to means of entry and directions to find your home. Also, if you are out of zone there will be an additional payment due and this should be made at the time of booking.** For safety reasons, suitcases should weigh no more than 20kgs. The Hughes home pick up service only applies to scheduled tour departure and return tour dates. Those passengers wishing to extend their tours will be responsible for their own transfers.

ITINERARY:

DAY 01 - WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE - FLY ADELAIDE/SYDNEY - SIGHTS TOUR - ARCHIBALD EXHIBITION

On arrival at **Adelaide Airport**, your **Spark Travel Tour Manager** will be waiting upstairs in the terminal to greet you and assist with check in. Please have photo ID ready for inspection to pick up your boarding pass.

06.00am Depart Adelaide on Virgin Australia flight VA401, arriving Sydney Airport at 08.20am.

We join our coach for an interesting **familiarisation sights tour of Sydney**. After a refreshment break at Bondi, begin our tour - see Hyde Park, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney Opera House and spectacular views of Sydney and the Harbour from Mrs Macquarie's Chair. This afternoon, visit the **Art Gallery of NSW** for an opportunity to view the exciting **2024 Archibald Exhibition**, refreshments are available for purchase from The Gallery Cafe.

Later, check in at the **Vibe Sydney Hotel**, our home for the next 3 nights.

OVERNIGHT: VIBE SYDNEY HOTEL, SYDNEY. (D)

DAY 02 - THURSDAY, 13 JUNE - IN SYDNEY - THE RIVERBOAT POSTMAN, MANLY

This morning after breakfast, we head off an hour north of Sydney to **Brooklyn** on the mighty **Hawkesbury River** where we board **The Riverboat Postman**. **Morning tea** is served on arrival with percolated coffee, hot tea and delicious home-made ANZAC biscuits. Enjoy the magnificent scenery of the lower **Hawkesbury River** as the boat delivers the mail and other essentials to the river-accessible only settlements upriver from Brooklyn. Be entertained by stories of the river whilst cruising in comfort up this spectacular waterway, and enjoy a delightful **Aussie Plowmans lunch**. The boat is fully licensed for those who would like to purchase a glass of wine, beer or soft drink with lunch. Complimentary water is available from the bar.

At the conclusion of our cruise, we rejoin our coach and head off back to Sydney, en route making a leisure stop at the seaside suburb of **Manly**.

Dinner this evening will be at our hotel.

OVERNIGHT: VIBE SYDNEY HOTEL, SYDNEY. (B,M,L,D)

DAY 03 – FRIDAY, 14 JUNE - IN SYDNEY - DARLING HARBOUR - EVENING CAPTAIN COOK 'VIVID SYDNEY' DINNER CRUISE

This morning, we head off to **Darling Harbour** for **free time**. Apart from many restaurants and shops, attractions at Darling Harbour include the Australian National Maritime Museum at the northern end of the precinct. The museum hosts six permanent galleries and an ever-changing programme of exhibitions and a fleet of historic craft at its wharves. **Note:** General entry to the Australian National Maritime Museum is free. (Special exhibitions costs apply). Other attractions to visit include Sealife Sydney Aquarium or maybe Madame Tussaud's waxworks (entry costs apply) - the choice is yours.

This evening, transfer to our **Captain Cook Starlight Dinner Cruise**. As we cruise Sydney Harbour, see the mesmerising 'Vivid Sydney' light art installations and 3D projections transform Sydney's architecture and open spaces along the harbour foreshore.

OVERNIGHT: VIBE SYDNEY HOTEL, SYDNEY. (B,D)

DAY 04 - SATURDAY, 15 JUNE - SYDNEY/ADELAIDE - THE ROCKS SATURDAY MARKETS. LA PEROUSE, LUNCH AT BRIGHTON LE SANDS RSL

After loading the coach, our first stop today will be at **The Rocks Weekend Markets** for a chance to explore - see the original Rocks houses, and don't forget to walk down Playfair Street to view the delightful **statue of 'Biggles'** the Schnauzer, a much-loved former member of The Rocks community. Also look up behind the buildings towards the cliffs where remnants of some of the original settlement houses can be seen. Our next stop will be at **La Perouse** on the northern headland of Botany Bay, where there will be time to explore the fascinating historic precinct. Our final stop will be at **Brighton Le Sands**. Lady Robinson's Beach, at 7kms in length, is the longest beach in Sydney, in 1874, named after Governor Sir Hercules Robinson's wife. Perhaps take a stroll along the Grand Parade overlooking the bay, view the Bicentennial Monument which commemorates the First Fleet Landing in 1788 and also the statue of 1896 Olympian Spyros Louis. Enjoy **lunch** at the **Brighton Le Sands RSL**, after which we transfer to Sydney Airport for the flight home.

Please ensure you have **photo ID** ready for presentation in order to receive your boarding pass. **5.45pm Depart Sydney Airport on Virgin Australia flight VA434, arriving Adelaide Airport at 7.25pm. (B,L)**

AFTER YOUR TOUR A HUGHES CAR WILL DRIVE YOU BACK HOME

TOUR COST:

Sharing twin/double: \$2525.00 per person
Single supplement: \$467.00 per person

MEAL CODINGS:

(B) - Breakfast (L) – Lunch (D) – Dinner

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Hughes transfers from/to your home (zoned area only).
- Escorted from Adelaide by an experienced Spark Travel Tour Manager.
- Fly Adelaide/Sydney and return with Virgin Australia.
- Luxury air-conditioned touring coach.
- Hotel accommodation with private facilities.
- Cooked breakfast each morning, 3 dinners, 1 morning tea, 2 lunches.
- Captain Cook Starlight Dinner Cruise to view 'Vivid Sydney'
- 'Riverboat Postman' lunch cruise on the Hawkesbury River.
- Entry to the Archibald Exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW.
- Touring as detailed in the itinerary.
- Goods and Services Tax.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals, morning and afternoon teas, drinks other than indicated in the itinerary.
- Portage. A suitcase with wheels is recommended - max weight 20kgs plus a small overnight bag maximum weight 7kgs.
- Items of a personal nature.

COVID-19:

No responsibility is taken by Spark Travel or the Event Organisers in regard to Covid-19. It is highly recommended that visitors wear a mask on board flights and whilst in enclosed spaces and we also recommend full vaccination against Covid-19.

IMPORTANT:

Due to OSH requirements, baggage weighing more than 20kgs will **not** be carried by Hughes, airlines or our coach company.

****Conditions Apply****

DOMESTIC TOUR BOOKING CONDITIONS

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Please ask your consultant for details. Please note that the majority of insurance policies do not cover Pandemics such as Covid-19.

EVENTS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF SPARK TRAVEL:

Should an event occur which is beyond the control of Spark Travel, ie: delays to ship, aircraft, train, coach thereby incurring extra expenses, these additional costs are borne by the passenger at the time of the event. A travel insurance claim for reimbursement should be submitted to the insurance company upon return home. Please keep any receipts. It should be understood that neither Spark Travel nor any subsidiary company or representative shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage arising from our services.

ITINERARIES:

Itineraries are subject to change and no responsibility can be accepted. Coach operator and size of coach may be changed at the discretion of Spark Travel without notice. Where a tour does not meet minimum numbers travelling together on the outward journey a cost surcharge will apply. If group numbers fall below 15 adult paying passengers no tour leader will be provided. No itemisation of tour arrangements can be given and no refund for any portion of a tour not taken. Flora and fauna as described in an itinerary is nature and as such cannot be guaranteed.

ACCOMMODATION:

Spark Travel reserves the right to alter hotel/motel accommodation and to substitute a suitable alternative. Where accommodation is booked on a 'will share basis', at the time of finalisation if there is nobody suitable to share with, it may be necessary to pay the appropriate single supplement. Spark Travel does not accept any responsibility for the non-compatibility of 'sharing' clients. If by choice a single room is requested and booked a single room surcharge will apply.

HEALTH AND FITNESS:

A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided. You must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information. It is recommended masks be worn on flights and in crowded or inside spaces. To protect yourself and fellow travellers, vaccination against Covid-19 is recommended.

FUEL SURCHARGES AND TAXES:

All bookings may attract additional fuel surcharges and taxes which can be levied up to and including the date of departure even if final payment has been made. Booking is subject to final audit.

SECURITY DEPOSIT:

A non-refundable security deposit of **\$675.00 per person (inc GST)** is required within five (5) days of booking.

FINAL PAYMENTS:

The security deposit forms part of the total price, the balance of which is due 60 days prior to departure, or in the case of bookings made within that 60 day period, the final payment is due as soon as the booking is confirmed.

LATE BOOKINGS AND AMENDMENTS:

Bookings made within 7 days inclusive of departure will incur a **late booking fee of \$75.00 per person**. Late bookings subject to availability. Once a booking has been made a **\$75.00 per person amendment fee** will apply for any alterations on selected departures only, and if applicable, one (1) change only to that booking. Transfers to other tours not permitted.

CREDIT CARDS:

If paying by credit card, a surcharge applies of 2% for Visa and Mastercard and 3.5% for Amex and Diners cards.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

- i) We act as an Agent; and
- ii) That our Terms and Conditions are in addition to the Terms and Conditions of each Travel supplier listed on the quote itinerary; and
- iii) That it is the Terms and Conditions of the Travel supplier that determine the terms of cancellation and refunds, if any.

BOOKINGS CANCELLED AFTER THE FINAL PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE:

- (a) Bookings cancelled 61 days or earlier, full refund less deposit and booking fee and any other non-refundable services or products.
- (b) Bookings cancelled 60 days or less prior to departure will incur a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost.
- (c) No refund can be given for any portion of the tour not taken and no refund after the tour has commenced.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for all travel including domestic.

Travel insurance is available to cover you for cancellation including COVID-19.

Please ask your consultant for a quote.

Accreditation

